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DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE

Divisione Corpo Automobilistico - Sez. 2^a

Roma, li 30 agosto 1946.

N. 7302/2. CA. di prot.

OGGETTO

Manutenzione automezzi

Al Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri - Roma
Al Comandi Militari Territoriali (Tutti) - Loro Sedi
Al Comandi Divisioni di Fanteria (Tutti) - Loro Sedi
Al Comando delle Scuole Centrali - Roma
Al Comandi Divisione di Fanteria S. I. (Tutti) - Loro Sedi
Al Comando della Scuola della Motorizzazione - Cecchignola (Rome)
Al Comando del 21° Autoreparto speciale - Sede
Al Comando dell'Autoreparto del Ministero della Guerra - Sede

e, per conoscenza:

Al Gabinetto

- Sede

Allo Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito:

Ufficio Servizi, Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento - Sede

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Queste sono dovute all'inosservanza delle norme emanate da questo Ministero con le circolari n. 4680/2A del 9 luglio 1945 e n. 217800 II del 10 agosto 1945, inosservanza che trova però origine nella constatata mancanza, nei comandi e nei reparti, della *mentalità della motorizzazione*, aggravata dal fatto che la disponibilità di automezzi è oggi assai superiore a quella in atto, fino all'armistizio, presso la grandissima maggioranza dei reparti dell'esercito italiano.

Occorre che i comandanti di ogni rango si creino questa mentalità e si adoperino con indefessa costanza ad infonderla a tutto il personale dipendente.

Non è una meta che si possa raggiungere in breve tempo, dato l'orientamento mentale, le naturali tendenze dei nostri ufficiali e gregari e le pessime abitudini contratte; ma nel frattempo è assolutamente indispensabile ed urgente che tutti si immedesimino di questi tre canoni fondamentali ed agiscano di conseguenza:

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a) il compito giornaliero per la manutenzione deve essere svolto *ogni mattina* prima dell'inizio del servizio, o posticipando del necessario l'ora di uscita degli automezzi od anticipando

la sveglia. Inizialmente occorrerà programmare un'ora di tempo circa; in seguito, allorché il personale si sarà familiarizzato col sistema, ne occorrerà parecchio di meno:

b) l'operazione in questione deve essere attuata per reparto (plotone - compagnia - battaglione, ecc.) a tutti gli automezzi, compresi quelli inefficienti ed in attesa di riparazione, alla presenza di tutti gli ufficiali e sottufficiali, come si è sempre praticato per il governo dei quadrumedali. Ufficiali e sottufficiali avranno così modo:

se già competenti, di indirizzare, perfezionare e controllare l'operato dei conduttori;

se ancora mancanti di pratica, di acquisire quelle indispensabili cognizioni per esplicare le loro mansioni con la necessaria competenza:

c) per gli automezzi che dovessero compiere servizi notturni (del tutto straordinari e per tanto da evitare) od assai anticipati rispetto alle ore normali di impiego, potrà essere provveduto alla manutenzione in altra ora della giornata ma, di massima, prima di intraprendere il servizio, oppure al rientro dal servizio stesso.

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II) Nessun lavoro di manutenzione risulterà efficace se non si riesce ad appassionare il conduttore al mezzo che ha in consegna; quindi:

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b) addivenire a cambiamenti solo quando non se ne può fare a meno;

c) stimolare nel conduttore l'orgoglio del proprio veicolo, conferire premi ai più meritevoli, indire gare di manutenzione, di minori consumi chilometrici, di minor numero di riparazioni, di maggior pulizia, ecc.

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Il compito sarà facilitato se verranno instaurati rigidi sistemi di controllo per evitare che si usino automezzi per servizi non strettamente necessari, opponendosi alla tendenza del personale di farsi trasportare in ogni circostanza, talvolta per motivi inammissibili e banali:

che si compiano servizi antieconomici quale il trasporto di pochi chilogrammi di merce o di qualche persona con autocarro di rilevante portata che molto spesso, esce a breve distanza di tempo da altri mezzi impiegati con uguale irrazionale criterio.

Occorre insomma che i comandi coordinino scrupolosamente i servizi, sopprimendo quelli non giustificati o per i quali il personale può valersi di altri mezzi, e congelino i rimanenti in modo da evitare dispersioni ed ingiustificato consumo di automezzi e di carburante;

b) l'impiego abusivo di autoveicoli, fatto da conduttori e spesso anche da ufficiali e sottufficiali non per ragioni di servizio ma per utilità propria o di terzi, nonché la sottrazione di carburante dal serbatoio, sono due vergognose piaghe che occorre ad ogni costo cauterizzare. Richiamo la circolare n. 611171 del 26 novembre 1945.

Siano ripristinati i più rigidi e severi controlli giornalieri sui percorsi e sui consumi, sulla base dei documenti di marcia e del contachilometri. Non si tolleri mai che questo ultimo apparecchio sia inefficiente e se ne renda responsabile il conduttore colpendolo, in caso di incuria, con le più gravi sanzioni disciplinari, sino al ritiro del certificato d'idoneità.

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Tale ufficiale deve essere il consigliere, nei riguardi dell'impiego tecnico degli automezzi, del proprio comandante, nonché il diretto collaboratore, per tutto quanto ha attinenza con la conservazione e manutenzione degli automezzi, sia di detto comandante, sia dell'ufficiale avente uguale compito nell'unità immediatamente superiore.

In particolare:

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tiene la statistica dei veicoli della propria unità (efficienti, inefficienti, alle riparazioni, ecc.);

richiede i materiali necessari per l'esecuzione della manutenzione;

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I comandi di territorio ed i comandi di divisione dovranno valersi rispettivamente del direttore delle riparazioni automobilistiche o del capo ufficio automobilistico, sia come consulenti tecnici del rispettivo ufficio servizi, sia per l'organizzazione ed il funzionamento del servizio della manutenzione.

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Le ispezioni che saranno eseguite secondo le prescrizioni contenute nell'opuscolo: « Norme per l'ispezione e la manutenzione dell'autoveicolo » di recente emanazione, dovranno essere fatte ad intervalli regolari e, normalmente, non di sorpresa.

L'esecuzione delle ispezioni di competenza dei comandi di reparto dovranno essere compiute dall'ufficiale previsto nel paragrafo IV della presente.

Tutte le notizie relative a tali ispezioni dovranno essere trascritte nell'apposito quadro del « Registro ispezioni dell'autoveicolo » mod. 406 che l'ufficiale stesso firmerà.

E' mio intendimento che il servizio della manutenzione sia ordinato con la massima rapidità e riceva un deciso impulso. Faccio appello all'energica e fattiva opera dei comandi in indirizzo per conseguire al più presto lo scopo, superando le difficoltà che non possono essere che di scarso rilievo, vincendo l'incomprensione, e colpendo inesorabilmente l'inerzia ovunque si manifestasse.

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY

Subject: M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate Sections
(SS/130/1).

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It is recommended that these Sections operate under the guidance and with the authority, of the M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate as indicated in your letter quoted above. Any action which would have the effect of reducing supervision of vehicle maintenance might prove in the near future to be unfortunate, and may well have a retarding influence on the progress being made in improving the standards of maintenance.

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From: Min of War

Ref : 6182/Ord/11

To : All Mil Terr Comds
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Date: 31 Dec 46

Subject: Motorisation Directorate of Mil Territorial
Commands. Inspection maintenance to vehicles

1. The dealing of complex questions connected with the motorisation service of Military Territorial Commands has become particularly important and vast, and this especially concerning inspection and control functions entrusted to the technical branches (the present MT Repair Directorates) of the aforesaid commands regarding MT maintenance. It is necessary in fact that said duties be entrusted to all units having vehicles on charge.

2. In relation to the above, we order that, w.e.f. 15 January 47, the present "MT Repair Directorate" of Military Territorial Commands assume the following denomination:-

"MOTORISATION DIRECTORATE"

which answers better to the duties it carries out.

Furthermore, the following personnel is assigned surplus to the present MT of the units in question:-

- 1 Senior Officer
- 1 Senior NCO (motor mechanic, having the particular duties of MT maintenance)

Amend accordingly page 9 and 16 of publication 10/S.

3. The inspection functions for the maintenance of vehicles are distributed as under:-

- (a) Corps and Unit Commanders being naturally responsible for the material will have the duty of supervising the care and maintenance of the vehicles on charge to the unit with the help of the officer i/c maintenance referred to in circular 7302/2 CA dated 30/8/46. *attach to cover of FSA*

In such a way commanders being directly responsible for the maintenance of vehicles on charge, will constitute the first step in inspection duties.

- (b) The Motorisation Directorates of Military Territorial Commands in the name of the Military Territorial will assume the duty and hence will have the responsibility of supervising the maintenance

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of vehicles on issue to units under command of the Military Territorial Command. For the carrying out of said duty the mil. territorial commands will have to supply the necessary transport and all possible help to facilitate as much as possible the work bearing in mind that in each case a half yearly inspection will have to be made to each unit having vehicles on charge.

(c) The MT maintenance Inspectorate at the Min of War is the technical branch co-ordinating the service and it employs for the time being the inspectorate sections for vehicle maintenance (WE SS/150/1) of Milan and Naples to inspect all units of the army. They operate in the name of the Min of War and hence their activity is of a superior technical control nature in contrast with similar duties entrusted to units referred to in para (a) and (b) above.

4. Any technical instruction of a practical nature in connection with inspection to vehicles maintenance will be issued by the Motorisation Inspectorate General.

(Sgt) LIUZZI
General.

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M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 26 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- M.T. Service.

1. - Wef 1st February next the M.T. Service will gradually assume the organisation shown in the attached list. All relative operations will be completed by 28 February 1947.
2. - Since drivers regts do not exist at present, the depot H.Q.s will assume the denomination of "H.Q.....drivers centre" with the number of the respective military territorial commands.
Example, H.Q. 8^e Drivers centre.
The "drivers depot", formed by the offices and personnel laid down in 10/S, less the commandant and adjutant's office will remain under the command of same H.Q. (which will be ~~replaced~~, formed, without any increase of W.E.s, by the commandant and adjutant's office of the present drivers regiment depot).
The duties of "depot commandant" and of "pay officer" will be assumed by the chief of the mobilisation office and the chief of the registration office in accordance with their rank and seniority.
3. - "The M.T. repair units" will assume the denomination of "M.T. repair workshops" and the number of the respective military territorial commands. The commandants of the repair units will assume the title of "Directors of the M.T. repair workshops".
Administrative independence is granted to the workshops.
While awaiting revision of the present W.E.s, an extra W.E. will be provisionally assigned for this purpose to each of them:
 - a) - 1 chief principal clerk of the arty - group B - who will assume the duties of "chief of administration office";
 - b) - 1 non-permanent civilian (2^e category) who will carry out the duties of "pay clerk".

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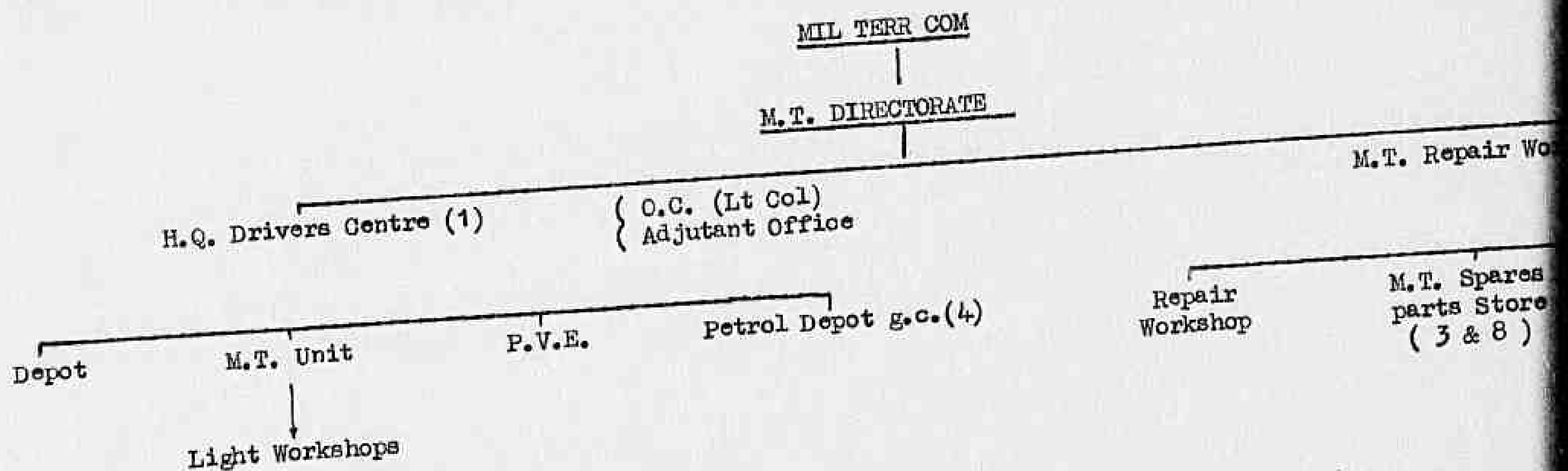
The administrative officer and the arty clerk, already on W.E. of the repair units (M.T. repair workshops) will assume the duties of "Director of Accounts" and "I/c stores" respectively. The personnel mentioned in sub-paras a) and b) will be drawn from other units of the military territorial commands which have personnel in excess of W.E. Eventual deficiencies will be reported to the general directorate of civilian personnel and general affairs.

4. - The duties of corps commandant are entrusted to the commandants of drivers centres and directors of M.T. repair workshops, with regard to the units under their command included in the attached list.
Similar duties are entrusted to the director of M.T. as those entrusted to arm of service commanders and services directors with regard to the units under his command, according to the instructions laid down in the attached list.
All preceding instructions regarding the matter are cancelled.
5. - Further special instructions will be issued by the M.T. general inspectorate.

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

R.A.G.

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- (1) Constitutes O.C. and Adjutant of HQ Regt Drivers Depot.
- (2) Identical to HQ Office of M.T. Repair Units and will therefore change its denomination.
- (3) Receives orders for employment from Mil Terr Com service office.
- (4) " " " " " Service Office of S.M.E.
- (5) For use of material and for technical matters receives orders from General M.T. Inspectorate

The responsibility for records of Units, sections and sub sections rest with the Drivers Depot
The drivers depot and Repair Workshops will be responsible the Admin of all Units under Command of HQ Drive
Directorate.

