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POLICY

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SUBJECT:- Policy

5 British Liaison Unit.

Tele: UDINE 1553

NO/42/95

27 Jan 47.

5 Terr Command

1. In view of the fact that our function of advising and assisting on matters of training and organisation has almost ceased, it is thought that returns and information on the following subjects will no longer be required by this HQ

- (i) Training Programmes
- (ii) Information regarding Courses of Instruction
- (iii) Staff Lists
- (iv) Transport Return
- (v) Petrol Return
- (vi) Ration Return
- (vii) Medical and Hygiene Returns
- (viii) Workshop Output Returns.

2. Information on the following points will still be required.

- (i) All matters concerning the FORMER 20 Bn regarding their duties on the V.G. Rd including a weekly vehicle state.
- (ii) Applications for passes to enter V.G.
- (iii) Application for authority to move arms and ammunition.
- (iv) Strength Return
- (v) Location Statement
- (vi) Incidents between Allied Troops and Italians - Traffic accidents
- (vii) Any matters concerning, Intelligence, Security and Moral.

3. As has been previously stated the main object of the continued existence of this B.L.U. is to give your Command every assistance in matters connected with the forthcoming evacuation of N.E. Italy by the Allies. This unit will therefore do everything in its power to help you during this period.

FIELD
AHCW/mh

Carlin
Lt. Col.
GS.

File
Diary

SUBJECT: British Regiment.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele:- 153,
AA 42/94.

G (SO)

Land Forces Sub Com AC., RMF

2 Dec 46

Ref your SO 159 of 17 Oct 46.

1. Sub para (a) of your above quoted letter. We are assured that reductions will take place in accordance with Ministry of War Circular No 5099/brd/1 of 17 Oct 46, although it has not yet been possible to get any actual details out of 5 Terr Command.

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22 Recovery Commission
Mob Vet section, UDINN

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 Lt-Colonel,
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TRANSMISSION

5 ITALIAN TERRIT COMMAND UDINE
Ufficio Servizi (=Services Office)

No. 14452/8/6/4

Udine 26 Nov 46

Subject: - British Equipment.

5 E.L.U. Udine

Ref your AQ/42/37 of para 1 (b) dated 23.10.46.

We assure that arrangements have been made for the maintaining of British weapons being either stored or allotted to the Units, as follows:-

- all weapons not being issued to the Units shall be cleaned, greased and stored in appropriate premises. To this purposes this Command have requested some armstand to be issued to those Units who are deficient;
- technical representatives of the Arty Command shall inspect all the weapons allotted to the Units in 5 Territ Command;
- all raw materials necessary to the maintaining of weapons allotted to the servicemen shall periodically and timely be issued.

But we think that it is necessary to supply the Units with the under mentioned materials:

- tools for the mounting of weapons; - ?
- spare parts for small repairs;
- pullthrough for automatic weapons and 2/3 inch mortars;
- tools for examination of weapons.

SEEN BY	
GSO I	<i>Am</i>
GSO II	<i>W</i>
DAA & CMG	<i>Alu.</i>
S. C. REME	
S. C. S. & T.	<i>✓</i>
S. C. ORD.	<i>W</i>
CLERKS	

by order
Chief of Staff
Sgd: A. Icom *196* Tol;

30 NOV 1946

TRANSLATION5 Italian Territorial Command - Udine.S.M. Ufficio Op. Add. Ord. Mob. II Sezione.No. 6463/O.M.Udine 21 Nov 46SUBJECT:- Reduction of UnitsTo: 5 B.L.U. Command
Udine

Ref your letter A/42/90, Para 1, dated 18 Nov 46.

1. The reduction of 8 Alpini Regt units will take place as stated in the Appendix to this HQ letter 6254/O.M. dated 30/10/46.
2. Further details on the strength of the various Units will be forwarded, as soon as the release in course is accomplished and the recruits move into their units of destination. Circular letter Stamaggiore 5410/Ord/1 dated 12/11/46 is also forwarded.

22 NOV. 1946

SEEN BY	
CFO I	<i>Robt</i>
CFO II	<i>W</i>
DAA & QMG	<i>adv.</i>
S. C. REME	
S. C. S. & T.	
S. C. ORD.	<i>h</i>
CLERKS.	

