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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI PAVIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico
*****N° 07/4863 di prot.

Bergamo - P.M. 155, li 2 novembre 1945.-

OGGETTO: Richiesta autovetture.-
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AL DAA & QMG

52 B.L.U.

- C. M. F. -

e, per conoscenza:

AL SC REME

52 B.L.U.

- C. M. F. -

- 1.- La situazione autovetture - sin dalla costituzione dell'allora Gruppo di Combattimento - ha lasciato sempre a desiderare, per cui si è dovuto far ricorso ad espedienti per far fronte alle necessità operative comprese.
Questi espedienti - com'è ovvio intuire - si sono conclusi nell'utilizzazione di veicoli di maggiore mole e cilindrata, con conseguente dispendio di carburante.
- 2.- La situazione deficitaria nei cars sin dal nascere dell'allora Gruppo di Combattimento, è andata aggravandosi con le dichiarazioni di B.L.R. alle quali - com'è noto - specie in questi ultimi mesi - non ha fatto riscontro reintegro alcuno.
- 3.- La situazione in atto - riferita alle riduzioni previste dall'allegato "A" al foglio 2019/11/G (O) in data 17 settembre del 2° Distretto, pervenuto in copia con lettera n° 42/21/43 in data 20 settembre di cotesto B.L.U. - offre il seguente quadro:
 - a) - Cars 4 str. 4x2:
 - quantità prevista dalla riduzione: 14;
 - esistenza (corrisponde al quantitativo avuto assegnato all'atto della costituzione): 1;
 - deficienza sin dalla costituzione: 13.-
 - b) - Cars 4x2 L.L. Utility e Cars 5 Cwt. 4x4:
 - Quantità prevista dalla riduzione: 72;
 - Esistenza attuale: 56;
 - Deficienza: 16.-
- 4.- Dal prospetto di cui al precedente numero, emerge che all'allora

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Gruppo di Combattimento venne assegnato un solo cars 4 str 4x2 (per giunta in non buone condizioni d'uso) che è tuttora in servizio ma sul quale può farsi ben poco serio affidamento.

E' noto a cotesto B.L.U. che oltre al Generale Comandante, vi è un generale vice comandante, vi sono dei colonnelli e degli ufficiali superiori di età matura, a disposizione dei quali questo comando non può mettere che qualche vetturina Utility o le Jeeps le quali - come rilevasi dal prospetto - sono anch'esse in numero esiguo. Questi mezzi - specie le Jeeps - prescindendo da ogni altra considerazione non sono certo i più idonei per poter circolare in pieno inverno in zone montane, ove si raggiungono temperature bassissime e dove si hanno frequentissime precipitazioni di pioggia o neve.

5.- In conseguenza delle esposte serie ragioni, questo comando prega la cortesia di cotesto B.L.U. di interporre i suoi buoni uffici presso le autorità alleate perchè alla Divisione vengano assegnati i 13 cars 4 str 4x2 mai ricevuti.

Se il numero appare rilevante, si propone adottare la seguente soluzione di ripiego:

- a) - autorizzazione ad utilizzare sette autovetture italiane da trarsi dal dipendente "Salvage";
- b) - assegnazione di sei cars 4 str 4x2 o 4x4.

Alla rimessa in efficienza dei veicoli di cui alla precedente lettera a) provvederebbe questo comando, ma le autorità alleate dovrebbero usare la cortesia di assegnare i pneumatici necessari per equipaggiare i veicoli in questione.

Ciò non dovrebbe riuscire difficile in quanto - stando alle notizie giunte a questo comando - vi sono depositi di pneumatici catturati al nemico e controllati dalle autorità alleate nei quali esistono i pneumatici che si richiedono.

Per i 16 cars (4x2 Utility o Jeeps) in deficienza, sarebbe opportuno disporre il versamento di altrettanti trucks 15 cwt 4x2 G.S. previa assegnazione delle vetturine, onde consentire la realizzazione di una economia nel consumo del carburante.

6.- Questo comando confida nell'appoggio da parte di cotesto B.L.U. alla presente proposta, in modo che essa possa trovare presto pratica realizzazione.-



d'ordine
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. F. Garofoli)

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Subject : Trucks 15 cwt 4x4 Armoured, Personnel

HQ 59 Area
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3 Nov 1945

To : 52 E.L.U.

Reference your AQ/21/47 of 1 Nov 1945.

On the agenda of the present MILIA Conference for BLUs in MILAN will certainly be the question of transport scales for Italian Gruppi.

For the present no increase in the allotment of these trucks can be made.

*le So.
to cu
and*
PSdeWR/SdeP

PSdeB. Rawson
Major
GS

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Subject : Trucks 15 cwt 4x4 Armoured Personnel.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

1 Nov 45.

AQ/21/45.

HQ 59 Area.

Reference this HQ No. AQ/21/45 dated 11 Oct 45,
addressed to HQ Legnano Inf Div, copy to you.

Legnano Inf Div do not seem satisfied with
our suggestion and have requested that the matter
be referred to higher authority for consideration.

May a ruling please be given.

A copy of Legnano Inf Div's original request
was attached to the above quoted letter.

A. V. Borda

(A. V. BORDA) Major,
for Lieut. Col.
G3.

AVB/hjj

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LEGNANO DIVISION Hq. *AQ/21*

N° 07/4757 *le*

Bergam, 30 Oct. 45 *461*

To DAA & QMG BLU
info to
S.C. REME BLU

SUBJECT : request for vehicles

1. Further to Legnano's letter 07/4095 dated 1 Oct. *- 21/44*
2. Waiting that proper Allied Authorities decide about our suggestion that we forwarded by the letter cited in ~~the~~ 1, please will this Blu ask for the allotment of 9 Armoured personnel in order to complete the W.C. = ref. to sheet n 2019/II G(0) appx "A" dated 17 Sept. 45 from 2 District, sent by Blu's AQ 19/94 dated 19 Sept 45 *— see also 21A/42*
3. we inform that this Division has got only one Armoured personnel.

by order Col. Verofoli.

In AQ/1/437 They stated they had 2 1727

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico

N° 07/ 4454 di prot.

Bergamo P.M. 155, li 30 ottobre 1945.

OGGETTO: richiesta veicoli.-



ALLO DAA & QMG - 52 B.L.U.

C M F

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Sezione Servizi -

S E D E

ALLO S.C. RIME - 52 B.L.U.

C M F

- 1.) Si fa seguito al foglio di questo Comando n. 07/4095 in data 1 c.m.-
2. In attesa che le autorità alleate competenti decidano in merito alla proposta avanzata da questo Comando col foglio citato nel precedente n. 1, si interessa la cortesia di cotesto B.L.U. compiacersi richiedere l'assegnazione di 9 "armoured personnel" onde completare l'organico previsto dall'allegato "A" al foglio n. 2013/11 ^{C/O} in data 18/9/45 del 2° Distretto pervenuto in copia con lettera n. 80/19/44 in data 19/9/45 di cotesto B.L.U.-
3. Si rende noto che - in atto - questa Divisione ha in carico un solo veicolo del genere.-



d'ordine
IS. CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. F. Garofoli)

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Subject : Trucks 15-cwt and 4x4 Armoured Personnel.

52 British Liaison Unit,
GMP.

11 Oct 45.

AG/21/45.

HC Legnano Inf Div.

Ref your 07/4085 dated 1 Oct 45.

Amendments to new establishments are considered only for reasons based on their trial in practice. The period usually accepted for trial is six months.

Therefore an application now, for an increase in the allotment of trucks, Armoured Personnel, is certain to meet with a negative reply from GPHC.

It is suggested that the question should be raised in five months from now.

59 Area has however been notified of your request.

H.F.
(H. FERRO) Major,
for Lieut-Col,
G3.

HF/hj

Copy to : 59 Area.

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TRANSLATION

COPY

Subject : Trucks 15-cwt 4x4 Armoured Personnel.

MT Office
"Legnano" Gruppo.
37/4085.
1 Oct 45.

DAAACMS 52 BLU
SC. PENE 52 BLU (for info).

1. Annex "A" to 2 District's 2019/11 9(c), forwarded with your AQ/21/43 of 20 Sep 45 orders the reduction from 22 (present WE) to 12 Trucks, Armoured, Personnel.
2. This reduction is without doubt possible from the point of view of training, but necessities of quite a different and easily imaginable character would suggest that, similarly to Cars Reces, no reduction should be made in the numbers of this type of vehicle. Indeed these necessities would suggest that the possibility of increasing the allocation of both types be examined. Of course, these vehicles would be kept aside for use only when the need arises.
3. Please give our proposal your attention.

(Signed) Col. F. GAROFOLI,
Chief of Staff.

