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VEHICLE MARKINGS

APR. 1945 - JAN. 1946

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Markings.

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

SD/141  
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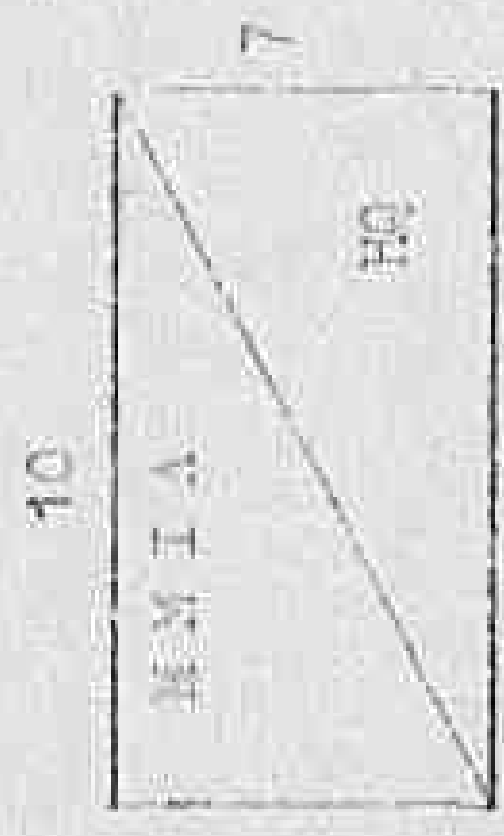
TO : List 'B'

1. The following common markings will be adopted for all MMIA and BLU vehicles with effect from the date of receipt of this letter. Allied Commission colours: green and white thus



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with for HQ MMIA the addition in black letters



and for BLUs also in black letters



2. Measurements shown are in inches and height of all lettering will be 1 1/2 inches, with the strokes 1/4 inch wide.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Major General,  
M. I. A.

LMA/jw

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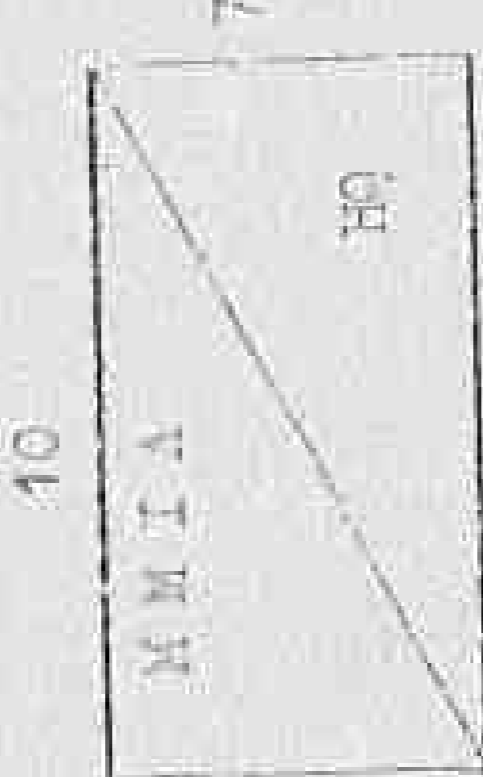
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1. The following common markings will be adopted for all MILA and BLU vehicles with effect from the date of receipt of this letter. Allied Commission colours; green and white thus

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2. Measurements shown are in inches and height of all lettering will be 1 1/2 inches, with the strokes 1/4 inch wide.

*W. H. I. A.*  
 Major General,  
 W. H. I. A.

LWA/jw

Internal: A  
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 Camp Comdt (Br)  
 " " (US)

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Palermo, Sicily.

*File 18*  
*Copy*

22 Dec. 1945

Subject : Vehicle Markings.  
Ref. : PAL/G/10.  
To : H.Q. M.M.I.A. (*for* Lt. Col. Southby.)  
C.M.F.

Dear *Colonel Southby*

Ref. your SD/141 dated 20 Dec. 45 regarding vehicle markings .

I had already designed, and had made, plates on the lines that you show in your illustrations, and was going to submit the designs for your approval, but you've beat me to it !

M.M.I.A. - C.  
FILE: *SD/141*  
DATE: *R/27/12*

REH/gc.

Yours regretfully *158!*

*M. E. Stewart*

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Markings.