Yes, we better talk to
then Piacentini will
probably be the best one
to tackle

By Order

C.O.O.A.O.M.

Signed: M. Schintu, Major.

Comd. Sir.

and
Please see your notes
attached to folio 89

1. Following your notes I sent folio 90.
2. Even so, I still answer is inadequate.
3. It is obviously now a matter for taking no opposed to nothing.
4. Your comments are A.Q.

VAS/and

21 NOV. 1946

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
-S.M.-Ufficio Op.Add.Ord.Mob.- II Sezione-

Udine, li 21 novembre 1946

n. 6463 /O.M. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Contrazione reparti.-

AL COMANDO 5° B. L. U.
(risp.f.n. AQ/42/90 del 18 c.m.-somma 1°)

- SEDE -

La contrazione dei reparti dell'8° Reggimento Alpini
avverrà come indicato nell'allegato al foglio 6254/O.M. in data 30/10
di questo Ufficio.-

Per quanto riguarda la forza dei vari reparti, si fa
riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni non appena saranno ultimati i con-
gedamenti in corso e avverrà l'immissione delle reclute nei reparti.-

A seguito del suddetto foglio si trasmette per conoscenza
za la circolare 5410/Ord./I in data 12/11 dello S.M.E. -



d'ordine
CAPO UFFICIO O.A.O.M.
Maggiore Schiatta -

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
- Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione -

n. 50/Ord./I di prot.

Roma, li 12 novembre 1946

O G G E T T O : Contrazione reparti.-

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- Seguito foglio n. 5090/Ord./I del 17/10/1946 -

Data la opportunità di provvedere - per ragioni addestrative e per la messa a punto dei vari materiali - alla rotazione dei reparti quadro previsti dal foglio al quale si fa seguito (compagnie, batterie, gruppi), si prescrive che il personale da lasciare a detti reparti comprenda :

- a) - gli ufficiali ed i sottufficiali in organico ;
- b) - una aliquota di graduati, specializzati e soldati - nella misura strettamente necessaria - per provvedere alla custodia e manutenzione dei materiali e far fronte alle prime esigenze di funzionamento dei reparti in caso di immissione di truppa.-

L'aliquota di cui alla lettera b) verrà poi naturalmente completata con elementi tratti dai reparti destinati a diventare - per rotazione - reparti quadro.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
f./to Giorgio Luzzip. c. o.
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO
(Capitano Attilio Vascotto)
Attilio Vascotto

1964

Subject:- Reduction of Units

5 British Legion Unit
Tele 1533
AQ/42/50

18 Nov 46

5 Terr Comd.

Your 6525/UM dated 30 Oct 46 and ref this HQ AQ/42/57 dated 23 Oct 46.

1. Please give more details concerning the reductions in numbers that are intended in the various units.

2. It is also desired that you give a specific answer to the question in Para 1 (b) of this HQ letter concerning the express arrangements to be made for the storing and maintaining of British Weapons.

3. Please supply this information as soon as possible in order to avoid further delay.

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Major,
DAA & QM.

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TRANSLATION

12 NOV. 1946

5 ITALIAN TERRIT COMMAND - UDINE

S.M. Ufficio Op Add Ord Mob II Sezione

No. 6524/O.M.

Subject: - Reduction of Units.5 B.L.U. Command Udine (Ref to AQ/42/37
of 23 Oct 46).

30 Oct 46

As requested by the above letter para 1(a), War
Ministry circular letter 5090/Ord/1 dated 17 Oct 46 is forwarded.

The directives issued by it apply to 8 Alpini Regt
as well as to all the Units 5 Comiliter Command.

SEEN BY	
GSO I	
GSO II	<i>[initials]</i>
DAA & CMG	<i>[initials]</i>
S. C. ECME	
S. C. S. & T.	
S. C. ORD.	
CLERKS	

*Refer to Comd
part 46*

by order
Chief of Office OAOM
Sgd:- Maj. M. SCHINTU

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR
Army General Staff
Ord & Mob Office

