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FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

REF: 238/ORD/I

TO : TURIN Military Territorial Command

DATE: 28 Feb 1947

SUBJECT: Authority for Fmn of new units within CREMONA Div.

We authorise the fmn of the following units within CREMONA Div:

Recco Gp "1st Dragons"

17 Rd Arty Regt.

Engrs Bn " Cremona"

Sigs Bn " Cremona "

Supply Section " Cremona "

M.T. Units " Cremona "

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GSO I (SD)	X
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The relative data is shown in the attached list.

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UNIT	Unit Changed with the Fmn	Depot	Effective Date	Fmn Units from which Personnel
Recoe Group "1st Dragons"	H.Q. Div Cremona	Cavalry Depot Bologna	24th Nov 46	<u>Officers and NCOs:</u> predesigned <u>O.R.s</u> - taken from recruits con assigned to Division. <u>Materials:</u> only partly drawn fr
17 Fd Arty Regt.	H.Q. 7th Fd Arty Regt	7th Fd Arty Regt Depot (Venaria)	1st Jan 1947	<u>Personnel:</u> <u>Officers and NCOs:</u> only partly the aliquot assigned to 7 Fd Ar formation of new units 25 Fdr from III and IV groups of 7th respectively on I and II Group <u>O.Rs.</u> Those already included IV/7th Groups. <u>Materials :</u> only partly consti in former III/7th and IV/7th a from Ministry of Defence.

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Depot	Effective Date	From Units from which Personnel have been taken
Cavalry Depot Bologna	24th Nov 46	<u>Officers and NCOs</u> : predesigned by Ministry of Defence <u>O.R.s</u> - taken from recruits contingent class 1925 assigned to Division. <u>Materials</u> : only partly drawn from Territorial Depots
7th Fd Arty Regt Depot (Venaria)	1st Jan 1947	<u>Personnel</u> : <u>Officers and NCOs</u> : only partly constituted from the aliquot assigned to 7 Fd Arty Regt for the formation of new units 25 Pdr and only partly drawn from III and IV groups of 7th Fd Arty Regt transformed respectively on I and II Group of 17th Arty. <u>O.R.s</u> . Those already included in former III/7th and IV/7th Groups. <u>Materials</u> : only partly constituted from issues in former III/7th and IV/7th and partly assigned from Ministry of Defence.

Engr Bn "CREMONA"	144 Engr Mixed Bn	Depot 1 Engr Regt (Turin)	1st Nov 1946	Trans Mixed Coy
Sigs Bn " CREMONA"	44 W/Operatos Coy of 144 Engr Mixed Bn	222 ditto	ditto	Person W/Oper Mixed
Supply Section "CREMONA"	44 M.T. and Supply Unit	1st Supply Coy (Turin)	1st Oct 1946	Person the di M.T. a
M.T. Unit "CREMONA"	ditto	1st Driver Depot Regt (Turin)	ditto	Transf Supply format Section platoon drivers

Engr Mixed Bn	Depot 1 Engr Regt (Turin)	1st Nov '946	Transformation of 144 Engr Mixed Bn through 44 W/Operator Coy
W/Operator Coy 44 Engr Mixed Bn	222 ditto	ditto	Personnel and material of the 44 W/Operator Coy of 144 Engr Mixed Bn.
T. and Supply	1st Supply Coy (Turin)	1st Oct 1946	Personnel and material taken from the disbanded platoons of 44 M.T. and Supply unit.
ditto	1st Driver Depot Regt (Turin)	ditto	Transformation of 44 M.T. and Supply Unit through the formation of the 4th M.T. Section and disbandment of the platoons mixed and reserve drivers platoons.

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To : See addressees
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GSO I (SD)	X
DEP. G. III	X
GSO II (SD)	X
GSO III (SD)	X
GSO II (I)	X
GSO II (L)	X

Subject: Duties of divisional Infantry and artillery commanders. -

1. - The W/E for HQ infantry div. forwarded with circular 4500/Ord./I dated 10 September last includes the infantry HQ and the artillery HQ, each commanded by a brigade general.

The two general officers will have with regard to the regiments under their command all the powers and duties laid down by the discipline regulations for ~~the~~ brigade commanders (article 196 and following).

With regard to the organisation, the development and perfectioning of training activities of units of their own corps, in accordance with the orders of the divisional commander, they will ensure that no modification be introduced in the methods and proceedings laid down, in the powers of cadre instructors and in the splitting and carrying out of the syllabus laid down by the training programmes and instructions in force.