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UFFICIO DI COMBATTIMENTO "155" NO
Ufficio Automobilistico

Danti
 5/10

n°07/ 4095 di prot.

Bergamo P.M.155, li 1 ottobre 1945

O C G E T T O : Truck 15 cwt 4 x 4 Armoured Personnel.-



DAA & QMG

- 52 BLU

C M F

e, per conoscenza:

SC.EME

- 52 BLU

C M F

- 1.- L'allegato "A" al foglio n.2019/11 G(O) del 2° Distretto, trasmesso con AQ/21/43 in data 20 settembre di cotesto B.L.U. dispone - tra l'altro - la riduzione da 22 (vigente organico) a 12 Armoured Personnel.
- 2.- Al fine addestrativi, indubbiamente la riduzione é possibile, ma necessità di indole ben diversa e facilmente intuibile, consiglierebbero che a somiglianza dei "Cars Récce", neppure per questo tipo venisse apportata riduzione alcuna. Anzi, suggerirebbero esaminare la possibilità di addivenire ad un congruo aumento dei due tipi.
 Ovviamente, questi veicoli verrebbero tenuti accantonati per essere utilizzati solamente in casi di bisogno.
- 3.- Si prospetta la cosa, pregando di esaminarla attentamente e benevolmente.



d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
 (Col. F. Garofoli)

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SUBJECT : HQ 1st of Vene & Egt of Italian Gruppo. 43

92 British Liaison Unit

CMF

20 Sep 45

AG/21/43

HQ Legnano Combat Group.

The attached copy of HQ 2 District letter No 2015/11 G(0) dated 17 Sep 45 is forwarded for information and action as indicated.

AVB/ea

Av. J.
Major
for DATA/AG

Copy to : 'G' 52 BLU
EME 52 BLU

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SUBJECT :- Holdings of Vechs and Equipmt
of Italian Gruppi

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44 2 District CMF
23 15/1 1 (J)
17 Sept 45.

50 BLU (2)
51 BLU (2)
52 BLU (2)
53 BLU (2)
56 BLU (2)

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59 Area
217 Area
218 Area
60 Sub Area

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1. AFHQ have now decided policy to be adopted regarding vehicles and equipments held by Italian Gruppi which is as stated in para 2 below.

2. Vehicles, Artillery Equipment and Mortars will be allowed to move down to the quantities indicated in Appendix 'A' attached, and no further releases of these items will be made except to bring Gruppi up to the scales shown; nor will any special issues be made without reference to AFHQ. Approval for special releases will only be given in very exceptional circumstances.

3. It is known that some Gruppi are in possession of captured vehicles, the retention of which has not been authorized. Retention will now be authorized up to the scales shown in Appendix 'A' on application to the HQ. Vehicles held which cannot be absorbed into the new scales will be disposed of to parks as follows between 1 Oct 45 and 16 Oct 45.

- (a) 218 (Special) Area German VP 21.1.45 A 70
- (b) 2 CEM Group VP 23.1.45 E 03 or VERONA
- (c) 3 CEM Group VP MILAN or BIANCAMANO

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218 Area
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- (a) 218 (Special) Area German VP 31.1471A M 70
- (b) 2 CMA Group VP 0821 R 05 or VERONA
- (c) 3 CMA Group VP 0114F or 0114G

whichever park is the most convenient.

(Sd) MH MOL JAMES Major
for Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO
2/1/1 8(3) IF
17 Sept 45

SCALES TO WHICH VEHICLES, ARTILLERY EQUIPMENTS AND
MORTARS OF ITALIAN GRUPPI SHALL BE ALLOWED TO WEIGH
WITHOUT REPLACEMENT.

ITEM	SCALE FOR GRUPPO
1. 'A' Vehicles	
(a) Cars Lt Recon	17
(b) Carriers (all types)	110
(c) Trucks And Personnel	110
2. 'B' Vehicles	
(a) MGS	230
(b) Cars 4 x 2 LP Utility)	72
Cars 5 x 2 4 x 4)	14
(c) Cars 4-cvt 4 x 2	245
(d) Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	243
(e) Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	12
(f) Gun turrets	2
(i) 25 pdr	18
(ii) 17 pdr	4
(iii) 6 pdr	
(iv) 40 mm mortars	
3. ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT	
(a) Guns 25 pdr	8
(b) Guns 17 pdr	2
(c) Guns 6 pdr	18
(d) Guns 40 mm mortars	4
4. MORTARS	
(a) 3"	20
(b) 2"	100

NOTE: Deficiencies in Gun and Mortar stores will not be
replaced if holdings are greater than the following
percentages of existing scales :-

(a) 25 pdr 25%
(b) 17 pdr 25%

(c) Trucks and Personnel

2. 13' Vehicles

(a)	WTS	130
(b)	Cars 4 x 2 LT Utility }	72
	Cars 3 CWT 4 x 4 }	14
(c)	Cars 4-CWT 4 x 2	245
(d)	Trucks 15 CWT 4 x 2	241
(e)	Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 CG	
(f)	Gun towers	12
	(i) 25 pdr	2
	(ii) 17 pdr	18
	(iii) 6 pdr	4
	(iv) 40 mm BOPORS	

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(b)	Guns 17 pdr	2
(c)	Guns 6 pdr	18
(d)	Guns 40 mm BOPORS	4

4. MORTARS

(a)	3"	80
(b)	2"	100

NOTE: Deficiencies in Gun and Mortar stores will not be replaced if holdings are greater than the following percentages of existing stocks :-

(a)	25 pdr	25%
(b)	17 pdr	25%
(c)	6 pdr	50%
(d)	40 mm BOPORS	33 1/3rd %
(e)	3" Mortars	50%
(f)	2" Mortars	66 2/3rd %

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Subject: Military Tribunals Italian Army.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.

16 July 45.

G/20/100

HQ DESMANS Gruppo.

1. Information has been received from IMIA that the Ministry of War is anxious to appoint permanent presidents of the rank of Colonel or Lieut-Col for the Combat Group Military Tribunals, and considers that such appointments would be desirable.
2. In order to avoid an increase in the WB, the Ministry of War has proposed that the Intelligence - Operations Section of the Combat Group HQs (WE/CM/523/1) should be reduced by one officer of suitable rank and an amendment made to the WB to include an officer for duty as permanent President of the Military Tribunals.
3. Will you please forward your comments on this proposal to this HQ at an early date, stating whether or not it will be acceptable?

TFL/MS

Copy to: A/C.

W. H. H. H. H.
Lieut-Col.
CS.

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Subject :- Function and Disposal of 183
Technical Maintenance Sec (Italian)

52 British Liaison Unit
 CMY

BLUS/13

12 May 45

HQ LEGNANO Group

1. Further to letter BLUS/13 of 16 April instructions have now been received from Fifth Army that action will be taken as set out below.
2. (i) In the first place, there is a new War Establishment for an Italian technical maintenance section. A copy is attached as Appendix 'A' to this letter. It was distributed under authority CSO AFHQ X 107E of 27 Feb 45.
 (ii) You will note that the main provision is for the splitting of the section into a headquarters and two subsections. One subsection is attached to each Gruppo which the section serves. In the case of LEGNANO and FOLCORE, No 1 Subsection will remain with LEGNANO and No 2 will go to FOLCORE.
3. A report has to be made by this HQ to Fifth Army that action has been taken to implement the new War Establishment and split 183 T.M. Sec. The date established for the split is 28 May. On that date No 2 Subsection will accordingly move to the FOLCORE Gruppo di Combattimento. Please ensure that Capitano PERRARESE receives all necessary instructions and that FOLCORE are notified of the estimated time of arrival of the party. It is suggested that they should be attached to FOLCORE Divisional Workshops for rations and discipline.

4. Personnel

- (i) OC 183 T.M. Sec should be instructed to divide the available personnel between the two subsections. It is pointed out that both subsections continue of course to form part of his command, and that he is responsible for the one with FOLCORE just as much as for the one with LEGNANO. He is therefore in a position at any time to change men from one subsection to another. He himself will continue to have his HQ here, as in the past. See para 7 below.

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(ii) Please submit requests for personnel to complete to establishment through normal channels. It is felt that now Northern Italy has been freed, more technicians may become available at the Reinforcement Centre.

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5. Equipment OC 183 T.M. Sec should be instructed to divide his available technical equipment between the two subsections according to their needs. See para 8 below.

6. Transport.

(i) Existing transport at present held by the section will be split as follows :-

HQ	No 1 Subsec	No 2 Subsec.
Austin Car	-	-
Lorry 3-ton GS	-	1
" 6-ton GS	1	-
Workshop Lorry	-	1
Motorcycle	1	-

(ii) The workshop lorry is sent to POLIGONE on the assumption that the personnel of 163 T.M. Sec will use the 2 lorry now held by LEGNANO Workshops. See para 8 below.