No. 5090/Ord/I

17 Oct 46

Appendix 1

~~~~~addresses left out

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- ..lack of uniformity inside the organisation of the Units, due to the fact that each Comdr takes to different solution to resolve the problem of numerical deficiency.

To prevent it, while waiting for a new organisation leading to further improvement of the present training system (which has proved very profitable), and to keep in the same time the Units on par with the WE, it is thought to be necessary to reduce their strength on the ground of uniformity in judgment, as possible.

2. Considering however that the situation in the various Territorial Commands is different, it appears to be necessary to aim at one solution only of the problem, when possible. To these purposes, in the attached return, there is shown the procedure to be followed in carrying out said reduction.

It takes into consideration the fact that:

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~~Unmarked~~ ~~General~~ true copy  
for Chief of Staff absent for leave  
(P. PIACENTINI)  
Sgd: Lt Col G. CARRACINI

by order  
Sgd: G. LUGLI, attached  
General.



VAS/and

132 OTT. 1946

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)  
-S.M.-Ufficio Op.Add.Ord.Mob.- II Sezione-

n. 6254 O.M. di prot.

Udine, li 30 ottobre 1946

*Reduction of Units*  
O G G E T T O: Contrazione reparti.-

AL COMANDO 5° B. L. U.  
(risposta f.n. AQ/42/87 del 23/10/46)

- S E D E -

Come richiesto al n. 1 (a) del foglio a cui si risponde, si trasmette la circolare 5090/Ord./I in data 17 ottobre 1946 del Ministero della Guerra.-

Le disposizioni contenute in detta circolare si applicano, per quanto riguarda gli enti che dipendono da questo Comando, all'8° Reggimento Alpini.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO UFFICIO O.A.O.M.  
Maggiore M. Schintu - 1363



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO  
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

n.5090/Ord/I di prot.

Roma, li 17 ottobre 1946

OGGETTO: contrazione reparti.

All. 1

| AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI                    | LORO SEDE |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| e, per conoscenza:                                  |           |
| ALLA CASA MILITARE DEL CAPO PROVVISORIO DELLO STATO | ROMA      |
| ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.I.A)        | ROMA      |
| A L G A B I N E T T C                               | SEDE      |
| AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARIA DEI CARABINIERI       | ROMA      |
| AL COLANNO GENERALE DELLA GUARDIA DI FINANZA        | ROMA      |
| AGLI ISPEZZORATI D'AREA                             | SEDE      |
| ALLE DIRIZIONI GENERALI, ISPEZZORATI ED UFFICI      |           |
| AUCONOI DEL MINISTERO GUERRA                        | SEDE      |
| AL COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI                 | ROMA      |
| AGLI UFFICI DELLO S.M.E.                            | SEDE      |

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1. - E' noto che col sistema in atto per l'addestramento delle reclute e per la formazione di istruttori e specialisti, circa il 40% della forza alle armi è costantemente presso i centri di addestramento (C.A.R.) e presso le varie scuole militari.

Ciò incide notevolmente sull'efficienza dei reparti i quali hanno forza assai inferiore a quella prevista dagli organici.

Ne derivano vari inconvenienti, tra cui:

- minore interessamento da parte dei comandanti nel campo addestrativo;
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e, per conoscenza:

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.I.A.) ROMA  
A L G A B I N E T T C SEDE  
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI ROMA  
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA GUARDIA DI FINANZA ROMA  
AGLI ISPEZZORI D'ARMA SEDE  
ALLE DIREZIONI GENERALI, ISPEZZORI DI UTILI  
AUTONOMICI DEL MINISTERO GUERRA SEDE  
AL COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI ROMA  
AGLI UFFICI DELLO S.M.E. SEDE

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2. = Per considerando che diversa è la situazione nei vari comandi militari veritieri, appare evidente la necessità che sia adottata da tutti - finché possibile - una unica soluzione.

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A questo fine si indica, nello specchio allegato, il procedimento da seguire per effettuare detta contrazione.

Esso tien conto del fatto che:

• i reparti comando non possono scendere molto al disotto dell'organico (75-80%), altrimenti verrebbe intralciata l'attività dei comandi;

• è opportuno mantenere in efficienza tutti i battaglioni di fanteria dato che la loro dislocazione risponde, oltre che ad esigenze di accasermamento, in genere ad esigenze (accesionali) di ordine pubblico.

