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FOLIO + Nº	DATE OF LETTER	LETTER REC		FROM / TO	SUBJECT
G/1/38	2X 45	S/6/24 45	Jv	2 FSC AC	Amends to St. Gp. publications
1/39	?	C.A. 8/6	Jo	5 Army	English speaking Sec. NCOs
1/39A	1 2 45	SS 612	Jv	MMA	Re German speaking offrs.
1/40	5 2 45	?	Jv	SORA	Offrs reinforcements.
1/41	10 2 45	G/C	Jv	MMIA 2 + 2 B.U	Postings - offrs
1/42	8 2 45	K. 13660 522	Jo	5 Army	Distr of WE's
1/43	13 2 45		Jo	Nº 6 Intro. Dept.	WE's St. Comp.
G 20/44	16 2 45		Jo	HQ Leghorn	Monthly Org.
20/45	20 2 45		Jv	5 Army	Allot. of Hgts
20/46	20 2 45	0.6.	Jv	Distone	Conf. Atty reorg.
20/47	21 2 45	G S 27	Jo	Distone	20/46 "
20/48	21 2 45		Jo	HQ Leghorn	Re 20/46
20/49	21 2 45	1R 894	Jv	5 Army	"
20/50	19 2 45	10 Pd 3959 993	Jv	10 Pdn Dep.	WE's replacement
20/51	20 2 45		Jo	5 Army	Re Leghorn 24FM + 2 i/c's
20/52	20 2 45	3959/993	Jv	10 Pdn Dep.	Re 20/50
20/53	28 2 45		Jo	MMA	Interpreters.
20/54	28 2 45		Jv	S'o o S+B-U	Distrib. WE copies
20/55	27 2 45	Bom/KA	Jv	15 Army Go	Org. St. Orders
20/55A	2 3 45	SS 670	Jv	MMA	Posting of offrs
20/56	1 3 45	S.O/24/20	Jv	do.	Re 20/55.
20/57	28 2 45	126/A/208	Jv	10 Pdn Dep.	re CWEs
20/58	3 3 45	1967/G(S)	Jo	5 Army	Re 20/51
20/59	5 3 45		Jo	Leghorn.	Postings of Maj Polemen.
20/60	6 3 45		Jo	SORA	Re 20/56.
20/61	2 3 45	S/G/20/20	Jv	MMIA	Amn. WE - H. Engr Pl
20/62	10 3 45		Jo	REME	Re - do -
20/63	11 3 45		Jo	A/Q	Off. WE 2d Hosp
20/64	17 3 45	1570/G(S)	Jv	1 Div.	WE Policy
20/65	9 3 45	M. 13670 522	Jo	5 Army	WE St. Gruppo - Issued amds.
20/66	14 3 45		Jo	Leghorn.	Re - do -
20/68	17 3 45	SO/103	Jv	MMA	Re WE GM/520/2
20/69	20 3 45	156/81-F(3)	Jv	5 Army	Ref 20/55

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	19	V	45			A.C.S. Subv. Dept.	NE	Jt. Cond.
G	20/64	16	V	45		HQ Leghorn	Mov Rchep to go	
	20/65	16	V	45		5 Army	Allot. of t&t	
	20/66	20	2	45	O.L.	Distone	Conf. Petty mang.	
	20/67	21	2	45	GS 27	Distone	Corr "	
	20/68	21	2	45		HQ Leghorn	Re 20/66	
	20/69	21	2	45	IRSGT	5 Army	"	
	20/70	9	V	45	10/2 3959 GS	10 Pubs Dep.	NE + supplement	
	20/71	20	V	45		5 Army	Re Leghorn 2AFM + 2 ltrs	
	20/72	19	V	45	3959 GS	10 Pubs Dep.	Re 20/70	
	20-3	18	V	45		MMA	Instructions.	
	20/74	15	V	45		S.O. i/c B.U	Distrib. NE copies	
	20/75	17	V	45	1309/KB	15 Army Gp	Org. Jt. Arty	
	20/75A	V	3	45	SS 670	MMA	Posting of Offrs	
	20/76		3	45	SD/29/40	do.	Re 20/56.	
	20/77	18	V	45	1261 A/3084	10 Pub Dep.	re NEs.	
	20/78	3	3	45	190/7/G(SD)	8 Army	Re 20/51	
	20/79	5	3	45		Leghorn	Posting of Mov Personnel.	
	20/80	6	3	45		SORA	Re 20/56.	
	20/81	2	3	45	S/G/20/20/1.	MMA	Amd. NE. Jt Engr Pl	
	20/82	10	3	45		REME	Re -do-	
	20/83	11	3	45		A/Q	Off NE Jt Hqrs	
	20/84	1	3	45	1580/G(SD)	Dist.	NE Policy	
	20/85	9	3	45	M. 1805 GSX.	5 Army	NE Jt Group - Proposed amdts.	
	20/86	14	3	45		Leghorn.	Re -do-	
	20/88	17	3	45	SD/103	MMA	Re NE Cancelled	
	20/89	20	3	45	10/8/7(3)	5 Army	Ref 20/85	

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SubjectM- proposed Amendments to WE of Ital[illegible]at Group

Training Trg Inc

Ref No;- EME/

DateE- 24 Mar 45

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Ref your letter S/20/66 d/d 14 Mar 45.

1. My comments on the proposed amendments to the WE of Italian Combat Groups are entirely covered by the attached Eighth Army letter R11800/11/EME dated 22 Mar 45.

Field.

P.H. Nelson 30 REME
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RESTRICTED

Subject:- Amendments to WE
Italian Combat Groups

Rear Headquarters,
Fifth Army.
A 11800/11/AMD
12 Mar 45

Col. Sa. 252

CC. 5 US Army (for CMF) (10)
DDMT 5 Corps (10) 11
DDMT 10 Corps (10)
DDMT 13 Corps ..... (10)

1. Att as appendices A - F to this letter are the proposed amendments to Italian Combat Gp TEs, as discussed and agreed at this HQ on 20 Mar 45. These proposals have been made out in the form required by G (SD) Main Army as defined in App 'A' to their M3643502 dated 10 Apr 44. For easy reference their letter is reproduced and attached.

2. It is requested that addressees pass these proposals to their G (SD) with the following additional comments which were agreed at the meeting, but which have not been included in the proposals:

(a) That one Interpreter is required on HQ for the sole use of RMP.

(b) That paras. 2 & 5 of DMT AFHQ letter MMT/1605/1 App 'D' are at varience. Has the DMT on HQ any executive powers or is he there / capacity in advisory/only. If the former, then para. 5 should be deleted. If the latter, then para 2 should be deleted.

This matter will also be taken up with AFHQ.

(c) That para 2 (g) of App 'A' to above mentioned AFHQ letter should be deleted, the argument being that the Unit Transport Officer is responsible to his CO and not to the CMP for unit maintenance and that the CMP should have no technical control over the Unit Transport Officer.

This will also be taken up with AFHQ.

(d) The necessity of a typewriter has been mentioned in app 'A' but this could well be mentioned again in your covering letter.

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CC. 5 US Army (for [illegible]) (10)
DDIT 5 Corps (10)
DDIT 10 Corps (10)
DDIT 15 Corps (10)

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2. It is requested that addressees pass these proposals to their G (SD) with the following additional comments which were agreed at the meeting, but which have not been included in the proposals:

(a) That one Interpreter is required on [illegible] for the sole use of [illegible].

(b) That paras. 2 & 5 of DMT AMG letter [illegible]/1605/1 App 'D' are at varience. Has the [illegible] on [illegible] any executive powers or is he there / capacity in advisory/only? If the former, then para. 5 should be deleted. If the latter, then para 2 should be deleted.

This matter will also be taken up with AMG.

(c) That para 2 (g) of App 'A' to above mentioned AFHQ letter should be deleted, the argument being that the Unit Transport Officer is responsible to his CO and not to the C Sig for unit maintenance and that the CME should have no technical control over the Unit Transport Officer.

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APPX 'A' to
M 13/45 SD2

of 16 Apr 44

Form of proposal for a new WE or for amendment to an existing WE.

Proposals for new WEs or for amendments to existing WEs will be forwarded to C(SD) MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY in the following form (4 see copies).

1. THE PROPOSAL

(a) State whether the proposal is for a new WE or for an amendment to an existing WE. If the latter, give full title and the number of the existing WE.

(b) If the proposal is for a new WE, give the designation of any unit to be converted to the proposed est

2. EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increases or decreases in total number of offrs and ORs and WOs and vehs by types

(b) What upgradings or downgrading are proposed.

(c) Whether personnel can be of mod category 'B' or below.

(d) If an increase in personnel is required, what corresponding decrease is proposed in the same Arm of the Service.

(e) If a new est is required, the draft of the proposed est should be att

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

(a) Reasons given for the proposal should be as concise as possible. A representative may attend the meeting of the Committee, to explain the reasons in more detail.

(b) Where a proposal affects one Arm or Service only, it should be fully discussed and agreed, if possible, with relevant Branch Advisor or Head of Service at this HQ before it is forwarded through staff channels for consideration.

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as existing WE. If the latter, [illegible] the existing WE.

(b) If the proposal is for a new WE, give the designation of any unit to be converted to the proposed est

2. EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increases or decreases in total number of offrs and ORs and WOs and vehs by type.

(b) What upgradings or downgrading are proposed.

(c) Whether personnel can be of mxd category '3' or below.

(d) If an increase in personnel is required, what corresponding decrease is proposed in the same arm of the Service.

(e) If a new est is required, the DoFt of the proposed est should be att

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

(a) Reasons given for the proposal should be as concise as possible. A representative may attend the meeting of the Committee, to explain the reasons in more detail.

(b) Where a proposal affects one Arm or Service only, it should be fully discussed and agreed, if possible, with relevant Branch Adviser or Head of Service at this HQ before it is forwarded through staff channels for consideration.

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Appendix A

1. Proposed amendment to WWTE Element of a FFR ate Italian Combat Gp. E/S/308/1.

2. Effect of proposal:-

(a) Add Capt EME - 1
Clerk (Cpl) - 1
(supplt with typewriter)
Dvr/batman - 1

Add Car 5 cwt 4x4 - 1

Total increase in personnel. Officers - 1
ORs - 2
" " " vehs. Car 5 cwt 4x4 - 1

(b) Upgradings :-
Staff Capt EME to DADME (Major)

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil

(e) Nil.

3. Reasons for proposals.

As the Italian standard of maint and repair of vehs and eqpt is so far below that of Brit units, considerably more advice has to be given on organisation and tech matters than was first estimated.

(i) The upgrading of Staff Capt to DADME is necessary to raise the status of WWTE in the eyes of the Italians to that of other Services and to give more weight to those recommendations which the DADMEs must make to the GOC.

(ii) A Capt EME is essential for giving tech advice to the Regts and Units. His whole time will be spent between these units.

(iii) A Clerk is essential as the number of returns required cannot be undertaken by the HQ pool typists. At the same time it is recognised that a typewriter should be authorised for the clerk.

(iv) A car 5 cwt 4x4 with batman/driver for use by the DADME are essential. His duties will entail numerous visits to Regts in Fwd areas in order to arrange recovery and repairs.

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Total increase in personnel, Officers - 1
OR - 2
" " " vehs. Car 5 cwt 4x4 - 1

(b) Upgradings :-
Staff Capt REME to DADRE (Major)

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil.

(e) Nil.

3. Reasons for proposals.

As the Italian standard of maint and repair of vehs and eqpt is so far below that of Brit units, considerably more advice has to be given on organisation and tech matters than was first estimated.

(i) The upgrading of Staff Capt to DADRE is necessary to raise the status of REME in the eyes of the Italians to that of other Services and to give more weight to those recommendations which the DADRE must make to the GSO.

(ii) A Capt REME is essential for giving tech advice to the Troops and Italians. His whole time will be spent between these units.

(iii) A Clerk is essential as the number of returns required cannot be undertaken by the HQ pool typists. At the same time it is requested that a typewriter should be authorised for the clerk.

