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CONFIDENTIALEXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM 51 BLU DATED 22 JAN 45."2. MORALE

This, at the time of writing, is high, and is higher than at any time I have known in the Gruppo. Desertion is at a lower figure than it has been and the tps stand up to the weather conditions very well. There seems little doubt of their personal courage.

3. INF TRG.

As I stated in my memo of 5 Jan the Gruppo will have to learn a lot the hard way. The necessity for digging in is at last being absorbed, the uses of wire and mines are now realised etc. [Fire discipline is completely non-existent and in my opinion is responsible for a lot of unnecessary trouble which befalls the Gruppo. There are signs of improvement in this but I think this will always be a weakness.] Patrols, as might be expected, were very noisy and timid but these are definitely improving.

The worst fault which has come to light has been the too easy abandoning of fwd posns when threatened or bombarded by the enemy. The Gruppo explanation that this is caused by sections being weak is NOT the real answer in my opinion although a contributory factor. It is, of course, bad leadership. It is also stupid and wasteful as it involves a comparatively major operation to retake the abandoned posn. I do NOT think we shall get this right while the Gruppo remain extended as they are. Care of weapons has improved but is still bad. There is no doubt that the Bn Trg Majors have been the inspiration of the defence, and it is problematical what would have occurred without them.

4. COMMUNICATION.

These were utterly chaotic if not non-existent for the first 48 hrs the Gruppo was in the line. The Gruppo bore this with considerable fortitude but I think at last grasped the vital necessity of communications. They are now satisfactory.

5. ADMIN

This is always lamentable but in some occult way the food reaches the tps. Far too much tpt still mills round fwd areas, but strong BLU pressure has reduced the volume.

6. INFORMATION.

The passing back of infm is very bad. The Ops section at Gruppo HQ is incompetent and does NOT try to extract infm from the units but the latter are most unhelpful and appear to have no idea of the importance of the time factor in the passing of the infm. I am paying considerable attention to this aspect."



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4. There has been a definite improvement in the Bn since being in the line. For example on the first few nights the Bn front was ringing throughout the night with small arms fire, none of it enemy, targets were mainly animals, trees and shadows, now they have learnt to hold their fire, and unless enemy patrols bother them they are quiet at night.

There are still many things at fault, in some cases the fault does not lie within the Bn and I think steps could be taken to rectify them. I feel at the moment some of them may not be known, so I will endeavour to tabulate some of the outstanding ones.

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# 2. Passing back of Information.

This at the moment is very bad, and I feel that Div HQ has not got up to date picture of what is really going on, which must make it extremely difficult for them to function. Information gets through, but I don't think through Italian sources as it should. For instance the exact locations down to Fls on the Bn front are not known, and when Coy reliefs are carried out no one bar the Bn knows. I have checked the channels by which information is passed back from this Bn, and I am satisfied that it is now on sound lines. A DR goes to Regt HQ twice per day, and also the IO of this Bn visits the Canadian Bn on the left each evening to find out their patrol programme etc.

I feel at the moment the hold up is at Regt HQ and if an officer could be sent back to Div since they have been in the line, and also check their routine and method of sending back information, and give them some sound advice the information might start getting through to Div.

# 3. Deterioration in man power.

The following are the figures showing the strength of the Bn on arrival in the line, and the position at the moment.

|                                      |   |          |    |     |     |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------|----|-----|-----|
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| (B) " " at the moment                | = | "        | 21 | "   | 589 |
| (C) Number taken prisoner or missing | = |          | 28 |     |     |
| (D) " killed                         | = |          | 4  |     |     |
| (E) " wounded                        | = |          | 41 |     |     |
| (F) " sick                           | = |          | 4  |     |     |

From the above it can be seen that after a short time in a static role the Bn is down 77, this I consider is very high; 28 prisoner and missing is bad, and the wounded 41 is very high. I should say that 50% of the wounded have occurred through bunking in one room of a house during shelling instead of dispersing, and taking cover in slit trenches or sandbagged positions which they are very idle in making, and at times appear quite helpless.

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At the moment such a thing doesn't exist, and to walk round Coy, and Pl posts is quite revolting. As the weather improves disease will certainly break out, and strength will be greatly reduced to sickness.



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Subject: Report on Italian Bn's first experience in the line.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
OMF.

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To: Main 1 Canadian Corps  
50, 52, 53, 56 HCU  
G1 (Trg) 8 Army  
DWT

ICMIA

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GS.

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2. The Bn has held its front as taken over from the Canadians bar the sacrifice of two outposts positions CASA GLAZOL 494511 and CASA LOMI 494505.
3. An offensive attitude has been maintained in trying to regain the ~~positions~~ <sup>positions</sup>, but up to date casualties have occurred and not much success has been achieved.



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5. Observations on walking round Pl positions.  
The men are very cheerful, and are resting during the day. Each day I am asked the same question: "Can we have some English cigarettes Italiano Niente Buona, they make us cough at night, and the Germans fire on us" My reply was: "Bring me one German prisoner, and I will give you my complete cigarette ration and a bottle of whiskey." I should hate to part with these but I have so far hung on to them.

Many have no laces of any sort in their boots, a lot use string, Trench foot has just started, 4 cases today.

Cooking utensils and containers are limited, and they complain that their ~~cooking~~ food is seldom warm.

What I cannot understand is they appear to me from their general bearing miserable looking creatures, and yet they are always smiling, the fault lies among the officers and NCOs and not the men who if well led would fight.

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Major J. Hope for Done

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TRAINING ARRANGING FROM 8 MAY ONWARDS

1. The following additional personnel will be attached to 11th on arrival at Hama.
  - (a) 7 Maltese officer interpreters. They rank as British officers.
  - (b) 2 Artillery officer instructors
  - (c) 2 British and 4 Italian I.O.s as instructors for I.O.s and I.O.s.
  - (d) 4 Lt. British M.B. to instruct in mine warfare
2. Training will be concentrated on the following main points
  - (a) Patrols
  - (b) Reliance up to Regimental strength but incl Div III and Arty.
  - (c) Covert attacks up to company strength.

All training also to be planned for mounted country but M.B. seems to concentrate on ground should be practised.
3. Officers will be attached to units in the line under orders from 13 Corps. The General will visit the line but must be accompanied by a senior officer or two M.B. This officer will ensure that the Division is completely reacquainted with its strength and state of training.
4. There should be given from M.B.A. to those men who have applied for leave north of the army line.
5. Winter clothing problems will be taken up direct with 13 Corps.
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7. Signal Officer will visit G.O.O. 8 Army with his requirements in sets, telephones, cable and cable vehicles.
8. The Division will be prepared to take over a defensive sector in mounted country by the 2nd week in March.

