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Italian Land Forces Branch

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Subject: Handover to the Italian Army.

Ref your letter Q/144 dated 28 June 1947 addressed to GSHQ(3D) GSHQ and the answer thereto (GSHQ 9818/6 of 4 July).

It appears that GSHQ do not in any event require the retention of Lt. Col. Gibben in Padua after E + 30 when GSHQ will deal with any question which may arise.

This raises the question of whether or not it is necessary to keep Lt. Col. Gibben in Padua from now until E + 30. If GSHQ could assume the responsibilities further with Lt. Col. Gibben could be recalled to Rome where he can be usefully employed with the Italian Control Schools.

Will you please give your comments.

W. J. Gibben Ltd

Major General
Director.

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TRANSLATION

4/16/54 (26)

TO: I.L.P.B.

It is my intention to report the situation of soldiers of the 6th Inf Rgt "Aosta" located in Palermo.

The soldiers of this Rgt are living in a very poor condition and in the dirtiest premises, and without water from 1600 hours to 0500 hours.

There is only one lavatory furnished with 10 taps where a great number of soldiers are supposed to wash. There is a lack of latrines and these are very dirty and scarcely disinfected.

As regards the feeding it would be better not talked of: the cook-houses are full of insects and the dirtiness is such that would upset the anyone's stomach; the cooks can be considered more as coal heavers, from the way they look, rather than cooks. The quality of food is low, and the meals are uneatable.

Several soldiers are compelled never to eat the second course which is always made of potatoes and meat, in order to avoid strong stomach ache and diseases. This would be confirmed by visiting the Military Hospital of Palermo, where the majority of the soldiers of the unit are admitted with gastritis.

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having some inflammable fluids to fight against them and burn the beds.
Robbery of rations is enormous.

Cigarettes are not given to soldiers who go on leave, and 1 day
dry ration is retained, and what is more, the rations issued to them
for the days travelling would not be enough for a child.

The daily ration issued to soldiers does not correspond in
weight to that established.

The shower works once in a while just to satisfy the consciousness
of those in charge.

Thus it is not possible to feel any attachment to one's duties, as
they teach us; they are nine words but this is all.

The above is reported to you hoping that something will be done
by you, as nothing happened from the complaints made to the U.S. Sgt.
Do we complain democratically?

It is a surprising thing, but any time an inspection is
announced the barracks and everything are cleaned up.

Why does not the Col visit the barracks unannounced, when we are
eating the dirty water?

This is a strange thing, but we know that it has been and will
always be like this in Italy.

TRANSLATION 54/10

FROM: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

REF: 212 /11

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TO : SSK ADDRESSEES
I.L.F.B. for info

DATE: 15 May 1947

SUBJECT: General Secretariat of Ministry of Defence - Army -

1. For the coordination of services under the General Directorates and of the other independent units and offices of the Ministry of Defence - Army -, a General Secretariat has been formed, in accordance with art. 3 of the Legislative Decree n. 306 dated 10 May 1947 of the Provisional Chief of the State.

The subdivision of the General Secretariat remains provisionally fixed as follows:

- General Secretariat Office
- Personnel Office and Various Affairs
- S.M. Office
- General Office
- Colonels Movement Office
- Liaison Office, Army - Country -

The general duties of the offices are shown by their respective denominations.

The specific duties will be furnished in a further circular.

2. Until the appointment of the General Secretariat mentioned in the second para of art. 3 of the quoted Decree, the branches of the General Secretariat referred to in para 1 are put under the command of the operating Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Defence.

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.
To : AFHQ - ILFB

Ref: 204275/II
Date : 18/4/47

Subject: Statistic Data.

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Reference request in letter dated 17.2.1947, sent here by L.O. Major L.A. Calabrini, we attach a table showing data relative to permanent and non permanent civilian personnel, serving at the units shown in same table. -

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CIVILE DI RUOLO E PERSONALE CIVILE NON DI RUOLO (AVVENTIZI, DIURNISTI, SALARIATI)

PERSONALE CIVILE NON DI RUOLO				TOTALE
Avventizi	Diurnisti	Salaristi	Totale	GENERALE
1103	1052	779	2934	3505
3	5	1	9	9
28	23	50	101	106
970	2139	12730	15839	16211
128	4744	1216	6088	6256
162	1492	1847	4501	4570
2.354	10.455	16.623	29.472	30.657

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TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of Defence.

Ref: 430/Ord/I

To : H.Q.s Infantry Divisions.
Land Forces Branch for info.

Date: 24 March 1947.

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Subject:- Denomination of units of the infantry divisions.

1. There exist at the moment in the infantry divisions:
- a) - units which have retained the designations of the units from which they were drawn at the time of the formation of the combat groups and which therefore have a very irregular numbering, of little use and not justified on the grounds of tradition and valour,
 - b) - units to which no designation has yet been given.

It is therefore apparent that it is necessary to revise the denominations of the a/m units.