(iii) Efforts should be made to adjust the transport to the new establishment as soon as possible, though it would of course be inadvisable to hand in any of the existing vehicles till the replacements (viz: 15 cwt for OCS car, and 3-ton for 6-ton lorry) arrive. The second workshop lorry should also be requested.

7. Administration of the section will continue to be the responsibility of the LEGNANO Gruppo until such time as other instructions are received

8. Function of No 1 subsection

(1) The type of work to be carried out by the subsections has been ~~left~~ ^{left} to the discretion of the Gruppi to which they are attached.

(ii) In this Gruppo the need continues to be for personnel to carry out 2nd line repairs in Divisional Workshops. No 1 subsection should therefore operate the 2 lorry in lieu of personnel not available for the Telecom section of Divisional Workshops. Please make arrangements for this to be done as soon as possible.

R. *h. d. Adam*

" 6-ton Gs
Workshop Lorry
Motorcycle

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RGA/aa

R. Hall Adam
Captain
SO. R. Sigs

Copy to :- CC 163 Tech Maint Sec
DAAECMG 52 ELU
SO REHE 52 110
SO R Sigs 53 BLU

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SUBJECT: CC.RR. for Combat Groups. - - - - -

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
TEL: 489081 Ex 538

A 170

29. April 45

TO : Ministry of War. - - - - -

Reference your 12046/Ord of 14 April.

1. As you know, the ceiling of 1865 for CC.RR. ITI-ITI personnel allotted to the Army is already fully committed. Our SD/94 of 8 March refers. In order to post a CC.RR. Captain as Provost Marshall to each Combat Group it is therefore necessary to make a reduction elsewhere.

2. It is considered that this reduction can be made with least inconvenience from the General duty men in 152 CC.RR. Coy at RTC on W.E. CM/737/1, whose duties could be carried out by some of the 100 CC.RR. reinforcements authorized at CESANO or by GD men on the permanent staff of the RTC HQ.

3. An amendment has therefore been made to W.E. CM/737/1 reducing the GD men from 7 to 2, and increasing the number of officers from 1 Captain and 1 Subaltern to 6 Captains and 1 Subaltern. The CC.RR. Captains to be sent to Combat Groups will consequently be carried on the strength of 152 CC.RR. Company, CESANO, and be attached, one to the HQ of each Combat Group.

4. Any proposal for a CC.RR. HQ in the Combat Group in addition to the Captain mentioned above cannot be authorized by MHA, since there is no room for further increases within the ceiling, unless a proposal can be made for a corresponding reduction elsewhere.

5. Please report to MHA the names of the CC.RR. Captains who are to be posted to Groups in accordance with the above, and confirm that the strength of HQ 152 CC.RR. Company has been correspondingly reduced.

COPY TO:

AFHQ for G3 Org (For)

CG 15 Army Group

CG 5 Army

CG 5 Army for British Increment

W Pidsley Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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AFHQ for G3 Org (For)

CG 15 Army Group

CG 5 Army

CG 5 Army for British Increment
8 Army

MMA LO British Increment 5 Army

MMA LO 8 Army

SO, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLU's

'F' BLU, RTC ICF

INTERNAL: G(SD)

ek

W. Pidsley
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Pass to Bureau for info

Ad

Subject:- 183 T4 Section attached
LEGNAME - PELIGRE GRUPPOS

SO REME 52 FLU

Ref No:- BME/7/8.

NOTE
 British Increment
EC 5 Army

Date:- 26 APR 45

Copy to:- SO Sigs 52 FLU
 DAA & QMG 52 FLU ✓

Ref your MESA/100/16 dated 19 Apr 45

1. Your para 1 - this is the point that both myself and SO Sigs are endeavouring to settle and it was for this purpose that my notes BME/7/5 d/d 16 Apr 45 were compiled.
 It would appear that the mistake was originally made by AFHQ when drawing up WB 41/30/1 for the above section, SO Sigs is now endeavouring to correct this mistake but it is however rather complicated by the fact that this section has been mistakenly designed to serve two Gruppos i.e. act as a Corps Unit.
2. Your para 2 - a 3 Lorry for the WE Wksp has not yet been released and from discussions with DAA & QMG 52 FLU it does not seem likely that it will be available for some time, it is known however that 3 lorries were recently available at the PELIGRE Veh Pk.
 The Italian personnel required for this Wireless Section are still unobtainable but it is hoped that your MESA/10 d/d 24 Apr 45 will provide a solution to this problem.
3. Your para 3 - we have heard of no more developments in this matter since our letter of 16 Apr 45 but we will keep you fully advised.

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R.H. Nelson SO REME

Subject: 183 T M
 on att to
 LEGMAN in FOLGORE Groups

31
 British Increment (REME Branch),
 Rear Fifth Army, C.M.P.

Phone: Lightning Rear 175,

2/56
 MESA/103/16

19 Apr 45.

S/Capt REME 52 B L U

Copy to: HQ 52 B L U

SO Sigs 52 B L U

folio 27 refers

Ref MESA/7 dated 16 Apr 45

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D.F.M.E.

Subject: War Establishments.

RESTRICTED.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

20 Apr 45.

6/20/92

HQ MEMO.

The att copy of extract from AFHQ WE Committee Meeting
No 192, held on 2 Apr 45, is forwarded for information.

Aluchoch
Major,
GS.

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Copy to: Rear 52 HCU,
BC RMCE.

Serial Number.

War Est.

CM/S40/1

Addition to minutes of meeting No 126

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HIGH AND DETACHMENTS FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GP.
Amend note to read:-

LADs will be provided for following units
forming part of an Italian Combat Gp.

Each Infantry Regt (2)	-	1
Artillery Regt	-	2
Engineer Bn (1 for Regt 1 for Sigs)	-	2
Total		<u>6</u>

Will be promulgated as amendment No 1

1713

Subject: Auxiliary II Is.52 British Liaison Unit,
GMP.19 Apr 45.W/21/54.HQ LEBRONO.

The following is copy of Hq 5 Army signal SD 969 of 17 Apr, for your information and necessary action:-

" To: 15 Army Group.
Info: 52 BUL.

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SD 969 (.) Conversation Morgan/St Hour refers (.) First (.) Destination
3 Italian 84 Park Coy to be Legnano Op (.) Rep 48 hrs ahead to Comd
54 Bgr ~~and~~ and Sig Bn for detailed location and instructions (.)
Second (.) Destination Hq, G, D, and E Secs 1 Italian MAG GAFACCHIO
9.6390 "

W/21/54

Copy to: SCHE
Reer 52 BUL.

Alfred
Major,
GMP.

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RESTRICTED.Subject: Gas Training Team for ICF.52 British Liaison Unit,
GIF.12 Apr 45.G/21/55NO DISSEM.

The following extract from the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the War Establishments Committee, Land Forces Sub Comm (1501A) is forwarded for info:-

"Gas Trg Team for the Italian Combat Force (Italian Army) CM/874/1
It was agreed to approve this establishment wof 12 Apr 45 subject to AFHQ concurrence. It consists of 1 offcr, 3 ORs and 1 lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS. The proposal was considered at the request of IICP, AFHQ. IICP letter IICP/88/13211 refers.

The Team is designed to assist Combat Groups in Anti-Gas warfare and will also organise instructor courses for junior leaders at the Reinforcement Training Centre to the Italian Combat Force.

The lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS is required for the carriage of stores, equipment and personnel during visits of the Team to individual units of the Combat Groups. It was considered that this vehicle was essential in order that the team should be suitably mobile. The inclusion of this unit in Category 3, BR-ITI (Service Type) has been agreed in principle by AFHQ."

M. H. H. H.
Major,
GS.

TPI/NS

Copy to: Rear 52 BLU.
DADOS.

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Subject:- 183 Section att to
LEGHANO-POLGORE GRUPPOS

SC RIME 52 BLU

Ref to:- WMR/7/

Date:- 16 Apr 45

DDMR
 British Increment
Fifth Army

Copy to:- DAA & QMG 52 BLU
SO Sigs 52 BLU

1. Enclosed notes on the above Section, those were drawn up for guidance of SO R Sigs 52 BLU to enable him to correctly position this section. The whole question has been discussed with the POLGORE GRUPPO 55 BLU and as a result of this discussion the following alternatives have been suggested:-
 - (a) This section be sited as an 'M' Section with Div Sigs (LEGHANO) or
 - (b) Pending the arrival of the deficiencies in Wireless personnel of the ME Wkps, 5 of this Section be attached to the Z Lorry of the ME Wkps for training in all repair work, the remainder of the Section to be attached to POLGORE.
2. At present this Section is supposed to function as a 2/4 Line Unit and serve both LEGHANO & POLGORE GRUPPOS, it will off course be appreciated that this is quite impossible RIME being responsible for all 2/4 Line repair.
3. It is now for Sigs to decide and SO R Sigs 52 BLU will be taking the matter up with Col Hyde SO R Sigs I D Army. No true decision can be made however until the Z Lorry for the ME Wkps LEGHANO has been obtained and hastening action is required in this direction.