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13 Aug/44.

*Phillips*  
Lt. Col.  
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DISTRIBUTION:- To All Officers 52 DIV  
To All Officers 'G' Trig Troopment.

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*Major Hope Johnston*TEL: Freedom 621CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Appointments - Officers

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

16737/MS15 Nov 45Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).  
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1. Approval is given to the following:-

Capt (T/Major) H.I.N.H. JOHNSTONE (166102) RF from UK to be GSO II (Trg) 52 BLU retaining the temporary rank of Major wef 11 Sep 45 vice T/Major T.P. LUCKOCK (52654) Som LI to X(iv) List.

2. This casualty will be reported to GHQ 2nd Echelon on A.F. W3010A by 52 BLU, WITHOUT DELAY.

3. A copy of this authority will be handed to Major JOHNSTONE by 52 BLU.

*R.D.W. Maxwell*  
Capt  
R. D. W. MAXWELL, Capt.,  
Staff Captain,  
for Colonel,  
Deputy Military Secretary.

OAS/WMC

Copies to:- 52 BLU.  
A.G. GHQ., CMF.  
GHQ., 2nd Echelon  
Gazette Section

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

**INCOMING MESSAGE**

FROM: DMT 56 AREA PRECEDENCE: OP TIME DATE GROUP MAY031230B  
REF. NO. DMT/348. CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED TIME DATE RECD 031540B

TO: ACTION HQ (1) 50 BLU  
(2) 51 BLU  
(3) 52 BLU  
(4) 53 BLU  
(5) 56 BLU

INFO (6) HQ 15 ARMY GROUP  
(7) HQ 8 ARMY.

RESTRICTED. SUBJECT IS TRAINING INCREMENTS. FORWARD FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF EACH OFFICER OF TRAINING ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
INCREMENT SERVING WITH YOU NOW EARLIEST POSSIBLE.

ONE. NAME PERSONAL NUMBER REGIMENT.

TWO. TYPE OF COMMISSION

THREE. AGE.

FOUR, PERIOD OF COMPLETED OVERSEAS SERVICE.

FIVE. WHETHER ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICE IN SAEC.

SIX. PREFERENCES FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT.

IN PARTICULAR WHETHER DESIRES SERVE IN SIMILAR APPT GREECE OR APPT IN  
AUSTRIAN DISARMAMENT AND DISBANDMENT COMMISSION. TREAT AS URGENT.

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| ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)                                         |          | MESSAGE FORM |                      | Register No.       |
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| ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.                            |          |              |                      |                    |
| FROM                                                             |          | Originator   | Date-Time of Origin. | Office Date Stamp  |
| (A)                                                              |          | 52 BLU       | 051000 B             |                    |
| For Action                                                       |          |              |                      |                    |
| DMT 56 AREA                                                      |          |              |                      |                    |
| TO                                                               |          |              |                      |                    |
| (W) For Information (INFO)                                       |          |              |                      |                    |
| Message Instructions. GR                                         |          |              |                      |                    |
| Originator's No.                                                 |          |              |                      |                    |
| 336 (.) SECRET (.) Ref DMT/348 of 3 (.) 66102 Major I.H.         |          |              |                      |                    |
| JOHNSTONE Royal Fusiliers (GSO 2 "O" Trg Ino) posted to UK on    |          |              |                      |                    |
| compassionate grounds under authority APHQ letter GR/4311/G1(Br) |          |              |                      |                    |
| dated 23 Apr (.) Read (1) number rank name regt (2) commission   |          |              |                      |                    |
| (3) age (4) completed overseas service (5) whether eligible      |          |              |                      |                    |
| for GSO (6) preferences for future employment (1) (1) 165598     |          |              |                      |                    |
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Originator's Instructions.  
Degree of Priority

Signed

Signed

*H. M. Hill*  
Major

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## MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 183

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM

(4)

52 BLU

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

021600 B

For Action

FIVE ARMY REAR (BRIT INC)

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Office Date Stamp

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Subject : Occupation of property at Trevignano Romano.

52 British Liaison Unit.  
CMF.  
9 Jun 45.

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D.A.D. Claims & Hirings.  
53 Claims & Hirings CMF.

Ref your CH/53/E/III dated 2 Jun 45. The  
delay in replying is regretted.

Major Hope Johnstone has now left this unit,  
but it is confirmed that this unit did occupy  
cottage at TREVIGNANO ROMANO from 1 Jan 45 to 4/5  
Feb 45 and that damage as stated in your letter  
is agreed.

HEWH/hjj

*W. H. Hamilton*  
Major.  
OC "C" Trg Inc.



Subject:- Occupation of property at Trevignano Romano

Ref. CH/53/H/111

C.C.  
52 B.L.U.  
CMF  
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1. May a reply be now supplied please to this Office memo of even number dated 1 Mar 45 copy attached.

19 Apr 45  
LS.

Major  
D.A.D.Claims & Hirings,  
53 Claims & Hirings.CMF.

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COPY

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C.C.  
52 B.L.U.  
CMF.  
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1. Piacentini Matilde fu Pietro, Via Conciliazione 44, Rome, says that from 1 Jan to 4/5 Feb 45 her 3 room cottage at Trevignano Romano was occupied by officers of your unit.

2. She has a chit signed by Major J.H.Johnstone of your unit that the following were broken or missing:-

- 2 window panes and frames
- 1 door pane and frame
- 3 canvas covered cushions
- 2 chaises longues
- 4 square metres of glass

3. It would appear that the premises should be requisitioned for the period during which they were so occupied so that the claim for dilapidations can be paid by Comando Genio Militare.

4. Will you please confirm the period of occupation and the particulars of damage caused.

1 Mar 45  
RBH/LS

Signed R.B.Hungerford. ~~Captain.~~  
Claims & Hirings Officer  
53 Claims & Hirings.CMF.

ME/  
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SUBJECT: Officer Appointments

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/10/MT1

16 May 45.

HQ 50 BLU, CMF  
HQ 51 BLU, CMF  
HQ 52 BLU, CMF  
HQ 53 BLU, CMF  
HQ 56 BLU, CMF

Copy to:

HQ M.M.I.A.

G-1 (Br) AFHQ

GHQ 2nd Echelon

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*W. J. A.*  
Brig.  
D.M.T.



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for B. G. S.  
D. M. T.

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Appendix 'A' to DME/55/10/IC  
dated 16 May 45.