N.B. 14 M.T. Unit and 14 Repair Workshops are under the Command of Rome M.T. Directorate (through the CA
SARDINIA (mixed) Depot will be responsible for the Admin of 14 M.T. Unit and 14 Repair Workshops.

Appx to letter /ORD/II
dated 15 Jan 1947

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M.T. DIRECTORATE
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(1) { O.C. (Lt Col)
Adjutant Office

M.T. Repair Workshop Directorate (2)

P.V.E.

Petrol Depot g.c. (4)

Repair
Workshop

M.T. Spares (5)
parts Store
(3 & 8)

Service
Station

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air Workshops are under the Command of Rome M.T. Directorate (through the CALABRIA Bde H.Q. Terr Office)
p will be responsible for the Admin of 14 M.T. Unit and 14 Repair Workshops.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MIA) CMF

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// Dec 46

WAR MINISTRY (by LO)

Subject: M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate

Reference is made to your 4951/Ord/II of 16 Oct 46, this HQ SD/10/2 of 3 Oct 46 and previous correspondence.

1. No objection is raised to your proposal to assign a senior officer to the HQ of each Territorial Command for special duty with the Maintenance Inspectorate.
2. It is considered that in the light of experience some increase in the strength of the Maintenance Inspectorate Sections will be found necessary.
3. The Ministry's proposals are being carefully examined and a further opportunity will be sought at an early date for discussion of the detailed organisation of the Maintenance Inspectorate.
4. Meanwhile it is not desired to delay in any way the immediate application of such measures as the Ministry wish to apply in connection with the maintenance of M.T.

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R. Alenby
Major-General
GOC, MIA

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Copy to: G (SD) (SD/10/2 refers).
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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA) CMB

SD/103

6 Dec 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Officers 1/c MT Service and WOCs 1/c MT

Ref your 5506/Ord/I dated 30 Nov 46.

The chain of events is now clear. Major CHARRINGTON recalls that the matter was mentioned during an informal conversation subsequent to a meeting of your WEC.

It was WOC however made clear to him that your proposals had previously been discussed with Lt Col SOUTHBY who had suggested certain alterations. These suggested alterations were not mentioned to Major CHARRINGTON at that conversation.

In view of the following facts:

- (a) That MT maintenance is of high importance.
- (b) That a total of only twenty five officers need be added to WECs.

This HQ continues to be of opinion the WEC should be amended to include the necessary addition.

ARCS/rr

Internal: SD/10/2

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A. H. Lawrence
for Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

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FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

REF: 5506/ORD/I

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 30 Nov 46

SUBJECT: Officers i/c MT Service and HQCs i/c POL

Reply to letter SD/103 dated 25th inst.

We are sorry for the misunderstanding reported, which is the first to take place in the continuous relations Lt Col Grati has had for more than a year with officers of your MIA.

It is hoped that the following information of Col Piacentini will help the memory of Maj Charrington:

" On the 14th inst. at the end of the meeting of the WE Committee held in my office, I asked Maj Charrington to discuss with me the question of officers i/c MT at various units of the Infantry Divisions, and using as interpreter Cap Paa di Bruno who had carried out the same duty during the meeting, I stressed the following points:

1. The S.M. is convinced of the necessity of having in the WE of units which have a large scale of issue of vehicles (Infantry Regts and Bns - Arty Regts and Groups - Recce Groups) one officer who has a specific technical knowledge of M.I.).
2. A first provisional solution seemed to be that indicated in the draft of the circular, drafted and shown to M.M.I.A. (Attachment 1). MIA has however reported that for field Arty, A.I. and A/Tk Regts and Recce Groups it would be preferable to provide in the WE of the HQ an increase of 1 officer particularly entrusted with the MT Service.

3. Given that:

The formation of the new Arty Regts and Recce Groups has hardly

the distribution of vehicles cannot be very speedy;

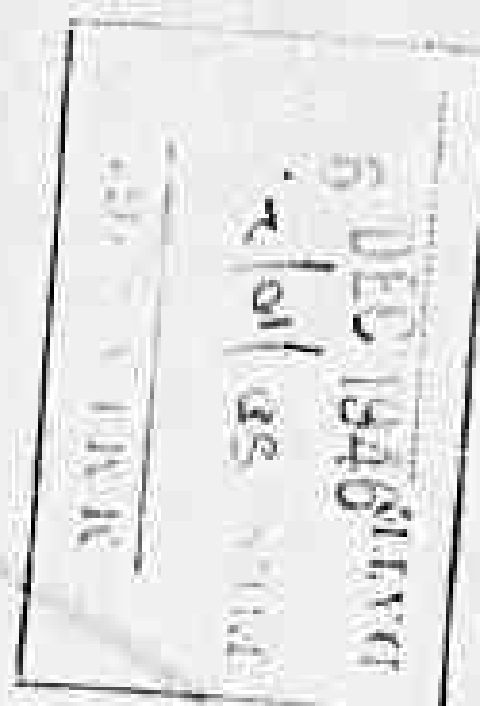
the WEs of the units, also under other aspects, demand a careful revision as stated in the apposite circular (Attachment 2).

the future discharge of several thousands of officers will cause a crisis in organization so that the increases of WEs will destined to remain only on paper.

I asked - always agreeing that the problem be kept well in mind for a better solution - that the circular be agreed to because it permitted a revision towards the provision recognised as necessary.

Maj Charrington, in view of the above considerations, held the provisional solution to be acceptable.

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Maj Charrington, in view of the above considerations, held the provisional solution to be acceptable.

This was the sole matter discussed with Maj Charrington in the conversation of 14th inst.

The circular 5110/Ord has been issued on the same date.

It is naturally possible to modify it, but we would like that your MIA first examines the points stressed by Col Piacentini in order that - setting aside "misunderstandings" and "forgetfulness" - you will consider the opportunity of evaluating the real situation and decide if the matter merits further attention.

sgt. Liuzzi, Gen.

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FROM: H. of W.

REF: 4670/Ord/I

TO : See addressees.

DATE: 18/9/46

SUBJECT: W/Es of the Interim Army.

- I) The distribution of W/Es for HQs, units, services, establishments and various units of the interim army, is being completed.-
It has been said and it is convenient to bear in mind that these W/Es are of a temporary and experimental nature.-
Numerous deficiencies are noted but the present situation does not permit their elimination. In calculating them however it is essential to remove from the mind any foreseen difficulty, any simple judgement and any difficulty overcome.
We are accustomed to have ample W/Es because personnel, numerically considered; were never lacking in our army. It is evident that at present we must limit ourselves to the personnel strictly essential for the employment of the equipment and the functioning of the units.
- 2) The W/Es adopted, represent an intermedium solution between the Italian and the British system in relation to the known ties and the present small availability of equipment.
The intention was naturally that of using the best of the two system and harmonising it. But the aim was neither reached fully nor could it be reached in the present situation. It is still the aim we must reach.
What has been done up to the present is only a first step from which to go gradually to the final solution thought to be more rational for a modern army based on quality: quality of the personnel (moral, physical, intellectual and technical) quality of the equipment (modern) .-
- 3) Said W/E has already raised easy comments and numerous requests for amendments, often disagreeing but almost all tending to obtain increases.-
It is, on the other hand, necessary to examine deeply each question under its various aspects, discuss it with the collaborators make reference to the experience acquired in non exceptional situations and thus come to just and profound conclusions. This requires time and accurate study.
Let us dedicate ourselves to this work for the next six

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months so as to gather results useful for rational solutions.-

In each military territorial command, divisional command, brigade and regimental HQ, it is advisable to detail a small group of competent officers for the study and elaboration of the W/E question. The commands concerned will preside over such activity.-

Mil. Territorial commands will compile a report on the results and will forward same to this S.M. by the end of March 1947.-

This does not exclude the urgent questions which can, from time to time be pointed out but I beg you to bear in mind always that, until it will be possible to adopt new arrangements, it will be essential to do as best as one can with what has been laid down.

It is therefore necessary to avoid as far as possible, request for increase of personnel and equipment.

Sgd. CADORNA
Gen.

SD/IO3 W. J. J.
SD/IO/2 W. J. J.

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25 NOV 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Officers i/c M.F. Service and
NCOS i/c POL

Ref your 5110/ORD/I dated 14 Nov 46.

Some misunderstanding has arisen Lt Col CRATI spoke to Lt Col SOUTHEY who agreed to your suggestion for provision of all NCOS i/c POL and to your suggestions for provisions of MTO for:

Inf Regt H.Q.
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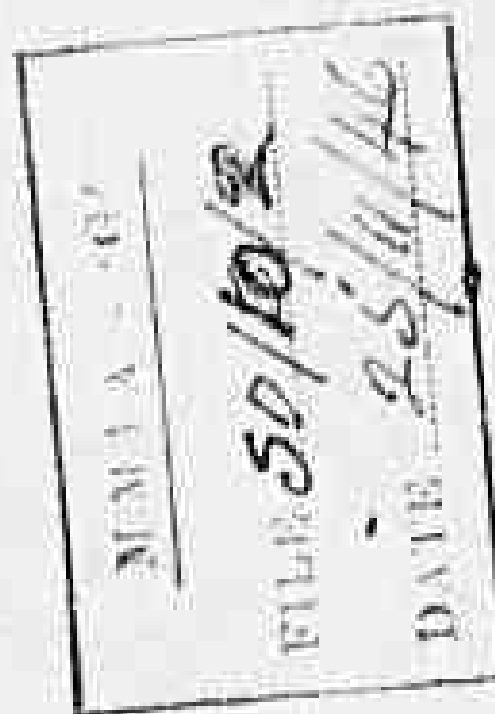
Lt Col SOUTHEY did NOT agree to your suggestions

for:

FA, A/Tk and A.A. Regt.

and insisted that an extra officer should be added to WE of these units as MTO, since it was considered quite unsatisfactory for 90 HQ Coy to carry out the duties of MTO.

In the case of the Recce Bn, which by reason of the number and variety of its vehicles requires both a Technical Adjutant AND a MTO, Lt Col SOUTHEY agreed that the " officer entrusted with various duties " could become the MTO, but insisted that an extra officer should be added to WE as Technical Adjutant.



Subject: Officers i/c M.T. Service and
NCOs i/c POL

Ref your 5110/ORD/I dated 14 Nov 46.

Some misunderstanding has arisen. Lt Col GRATTI spoke to Lt Col SOUTHEY who agreed to your suggestion for provision of all NCOs i/c POL and to your suggestions for provisions of WFO for:

Inf Regt H.Q.
Inf Bns
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Eng Bn
Fd, A/Tk and A.A. Btys.

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Lt Col SOUTHEY did NOT agree to your suggestions for:

Fd, A/Tk and A.A. Regt.

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and insisted that an extra officer should be added to WE of these units as WFO, since it was considered quite unsatisfactory for CC HQ Coy to carry out the duties of WFO.

In the case of the Recce Bn, which by reason of the number and variety of its vehicles requires both a Technical Adjutant AND a WFO, Lt Col SOUTHEY agreed that the "officer entrusted with various duties" could become the WFO, but insisted that an extra officer should be added to WE as Technical Adjutant.

Major CHANNINGTON has no recollection of discussing the matter subsequently with Col PIACENTINI.

In view of the importance attached by MMIA to the adequate supervision of MT, it is requested that you reconsider the instructions contained in your above quoted letter and amend them as necessary.

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for Major General,
COC, MMIA.

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FROM: M. of U.

Ref : 5110/Ord/I

To : All. Mil. Terr. Commands
 MKIA (for information)
 (ref. letter SD/103 of 30/10/46)

Date: 14/11/46

Subject: Officers i/c MT service and NCOs i/c P.O.L. -

In order to ensure a correct maintenance of M.T. vehicles and a regular handling of P.O.L. several units addressed above, in compliance with the instructions laid down in "Regulations for Internal Service of Barracks", have pointed out the necessity of assigning to certain units an MT officer and an NCO i/c P.O.L. -

Therefore, as laid down in letter 4670/Ord/I dated 18/9/46, the well known restrictions of strength do not permit, at present, any increase of personnel and it must be borne in mind that drift towards motorisation is based upon the availability of M.T. specialists cadres. -

This competence should be acquired through practice and by attending proper courses.

Temporarily, until it will be possible to adopt a more suitable w/e solution, it is necessary to adopt in Units some particular solutions, concerning the provisions already taken for the technical, admin. management and maintenance of the vehicles.

The following could be a solution:

a) - M.T. Officers

- Infantry Regimental HQ: one of the two junior officers entrusted with various duties and for whom the duty of officer i/c vehicles was laid down;
- Infantry Battalion HQ: officer i/c mixed M.T. Sections;
- Field Art. A/Tk Art. A.A. Art. Regimental HQ: OC HQ unit;
- Field Art. A/Tk Art. A.A. Art. Group HQ: OC HQ troop;
- Recon Group HQ: officer entrusted with various duties;
- Signal Battalion HQ: one of the two officers entrusted with various duties;
- Engineer Battalion HQ: O.C. HQ Platoon.

b) - NCOs i/c P.O.L.

- Infantry Regimental HQ: one of the two NCOs of the mixed M.T. Sections;

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- Infantry Battalion HQ: NCO 2nd i/c mixed M.T. Section.
- Field Arty, A/Tk Arty, A.A. Arty Regimental HQs: NCO i/c vehicles Section of the HQ Unit;
- Field Arty, A/Tk Arty, A.A. Arty Group HQs: NCO i/c vehicles Section of the HQ Unit;
- Recon Group HQ; Signal Battalion, Engineer Battalions: NCO i/c supplies of the HQ Platoon.

In order to organise proper training courses the Military Territorial Commands are requested to inform us, by the 30/11/46, if they deem advisable to take the above provisions, even on a temporary basis, or prefer to suggest a different solution.

sgt. LIUENT
Gen.

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HAND HONORS SUB-COM, AG (MIA) GPF

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13 Nov 46

~~ADMIN BY FOR BAR~~

Subject: Organisation of Directorate of
Orientation.

Ref this HQ G/1/1 dated 25 Oct 46, SD/10/2 dated 14
July and your SD/924/11 dated 24 Jun 46.