P.H. Nelson, SC RIME.

183 Technical Maintenance Section Attached to LEMMAO GRUPPO.1. Repair capacity of 183 TM Section

It is desired to ascertain the capabilities and correct designation of this section so that its operational employment in regard to the repair system of Signal Equipment within the Legnano Combat Group can be decided.

At present this section is operating (although not actually working) as a Corps Unit and it is intended to serve FOLGONE and LEMMAO Grupos. From an examination of its WE and G.1088 Regt however it is apparent that this section is only capable of 1st Line repair and should therefore be regarded as a Div Unit and in fact treated as a normal Br, "M" Section - a section which is usually attached to Div Sigs

To correctly place the Section its WE is given below together with a brief description of the two normal Br Sig Rep Section and our final suggestions re the most suitable application of this Section.

2. WE of 183 TM Section

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Deficiencies</u>
Captain OC	1	1	-
Sgt	2	2	-
Radio Electricians	4	2	2
Telephone Mechs	5	4	1
Precision Mechs	2	2	Nil
Turners	2	2	-
Carpenters	2	2	-
Blacksmiths	1	-	1
Motor Cyclists	1	1	-
Clerks	1	1	-
Dvr Mechs	2	2	-
Drivers	4	4	-
Gen Duties	2	2	-
Cooks (attached)	1	1	-
Totals	30	26	4

Vehicles

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Motor-Cycles, solo	1
Cars 2-seater 2 x 2	1
Lorries 6-Ton 3 v 2 GS	1
Lorries 3-Ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 4 x 2 Vesp 3-Ton	1
Total Vehs	4

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Sheet 2.Note re Lorries 4 x 2 Wap.

This lorry cannot be regarded as a Z Lorry, its eqpt being

1. Instrument Type Lathe
2. Small Power Drill
3. Grinder
4. Power Take-off.

3. Org of W/T Set Repair in Br Inf Div

System (a) (i) Sig Sect (3 Rad Mechs & 1 Telegraph Mech) attached to each Bde for 1st Line Repair.
 (ii) 'M' Sect att to Div Sigs for 1st & light 2nd Line R repair also responsible for back-loading to Bde Z Lorry in charge of Div Sig Ept
 (iii) Z Lorry att to Bde Wap for 2/4 Line Repair.

System (b) (i) 'M' Sect Sigs att to Div HQ for 1st Line Repair
 (ii) All 3 Z Lorries with stores and eqpt located at Div HQ. In this system the order of evacuation of Ept is as follows:-

Bde Sig Sec - minor repairs others back-loaded to
 'M' Sec Sigs - repairs within their capacity others B/L to Z Lorry acting as Wireless Section BME and forming a complete unit under Div Wireless BME.

In both Systems (a) & (b) the Div between 1st & 2nd Line is very flexible depending largely upon the ability of Sig personnel, their eqpt and the degree of priority necessary. Actually Sigs personnel are only required to do 1st Line Repairs as laid down in "Roh Repair Schedules" issued by AFHQ.

Z Lorries are responsible for 2/4 Line Repairs, 3rd Line not existent and any eqpt back-loaded from Z Lorry is invariably a bare job involving almost / complete new rebuilding.

For work requiring a long repair period a system of pool sets is normally adopted and each Z Lorry holds a scaling of these sets which are issued to replace damaged sets, the damaged sets being repaired and put back into pool.

4. Observations

- (a) TM Section is only capable of 1st Line Repair
- (b) It is short of its G, 1938 Ept but even if complete this eqpt falls far short of that of a Z Lorry and the Sec could only undertake very minor 2nd Line Repair
- (c) It is also short of stores, has no technical literature and what is more important no copies of BMEI for eqpt to be serviced.
- (d) The personnel seem well trained and should be able to act efficiently as a 'M' Sect Sigs but eventually that

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capacity will be hard pushed if required to operate two Grupos.

- (e) At present there is no Italian Wireless personnel or Z Lorry with the LEGNANO ME Wkps but these are temporarily replaced with a Br Z Sect who have up to now been responsible for 2/4 Line Repair within the Gruppo.
- (f) A Z Lorry is included in the ME of this ME Wksp but when this is obtained there is still the difficulty of finding the necessary Ital personnel for this section.

5. Suggested System of Repair for LEGNANO GRUPPO

The Br system as detailed in 3 (a) is recommended and the necessary modifications to the existing system are given below

- (a) Each Sig Platoon att to the three Regts of the Group (2 Inf & 1 Arty) includes 3 Red Mochs and 1 Telegraph Moch. Thus, each Regtl HQ has a small Telecommunications Wksp with Test Sgpt for the 1st Line Repair of all Sig Sgpt held by that Regt.
- (b) If the repair is beyond the capabilities of the Regtl Telecomm Wksp, the Sgpt is evacuated as follows:-
 - (i) If the Sgpt is of Regtl origin - direct to Legnano Group REHE Wksp.
 - or (ii) If the Sgpt belongs to Sig Coy it is evacuated to 51 Compagnia Teleradio HQ Wksp which is manned by 5 (actual strength 3) Radio Mochs & 4 Telegraph Mochs. Repairs beyond the capabilities of this Wksp are then evacuated to Legnano Group REHE.
- (c) A Br Z Section is attached to Group REHE Wksp for 2/4 Line Repairs and all work back-loaded by this Sect will be complete write-offs.

Notes- (a) & (b) are at present in operation but in the case of (c) a parallel Ital Z Sect is required and it is recommended that these personnel be attached from the 133 TH Sect.

For the time being Br personnel will be responsible for the repair work but at the same time they could be instructing the Ital personnel who as they become proficient would then take over this work. The above system would of course be made to apply to both LEGNANO & BOLCONE GRUPPOS. BOLCONE deficiencies in Z Sect Ital personnel being made up also from the TH Sect. This would then mean that the TH Sect had no function to fulfil but if desired this sect could be built up with replacements from Ital Rft Centre (when available), and possibly sited at BORGO S. LORENZO with the REHE 3rd Line Wksp.

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Subject :- Function and Disposal of 183
Technical Maintenance Sec (Italian)

SECRET

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

16 Apr 45

BLUS/13

Signal Officer British
5 Army CP

1. The following is a report on the present position of the above section, a statement of the difficulties encountered in using it, and a proposal for their settlement. It is to be noted however from para 5 (i) below, that no action is requested on your part nor by DAM&QMG 52 BLU pending at least the actual arrival here of a "Z" lorry against the WE of the Italian Workshops. This will be notified to you when it happens.

2. Summary of position of section

(i) This section was formed on WE AI/30/1 w.e.f. 20 Oct 44 under authority AFHQ letter CR/1116/G-1 (Br) (Ser 0961) dated 31 Oct 44.

(ii) Completion of formation was reported by this HQ to Signal Officer British, 5 Army CP, on 5 Apr 45.

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(iv) It is understood that the section was intended to repair Signal eqpt for both the LEGNANO and FOLGOPE Groups, but no indication was received as to whether this was to be 1st, 2nd or 3rd line repair.

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(iii) Role in which section is required In the LEGNANO Group repair of Signal eqpt is carried out as follows :-

(a) Each Regt Sig Pl has three radio mechs and 1 tele mech. It can carry out 1st line repair within the Regt.

(b) At Sig Coy HQ there are 3 radio mechs and 4 telemechs. To them Sig Coy eqpt is evacuated for 1st line repair if beyond the immediate capabilities of the Pl mechs (either through time or scope).

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(c) Any regimental eqpt that cannot be dealt with at Regt Sig Pl, and any Sigs Coy eqpt that cannot be dealt with at Sigs Coy HQ, is evacuated for 2/4 line repairs to Divisional Workshops. These are under REME direction, and repairs they cannot carry out constitute solely write-offs and base rebuilding jobs, in respect of which BLR certificates apply.

It is not clear how 183 Tech Maint Section could be inserted into this repair chain with advantage.

(iv) Existing state of Divisional workshops.

Although at present the chain of repair as set out above operates satisfactorily, it only does so because the Italian Divisional Workshops have a British Z lorry attached. In the LEGHANO Gp both the personnel and the Z lorry of the Telecom Section of Divisional Workshops are deficient. It is understood that the position in the POLCORE Group is similar.