NOMINAL ROLL

54 Trg Inc

Major E.F. SMITH GSO II  
Major J.S. HUGHES  
Major P.D.H. FENGELLY  
Major D.P. SELLS  
Major W.L. FAIRWEATHER

Detached to 503 (ITI) Gd Bn  
Detached to 502 (ITI) Gd Bn

55 Trg Inc

Major J.A.E. CRIBBLE GSO II  
Major J.G. FISHER  
Major D.R.V. DAWSON  
Major HAMILTON  
Major T.G.C. WARD  
Major A.D. WOODS

Detached to 'F' BLU RTC, ICF

Detached to 'F' BLU RTC, ICF  
To be S.O.S. at date to be notified.  
(see DME/55/10/MT-1 dated 15 May 45)

'C' Trg Inc

Major H.W. HAMILTON  
Major M.G.A.T. HILL  
Major R.F.S. EVANS  
Major J. MONMOUTH  
Major T.K. KENTLEY  
Major F.G. FLAK

Detached to 'F' BLU RTC, ICF  
Detached to 'F' BLU RTC, ICF  
Detached to 519 (ITI) Gd Bn

'D' Trg Inc

Major E.W.O.E. MARTWELL  
Major R.G. FENN  
Major T. KENNY  
Major E.W. BRIDLEY

Detached to 503 Gd Bn and later to  
HQ 4 Ind Div

'E' Trg Inc

Major W.L. MEDLAM GSO II  
Major F.G. COX  
Major F.P. DUFFY  
Major G. HUDSON  
Major HODGSON  
Major E.H. NEWBY  
Major S.E. SNEZUM



'55 Trg Inc

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 Major J.G. FISHER  
 Major D.R.Y. DAWSON  
 Major HAMILTON  
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 Major A.D. WOODS

GSO II

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 Major G. HUDSON  
 Major HENRY  
 Major E.H. NEWBY  
 Major S.E. SHILLUM

GSO II

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STAFF LIST - "LEGNANO" COMBAT GROUP.

A - GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

Commander  
2 i/c  
Chief of Staff  
ADC to Commander

- Major-Gen UTILI  
- Brig-Gen IMPERIALI  
- Colonel CAROFOLI  
- 2/Lieut BRIZIO

Operations & Intelligence Section

Chief of Section  
St of Officers

- Major SCARATI  
- Capt ITRERO  
- Capt LILATO  
- Capt RICHEZZA  
- Capt GENELLI-IRELLI  
- Capt FAR  
- Lieut MORDIGLIA

Interpreters

Administration Section

Chief of Section  
Staff Officers

- Major TERRANOVA  
- Capt FERRO  
- Capt PIZZUTI  
- Lieut GIORGI-DI VISTARINO

Interpreter

Personnel Section

Chief of Section  
Staff Officers

- Major CASABURI  
- Capt DELLINO  
- Capt CAVALLO

Welfare Section

Welfare Officer

- Major GRASSI

Medical Branch

Director of Medical Services  
Staff Officer

- Lieut-Col FOLLESE  
- Capt FODERA

Commissariat Branch

Chief of Branch  
Staff Officer  
Adm Officer  
Interpreter

- Major SCOPETTONE  
- 2/Lieut DEZZA  
- 2/Lieut IEZZI  
- 2/Lieut LECHISSA

Workshops Branch

Chief of Branch

- Major CATTALINO



## St ff Officers

## Interpreters

Administration Section

Chief of Section  
Staff Officers

## Interpreter

Personnel Section

Chief of Section  
Staff Officers

Welfare Section

Welfare Officer

Medical Branch

Director of Medical Services  
Staff Officer

Commissariat Branch

Chief of Branch  
Staff Officer  
Adm Officer  
Interpreter

Workshops Branch

Chief of Branch

- Capt. RICCHEZZA  
- Capt. CECILIA-IRELLI  
- Capt. FAR  
- Capt. MORICIGLIA  
- Lieut. MORICIGLIA

- Major TERRANOVA  
- Capt. FERRO  
- Capt. PIZZUTI  
- Lieut. GIORGI-DI VISTARINO

- Major CASABURI  
- Capt. DELLINO  
- Capt. CAVALLO

- Major GRASSI

- Lieut-Col. POLESE  
- Capt. FODERA

- Major SCOPETTONE  
- 2/Lieut. DEZZA  
- 2/Lieut. TEZZI  
- 2/Lieut. LECCHISSA

- Major CATTILINO

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B - 68 INFANTRY REGIMENT - HQ.

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Commander                       | - Colonel DE RENZI  |
| 2 i/c                           | - Lieut-Col RERSANI |
| Adjutant                        | - Major DI STERANO  |
| Senior Officer - General Duties | - Major RINALSI     |
| Senior Officer - Legal Duties   | - Capt CLERICI      |
| Quartermaster                   | - Capt FLORIS       |
| Intelligence Officer            | - Capt LOVERADI     |
| Medical Officer                 | - Capt MACCHI       |
| M.F. Officer                    | - Capt MARILLINI    |
| Administrative Officer          | - Lieut CARLI       |
| Chaplain                        | - Lieut PERONI      |

C - "SERPENTE" INFANTRY REGIMENT - HQ.

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commander                       | - Colonel SCARPA      |
| 2 i/c                           | - Lieut-Col PICONI    |
| Adjutant                        | - Major RASERO        |
| Senior Officer - General Duties | - Lieut-Col BRILATORE |
| Senior Officer - Legal Duties   | - Capt ZANCHINI       |
| Quartermaster                   | - Capt DE MARDELLI    |
| Intelligence Officer            | - Lieut VELARDI       |
| Medical Officer                 | - Capt MESSINTI       |
| M.F. Officer                    | - Capt RASTELLI       |
| Administrative Officer          | - Capt FORLA          |
| Chaplain                        | - Lieut PERA          |

D - 14 INFANTRY REGIMENT - HQ.