(iv) A car 5 cwt 4x4 with batman/driver for use by the DADRE is considered essential. His duties will entail numerous visits to LAD's in Pol areas in order to arrange recovery and repairs.

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Appendix 7

1. Proposed amendment to Brit Trg Inc for Italian Combat Gp. WE TM/C40/1.

2. Effect of Proposals. -

(a) Add: Electrician (Cpl) - 1
Instrument Mech (Cpl) - 1
Storeman (Sgt) - 1
Cook AOC - 1
Total Increase ..... 4 ORs

Add Lorry 3 Ton 4x2 GS - 1
Delete O/Cs - 6

(b) Upgradings.
Veh Mech (Cpl) - 1 to Sgt
" " (L/Cpl) - 1 " "

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil.

(e) Nil.

3. Reasons. -

(i) It is not considered that Italian tradesmen are sufficiently proficient in repairs of Brit Elec or Inst eqpt to do without an Electrician or Instrument Mech in the Trg Inc.

(ii) A Sgt Storeman is essential to train Italian LADs in Brit Stores procedure and to contact other store sections and Wksps for stores. Meanwhile the Cpl Storeman will train the Mech Eng Wksp and Mech Eng Pl.

(iii) The Brit Trg Inc cannot be expected to live on Italian rations & as the Inc is based on the Wksp it is essential to have a Brit cook for them.

(iv) One lorry is required to transport the Inc personnel and eqpt. There is no room in vehs belonging to the Italian Wksps.

(v) Veh Mechs must be of the same rank as they will be training the LADs on their own and require the rank of Sgt to carry weight amongst the Italians.

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Add Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS - 1
Delete 1/CS - 1

(b) Upgradings.
Veh Mech (Cpl) - 1 to Sgt
" " (L/Cpl) - 1 " "

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil.

(e) Nil.

3. Reasons. -

(i) It is not considered that Italian tradesmen are sufficiently proficient in repairs of Brit Elec or Inst eqpt to do without an Electrician or Instrument Mech in the Brit Inf.

(ii) A Sgt Storeman is essential to train Italian LADs in Brit Stores procedure and to contact other store sections and Wksps for stores. Meanwhile the Cpl Storeman will train the Mech Eng Wksp and Mech Eng Pl.

(iii) The Brit Brg Inf cannot be expected to live on Italian rations and as the Inf is based on the Wksp it is essential to have a Brit cook for them.

(iv) One lorry is required to transport the Inf personnel and eqpt. There is no room in vehs belonging to the Italian Wksps.

(v) Veh Mechs must be of the same rank as they will be training the LADs on their own and require the rank of Sgt to carry weight amongst the Italians.

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Proposed new TD

(i) Personnel -

WO. Cl II Armt Art (Veh)	- 1
S/Sgt. Armt Art (Fd)	- 1
Sgts.	
Armourer	- 1
Artisan	- 3
Storeman	- 1
Total WO, S/Sgt & Sgt ...	7
Corporals.	
Artisan	- 3
Storeman	- 1
L/Corporals	
Artisan	- 1
Craftsmen.	
Drivers	- 1
Total Trg Incr ...	13

Total Trg Inc

(ii) Distribution by trade & Duties.

Tradesmen -	
Armt Art Veh	- 1
" " Fd	- 1
Armourer	- 1
Artisan	
Veh Mech	- 3
Electrician	- 1
Inst. Mech	- 1
Milecman Mech	- 1
Dr/Mech	- 1
Storemen	- 1
Total Tradesmen	11
Non Tradesmen	
Dr. I.C.	- 1
Att	
Cooks ACC	- 1
Total ORs	13

(iii) Transport

Motor - cycles	- 3
Trucks 15 cwt	

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Armourer - 1
Artisan - 3
Storemen - 1

Total WO, S/Sgt & Sgt ... 7

Corporals.
Artisan - 3
Storeman - 1
L/Corporals
Artisan - 1
Craftsmen.
Drivers - 1

Total Trg Incr ... 13

Total Trg Inc

(ii) Distribution by trade & duties.

Tradesmen -
Armt Art Veh - 1
" " Wē - 1
Armourer - 1
Artisan
Veh Mech - 3
Electrician - 1
Inst. Mech - 1
Telecomm Mech - 1
Dr/Mech - 1
Storemen - 1

Total tradesmen 11
Non Tradesmen
Dr. I.C. - 1
Ttt
Cooks ACC - 1

Total ORs 13

(iii) Transport
Motor - cycles - 3
Trucks 15 cwt
4x2 GS - 1
Lorry 3 Ton
4x2 GS - 1

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ANNEXURE C

1. Proposed amendment to HQ An Italian Combat Group. E/ -/ 25/4
E. Medical En ineer Services.

2. Effect of Proposals.

(a) Add
Staff Lieut Mechanical Engineer - 1
Clerk ('C' - 1
Driver(Pte) - 1

Total Increase. Off. - 1
WO - 1
OR - 1

Mld - Car 5 cwt 4x4. - 1

(b) Upgradings -
Clerk (Pte) - 1 to Sgt.

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil

(e) Nil.

3. Reasons.

(i) It is not considered that one officer can perform all the duties laid down in AFHQ direction AF/1A/1605/1 d/d 2 Feb 45 (Pp "L"). It is essential that the CMT has one officer to help him as a large amount of travelling is necessary resulting in his absence from HQ.

(ii) Owing to the large number of returns and technical data required the provision of a WO Clerk and upgrading of one pte clerk is necessary.

(iii) One car should definitely be allotted to the CMT as difficulty often occurs in obtaining a pool car when it is necessary for him to go on urgent necessary calls etc.

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Driver(Ste) - 1

Total Increase. Off. - 1
WO - 1
OR - 1

Add - Car 5 cwt 4x4. - 1

(b) Upgradings -
Clerk (ptc) - 1 to Sgt.

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil.

(e) No.

3. Reasons.

(i) It is not considered that one officer can perform all the duties laid down in AMP direction 29/1a/1105/1 d/d 2 Feb 45 (pp "a". It is essential that the C/O has one officer to help him as a large amount of travelling is necessary resulting in his absence from HQ.

(ii) Owing to the large number of returns and technical data required the provision of a WO Clerk and upgrading of one ptc clerk is necessary.

(iii) One car should definitely be allotted to the C/O as difficulty often occurs in obtaining a pool car when it is necessary for him to go on urgent necessary calls etc.

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Appendix D

1. Proposed amendments to L/D att Italian Inf and Arty Regts and Engr Bns. HQ M/SAF/1.

2. Effect of proposals. -

(a) Add Lieut. W.N. to L/Ds as under.

Inf. Regt -	One per L/D.	total.	2
Arty Regt -	One for the two L/Ds	"	1
Engr. Bn -	One for the two L/Ds	"	1
		total Off.	4 per Gruppo.

(b) Nil

(c) No.

(d) Nil.

(e) No.

3. Reasons for proposals. -

A Sergente Maggiore artific amicioli in the Italian Army is in no way comparable to a Brit Armd. Art WOI. He is given his rank for his tech. ability but is not allowed to have any executive powers. Consequently, although he is the senior rank present, any of the other NCO's may actually control the L/D. At present the WO tends to control the tech. activities of the L/D whereas he should only be responsible for Maint in the Regt. It is therefore considered essential that WO officers be appointed to the scale mentioned above and they will then be responsible to the CRE.

4. The allocation of L/Ds as specified in the WE is incorrect and requires amending as under :-

Inf Regts.	1	per Regt.	total 2	per Gruppo
Arty "	2	" "	" 2	" "
Engr. Bn.	2	" "	" 2	" "
			Total 6	

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Inf. Regt - One per L.D. total. 2
Arty Regt - One for the two L.Ds " 1
Eng. Bn - One for the two L.Ds " 1

total Off. 4 per Gruppo.

(b) Nil

(c) Yes.

(d) Nil.

(e) No.

3. Reasons for proposals. -

A Sergente Maggiore artifice aniaioli in the Italian Army is in no way comparable to a Brit Armt. Art NCO. He is given his rank for his tech. ability but is not allowed to have any executive powers. Consequently, although he is the senior rank present, any of the other NCO's may actually control the L.D. At present the SM tends to control the tech. activities of the L.D whereas he should only be responsible for point in the Regt. It is therefore considered essential that WO officers be appointed to the scale mentioned above and they will then be responsible to the CME.

4. The allocation of L/Ds as specified in the WE is incorrect and requires amending as under :-

Inf Regts.	1	per Regt.	total	2	per Gruppo
Arty "	2	" "	"	2	" "
Eng. Bn.	2	" "	"	2	" "

total 6

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Appendix E

1. Proposed amendment to Mech Eng Wksp for an Italian Combat Gp. WE MA/538/1.

2. Effect of proposal. -

(a) Increase/decrease in Nos of Officers - Nil.
Increase in Nos of ORs - 28
Increase/decrease in Nos of m/cs - Nil.
Increase in Nos of vehs.
Lorry 3 Ton 4x2 GS - 4
" " " " Binned - 9
Trailers 6 Whld Lt Rec - 1

Decrease in Nos of vehs.
Lorry 3 Ton 6x4 Binned - 6
(equiv to 10 x 4 x 2)

(b) Nil

(c) No

(d) Nil

(e) The proposed amendments are incl in the form of an amended WE att.

3. Reasons for proposals. -

(i) Certain Brit trades are translated incorrectly into Italian, with the consequence that the wrong type of tradesmen are posted to the Wksp. The translation has therefore been altered.

(ii) Meccanici Motoristi (motor mechs) are superior in skill to Meccanici automobilisti (veh mechs).

(iii) Gen duty men have been increased to include more for cooks and sanitary duties.

(iv) Blacksmiths and sheetmetal workers have been increased and Hammermen added to deal with the large amount of metal work entailed in repairing damaged vehs.

(v) Only two Drivers MC were provided. As maint is on a very low standard throughout the Gruppi, sufficient drivers have been added to enable one to be allotted to each veh which may be considered "Mobile" in the Wksp.

(vi) The increase in number of lorry 3 Ton is necessary to carry additional capt such as Aldershot shelters etc. which could not otherwise be carried.

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Decrease in Nos of vehs.
Lorry 3 ton 6x4 Pinned - 6
(equiv to 10 x 4 x 2)

(b) Nil

(c) No

(d) Nil

(e) The proposed amendments are incl in the form of an amended WE att.