The British Z lorry and personnel are attached from 18 Inf Bde Workshops, and it is understood that the intention is to withdraw them when the Italians are capable of taking over the commitment. It is at the same time appreciated that you have stated you will try to leave the British Z lorry here as long as possible.

4. Proposals

In order to reach at least a temporary solution of the above problems, it is proposed that the undermentioned plan should be put into operation. All parties concerned are in agreement over it, except the Italian officer actually commanding 183 T.M. Sec who is much distressed that his section should be split up.

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5. Comment

- (i) It will be seen that the whole of the above plan is dependent upon properly equipped Z lorries being available against WE of LEGNANO and POLGORE Div Wkshps. It would appear however that there is considerable doubt whether they will be.

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 (ii) If they should not, then it would seem that 183 T.M. Sec must be allotted specifically to either LEGN.NO or FOLGORE, and the other Group continue indefinitely with British assistance.

(iii) With this possibility in view, and in order not to waste time, personnel from 183 T.M. Sec are now receiving further technical instruction from the British REME increment here. And in due course after adjustment of eqpt if necessary we would be prepared to keep the Section in lieu of having a Telecom Sec in Div Workshops.

RGa/aa

Chad. Adam
 Captain
 SO. R.Sigs

Copy to :- SO. R.Sigs Land Forces Sub Comm 40 (MILA)
 D.M.&QMG 52 BLU
 SO REME 52 BLU
 SO. R.Sigs 53 BLU
 HQ LEGN.NO Group
 OC 183 Tech Maint Section (Italian)

Rhod. Adam

Captain
SO. R.Sigs

RGa/aa

Copy to :- SO. R.Sigs Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MILIA)

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SO REME 52 BLU
SO. R.Sigs 53 BLU
HQ LEGMNO Group
OO 183 Tech Maint Section (Italian)

1703

Subject: Surplus Officers - Legnano Group

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
SD/29/2

4 April 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Attached is a list of officers, surplus to War Establishment, which the Commanding General, 15 Army Group wishes to remain on the strength of Legnano Group pending approval of proposed amendments to the W.E. The retention of any officers listed here and not covered by such amendments will be subject to review on 1 May 1945.

2. You are requested to authorize Legnano Group to hold these officers surplus to W.E. as instructed above.
directed

/ek

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

Copies to: AFHQ G-1(Br)
C.G. 15 Army Group (your 3149/1/A(0) of 27 Mar refers)
C.G. Fifth Army (Br Iner 'A' Branch)
52 BLU —

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Subject: Formation of New Units.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CIB.

6/21/45

From: 52 HW.

29 Mar 45.

Ref this HQ letter 6/21/44 dated 23 Mar 45.

1. HQ Liaison report that the following men are still needed to complete 183 Tech Maintenance Section to it's WE :-

Wireless Mechs	- 2
W/P Operator	- 1
Blacksmith	- 1

and that they are being requested weekly from RUC without any results.

*No one in Service
has ever heard of
these before.*

ask via file 17 page 24.

TEL/AG

Rec'd 30 Mar
AQ/21/

Blacklock 707
Major,
CS.

SUBJECT: Surplus Officers - Legnano Gruppo

15 Army Group (A/C) Branch)

Copy to: 52 BLU

British Troopment (A Branch)
Rear HQ 5th Army
CMF

Phone No: LIGHTNING REAR 162

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24 Mar 45

Reference conversation Lt.Col. GERNETT - Major LYTTLETON
of 23 Mar 45.

1. Attached hereto is a schedule showing details of officers at present held surplus to establishment by Legnano Gruppo, for whom authority for retention is requested. Legnano Gruppo have had orders from the Ministry of War to return all officers surplus to establishment, and this has been done, with the exception of those officers shown in the attached schedule.
2. Although these officers are surplus to establishment, many of their appointments will be shown in the proposed amendments to Gruppo W.E. which will shortly be forwarded for approval. These officers are all considered of operational necessity at the present time, and in view of the fact that Legnano Gruppo has just gone into the line, it is considered most desirable that these officers remain with their formations until the Gruppo has become more settled, and it is found possible to dispense with some of them.
3. It would be appreciated if this matter could be taken up with the Ministry of War, and the necessary authority obtained.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)
Fifth Army.

HDL/MY

Rec'd 29th
42/21/

1700

Richiesta supplementare di ufficiali
in più deg. organici stabiliti (No 429 ufficiali)

COMANDO o REPARTO	UFFICIALI RICHIESTI IN PIU	TOTALE per Cdo o reparto	TOTALE per grup- po di comb.
- Comando gruppo	1 vice comandante 1 ufficiale per operazioni 1 ufficiale per servizi 1 ufficiale interprete tedesco 2 ufficiali interpreti inglese	6	6
- Comando regt. fanteria	1 ufficiale ai materiali 1 ufficiale al personale 1 ufficiale interprete inglese	3	6
- Comando regt. artiglieria	1 ufficiale al tiro 1 ufficiale ai materiali 1 ufficiale informatore 2 ufficiali interpreti inglese	5	5
- Comando btg. fanteria	1 ufficiale vice comandante 1 ufficiale informatore 1 ufficiale ai materiali 1 ufficiale interprete inglese	4	24
- Comando btg. bersaglieri	1 ufficiale capellano	1	1
- Comando Btg. genio	1 ufficiale informatore	1	1
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1 ufficiale informatore
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1 ufficiale vice comandante
1 ufficiale informatore
1 ufficiale ai materiali
1 ufficiale interprete inglese

1 ufficiale cappellano

1 ufficiale informatore

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Organico ufficio da approvare 425 + 43 = 472

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SUBJECT:- W.E. Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.P.

27 Mar 45

To:- G(3D)

British Increment
Rear HQ Fifth Army.

AQ/21/19

It is felt the enclosed demand from the Legnano Group for vehicles to complete to WE needs certain explanations.

1. Trucks 15 cwt personnel were released to the Group to complete to WE shortly before the Group moved forward. These with many other vehicles had to be collected from 6 Veh Group, BARI involving a round trip of over 1000 miles. Unfortunately one vehicle carrying drivers South broke down and failed to reach BARI and as a result the officer collecting vehicles was compelled to leave three undrawn. The release has since lapsed leaving the present deficiency of three, now demanded.

2. A lorry 3 ton 4x4 Winch was released by ARHQ at the same time as the vehicles in para 1 above. It was to be drawn at CAPUA and was included in the same release as the Bari vehicles. Instructions were given to the officer as to the procedure to be adopted, but unfortunately owing to language difficulties the Ven Park at BARI refused to hand over the release note to enable the Capua vehicle to be drawn. This release has now lapsed and the vehicle remains deficient on W.E.

3. Arrangements were made with ARHQ for one lorry 3 ton 6x4 Mach type 2 to be transferred to the Group from 53 HAA Workshops which unit was about to be disbanded. Apparently the Unit was not disbanded as no order for the transfer has been given.

4. The lorry 3 ton 6x4 Crane has been demanded on several occasions but to date has not been available.

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Major.
DAAG&CHS.

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2. A lorry 3 ton 4x4 Winch was released by AMHQ at the same time as the vehicles in para 1 above. It was to be drawn at CAPUA and was included in the same release as the Bari vehicles. Instructions were given to the officer as to the procedure to be adopted, but unfortunately owing to language difficulties the Van Park at BARI refused to hand over the release note to enable the Capua vehicle to be drawn. This release has now lapsed and the vehicle remains deficient on W.F.
3. Arrangements were made with AMHQ for one lorry 3 ton 6x4 Mach type 2 to be transferred to the Group from 55 HAA Workshops which unit was about to be disbanded. Apparently the Unit was not disbanded as no order for the transfer has been given.
4. The lorry 3 ton 6x4 Crane has been demanded on several occasions but to date has not been available.

RWC/NN.

Major.
DAARQZ.

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COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Sezione Servizi -
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N° 03/851 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 24 Marzo 1945

Oggetto: Situazione autovetture.--

AL 52° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Come noto gli organici prevedevano l'assegnazione di
112 "cars" al Gruppo di Combattimento.

Sono state ^{invece} assegnate:

- Utility	n.	20
- Car seater 4 x 4	"	1
- Car 1/4 ton 4 x 4 (Jeep)	"	43 +
- Truck 15 cwt G.S.	"	48

	n.	112.

Il 45% del totale risulta così costituito da automez-
zi 3/4.

Tenuto conto che le Utility sono macchine delicate e
non adatte al terreno dove il gruppo è schierato restano come mac-
chine utili n. 40 jeep (essendo le altre 3 ormai dichiarate BLR)

Da tale numero va ancora sottratto circa il 10%-media
delle inefficienze.--

Si aveva già l'impressione che le jeep a disposizione
fossero assolutamente insufficienti (ciò era stato rappresentato
a cotesto BLU ed al Sig. Generale Comandante il I Distretto) l'espe-
rienza di questi primi giorni di linea non solo lo ha confermato,
ma ha dimostrato che occorre un provvedimento radicale se si vuole
evitare che l'opera dei comandi venga talvolta paralizzata per la
mancanza di mezzi idonei.