2. To fix the denominations - partly taking into account what has already been learnt from practice - the following principles have been taken as a basis:

- service units

- a) assigned to the divisions on the W.E.:
 - to attribute to each unit only the name of the divisions to which it belongs:
i.e. "Friuli" medical section
 - to attribute, in case of more than one unit of the same type:
to field hospitals, being easily interchangeable, besides

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i.e. "87" inf regt" light mobile workshops
 "2" cavalry" " " "

b)- not assigned to the divisions on the W.I. (auxiliary units): to attribute only a progressive number:

i.e. 1" surgical unit

2" " "

3" " "

- companies included in engineer and signals battalions:
 to attribute a progressive number:

i.e. "Friuli" engineer battalion

1" engineer company

2" " "

3" field park company

- artillery trades units: to attribute the name of the division to which they belong:

i.e. "Friuli" artillery trades unit.

3. - The new denominations, shown in the attached list, will come into effect immediately.

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Gen.

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Enclosure to letter 430/Ord/1 dated
March 1947.

CHANGE OF DENOMINATIONS OF UNITS OF THE INFANTRY

DIVISIONS

Present denomination		Next denomination	
SERVICES			
26th	Medical Section	"Friuli"	Medical Section
54th	" "	"Cremone"	" "
51st	" "	"Legnano"	" "
184th	" "	"Folgore"	" "
104th	" "	"Mantova"	" "
82	Field Hospital	1st	Friuli Field Hospital
360	" "	2nd	Friuli Field Hospital
84	" "	3rd	"Cremone" " "
333	" "	4th	" " " "
244	" "	5th	"Legnano" " "
332	" "	6th	" " " "
516	" "	7th	"Folgore" " "
517	" "	8th	" " " "

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Mobile Workshop for Div. HQ.
(denomination to be assigned)

"Friuli" Div. Mobile Workshop
"Cremona" " " "
"Legnano" " " "
"Folgore" " " "
"Mantova" " " "

L.A.D. (denomination to be assigned)

L.A.D. (a)

Mobile Park (denomination to be assigned)

"Friuli Mobile Park
"Cremona" " "
"Legnano" " "
"Folgore" " "
"Mantova" " "

AUXILIARY UNITS

34th Surgical nucleus
130th " "
131st " "
216th " "
29th X Ray ambulance
133rd " "
113th Dental ambulance
114th " "
1st Bakery Section
2nd " "
316th " "
317th " "
318th " "

1st Surgical nucleus
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "
1st X Ray ambulance
2nd " "
1st Dental ambulance
2nd " "
1st Bakery Section
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "

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"Cremona" Engr. Bn.

29th Engr. Coy.
77th " "
Field Park Coy.

"Legnano" Engr. Bn.

3rd Engr. Coy.
51st " "
Field Park Coy.

"Folgore" Engr. Bn.

10th Engr. Coy.
184th " "
Field Park Coy.

"Mantova" Engr. Bn.

4th Engr. Coy.
79th " "
Field Park Coy.

"Cremona" Engr. Bn.

1st Engr. Coy.
2nd " "
3rd Field Park Coy.

"Legnano" Engr. Bn.

1st Engr. Coy.
2nd " "
3rd Field Park Coy.

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"Mantova" Signal Bn.

Signal Coy for Div. HQs.
 " " " Infantry Regts.
 " " " Arty Regts.

"Mantova" Signal Bn.

1st Signal Coy (for Div. HQ)
 2nd " " (for Infantry)
 3rd " " (for Arty)

DIV. ARTILLERY TRADES UNITS.

Div. Artillery Trades Units
 (denomination to be assigned)

"Friuli" Div. Artillery Trades Unit.
 "Cremona" Div. Artillery Trades Unit.
 "Legnano" Div. Artillery Trades Unit.
 "Polgore" Div. Artillery Trades Unit.
 "Mantova" Div. Artillery Trades Unit.

NOTE

Denomination of the unit to which it is assigned.

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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 GRIQ 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.

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sgt. Liuzzi
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 204168/II

TO: I.M.A.S. L.P.S.S.

DATE: 22 February 1947.

SUBJECT:- Trieste: formation of a medical commission for the liquidation of medical legal matters.

Further to letter 203762/II of 16th inst. relative to personnel of the Italian armed forces in zone "A" of the Venezia Giulia.

1. - We forward, for information, copy of letter dated 30 January last, of Headquarters Allied Military Government Venezia Giulia - Finance Division - received from Udine Military Territorial Command and concerning the formation, in the Venezia Giulia, of a Medical Territorial Commission, for the settlement of medical legal matters relative to military personnel and public administration.
2. - The personnel forming the commission consist of reserve medical officers, no longer serving.
3. - It is considered that personnel, referred to in attachment, must be considered as excess to those laid down by G.H.Q. C.M.F. and reported by your I.M.A.S. in letter 028 A of 3 December 1946.

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