Can you now please indicate when a reply will be
forthcoming?

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Internal: 'A'

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for Major General,
GOC, MIA.

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SUBJECT: Organization of Directorate of Investigation

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25 Oct 46

TO : SECRETARY OF WAR

Julio 44

Julio 42

Ref this HQ 31/10/2, dated 12 July 46, your 215924/11 dated 24 Jun 46, and such previous correspondence.

1. May this HQ now be provided with details of the proposed HQ for this Directorate?

2. It is considered that the agency of establishing this Directorate has in no way decreased since and that it should now be possible to produce a detailed HQ, in agreement with the branches and services of this HQ which are directly concerned.

3. An early reply is requested.

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Inscribed:

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M. W. H.

B.S.S.

Major General,
K. M. I. A.

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REF : 4951/ORD/II

DATE : 16 Oct 46

FROM : M. of W.

TO : M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Inspections on M.T. Maintenance

Ref 50/10/2 of 3 Oct 46.

1. Presuming that, whatever may be the Branch carrying out inspections on M.T. maintenance, the inspection duty and said Branches come always under the command of M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate of this Ministry (the only branch competent to issue technical directives and instructions of an executive nature), we would point out the following.

The M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate, employs the following branches to carry out its very important duties:-

- a) 1st degree inspections - Corps and Units commanders.
- b) 2nd degree inspections - Military Territorial Commands (M.T. Repair Directorates).
- c) 3rd degree inspections - M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate Sections (which come directly under this Ministry)

2. In particular and with reference to the letter to which we reply:-

- a) Para (a) - we agree.
- b) Para (b) - the limited number of personnel of the M.T. Repair Directorates, which is already overworked, cannot assume new duties (it is therefore, necessary to assign at least 1 senior officer and one driver mech. exclusively having the duty of carrying out inspections on M.T. maintenance. The most important inspections within the concern of each Mil. Terr. Command could be carried out by the Col director of M.T. repairs. We confirm particularly that said activity of M.T. Repair Directorates would come directly under the Maintenance Inspectorate.
- c) Para (c) - 3rd degree inspections would be carried out by the two Sections of the Inspectorate to complete 1st and 2nd degree inspections in accordance with directives and orders of the Maintenance Inspectorate. Personnel of said Sections appears to be sufficient for the carrying out of the duties entrusted to them and therefore, it does not seem advisable to increase them.

3. Before taking action on the above, we would be grateful to know your opinion.

(Sgd) LIZZI, Gen

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SUBJECT: Inspection M.T. Maintenance

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MIA)

(489081 Ext. 401) SD/10/2

Oct 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your letter 4647/ORD/II dated 27 Sep 46.

It is assumed that the phrase "1st degree", "2nd degree" or "3rd degree" of inspection, indicates the degree of technical emphasis used in the inspection.

On this assumption:-

- (a) Para 2(a) - This is agreed.
- (b) Para 2(b) - It does not seem essential to increase the staff at HQs of Territorial Commands by providing an officer specially to carry out "2nd degree" inspections. If however you feel that it is necessary to have this extra officer (and one driver mechanic) to perform this function, it is felt that he should be attached to the HQ of the Territorial Command, and should be under command of the Colonel of the nearest M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate Section.
- (c) Para 2(c) - It is considered that "3rd degree" inspections could be best carried out by the two Inspectorate Sections reporting to the Ministry of War. They will undoubtedly, require permanent re-inforcement in order to improve the standard of maintenance in conformity with the orders published under 7302/2CA of 30 August 1946.

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Major General,
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FROM: M. of W.

TO : M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Inspection on M. T. maintenance.

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REF: 4647/Ord/II

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I)

Considering the importance of the M.T. maintenance service and in agreement with the Gen. Directorate of Art. and Motorisation, ~~the~~ opinion of this S.M. is that the inspection duty be entrusted to units and officers who, for their degree of command, their rank, their seriousness and their specific and technical competence, give assurance to carry out well the mission.-

II)

In relation to the above, the inspection duty for M.T. maintenance would be organised as follows:-

- a) Inspection of 1st degree: entrusted to unit commanders who are naturally responsible for the vehicles.-
- b) Inspections of 2nd degree: entrusted to "MT. Repair Directorates" (its denomination will be immediately changed into "Motorisation Directorate") of Mil. Territorial Commands, duly reinforced by a senior officer (and one O. R. driver mech.) whose particular duty is that of inspections.-
- c) Inspection of 3rd degree: entrusted to the M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate, M. of W. Gen. Directorate of Art. and Motorisation, which will be helped in this task by the two M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate Sections (WE SS/130/I) of Milan and Naples under its command.-

III)

The inspection service, thus organised, would offer the following advantages:-

- a) the 1st degree inspection entrusted to units commanders, would give them direct responsibility, and would compel them to carry out a more accurate check on their vehicles.- 22-
- b) the 2nd degree inspection would be most important as it would be the responsibility of Mil. Territorial Commands and would:-
 - offer more possibility to control more often units under their command.-
 - eliminate possible discipline reaction as inspection in units would be carried out by a senior officers of the Mil.

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Territorial Command and if necessary by the Director (Col.) of the M.T. Repair Directorate for units commended by Colonels.

- c) The 3rd degree inspection, which would be carried out in the name of the M. of W., would guarantee a better functioning of this delicate service.

IV) Should the above organisation be approved by your Mission, immediate executive instructions will be issued and the M.T. Repair Directorate of Mil. T.C. (publication IO/S) reinforced by:-

- One senior officer of the M.T. corps.
- One OR driver mechanic.

Said personnel could be drawn from the 1000 reserve of the 7000 for Territorial units.

Sgd. BOGLIACCINO
Col.

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GSO 2 (SD)	X	W
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GSO 4 (C)	X	W
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SUBJECT: Coordination of Repair Services

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MIA)

(489081 Ext 401) SD/10/2

27 Aug 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
for Cap. GELOMIMO

Enclosed are two further copies of each of the letters
which you requested.

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(sgd) M.C. Campbell, Capt.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.123
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RE: (Our SD/10/2 of 28 June and 26 July refers)

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SUBJECT: Organization of C.A.R.S.

LAND FORCES PUB COM AD (MILIA)
(H39091 EXT 404) 30/103

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TO : STUDENT OF WAR

1. With ref this Office letter 30/103 of 14 Aug and your 4074/400/11.

2. On reconsidering this matter this HQ is of opinion that the Military quota of Graduates (458) could be usefully replaced, as you request, by civilian personnel - authority is therefore granted for this HQ alteration.

3. The ensuing change will help to relieve the acute shortage of these personnel in the Divisions.

EDD/rr

Internal: R.E.M.E.
30/10/2

M.W. Hope.
BGS
Major General,
M. K. I. A.

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FROM : M. of W.

Ref : 4074/CHD/II

TO : MMIA

Date: 8/8/46

SUBJECT : CARE Military Personnel:

I. The Director of the CARE at Bologna states that the 450 Military tradesmen laid down in WE SS/126/I are not suitable for the requirements of his W shops:

Furthermore he confirmed that the work of said personnel will never equal the work of civilian tradesmen because a long period is required to train them properly and once trained they will find the excuse of the difference in rates of pay with the civilian tradesmen in order to work as little as possible:

Moreover; having been told by Lt.Col. Hunt of your MMIA that the 450 military tradesmen in question have been included in the W/E because this was requested by this S.M., he definitely pointed out the non convenience of same:

2. Regarding the Question of military tradesmen at the CARE; your MMIA is will aware of the fact that this S.M. perfectly agreed with the point of view of the director of the W/shops and with the opinion of the U.S. Central Authorities for having several times expressed their opinion during the meeting of the W/E Committee:

3. Therefore; since the inclusion of the military tradesmen in the WE SS/126/I is neither the wish of this S.M. nor that of any other Central Authority; and since your MMIA in doing so tried to fulfill a request made by Italian Authority; we agree with the opinion of the Director of the CARE and we request your approval to eliminate the nucleus of military tradesmen:

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sgd. Liuzzi
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SUBJECT: Coordination of Repair Services.

LAND FORCES SUE COM, AC(MIA)

(489081 EXT. 401) — SD/10/2 —

26 Jul 46

TO : Ministry of War

Ref. this HQ letter SD/10/2 of 27-6-46. Could you please
let this HQ have an answer as soon as possible.

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copy to 9/1/1.

Major General
M. H. I. A.

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1. General.

This memorandum was forwarded for consideration the plan proposed by this office for the organization and siting of base workshops and base stores depots to serve those units of the Italian Army equipped with Allied equipment.

In general, so as to evolve a repair organization independent as far as possible of civilian facilities, the principle is adopted of concentrating as much base repair work as possible in these organizations, which, adequately developed and properly supervised, should suffice for the Italian Army as far as can be seen at present.

The stores depots considered are for the purpose of holding complete equipments but for supplying assemblies and spares used in repair operations. They could if necessary also hold accessories (such as vehicle tool kits and equipment) required, after repair of the equipment, to equip it completely for issue to a unit.

These stores depots would supply units (including workshop store sections, Ordnance Field Parks and LAFs) with the spares and assemblies they require. One section of each of these stores depots would comprise a returned spares depot to receive used technical parts with a view to their being repaired.

2. Workshops.

It is intended to set up base workshops as follows: - 3221

- TRIESTE - Artillery - to be sited in the Arsenal.
- BOLOGNA - Armoured Cars, Carriers, Vehicles and Motorcycles in the Office of Automobiles Regio Esercito (O.A.R.E.).
- VARIGLIA VAL D'AGRO - Small arms in the Fabrica Arm. Regio Esercito.

(This workshop will need considerable development).

In addition, base repair facilities are needed for optical instruments, and for signal equipment.

For this last, an existing Italian workshop at TRIESTE has been suggested but this will require much reconstruction and an alternative site is being sought.

It is considered that each of these workshops will need a stores depot (annexed to the stores section of a R.E.M.A. Workshop) to hold the material stores.

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4. WORKSHOPS

It is intended to set up Base Workshops as follows: **3221**

- PIACENZA - Artillery - to be sited in the Arsenal.
- BOLOGNA - Armoured Corps, carriers vehicles and motorcycles in the Officina Automobiliistica e in Moto (U.I.A.).
- PARMA - Small arms in the Fabbrica and also aer-

cio.

(This Workshop will need considerable development).

In addition, base repair facilities are needed for optical instruments, and for signal equipment.

For this last, an existing Italian Workshop at PAVIA has been suggested but this will require much reconstruction and an alternative site is being sought.

It is considered that each of these Workshops will need a stores section (analogous to the stores section of a R.A.A. Workshop) to supply the parent workshops with the tools, expendable material spares and assemblies that it requires. It would normally hold a fortnight's supply of these items.

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3. General

Complete equipments, whether received from allied or Italian sources, should be held in separate depots, which should be listed with regard to receipt of equipment (whether in serviceable or in doubtful condition) from allied or Italian sources. The serviceable equipment will be received in bulk or their supplies from Italian industry and since the bulk of allied equipment is in the North, should be stored in the North.

Apart from considerations of accessibility to the units they serve, provision of suitable accommodation, and storage facilities for maintenance of suitable civilian stores personnel (which the Italian Army uses so much) should also be considered when selecting sites for these Service Depots.

The Ministry of War is of the opinion that the S.F. Service Depot should be sited at BOLSONA and the Army Service Depot should be at PIACENZA; though in neither case should these Depots be under command of the adjacent Base Workshop. The site of the small Base Service Depot is not yet indicated clearly but it may be combined with the Army Service Depot at PIACENZA, or sited at TURIN, or near (near Rome). It is considered that PIACENZA will be the most suitable site.

4. Coordination.

Coordination between Base Workshops and Service Depots on the one hand and units on the other hand must be effected by the Ministry of War and not by Territorial Commands, though these should be kept informed of matters affecting them as regards base repair services and supply of spares to units in their commands.

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Apart from consideration of necessity to the units they serve, provision of suitable accommodation, and of suitable of communication, the availability of suitable civilian stores personnel (which the Italian Army uses so much) should also be considered when selecting sites for these stores depots.

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Lt. Col.
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Subject: Efficient Vehicle - No.

Paul Foreman, Jr. Comm. S.S.

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SUBJECT: Organisation of the Motorisation Inspectorate.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG. (MMA)

(459081 Ext. 400)

SD/10/2

12 Jul 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. In reply to your letter 245924/II of 24 June 46. I am not sure that your proposals to replace the Secretary's Office by an Office of the Inspector General and to combine the duties of the Deputy (or Vice) Inspector with those of the Colonel in charge of this new office, will be entirely satisfactory.
2. I suggest however that this arrangement should be adopted as an experiment for three months after which we should reconsider it.
3. It is considered that much of the success of this arrangement depends on whether the holder of these combined appointments is able to spend considerable periods visiting units in addition to his office work.

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M. W. Hope.

B. G. S.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Co-ordination of Repair Services

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TO: THE DIRECTOR, A.C. (MIA)

(MIA) At. 401

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TO: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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1. Reference is made to the Director General of Artillery and Motorization's letter 2700/52 dated 7 April and this Headquarters' reply 22/53 dated 10 May 56.

2. This Headquarters is anxious that an office such as is described in the Director General of Artillery and Motorization's letter should be formed with the least possible delay, as in its absence much of the co-ordination that it is intended that this unit should perform, has to be carried out by the BRITISH Liaison personnel.

3. Attached herewith at Appendix 'A' is a suggested War Establishment for this unit. At Appendix 'B' is given a list of the more important functions of the proposed unit.

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W. J. Cunningham
Major General,
M. S. I. A.

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Letter 13' 66 April Letter
10/2 dated 28 June 46

LINE OF DISCUSSION

1. Co-ordination and technical control of repair activities in military divisions and liaison between Army Navy and Air Administration.
2. Preparation of technical specifications and drawings.
 - Inspection of repairs performed from civil sources.
 - Recommendations for improvement in industrial equipment.
3. Forwarding to principals of queries from civil sources.
 - Revision of orders dealing with repair, including those involving civil.
 - Supply of materials from divisions and non-divisional units.
 - Control of returned stores lists.
4. Preparation of orders and regulations on the organization of repair services.
 - Organization of assembly units in civilian firms.
 - Control of back-loading of equipment needing repair.
5. Preparation and placing of contracts for repair work and the maintenance of stores in civilian firms.
 - Financial matters and accounting.