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

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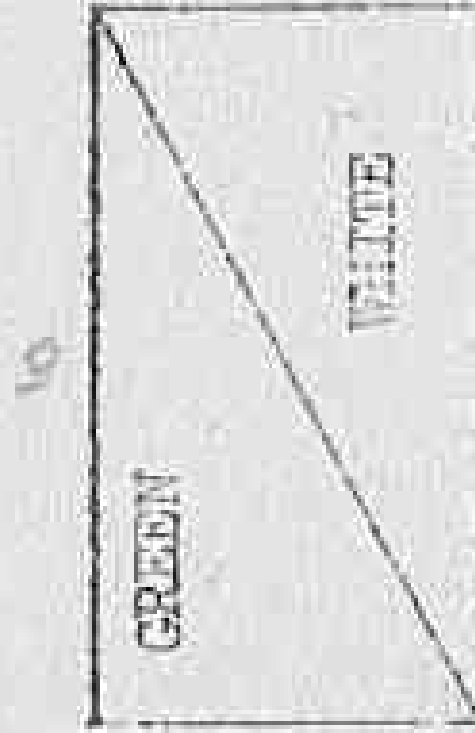
28 Dec 45

TO : GHO (SD)

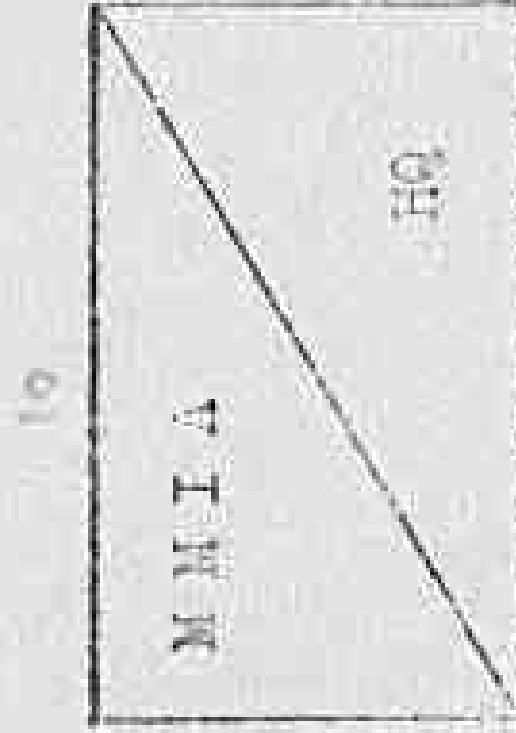
*See Table 17 & 18*

1. In view of the reorganisation of MILA and the BLUs it is proposed that a common marking should be adopted for all vehicles as follows.

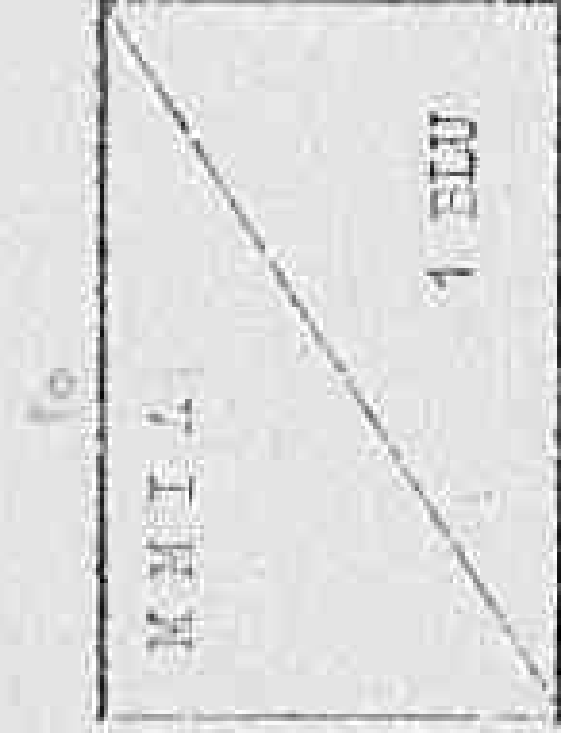
Allied Commission colours: green and white thus



with for HQ MILA the addition in black letters



and for BLUs also in black letters



2. Please state if you approve.

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*A. P. S. ...*  
 for Major General, *67 Col*  
 M. N. I. L. G.S.

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TO : GHO (SD)

25 Dec 45

1. In view of the reorganisation of MMLA and the BLUs it is proposed that a common marking should be adopted for all vehicles as follows.