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Appendix "B"

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS AESP FOR AN ITALIAN CORPS CP

Proposed new WE

1. PERSONEL :-

	Command HA	Sec Off W/S Sec	Sec Rec Rec Sec	Sec Mat Stores Sec	Totals Totals	
Ufficiali						
Maggiori	1				1	Majors
Capitani e Tenenti	2	1	1	1	5	Captains or Lieutenants
Sottufficiali e capitecnici						WOS & Sjts
Scritturali	1	1			2	Clerks
Armaioli		1			1	Armourer
Meccanici D'artiglieria		2			2	Gun fitters
Magazzinieri	1			1	2	Storeman
Autieri	1				1	Driver
di contabilità	1				1	Pay & Accts
addetto alla cucina	1				1	Cook
Motoristi		3	1		4	Motor Mechs
Elettricisti		1			1	Electrician
Strumenti ottici etc		1			1	Inst Mechs
Radiomontatori		1			1	Telecomm Mechs(Field)
					17	
Truppa						OR
Scritturali	3	1		1	5	Clerks
Autieri ed autieri attendenti	10	1	1	8	20	Dvrs & Dvr Batmen
Motociclisti	2		2	1	5	Motorcyclist
Servizi Generali	17	3	2	2	24	General duties (incl Cooks)
Specialisrati						TRADESMEN
Meccanici d'artiglieria		5			5	Gun fitters.
" strumenti ottici etc.		4			4	Inst Mechs
Armaioli		4			4	Armr.
Radiomontatori		3			3	Telecomm Mechs (FV
Fabbri		3			3	Blacksmiths
Falegnami		2			2	Carpenters
Carrozzieri		2			2	Coachtrimmers
Laminatori		3			3	Sheet Metal Workers
Saldatori		3			3	Welders.
Verniciatori		1			1	Painters.
Meccanici elettricisti		8			8	Electricians
Meccanici automobilisti		18			18	Veh Mechs
Tornitori		3			3	Turners
Autieri meccanici		7	10		17	Driver Mechs

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Ufficiali					
Maggiori	1				1 Majors
Capitani o Tenenti	2	1	1	1	5 Captains or
					5 Lieutenants
Sottufficiali e capitecnici					WOS & Sjts
Scritturali					2 Clerks
Armaioli	1	1			1 Armourer
Meccanici D'artiglieria		1			2 Gun fitters
Magazzinieri		2			2 Storemen
Autieri	1			1	1 Driver
di contabilita	1				1 Pay & Accts
addetto alla cucina	1				1 Cook
Motoristi	1				4 Motor Mechs
Elettricisti		3	1		1 Electrician
Strumenti ottici etc		1			1 Inst Mechs
Radiomontatori		1			1 Telecomm
		1			Mechs(field)
					17
Truppa					OR
Scritturali	3	1		1	5 Clerks
Autieri ed autieri attend	10	1	1	6	20 Dvrs & Dvr
anti					batmen
Motociclisti	2		2	1	5 MotorCyclist
Servizi Generali	17	3	2	2	24 General
					duties
					(incl Cooks)
Specializzati					TRADESMEN
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ottici etc.		4			4 Inst Mechs
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Radiomontatori		3			3 Telecomm
					Mechs (fd)
Fabbri		3			3 Blacksmiths
Falegnami		2			2 Carpenters
Carrozzieri		2			2 Coachtrimmers
Laminatori		3			3 Sheet Metal
					workers
Saldatori		3			3 Welders.
Verniciatori		1			1 Painters.
Meccanici elettricisti		8			8 Electricians
Meccanici automobilisti		18			18 Veh Mechs
Tornitori		3			3 Turners
Autieri meccanici		7	10		17 Driver Mechs
Meccanici motoristi	1	27	8		36 Motor Mechs
Magazzinieri	1			8	9 Storemen
Graduato di contabilita	1				1 Pay Cpls
Aiutanti (meccanici/Fabbri)		3			3 Assistants
					(hammerman)

Total rank & file .. 179

Total ORs .. 196

Total IE Disp .. 202

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Appendix "M"

TRANSPORT

Detail	Descrizione	HQ Comm Sec	Wksp Sec Sec Off	Rec Sec Sec Sec	Stores Sec Sec Mater	total
Motor Cycles Solo	Motocicletta, monoposto	2		2	1	5
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Auto 5 cwt 4 x 4	1		1	1	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2WS	Autocarri 15cwt 4x2 GS	6	1	2	2	11
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2WS	" 3 ton " "	4		2	5	17
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Type WL	" 15cwt 4x2(WL) tipo		1			1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Generator 9KW	(Generator 9KW)					
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	Autocarro 15 cwt 4x2 Autobotte " " "	1	1			1 1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Rimmed Stores	Autocarri 3 ton 4x2 Magazzini		2		7	9
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Mechy type 'W'	Autoffiche 3 ton 6x4 tipo 'W' or 'X'		1			1
" " 'T'	" 'T5C'		1			1
" " 'S'	" 'S'		1			1
" " 'D1'	" 'D1'		1			1
" " 'Z'	" 'Z'		1			1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 B/Down	Autocarri 3 ton 6x4 ricuperi		1			1
Tractors B/Down 6x4			1	4		5
Trailers 7½ ton 6 whd lt Rec	Rimorchi 7½ ton 6 ruote leggere			2		2
15 cwt 2 whd Mechy	15 cwt 2 ruote per maldistori autog			4		4
10 cwt 2 whd GS	10 cwt 2 ruote GS	1				1
				1		1

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Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Type KL	"	3 ton " " GS	"	1	1	1	1	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Generator 9KW	"	15cwt 4x2(RL) tipo (Generator 9KW)	4	1	2	2	2	11
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water		Autocarro 15 cwt 4x2 Autobotte " " "		1	2		5	17
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Tinned Stores		Autocarri 3 ton 4x2 Magazzini		1				1
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Machy type 'H'		Autofficina 3 ton 6x4 tipo 'A' or 'Y'						1
" " 'I'		" 'E50'			2		7	9
" " 'F'		" 'F'		1				
" " 'D1'		" 'D1'		1				1
" " 'Z'		" 'Z'		1				1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 D/Down		Autocarri 3 ton 6x4 ricuperi		1				1
Tractors D/Down 6x4				1				1
					4			
Trailers 7½ ton 6 whd lt pcc		Rimorchi 7½ ton 6 ruote leggere			2			5
15 cwt 2 whd Machy		15 cwt 2 ruote per mallistori autog						2
10 cwt 2 whd GS		10 cwt 2 ruote GS			4			4
				1				
							1	
					1			
							1	

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Appendix F

1. Proposed amendment to Mech Mtg. pl - WE C/539/1

2. Effect of proposals. -

(a) (i) Substitute trade Motor Mech (Meccanici motoristi) for trade Veh Mech (Meccanici autieri)
Change in number of personnel - NIL.

(ii) Vehicles -
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Binned - Add 2 to Wksp Sec.
Lorry 3 Ton 4x2 GS - Delete 1 from " "

(iii) Amend note on WE to read -
"This unit, which is under direct control of the CRE, will be used with the Transport and Supply coy for an Italian combat group."

(b) Nil.

(c) No.

(d) Nil.

(e) No.

3. Reasons for proposals. -

(i) A Meccanici motoristi is equivalent to a Brit. Veh Mech whereas a Meccanici autieri is only slightly superior to a Brit Dvr/Mech.

(ii) No binned stores lorries are provided although the Wksp functions are equivalent to an R.E.S.C. Wksp pl. A reduction of one lorry 3 ton GS can then be afforded.

(iii) The CRE is responsible for the tech efficiency of the Wksp and therefore requires complete control. This is not always understood by other services.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : WE - Italian Gruppi

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMF
M 680 SD2

6 Mar 45

CG Fifth Army (for Brit Incr)		(4)
5 Corps		(2)
10 Corps		(2)
13 Corps		(2)
Copy :	50 BLU	(2)
	51 BLU	(2)
	57 BLU	(2)
	X	
	G	
	MMIA 10	(2)

Ref 20/65

Ref this HQ letter M 13600 SD2 dated 9 Mar 45.

1. CSO 1 DISTRICT, as the result of experience obtained during training, has recommended the following additions of signals equipment to the G 1098 of Italian Combat Gps.

2. One additional wireless set No 48 for each mortar coy, to enable links to be established from OP to base plate and from pl HQ to bn HQ. Total increase per gp is thus 2 - Wireless Set No 48.

3. One additional ACL 6 was found necessary for each inf bn for lines within the support coy. Total increase 6 x ACL 6 per group

4. Two additional telephones DV were required for each inf bn to link mortar OP to base plates, making a total increase of 12 x telephones DV.

5. Please consider these proposals in conjunction with this HQ letter dated 9 Mar 45.

[signature]
Brigadier
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Subject: WIs - Italian Combat Emap. 52 British Liaison Unit, GLF.
22 Mar 45.

G/20/71

HQ Lorneno.

With further reference to this HQ letter G/20/66 dated 14 Mar 45.

1. Attached is copy of WIs HQ 5 Army letter M/680/3B2 dated 15 Mar, relating to a proposed WI for a Field Security Section.

2. Please forward your comments on this, together with those called for in our above-quoted letter.

TFL/BS

[signature]
Major,
GS.

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MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMF
M 680 SD2

9 Mar 45

SUBJECT : WS Italian Gruppi

CG FIFTH ARMY (for Brit Incr) (3)
5 CORPS (3)
10 CORPS (3)
13 CORPS (5)

Copy : AFHQ
CG 15 ARMY GP
1 DISTRICT
NAMLA
50 BLU (2)
51 BLU (2)
52 BLU (2)
53 BLU (2)

Main : A: GSI: GSI(b)
Rear : G: EKO

Ref this HQ M 13680 SD2 dated 9 Mar 45.

1. Att at Appx 'A' is a copy of a proposal to form a Field Security Sec for an Italian Combat Group, which has been submitted by GSI(b) this HQ.

2. Please consider this proposal in conjunction with the letter referred to above.

3. It should be noted that the tpt suggested in this proposal is the same as that added to the two Italian Provost Secs CCRR of a Combat Gp, for Security duties (vide Minute 1912 of AFHQ WDC Meeting No 178 held on 21 Feb 45).

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NMLA
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Appx 'A' to M 680 MD2
Dated 18 Mar 45

1. THE PROPOSAL

The proposal is for the formation of an ITALIAN Field Security Section for attachment to HQ of an ITALIAN Combat Gruppo.

2. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increase in personnel :-

Capt or Lt	1
Total Offrs	1
Maresciallo Capo	1
Sergenti Maggiori	4
Sergenti	6
Total NCOs	11
Attached :-	
Batman/Driver	1

(b) Increase in transport :-

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	2
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	1
MCs	6

(c) Personnel will NOT be of Medical Category 'B' or below.

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

(a) The present WE for Italian Combat Gruppi makes no provision for specialist personnel, security work being included in the general duties of the two Provost Sections CCRR.

(b) Experience with the Gruppi has shown that the provision of a Field Security Section is necessary. 7950

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(d) As compared with a British Field Security Section the proposed ranks for NCOs are nominally higher. This is considered to be necessary as :-

(i) A lower standard is found in equivalent ranks in the Italian Army.

(ii) For dealing with Italian officers junior NCOs would not have sufficient prestige.

(Sgd) Maj GS
for Lt Col
GSI

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Subject: WE - [illegible]alian Gruppi

Briti. / Increment, G (SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.
Tel No: LIGHTNING 98.
196/8/G(SD)
20 Mar 45.

52 ELU. (2 copies)

Ref Main Eighth Army letter M 13680 SD2 of 9 Mar 45.

1. It is requested that your comments on the amendments suggested in the above quoted letter and any proposals for further amendments considered operationally essential, be forwarded to reach this HQ by 25 Mar 45.

/WW

for Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Subject: Field Coy - Combat Group

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M. I.A.)

File No 3D/103

17 March 45

War Ministry

1. Please confirm that you are in possession of WE CM/529/2 for a Field Coy, Combat Group. (NA)

2. This WE, which allows 6 offrs and 224 ORs, Total 230, has superseded NA/529/1 which allowed 5 offrs and 227 ORs, total 232.

GP Wolf Major GS

Major General
M.M. I.A.

Copy to: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
"F" BLU

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Subject:- [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]66

To: [illegible]

[illegible] Appendix 'A' to Appx 'A' of [illegible] Army letter.

1. The attached is copy of [illegible] Army letter [illegible] dated 9 May, forwarded for your information and necessary action.

2. Comments on the [illegible] to the [illegible] Army letter are requested from the under-mentioned [illegible]:-

Appx 'A' - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]
" [illegible] - [illegible]

3. In addition to comments required in para 2 above, all addressees are requested to propose any amendments, which they consider operationally essential, to the [illegible] of the [illegible].
Proposals must be clearly stated and accompanied by full reasons.

4. Your replies are required at this HQ by [illegible] May in order that they can be considered and consolidated before onward transmission to [illegible] Army.

[illegible] returns are required.

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[redacted]

1. The attached is copy of Hdq 5 Corps letter G/3250/Int dated 9 Jun, forwarded for your information and necessary action.

2. Comments on the questions in the 5 Corps letter are requested from the subordinated addressees—

[redacted]

3. In addition to comments required in para 2 above, all addressees are requested to provide any questions, which they consider specifically essential, to the use of the units of the Corps.
Questions must be clearly stated and accompanied by full reasons.

4. Two copies are required of this H. Qr in order that they can be considered and consolidated before return herewith c.s. to H. Q Corps.

5. Returns are required.

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[illegible]

Subject: [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

9 Dec 43

1. It is considered that sufficient experience has now been obtained to give an justification for proposing amendments to the TO of Indian Corps.