3. = I comandi militari territoriali sono pregati di far conoscere, per il 15 dicembre p.v., la situazione ai fini della contrazione e le eventuali difficoltà incontrate.

Per quanto concerne la manutenzione e la custodia delle armi, si confermano le disposizioni di cui al foglio n.4/2943/serv. del 3 corrente. - Analoghi criteri siano seguiti per la manutenzione e custodia degli altri materiali in dotazione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
Giorgio Liuzzi

p.c.c.  
p. IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO a.p.l.  
(P. Piacentini  
(Ten.col. G. Carracini)



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P.C.C.

P. IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO a.p.l.

(P. Piacentini)

(Ten.col. G. Carracini)



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Allegato al fg. n. 5090/Ord. I a  
CONTRAZIONE DELLA FORZA DEI REPARTI

*HOW TO CARRY OUT THE REDUCTION*

Come effettuare la contrazione

N O

*INF. DIV*  
 1) - DIVISIONE DI FANTE-  
RIA

a) - Quartier genera-  
 le H.Q.

- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da  
 portare la forza al 75% degli orga-  
 nici

*REDUCE VARIOUS  
 TO MAINTAIN 75%*

*INF. REGT  
 COY HQ*

b) - Rgt. di ftr.  
 . cp. comando

- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da  
 portare la forza al 75% degli orga-  
 nici

*REDUCE VARIOUS  
 TO MAINTAIN 75%*

. btg. di ftr.

- cp. com.:

*COY. H.Q. I  
 HQ PLATON ONE  
 REDUCE VARIOUS  
 MAINTAIN W.B. AT*

*INF. BN.*

. plotone com. e plotone collega-  
menti = ridurre le varie cariche  
 in modo da portare la for-  
 za al 70% degli organici

. plotone esploratori = contrarre  
 le squadre esploratori da  
 3 a 2

*SEOUT PL. - RE*

- compagnie fuciliere = ridurre a cp.  
quadro una delle tre com-  
 pagnie

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 cp.-gott.com  
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 custodia e m  
 teriali)*

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*COY ONE COY*

*REDUCED TO THE  
 ADMIN. N.R.O. - So  
 THE MAINTAINING*

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Allegato al fg. n.5090/Ord.I del 17/10/49

CONTRAZIONE DELLA FORZA DEI RIPARTIHOW TO CARRY OUT THE REDUCTION

| Come effettuare la contrazione                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NOTE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <div data-bbox="21 1142 283 1242">DIV<br/>DI FANTE=</div> <div data-bbox="21 1285 283 1385">tier genera=</div> <div data-bbox="21 1413 283 1513">di for.<br/>comando</div> <div data-bbox="21 1585 283 1685">di ftr.<br/>3M.</div> - ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 75% degli organici | REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE W.E. AT 75% RATE.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| - ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 75% degli organici<br>- cp. com.:<br>• <u>plotone com. e plotone collegamenti</u> = ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% degli organici<br>• <u>plotone esploratori</u> = contrarre le squadre esploratori da 3 a 2            | REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE W.E. AT 75% RATE.<br><br>COY. H.Q.<br>HQ PLATOON AND SIGNAL PLATOON<br>REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN W.E. AT 70% RATE.<br><br>SCOUT PL. - REDUCE SCOUT PL. FROM 3 TO 2 |
| - <u>compagnie fucilieri</u> = ridurre a <u>cp. quadro</u> una delle tre compagnie<br><div data-bbox="393 2042 1124 2156"> <u>AUXILIARY COY.</u> REDUCE TO A <u>COY.</u><br/>             COY. ONE OF THE 3 COYS.           </div>                                                                              | - Il personale della <u>cp. quadro</u> deve essere ridotto al minimo (o. te. cp. - sott. contabilita - sottuff. ai rifornimenti - 5 militari per la custodia e manutenzione dei materiali)                                                     |

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MORTAR COY  
• cp. mortai

c) Rgt.art.da camp.  
• rep. comando  
H.Q.

• gr.art. da camp.  
FIELD ART GROUP

## ACCOMPANYING WEAPONS COY 2 =

- cp. armi accomp.:
  - plotone com. = ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% organici
  - plotone mortai = contrarre le squadre mortai da 3 a 2
  - plotoni mitraglieri = ridurre i plotoni da 2 a 1
- plotone comando = ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% degli organici
- plotone mortai = contrarre le squadre mortai da 4 a 2

- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 75% degli organici

- ridurre a gr.quadro uno dei tre gruppi

REDUCE TO A STANDARD GR. ONE OF THE 3 GRs.

PL. FIRE. REDUCE V  
MAINTAIN WE. AT

MORTAR PL. REDU

MACHINE GUNNER. P

PL. HQ. REDUCE V  
T. MAINTAIN WE. AT

MORTAR PL. REDU

REDUCE VARIOUS APP  
W.E. TO 75% RATE

- Il personale del  
sere ridotto al

- comando gruppo

• comandante

• ufficiale  
comando

• sott. e m

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PERSONNEL OF STANDARD