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SUBJECT :- Co-ordination of Repair Services - Infantry Divisions.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
ME/20/59

15 June 46

To :- Col. A/Q.

At present there is no one part of the Ministry of War which can co-ordinate the R.E.M.E. services in the five Infantry Divisions, since the functions of R.E.M.E. are divided within the Ministry between the Directors General of Engineers, and of Artillery and Motorisation (one part of which handles Artillery and Small Arms, and another part M.T. matters).

The Director General of Artillery and Motorisation in his letter 27000/DM of 7 April (see translation attached) has proposed to form such a co-ordinating body, and this office has supported his proposal in our letter ME/20/33 of 10th May (copy attached).

Attached is a proposed ME for such an office (which would be detached portion of the Ministry sited at BOLOGNA) together with a list suggesting its more important functions.

Can action please be taken to press the Ministry to approve the formation of such an office, as in its absence much of the co-ordination would have to be done by British Liaison personnel.

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Lt. Col.
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APPENDIX 'A'

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT
for a Technical Co-ordinating Office.

PERSONNEL

OFFICERS	H.A.	Org Branch	Spares Branch	Tech Branch	Admin	TOTAL
Commander (Lieut. Colonel)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Heads of Branches (Majors)	-	1	1	1	4	3
Heads of Branches (Captains)	-	-	-	1	-	1
Subalterns	4	2	1	2	1	6
Total Officers	2	3	2	4	1	11
Warrant officers and sergeants	1	-	-	3	-	4
" " (technical)	1	1	2	-	-	4
" " (clerks)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Warrant officers & Sergeants	2	1	2	3	2	8
Rank and file	1	-	-	2	-	3
Draughtsmen (corporals)	1	1	1	1	-	4
Clerks	1	1	1	1	-	4
Storemen	1	1	1	1	-	4
Drivers	1	1	1	1	-	4
Motorcyclists	1	1	1	1	-	4
Orderlies	1	1	1	1	-	4
Total - Rank and File	7	8	14	14	16	43
Total - other ranks	9	9	16	17	18	51
Total - All ranks	11	12	18	21	19	62
TRANSPORT						
Motorcycle solo	1	1	1	1	-	4
Cars 2 str 4x2 Utility	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cars 4 str 4x2	1	1	1	1	-	4
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 G.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	1	1	-	4

NOTE: Personnel marked thus + are civilian personnel.

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Total Warrant officers & Sergeants

Rank and file

Draughtsmen (Company)

Clerks

Storemen

Drivers

Motorcyclists

Orderlies

Total - Rank and File

Total -other ranks

Total - All ranks

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Cars 2 str 4x2 Utility

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APPENDIX 'B'.LIST OF FUNCTIONS

1. Co-ordination and technical control of repair activities in Infantry Divisions and liaison between Infantry Divisions and Base installations.
2. Preparation of technical specifications and drawings.
 - Inspection of spares purchased from civil sources.
 - Recommendations for improvement in technical equipment.
3. Forecasting requirements of spares from civil sources.
Revision of spares scaling of OFPs, workshop store sections etc.
Scrutiny of demands from Divisions and non Divisional Units.
Control of Returned Stores Depot.
4. Preparation of orders and regulations on the organisation of repair services.
Organisation of assembly & overhaul in civilian firms.
Control of backloading of equipments needing base repair.
5. Preparation and placing of contracts for repair work and the manufacture of spares in civilian firms.
Financial matters and accounting.

C O P Y

SUBJECT :- Repair of Vehicles of Allied Manufacture.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
ME/20/33

10 May 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR.

With reference to your letter 27000/DM of 7 April which has been referred to us for advice.

It is fully agreed that a co-ordinating technical office be established to superintend the repair of the above in the Divisions, the supply and allocation of spare parts, and the arrangement of contracts. This office should be separate from the OARE but should be sited at BOLOGNA, so that the Divisions and the OARE are fairly treated. All spares obtained from outside sources for these vehicles should pass through the M.T. Spares Depot of the OARE, distribution being controlled by the above co-ordinating office.

It is most strongly urged that contracts be placed with experienced civilian firms with the utmost speed (if this has not already been done), the above office co-ordinating the needs of the Divisions and the OARE.

At the same time this office as a branch of the Ministry of War should be charged with the revision of regulations affecting the care and repair of vehicles and should issue such orders through the Ministry, so that the regulations would command strict obedience by the units.

However it is not agreed that engines should be repaired in the Arsenals at TURIN and PIACENZA for the following reasons :-

- (a) The Arsenals are not equipped for reboring cylinder blocks lacking the necessary number of machines of the right type. For the same reason they are not equipped for grinding crankshafts. In addition they lack the technical knowledge regarding the mounting of the cylinder blocks before boring them.
- (b) The workmen are not conversant with automobile work (one foreman could not differentiate between the clutch pedal and the brake pedal in the cab of a vehicle: another foreman did not know at what part of the cylinder bore measurements should be made to determine the amount of wear: another foreman did not understand the importance of checking the convergence of the front wheels of a vehicle).
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Copy to :-

MEMS 1,3,4,6,12 BLUs.
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Sgd. A. BLUNT.
Lt. Col.
A.D.M.E.
M.M.T.A.

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See fol 127

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TRANSLATION

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
Divisione Motorizzata - Sez 2.

No 27000/IM

Roma, 7 April 1946.

Subject :- Repair of service of spares & tyres for vehs of Allied makes.

To :- HQ. " LERNAIO " Inf Div.
Uff. Automobilistico
and for information :

To the Cabinet - Section II.
S.M.R.E. - Uff. Servizi
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HQ " CREMONA " Inf Div
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All' Arsenale R.E.

Uff. Approvv. Auto R.E.
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As to the spares, you may agree on an increase on the price list with the firms who have already started manufacturing.
7. The prices agreed on for labour and the invoicing of spares may be revised according to the increases of wages and price fluctuations of raw material.
8. You will make an accurate list of the firms already constructing spares for Allied vehicles, coming to an agreement with them as to prices.

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9. For the details that are not yet being constructed O.A.R.E. of Bologna will get the drawing from the original pieces and constructional accuracies and will appoint the Arsenal and suitable firms for mass production and just quotations.

10. As the agreements with the Arty Arsenal and civilian firms will gradually be concluded, the Divisions will send them at once the engine assemblies to be repaired, or draw the spares and other material they may need aying the agreed price.

11. This Ministry is already in possession of a list of civilian firms for the execution of repairs, and other firms already manufacturing some types of spares for the Allies. We are sending you this information under separate cover and we shall write to you again as new information reaches us.

12. Each Inf Div. will not centralise more than 50 efficient engines of various types. The others will be sent, after repairs, to O.A.R.E. stores, which will successively supply them against delivery of the same number of inefficient ones.

13. The newly opened office will take up more freely (as it will not be tied up to any HQ) the organisation of engine assemblies repairs and other complete assemblies and parts (dynamos, starter motors, coils, batteries etc) and their consequent distribution, thus freeing the Divisions of the heavy task of dealing with civilian firms.

14. When the organisation of the 6 Spares Depot is completed, the Divisions will address themselves direct to it, drawing up the indent according to the enclosed form.

If the above depot did not happen to have some spares of other material, the Divisions will be authorised to buy them at the most economical price from civilian firms within the limits established by the administrative rules now in force.

15. For the tyres of Allied manufacture a store will be opened at the O.A.R.E.

For the maintenance, supply, book keeping, transfer and distribution, the same rules contained in circulars 19400 - 15/9/1945 and 2800 - 3/12/1945 will apply.

Sgd. p. Minister
Properzi (Gen).

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.I. A.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 215924/II

Date: 24/6/46

Subject: Organisation of the M.T. Inspectorate General.

Reply to letter SD/10/2 dated 13th inst.

I note that your Mission agrees on the necessity of posting an Admin. Inspector to the M.T. Inspectorate General.

Regarding the Vice Inspectorate, I consider that a solution, which coincide with your and my opinion, (expressed in letter 21491/II dated the 6th inst.) would be that of entrusting the duties, specified by you for the Vice Inspector, to the Col. i/c the Inspectorate General Office. Said office would replace the Secretary Office, at present laid down, and would be similar to the other General Directorates of this Ministry.

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M.M.I.A. - 'G'	
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BROSIO
Minister

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SUBJECT: Organisation of the MT Directorate.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)

(489081 Ext. 218) ~~SD/10/2~~

12 Jun 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

G/H 4838
Ref your 214901/II dated 6 June 46.

1. (a) This HQ considers most strongly that the inclusion of a Deputy Inspector is necessary in the Inspectorate of Motorisation even if such an appointment is not included in other branches.
 - (b) The function of this officer would be to spend the greater part of his time on tour, to visit Territorial Regions, to inspect formations and units, and to see on the ground what difficulties existed and what progress was made. In the opinion of MMIA such an appointment is essential to the proper functioning of the Inspectorate.
 - (c) It is thought however that the officer could well be of the rank of Colonel. The designation of his appointment is immaterial.
2. The reason for your desire to include an Adm Inspector is now understood, and your proposal is agreed.

See 2/121, 125

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

ARCS/sb

Internal: "A"
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SUBJECT: - Formation of Units - Italian Army Base Workshops
(O.A.R.E.) BOLOGNA -

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

(489081 Ext 218) SD/10/2

Jun 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Please inform this HQ of the progress you have made to date with the formation of the above unit, showing:-

- (a) Present deficiencies in officer and ORs, by trades,
- (b) Outstanding accommodation still to be taken over repaired or put into use, and
- (c) any other difficulties encountered.

2. This HQ attaches great importance to the early completion of the unit.

ARCS/rr

Major General
Major General,
H. M. I. A.

Copy to: 7 British Liaison Unit

Internal: 'A'
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Disbandment of 155 Vehicle Repair Workshop

LTD FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MIA)

/ SD/10/2

2 May 46

TO : 12 British Lincolson Unit

Reference your letter 12/55/1445 dated 25 Apr 46.

1. The problems arising from the disbandment order issued by the Ministry of War for 155 Vehicle Repair Workshop w.e.f. 30 Apr (Reference 2079/Ord/1 di prot dated 20 Apr) have been considered by this HQ in conjunction with your proposal that the unit should continue to exist.

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5. It is regretted therefore that this HQ cannot agree to your proposal for the retention of 155 Vehicle Repair Workshop, and the disbandment of this unit must proceed as ordered by the Ministry of War.

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M. W. Hope
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AAB/rr

Copy to: Ministry of War

Internal: G(Trg)
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M. W. Hope
Brigadier G.S.
Major-General,
MIA.

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SUBJECT: Retention of 155 Workshops.

RECEIVED 29 APR 1946
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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66318/9)

Ref: A2/6A/1445

25 April 46.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

1. As you are aware, it is proposed to disband the above Workshops.
2. The matter has been very thoroughly considered and in particular, reference is made to a conversation between Major Twine and Capt. Markbridge of M.M.I.A. on the 25 April. Some of the more cogent reasons for the retention of this Workshop are given in the attached memorandum, and it is requested that the matter may be given most urgent consideration.

H. H. H.

Colonel.

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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MMIA - 'G'	
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APPENDIX to 12 B.L.U.
letter AQ/64/1445 dtd.
25 April 1946.

SUBJECT :- Retention of 155 Workshop as a separate entity.

1. At the present time and with present vehicle strengths, this workshop services 500 vehicles and motor cycles of Units in the Central Schools.
2. The average weekly output of repaired vehicles is 23.
3. This figure could be raised if a steadier and more copious supply of spare parts could be obtained, but even in the present circumstances, this output appears to justify the existence of the workshop.
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5. In training establishments, vehicle casualties index is bound to be higher than in normal peace time operational Units. It is therefore better economics to have a repair centre in the locality of the above establishments than at 400 miles distant.

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See 50 letter - this Subject
in file 118.

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G. (W.E.)

COMMENTS.

1. I feel the capo ufficio in the "ufficio lavori" should be a Lt.Col for a shop of this magnitude and that he should be of the Servizio Tecnico e Motorizzazione i.e. he should be more highly qualified technically than the average officer of the Corpo Automobilistico.

I also feel that it is desirable to have a fully qualified officer at the head of the whole unit and so feel that the "Direttore" should be from the above Service.

This then falls into line with British practice.

2. I agree the number and distribution of sottoufficiali.

3. I don't know why the "Direzione" needs 15 soldiers or the "Sezione Trasporti" 16 soldiers. Perhaps a few civilians could be used here if necessary.

4. I think the "squadra collaudi" is very small - I suggest

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- 2 elettricisti (1mil 1civi)
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5. From the training angle it is most desirable that the Army has a number of active and reserve personnel with experience of base workshop procedure.

I therefore suggest that :-

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- (b) 350 (maximum) short service tradesmen be shown on the WE.

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At 2 hours
12 Feb.

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Robert Smith
12 Feb.

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Subject: State of Texas

Re: State of Texas, S.S. (S.S.)

— 10/10/2 —

26 Nov 46

TO: 3-111

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1. Your report re 3 dated 12 Dec, "State of Texas (S.S.)".
2. Report re policy in text book and in small, have not a right.
3. For this list, keep in mind proportion of similarity of or on basis of this list.
4. Your report and all at present entitled to a copy, no policy. Section having at present none taken on this matter.
5. It is provisionally intended that agents shall place a document with a local division name for necessary review.

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Interests
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TRANSLATION

SD/10/2

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From: M.O.F.D.Ref: 1003/Ord/ITo: M.M.I.A.Date: 25/2/46Subject: 181 and 183 Technical Maintenance Section.

Further to letter 775/Ord dated 12th inst, we point out:

- a)- 181 Technical Maintenance Section: will carry out the repairs and maintenance of technical materials and M.T. materials, in possession of the Engineers units of the "Priuli" Infantry Division.-
- b)- 183 Technical Maintenance Section: carries out the repairs and ~~technical~~ maintenance of all the wireless sets, radio electricians and telegraphists of the "Legnano" Infantry Division.

R.E.Cpl

(Sgd) Gen; G. Luzzi.

Col. GS
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GSO II (WJ)
GSO III (SD)
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M.M.I.A. - 'G'

FILE: SD/10/2

DATE: R/27/2

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Translation.