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Commander                | - Colonel RUMELLI  |
| 2 i/c                    | - Lieut-Col BRACCO |
| Adjutant                 | - Capt SPAGNA      |
| Survey Officer           | - Capt GROSSI      |
| Officer i/c Supplies     | - Capt MONDINI     |
| Officer - General Duties | - Lieut GAROVANI   |
| Administrative Officer   | - Lieut ERISINI    |
| Medical Officer          | - Lieut TANCREDI   |
| Chaplain                 | - Lieut BONI       |



## C - "SEATTLE" INFANTRY REGIMENT - HQ.

|                                 |   |                    |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Commander                       | - | Colonel SCARPA     |
| 2 i/c                           | - | Lieut-Col PICONE   |
| Lieutenant                      | - | Major RASANO       |
| Senior Officer - General Duties | - | Lieut-Col ERLATORE |
| Senior Officer - Legal Duties   | - | Capt ZANCHELI      |
| Quartermaster                   | - | Capt DE NARDI      |
| Intelligence Officer            | - | Lieut VELARDI      |
| Medical Officer                 | - | Capt M. SENEVI     |
| M. T. Officer                   | - | Capt RISTENI       |
| Administrative Officer          | - | Capt BORRA         |
| Chaplain                        | - | Lieut PERA         |

## D - 11 ARTILLERY REGIMENT - HQ.

|                          |   |                  |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| Commander                | - | Colonel BURNELLI |
| 2 i/c                    | - | Lieut-Col BRACCO |
| Adjutant                 | - | Capt SPICCA      |
| Survey Officer           | - | Capt GROSSI      |
| Officer i/c Supplies     | - | Capt LONDINI     |
| Officer - General Duties | - | Lieut GAROVANI   |
| Administrative Officer   | - | Lieut BRISANI    |
| Medical Officer          | - | Lieut TANCREDI   |
| Chaplain                 | - | Lieut BONDI      |



Subject: Enemy Recognition Signals.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CIB.

RE: LEXINNO.

6/12/45.

1. Herewith copy of 1 District letter 701/5/GS(I) dated 25 Jan 45.

"1. Information has been received from SHANF that the enemy is using a specially recruited brigade of English speaking troops to go forward in advance of German armour, dressed in American uniform, with American equipment and transport. Their mission was to do as much damage as possible to our positions behind the lines.

2. They identified themselves to each other by using a blue flashlight and/or raising the right arm. The reply is to raise the left arm, and/or use a red flashlight.

3. British and Canadian uniforms are being collected from PW and may be used in the future.

4. Normal security precautions should be taken to prevent our troops being deceived by such ruses."

2. The importance of maintaining a high standard of unit security applicable to ALL ranks is emphasised.

5 Feb 45.  
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Copy to: 'G' Trg Increment  
Camp Commandant.

*Aluckock*  
Major,  
GSOII.



SUBJECT: British Training Unit for the Italian Army

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ CEF

Tel: 14667

DATE: 27/1/45

27 Jan 45.

To: All Concerned.

1. A British Training Unit is formed to assist D.M.T. and the Inspector General of Training S.M.R.E. in the training work of all PR - LVI forces. It is responsible to and works under the direction of the Director of Military Training C.M.F.
2. The Col i/c Unit will direct the work of all British Training Teams and Training Increments attached by D.M.T. to the Italian Army.
3. The Unit may where necessary deal direct on training matters with 15 Army Corps and Districts, and will have direct access to Inspector General of Training S.M.R.E. In all matters other than training it will work in close touch with and through HQ MIA.
4. The Unit will be responsible for the following duties:-
  - A. To advise and assist Italian Inspector General Training, to organise training at the Italian Rft Depots, Centres and Schools. It will control the British Training Increments to Schools, Centres and Depots, and ensure training is carried out on the lines laid down by D.M.T.
  - B. To control the work of Training Increments with the Combat Groups, and to act in an advisory capacity to E.L.U.s. on training matters.
  5. Detailed duties of the British Training Unit in connection with the above are as follows:-
    - A. The Organisation of Training at the Italian Rft Training Depots and Schools.
      1. Instructors.
      2. Provision of Training equipment
      3. Provision of Training ammunition
      4. Allotment of vacancies
      5. Training areas



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  - B. To control the work of Training Increments with the Combat Groups, and to act in an advisory capacity to P.L.Gs. on training matters.
  5. Detailed duties of the British Training Unit in connection with the above are as follows:-
    1. The Organisation of Training at the Italian Art Trg Depots and Schools.
    2. Ins4uctors.
    3. Provision of Training equipment
    4. Provision of Training ammunition
    5. Allotment of vacancies
    6. Training areas
    7. Training accommodation
    8. Control of British Training Iners to Schools and Depots
    9. Arranging with MIA for the translation and issue of training publications.



## 5. (Cont)

B. Training Duties with the Italian Combat Groups

1. Control of Training Inners with Italian Combat Groups
2. Issue of training equipment and arms
3. Training areas

6. Local administration and provision of accommodation are the function of ILLIA who are providing a L.O. with the British Training Unit for this purpose.

7. Service officers and NCOs of the British Training Unit will be available to assist the L.O. in local administration and maintenance.

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DISTRIBUTION

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| HQRA AFHQ        | 2  |
| HE Infantry AFHQ | 2  |
| MGRE AFHQ        | 2  |
| C.S.O.           | 2  |
| D.S.T.           | 2  |
| Provost          | 2  |
| G-2              | 1  |
| D.O.S.           | 2  |
| D.M.E.           | 1  |
| G-4              | 1  |
| G-5 Org          | 2  |
| G-5 Org (T) AFHQ | 1  |
| G-5 Org (B) "    | 10 |
| G-4 (B) AFHQ     | 5  |
| HQ 15 Army Group | 50 |
| M.L.I.A.         | 4  |
| HQ Rpt Tr Centre | 10 |

Brig.,  
D.M.E.

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| HQ 50 BDU, CEF                 | 5  |
| HQ 51 BDU, CEF                 | 5  |
| HQ 52 BDU, CEF                 | 5  |
| HQ 53 BDU, CEF                 | 5  |
| HQ 54 BDU, CEF                 | 5  |
| HQ CMTG, CEF                   | 10 |
| HQ RATED & School, CEF         | 2  |
| HQ FCE, CEF                    | 2  |
| HQ R. Sigs Depot & Sch of Sigs | 2  |
| HQ IRID, CEF                   | 2  |
| HQ RASCTE, CEF                 | 1  |
| HQ Desert & Trg Batab CEF, CEF | 1  |
| HQ Mountain School, CEF        | 1  |
| HQ AAC Trg Centre, CEF         | 1  |
| HQ School of I & N B, CEF      | 1  |
| GHQ 2nd Echelon                | 1  |
| S.A.R.E.                       | 2  |



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|-------------------|----------|----|
| HQRA              | AFHQ     | 2  |
| Hq. Infantry      | AFHQ     | 2  |
| MCRA              | AFHQ     | 2  |
| C-3.O.            | "        | 2  |
| D.S.T.            | "        | 2  |
| Provost           | "        | 2  |
| G-2               | "        | 1  |
| D.O.S.            | "        | 2  |
| D.M.T.            | "        | 1  |
| G-1               | "        | 1  |
| G-3 Org           | "        | 2  |
| C-3 Org           | (T) AFHQ | 1  |
| G-3 Org           | (B) "    | 10 |
| G-4 (B)           | AFHQ     | 3  |
| HQ 15 Army Group  |          | 50 |
| M.M.I.A.          |          | 4  |
| HQ Rpt Tr. Centre |          | 10 |