MINIMUM:

GR. HQ. GR. CAMP. REDU

OF NECESSARY FOR REDUC

FOR THE MAINTENANCE

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## ACCOMPANYING WEAPONS COY 2 =

- ep. armi accomp.:

- plotone com. = ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% organici
- plotone mortai = contrarre le squadre mortai da 3 a 2
- plotoni mitraglieri = ridurre i plotoni da 2 a 1

- plotone comando = ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% degli organici

- plotone mortai = contrarre le squadre mortai da 4 a 2

- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 75% degli organici

- ridurre a gr. quadro uno dei tre gruppi

REDUCE TO A STANDARD GR. ONE OF THE 3 GRs.

PL. HQ. REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENT TO MAINTAIN WE AT 70% RATE

MORTAR PL. REDUCE MORTAR SQ. FROM 3 TO 2

MACHINE GUNNER PL. REDUCE PL. FROM 2 TO 1

PL. HQ. REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENT TO MAINTAIN WE AT 70% RATE

MORTAR PL. REDUCE MORTAR SQ. FROM 4 TO 2

REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENT TO ~~70%~~ MAINTAIN W.S. TO 75% RATE

- Il personale del gr. quadro dev'essere ridotto al minimo, e cioè:

- comando gruppo =

- comandante gruppo
- ufficiale addetto al posto comando
- sott. e militari di truppa indispensabili per il funzionamento ridotto del comando e per la custodia e manutenzione dei materiali

PERSONNEL OF STANDARD GR. WILL BE REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM:

GR. HQ. GR. COMMANDER - Left ATT TO HQ. SERJS AND OF NECESSARY FOR REDUCE WORKING IN THE HQ AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF MATERIALS.



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## ANTI-TANK ART. REGT.

d) - Rgt. art. contro-  
carro

. rep. comando

HQ

14 POUND GR

. gr. da 17 libbre

. gr. da 6 libbre

REDUCE VARIOUS APPOINTMENT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN W.E. AT 75% RATE

- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da  
portare la forza al 75% degli orga-  
nici- ridurre a gr. quadro uno dei due  
gruppi- ridurre a gr. quadro uno dei due  
gruppi{ Personale ridotto  
(criterio analogo  
da camp. quadro)PERSONNEL WILL BE RE  
STAFF AS IN FIG.

## ANTI-AIRCRAFT ART. REGT.

e) - Rgt. art. contrae-  
reo

. rep. comando

HQ.

. 2 gr. da 40 m/m

ART. SPECIALIST UNIT

f) - Reparto specia-  
listi artigl.

RECONNAISSANCE GR.

g) - Gruppo esploran-  
te- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da  
portare la forza al 75% degli orga-  
nici- ridurre a btr. quadro una delle tre  
batterie di ciascun gruppo- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da  
portare la forza al 70% degli orga-  
nici- sp. comando - ridurre le varie cari-  
che in modo da portare la forza al  
70% degli organici- Personale ridotto al  
rio analogo batterie  
da camp. quadro

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ARMORED CAR SQUADRON = 4 =

- sq. autoblindo = ridurre i plt. auto-blindo da 3 a 2
- sq. autoportato = ridurre i plt. autoportati da 3 a 2
- sq. armi accomp. ridurre i plt. mitraglieri da 2 a 1
- sq. carrette cingolate = ridurre i plt. carrette cingolate da 3 a 2
- com. btg. e cp. parco campale = ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% degli organici
- compagnie artigiani = ridurre a cp. quadro una delle due compagnie

PIONEER Bn.  
h) - Btg. artigiani

SIGNALS Bn

i) - Btg. collegamenti

SERVICES

1) - Servizi

MEDICAL SECTION . sez. di sanità  
FIELD HOSPITAL . osped. da campo  
SUPPLIES SECT. . sez. sussist. za  
TRANSPORT UNIT . rep. trasporti  
MOBILE WORKS, ENGR. DIV. HQ. . off. mobile per c. do div.  
LIGHT MOBILE WORKS . off. mobili leg. gore  
MOBILE PARK . parco mobile  
CAMERA SECT. . sezione panett.

- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 70% degli organici

- Il personale essere ridotto (rio analogo ad quadro)

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ARMORED CAR: SUBDIVISION = 4 =

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essere ridotto al minimo (crite-  
rio analogo compagnia fucilieri  
quadro)

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portare la forza al 70% degli orga-  
nici

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da portare la forza al 70% degli  
organici

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INF. BRIGADES2) - BRIGATA DI FANTERIAa) - Comando brigata  
inf.INF. BRIG. HQ.b) - Rgt. di fanteriaINF. REGT.c) - Gruppo misto di  
artil.ART. COMBINED GR.- ridurre le varie cariche in modo  
da portare la forza al 75% degli  
organici- come per il reggimento di fanteria  
della divisione di fanteria- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da  
portare la forza all'85% degli or-  
ganici3) - REGGIMENTI DI FANTE-  
RIA OD ALPINI NON IN-  
DIVISIONATIINF. REGTS OR ALPINE REGT.- come per il reggimento di fanteria  
della divisione di fanteria1  