From:- M. of W.

To:- MMIA.

Ref:-645/Ord/II

Date:- 2nd. Feb. 46

Subject:- WE of the Army MT W/Shops at Bologna- Military
Specialised Personnel.

We forward herewith, detailed WE of the Army MT
W/Shops at Bologna.

According to your opinion, expressed verbally, a total
of 450 military of various trades, have been included in the WE.

This is an innovation because in the past, the W/Shops
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b) Owing to the short period of stay in the army and,
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Col. CS
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GSO H (S)
GSO H (I)
GSO H (W)
GSO H (M)
G (S)

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However, it will be an advantage to train at the MT W/Shops (for each class called up) a large number of men specialised in the repair services because, although these men will benefit in civil life of the trade learnt at the expense of the army, most of them will remain at disposal should they be required for mobilisation purposes.

Finally, the forming of such a large number of military specialists, (for each class called up) would be more suitable for mobilisation purposes than for the effective requirements of the W/Shops. Therefore, bearing in mind that nothing, for the present, can be defined as regards the requirements for mobilisation purposes, we are of the opinion that 450 specialists, shown on the ME, are, at least for the time being, far too many even considering the possibility of assigning to the W/Shops, instead of called up military personnel, volunteers specialists who signed on for a long period of service.

It is proposed that this number be reduced to 150, keeping unchanged the number of civilians (i.e. 850).

Sgt. Fabre.

Sgt. Liuzzi.

ALTERNATIVE

variante n°	
DATA	
ufficioli	20
Scoutistica e truppe	30%
Totale personale militare	52%
Autovetture	2
Autocamion	3
Trattori	3
Motocicli	2
Veicoli rimorchiati	2

UFFICIO I C I N A

AUTOMOBILISTICA A.D.

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- Direzione
- Vice-direzione
- Ufficio Amministrazione
- Ufficio Materiale (con magazzino ricambi)
- Ufficio provviste

!- Sezione studi

- Ufficio lavori

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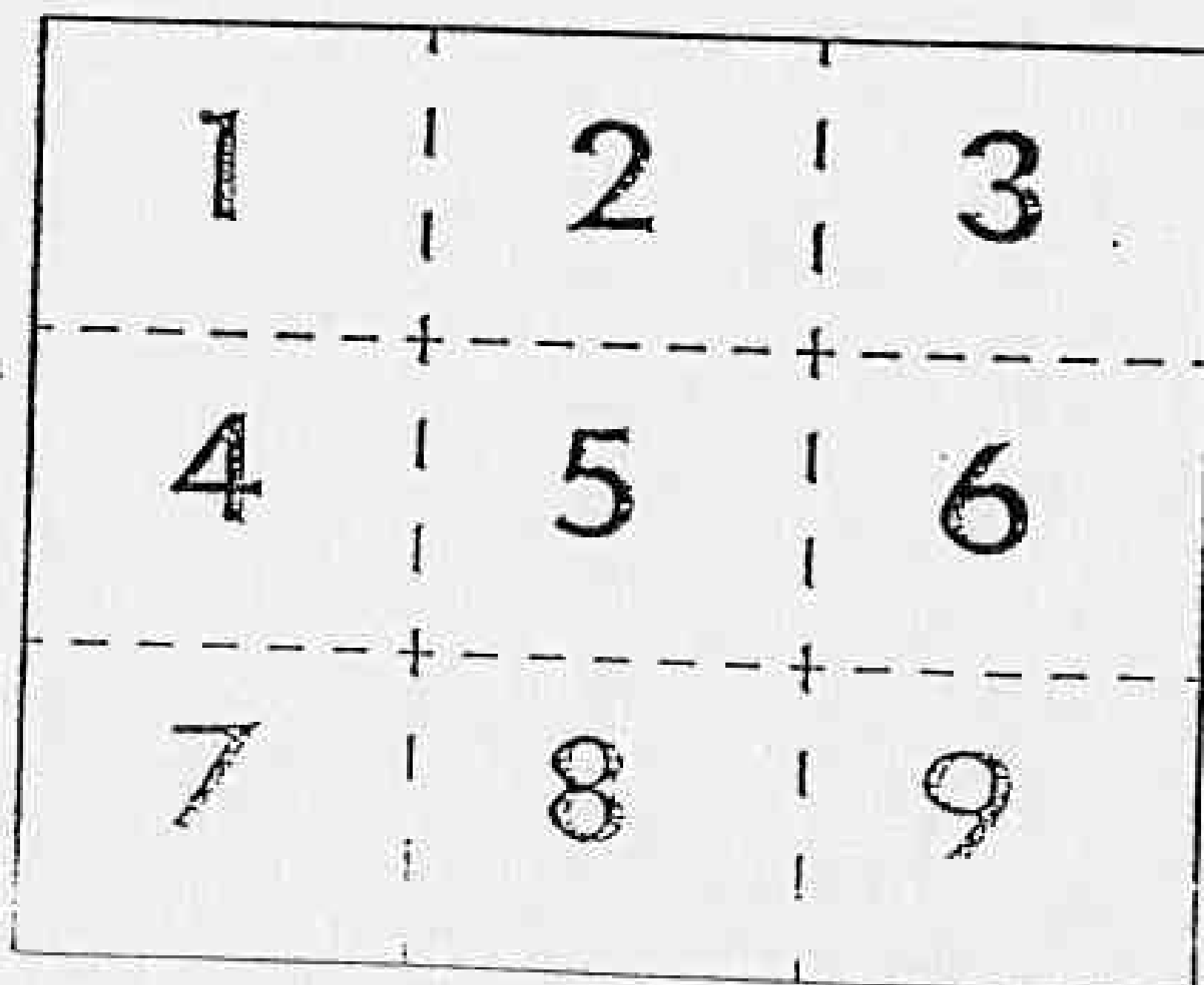
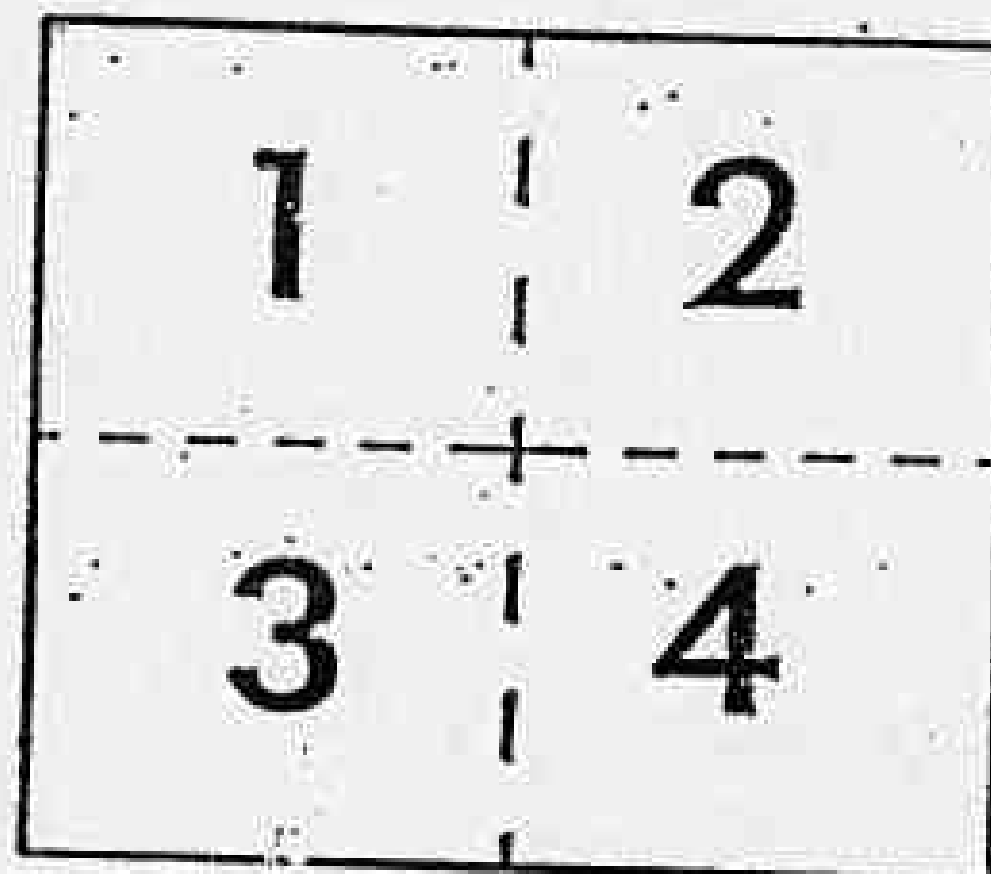
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PERSONAL AND PRIVATE EVIDENCE

DENOMINAZIONI	Direzio- ne	Vicedirezio- ne	UFF. ammini- strazione	Ufficio materiali (con leggez. ricambi)	Ufficio provvista	Ufficio Lavori			
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PERSONALE MILITARE									
<u>Uffici 11</u>									
Direttore (colonnello)	1								
Vicedirettore (ufficiale superiore)		1							
3 Uff. ufficio (ufficiali superiori)				1	1	1			
3 Uff. varie (ufficiali inferiori)	1								
Direttore di servizio (ufficiale inferiore)								1	
Ufficiali addetti (ufficiali inferiori)	(2) 1			1	(3) 2		1	1	5
Ufficiale medico (ufficiale inferiore)	1								
Ufficiale pagatore (UFF. INF. d'amm. no)			1						
Totale uffici 11	4	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	5
<u>Sottufficiali</u>									
Addetto alla Direzione	1								
Addetto alla cucina truppa	1								
Addetto ai carabinieri	1								
Assistente di sanità	1	8							
Meccanico				1					
Addetto alla provvista					1				
Addetto ai collaudi					1				
Cari rapporti col ufficio e con i mezzi									10
Cari collaudi collaudi (con ufficio)									
Cari sezione trasporti (marcioballo)									
Addetti ai trasporti (ser. magg. o serg.)									
Conservatorio (marcioballo)									
Totale sottufficiali	4			1	2				10
Graduati e soldati	15								(4) 450
Totale sottuff. e truppa	15			1	2				460
Totale personale militare	23	1	1	3	5	1	1	2	465
PERSONALE CIVILE									
<u>Indicati di ruolo</u>									

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e 3°) Motoristi- 3°e 4°)Montatori- 5°)Aggiustatori e tornitori- 6°)Fabbri fucinati
e saldati autogeni- 7°)Falegnami-scoccai e tappezzieri- 8°)Elettricisti magnetisti
verificatori pompe iniezioni- 9°)Verniciatori- 10°)Radiatori e vulcanizzatori.
merali
provviste ed il suddetto ai cellai
fungere solo in caso di assoluta necessità, in relazione ad effettive esigenze di lavoro.
arto) con mansioni di capisquadra alla dipendenza del sottufficiale capo reparto.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
SEGRETERIA DI STATO
Ufficio Addestramento e Addestramento

Roma li, 2 Febbraio 1946

N. 545/Ord./13 di prot.
Allegato: n. 1

OGGETTO: Organico dell'officina automobilistica R. Esercito di Bologna -
operai militari specializzati. -

AREA DAID 20000 SUE COMMISSIONI A.C. (M.I.I.A.)

R O L A

Si trasmettono gli organici dettagliati della officina automobilistica R. Esercito di Bologna.

Secondo il parere espresso verbalmente da codesta M.I.I.A. sono stati compresi nell'organico complessivamente 450 operai militari delle varie specializzazioni.

E' questa una innovazione in quanto, in passato, l'officina non ha avuto operai militari. Al riguardo, a seguito e conferma di quanto detto in sede di discussione degli organici stessi da parte del "Comitato Regio Organico" si ritiene opportuno rappresentare quanto segue:

- a) - Tra i giovani di leva, per la massima parte ancora non formati all'esercizio di un mestiere specializzato, è molto difficile trovare elementi già in possesso delle qualifiche richieste per gli operai militari in questione; pertanto occorrerà scegliere accuratamente gli elementi necessari tra quelli di mestieri affini ed occorrerà inoltre provvedere al loro addestramento pratico fino al conseguimento della specializzazione richiesta. -

- b) - Data la brevità della ferma e tenuto conto, oltre che del suddetto periodo di specializzazione, anche di quello necessario per l'ad-

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destramento comune a tutte le armi, si avrà in definitiva che gli operai militari cominceranno a rendere veramente nel lavoro di specializzati solamente verso il termine della ferma. Pertanto l'impiego di tale personale non è da ritenere economico al fine del rendimento dell'officina.

- c) - Si ha però il vantaggio di addestrare presso l'officina automobilistica per ogni classe di leva un numero considerevole di specializzati nel servizio delle riparazioni; tali elementi, pur trascinando profitto essenzialmente nella vita civile della specializzazione conseguita a spese dell'Esercito, rimangono in gran parte a disposizione di questo per eventuali esigenze di mobilitazione.