In this field also an effective and rational decentralisation of duties will contribute to the indispensable revaluation of the ranks with sure advantage to the total efficiency of the units.

2. - The divisional corps commanders will not be under the ~~former~~ command of the corps commanders existing at the military territorial commands.

Para III subpara b) of circular 3078/Ord/II dated 19 June last will therefore be modified as follows:

- " Artillery commander - will exercise duties:
- of command of artillery service, with discipline activities, inspections (technical-administrative), control, liaison between central administration and local civil authorities, taking note of what is laid down by circular 211300 of the

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Cabinet dated 24/4/1946, subject: command military establishments;

- command of artillery depots as laid down by circular 140/Ord.II dated 8/1/46. -

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Subject:- Org of Units - ITALIAN

Herewith :-

- (a) Attached at Appendix 'A' Table showing organisation of ITALIAN Infantry Battalion,
- (b) Attached at Appendix 'B' Comparative figures for old Internal Security Divisions and Present Infantry (IS) Bde.

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ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN INFANTRY BATTALIONAPPROVED
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	Hq & Hq Coy	Support Company			Total	Rifle Company (3) each		Total
		Hq & Hq Pl	3 inch mortar Pl	MMG Pls (2) each		Hq & Hq pl	Rifle Pls (3) each	
Strength { Officers	10	2	1	1	5	2	1	5
{ GIs	133	29	31	39	133	25	34	127
Weapons { Pistols	14	5	1	1	6	6	1	7
	19	1	8	10	29	2	12	38
	103	27	23	29	103	21	22	87
	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	2	-	-	2	2	4	14
	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-
	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	4
{ 2 inch Mortars	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
{ 3 inch Mortars	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-

ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN INFANTRY REGIMENT

Appendix 'A' to MIL
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No. & Inf Coy	Support Company			Total	Rifle Company (3) each		Total	Grand Total
	No. & Inf Pl	3 inch Mortar Pl	MM Pls (2) each		No. & Inf pl	Rifle Pls (3) each		
10	2	1	1	5	2	1	5	30
135	29	31	39	138	25	34	127	632
14	3	1	1	6	4	1	7	21
19	1	0	10	29	2	12	38	162
103	27	23	29	108	21	22	67	472
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
4	2	-	-	2	2	4	14	48
-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	8
2	1	-	-	1	1	1	4	15
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	9
-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	6

Appendix 'B' to WIA
Letter 50/39/2
Dated Dec 1946

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR OLD
INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION
AND PRESENT INFANTRY (IS) BDE

	Old IS Div	Present Inf (IS) Bde
Offrs	283	214
Enls	4,717	4,627
Total	5,000	4,841

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List 'B'

Subject: Denomination of Artillery Regiments.

The War Ministry have decided on the following denomination for the Artillery Regts:-

- Field Artillery Regiments:

- 17th field artillery regiment
- Horse Artillery Regiment
- 8th Field Artillery Regiment
- 5th " " "
- 33rd " " "

(Cremona)
(Legnano)
(Friuli)
(Mantova)
(Folgore)

- Anti-tank Artillery Regiments:

- 52nd anti-tank field artillery regiment
- 13th " " "
- 9th " " "
- 18th " " "
- 41st " " "

(Cremona)
(Legnano)
(Friuli)
(Mantova)
(Folgore)

- Anti-aircraft artillery regiments:

- 1st A.A. Artillery Regiment
- 2nd " " "
- 3rd " " "
- 4th " " "
- 5th " " "

(Cremona)
(Legnano)
(Friuli)
(Mantova)
(Folgore)

- The regiments formerly of the Inf. Div. will retain their denomination and that is:

- 7th Field Artillery Regiment
- 11th " " "
- 35th " " "
- 155th " " "
- 184th " " "

(Cremona)
(Legnano)
(Friuli)
(Mantova)
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{ Legnano }
{ Friuli }
{ Mantova }
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- Anti-tank Artillery Regiments:

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- 13th " "
- 9th " "
- 18th " "
- 41st " "

{ Cremona }
{ Legnano }
{ Friuli }
{ Mantova }
{ Folgore }

- Anti-aircraft artillery regiments:

- 1st A.A. Artillery Regiment
- 2nd " "
- 3rd " "
- 4th " "
- 5th " "

{ Cremona }
{ Legnano }
{ Friuli }
{ Mantova }
{ Folgore }

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To : All Inf. Div. HQs

MMIA (for information)

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Dep G	x
GSO 1 (2)	RC
GSO 1 (3)	RC
GSO 1 (4)	RC
GSO 1 (5)	RC
G II (1)	RC

Subject: Denomination of Artillery Regiments.