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| HQ 50 BUC, CWP                 | 5  |
| HQ 51 BUC, CWP                 | 5  |
| HQ 52 BUC, CWP                 | 5  |
| HQ 53 BUC, CWP                 | 5  |
| HQ 56 BUC, CWP                 | 5  |
| HQ C.M.C, CWP                  | 10 |
| HQ RAND & School, CWP          | 2  |
| HQ EWE, CWP                    | 2  |
| HQ R. Sigs Depot & Sch of Sigs | 2  |
| HQ IRTD, CWP                   | 2  |
| HQ RASCID, CWP                 | 1  |
| HQ Depot & Trg Eatab CWP, CWP  | 1  |
| H. Mountain School, CWP        | 1  |
| HQ RACC Trg Centre, CWP        | 1  |
| HQ School of E & M I, CWP      | 1  |
| CWO 2nd Echelon                | 1  |
| S. & R. E.                     | 2  |
| Intelligence Trg Centre        | 1  |

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SUBJECT: British Training Unit for the Italian Army.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY TRAINING  
ATHQ CMT

Tel: 41667

DATE: 27/1/44

2 Feb 45.

To: All Concerned.

Ref WAT/67/1/141 dated 27 Jan 45.

Para 4 B should be amended to read as follows:-

"To control the work of Training Increments with the Combat Groups and to act in an advisory capacity to HMs of training matters".

Note: As soon as a Gruppo comes under command a formation, that formation will be responsible for the training of the Gruppo, and will therefore take over control of the Training Increment from D.M.T.

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|--------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|
| HQRA ATHQ          | 2  | HQ 50 BCU CMT                  | 5  |
| HQ Infantry ATHQ   | 2  | HQ 54 BCU CMT                  | 5  |
| MCAT ATHQ          | 2  | HQ 52 BCU CMT                  | 5  |
| C.S.O. ATHQ        | 2  | HQ 53 BCU CMT                  | 5  |
| D.S.T. "           | 2  | HQ 56 BCU CMT                  | 10 |
| Provost "          | 1  | HQ CMTG CMT                    | 2  |
| G - 2              | 2  | HQ RAID & School CMT           | 2  |
| D.O.S.             | 1  | HQ TEL CMT                     | 2  |
| D.M.T.             | 1  | HQ R. Sigs Depot & Sch of Sigs | 2  |
| G - 1              | 2  | HQ INTC CMT                    | 1  |
| G - 3 Org ATHQ     | 2  | HQ RASCTD CMT                  | 1  |
| G - 5 Org (F) ATHQ | 1  | HQ Depot & Try Estab CMT CMT   | 1  |
| G - 3 Org (B) "    | 10 | HQ Mountain School CMT         | 1  |
| G - 4 (5) ATHQ     | 3  | HQ HQO Trg Centre CMT          | 1  |
| HQ 15 Army Group   | 50 | HQ School of I & M E CMT       | 1  |

*S. R. Timms Col*  
*for Brigs.*  
*D.M.T.*







SUBJECT: Designation and Addresses of BLUs and  
Trg Incs at Italian Combat Groups

SECRET

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ, COM

Tel: 11667

DET/55/111

12 Jan 45.

All Concerned

Cases have occurred of correspondence being wrongly delivered to BLUs and Trg Incs serving with the Italian Combat Groups.

The attached list of BLUs and their Trg Incs with their correct postal address is therefore forwarded.

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|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| S.G.S. AFHQ                   | 1 |
| G-1 (BR) AFHQ                 | 5 |
| G-2 AFHQ                      | 2 |
| G-3 Org (P) AFHQ              | 1 |
| G-3 Trg (BR) AFHQ             | 1 |
| G-4 (BR) AFHQ                 | 5 |
| G-4 Mov & Tr AFHQ             | 5 |
| A.G. Mail & Distribution AFHQ | 2 |
| Brig Infantry AFHQ            | 5 |
| Engineer Sec AFHQ             | 1 |
| Rd Arty Sec AFHQ              | 2 |
| Liaison Section AFHQ          | 1 |
| Medical Section (BR) AFHQ     | 1 |
| Dep Mil Sec AFHQ              | 2 |
| Ordnance (BR) AFHQ            | 1 |
| HQ F.F.I. AFHQ                | 1 |
| D.P.I.C. AFHQ                 | 1 |
| D.P. & S.S. AFHQ              | 5 |
| Postal Directorate (BR) AFHQ  | 5 |

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Signal Section AFHQ           | 5 |
| Signal Centre AFHQ            | 5 |
| S & T AFHQ                    | 1 |
| G-3 Trg (BR) HQ 15 Army Group | 2 |
| HQ Eighth Army                | 5 |
| HQ Br Inc Fifth Army          | 5 |
| HQ 1 District                 | 5 |
| HQ 2 District                 | 5 |
| HQ 3 District                 | 5 |
| H. I. I. I. I.                | 5 |
| HQ 54 Trg Inc BLU             | 5 |
| HQ 55 Trg Inc BLU             | 5 |
| HQ 10' Trg Inc BLU            | 5 |
| HQ 10' Trg Inc BLU            | 5 |
| HQ 10' Trg Inc BLU            | 5 |
| HQ 50 BLU                     | 5 |
| HQ 51 BLU                     | 5 |
| HQ 52 BLU                     | 5 |
| HQ 53 BLU                     | 5 |



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G-1 (BR) AFHQ 5  
G-2 AFHQ 2  
G-3 Org (F) AFHQ 1  
G-3 Trg (BR) AFHQ 1  
G-4 (BR) AFHQ 5  
G-4 Mov & Tn AFHQ 5  
G. Mail & Distribution AFHQ 2  
Brig Infantry AFHQ 5  
Engineer Sec AFHQ 1  
Ed Arty Sec AFHQ 2  
Liaison Section AFHQ 1  
Medical Section (BR) AFHQ 1  
Dep Mil Sec AFHQ 2  
Ordnance (BR) AFHQ 1  
HQ F. R. I. AFHQ 1  
D. P. I. C. AFHQ 1  
D. F. & S. S. AFHQ 1  
Postal Directorate (BR) AFHQ 2  
HMF AFHQ 1