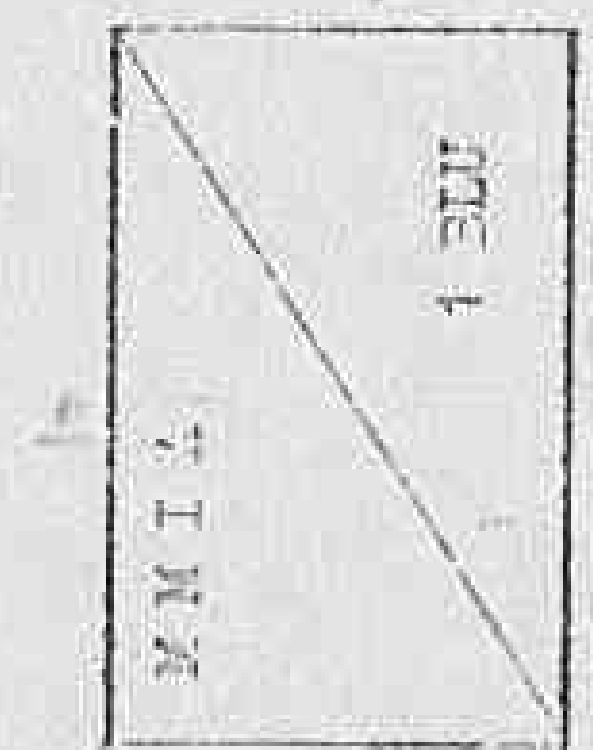
Allied Commission colours: green and white thus



with for HQ MMLA the addition in black letters



and for BLUs also in black letters



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2. Please state if you approve.

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Copy to: List 'B'

Internal: A

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Camp Comdt (DF)

Camp Comdt (US)

*A. J. ...*  
 Major General, *60th*  
 M. M. I. L. C. S.



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SUBJECT: Vehicle Distinguishing Markings

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

SD/141

14 July 45

TO : Ministry of War

1. It is desired to record and publish the system of Vehicle Distinguishing Markings adopted in the Italian Army.

2. In British units the Vehicle Marking Number is painted on a coloured background, a different colour or combination of colours being allotted to the various arms of the service e.g. The Royal Artillery is allotted Red and Blue, and the Royal Corps of Signals Blue and White. The distinguishing marking of the formation to which the unit belongs is also carried on the vehicle, but separately from the unit number and arm of the service colours.

3. Please forward a list of the Vehicle Distinguishing Markings for the various arms and services; and formations of the Italian Army.

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Major General,  
MIA.

Copy to: Q (Two)  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

29 June, 1945

FILE NO : ESD/178  
SUBJECT : Vehicle Distinguishing Markings.  
TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA).

1. A ruling as to what colour should be used by units of the Italian Army as a background for Vehicle Marking Numbers has been requested on numerous occasions in the past.

2. The practice with British units is for the Vehicle Marking Number to be painted on a coloured background, a different colour or combination of colours being allotted by the War Office to the various Services, e.g., The Royal Artillery are allotted Red and Blue, and the Royal Corps of Signals Blue and White.

3. It is suggested that Italian Army units should adopt a similar system incorporating the authorized arm of service colours of the Republican Army, i.e., that the Artillery should continue to use a Yellow background and the Engineers black with a red outline. ???

4. If this suggestion is agreed, it is requested that a list of the colours authorised for the various services be forwarded to this Headquarters, as a complete record is not held here.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

*J.D. Morgan*

W.D. MORGAN,  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief of Staff.

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Copy to:- G-3 (AMO)  
HQ No.3 District.

MMIA - 'G'  
FILE: SD/14/14  
DATE: 30/6

- GSO 2 (Ops)
- GSO 2 (SD)
- GSO 2 (W)
- GSO 2 (L)
- GSO 2 (SD)
- GSO 3 (Orbal)
- GSO 3 (H)

A.  
P. ✓  
S. - agreed

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Markings.

LAND FORCE SUB COM, AG (- LA)

SE/141

19 May 45

TO : 56 BUN.

Reference your 6 AG dated 13 May 45.

Vehicle serial numbers of the units concerned are as follows :-

- 318 Md Bakery = 551
- 580 Fd Hosp = 1333
- 331 Fd Hosp = 1329

*Law*  
 Major General.  
 for MIA.

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Copy to : ST

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Subject:- Unit Signs.

RESTRICTED.  
56 BLU.  
6 AG.

*SD/141  
19/5*

*13* May 45.

MMIA.

- Vehicles of auxiliary units attached for duty to Combat Group 'MANTOVA' have not yet been allotted vehicle marking numbers.
- Units concerned are as follows :-
  - 318 Field Bakery. *- 541*
  - 520 Field Hospital. *- 1312*
  - 331 Field Hospital. *- 1329*
- May we please be advised of the correct unit serial vehicle numbers which should be implemented.

QSO 1	.....
QSO 2 (000)	.....
QSO 2 (500)	.....
QSO 2 (1000)	.....
QSO 2 (1500)	.....