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- ridurre le varie cariche in modo da portare la forza al 75% degli organici

- come per il reggimento di fanteria della divisione di fanteria

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DI FANTE-

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- come per il reggimento di fanteria della divisione di fanteria



24 OCT. 1946

5 BLC

SUBJECT : Price lists :- British Equipment,

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.002

18 October 1946

TO : War Ministry

1. From time to time the question arises as to the amount to be charged a soldier who loses or damages by neglect items of equipment of British origin.

In this connection M.M.I.A. have been asked to forward price lists of all such equipment.

2. The British Ordnance Vocabulary price for items of equipment is generally very low in comparison with the cost of replacement by the Italian Government.

It may often be shown that the listed price of "attractive items" is far less than may be obtained from a civilian receiver.

3. You are therefore advised to issue a scale of financial penalties to be applied to individuals proved to have been responsible for "loss or damage by neglect".

The scale which could be restricted to items in common use, should be related to the actual value in Italian currency and be uniform throughout the Italian Army.

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| GSO II              | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| DAA & QMG           | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| S. C. FEME          | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| S. C. S. & I.       | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| S. C. ORD.          | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| Copy to: List Clerk |                    |

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

RAC/ra

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SUBJECT:- British Equipment

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele 1553  
AG 42/87

23 Oct 46

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A copy of War Ministry letter 1/29/3 Serv dated 3 Oct 46 has been passed to this Unit.

1. I would be glad if you would let this unit know in due course
  - (a) the details of the disbandment or reduction to cadre strength of any units under your command
  - (b) the arrangements made for the storing and maintenance of British Weapons
2. With regard to 1 (b) above, an Ord Officer is now attached to this unit and will be available if required to give any advice on the method of maintenance of weapons either in use or when in store.

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Lt.Col.  
G.S.

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of BRITISH Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AG (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 218)

SD/109

17 Oct 46TO : LIST 'B'

Ref att copy of Ministry of War letter 4/2943/Serv  
dated 3 Oct 46.

Please note carefully what action is taken by  
Territorial Region HQ to implement Ministry of War instructions  
and report in due course to this HQ with special reference :-

- (a) To recommendations by Territorial Region  
HQ to disband or reduce units to cadre,
- (b) To suggestions submitted "to secure improved  
conditions in the storing and maintenance"  
of ALLIED weapons.

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*Major-General,*  
M. M. I. A.

*W.C.C.*  
G.S.

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| S. C. ORD.    | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| C. I. D.      | <i>[Signature]</i> |

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FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR REF: 4/2943/Serv

TO: Addressees DATE: 3 Oct 46

MAILA for Info (Ref your SD/109 of 10 Aug 46,  
and your Q 126 of 23 Sep 46)

SUBJECT: Care and Maintenance of Arms

1. As known, the present strength in Corps and Units is approximately of 1/3 inferior to that shown in the WE, as the 1/3 of the total strength is being trained at CARS. Consequently 1/3 of the arms in the WE cannot be distributed and used regularly.

2. In view of the above we suggest two solutions :-

- in each formation, reduce several units to skeleton hence the weapons remaining at the formation,
- Disband in each formation several units to be reformed only in case of mobilisation. In such case the weapons should be stored by the Military Territorial Commands concerned.

3. In the meantime, since members of Allied Military Mission have frequently stated that the cleanliness and general conditions of British equipment and individual weapons on issue are not satisfactory, we beg :-

(a) The Military Territorial Commands

To issue instructions immediately so that the care and maintenance of small arms and guns - specially those not used - be brought up to the highest standard as soon as possible.