Si esaminano ad esempio la situazione del comando del
Gruppo il cui organico è di:

- Utility	n.	4
- Jeeps	"	3

Con questi ultimi ~~quattro~~ mezzi si debbono muovere:

- Generale comandante
- Generale vice comandante
- Capo di S.M.
- Capo sezione operazioni e tutti gli ufficiali delle operazioni
e delle informazioni che hanno necessità di recarsi molto di

- Utility
- Car seater 4 x 4
- Car 1/4 ton 4 x 4 (Jeep)
- Truck 15 cwt G.S.

n.	20
"	1
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"	48
n.	112.

Il 45% del totale risulta così costituito da automezzi 3/4.

Tenuto conto che le Utility sono macchine delicate e non adatte al terreno dove il gruppo è schierato restano come macchine utili n. 40 jeep (essendo le altre 3 ormai dichiarate BLR).

Da tale numero va ancora sottratto circa il 10%-media delle inefficienze.

Si aveva già l'impressione che le jeep a disposizione fossero assolutamente insufficienti (ciò era stato rappresentato a cotesto BLU ed al Sig. Generale Comandante il I Distretto) l'esperienza di questi primi giorni di linea non solo lo ha confermato, ma ha dimostrato che occorre un provvedimento radicale se si vuole evitare che l'opera dei comandi venga talvolta paralizzata per la mancanza di mezzi idonei.

Si esaminano ad esempio la situazione del comando del Gruppo il cui organico è di:

- Utility	n.	4
- Jeeps	"	3

Con questi ultimi ~~esistenti~~ mezzi si debbono muovere:

- Generale comandante
- Generale vice comandante
- Capo di S.M.
- Capo sezione operazioni e tutti gli ufficiali delle operazioni e delle informazioni che hanno necessità di recarsi molto di sovente in ricognizione o a prendere collegamento con i comandi avanzatissimi
- il capo sezione ed i vari capi ufficio dei servizi ed in particolare:

- il capo ufficio sanità che deve estendere la sua attività dal btg agli ospedali ausiliari in zona Borgo S. Lorenzo ^{distretto}

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- il capo ufficio automobilistico che ha mansioni tanti importanti per quanto concerne riparazioni, mantenimento del prezioso materiale automobilistico nonchè nel campo dei recuperi
- l'ufficio DADOS, dislocato in zona arretrata ma che ha necessità di prendere contatti diretti con le unità per mantenere sempre ad un livello normale l'equipaggiamento
- gli altri capi ufficio ed ufficiali del comando che per i più svariati motivi debbono usufruire di mezzi idonei.

Si è rappresentata la situazione con preghiera di segnalare alle Autorità competenti.

Si ricorda infine che qualche tempo fa, all'atto dell'assegnazione dei mezzi, era stato detto (sembra dal comando I Distretto) che la situazione Jeep sarebbe stata riesaminata in zona di schieramento. Tale riesame è urgente; in attesa è assolutamente necessario un rinforzo sia pure modesto per far fronte alle più impellenti necessità..



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. F. Garofoli -

GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEONARDO"

- Ufficio Automobilisti -

1°) - Distaccamenti leggeri soccorso autoveicoli (L.A.D.).

Gli L.A.D. hanno in organico 12 militari.

Se si accettano:

- 2 sottufficiali (dei quali 1 comandante);

- 2 mezzadieri;

- 3 conduttori meccanici (dei quali 2 necessariamente devono essere impiegati per la condotta del carro soccorso ed il relativo servizio di ricupero e soccorso ed uno necessariamente deve essere utilizzato quale motociclista sia per i collegamenti con il C.M.E. che per il ritiro dei materiali al Parco Mobile o - in difetto - alla

Officina Mobile per la rimessa in efficienza degli autoveicoli; ne consegue che restano disponibili per il servizio riparazioni:

- 1 seldatore;

- 1 elettricista;

- 3 montatori.

Detto personale è assolutamente esiguo per i bisogni delle unità presso le quali gli L.A.D. sono decentrati. Infatti considerando un reggimento di fanteria, si ha che con 5 operai deve essere provveduto alle riparazioni di 1° scaglione di ben circa 360 automezzi. E ciò senza tener conto che per il ragguardevole numero delle armi in dotazione al reggimento stesso non vi è alcun operaio armaio che possa attendere alla riparazione di dette armi, come non è assegnato nessun personale per il servizio di scritturazione (tenuta dei documenti di officina, compilazione delle varie richieste ecc.).

In conseguenza di quanto precede, si propone il seguente aumento:

- scrittori 1;

- armaio 1 per gli L.A.D. assegnati al btg. Genio e 2 per gli L.A.D. assegnati al regt. ftr. ed a quello di artiglieria;

- aggiustatori meccanici 3 (dei quali 1 specializzato per la riparazione dei motocicli).

Si propone, infine, che gli L.A.D. assegnati al btg. Genio abbiano anche 2 operai montatori radio.

2°) - Officina Mobile (Wsp.)

Per la sezione officina si propone il seguente aumento:

- armaio 2;

- meccanici 3;

- verniciatori 1;

- scrittori 3;

e ciò in considerazione del ragguardevole numero di armi e automezzi in dotazione al Gruppo di Combattimento. =

IL CAPO UFFICIO AUTO

- Maggi. P. Catalano

che per il ritiro dei materiali al Parco Mobile o - in difetto - alla

Officina Mobile per la rimessa in efficienza degli autoguesisti;

ne consegue che restano disponibili per il servizio riparazioni:

- 1 saldatore;
- 1 elettricista;
- 3 montatori.

Detto personale è assolutamente esiguo per i bisogni delle unità presso le quali gli L.A.D. sono concentrati. Infatti considerando un reggimento di fanteria, si ha che con 5 operai deve essere provveduto alle riparazioni di 1° scaglione di ben circa 360 automotomezzi. E ciò senza tener conto che per il ragguardevole numero delle armi in dotazione al reggimento stesso non vi è alcun operaio armaiolo che possa attendere alla riparazione di dette armi, come non è assegnata nessun personale per il servizio di scritturazione (tenuta dei documenti di officina, compilazione delle varie richieste ecc.).

In conseguenza di quanto precede, si propone il seguente aumento:

- scritturelli 1;
- armaioli 1 per gli L.A.D. assegnati al btg. Genio e 2 per gli L.A.D. assegnati al rgt. ftr. ed a quello di artiglieria;
- aggiustatori meccanici 3 (dei quali 1 specializzato per la riparazione dei motocicli).

Si propone, infine, che gli L.A.D. assegnati al btg. Genio abbiano anche 2 operai montatori radio.

2°) - Officina Mobile (Wsp.)

Per la sezione officina si propone il seguente aumento:

- armaioli 2;
- meccanici 8;
- verniciatori 1;
- scritturelli 3;

e ciò in considerazione del ragguardevole numero di armi e ~~aut~~ automoto-veicoli in dotazione al Gruppo di Combattimento. =

P.M.155 - 26 marzo 1915. =

IL CAPO UFFICIO AUTO

- Magg. F. Catalano -

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SUBJECT :- Officers surplus to

52 BIV,
AQ/21/16,
24 Mar 45.

HO LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

Reference conversation Major SCAPATI - Major WYTHTER.

The list of officers supplied by Major Scapati which the LEGNANO Group wishes to retain surplus to establishment has been submitted to Fifth Army.

Fifth Army are taking the matter up officially and in the meantime it is confirmed that authority is given by Fifth Army for the retention of all these officers. The total involved in Major Scapati's list is 43.

When any further communication is received we will inform you immediately.

IN THE FIELD
RAG/RR


Major,
DAA & CAG.

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Subject Formation of New Units.

British Liaison Unit,
CENT.

25 Mar 45.

6/21/45.

Rear 52 BLU.

The attached copy of HQ 1 District Letter 1581/3/G(SD) dated 19 Mar 45 is forwarded for information.

Fluckoch
Major,
CS.

TEL/HS.

Copy to: HQ Legnano
SORSigs
DADOS.

COPY.

Subject: Forma of Units.

1581/3/G(SD)
19 Mar 45.

CG FIFTH ARMY (Br Incr)

185 Tech Maint Sec (Italian)

1. The above named unit, att to the LEGNANO Gruppo is forming on WE AI/30/1 wef 20 Oct 44 under authy of AFHQ CE/1116/G-1(Dr) Ser 0961 dated 31 Oct 44.
2. As the Gruppo has now joined the FIFTH Army, supervision of forma is now passed to you.
3. File of correspondence containing forma instrs (folio 2) and latest progress report (folio 25) is enclosed.