2. A number of definite proposals have already been received on this TO, and details are given in the following paras :

Para 'A' - [illegible]
Para 'B' - [illegible]
Para 'C' - [illegible]
Para 'D' - [illegible]
Para 'E' - [illegible]
Para 'F' - [illegible]
[illegible]
Para 'G' - [illegible]
Para 'H' - [illegible]

3. Allotment are requested to put their comments on the amendments which have already been suggested and to propose any further amendments they consider as essential.

4. It is not proposed to put out any basic directive as to the present composition of the Corps, and proposed amendments should only be put out as adjustments to enable the Corps to be used effectively on their present and not existing basic scale of equipment.

5. As already notified in this H. letter S 13600 G(A) dated 16 Feb (now to all concerned) authority has been given to equip Corps with up to a maximum holding of 50 x mms 5 cwt 4 x 4, providing the commander that consider such vehs as essential. Except in individual cases it is considered impossible that large numbers in Inf Bdes over 5 cwt 4 x 4 in unit TOs would be considered by higher authority. When forwarding their replies, however, formations are requested to state what units they consider must have additional mms 5 cwt 4 x 4 in lieu of mms 4 x 2 in order that to equip.

6. It is requested that replies to this letter should reach this H. by 31 Dec. In view of the fact that the Indian Corps are under end of lights orgs, it may be here stated that requests from the Lorries Indian Corps should be submitted through [illegible] to this H. for co-ordination.

7. It is anticipated that there will be a divergence of opinion in the recommendations submitted to this H. It is proposed therefore to consolidate at this H. all replies to para 5 above, and list them to 15 Army Gp together with the digest any recommendations in each case. 15 Army Gp have agreed that if necessary they will call a conference to decide any final pts, before submitting their proposals to GHQ.

[illegible]

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2. A number of detailed proposals have already been received as to the use and details are given in the following types :

Type 'A' - Proposed use of the bar as
Type 'B' - Method used to fit bar - drilled?
Type 'C' - Location of the bar and its use
Type 'D' - Arrangements to deal [illegible] - drilled?
Type 'E' - Unnecessary complexity to deal [illegible]
Type 'F' - No clear - drilled? (two bars light may suggested to enable redetermination)
Type 'G' - Additional bar for larger size
Type 'H' - Arrangements to be studied before drop

3. Addressees are requested to put their remarks on the particular which have already been suggested and to propose any further comments they consider as essential.

4. It is not proposed to put out any trade allowances as to the present composition of the Groups, and proposed variants should only be put out as suggestions to enable the Groups to do more effectively on their present and existing tasks made at once.

5. As already notified in this H. letter H 12570 was dated 16 Feb 1945 to all addressees, authority has been given to apply Groups, also up to a maximum total of 30 x ones 3 and 4. s.s. providing the Commanding Officers considers such to be essential. Except in individual cases it is considered impossible that larger numbers to [illegible] ones 3 and 4 s.s. in case the craft be considered by higher authority. When forwarding their replies, however, addressees are requested to state what units they consider most [illegible] ones 3 and 4 s.s. in lieu of ones 4 s.s. It is likely to [illegible] than to up.

6. It is requested that replies to this letter should reach this H. by 21 June. In view of the fact that the later Groups are under need of [illegible] by have agreed that proposals from the United [illegible] should be submitted through [illegible] this H. for co-ordination.

7. It is anticipated that there will be a divergence of opinion in the responsibilities submitted to this H. It is requested therefore to consider at this H. all replies to para 3 above, and that time is to be kept to together with the [illegible] any recommendations in each case. It may be have agreed that if necessary they will call a conference to decide any fixed pts, before submitting final proposals to Adm.

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Signed

[illegible]
for Adm Dep.
(E)
Rapid Rep.

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SECRET

Appx 'A' to [illegible]
[illegible]

PROPOSED [illegible] INF BN [illegible] GRUPPO

1. While Gruppi were still under comd of [illegible] a number of proposals to amend WE of the Inf Bn ([illegible]) were made to [illegible]. The proposals were mostly as a result of the abolition of the [illegible]. [illegible] have now re-written the Inf Bn WE which is shown in the new form at Appx 'A'. It is based on experience in the [illegible] period only and may require certain alterations as a result of op experience.

2. The following pts are to be noted in the new WE :-

(a) On the suggestion of all Gruppi, supported by the Italian Gen Staff, a Bn HQ ([illegible]) has been introduced.

(b) Two offrs of the Bn HQ, originally [illegible], have been [illegible] and Int officers.

(c) The proposal that [illegible] should be reduced from 3 to [illegible] ([illegible] the Inf Bn) has not been adopted as it was strongly opposed by the Italians.

(d) No provision is made for [illegible] at Regt [illegible], and they are not incl in the present WE for the Inf Regt. They are found in practice ([illegible] per Regt) from offrs who became surplus on the abolition of the [illegible].

(e) No provision is made for Jeeps.

(f) No [illegible] is allotted to these unit [illegible].

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SECRET

Page "B" to [illegible]
Date 2 Dec 86

[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]

Proposed project	Required by	Remarks
1. Addn of one cwo 5 ewk hab for 2/Sqdn [illegible]	31 Dec	The debase of the [illegible] cannot be carried out to the extent necessary to fwl move in connection with [illegible] and economy, nor also to start [illegible]. The carry of these passage a day is the only practicable way to exploit [illegible].
2. Expanding of :- (a) Ang Sqdn Ops cubicles to 12cb. (b) Adn Off Ops Off to 2/Sqdn. (c) HQ Sqn Ops Off to 2/Sqn. Addn of one clerk for Ang Sqdn's office (in code cubicle).	31 Dec	(a) Ang Sqdn Ops cubicles. Considerable number of personnel are now out to the [illegible] upon one day, and the Ops, Photo Liaison Units, Line parties, ATC parties etc. many of the off duty only for short periods and return at short notice. The message cubicle are of the [illegible] is often in the region of 200 off cubic. All questions of pay and [illegible] and [illegible] are the duty of the Ang Sqdn. It is suggested that the wage warrants the expanding of this cubic to 12cb, and that an addn clerk is provided to enable him to carry out its duties. (b) Adn Off. There are 12 offs in the adn of the [illegible] and the adn off, and of these up to 22 onto 2/Sqn have been off. It is proposed that the Adn Off should be expanded to 2/Sqn in order to accomodate the [illegible]. (c) HQ Sqn. At present there are 15 vehs at the HQ of the [illegible]. The personnel being [illegible] and in particular there are always 30 vehs to be locked after. It is proposed that the Sqn [illegible] be expanded to 2/Sqn.
3. Addn of one Ops Office for storage/ammunition.	30 Nov	At present there is no Off available for the Ops of 24 Sqn Sqn. The Ops would also be available as an operation veh from the [illegible].
4. [illegible] - to station Instructor for a [illegible]. Addn of: (a) 1 Instr (b) 1 Instructor for Ops of 24 Sqn (c) 2 Gen Assts (d) 1 Clerk	30 Nov	(a) for the [illegible]. (b) for Ops of 24 Sqn. (c) Instructor is [illegible] to cope with all assigned duties. (d) Same as (c).

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	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] beam visible to the crew in connection with regular and recovery, and also to visit LCIs. The duty of these journeys a jeep is the only practicable mode in daylight hrs.
2.	Upgrading of ... (a) Duty Cmdr Crew Substitute to Capt. (b) 4th Off from Off to Lt(jg). (c) 1st Off from Off to Lt(jg). Addn of one clerk for Duty Cmdr's office (no rank stated).	34 XLV	(a) Duty Cmdr and Clerk. Considerable number of personnel are put out to the U.S. Naval Base and Rep, the Duty Cmdr, Duty Junior Cmdr, Adm Purs, DO perform also many of the ABC duty may for short periods not serve as Cmdr relief. The average rotation age of the U.S is often in the region of 300 all ranks. All questions of pay and disb of ratings and WAVES are the duty of the Duty Cmdr. It is suggested that the navy warrants the upgrading of this duty to Capt, and that an addn clerk is essential to enable him to carry out his duties. (b) 4th Off. There are 12 offs in the ser of the U.S and the 4th off, and at times up to 30 addn offs have been out. It is proposed that the 4th Off should be upgraded to Lt(jg) in order to strengthen his post. (c) 1st Off. At present there are 6 vehs at the W of the U.S. 4th personnel being Wrns and who out in position there are Nurses 30 vehs to be looked after. It is proposed that the 1st Off be upgraded to Lt(jg).
3.	Addn of one jeep fitted for stretcher conveyance	36 XLV	At present there is no 4x4 available for the Capt or 1st Off. The jeep would also be available as an ambulance van from the U.S.
4.	XLV/WRNS/1 - Re Position Increased Size U.S.U. Addn of: (a) 1 Officer (b) 1 Officer, for Duty Off or 1st Off (c) 3 Wrn Officers (d) 1 Wrn	36 XLV	(a) Not for XLV(1). (b) For 2nd or 1st Off. (c) Already 2 in Establishment to cope with all required duties. (d) None at est.

No further reports have been given for these proposed constructs. 7914

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Annex 'C' to H 1380 (FS)
Dated 3 June 44.

Proposed Amendments to HS Signal Air Service Org.

No	Proposed Amendments.	Proposed by	Recommended by	Remarks.
1.	24/333/1. [illegible] (a) [illegible] Vice 3 Vice 3	30 HS	24 HS	Instead of the key this part-leadership in the 1st case, with existing low standards of duty is obviously dissimilar with present scale of pay.
	(b) [illegible] 3 and 4 [illegible] - 3	30 HS	24 HS (Such 3 ranks there be rate all)	Present cut has been cut too fine and does not allow for any rise. Proposal commence will bring pl into line with 1st 4 pl.
2.	24/333/1. [illegible] [illegible] Vice 4 - 5	30 HS	24 HS.	At present there are only 36 spare crew for 48 when are 36 kite. Proposal produces will bring this pl into line with 1st for 4 pl.

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Dated 3 June 44.

1.	24/333/1. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 1 [illegible] 4	30 HS	+ 6d rate.	To bring the pl into line with Cat'A' III 1st 4 pl. + The rate of 1 Sect is agreed by 24 HS but the rate of 4 Others is not agreed as 24 HS consider the pl capable of Cpl-Leading, as the present cap.
	[illegible] 3 and 4 [illegible] - 3	30 HS	+ 6d rate.	1 is considered to carry spares and crowd would enable pl to split into 3 Sects sub units. + It is agreed by 24 HS that 1 rate Leading is essential. It is suggested however that the 4th Others Leading would be maintained for the 3 Sect Cpl in Lieu of the unit already have maintained rate to carry the 3 Sect.

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				does not exist. Proposed shelter will bring pi into line with Deft Spc 23.
8.	04/350/1.	Add Item NOT - 9	50 RAD	21 RAD.	At present there are only 36 spare cots for 113 who call 36 hrs. Proposed shelter will bring this pi into line with Deft NOT for a Spc 23.

				Appx "B" to H 1350.2 Dated 6 Jan 65	
1.	04/350/1.	Add Item 12 Add Underground Storage 4	50 RAD	- See note.	To bring the pi into line with Deft 21 Dec 64 Spc. - The addn of 1 Store is agreed by JS RAD but the addn of 4 Stores is only agreed at JS RAD consider the pi applies at Nuclear Storage at the present ag.
		Add: 3 Gen Sec Stores - 3	50 RAD	- See note.	I is essential to carry stores and ground vault outside pi to split into 2 bldgs not single. - It is agreed by JS RAD that 1 addn Gen is essential. It is suggested however that the main stores function will be substituted for by 3 Gen Sec as Location as the unit already held sufficient room to carry the 6 TOE.
2.		Addn of one Underground shelter.	50 RAD	- See note.	JS RAD consider that the two Underground shelter already held is sufficient. It is suggested by JS RAD that the addn of two (2) shelters and one Blast-proof shelter would be more useful.

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Appx 'B' to [illegible] 13680 [illegible]
[illegible] 9 Nov 43.

[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]

[illegible] have proposed that the existing establishment of 10 Amb Cars should be amended to read:-

Amb Cars 4 stretcher	-	12
Cars 8 stretcher	-	4
[illegible] 5 cwt [illegible] with stretcher gear	-	4

[illegible]

This proposed amendment has been agreed by this [illegible]. No further amendments to this [illegible] will therefore be considered.