In definitiva, la formazione per ogni classe di leva di un numero di operai militari specializzati così rilevante sarebbe rispondente più ad esigenze di mobilitazione che non ad effettive necessità di funzionamento dell'officina. Pertanto, tenendo anche conto che nulla può essere ora definito in fatto di fabbisogno di specializzati per esigenze di mobilitazione si esprime il parere che il numero di 450 operai militari stabilito dagli organici sia, almeno per ora, da ritenere eccessivo pur considerando la possibilità di passare all'officina volontari specializzati a lunga ferma, in luogo di militari di leva. Si propone che il numero stesso venga ridotto a 150 mantenendo invariato quello degli operai civili (150). -



UFFICIO ADDDETTO
(Giorgio Bianchi)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE AMMINISTRAZIONE E AUTOMOBILIZZAZIONE
Divisione Corio Automobilistico

ORGANICO DELL'OFFICINA AUTOMOBILISTICA R.S. DI BOLOGNA (unità autorizzate 43)

	PERSONALE				Autoveicoli	
	Militare		Civile-Auto-		Auto- Moto-	
	Uff. I	Sott. I	Uff. I	Sott. I	Uff. I	Sott. I
DIREZIONE						
Direttore (colonnello)	1					
Segretario (Ufficiale inferiore)	1					
Uff. addetto serv. gen. (Uff. infer.)	1					
Ufficiale medico	1	(1)	4			
Sottufficiali addetti				4		
Scritturali e dattilografi				1		
Archivisti			(2)	13	(3)	10
Servizi vari			5		2	1
Conduttori e motoniglianti						
Totale	4	4	19	15	2	11
VICE DIREZIONE						
Vicedirettore (Ufficiale superiore)	1					
Scritturali e dattilografi				3		
Archivisti				1		
Servizi vari				(4)	2	
Totale	1	1	1	3	2	1
UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE						
Capo Uff. Amm. (rag. geometra capo)				1		
Direttore conti (rag. princ. d'art.)				1		
Ufficiale pagatore (Uff. sub. d'amm.)	1					
Scritturali e dattilografi				4		
Servizi vari				(5)	2	
Totale	1	1	1	5	2	1
UFFICIO MATERIALE (con magazz. ricambi)						
Capo ufficio (Uff. superiore)	1					
Ufficiale addetto (Uff. inferiore)	1					
Consegnatario (rag. d'artiglieria)						
Archivisti						
Scritturali e dattilografi						
Sottufficiale magazzino						
Servizi vari				(6)	12	
Totale	2	2	1	18	12	1
UFFICIO PROVVISORE						
Capo ufficio (Uff. superiore)	1					
Ufficiali addetti (Uff. inferiori)	(7)	2				
Sottufficiali addetti						

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VICIDIRAZIONE

Vicedirettore (Ufficiiale superiore)!	1!	!	!	!	!
Scritturali e dattilograti	!	!	3!	!	!
Archivisti	!	!	1!	!	!
Servizi veri	!	!	(2)	!	!

OFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE

Capo Off. Amm. (mag. Geometra capo)	1	1
Direttore conti (mag. princ. d'art.)	1	1
Ufficiale pagatore (uff. sub. d'amm.)	4	4
Scritturali e dattilografi	(5)	(5)
Servizi vari		

UFFICIO MATERIALE (con magazz. ricambi)

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OFFICIO PROTESTE

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UFFICIO LAVORI (su 2 sezioni)

Capo Ufficio (Uff. superiore)

1° Sezione studi

Ufficiale addetto (Uff. inf.)
 Disegnatori tecnici
 Scritturelli e dattilografi
 Servizi vari

2° Sezione lavorazioni (officina)

Direttore d'officina (Uff. inf.)
 Ufficiale addetto (Uff. inf.)
 Capo officina (capotecn. capo off.)
 Capi reparto
 Operai permanenti
 Scritturelli e dattilografi
 Disegnatori
 Conduttori
 Servizi vari

	PERSONALE				AUTOVICOLI	
	Militare	Civi-	Auto-	Auto-	Auto-	Moto-
	Uff.	Sott. Trup.	le	veic.	carri	cicli
1° Sezione studi	11	1	1	1	1	1
Ufficiale addetto (Uff. inf.)	11	1	1	1	1	1
Disegnatori tecnici	11	1	1	1	1	1
Scritturelli e dattilografi	11	1	1	1	1	1
Servizi vari	11	1	1	1	1	1
2° Sezione lavorazioni (officina)	11	1	1	1	1	1
Direttore d'officina (Uff. inf.)	11	1	1	1	1	1
Ufficiale addetto (Uff. inf.)	11	1	1	1	1	1
Capo officina (capotecn. capo off.)	11	1	1	1	1	1
Capi reparto	11	1	1	1	1	1
Operai permanenti	11	1	1	1	1	1
Scritturelli e dattilografi	11	1	1	1	1	1
Disegnatori	11	1	1	1	1	1
Conduttori	11	1	1	1	1	1
Servizi vari	11	1	1	1	1	1
Totale	41	11	621	11	11	11
PARCO AUTOVICOLI						
Sottufficiale consegnatario	11	11	1	1	1	1
Servizi vari	11	1	1	1	1	1
Totale	11	1	201	1	1	1
TOTALE GENERALE	151	81	201	1501	21	41
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- (1) di cui: 1 addetto all'ufficio, 1 alla cucina truppe, 1 ai carburanti ed 1 aiutante di sanità.
- (2) di cui: 2 cuccinieri, 2 addetti mensa ufficiali e 2 mensa sottufficiali, 1 infermiere, 6 attendenti.
- (3) di cui: 1 barbiere, 1 sarto, 1 calzolaio, 2 telefonisti, 5 inservienti.
- (4) inservienti.
- (5) inservienti.
- (6) di cui: 2 inservienti, 10 personale di magazzino
- (7) di cui: 1 addetto agli acquisti ed 1 addetto ai collaudi
- (8) di cui: 2 inservienti, 8 addetti alla ricezione e collaudo
- (9) inservienti
- (10) la sezione lavorazioni ha inoltre un numero di operai civili temporanei variabile - secondo le esigenze del lavoro - da 700 ad 800.
- (11) inservienti e personale di fatica
- (12) guardie giurate e manovali

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Capi reparto	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1
Operai permanenti	1	1	1	1	(10)30	1	1	1	1
Scritturelli e dettilografi	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Disegnatori	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Conduttori	1	1	1	1	(11)10	1	1	1	1
Servizi vari	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
PARCO AUTOMOBILI									
Sottufficiale consegnatario	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Servizi vari	1	1	1	1	(12)30	1	1	1	1
TOTALE GENERALE									
Totale	4	1	1	1	62	1	1	1	1
Totale	15	8	20	150	2	4	1	1	1

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- (1) di cui: 1 addetto all'ufficio, 1 alla cucina truppe, 1 ai carburanti ed 1 aiutante di sanità.
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Subject : Repair of Allied Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M R
GMS/1545
15 December 1945

Dir.Gen.Armi e
Motorizzazioni,
Ministry of War.

48084
With reference to your letter 04380 of 10 Dec 1945, it is agreed that it is most important that the workshops at BOLOGNA should start to repair Allied vehicles from the Infantry Divisions as soon as possible.

It will be necessary to form an inefficient vehicle park in that neighbourhood to which vehicles beyond 2nd echelon repair by the Divisional Workshops can be evacuated. It is understood that Budrio has been suggested as a site for this park, and it is strongly recommended that you urge the formation of this park with all speed, so that, in particular, the vehicles from the Folgore Division which are beyond their repair, may be evacuated there. The idea of leaving these vehicles at Trento when the Folgore workshop moves is strongly deprecated.

It is agreed that 6th Repair Unit is a suitable name for the Unit which must carry out repair to vehicles of Italian manufacture in the Bologna Command, and it is suggested that the workshop for repair of Allied vehicles should be called "Italian Base Workshop".

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Althaus

Lt Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MIA)

Copy to : 4 E.M.U.

Internal: 'Q'

With reference to your letter of 22nd Oct 44, it is agreed that it is most important that the workshops at BOLOGNA should start to repair Allied vehicles from the Infantry Divisions as soon as possible.

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Althaus
 Lt Col.
 A.D.M.S.
 Land Forces Sub Commission AG (ALMIA)

Copy to : 4 D.F.S.

Internal: 5 (SD)

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 20/10/44
 R/17/12

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from: SMRE
to: See addresses

SD/10/2

Translation

ref. I859I/Ord./I

23 Nov. 1945

Waiting for a change in W/E CM/I502/I MMIA have authorised
attention of 23 NCOs and ORs (in excess to W/E) at 85 Italian
electro-mech. Section *under command of* 0715 ~~Group~~ Group.
Further to this measure the strength of a/m unit is of 2
Officers and 80 NCOs and ORs.

C/u

Liuzzi

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FILE:

DATE:

R/29/11

C O P YUNCLASSIFIED.SUBJECT : 85 Co-operator E & M Platoon - TORRE GAIA.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
 Tel: 489081 Ext: 533
 A 110/2
 14 Nov. 45

TO : Ministry of War.

The holding of 23 Other Ranks (BR-ITI) to 85 Co-operator E & M Platoon (vide Order of Battle 2/14 page 26) surplus to W.E. CM/1502/1 (59 all ranks-) is authorized w.e.f. 16 Nov pending an amendment to this W.E. The total authorized strength will therefore be 82 all ranks.

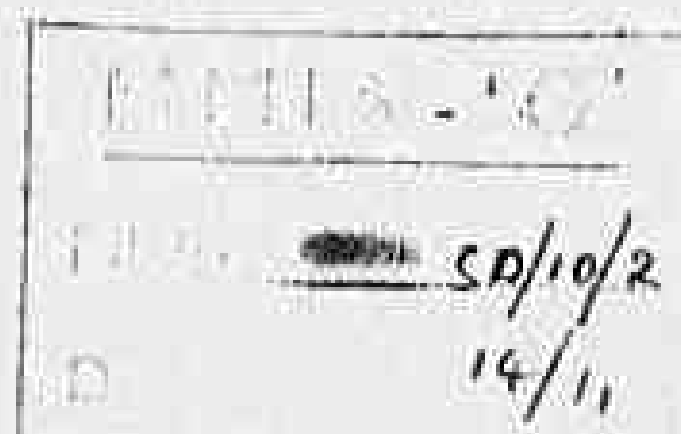
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 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : O.C. 85 Co-operators E & M Platoon (Please send letter to R.A.A.C., copy M.M.I.A., requesting increase in W.E. and giving reasons. Your EM/9 of 11 Nov refers)

C.G. R.A.A.C.

INTERNAL : G (SD) (2)
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SUBJECT : FORMATION OF ITI-III UNITS - PART III (A) I (C) 9

LAND FORCES SUB COMD, AC. (MMIA)

SD/10/2 ✓

Nov. 1945

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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THE ROME MECHANICAL SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Ref this HQ SD/10/2 of 11 Oct, 45.

1. Authority is given for the formation of the a/m unit w.e.f. 22 Oct 45 on WE 17/SURE/1, consisting of :

Offrs.	10
Ors.	28
Total	38
	=====

Vehicles :

Cars	1
Load Carriers	2
M/cycles	1
	=====

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2. Personnel and equipment will be supplied under your arrangements.

3. Formation and location of this unit soonest.

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

Ref this HQ SD/10/2 of 11 Oct,45.

1. Authority is given for the formation of the a/m unit w.e.f. 22 Oct 45 on WE 171/SURE/1, consisting of :

Offrs.	10
Ors.	<u>28</u>
Total	38
	=====

Vehicles :

Cars	1
Load Carriers	2
M/cycles	1
	=====

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2. Personnel and equipment will be supplied under your arrangements.

3. Formation formation and location of this unit soonest.

Copy to : HQ RAG

Internal : A (Two)
Q (Three)
RECE SF (Two)
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CP/sb

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Translation

From : MMIA
 To : Arty and M.T. Directorate
 General
 Info : MMIA
 Subject : Specialist mechanics school.

Ref: 17881/Ord/1
 Date: October 26, 1945

In agreement with MMIA, the specialist mechanics school is formed in Rome with effect from 3rd inst.

The equipment and personnel of the ex-M.T. study center will be used at first.

The War Establishment of the school is shown on enclosed list. Eventual shortages of personnel and materials will be made up by you in agreement with the general directorates concerned.

Instructions in regard to training will be issued by the SD and training office of this MMIA.

The school will be under your command and you are requested to forward the prescribed info for the approval of the formation of the school.

(Sgn) Gen. Luzzi

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MMIA	
Arty	
Gen. Dir.	X
Gen. Dir.	X
Gen. Dir.	
Gen. Dir.	X
Gen. Dir.	X
Gen. Dir.	
Gen. Dir.	

Vide MMIA/107
 Formal order
 and for int.

MMIA - 107
FILE: SA/1072
DATE: R/31/10

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Allegato al fg.1791/Ord. del 26 ottobre 46

ORGANICO PROVVISORIO DELLA SCUOLA SPECIALISTI MECCANICI
(ex centro studi motorizzazione di Roma)

	personale			automezzi		
	militare		civile	auto vet.	auto car.	moto ciclo
	uff.	sott.	tr.			
C O M A N D O						
- Com.te-Uff.sup.S.T.M. o C.A.	1					
- addetto (uff.inferiore)	1					
- ufficiale inferiore d'amministrazione con funzioni amministrative	1					
- sottufficiale di maggioranza		1				
- scritture e dattilografi				3		
- disegnatori				2		
- conduttori e motociclisti			4		1	2
- servizi vari (1)		2	10			1
- ordinanze d'ufficio				6		
personale istruttore:						
- ufficiali superiori	1					
- ufficiali inferiori	3					
- capi tecnici				3		
- sottuff. qualificati (capi officina e capi meccanici)		4				
- operai specializzati				22		
pers.inquadramento allievi:						
- comandante compagnia allievi (cap)	1					
- sottufficiali (2)		5				
- scritturale			1	3		
- ripostigliere			1			
T O T A L E	8	12	16	39	1	2
					1	1

NOTE: (1) di cui a)- sottufficiali: 1 addetto cucina truppa, 1 aiutante di sanità;

b)- truppa: 2 cuochi, 3 addetti mense ufficiali e sottufficiali, 1 addetto magazzino viveri, 1 infermiere, 1 sarto, 1 barbiere, 1 calzolaio.

(2) di cui: 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 4 sottufficiali automobilisti.