In The Field.  
RCN/mh.  
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MMIA
FILE: <i>SD/141</i>
DATE: <i>19/5</i>

*Copy to SGT  
See serial 13*

*W. J. J. J.*  
Lt Col,  
GS.

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Marking Numbers

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC, (MIA)

SD/141

19 May 45

TO : 'F' BLU 1 KTS 102

Reference your letter AQ/6A/510 dated 8 May 45.

Vehicle marking numbers are allotted for the following units in course of formation at CEGAND.

- 152 Italian Div & Maint School... ... 1362
- 153 Italian L.A.D. ... .. 1363

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major General  
 MIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

16 May 1945

*SD/141  
18/5*

FILE NO : ESD/176  
SUBJECT : Vehicle Marking Numbers  
TO : HQ Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(MMIA)

Reference SD/141 of 13 May 45.

Vehicle marking numbers as shown are authorised to be carried by the following units when formed :

- 152 ITALIAN Driving & Maintenance School - 1362
- 153 ITALIAN LAD - 1363

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER

*for* *W. D. HORGAN*  
Major G.S.  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief of Staff.

RVE/acn/Org-B

Copy to : G (AE)  
G-3 (Org-Foreign)

*Copy - Forward (S.T.)*

GSO 1	_____
GSO 2 (Ops)	_____ 1576
GSO 4 (S.O.)	_____
GSO 5 (S.O.)	_____
GSO 6 (S.O.)	_____
GSO 7 (S.O.)	_____
GSO 8 (S.O.)	_____
GSO 9 (S.O.)	_____
GSO 10 (S.O.)	_____

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <i>SD/141</i>
DATE: <i>18/5</i>

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Marking Orders

LAND POLICE SUB-COM, AG, (INDIA)

BY/DA

13 MAY 68

TO : AMB S/O, J IND

My vehicle marking numbers please be allotted to the following 100 IP units now in course of formation.

- 100 Indian Driving and Maintenance School
- 100 Indian L.A.S.

See F. 10.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major-General  
 India

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Marking Numbers.

SD/141

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BY: H.H. ERIC. ICF.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MSEA) ROYAL.

Ref: AG/GA/510

8 May 1945.

To: H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (MSEA).

*John H. replies*

May vehicle marking numbers please be allotted  
to the following Italian Units in course of formation :-

152 Italian Driving & Maintenance School.

153 Italian L.A.D.

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*Stuart Capelle*  
Lieut.Col. R.A.

*100 F 11*

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SUBJECT: Vehicle marking numbers.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. AG (LMA)

SD/121

20 APR 45

TO : AMFI

Reference letter WSD/76 of 14 Apr 45.

1. Attached is a copy of Appx "A" to BIC Letter AS/CA/245 dated 17 Apr 45 showing vehicle serial numbers held by units of the P.F.C.
2. The P.F.C. has now been advised that the serial number of a P.F. Bakery is 881 and the necessary alteration will be made.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major General,  
 LMA.

Copy to : AMFI  
WSD  
ICF

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Appendix "A" to H.M. letter  
AG/CA/345 dated 17 Apr 45.

Unit	Serial No
Hq, 'Piceno' Italian Combat Force, AFU	40
152 Italian Station and TOL Depot and 152 Clothing Stores	41
152 Italian LAD	42
152 Italian Increment to H.M. for Italian AFU ICF	43
Hq 152 Italian Provost Coy (CCRN)	44
155 Italian Provost Section (CCRN) (duty)	45
319 Italian Provost Section (CCRN) (Trg)	46
198 Italian Provost Section (CCRN) (Holding)	47
152 Italian Fd Hygiene Section.	77
1500 Italian Indep Tpt Pl	74
152 Italian Mech Engr Pl	86
Hq 1 Italian Reception Regt	82
Hq 1 Italian Reception Bn	55
Hq 2 Italian Reception Bn	56
Hq 3 Italian Reception Bn	57
Hq 2 Italian Inf Rft Regt	57
Hq 4 Italian Inf Rft Trg Bn	60
Hq 5 Italian Inf Rft Trg Bn	61
Hq 6 Italian Inf Rft Trg Bn	62
Hq 3 Italian Composite Rft Regt	42
4 Italian Arty Rfts Depot and 152 Arty School	43
Hq 5 Italian Engineer Rft Bn	46
Hq 6 Italian Mixed Rfts Bn	47
152 Italian Fd Engineering School	48
Hq 6 Italian Mech Engrs Rft Coy	49
152 Italian Combat Force Signal Training Centre	50
83 Field Hospital	76
Hq 152 Italian Training Schools	4457
152 Italian Infantry Schools	4458
152 Italian Instructors School (All Arms)	4459
152 Italian Mechanics School	4460
319 Field Bakery	40

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Marking Numbers.