Appx 'B' to [illegible] 13680 [illegible]
[illegible] 9 Nov 43.

[illegible] - [illegible].

Considerable correspondence has already taken place on this subject. [illegible] was requested to discuss this question direct with Cmps and [illegible] [illegible] and to put [illegible] an agreed and recommended solution to this problem.

Appx 'B' to [illegible] 13680 [illegible]
[illegible] 9 Nov 43.

[illegible] - [illegible].

On the recommendation of [illegible], the following additional [illegible] has been authorised to enable the provision and adequate maint of cars for the type of [illegible] on which [illegible] are employed. [illegible] forwarding [illegible] is requested to state how these [illegible] are held and [illegible] which [illegible] amendments.

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	6
Scout Car	-	1

Appx 'B' to [illegible] 13680 [illegible]
[illegible] 9 Nov 43.

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[illegible] - [illegible]

Subject matter to this [illegible] should therefore be considered.

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[illegible] 3 Dec 44.

TO - CSAR.

Considerable correspondence has already taken place on this subject. [illegible] only are requested to discuss this question direct with Corps and [illegible] be put out as agreed and necessary details to this problem.

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[illegible] 3 Dec 44.

TO - [illegible]

On the accommodation of [illegible] unit, the following additional [illegible] been authorized to enable the provision and adequate relief of cover for the type of ops on which [illegible] are employed. Then forwarding requisitions are requested to state how these vols are held and show which [illegible] are required.

Tents 5 man A & B	=	6
Tents Gar	=	1

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[illegible] 3 Dec 44.

ADDENDUM TO CM - IN, 10 DECEMBER 1944 (WAR) - [illegible]

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Personal Approach	Approved by	Remarks
Adm of one Infantry/Tanker and one per 5 and 4 A/C.	Lord Portal AM Sholto Dl.	A proposal to add a 12 cdy to the U. Indian C.O. was disapproved by AHQ on 3dl; [illegible] 4/5/Tpt Sqns & for 4A Sqns) [illegible] on carrier, no [illegible] was made for a [illegible] and one for this acc.

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SECRET

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMF
M 13683 SD2

9 Mar 45

SUBJECT : WE Italian Gruppi

CG FIFTH ARMY (for Brit Inc) (3)
5 CORPS (3)
10 CORPS (3)
13 CORPS (3)

Copy : AFHQ
CG 15 ARMY GP
1 DISTRICT
MMIA
50 BLU (2)
51 BLU (2)
52 BLU (2)
53 BLU (2)

Main : C of S : Brig AQ : Col GS :
G(O) : A : AFV : Ba : E

Rear : Q : MED : CS : EME : PRO : MMIA LO

1. It is considered that sufficient experience has now been obtained to give op justification for proposing amendments to the WE of Italian Gruppi.

2. A number of definite proposals have already been received at this HQ and details are shown in the following appxs :

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Appx 'B'	-	Amendments to WE BLU - CM/508/1
Appx 'C'	-	Amendments to WE Tpt and Sup Coy
Appx 'D'	-	Amendments to Mech Engr Pl - CM/539/1
Appx 'E'	-	Recommended amendments to Med Sec CM/535/1.
Appx 'F'	-	WE CCRR - CM/524/1 (Pro Rear Eighth Army requested to submit recommendations)
Appx 'G'	-	Additional tpt for Gruppo Sigs.
Appx 'H'	-	Amendment to HQ Italian Combat Gp.

3. Addressees are requested to fwd their comments on the amendments which have already been suggested and to propose any further amendments they consider essential.

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4. It is not proposed to put fwd any basic alterations to the present composition of the Gruppi, and proposed amendments should only be put fwd as adjustments to enable the Gruppi to op more effectively on their present org and existing basic scale of eqpt.

5. As already notified in this HQ letter M 15680 SD2 dated 16 Feb (not to all addressees) authority has been given to equip Gruppi with up to a maximum holding of 50 x cars 5 cwt 4 x 4, providing the commanding fmn considers such vehs op essential. Except in individual cases it is

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considered improbable that large amendments to incl more cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 in unit WEs would be considered by higher authority. When forwarding their replies, however, addressees are requested to state what units they consider must have additional cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 in lieu of Cars 4 x 2 Lt Utility to enable them to op.

6. It is requested that replies to this letter should reach this HQ by 31 Mar. In view of the fact that the three Gruppi are under comd of Eighth Army, 15 Army Gp have agreed that proposals from the LECLERC GRUPPO should be submitted through FIFTH ARMY to this HQ for co-ordination.

7. It is anticipated that there will be a divergence of opinion in the recommendations submitted to this HQ. It is proposed therefore to consolidate at this HQ all replies to para 5 above, and fwd them to 15 Army Gp together with the Eighth Army recommendations in each case. 15 Army Gp have agreed that if necessary they will call a conference to decide any final pts, before submitting firm proposals to AFHQ.

R. G. Hone
Lt Col
for LT-GEN
GOC
EIGHTH ARMY

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SECRET

Appx 'A' to M 13680 SD2
Dated 9 Mar 45

PROPOSED NEW WE FOR INF BN ITALIAN GRUPPO

1. While Gruppi were still under cons of SMFE a number of proposals to amend WE of the Inf Bn (CM/527/1) were made to MMIA. These proposals were mostly as a result of the abolition of the Scouts Pl. MMIA have now re-written the Inf Bn WE which is shown in its new form at Annx 'A'. It is based on experience in the org and trg period only and may require certain alterations as a result of op experience.

2. The following pts are to be noted in the att WE :-

(a) On the suggestion of all Groups, supported by the Italian Gen Staff, a Bn 2IC (Maj) has been introduced.

(b) Two offrs of the Bn HQ originally unassigned, have been nominated QM and Int Offrs.

(c) The proposal that Bn MOs should be reduced from 2 to 1 (as in the Brit Bn) has not been adopted as it was strongly opposed by the Italians.

(d) No provision is made for LOs at Regt HQ, and they are not incl in the present WE for the Inf Regt. They are found in practice (3 per Regt) from offrs who became surplus on the abolition of the original Scouts pl.

(e) No provision is made for jeeps.

(f) No tpt is allotted to the asslt pnr scos.

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RESTRICTED

Annx 'A' to Appx 'A' to
M 13680SD2 dated 9 Mar 45

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

AN INFANTRY BATTALION

War Establishment

Amit No / Date	
Offrs	31
OR	735
Total	765
MCs	18
Vehs	65
Trailers	1

(i) Personnel

Detail	HQ Officers	HQ COMPANY: HQ Platoon	HQ COMPANY: 'I' Section	HQ COMPANY: Snipers Section	HQ COMPANY: Signals Platoon	HQ COMPANY: Pioneer Platoon	HQ COMPANY: TOTAL - HQ Coy	SUPPORT COMPANY: HQ Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: 3 in Mortar Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: Carrier Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: 4 tk Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: TOTAL - Support Coy	3 RIFLE COYS: HQ Platoon	3 RIFLE COYS: 3 Rifle Platoons (each)	3 RIFLE COYS: TOTAL - Rifle Coy	TOTAL - Infantry Bn
Officer Commanding (Lt Col)	1															1
2IC (Major)	1															1
Adjutant (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Medical Offrs (Subaltern)	2															2
Intelligence Offr (Subaltern)	1															1
Quartermaster (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Captains		1					1	1				1	1		1	3
Subalterns		1			1	2	3	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	19
TOTAL - Officers	7	2			1	1	4	2	1	1	1	5	2	1	5	31
Warrant Offrs		1					1									1
Quartermaster Sjts		1					1	1				1	1		1	3
Ration Sjts													1		1	3
Signals Sjts					3		3						1		1	6
Armourer Sjts		1					1									1
MT Sjt		1					1									1
Sjt Majors or Sjts			1	1		4	6	1	5	2	3	11		2	6	35
TOTAL - WOs and Sjts		4	1	1	3	4	13	2	5	2	3	12	3	2	9	52
Corporals		4			9	4	17	3	4	12	4	23	6	5	21	109
Privates		2	8	6	34	23	82	22	27	42	15	107	23	34	125	574

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(i) Personnel

Detail	HQ Officers	HQ COMPANY: HQ Platoon	HQ COMPANY: 'H' Section att to HQ Pl	HQ COMPANY: Snipers Section	HQ COMPANY: Signals Platoon	HQ COMPANY: Pioneer Platoon	HQ COMPANY: TOTAL - Hq Coy	SUPPORT COMPANY: HQ Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: 3 in Mortar Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: Carrier Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: A tk Platoon	SUPPORT COMPANY: TOTAL - Support Coy	3 RIFLE COYS: HQ Platoon	3 RIFLE COYS: 3 Rifle Platoons (each)	3 RIFLE COYS: TOTAL - 3 Rifle Coy	TOTAL - Infantry Bn
Officer Commanding (Lt Col)	1															1
2IC (Major)	1															1
Adjutant (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Medical Offrs (Subaltern)	2															2
Intelligence Offr (Subaltern)	1															1
Quartermaster (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Captains		1				1	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	7
Subalterns		1				1	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	10
TOTAL - Officers	7	2				1	4	2	1	1	1	5	2	1	3	31
Warrant Offrs		1						1					1		1	3
Quartermaster Sjts		1						1	1			1	1		1	5
Ration Sjts													1		1	2
Signals Sjts					3		3									3
Armourer Sjts							1									1
MT Sjt		1					1									1
Sjt Majors or Sjts			1	1		4	5	1	1	2	3	11		2	2	35
TOTAL - WOs and Sjts		4	1	1	3	4	13	2	2	3	4	12	3	2	5	52
Corporals		4			9	4	17	3	4	12	4	23	6	5	11	109
Privates		21	8	6	34	23	92	22	27	42	16	107	23	34	125	574
TOTAL - Other ranks		29	9	7	46	31	122	33	36	56	23	148	32	41	155	735
TOTAL - An Infantry Battalion	7	31	9	7	47	32	126	33	37	57	27	153	34	42	160	766

Vans	1
Trailers	1

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

Detail	HQ Officers	HQ COMPANY					SUPPORT COMPANY					3 RIFLE Coys		Bn HQ & Sp Coy - Infantry Bn
		HQ Platoon	'I' Section } HQ Pl	Snipers Section }	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	4.2 Platoon	TOTAL - Support Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons (each)	TOTAL - Rifle Company	
Ammunition Corporals								1				1	1	3	4	4
Ammunition Numbers								2				2				2
Armourer Mechanics								2	1		1	4	1	3	4	8
Blacksmiths																
Carpenters - Corporals								2				2				2
Privates								3				3				3
Clerks - Corporals		1					1						1	3	4	5
Privates		1					1									1
Cooks - Corporals		1					1	1				1	1	1	2	4
Privates		2					2	3				3	3	3	6	11
Drivers MC		15			5	3	21	3	8	15	6	32	5	5	10	63
Driver Mechanics		2					2									2
Electricians						1	1									1
General Duty Men		2					2	3				3				5
Guns Numbers - Corporals										4		4				4
Privates										6		6				6
Masons - Corporals						2	2									2
Privates						2	2									2
Mechanics						2	2									2
Medical Orderlies - Corporals		1					1	1				1	1		1	3
Privates														2	3	3
Mortarmen (2 in) - Corporals														3	9	9
Privates																27
Mortarmen (3 in) - Corporals									4			4				4
Privates									8			8				8
Motor-cyclists					5		5	1	2	2		5	2		2	16
Orderlies											1	1	2	1	3	16
Pay Clerks - Corporals		1					1	1				1	1		1	5
Pioneers (for Assault Secs)						8	8									8
Rangefinders									1			1				1
Riflemen & LMG Numbers - Corporals										22		22		4	12	48
Privates			8	6			14		1	25		26		30	90	310
Signallers - Corporals					1		1						2		2	7