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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION AC (LNFAC)WAR ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

19th Meeting held on Saturday 27 October 1945

Present
 Lt-Col S.H. INGLEDEN
 Lt-Col A.P.G. BOUTHERY
 Lt-Col A.H. GILFILLAN
 Lt-Col R.A. CURRIE
 Major J.H.W. CHURCH
 Capt. T.L.A. STILES

Chairman
 G(SD)
 "A" Branch
 "Q" Branch
 G(SD)
 US Army

ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Serial No	Category	War Establishment
93	BR-III Service Tps	CM/886/1

Addition to minutes of meeting No.14

AN ITALIAN ARM REGT HQ

This est has been approved
 by AMHQ
 (AMHQ DEC 242/2672)
 File: SD/35/2

Addition to minutes of meeting No.15

BR-III
Service Tps

AN ITALIAN ARM DIV HQ

This est has been approved
 by AMHQ
 (AMHQ DEC 242/2672)
 File: SD/35/2

CM/888/1

MINUTES

BR-III

807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP

CM/599/1

The committee reconsidered the proposal to add staff and vehicles to the est of 807 Italian Transit Camp. It was decided that as this Transit Camp would be transferred to III-ITF control, at the same time as the Interim Army on Nov 14, it was not desirable to amend the existing war establishment. It was however agreed that the Br. Cadre would be required until approx. 14 Nov and that to assist the camp staff until the handover they should be authorised to hold on attachment & offer

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Establishment

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 14

ER-III
Service Tps

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AN ITALIAN ARMY HQT HQ

CM/836/1

This est has been approved
by ANHQ
(ANHQ HQ 242/2672)
File: SE/35/2

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 15

ER-III
Service Tps

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AN ITALIAN ARMY DIV HQ

CM/838/1

This est has been approved
by ANHQ
(ANHQ HQ 242/2673)
File: SE/35/2

MINUTES

ER-III

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807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP

CM/599/1

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14. Branch agreed to study urgently the possibility of emptying the camp and of preventing future accumulations of personnel. A new camp site would also be required if it could be found. The new III-III camp would be responsible for housing disbanding ER-III units or transit personnel when necessary.
File: SE/31/2

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Serial No	Category	War Establishment
123	III-III	ROME MECHANICAL SPECIALIST SCHOOL 171/SMDE/1
		This new est was approved w.e.f. 27 October 45. It consists of 10 oftrs, 28 ORs & tpt. It was agreed that the school should eventually come under control of the Reinforcement Centre at CESEANO. File: SD/10/2
124	III-III	ITALIAN JUVENILE CARE STAFF 507/SMDE/1
		The following amt was approved w.e.f. 27 October 45. delete: general dutymen 5 add: nurses 5 File: SD/24/2
125	III-III	ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE LIAISON UNIT CM/782/1
		The following amt was approved w.e.f. 27 October 45, subject to ADMQ concurrence. delete: oftrs 74 ORs 53 This leaves the present strength of the unit at 41 oftrs and 48 ORs. File: SD/18/2

New war establishments will NOT be implemented without the authority of ADMQ if in III-III category or of Land Forces Sub Commission AC (IMIA) if in III-III category.

29 October 45

T. W. Chyke
Major G.S.
Secretary War Establishments Committee
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DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ (three)
 1st Corps
 2 District
 3 District
 RMAC
 Executive Commissioner AC
 MELA LO c/o 204 Sub Area
 MELA LO c/o 86 Area
 MELA LO N.W. ITALY MILAN
 MELA LO c/o Signal Office GENOA
 MELA LO TURIN c/o 7 AREA
 MELA LO N.W. ITALY MILAN (Att Capt FOX)
 MELA LO POLIZANO c/o 68 Arty Regt c/o 217 Area
 MELA LO SARDINIA
 MELA LO SICILY
 MELA LO NAPLES
 MELA LO c/o 217 Area
 MELA LO c/o Liaison Sec. PES IFO 782
 MELA LO c/o Florence City Comd ADO 762
 MELA LO c/o 3 District
 MELA LO c/o 54 Area
 PERS/SS for MELA LO per SCOT
 MINISTRY OF WAR (two)

INTERNAL:

C of S
 "A"
 "Q" (three)
 "G"
 MESA
 War Diary (two)
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 SD/35/2
 SD/31/2
 SD/10/2
 SD/24/2

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SUBJECT : Students for ROME Mechanical Specialist School.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.G.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 469031 Ext: 533.
A 110/2
/L Oct. 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference MMIA SD/10/2 of 11 Oct.

1. 150 suitable students for the first course to be run at the above school will be selected from personnel at 802 Reorganisation Centre ORVIETO or from personnel already belonging to ITI-ITI Repairs units. All the men selected should be of 1923 or younger classes.
2. Arrangements are being made for a representative of the Directorate of Artillery and Motorization to visit ORVIETO for this purpose.
3. As soon as possible after selection BR-ITI personnel concerned will be posted to ITI-ITI Repairs Units, Part III(A) Sec 9 of the Order of Battle, on whose strength all students at this school will be held, and transferred to ROME.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: Br Cadre 802 Reorganisation Centre, ORVIETO

INTERNAL G(SD)
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FILE: SD/10/2
DATE: R/10/10.

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Subject : Formation of Pt III (a) 1 Sec 9 Units.

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

SD/10/2 ✓

11, Oct 45

To : MINISTRY OF WAR

THE ROME MECHANICAL SPECIALIST SCHOOL

1. A formal proposal for approval of the WE of the above mentioned new unit will shortly be considered by MMIA WEC.
2. The proposed WE consists of 10 Offrs 28 ORs and 1 Car, 2 Load carriers, 1 Motor cycle.
3. The location of the unit will be the CENTRO STUDIO, Rome, and it is proposed to form the unit wef 22 Oct 45. You will earmark personnel and equipment now, pending the issue of the formal formation orders.

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

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Subject :- Formation of Units.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1000
5 Oct 45.

"G"Branch (through 'w')

1. Following the approval of the Second in Command to form a School for Mechanical Specialists, we submit formal application for approval of War Establishment and formation of unit.
2. The name of the unit is "The Rome Mechanical Specialist School" and location is at the Centro Studio, Rome, and it is desired to form the unit w.e.f. 22 Oct 45.
3. It is estimated that trainees will number 150 per course.

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Major F.A.O.C.
for R.L.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(M.M.I.A.)

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Subject :- Formation of Units.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.

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DATE	28/10/45
DATE	5/9/10.

Major R.A.O.C.
for R.L.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA)

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THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) To form a School for the training of Mechanical Specialist personnel for the Italian Army.

The title is :-

"THE ROME MECHANICAL SPECIALIST SCHOOL"

- (b) It is a new War Establishment.

- (c) Nine

THE EFFECT.

- (a) An increase of 10 Officers and 28 Other Ranks.
An increase of 1 Car 2 Load Carriers 1 Motor Cycle.

- (b) Nil.

- (c) One.

- (d) There are already five of the ten Officers at the Centre as a "caretaker" staff.

- (e) To be carried in Part III(a) 1 sec 9 Units.

- (f) All

- (g) From Second in Command M.E.I.A.

- (h) Proposed War Establishment attached.

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ORGANICO PROVVISORIO DELLA SCUOLA AUTOMOT. NAZIONALE
(ex Centro Studio Motorizzazione di Roma)

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Comandante (Colonello C.A.)
Addetto (uff. inferiore)
Ufficiale inferiore d'ann/no
Sottufficiale di maggioranza
Peritturni e cattil rail
Disegnatore
Conducenti e motociclisti
Servizi vari (1)
Ordinanze d'ufficio

Verbena satruttore:

Ufficiali superiori
Ufficiali inferiori
Capì tecnici
Sottufficiali qualificati (capì ufficiali
inferiori e capì meccanici)
Opera specializzati

personale Inquadramento
allievi:

Comandante compagnia allievi (capo)
 Sottufficiale (ufficiale sostituto)
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NOTA: (1) di cui:

Comandante (Colonello C.A.A.)
Addetto (uff. infermiere)
Ufficiale inferiore d'ambulanza
Sottufficiale di magazzino
Perfetturilli e dattil. rull
Disegnatore
Docentatori e motociclisti
Servizi vari (1)
Ordinanza d'ufficio

Personale Auttore:

Ufficiali superiori
Ufficiali inferiori
Capi tecnici
Sottufficiali qualificati (capi officina)
Line e capi meccanici
Opere specializzati

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(c) di cui: sottufficiale da contabile, i sottufficiali autoveicoli.

SUBJECT : Disbandment of Pt IIA and Pt II E Units.

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

SD/3/2

17 Sept 45

To : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. 274 ITALIAN INCR TO "A" HORSE TRANSPORT COY RASC
2. 1732 ITALIAN INDEPENDENT WORKSHOP PLATOON (SERIAL 3)

DISBANDMENT

1. The above mentioned units will be disbanded as shown at Appx 'A' attached.

PERSONNEL

- 2 Personnel will be disposed of in accordance with MMLA signal A 1222 dated 8 August 45.

EQUIPMENT

- 3 (a) British equipment will be returned to Ordnance under instructions issued by the supervisory authorities, any deficiencies being vouchered to you in due course.

(b) Italian equipment will be returned to Sub Depots under arrangements to be made by 227 Admin Div.

REFERENCES

- 4 References to AFHQ letters are as follows:-

Unit Serial 1 - G-1 {BR/1074/A.1. (Ser 3178) dated 10 Sept 45 SD 3/2
" " 2 - G-1 {BR/1074/A.1. (Ser 3179) dated 10 Sept 45 SD 6/2

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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 Major General,
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Appendix 'A' to MMIA letter
SI/3/2 dated 14 Sept 1945.

UNIT (a)	WE (b)	WE STRENGTH Offrs ORs (c)	LOON (d)	SUPERVISORY AUTHY (e)	EFFECTIVE DATE (f)	COMPLETION DATE (g)
274 ITALIAN INCREMENT TO "A" HORSE TRANSPORT COMPANY RASC	CM/883/1	4 322	CASORIA	HQ 3 DIST	1 SEPT	1 OCT
1732 ITALIAN INDEPENDENT WORKSHOP PLATOON (SERIAL 3)	111/122/1	1 48	CASORIA MAJ	HQ 3 DIST	15 SEPT	1 OCT

Appendix 'A' to MMLA letter
SD/3/2 dated 14 Sept 1945.

WE STRENGTH Offrs ORs (c)	LOCN (d)	SUPERVISORY AUTHY (e)	EFFECTIVE DATE (f)	COMPLETION DATE (g)	ADM DIV RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT (h)
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4 322	CASORIA	HQ 3 DIST	1 SEPT	1 OCT	227 ADM DIV
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REF : PK 41979

PARA 1 (*) FOR DISTWO (*)

SUB PARA A (*) ESTIMATE PW AND SEP COMMITMENTS NOW UNDERTAKEN

218 SPECIAL AREA WILL BE REPLACED BY 1 OCTOBER TO APPROX 25000

IN CAMPS AT RYHYN I AMPLIFIED WITH 14000 SEP REPLACEMENTS

HELD SEPARATELY AND ONE A (*)

SUB PARA B (*) REQUEST INFO WHAT TROOPS YOU CAN RELEASE FROM THIS

COMMITMENT AND PROGRAMME EARLIER RELEASE IF FEASIBLE (*)

PARA 2 (*) FOR DISTTHREE (*) TROOPS RELEASED AS

ABOVE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR COMMAND AS REPLACEMENTS THESE

COYS 501 GRAND BN AND 504, 514 AND 521 BNS

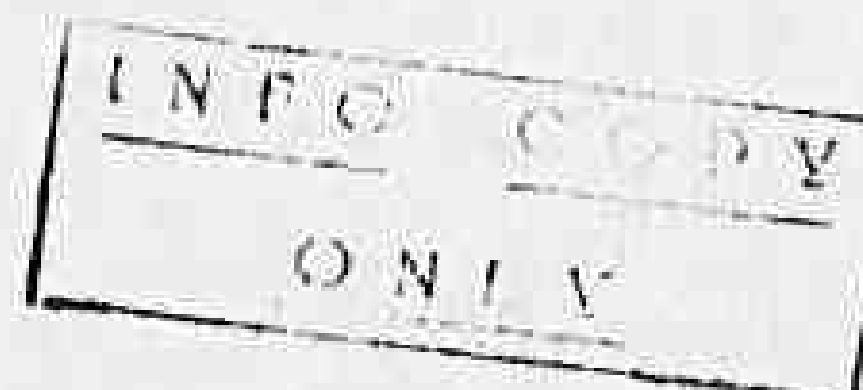
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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Pt IIA and Pt IIE Units

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

SD/14/2

21 Aug 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1.- ITALIAN INCR TO 11 (BR) GEN HOSP	15.- 803 ITALIAN BASE RPT DEPOT
2.- ITALIAN INCR TO 31 (BR) GEN HOSP	16.- 712 ITALIAN WORKSHOP COY STAFF
3.- ITALIAN INCR TO 100 (BR) GEN HOSP	17.- 157 FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ
4.- ITALIAN INCR TO 32 RECEPTION STA (CLASS A)	18.- 615 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE (OVERSEAS)
5.- 2669 ITALIAN FMR COY (ITALIAN ELEMENT)	19.- 616 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
6.- 2681 ITALIAN FMR COY	20.- 617 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
7.- 2724 ITALIAN FMR COY	21.- 618 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
8.- 2725 ITALIAN FMR COY	22.- 153 FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ (OVERSEAS)
9.- 2728 ITALIAN FMR COY	23.- 9 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
10.- 2727 ITALIAN FMR COY	24.- 58 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
11.- 2726 ITALIAN FMR COY	25.- 607 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
12.- 2738 ITALIAN FMR COY	26.- 608 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
13.- 2739 ITALIAN FMR COY	27.- 1 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY
14.- 417 ITALIAN FMR REGT	28.- 2 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY

1. DISBANDMENT

The above mentioned units will be disbanded as shown at Appdx 'A'. Units serials 22-26 release Italian Army personnel only and will be reformed as British units.

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(a) Personnel will be disposed of in accordance with MMIA signal A 1222 dated 8 Aug 45, except as stated below. The following special instructions have been issued:-

- Serial 15 - MMIA letters SD/31/2 of 27 June 45 and 21 Aug 45.
- (b) Personnel of 712 Italian Wksp Coy (serial 16) will be despatched to R.T.C., I.C.F. CESANO.

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1.- ITALIAN INCR TO 11 (BR) GEN HOSP	15.- 803 ITALIAN BASE RFT DEPT
2.- ITALIAN INCR TO 31 (BR) GEN HOSP	16.- 712 ITALIAN WORKSHOP COY
3.- ITALIAN INCR TO 100 (BR) GEN HOSP	17.- 157 FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ
4.- ITALIAN INCR TO 32 RECEPTION STA	(OVERSEAS)
(CLASS A)	18.- 615 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
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- (c) British and Italian equipment required by 807 Transit Camp NAPLES, now in course of formation, will be transferred from 803 BRD (serial 15) in accordance with orders issued by the supervisory authority.

4.