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Signed B.L. TIMELLY Maj-Gen
Comd 1 District.

SUBJECT:- Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit

CMZ

21 Mar 52

To:- G(SD)

Fifth Army

(British Increment)

AG/21/12

Reference conversation Gwyther/Rutledge on 20 Mar.

1. Recommendations for certain increases in vehicle holdings both for Legnano Gruppo and for 52 BLU have been made under Mein HQ Eighth Army letter M 13683 SD2 of 9 March.

2. The most urgent of such recommendations are as follows:-

(a) Legnano Gruppo

(i) 2 Water trucks. One each for the Gruppo Field Hospitals which have none under the present est.

(ii) 1 Jeep fitted for stretchers for the Gruppo ADMS who has no vehicle. He has in the past used an ambulance, but clearly this cannot continue in forward areas.

(iii) 1 car Utility, or alternative vehicle for the Gruppo DCM who has no vehicle for visiting workshops, LADs and Units.

(b) 52 BLU

(i) 4 cars utility or alternative vehicles to form a pool for the 7 Officer interpreters with the BLU.

~~No~~ transport is provided ~~for~~ N.I. for these officers and their value is lost if they cannot go out to Units and Formations on jobs.

(ii) 1 Jeep fitted with stretchers for the BLU RASC officer who at present has no vehicle. 1 Officer work necessitates visiting Field Hospitals, Auxiliary Hospitals, Clearing Stations, Units and Formations over a wide area and often in forward zones. A jeep is considered the only suitable vehicle and is urgently wanted.

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(a) Legnano Gruppo

- (i) 2 Water trucks. One each for the Gruppo Field Hospitals which have none under the present est.
- (ii) 1 Jeep fitted for stretchers for the Gruppo ABMS who has no vehicle. He has in the past used an ambulance, but clearly this cannot continue in forward areas.
- (iii) 1 car Utility, or alternative vehicle for the Gruppo DOME who has no vehicle for visiting workshops, LADS and Units.

(b) 52 BLU

- (i) 4 cars utility or alternative vehicles to form a pool for the 7 Officer interpreters with the BLU. ~~No~~ transport is provided ~~for~~ M.L. for these officers and their value is lost if they cannot go out to Units and Formations on jobs.
- (ii) 1 Jeep fitted with stretchers for the BLU RAMC officer who at present has no vehicle. His work necessitates visiting Field Hospitals, Auxiliary Hospitals, Clearing Stations, Units and Formations over a wide area and often in forward zones. A jeep is considered the only suitable vehicle and is urgently wanted.

3. Other recommendations have been made but are not considered to be of the immediate urgency of those listed above. It is requested that permission be given to hold the above vehicles surplus to Establishment and that releases of such vehicles be made to the units concerned immediately.

RWG/MN.

R. L. 1697
Major.
D.A.M.C.

SUBJECT:- Amendments to Gruppo R.I.

12 British Liaison Unit.

MT.

20 Mar 45

To:- GSO I
52 BLU

AO/21/11

Further to my AO/21/10 of 17 Mar 45, herewith copy letter from DADOS ref additional transport for the Gruppo Ordnance Services.

May these requirements please be incorporated in the recommendations to be made for W.E. amendments.

RWG/EN.


Major
DAA&CMG

Copy to:- DADOS 52 BLU
HQ Legnano (Sezione Servizi)

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SUBJECT:- Transport

32 B.L.U.
C.L.Y.
882/4
17 Mar 45

Cape Ufficio Commissariato
B: 41 C.
Lagnano

1. It is pointed out that the Ord Services (Iti) have no transport and are therefore unable to carry out their Ord duties.

2. Now that the initial equipping of the Gruppo has been completed it is necessary for the Cape Ufficio Commissariato to visit units every day.

1. It is considered that the following transport is required:-

One jeep - For the use of the Cape Ufficio Commissariato.

Two 12 cwt - For the delivery and collection of stores urgently required.

One m/c - Communications.

(signed) G. S. Goxton

Major
DADOS

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Subject: Transport

52 B.L.U.,
C.M.F.
ORD/4.
17 Mar. 45.

Capo Ufficio Commissariato,
G. di C.,
Legnano.

1. It is pointed out that the Ord. Services (Iti) have no transport and are therefore unable to carry out their Ord. duties.
2. Now that the initial equipping of the Gruppo has been completed it is necessary for the Capo ^{ufficio} di Combattimento to visit units every day.
3. It is considered that the following transport is required:-
 - One Jeep - For the use of the Capo di Combattimento.
 - Two 15 cwt. - For the delivery and collection of stores urgently required.
 - One M/c. - Communications.

G. W. Gordon Major,
(G.W. Gordon.)
D.A.D.O.S.

Richard Talbot
Rt

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SUBJECT :- Amendments to WEs

52 BLU,
12/21/10,
17 March 45.

460 1,
52 BLU.

Ref your 3/20/66 of 14 Mar 45.

1. Proposals for amendments to the establishment of the BLU are shown in the attached Appendix 'A'.
2. Proposals for amendments to the establishment of the Gruppo are shown at Appendix 'B'.

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RAG/BB

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Major,
DAA & QMG.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Proposed amendments to the BLU establishment

<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
1. a) Upgrading of Adm Sgt to S/Sgt	1 a) Adm Sgt. Reasons as given by 51 BLU in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.
b) Addition of Nation Cpl to assist the Adm Sgt	b) At present the Adm Sgt has to draw all rations on four days each week as no issues will be made to an OR who is not a full rank NCO. This is a full days job. In addition BLU personnel are divided and rations have to be broken down and distributed over a large area. The whole of this has to be done by the Adm Sgt, who consequently cannot fulfill his other duties.
c) Addition of one Clerk for the Camp Commandant.	c) Clerk. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.
d) Upgrading of MT Cpl to Sgt and addition of MT Cpl.	d) MT Sgt and Cpl. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter. It is considered the transport warrants both a Sgt & Cpl particularly as the drivers are nearly all Italian, who need extra supervision on maintenance POL, documentation and timings.
2. a) The addition of a Staff Captain 'Q'.	2 a) The present 'Q' staff consists solely of the DAA & QMG and 1 Cpl Clerk who are also responsible for all 'A' work. All BLU officers are treated by outside formations as the Divisional Staff and not as liaison officers, and it is impossible for one officer to do all branches of Div 'Q' work apart from any question of 'A' work. In addition the DAA & QMG is treated by outside formations as a Head of Services controlling ORD, 'S & T', and 'MED'. The duties are such that his presence is required at many places and
b) The addition of one clerk for the Staff Captain 'Q'.	

c) Clerk. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.

d) Lt Sgt and Cpl. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter. It is considered the transport warrants both a Sgt & Cpl particularly as the drivers are nearly all Italian, who need extra supervision on maintenance POL, documentation and timings.

2. a) The addition of a Staff Captain 'Q'.

2 a) The present 'Q' staff consists solely of the DAA & QMG and 1 Cpl Clerk who are also responsible for all 'A' work. All BLU efforts are treated by outside formations as the Divisional Staff and not as Liaison officers, and it is impossible for one officer to do all branches of Div 'Q' work apart from any question of 'A' work. In addition the DAA & QMG is treated by outside formations as a Head of Services controlling ORD, 'C & I', and 'MED'. The duties are such that his presence is required at many places and when these clash, no other representative is available. Even with the addition of one Staff Captain, the 'Q' services would only act in a liaison capacity but without this addition, even liaison duties cannot be carried out satisfactorily.

A Clerk for such Staff Captain is an obvious essential. The one 'A & Q' clerk is unable, through pressure of work, to do more than type and file urgent documents daily. No records of any sort can be kept.

b) The addition of one clerk for the Staff Captain 'Q'

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3. The following additional transport is proposed :-
- a) 1 Jeep for Capt REE
 - b) 1 PV for Staff Capt 'Q'
 - c) 1 Water truck
 - d) 4 Cars Utility for the seven officer interpreters.
 - e) 1 Jeep for RMC offr fitted for stretcher-carrying.

- 3 a) Reasons as 51 BLU statement in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.
- b) Experience shows that the 'Q' staff must continually visit outside formations as well as Divisional Units and Supply Points. A vehicle for this is essential as the BLU transport is so limited that none could be made available from the present 43.
- c) One Water truck only is held on the BLU 4E. With permanent and temporary attachments the strength of the BLU is usually in the region of 200. The BLU is divided into two parts, Main and Rear, and also has detachments apart from both of these. One water truck is totally unable to supply all personnel.
- d) No transport is provided for the officer interpreters nor is any available from the BLU limited resources. The whole value of the interpreter officers' ability is lost unless they can go out to finish on jobs. Static jobs can be found for perhaps one at MAIN and one at REAR, but it is essential that the remainder work away from HQ almost always. Four Cars between the seven officers is considered a minimum to enable them to carry out their duties properly. It is understood this number of vehicles has already been allotted to the officers with 50 BLU (P41111).