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Detail.	HQ Officers	HQ Platoon	'I' Section	Snipers Sect	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	1 Rifle Platoon	2 Rifle Platoon	3 Rifle Platoon	Carrier Platoon	4 Mortar Platoon	TOTAL - Support Coy	HQ Platoon	1 Rifle Platoon	2 Rifle Platoon	3 Rifle Platoon	TOTAL - Rifle Coy	TOTAL - Inf Bn
Ammunition Corporals													2	2						4
Ammunition numbers													1	1						2
Armourer Mechanics																				5
Blacksmiths																				1
Carpenters - Corporals						1	1													1
Privates						3	3													5
Clerks - Corporals		1					1								1				1	2
Privates		1					1								3				3	4
Cooks - Corporals															1				1	1
Privates								2						2	4				4	6
Drivers IC				5	3		8	3				8	4	15	6				6	29
Driver Mechanics					1		1													1
Electricians															1				1	1
General Duty Men								3						3	4				4	7
Guns Numbers - Corporals													2	2	6				6	8
Privates													2	2						2
Masons - Corporals																				2
Privates																				5
Mechanics								1						1	1				1	3
Medical Orderlies - Corporals		1					1													1
Privates																				1
Mortarmen (2 in) - Corporals													2	2			2		2	4
Privates						2	2						2	2			1		1	5
Mortarmen (3 in) - Corporals													1	1	1		2		3	4
Privates						5	5	1					1	2	1		1		2	9
Motor-cyclists																				16
Orderlies								1						1						16
Pay Clerks - Corporals		1					1	1						1	1		1		2	5
Pioneers (for Assault Secs)						8	8													8
Range finders													1	1	1				1	1
Riflemen & LMG Numbers -																				48
Corporals												12		12	12		4		12	48
Privates			6	6			14	1				43		44	26	2	30		90	310
Signallers - Corporals					1		1													7
Privates					2		2	2						2	2	2			2	10
Stretcher Bearers		1					1		3					3	5	5			5	19
Switchboard Operators					7		7													7
Telephonists - Lineman					7		7													7
Wireless Operators - Corporals					8		8	5						5	5				5	13
Privates					8		8	5						5	5				5	13
TOTAL Rank and File		25	8	6	43	27	109	31	31	54	20	136	29	39	146					683

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(iii) Transport

Details	Hq Officers	HQ COMPANY						SUPPORT COMPANY					3 RIFLE COYS (each)			TOTAL - Infantry Bn
		Hq Platoon	'I' Section) att to	Sniper Section) Hq Pl	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - Hq Coy	Hq Platoon	3 in Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	A tk Platoon	TOTAL - Support Coy	Hq Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons (each)	TOTAL - Rifle Company	
Motor-cycles, solo		1			5		6	1	2	2	1	6	2		2	16
Cars 2 str 4 x 2		1					1	1				1				2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2		1					1									1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS		4			3	1	8	1	3	2	1	7	3		3	24
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water		1					1									1
Lorries 3 tons 4 x 2 GS		8				2	10	1				1				11
Trailers water		1					1									1
Carriers universal										13		13	1		1	16
Carriers mortar									5			5				5
Carriers Loyd											5	5				5

NOTES

An infantry platoon is organized as follows :

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HQ — 1 Officer, 11 OR

Subaltern
Sergeant
L Cpl
Runners

2 in Mortar Group — 3 men
LMG Group — 3 men
PIAT — 2 men

Three Sections — Each — 10 OR

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Detail	Hq Officers	Hq Platoon	1st Section	Snipers Section	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - Hq Coy	Hq Platoon	3 in Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	A tk Platoon	TOTAL - Support	Hq Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons	TOTAL - Rifle Coy	TOTAL - Infantry
Motor-cycles, solo		1			5		6	1	2	2	1	6	2		2	18
Cars 2 str 4 x 2		1					1	1				1				2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2		1					1									1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS		4			3	1	8	1	3	2	1	7	3		3	24
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water		1					1									1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS		8				2	10	1				1				11
Trailers water		1					1									1
Carriers universal										13		13	1		1	16
Carriers mortar									5			5				5
Carriers Loyd										5	5	5				5

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L cpl		PIAT	2 men
Runners			

Three Sections — Each — 16 OR

Rifle Group

1 Cpl (Cond of Section)
6 Riflemen
1 T M C
6 Rifles

LMG Group

1 L cpl (2IC)
2 Ptes LMG
1 LMG
2 Rifles

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AMENDMENTS TO WE - BLU - CE/508/1

	Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	Reasons
1.	Addition of one Car 5 cwt 4 x 4 for Staff Capt REME	51 BLU	The duties of the Staff Capt REME entail the to fwd areas in connection with repair and r to visit LADs. For many of these journeys a practicable veh in daylight hrs.
2.	Upgrading of :-		
	(a) Camp Comd from Subaltern to Capt	51 BLU	(a) Camp Comd and Clerk. Considerable numb are pen att to the BLU. Amongst these Trg Team, Photo Interpretation Unit, Li parties etc. Many of the att stay only periods and arrive at short notice. Th str of the BLU is often in the region o All questions of pay and distribution o MAFF are the responsibility of the Com suggested that the responsibility warra of this offr to Capt, and that an addit essential to enable him to carry out hi
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	(c) MT Cpl from Cpl to Sjt		(c) MT Cpl At present there are 19 vehs BLU. Att personnel bring their own veh there are approx 30 vehs to be looked a therefore proposed that the Cpl MCO sho to Sjt.
	Addition of one clerk for Camp Comd's office (no rank stated)		

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Appx 'B' to M 13680 SD2
Dated 9 Mar 45

AMENDMENTS TO WE - BLU - CM/503/1

ed Amendment	Proposed by	Reasons
x 4 for Staff Capt R&E ✓	51 BLU	The duties of the Staff Capt R&E entail the numerous visits to fwl areas in connection with repair and recovery, and also to visit LADs. For many of these journeys a jeep is the only practicable veh in daylight hrs.
bsltern to Capt to S Sjt to Sjt Camp Comd's office ank stated)	51 BLU	(a) Camp Comd and Clerk. Considerable number of personnel are gen att to the BLU. Amongst these are Pro, Security Trg Team, Photo Interpretation Unit, Line party, POW parties etc. Many of the att stay only for short periods and arrive at short notice. The average ration str of the BLU is often in the region of 200 all ranks. All questions of pay and distribution of rations and NAAFI are the responsibility of the Camp Comd. It is suggested that the responsibility warrants the upgrading of this offr to Capt, and that an additional clerk is essential to enable him to carry out his duties. (b) Adm S.Jt There are 12 sjts on the str of the BLU excl the Adm S.Jt, and at times up to 20 additional sjts have been att. It is proposed that the Adm S.Jt should be upgraded to S Sjt in order to strengthen his posn. (c) MT Cpl At present there are 19 vehs on the WE of the BLU. Att personnel bring their own vehs and in practice there are approx 30 vehs to be looked after. It is therefore proposed that the Cpl NCO should be upgraded to Sjt.

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	Proposed amendment	Proposed by	Reasons
3.	Addition of one Jeep fitted for stretcher carrying.	56 BLU	At present there is no tpt available for th or Lt R&MO MOs. The jeep would also be av an evacuation veh from the BLU.
4.	XII/882/1 - 5E Italian Increment for a BLU Addition of : (a) 1 Batman (b) 1 Batman/Cva for Capt or Lt R&MO (c) 3 Gen Dutymen (d) 1 Clerk	56 BLU	(a) For GSO III (I) (b) For Capt or Lt R&MO (c) Present WE is insufficient to cope wi all required duties. (d) None on est. No further reasons have been given for the proposed amendments.

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n Increment for a ELU	56 ELU	
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Batman/Dvr for Capt or Lt RAMC		(b) For Capt or Lt RAMC
Gen Dutyman		(c) Present WE is insufficient to cope with all required duties.
Clerk		(d) None on est.
		No further reasons have been given for these proposed amendments.

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Dated C

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WE TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY COMPANY

	WE	Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	Recommended by	Reasons
1.	CM/533/1	Tpt Pl			
	(a)	Add MCs 3 Dvrs 3	50 BLU	51 BLU	Control of tpt coy tfc, particularly with existing low standard of driving difficult with present scale of DRs.
	(b)	Add 3 ton 4 x 2 GS 3	50 BLU	51 BLU (three 3 additional dvrs should be added)	Present est has been cut too fine and for any VOR. Suggested increase will line with the Brit Tpt Pl.
2.	CM/532/1	RDI			
		Add Dvrs RDI 5	50 BLU	51 BLU	At present there are only 36 spare dvrs and 26 MCs. Proposed amendment will into line with the Brit RDI for a Tp

Appx 'D' to
Dated 9

1.	CM/539/1	Mech Engr Pl				
		Add Electricians 1 ✓ Fitters 4 -?	50 BLU	¥ see note	To bring the pl into line with Serial ¥ The addition of 1 Electrician is a but the addition of 4 fitters is n 51 BLU consider the pl capable of its present org.

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Dated 9 Mar 45

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WE TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY COMPANY

ent		Proposed by	Recommended by	Reasons
	3 3	50 BLU	51 BLU	Control or tpt coy tfc, particularly in the fwd areas, with existing low standard of driving is extremely difficult with present scale of DRs.
	2 CS 3	50 BLU	51 BLU (that 3 additional dvrs should be added)	Present est has been cut too fine and does not allow for any VOR. Suggested increase will bring pl into line with the Brit Tpt Pl.
	5	50 BLU	51 BLU	At present there are only 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs and 26 MCs. Proposed amendment will bring this pl into line with the Brit RDT for a Tpt Pl.

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Dated 9 Mar 45

ciens	1 ✓ 4 -?	50 BLU	X see note	To bring the pl into line with Serial III Brit RASC Wksp X The addition of 1 Electrician is agreed by 51 BLU but the addition of 4 fitters is not agreed as 51 BLU consider the pl capable of functioning on its present org.

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1.	CE/539/1	Mech Engr Pl (Continued)			
		Add 3 ton 4 x 2 Stores 2 ✓	50 BLU	✕ see note	One is essential to carry spares & emble pl to split into two indep ✕ It is agreed by 51 BLU that on is essential. It is suggested additional Stores lorries coul for two 3 ton 4 x 2 GS lorries hold sufficient vehs to carry
2.		Addition of one Aldershot Shelter	50 BLU	Not agreed by 51 BLU. See Note ✕	✕ 51 BLU consider that the 1 Al already held is sufficient. ✓ by 51 BLU that the addition of and one Blacksmiths' Shelter w useful.

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Appx 'D' (continued)

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Mech Engr Pl (Continued)			
Add 3 ton 4 x 2 Stores 2 ✓	50 BLU	✕ see note	One is essential to carry spares and second would enable pl to split into two indep sub units.
Addition of one Aldershot Shelter	50 BLU	Not agreed by 51 BLU. See Note ✕	✕ It is agreed by 51 BLU that one additional lorry is essential. It is suggested however that the additional Stores lorries could be substituted for two 3 ton 4 x 2 GS lorries as the unit already hold sufficient vehs to carry its G 1098. YES ✕ 51 BLU consider that the 1 Aldershot Shelter already held is sufficient. ✓ It is suggested by 51 BLU that the addition of two LAD Shelters and one Blacksmiths' Shelter would be more useful. agree

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AMENDMENT TO WE - HQ AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP - Ch/523/1

Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	Reasons
Addition of one Batman-driver and one car 5 cwt 4 x 4	Land Forces Sub Com MC. (MELA)	A proposal to add a MT Offr to the HQ It... was submitted by MELA to AFHQ (their 8/G/... 4 Nov 44 refers). Through an oversight... was made for a batman-driver and car for...

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Appx 'H' to H 13680 SD2
Dated 9 Mar 45

AMENDMENT TO WE - HQ AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP - G/523/1

nt	Proposed by	Reasons
and one car 5 cwt 4 x 4	Land Forces Sub Com CG. (LSL)	A proposal to add a MT offr to the HQ Italian Combat Gp was submitted by LSL to AFHQ (their A/9/29/20 dated 4 Nov 44 refers). Through an oversight, no provision was made for a batman-driver and car for this offr.