1. - Bearing in mind the points of:

- remembering, with the denominations of regiments, the merits won by the Italian Artillery on battle fields of all the wars, -
- giving the denominations of old field artillery regiments to anti-tank regiments for the purpose of remembering more traditional denominations and to underline merely the field and support characteristic of anti-tank units,

the denomination of Artillery regiments of which formation has been ordered in letter 4500/Ord/I dated 10/9/46 are as follows in accordance with the opinion expressed and agreed upon by the Artillery Inspectorate and by a Commission of Generals formerly of the Artillery: -

- Field Artillery regiments:

- . 17th field artillery regiment (Cremona)
- . Horse Artillery Regiment (Legnano)
- . 8th Field Artillery Regiment (Friuli)
- . 5th " " " (Mantova)
- . 33rd " " " (Folgore)

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- . 1st A.A. Artillery Regiment (Cremona)
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- . 3rd " " " (Friuli)
- . 4th " " " (Mantova)
- . 5th " " " (Folgore)

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- 11th "	"	"	(Legnano)
- 35th "	"	"	(Friuli)
- 155th "	"	"	(Mantova)
- 184th "	"	"	(Folgore)

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.

Ref: 4500/Ord/I

To : Addressees
MMIA (for information)

Date: 10/9/46

Subject: Reorganisation of the Inf. Division.

1. As agreed with MMIA, the new formations of Inf.Div. have been defined. These are of an experimental and temporary nature and are included in the general cadre of the reorganisation of the interim Army.

2. Each division has the following formations:
Divisional HQ (W/E UR/2/I).

Troops:

2 Inf. Rgts

2 Field Arty Rgts
1 AF Arty Rgt
1 AA Arty Rgt
1 Arty trades unit
1 Recce Bn.
1 Engrs Bn.
1 Signal Bn.

(W/E UR/3/I -
UR/4/I - UR/5/I -
UR/6/I - UR/7/I -
UR/8/I - UR/9/I)
(W/E UR/10/I)
" UR/11/I
" UR/12/I
" UR/13/I
" UR/14/I
" UR/15/I
" UR/16/I)

Services:

1 Med. Section
2 Field Hospitals
1 Subsistence Section
1 M.T. Unit
1 Mob. W/shop for Div. HQ
9 LADs
1 Mobile park

(W/E UR/17/I)
" UR/18/I
" UR/19/I
" UR/20/I
" UR/21/I
" UR/22/I
" UR/23/I)

Carabinieri:

1 Carabinieri Coy

(W/E CR/5/I)

Auxiliary Units (for the 5 Inf. Divisions):

4 Surgical Units
2 X-ray ambulances
2 Dental ambulances
5 Bakers' sections

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3. W/Es: are attached herewith in accordance with the enclosed distribution table No I.

Another issue of said W/E, which will permit distribution of one pamphlet to each Bn. HQ (Infantry, Recce, Engrs., Signals) and Group HQ, will be made in the near future.

4. Substantial alterations regarding the present W/E formations (Publication "Temporary formation and W/E for Combat Group and Auxiliary Units" May 1946 Edition), arrangements to be made and units detailed for this reorganisation are shown in the encl. 2.

5. The new formations will be carried out gradually in accordance with the situation of each Unit.

6. Instructions issued in the following letters prevail:

No 173/Ord/I	dated 15/1/46	-	(Field hospital of the Divisions)
" 909/Ord/I	" 25/2/46	-	(Employment of personnel in the Medical Units)
" 1611/Ord/I	" 24/3/46	-	(Employment of personnel of the Commissariat service of the Inf. Divisions)
" 2129/Ord/I	" 20/4/46	-	
" 2770/Ord/I	" 29/5/46	-	(Bath Unit)
" 3760/Ord/I	" 22/7/46	-	(Divisional Arty Rgts)
" 4050/Ord/I	" 12/8/46	-	(Reorganisation of Carabinieri Units of Infantry Divisions)

7. The Military Territorial Commands concerned, in agreements with the respective Divisional HQs, will please:

- Report to the General Directorates concerned and to this S.M. the personnel required (Officers and NCOs) for the filling up of deficiencies and report possible excesses in personnel;
- make a report by the 30th November on the action taken and forward a list of what remain to be done.

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