Signal Section AFHQ 5  
Signal Centre AFHQ 5  
S & T AFHQ 1  
G-3 Trg (BR) HQ 15 Army Group 2  
HQ Eighth Army 5  
HQ Br Inc Fifth Army 5  
HQ 1 District 5  
HQ 2 District 5  
HQ 3 District 5  
R. I. I. I. 5  
HQ 54 Trg Inc BLU 5  
HQ 55 Trg Inc BLU 5  
HQ 56 Trg Inc BLU 5  
HQ 57 Trg Inc BLU 5  
HQ 58 Trg Inc BLU 5  
HQ 59 Trg Inc BLU 5  
HQ 50 BLU 5  
HQ 51 BLU 5  
HQ 52 BLU 5  
HQ 53 BLU 5  
HQ 54 BLU 5  
HQ 55 Area 5

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| <u>BLU</u> with att | <u>TRG INC</u> | surviving with | <u>ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP</u> | <u>REMARKS</u>                        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 50 BLU, CAP         | 54 TRG INC     | BLU, CAP       | FRIULI                      | In area RADDA 10 miles NORTH of SIENA |
| 51 BLU, CAP         | 55 TRG INC     | BLU, CAP       | CHIANCA                     | At ASCOLI PICENO                      |
| 52 BLU, CAP         | 56 TRG INC     | BLU, CAP       | IMPERIA                     | At BRACCIANO, 10 miles NORTH of ROME  |
| 53 BLU, CAP         | 57 TRG INC     | BLU, CAP       | FORGORA                     | At TULIASE, NW of BENEVENTO           |
| 56 BLU, CAP         | 58 TRG INC     | BLU, CAP       | MARCONI                     | At S. GIORGIO, SOUTH of BENEVENTO     |

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SUBJECT: Designation and Addresses of BLUs. and  
Trg Incs att Italian Combat Groups

SECRET

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
 AFHQ, CEF

Tel: 11667

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12 Jan 45.

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 G-5 Trg (BR) AFHQ  
 G-4 (BR) AFHQ  
 G-4 Mov & Tr AFHQ  
 A.G. Mail & Distribution AFHQ  
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 D.P.I.C. AFHQ  
 D.P. & S.S. AFHQ  
 Postal Directorate (BR) AFHQ

Signal Section AFHQ  
 Signal Centre AFHQ  
 S & T AFHQ  
 G-3 Trg (BR) HQ 15 Army Group  
 HQ EIGHTH Army  
 HQ Br Inc FIFTH Army  
 HQ 1 District  
 HQ 2 District  
 HQ 3 District  
 H. L.I.I...  
 HQ 54 Trg Inc BLU  
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All Concerned

Cases have occurred of correspondence being wrongly delivered to BLUs and Trg Ince serving with the Italian Combat Groups.

The attached list of BLUs and their Trg Ince with their correct postal address is therefore forwarded.

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DISPOSITION

S.G.S. AFHQ 1  
G-1 (BR) AFHQ 5  
G-2 AFHQ 2  
G-3 Crg (F) AFHQ 2  
G-3 Trg (BR) AFHQ 1  
G-4 (BR) AFHQ 1  
G-4 Mov & Tr AFHQ 5  
A.G. Mail & Distribution AFHQ 5  
Brig Infantry AFHQ 2  
Engineer Sec AFHQ 5  
Fd arty Sec AFHQ 1  
Liaison Section AFHQ 2  
Medical Section (BR) AFHQ 1  
Dep Mil Sec AFHQ 1  
Ordnance (BR) AFHQ 1  
HQ F.P.I. AFHQ 1  
D.P.I.C. AFHQ 1  
D.P. & S.S. AFHQ 1  
Postal Directorate (BR) AFHQ 5  
RECE AFHQ 1

Signal Section AFHQ 5  
Signal Centre AFHQ 5  
S & T AFHQ 4  
G-3 Trg (BR) HQ 15 Army Group 2  
H. EIGHTH Army 5  
H. Br Inc FIFTH Army 5  
HQ 1 District 5  
HQ 2 District 5  
HQ 3 District 5  
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HQ 56 BLU 5  
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| <u>BLU</u> with etc | <u>TRG INC</u>       | serving with | <u>PLAIN CODE</u><br><u>GROUP</u> | <u>REMARKS</u>                         |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 50 BLU, CMT         | 54 Trg Inc BLU, CMT  |              | TRIUMF                            | In area RADDIA 10 miles NORTH of SIENA |
| 51 BLU, CMT         | 55 Trg Inc BLU, CMT  |              | CREMONA                           | At ASCOLI PICENO                       |
| 52 BLU, CMT         | '0' Trg Inc BLU, CMT |              | LIPIANO                           | At BRACCIANO, 10 miles NORTH of ROME   |
| 53 BLU, CMT         | '5' Trg Inc BLU, CMT |              | FOLGOM                            | At TELISE, NW of BENEVENTO             |
| 56 BLU, CMT         | '5' Trg Inc BLU, CMT |              | ALFONZA                           | At S. GIORGIO, SOUTH of BENEVENTO      |

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Subject: Organization of Platoons of Support Coy  
of an Infantry Battalion.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CAF.  
29 Dec 41.

2/14/13

HQ LEONARD.

Further to para 6 of this HQ letter 2/14/13 dated 25 Dec 41.

1. Attached appendices show the suggested organization for

MOBILE Platoon - Appx "A"  
CARRIER Platoon - Appx "B"  
4/1X Platoon - Appx "C"

of the Support Coys of Infantry Battalions in this Gruppe.

2. The following notes on these organizations are given:-

(a) Wireless.

The wireless lay-out for the Support Coy has been notified in this HQ letter 2/14/13 dated 27 Dec 41.

Wireless operators, who are held on the strength of HQ Pl of Support Coy, have not been shown in the attached appendices, but it must be remembered that, when allotted to Platoons, the wireless set and one or both operators will normally be carried in the Pl Comd's Carrier, and that room must therefore be allowed for them.

(b) Stretcher-bearers.

Stretcher-bearers are held on the strength of HQ Pl of Support Coy, and these also have not been shown in the attached appendices. The Platoons of the Support Coy may often be dispersed over a wide area and it may be advisable for these stretcher-bearers to be allotted to the Platoons. Consequently room must be found for them, either in Pl Comd's Carrier or elsewhere.

(c) Batmen.

No provision is made in the HQ for batmen for Pl Comds. Batmen must therefore be found from the personnel of the Pl.

(d) Brens, Plats and 2" Mortars.

None of these weapons in the Support Coy 1st.