LAND FORCES GIB-CON, AG (AFIA)

SP/141

10 APR 45

TO : "P" BHM TFC ICF.

1. With reference to your AG/61/345 dated 17 Apr 45 and Appx "A" a copy of the letter has been forwarded to AFHQ.

2. The following additional serial numbers are in use :

20	Rk	Coy	51
070	70	2F	92
70	Bakery		551

AFHQ have been therefore advised that you will allot Serial No 551 to 319 70 Bakery which at present is using Serial 40.

*John C. ...*  
Major General, 1571

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SUBJECT :- Vehicle Marking Numbers.

'F' ELU ITC ICF  
Ref AQ/6A/345

17 Apr 45.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMA)

1. With reference to AFHQ letter WSD/76 dated 14 April, addressed to you, copy to this HQ, herewith please find Appendix "A" in duplicate showing vehicle markings numbers allocated to units of RTC ICF.

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28/4/45

MMA 'G'  
FILE: 57/11  
DATE: 18/4

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Capo Ra

Lt-Col RA

*Handwritten notes and signatures*

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Appendix "A" to BLU letter  
AO/6A/345 dated 17 Apr 45.

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Unit	Serial No
HQ, 'Piceno' Italian Combat Force, RTC	40
152 Italian Ration and POL Depot and 152 Clothing Stores.	40
152 Italian LAD	40
152 Italian Increment to BLU for Italian RTC ICF	40
HQ 152 Italian Provost Coy (CCRR)	40
155 Italian Provost Section (CCRR) (duty)	40
319 Italian Provost Section (CCRR) (Trg)	40
198 Italian Provost Section (CCRR) (Holding)	40
152 Italian Fd Hygiene Section.	77
1500 Italian Indep Tpt Pl	74
152 Italian Mech Engr Pl	86
HQ 1 Italian Reception Regt	81
HQ 1 Italian Reception Bn	55
HQ 2 Italian Reception Bn	56
HQ 3 Italian Reception Bn	57
HQ 2 Italian Inf Rft Regt	87
HQ 4 Italian Inf Rft Trg Bn	60
HQ 5 Italian Inf Rft Trg Bn	61
HQ 6 Italian Inf Rft Trg Bn	62
HQ 3 Italian Composite Rft Regt	42
4 Italian Arty Rfts Depot and 152 Arty School	43
HQ 5 Italian Engineer Rft Bn	46
HQ 6 Italian Mixed Rfts Bn	47
152 Italian Fd Engineering School	48
HQ 6 Italian Mech Engrs Rft Coy	49
152 Italian Combat Force Signal Training Centre	50
83 Field Hospital	76
HQ 152 Italian Training Schools	1457
152 Italian Infantry Schools	1458
152 Italian Instructors School (All Arms)	1459
152 Italian Mechanics School	1460
319 Field Bakery	40

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Unit Signs

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

SD/141

17 ~~18~~ APR 45TO : "F" BLU RIC ICE

Reference your AQ/6A/238 of 6 April 45.

1. Vehicle marking numbers as follows have now been allotted:-

HQ 2 Italian Training Schools	4457
152 Italian Infantry School	4458
152 Italian Instructors School all Arms	4459
152 Italian Mechanic School	4460

2. In order that the records at this HQ may be kept up to date please advise the distribution of the "COMBAT GP" numbers allotted and adopted for the R.T.C.

Copy to: SMRE

  
Major General

WS

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ROUTINE SIGNAL

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FROM :	INIA	DATE	TEG
TO :	AFHQ FOR 03 OND	16	B
INFO :	F BLU MTC KCF		
REF :	AD 2604		

F.B.I.  
24 SEP 1950

REF OUR 6/1/27/40 DATED 15 MAR (\*) MAY APPROPRIATE  
INFORMS PLEASE BE ALERTING TO THESE DATA SPECIFIED

PROCEDURE: ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

*[Handwritten Signature]*

NO DIST:

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SUBJECT :- Unit Signs

'P' BLU ITC ICF  
Ref AQ/6A/238

6 Apr 45

*SD/141*

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

Ref your letter 3/G/29/40 dated 15 Mar 45.

May it please be ascertained if Unit numbers  
have yet been allotted to the Units mentioned therein.

*Quintana*  
*11 May 45*  
Lt-Col RA

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MMIA - 'G'  
FILE: SD/141  
DATE: 11/4

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