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References to ATHQ letters are as follows:-

Serials	1 - 4	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3001)	dated 23 Aug 45.	SD/12/2
"	5 - 14	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3004)	dated 23 Aug 45.	SD/14/2
"	15	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3031)	dated 25 Aug 45.	SD/14/2
"	16	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3030)	dated 25 Aug 45.	SD/14/2
"	17 - 21	- G-1	(BR)/1082/A.1.	(Ser 2998)	dated 23 Aug 45.	SD/14/2
"	22 - 26	- G-1	(BR)/1030/A.1.	(Ser 3000)	dated 23 Aug 45.	SD/14/2
"	27 - 28	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3029)	dated 26 Aug 45.	SD/14/2

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54 Area

F. Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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- (b) Italian equipment will be returned to Sub Depots by the appropriate Adm Div.
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Serials 1 - 4	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3001)	dated 23 Aug 45.	SD/12/2
" 5	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3004)	dated 23 Aug 45.	SD/14/2
" 15	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3031)	dated 25 Aug 45.	SD/24/2
" 16	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3030)	dated 25 Aug 45.	SD/24/2
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" 27 - 28	- G-1	(BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3029)	dated 26 Aug 45.	SD/26/2

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F. M. I. A.
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Camp NAPLES, now in course of formation, will be from 803 BRD (serial 15) in accordance with orders issued by the supervisory authority.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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(a) No.	(b) UNIT	(c) LOCATION	(d) WE	(e) WE STRENGTHS Offrs ORs	(f) EFFECTIVE DATE	(g) COMPLETION DATE	(h) STATUS
1.	Italian Incr to 11 (BR) Gen Hosp	IESI	CM/347/2	- 30	1 Aug	30 Sept	
2.	Italian Incr to 31 (BR) Gen Hosp	AREZZO	CM/347/2	- 30	1 Aug	30 Sept	
3.	Italian Incr to 100 (BR) Gen Hosp	PERU- GIA	CM/347/2	- 50	1 Aug	30 Sept	
4.	Italian Incr to 32 Recptn Sta Class A	ANCONA	CM/1517/1	- 8	1 Aug	30 Sept	
5.	2669 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	TARAN- TO	{VI/396/1 HQ & IV/72/B }	6 295	31 Aug 45	23 Sept	
6.	2681 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 295			
7.	2724 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 295			
8.	2725 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 295			
9.	2726 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 295			
10.	2727 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 295			
11.	2728 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	{VI/396/1 HQ & IV/72/B }	6 347			
12.	2738 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 347			
13.	2739 Italian Pnr Coy (It. element)	"	"	6 347			
14.	HQ 417 ITALIAN PNR REGT	MONZA	CM/812/1	9 27	31 Aug	23 Sept	
	HQ	MONZA	CM/813/1	4 11			
	HQ 1 Bn 417 Italian Pnr Regt	MONZA	CM/813/1	4 11			
	HQ 2 Bn 417 Italian Pnr Regt	SAN					
	297 Italian Pnr Coy	GIORGIO	CM/810/1	5 209			
	298 Italian Pnr Coy	CECINA	CM/810/1	5 209			
	299 Italian Pnr Coy	BOLOGNA	CM/810/1	5 209			
	300 Italian Pnr Coy	CASTEL					
	301 Italian Pnr Coy	MACGIORE	CM/810/1	5 209			
	302 Italian Pnr Coy	MESTRE	CM/810/1	5 209			
	303 Italian Pnr Coy	PADERMO	CM/810/1	5 209			
		UDINE	CM/810/1	5 209			

Appendix 'A' to MIA letter
SD/14/2 dated 29 August 45.

	(c) LOCATION	(d) WE	(e) WE STRENGTHS Offrs ORs	(f) EFFECTIVE DATE	(g) COMPLETION DATE	(h) SUPERVISORY AUTHY	(j) ITAL. ADM DIV RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONNEL & EQUIPMENT
Hosp	IESI	CM/347/2	- 30	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	209 Adm Div
Hosp	AREZZO	CM/347/2	- 30	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	230 Adm Div
Hosp	PERU- GIA	CM/347/2	- 50	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	230 Adm Div
	ANCONA	CM/1517/1	- 8	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	209 Adm Div
ent)	TARAN- TO	(VI/396/1 HQ) (& IV/72/B)	6 295	31 Aug 45	23 Sept	3 Dist	227 Adm Div
ent)	"	"	6 295				
ent)	"	"	6 295				
ent)	"	"	6 295				
ent)	"	"	6 295				
ent)	"	(VI/396/1 HQ) (& IV/72/B)	6 347				
ent)	"	"	6 347				
ent)	"	"	6 347				
	MONZA	CM/812/1	9 27	31 Aug	23 Sept	HQ 2 Dist	231 Adm Div
	MONZA	CM/813/1	4 11			HQ 2 Dist	231 Adm Div
	MONZA	CM/813/1	4 11			HQ 2 Dist	231 Adm Div
	SAN					HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
	GIORGIO	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 2 Dist	230 Adm Div
	CECINA	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
	BOLOGNA	CM/810/1	5 209				
	CASTEL					HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
	MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
	MESTRE	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
	PADERMO	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
	UDINE	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div

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<u>..Q 417 ITALIAN PNR REGT (cont'd)</u>							
304	Italian Pnr Coy		CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 2 Dis
305	Italian Pnr Coy	PAUGLIA	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 2 Dis
306	Italian Pnr Coy	PRATO	CM/810/1	5 209	31 Aug	23 Sept	HQ 2 Dis
307	Italian Pnr Coy	CASTEL					
		MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 2 Dis
308	Italian Pnr Coy	PIACENZA	CM/810/1	5 209			HQ 2 Dis
15.	803 Italian Base Rft Depot Staff	RAVISCAN-					
		-INA	CM/730/1	91 514	15 Aug	15 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
16.	712 Italian Workshop Coy	NAPLES	CM/1515/1	4 305	25 Aug	15 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
17.	157 Fire Fighting Coy HQ(Overseas)	NAPLES	IV/138/1 (Mod)	1 3	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
18.	615 First Class Fire Bde	ROME	IV/80/2 (Mod)	23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
19.	616 First Class Fire Bde	NAPLES	IV/80/2 (Mod)	23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
20.	617 First Class Fire Bde	CASORIA	IV/80/2 (Mod)	23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
21.	618 First Class Fire Bde	SALERNO	IV/80/2 (Mod)	23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dis
22.	153 Fire Fighting Coy HQ(Overseas)						
	(Diluted)	BARI	IV/138/1	1 3	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dis
23.	9 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	TARANTO	IV/80/2	23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dis
24.	58 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	BARI	IV/80/2	23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dis
25.	607 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	BRINDISI	IV/80/2	23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dis
26.	608 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	BARLETTA	IV/80/2	23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dis
27.	1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	FORLI	(CM/531/1	9 360	25 Aug	16 Sept	HQ 2 Dis
		each	(CM/533/1				
			(CM/532/1				
26.	2 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	FLORENCE	(CM/539/1	9 360	25 Aug	16 Sept	HQ 3 Dis

(c) LOCATION	(d) WE	(e) WE STRENGTHS Offrs ORs	(f) EFFECTIVE DATE	(g) COMPLETION DATE	(h) SUPERVISORY AUTHY	(j) ITAL ADM DIV RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONNEL & EQUIPMENT
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SUBJECT: - Disbandment of Units - Italian Army.

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Reference attached copies of AFHQ C1 (EX) HQ/AFHQ 2953 dated 13 Aug 45.

1. The disbandment of the above named units, wef 15 & 20 Aug 45 respectively will be effected under your supervision.

2. Completion reports will be forwarded in quadruplicate to this HQ by 1 Sep 45.

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2. Completion reports will be forwarded in quadruplicate to this HQ by 1 Sep 45.

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From: H. of D.

Ref : 423/Ord/II

To : Addressees
DIAS (for info)

Date: 16/3/47

Subject: Disbandment of the "vehicles maintenance inspectorate" sections.

1. Considering that the higher inspective functions on vehicles maintenance, laid down by circular SM 6182/Ord/II dated 31st December 1946 - No 3 para c, can now be carried out by the central technical organ - which has been duly reinforced we order, w.o.f. 20 March 1947 the disbandment of the:
Vehicles maint. Inspectorate Sections of Milan and Naples (W/2 SS/130/1 Publication 16/3).
2. Personnel -
Officers and ORs: their names will be reported to the general directorates concerned and to MI general inspectorate for further employment at MI Directorates of the Mil. Terr. Commands in order that they may continue the activities regarding vehicles maint. inspections.
As regard posting of said personnel, direct agreements can be made between the general directorates concerned and the MI Inspectorate.
3. Materials -
Various: will be handed in to Directorates Stores.
Vehicles: orders will be issued by SM - Office for Services.
4. Eventual detailed instructions will be issued by MI Gen. Inspectorate.
5. Please confirm upon completion of disbandment.

sgd. LIUZZI
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Ref: 289/Ord.II

From: M.O. D.
 To : Addressees
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Date: 25/2/47

Subject: MT Service.

Further to circular 76/Ord/II dated 26/1/47.

In order to complete the instructions contained in the above mentioned circular and in accordance with the instructions laid down in letter 101234/1.1 dated 23/1/47 from the Cabinet, we list herewith several MT units, not mentioned in the above circular, and their respective commands.

1. - "Army Vehicles Spare Parts Supply Office"

This has an independent administration. The Depot of the 1st Drivers Centre attends to the documentation of the military personnel.

Command:

- discipline: the military Territorial Command of Turin (MT Directorate)
- technical matters and employment: MT General Inspectorate.

2. - "Army Vehicles Repairs Workshop"

This has an independent administration. The 6th Drivers Centre Depot attends to documentation of the military personnel.

The director of the workshop is entrusted with the duties of Corps Commander also for the "OARE Vehicle Spare Parts Depot" and the "OARE Efficient and Inefficient Vehicles Park". -

Command:

- discipline: the Military Territorial Command of Bologna (MT Directorate)
- technical matters and employment: the MT General Inspectorate, excluding the "Efficient and Inefficient Vehicles Park" which is employed under the command of the

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SME - Services Office.

3. - The "Artillery and Armoured Vehicles Park" is under the command of the Military Territorial Command of Bologna. It is under the command of the SME - Services Office - for employment. Technical instructions regarding Artillery, Engineer and M.T. (engines) material, will be given to the Military Territorial Command, respectively by the Artillery and Engineer General Directorates and the MT General Inspectorate. The 3rd Tank Regiment will attend to the administration and documentation of the military personnel. The Chief of the SM of the Bologna Military Territorial Command is entrusted with the duties of Corps Commander for the Park. -

4. - "SME Vehicle Units Hq" and units under its command (21st Special MT Unit - Efficient Vehicle Park - Large Capacity POL Depot of Rome) .

The 8th Drivers Centre will attend to the administration and documentation of the military personnel.

Command:

- technical and discipline: Rome Military Territorial Command (MT Directorate)
- employment: SME - Services Office.

The Commanding Officer of the SME Vehicle Units is entrusted with the duties of Corps Commander for the "SME Vehicle Units Hq" and units under its command.

5. - "Ministry of Defence - Army MT Unit" is fully under the command of GHQ of M.of D. - Army.

For technical matter it receives directive instructions from the Rome Military Territorial Command (MT Directorate).

6. - All previous instructions which differ, are hereby cancelled.

7. - Further detailed instructions will be issued by the MT General Inspectorate. -

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

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14 Feb 47

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY.

Subject: M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate Sections

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Reference your 6182/CSD/II of 31 December 1946 and this HQ letter 004 of 11 December 1946, in both of which the activities of the above Sections are mentioned.

It is recommended that these Sections operate under the guidance and with the authority, of the M.T. Maintenance Inspectorate as indicated in your letter quoted above. Any action which would have the effect of reducing supervision of vehicle maintenance might prove in the near future to be unfortunate, and may well have a retarding influence on the progress being made in improving the standards of maintenance.

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From: Min of War

Ref : 6182/Ord/11

To : All Mil Terr Comds
MMIA for Info

Date: 31 Dec 46

Subject: Motorisation Directorate of Mil Territorial
Commands. Inspection maintenance to vehicles

1. The dealing of complex questions connected with the motorisation service of Military Territorial Commands has become particularly important and vast., and this especially concerning inspection and control functions entrusted to the technical branches (the present MT Repair Directorates) of the aforesaid commands regarding MT maintenance. It is necessary in fact that said duties be entrusted to all units having vehicles on charge.

2. In relation to the above, we order that, w.e.f. 15 January 47, the present "MT Repair Directorate" of Military Territorial Commands assume the following denomination:-

"MOTORISATION DIRECTORATE"

which answers better to the duties it carries out.

Furthermore, the following personnel is assigned surplus to the present WE of the units in question:-

- 1 Senior Officer
- 1 Senior MCO (motor mechanic, having the particular duties of MT maintenance)

Amend accordingly page 9 and 16 of publication 10/3.

3. The inspection functions for the maintenance of vehicles are distributed as under:-

- (a) Corps and Unit Commanders being naturally responsible for the material will have the duty of supervising the care and maintenance of the vehicles on charge to the unit with the help of the officer i/c maintenance referred to in circular 7302/2 CA dated 30/8/46. *see FSO SD/10/2 Power II which is attached to cover.*

In such a way commanders being directly responsible for the maintenance of vehicles on charge, will constitute the first step in inspection duties.

(b) The Motorisation Directorates of Military Territorial Commands in the name of the Military Territorial will assume the duty and hence will have the responsibility of supervising the maintenance

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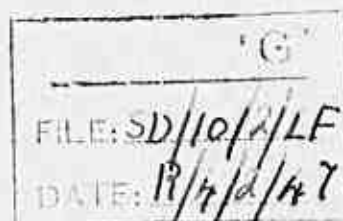
of vehicles on issue to units under command of the Military Territorial Command. For the carrying out of said duty the mil. territorial commands will have to supply the necessary transport and all possible help to facilitate as much as possible the work bearing in mind that in each case a half yearly inspection will have to be made to each unit having vehicles on charge.

(c) The MT maintenance Inspectorate at the Min of War is the technical branch co-ordinating the service and it employs for the time being the inspectorate sections for vehicle maintenance (WE SS/130/1) of Milan and Naples to inspect all units of the army. They operate in the name of the Min of War and hence their activity is of a superior technical control nature in confront with similar duties entrusted to units referred to in para (a) and (b) above.

4. Any technical instruction of a practical nature in connection with inspection to vehicles maintenance will be issued by the Motorisation Inspectorate General.

(Sgd) LIUZZI
General.

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