1. Attached appendices show the suggested organization for

MORTAR PLATOON - APPX "A"  
CARRIER PLATOON - APPX "B"  
A/PL PLATOON - APPX "C"

of the Support Coy of Infantry Battalions in this group.

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(c) Batacn.

No provision is made in the WL for batacn for Pl Comd. Batacn must therefore be found from the personnel of the Pl.

(d) Brens, Fla's, and 2" Mortars.

WL of these weapons in the Support Coy is:-

Brens - 16  
Fla's - 6  
2" Mortars - 14

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These should be allotted as follows:-

Brens. Mortar Pl - 2. (Sub allotted 1 per section)  
Carrier Pl - 12. (Sub allotted 1 to each carrier  
less Pl Comd's Carrier)  
A/PL Pl - 2. (Sub allotted 1 per Detachment)

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APPX "A"

ORGANIZATION OF MORTAR PLATOON  
OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION

| SUB UNIT   | VEHICLE                                      | PERSONNEL                                                            | OFFR | SGTS | CPLS | PFS              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------|
| PLATOON HQ | Carrier                                      | Pl Comd (Dubultern)<br>Driver<br>pte (geniostrist)<br>pte            | 1    |      |      | 1<br>1<br>1<br>1 |
|            | Motor-cycle                                  | Orderly                                                              |      |      |      | 1                |
|            | Motor-cycle                                  | Orderly                                                              |      |      |      | 1                |
|            | 15 cwt Truck<br>(ammunition)                 | Driver<br>Sgt (Pl Sgt)<br>2 Ptes (asn numbers)                       |      | 1    |      | 2<br>1<br>2<br>1 |
|            | 15 cwt Truck<br>(ammunition)                 | Driver<br>2 Ptes (asn numbers)<br>pte (signaller)                    |      |      |      | 1<br>2<br>1      |
|            | 15 cwt Truck<br>(Stores etc)                 | Driver<br>Armourer Mechanic<br>pte (signaller)                       |      |      |      | 1<br>1<br>1      |
|            | Carrier No 1                                 | Sgt (also MCO 1/c 1 Sec)<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers) |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
| 1 SECTION  | Carrier No 2                                 | Sgt<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers)                      |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
|            | Carrier No 3                                 | Sgt (also MCO 1/c 2 Sec)<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers) |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
|            | Carrier No 4                                 | Sgt<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers)                      |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
|            | Carrier No 5                                 | Sgt<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers)                      |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
| 2 SECTION  | Carrier No 6                                 | Sgt<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers)                      |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
|            | Carrier No 7                                 | Sgt<br>Driver<br>Cpl<br>2 Ptes (Mortar numbers)                      |      | 1    | 1    | 1<br>2           |
| TOTAL      | 5 Carriers<br>2 M/co<br>3 Trucks<br>(15 cwt) | 37 All ranks                                                         | 1    | 5    | 4    | 27               |
|            |                                              |                                                                      |      |      |      | 7678             |



|              |                         |  |  |   |      |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|------|
| Motor-cycle  | Orderly                 |  |  |   | 1    |
| Motor-cycle  | Orderly                 |  |  |   | 1    |
| 15 cwt truck | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
| (Ammunition) | Set (Pl Set)            |  |  | 1 |      |
|              | 2 Ptes (Ann numbers)    |  |  |   | 2    |
| 15 cwt truck | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
| (Ammunition) | 2 Ptes (Ann numbers)    |  |  |   | 2    |
|              | Pte (Pinner)            |  |  |   | 1    |
| 15 cwt truck | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
| (Stores etc) | Armourer Machine        |  |  |   | 1    |
|              | Pte (Pinner)            |  |  |   | 1    |
| 1 SECTION    |                         |  |  |   |      |
| Carrier No 1 | Set (also NCO 1/c 1 Sec |  |  | 1 |      |
|              | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
|              | Cpl                     |  |  |   | 2    |
| Carrier No 2 | 2 Ptes (Mortar numbers) |  |  |   |      |
|              | Set                     |  |  | 1 |      |
|              | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
|              | Cpl                     |  |  |   | 2    |
| Carrier No 3 | 2 Ptes (Mortar numbers) |  |  |   |      |
|              | Set (also NCO 1/c 2 Sec |  |  | 1 |      |
|              | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
|              | Cpl                     |  |  |   | 2    |
| Carrier No 4 | 2 Ptes (Mortar numbers) |  |  |   |      |
|              | Set                     |  |  | 1 |      |
|              | Driver                  |  |  |   | 1    |
|              | Cpl                     |  |  |   | 2    |
|              | 2 Ptes (Mortar numbers) |  |  |   |      |
| TOTAL        |                         |  |  |   |      |
| 5 Carriers   |                         |  |  |   |      |
| 2 M/c        |                         |  |  |   |      |
| 3 Trucks     |                         |  |  |   |      |
| (15 cwt)     |                         |  |  |   |      |
|              | 37 All trucks           |  |  | 3 | 4    |
|              |                         |  |  |   | 27   |
|              |                         |  |  |   | 7670 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE CARRIER PLATOON  
OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION.

| SUB UNIT   | VEHICLE                                       | PERSONNEL                                 | OPR | SUP | CPLS | PTEs |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| PLATOON HQ | Carrier                                       | Pl Comd (Subaltern)<br>Driver<br>Pte      | 1   |     |      | 1    |
|            | Motor-cycle                                   | Orderly                                   |     |     |      | 1    |
|            | Motor-cycle                                   | Orderly                                   |     |     |      | 1    |
|            | 15 cwt Truck<br>(Ammunitions<br>blankets etc) | Driver<br>Pte                             |     |     |      | 1    |
|            | 15 cwt Truck<br>(Stores)                      | Driver<br>Pte (Pl storeman)               |     |     |      | 1    |
| 1 SECTION  | Carrier No 1                                  | Sgt (NCO i/c 1 & 2<br>Sections)           |     | 1   |      |      |
|            |                                               | Cpl<br>Driver<br>Pte (Bren-runner)        |     |     | 1    | 1    |
|            | Carrier No 2                                  | Cpl<br>Driver<br>Pte (Bren-runner)<br>Pte |     |     | 1    | 1    |
|            | Carrier No 3                                  | Cpl<br>Driver<br>Pte (Bren-runner)<br>Pte |     |     | 1    | 1    |
| 2 SECTION  | Carrier No 4                                  | Cpl<br>Driver<br>Pte (Bren-runner)<br>Pte |     |     | 1    | 1    |
|            | Carrier No 5                                  | Cpl<br>Driver<br>Pte (Bren-runner)<br>Pte |     |     | 1    | 1    |
|            |                                               |                                           |     |     | 76   | 9    |
|            | Carrier No 6                                  | Cpl<br>Driver<br>Pte (Bren-runner)<br>Pte |     |     | 1    | 1    |
| 3 SECTION  | Carriers -<br>Nos 7, 8, 9.                    |                                           |     |     | 1    | 3    |
|            |                                               | As for 1 Section                          |     |     |      | 8    |



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ORGANIZATION OF THE ANTI-TANK PLATOON  
OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION.