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Appx 'E' to
Dated

WE - MED SEC FOR AN ITALIAN GRUPPO
GH/535/1

MMLA have proposed that the existing entitlement of 18 Amb Cars should be amended to read :-

Amb Cars 4 stretcher	...	12
Cars 2 stretcher	...	4
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 with stretcher gear	...	4

This proposed amend
agreed by this Hq.
amendments to this
be considered.

Appx 'F' to
Dated

WE - CCRE

Considerable correspondence has already taken place on this subject.

Pro NEAR EIGHTH ARMY are requested to discuss this question direct with Corps and BLUs concerned and to put fwd a
recommended solution to this problem.

Appx 'G' to
Dated

WE - GRUPPO SIGNALS

On the recommendation of CSO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY, the following additional tpt has been authorised to enable the pre
adequate maint of comms for the type of ops on which GRUPPI are employed. When forwarding replies addressees ar
state how these vehs are held and show which WEs require amendments.

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	6
Scout Car	-	1

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Dated 9 Mar 45

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CH/535/1

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REMARKS

This proposed amendment has been agreed by this HQ. No further amendments to this WE will therefore be considered.

Appx 'F' to M 13680 SD2
Dated 9 Mar 45

WE - CCRR

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1580/G(SD)
9 Mar 45

SUBJECT: MIA - Policy.

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G
52 BLU (2)

For infm.

FBL Tinsley Maj
for Lt-Col,
GSO 1,
No. 1 District.

C.M.F.

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From: AFHQ :

To : Eighth Army : MMIA :
Infm: 15 Army Gp : 56 BLU : DISTOMI : Rear Eighth Army :
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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [illegible] - Policy.

1580/G(Ops)

9 Mar 45

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For info.

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52 Base Station Medical Unit,
APO.
G/20/63

11 Mar 45.

Subject: UK - Italian Combat Group.

To: DAAG(PW)
DAUSA
EATO (Med Med)

Further to this HQ letter G/21/32 of 27 Feb 45. para 2.

Attached herewith for your information and retention, official copy of WE XII/526/4 (or MA/556/4) - a Field Hospital for an Italian Combat Group.

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Major,
Cdt.

TPT./TB

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ADVICE NOTE

To:- 52 British Liaison Unit

M Ref :- 3989/1993

Further to our Advice Note of even number dated 17/2/45

Herewith further publications requested by you.

5/3/1945
C.F.

OC, No.19 Publication: Library 7931
Depot RASC

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Subject: Amendment to WE of Italian Mech Engr Platoon.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
10 Mar 45.

G/20/62

Capt Gershon,
RME.

The attached copy of MELA letter G/G/29/20/1 dated 2 Mar is forwarded for your information.

TVL/ms

Major,
GS,

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52 BLUV

20/61

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Amendment to WE of Italian Mech Engr Platoon.

Land Forces Sub Com AC
M.M.I.A.).
File No S/G/29/20/1

2 March 45

AFHQ for G-3 Org(For) - (7 copies)
G-3 Org 4 - (1 copy)

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Mech Engr Pl for an Italian Combat Group

CM/539/1

(b) Amendment to existing WE

(c) Not applicable

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increases:- OR (Driver i/c - one
Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 - one
Stores(Binned)

(b) Not applicable

(c) Five

(d) Overall increases (Italian personnel)

(e) Nil

(f) Nil

(g) Not applicable
(h) " "

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Provision of a stores lorry committed from original WE, essential for work of unit.

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2 March 45

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J.M. Ingleton. Lt-Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.
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Copy to: 15 Army Group (4)
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Subject: Combat Gp Arty Est.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
6 Mar 45.

G/20/60

SORA, 52 BLU.

Herewith enclosed copy of MMIA letter 3/G/29/20/1 dated 1 Mar, for your information and action if necessary.

PCT/MS

P.C.T.
Major,
GS.

COPY SECRET

Subject: Combat Gp Artillery Est.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA)
3/G/29/20/1
1 Mar 45.

To: 52 BLU.

Copy to: 15 Army Group.

Ref your query at conference at RA 15 Army Group on 26 Feb, and Part VI of the Notes on the conference.

1. The Establishment for the Artillery Regt as detailed in the SMTE's publication "Formazioni ed organico provisseri per gruppi di combattimenti" has been carefully checked against WE CM/525/1, An Artillery Regt for an Italian Combat Group.

2. It has been found that there are no differences either in the number of officers and OHs, or in the allocation of vehicles.

3. WE CM/525/1 corresponds exactly as regards vehicles to the SEL for the Artillery Regt, SEL No 134/1, so there is no doubt about the entitlement. It can only be suggested that you continue to press, through your higher formation, for the issue of the full scale.

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Major,
GS.

RCT/MS

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(MMIA)
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Signed W.FIDDLER Col.
for Major General
MMIA.

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Subject :- Officer Appointments

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52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

5 Mar 45

G/20/59

HQ LEGNANO
Gruppo di Combattimento.

The following report has been received from REME authorities and is forwarded for any action that you may consider necessary :-

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1. It has been decided that the retention of MAJOR POLEMENI of "Officine Meccaniche LEGNANO" as O.C. of that unit would not be advisable.

2. No reflection is cast upon the technical ability of this officer.

3. The most acceptable position would be for the present O.C. Stores Section of that unit - CAPT BORROMEO to take over the command - either in his present rank or as a Major. It is possible that this officer is not the senior Captain but it is certain that his ability merits the post."

I have myself investigated this matter, and as a result have formed the opinion that MAJOR POLEMENI can best be described as an obstructionist. I am satisfied also that his presence only hinders the progress of work in the unit, and that CAPT BORROMEO could combine both roles and still produce more satisfactory results

It is my duty therefore to recommend that MAJOR POLEMENI be removed: no relief however would necessarily be required for him since it is considered that CAPT BORROMEO is fully capable of performing both duties adequately by himself.

D.M. Douglas.

Lieut Col
GS

ISHD/as

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L.H. Taylor.

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GS

JSHD/aa

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SUBJECT:- Officers - Italian

52 Britis. Liaison Unit
C.M.F
25 FEB 45

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To:- DAAG(M)
52 BLU

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Captain.
R.E.M.E.

DCu/WN.

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20/58

GI HQ.

SUBJECT :- WE - Italian Gruppi.

British Increment, G-3D Branch,
HQ Fifth Army.
Tel No : LIGHTNING 98.
196/7/G(SD).
3 Mar 45.

EIGHTH Army.

Copy to :-
52 BLU.
G-1 Brit.
Pro Brit.

The attached letter from 52 BLU G/20/51 dated 27 Feb 45 is forwarded to you for information.

No suggested amendments to the WE of Italian Gruppi are being considered by this HQ until your decisions on the subject have been made.

for Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

/arw.

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SUBJECT :- Officer Appointments with Legnano Gruppo.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
27 Feb 45.

HQ 5 Army.

G/20/51.

1. Deputy Assistant Provost Marshall (DAPM).

A course of instruction for the Carabinieri of the Gruppo Legnano has started to-day under the direction of British Provost Personnel, but it is already handicapped by the non-existence of any officer on the HQ of the Gruppo, to correspond to the DAPM of a Division.

Within the Gruppo there are two Sections of Carabinieri (approx 50 each = total 100) each of which is commanded by a Lieut. In the past, all these Carabinieri have acted solely in the capacity of military "police", but now, to conform to our British organisation, a small proportion of these (approx 15 Carabinieri) have been detailed to form a PS Section under the "I" Branch. It is intended ultimately, however, to form a PS Section on the British model, which is to be known as the "Sezione di Sicurezza Militare" which will be entirely independent of the Carabinieri.

The commander of the Carabinieri (the senior of the two sec comds) comes under the direct orders of the Capo di Sezione 1(b) on the Gruppo HQ Staff who is the nearest equivalent to a DAA&QMG. This officer, however, is already overburdened with other essential work on the Gruppo staff, as in addition to the normal duties of a DAA&QMG, he has the supply problem of the Gruppo to deal with.

The questions of traffic control, route-marking, maintenance of MT discipline and reduction of speed, are of vital importance to a Gruppo since its present establishment of vehicles is far in excess of what it has been accustomed to; it is considered essential therefore that the staff of the Gruppo HQ be increased by the equivalent of a DAPM who will co-ordinate the duties of the Carabinieri; and unless this is done it is felt that the Carabinieri have little hope of fulfilling their amended role.

2. Second-in-Command of a Battalion.

In the WE (Organico) of a Gruppo, no provision is made for a 2 i/c of a Bn; this has resulted in a complete lack of decentralisation, and in consequence there is now no-one fitted to assume command in the event of a Bn Comd becoming a casualty. It is not necessary to further enlarge upon the desirability of such an appointment, for this must be obvious to anyone with battle experience in a British unit in this war. There are 6 Bns in the Gruppo and this would entail therefore an increase only of 6 officers. Not only is it essential that a 2 i/c be authorised for each Bn, but it is essential also that they be appointed within the course of the next few days, so that they are available to take part in the final training of the Gruppo in exercises on a higher level.

3. I am new to the intricacies of Gruppi but I understand that both these points have been raised by the BLOs of other Gruppi on previous occasions - apparently, however, without results. These matters are now pressing: the total increase amounts only to 7 officers for Gruppo (1 DAPM and 6 - 2 i/cs). Unless some immediate action is taken forthwith to remedy these ills, it may be too late, and to further delay a decision can only result in ultimate disaster.

(Sgd) J.S.H. DOUGLAS

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(Sgd) J.S.H. DOUGLAS

Lieut-Col,
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To:- British Lieutenant (A. Branch)
Rear HQ, Fifth Army

Our Ref:- 1261A/3084

Your indent 145 A dated 23 Feb 1945
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C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: Combat Grp Artillery Establishments.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/20/1
March 45

TO : 52 BLU.

Copy to: 15 Army Group (for R.A.)

Ref your query at conference at RA 15 Army Group on 26 Feb, and Part VI of the Notes on the conference.

1. The Establishment for the Artillery Regiment as detailed in the SHAPE's publication "Formazione ed organici provvisori per gruppo di combattimento" has been carefully checked against WE CM/525/1, An Artillery Regiment for an Italian Combat Group.

2. It has been found that there are no differences either in the numbers of officers and OR's, or in the allocation of vehicles.

3. WE CM/525/1 corresponds exactly as regards vehicles to the SEL for the Artillery Regiment, SEL No 134/1, so there is no doubt about the entitlement. It can only be suggested that you continue to press, through you higher formation, for the issue of the full scale.

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

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Brigadier STARLING stated that he had examined the organisation in detail, and put up to Col. OTTONE, Artillery Regimental Comd, a proposal for forming two Tac H.Q.'s without involving any increase in personnel and equipment, beyond the addition of two Lt.Cols. Col. OTTONE, however, does not agree to this as he thinks it would not work without a large addition in personnel, equipment and vehicles, amounting to some ten officers, 100 O.R's and a good deal of equipment.

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6. M.M.I.A.

Major DOLBS said they were prepared to support any addition that is really necessary, but obviously there would be great difficulty in getting additional signallers or vehicles.

Training - Not possible to find suitable officers and men for some time anyhow.

7. DECISION.

It was decided that no additions to W.E. would be recommended. If it should be necessary to create subordinate H.Q.'s for any special purpose it could be done from within the present establishment. If certain additions to Signal equipment are found necessary after trial, it should be put up to this H.Q. when it will be considered.

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PART IV - SIGNALS COMMS - REAR LINKS

Brig STARLING stated that there is a difficulty in having an Italian operator one end, talking to English signallers at the other. Some alternative is necessary and this is particularly important in regard to co-operation with Air O.Ps. After discussion it was decided that as British Signallers could not be provided, arrangements must be made either for an interpreter to be available, or in the case of co-operation with Air O.P., pilots must be taught sufficient Italian to be able to function. It was considered that adequate arrangements could be made under existing arrangements.

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Subject: Interpreters.

Hqs Troops Sub Comm AC (Rear)

1. The Japanese have requested that suitable Englishspeaking Italian officers and men be withdrawn as soon as possible in order to assist the Japanese in their military duties.