- c) One water truck only is held on the BLU WE. With permanent and temporary attachments the strength of the BLU is usually in the region of 200. The BLU is divided into two parts, Main and Rear, and also has detachments apart from both of these. One water truck is totally unable to supply all personnel.
- d) No transport is provided for the officer interpreters nor is any available from the BLU limited resources. The whole value of the interpreter officers' ability is lost unless they can go out to Units on jobs. Static jobs can be found for perhaps one at MAIN and one at REAR, but it is essential that the remainder work away from HQ almost always. Four cars between the seven officers is considered a minimum to enable them to carry out their duties properly. It is understood this number of vehicles has already been allotted to the officers with 50 BLU (PRINLI).
- e) No transport is available for the RAC officer. His work necessitates his visiting 40 Hosps, Auxiliary Hosps and Med Sects over a wide area often in forward areas in difficult country. He also has to visit Headquarters and Units. A jeep fitted for stretcher carrying is recommended as the only vehicle suitable to the country, and also for its additional usefulness for communication purposes.

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3 e) cont. In this connection it is pointed out the BLU has no evacuation vehicle for any possible casualties and is at present entirely dependent on Italian resources.

4 Italian Increment to BLU

- a) 2 batmen
- b) 1 batman/DVR for Lt RAMC
- a) One for ASC 3 (I) and one for Staff Captain 'C'.
- b) See above proposal ref transport.

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APPENDIX 'B'Proposals for alterations in Group 3 WEProposalReasons

The following additional transport is recommended :-

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| a) Two Water Carts | a) One of these for each Rd Hosp.
No water truck is at present held on WE of these Units. |
| b) Car utility (or Jeep) for Capo del Ufficio Auto | b) No vehicle is provided for this officer who is in effect DEMS of the Division, and whose duties necessitate his visiting Wsps and IAMS as well as Units. He cannot function properly without a vehicle. |
| c) One Jeep fitted for stretcher bearing. | c) No vehicle is provided for the Italian ADMS. Obviously his duties necessitate his visiting Units Hospitals, both Field and Auxiliary, Medical Sections and Headquarters. A vehicle is essential and a Jeep is considered the most suitable for the country and duties involved. In the past he has been dependent on an ambulance, but this cannot be taken from its proper function now the Group is in the line, and he is therefore entirely without transport. |

LAAs as well as Units. He cannot function properly without a vehicle.

c) One Jeep fitted for stretcher c) bearing.

No vehicle is provided for the Italian ADAS. Obviously his duties necessitate his visiting Units Hospitals, both Field and Auxiliary, Medical Sections and Headquarters. A vehicle is essential and a jeep is considered the most suitable for the country and duties involved. In the past he has been dependent on an ambulance, but this cannot be taken from its proper function now the Group is in the line, and he is therefore entirely without transport

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APPENDIX 'A'Proposed amendments to the BIU establishment

<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
1. a) Upgrading of Adm Sgt to S/Sgt	a) Adm Sgt. Reasons as given by BIU in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.
b) Addition of Wagon Cpl to assist the Adm Sgt	b) At present the Adm Sgt has to draw all rations on four days each week as no issues will be made to an OR who is not a full rank WCC. This is a full days job. In addition BIU personnel are divided and rations have to be broken down and distributed over a large area. The whole of this has to be done by the Adm Sgt, who consequently cannot fulfill his other duties.
c) Addition of one Clerk for the Camp Commandant.	c) Clerk. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.
d) Upgrading of MT Cpl to Sgt and addition of MT Cpl.	d) MT Sgt and Cpl. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.
2. a) The addition of a Staff Captain 'Q'.	The present 'Q' staff consists solely of the DAA & QMG and 1 Cpl Clerk who are also responsible for all 'A' work. All BIU officers are treated by outside formations as the Divisional Staff and not as Liaison officers, and it is impossible for one officer to do all branches of Div 'Q' work apart from any question of 'A' work. In addition the DAA & QMG is treated by outside formations as a Head of Services controlling ORD, 'Q & T', and 'MES'. The duties are such that his presence is required at many places and
b) The addition of one clerk for the Staff Captain 'Q'.	

be broken down and distributed over a large area. The whole of this has to be done by the Adjutant, who consequently cannot fulfil his other duties.

c) Clerk. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.

d) AT Sgt and Col. Reasons as given in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter. It is considered the transport warrants both a Sgt & Cpl particularly as the drivers are nearly all Italian, who need extra supervision on maintenance POL, documentation and bindings.

2. a) The addition of a Staff Captain 'Q'.

b) The addition of one clerk for the Staff Captain 'Q'.

2 a) The present 'Q' staff consists solely of the DAA & QMG and 1 Cpl Clerk who are also responsible for all 'A' work. All BUN ciphers are treated by outside formations as the Divisional Staff and not as liaison officers, and it is impossible for one officer to do all branches of Div 'Q' work apart from any question of 'A' work. In addition the DAA & QMG is treated by outside formations as a Head of Services controlling ORD, 'S & I', and 'MED'. The duties are such that his presence is required at many places and when these clash, no other representative is available. Even with the addition of one Staff Captain, the 'Q' services would only act in a liaison capacity but without this addition, even liaison duties cannot be carried out satisfactorily.

A Clerk for such Staff Captain is an obvious essential. The one 'A & Q' clerk is unable, through pressure of work, to do more than type and file urgent documents daily. No records of any ~~kind~~ can be kept.

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3. The following additional transport is proposed :-

- a) 1 Jeep for Capt REAR
- b) 1 PU for Staff Capt 'Q'
- c) 1 Water truck
- d) 4 Cars Utility for the seven officer interpreters.
- e) 1 Jeep for RAMC officer fitted for stretcher-carrying.

3 a) Reasons as BLU statement in Appx 'B' to Eighth Army letter.

b) Experience shows that the 'Q' staff must continually visit outside formations as well as Divisional Units and Supply Points. A vehicle for this is essential as the BLU transport is so limited that none could be made available from the present WY.

c) One Water truck only is held on the BLU WY. With permanent and temporary attachments the strength of the BLU is usually in the region of 200. The BLU is divided into two parts, Main and Rear, and also has detachments sent from both of these. One water truck is totally unable to supply all personnel.

d) No transport is provided for the officer interpreters nor is any available from the BLU limited resources. The whole value of the interpreter officers' ability is lost unless they can go out to Units on jobs. Static jobs can be found for perhaps one at MAIN and one at REAR, but it is essential that the remainder work away from HQ almost always. Four cars between the seven officers is considered a minimum to enable them to carry out their duties properly. It is understood this number of vehicles has already been allotted to the officers with 50 BLU (FIVIII).

e) No transport is available for

c) One water truck only is held on the BIV BN. With permanent and temporary attachments the strength of the BIV is usually in the region of 200. The BIV is divided into two parts, Main and Rear, and also has detachments apart from both of these. One water truck is totally unable to supply all personnel.

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e) No transport is available for the RMC officer. His work necessitates his visiting Ed Hosps, Auxiliary Hosps and Med Sects over a wide area often in forward areas in difficult country. He also has to visit Headquarters or Units. A jeep fitted for stretcher carrying is recommended as the only ^{way} suitable to the country, and also for its additional usefulness for evacuation purposes.

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3 e) cont. In this connection it is pointed out the BIN has no evacuation vehicle for any possible casualties and is at present entirely dependent on Italian resources.

4 Italian Increment to BIN

- a) 2 batmen
- b) 1 batman/Ovr for Lt MAMO
- a) One for SEC 3 (I) and one for Staff Captain 'Q'.
- b) See above proposal ref transport.

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The following additional transport is recommended :-

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| a) Two water carts | a) One of these for each Hd Qtr.
No water truck is at present held on any of these Units. |
| b) Car utility (or Jeep) for Capo del Ufficio Auto | b) No vehicle is provided for this officer who is in effect DDMS of the Division, and whose duties necessitate his visiting Regts and Bde as well as Units. He cannot function properly without a vehicle. |
| c) One Jeep fitted for stretcher bearing. | No vehicle is provided for the Italian ADMS. Obviously his duties necessitate his visiting Units Hospitals, both Field and Auxiliary, Medical Sections and Headquarters. A vehicle is essential and a Jeep is considered the most suitable for the country and duties involved. In the past he has been dependent on an ambulance, but this cannot be taken from its proper function now the Group is in the line, and he is therefore entirely without transport. |

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