Study and forward by the 31st inst. concrete suggestions regarding procedures to secure improved conditions in the storing and maintenance of weapons as stated in para 2 above.

(b) The General Directorate of Artillery and Motorisation

To confirm and control in units under their command the application of the instructions given in letter 36940/DT dated 8 Jun 46 concerning the supply and issue of war material required for the care and maintenance of small arms and guns.



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(sigd) Gen LIUZZI



Subject:- Equipment for Italian  
Army.

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tel 1547  
AQ 42/55

5 Oct 46

Hq 5 Territorial Command

The attached copies of HQ MEIA letter Q.006  
dated 2 Oct 46 and General GOULDEN's letter dated 1 Oct 46  
are forwarded to you for information.

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Diary

  
Major,  
G.S.

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5 OCT. 1946

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Subject: Equipment for Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC, ROME  
(M.M.I.A.)

Q.006

2 October 1946.

TO : List B

The present situation regarding the transfer of British Ordnance Stores to the Italian Government is as follows:

1. 557 Base Ordnance Depot has been handed over to the Chief Disposals Officer (ITALY) Ministry of Supply w.e.f. 30 September 1946, who has appointed A.R.A.R. as caretaker of the contents of the three Sub Depots situated at NAPLES and PONTECAGNANO.

2. At a conference held at this HQ on 23 August 1946 attended by representatives of the Italian Government, Ministry of War and A.R.A.R. the following decisions were agreed to in principle:

(a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and the Ministry of War should be present at the handover and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.

(b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit a claim for such spares in No 1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by M.M.I.A.) should be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.

(c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No 3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

3. At a subsequent War Ministry meeting the above was confirmed with A.R.A.R. and certain admin questions settled. It is not anticipated that the Ministry of War will experience any undue difficulty in obtaining available stores and essential items needed for the maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

4. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from G.O.C. to the War Ministry giving the current position of this Mission.



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5. BLU's will convey the information contained in this letter to HQ's of Territorial Commands and to any Italian officers who are concerned in the matter. No good purpose will be served by the forwarding of demands for stores to this HQ.

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Colonel,  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.



Q.006.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
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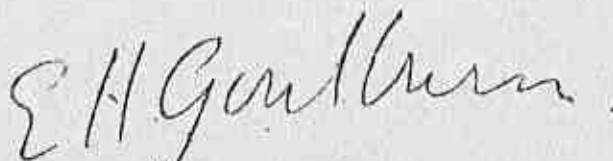
SUBJECT:- Transfer of British Ordnance  
Depot to ARAR

1 October, 1946

TO:- The War Minister.

You will remember from my letter, Q.006 of 30 August that I gave you the detailed arrangements for the disposal of British Ordnance Stores to be handed over to ARAR, and sent you a copy of the decisions reached at a meeting between this Mission and representatives of your Ministry, of ARAR and of the President of the Council of Ministries. In my subsequent letter of 10 September, I informed you that the transfer was imminent. I now write to inform you that the whole of 557 Base Ordnance Depot, consisting of the 3 Sub-Depots previously mentioned, have today been transferred complete, to the custody of ARAR. Although ARAR is not at the moment empowered to dispose of these stores until certain minor Allied and UNRRA needs have been met, it is important that (in accordance with the agreement reached), you should be adequately represented from now on in the Base Depot in order that full use may be made of the conditions under which your Ministry will be entitled to certain vital material required for the Italian Army.

I can do no more than impress on you most emphatically, the need for energetic action on the part of your representatives to ensure that material required by your Ministry, and to which you are entitled, does not pass into other hands. You will understand that, as this material has now been transferred from British to Italian custody, there is no further action which I can take to help you in this matter which is now entirely an Italian one.



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

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