APPX "C"

| SUB UNIT     | VEHICLE                                    | PERSONNEL                                                    | OFFR SOLD | CPLS | PRES |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|------|
| PLATOON HQ   | Carrier Loyd                               | Pl Comd (Subaltern)<br>Driver                                | 1         |      | 1    |
|              | Motor-cycle                                | Armorer Mechanic                                             |           |      | 1    |
|              |                                            | Orderly                                                      |           |      | 1    |
|              | 15 cwt Truck                               | Driver<br>Sgt (Pl Sgt)                                       | 1         |      | 1    |
| 1 DETACHMENT | Carrier Loyd<br>No 1<br>(towing gun)       | Sgt (NCO i/c Det)<br>Driver<br>Cpl ) gun numbers<br>2 Ptes)  | 1         | 1    | 1    |
|              | Carrier Loyd<br>No 2<br>(Ammunition)       | Cpl ) gun numbers<br>Pte )<br>Driver<br>Pte (Ammunition No)  |           | 1    | 1    |
|              | Carrier Loyd<br>No 3<br>(towing gun)       | Sgt (NCO i/c Det)<br>Driver<br>Cpl ) gun numbers<br>2 Ptes ) | 1         | 1    | 2    |
|              | Carrier Loyd<br>No 4<br>(Ammunition)       | Cpl ) gun numbers<br>Pte )<br>Driver<br>Pte (Ammunition No)  |           | 1    | 1    |
| TOTAL        | 5 Carriers Loyd<br>1 M/c<br>1-15 cwt Truck | 24 All ranks                                                 | 1         | 3    | 4    |
|              |                                            |                                                              |           |      | 15   |

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U N I O N J A C K (me) oledì 24 gennaio 1945)

DICHIARAZIONE SULL'ITALIA DIRAMATA DAL GABINETTO DEL PRIMO MINISTRO  
BRITANNICO.

(traduzione letterale eseguita dal colonnello Edmondo De Renzi)

Londra, martedì 23 gennaio 1945

Il seguente comunicato è stato diramato dal gabinetto del Pri-  
mo Ministro Britannico la notte decorsa:

" E' stata attirata la nostra attenzione su un equivoco a cui ha dato  
" luogo un periodo di un discorso del Primo Ministro Britannico del 18 ul  
" timo scorso, al quale è stata data erronea interpretazione in Italia e  
" altrove, distaccando una frase dal suo contesto. E' stato riferito che  
" il Primo Ministro avrebbe detto: "noi non abbiamo bisogno dell'Italia"  
" mentre egli ha in realtà detto: "noi diciamo ancora una volta per tutte  
" che non abbiamo alcuna combinazione politica in Europa o altrove, per  
" la quale abbiamo bisogno dell'Italia come associata. Noi non abbiamo bi-  
" sogno dell'Italia più che non abbiamo bisogno della Spagna, poichè non  
" abbiamo alcun progetto che richieda l'appoggio di tali potenze".

" Queste parole si riferiscono all'impressione largamente diffusa, che  
" la Gran Bretagna si andasse imbarcando in un sistema di predominio poli-  
" tico in Europa e specialmente nel Mediterraneo. Le suddette parole in  
" nessun caso sostituiscono o modificano la dichiarazione del Primo Mini-  
" stro diramata nel decorso agosto sull'Italia, dichiarazione appresso ci-  
" tata, e neppure implicano che l'Italia ora o in futuro debba essere  
" esclusa da un onorevole compito nel sistema politico Europeo. Ecco il  
" testo delle dichiarazioni:

" Lasciando il territorio italiano, dopo una visita profondamente in-  
" teressante ed istruttiva voglio inviare alcune parole di incoraggiamen-  
" to e di speranza al popolo italiano. Sono profondamente commosso della  
" eccezionale gentilezza con la quale venni salutato in tutti i villaggi  
" e in tutti i paesi attraverso i quali sono passato, visitando l'intero  
" fronte. Non vi è dubbio che, nella zona delle armate, le relazioni de-  
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" prontate ad uno spirito di cooperazione il più amichevole. Lo stesso  
" dicasi per tutto il restante del territorio liberato. Per certo, in rap-  
" porto alle dure condizioni della guerra, alla disorganizzazione causata  
" dalle demolizioni del nemico, ed alla diminuzione del naviglio e dei  
" mezzi di trasporto, grosse difficoltà possono sorgere in determinate re-  
" gioni. Ho dato direttive ai rappresentanti britannici nei vari connessi

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internazionali perchè essi facciano quanto possibile, in armonia con i loro colleghi, per andare incontro a queste difficoltà e son sicuro che questi sforzi saranno caldamente appoggiati dai nostri alleati.

Alla fine della guerra in Europa, che potrà non essere così prossima come noi in precedenza ci aspettavamo, un dono sarà certamente fatto all'Italia, quando le normali condizioni di vita saranno ripristinate, il dono prezioso della libertà. Duro lavoro, forti risoluzioni, elevati intenti e soprattutto autentica unione fra tutti, sarà necessaria all'Italia per nutrire il suo popolo e perchè essa possa riprendere il suo posto fra le principali potenze d'Europa.

L'esaltazione politica ed i clamori dei numerosi partiti non realizzeranno i beni ed i diritti a cui aspira la massa del popolo.

Molti anni or sono un Uomo politico inglese (.....), insigne membro della Camera dei Comuni, come era chiamato, indirizzò una famosa esortazione alle classi sociali ed ai partiti più violenti dell'Impero Britannico, esclamando: - siate un solo popolo -.

Settant'anni più tardi questo fu il tema che Mazzini predicò e Garibaldi attuò.

L'Italia deve riconquistare gli ideali di libertà che ispirarono il suo Risorgimento. Possa questo pensiero essere operante in Voi attraverso le vostre pene e possano i vostri molti amici, in Inghilterra ed al di là degli oceani, vedere ricompensate le loro speranze verso di Voi.

(Napoli, 18 agosto 1944) -

(Comunicato dell'Agenzia Reuter)

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