2. The number required would be [illegible] officers and [illegible] men. The above numbers are minimum requirements and should be increased if possible.

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ADVICE NOTE

To:- 52 (BR) LIAISON UNIT

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Your Indent S/1/43 dated 13/2/1945

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Lieut, RASC,
OC, No.10 Publications Depot, RASC.

Subject: Officer Candidate with Russian Escort. 22 British Liaison Unit,
GHQ.
22 July 45.

SECRET

Sir, I have,

1. Newly Selected Personal Symbol (NSPS)

A course of instruction for the Candidates of the Gruppe Lepetz has started to-day under the direction of British armed personnel, but is already handicapped by the non-existence of any officer on the H. of the Gruppe, to correspond to the Chief of a Division.

Within the Gruppe there are the Centuries of Candidates (approx 50 each - total 150) each of which is commanded by a Lieut. In the past, all these Candidates have acted solely in the capacity of military "police", but now, to conform to our British organisation, a small proportion of these (approx 15 Candidates) have been detailed to form a H. section under the "I" Branch. It is intended ultimately, however, to form a H. section on the British model, which is to be known as the "Bureau de Liaison Militaire" which will be entirely dependent of the Command.

The remainder of the Candidates (the senior of Who are two years) come under the direct orders of the Capo di Centurie 1(b) on the Gruppe H. Staff who is the nearest equivalent to a Division. This officer, however, is already overburdened with other essential work on the Gruppe staff, as in addition to the normal duties of a Division, he has the supply problem of the Gruppe to deal with.

The question of traffic control, route-marking, maintenance of all discipline and reduction of speed, are of vital importance to a Gruppe since the present establishment of vehicles is far in excess of what it has been considered by it is considered essential therefore, that the staff of the Gruppe H. be increased by the equivalent of a Lieut who will co-ordinate the duties of the Centuries; and unless this is done it is felt that the Candidates have little hope of fulfilling their natural role.

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total 700) each of which is commanded by a Khmer. In the past, all these Cambodians have acted solely in the capacity of military "police", but now, to conform to our British opposition, a small proportion of these (known to (unchecked) have been enrolled to form a PL section under the "2" Branch. It is intended ultimately, however, to form a PL section on the British model, which is to be known as the "Service di Renseignements Militaires" which will be entirely dependant of the Commissariat.

The commander of the Commissariat (the senior of the two who speak) comes under the direct orders of the Legat at Svinord (1(3) on the Legge H). Whilst who is the nearest equivalent to a Brigade. This officer, however, is already overburdened with other essential work on the Legge staff, as in addition to the normal duties of a Brigade, he has the supply problem of the Legge to deal with.

The question of traffic control, route-marking, maintenance of air-line and reduction of speed, are of vital importance to a Legge also the present establishment of vehicles is far in excess of what it has been necessary for it to maintain recently therefore, that the staff of the Legge H. be increased by the appointment of a [illegible] who will co-ordinate the duties of the Commissariat and ensure that is done it is felt that the Commissariat have little hope of fulfilling their allotted role.

2. Control-Training of a Battalion.

In the [illegible] of a Legge, no provision is made for a 2 i/c of a Bn this has resulted in a complete lack of decentralisation, and in consequence there is not anyone fitted to assume command in the event of a Bn Cmd becoming a casualty. It is not necessary to further enlarge upon the desirability of such an appointment, for this must be obvious to anyone with [illegible] experience in a British unit in this war. There are 6 Bns in the Legge and this would entail therefore, an increase only of 6 officers. Not only is it essential that a 2 i/c be established for each Bn, but it is essential also that they be appointed within the course of the next few days, so that they are available to take part in the final training of the Legge in exercises on a higher level.

3. I am not in the confidence of Legge but I understand that both these points have been raised by the Chief of other Legge on previous occasion - apparently however, without results. These matters are now pressing. The total internal guards only to 7 officers for Legge (1 Bde and 6 - 8 i/c). Unless some immediate move is taken further to remedy these ills, it may be too late, and to further delay a decision can only result in disaster.

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Lieut-Col.
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SUBJECT:- W.E's

10 PD/3989/1993
19 February, 45

52 British Liaison Unit

Reference your G/1/43 dated 13 Feb 45.

All available War Establishments required by you have been forwarded under separate cover today. The items which are not available at the moment, will be sent as soon as further stocks are received here.

In the majority of cases, Volume XII W.E's have been sent you. These are identical to the N.A. W.E's and are the War Office equivalent.

Middle East (Vol VI) W.E's are not stocked at this Depot.

CMF.

for Lieut RASC
CC, No. 10 Publications Depot RASC

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SECRET

Subject: Conference on reorganisation of Artillery.

52 British Liaison Unit, GHQ.
21 Feb 45.

G/20/43

HQ Legnano
Major H.R.Collenette.

Under authority of HQ 1 District signal 06 of 20 Feb, Col MICHELLI and Major Collenette are required to attend at 1100 hrs 26 Feb at HQ RA 15 Army Group a conference to discuss a suggested reorganisation of Artillery in the Group.

Representatives of other Groups will also attend.

TPL/GS

Major,
GS.

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Duty Comdr and COLONEL TTE required attend conference HQ RA 15 Army Group 1100 hours 26 Feb to discuss with Reps other Gruppi suggested reorganisation of Brty in Gruppi ⊙ AcK

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Originator's No
06

Secret ⊙

Arty Comdr and COLLONKETTE required attend conference HQRA 15 Army Group 1100 hours 26 Feb to discuss with Reps other Gruppi suggested reorganisation of Arty in Gruppi ⊙

Ack

Done.

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SECRET and URGENT.

Subject: Allotment of Transport.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
20 Feb 45.

S/2245

HQ 5 Army.

Although I have been with a BLU for less than three weeks I am already fully convinced that much of the assistance that a BLU and its Training Increment should be able to render to its Gruppo is nullified by the total inadequacy of transport on their respective UEs.

It will be appreciated that the representative of each branch of the service must work closely with his opposite number in the Gruppo, and the following table gives some idea of the vast area which must therefore be covered; this is an area of over 200 square miles, and the work of liaison of necessity entails much visiting of units not only within the area, but to units outside it as well.

Location & Nom Ref.	UE & Present Allotment.	Remarks.
GI)		
GII) at Tattico	VIETRARI 9035	1 Staff Car) Not yet relea-
GIII (I))		1 Jeep) sed.
HARROW at Servisi	RAIDA 8736)	)
BAKER at Servisi	RAIDA 8736)	) 3 of these
Sub.RAMC - at 24 Fd Hosp)	S.GONERO 9725)	1 Jeep) Jeeps have been
(Non-Med) at 132 MA Hosp)	MISTRETTA 8157)	) released in
at 51 Med Sec)	TRAPANI 9132)	) lieu of 3 MCs.
HOTEL at HQ 11 Army Regt	CAVRIGLIA 7145	1 Jeep) Their retention
SORE at HQ 51 FC Coy RE	CATANIA 9234	1 Jeep) is recommended.
Sigs at HQ 51 Sigs Coy	RAIDA 8736	1 Jeep)
DANOG at DANOG Dump	CASTELVETRANO 9557	1 Jeep)
Capt KENT at Mech Workshops	MARSALA 6935	No vehicle
Camp Cond		No vehicle
3 PCWOs - One at each Inf Regt (Ldo) HQ & one at Army Regt HQ		3 Motor Cycles (solo)
7 Maltese Interpreters -		No vehicle
GIII(Irg) -		1 Jeep) 3 Jeeps releas-
6 Dty Majors each located at different Bn HQs		2 Jeeps &) ed in lieu of
		3 M/cc(solo)) Nos & retention recommended.

From the above it will be seen that in some cases the officers who must share vehicles are based on different locations: not only this, but officers of different branches of the service are sharing vehicles, and since their duties take them in different directions they cannot all go about their rightful duties on the same day. This is most unsatisfactory in view of the short time available in which to complete the equipping and training of this Gruppo.

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...Movement should be able to render to its Gruppe is multiplied by the total tonnage of transport on their respective MEs.

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	Location & Map Ref.		Vehicle & Present Allotment.	Remarks.
GI GIT GIIIX (I)	at Tactics	VILLAVERDE 9035	1 Staff Car 1 Jeep	Not yet released.
DANCING	at Merylsl	BARDA 0736		
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Sub.RAMC	at 344 Fd Hosp	S.GORING 9729	1 Jeep	3 of these jeeps have been released in lieu of 5 MCs. Their retention is recommended.
(Married)	at 332 Fd Hosp	PUENTAFEITA 8157		
	at 51 Med Sec	PRADO 9130		
HOSA	at HQ 11 Arty Regt	TAVERNILLAS 7145	1 Jeep	
HOSE	at HQ 51 Fd Sqy RE	GADILE 9224	1 Jeep	
Signals	at HQ 51 Sigs Coy	BARDA 0736	1 Jeep	
DADOS	at DADOS Dump	CASTILLEJO 9337	1 Jeep	
Capt REME	at Mech Workshops	NAVALMORAL 6935	No vehicle	
Camp Cmdt			No vehicle	
3 DOGSs	- One at each Inf Regt (bde)HQ & one at Arty Regt HQ			
7 Maltese Interpreters	-			
GIII(Trg)	-		3 Motor Cycles (solo)	
6 Trg Majors each located at different HQs			No vehicle	
			1 Jeep	Plus 3 Jeeps released in lieu of Mcs & retention recommended.
			2 Jeeps &	
			3 M/cs(solo)	

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In the case of the training majors Mcs solo are most unsuitable, and it is considered essential that each of them should have a separate vehicle. The situation with regard to the heavy transport is satisfactory viz. 4 - 3 tonners and 3 - 15 cwts; the Signals Recr Unit is self-contained.

The general situation will be unchanged when the Gruppe goes into the line, and it is urgently requested therefore that a strong case be put forward for an increase of transport on the ME, but that pending the decision of the WE Committee a loan of additional jeeps be made to enable the officers of the HQ to carry out their tasks, as the matter is now pressing.

Lieut-Col.
GS

Copy to 1 District.

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Subject: Workshop Organization.

5th Parachute Maintenance Unit,
GAF
16 Feb 45.

G/20/44

To Lagnese Group.

An official policy regarding the organization of Workshop Services has been drawn up by AHQ, but is not yet available for issue. The following advanced information is therefore issued for circulation to units concerned:-

1. Line. These are attached to units for discipline and accommodation but are directly under the control of the CRE and RAF MUs for all technical matters. This control by the CRE extends, for example, to such matters as adjustment of personnel if it is found that certain Line require strengthening.

2. Mechanical Engineers Workshops. The technical control of this unit is also vested in the CRE and RAF MU, and the workshop cannot be considered as an integral part of the Reparbo Transport & Reinforcement. This arrangement is different from that existing in a British division as it has been decided in the case of the Italian Gruppi to have all regular services under unified control, namely, under the CRE.

Jim/fc

Copy to: Maj.

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Ref: EME/9/19

Subject: Workshop Organisation.

To: G.S.O. 1,
52 B.L.U.

The attached letter from 3 District is forwarded for your information. The instructions referred to have not yet been received, but it is considered that some general directive should be given to the Gruppo immediately. Could the following information please be passed on.

1. L.A.Ds.

These are attached to units for discipline and accommodation but are directly under the control of the C.M.E. and B.L.U. EME for all technical matters. This control by the C.M.E. extends, for example, to such matters as adjustment of personnel if it is fpund that certain L.A.Ds. require strengthening.

2. Mechanical Engineers Platoon.

The technical control of this unit is also vested in the C.M.E. and B.L.U. EME, and the workshop cannot be considered as an integral part of the Reparto Trasporti e Rifornimenti. This arrangement is different from that existing in a British division as it has been decided in the case of the Italian Gruppi to have all repair services under unified control, namely, under the C.M.E.

15 Feb 45

E.E. Mannama.
Capt. E.M.E.

SECRET

Subject: War Establishments - Italian Combat Group.

52 (Lowland) Division Unit,
MEF.
13 Feb 45.

G/1/A&Q.

GS
No 10 Publications Dept.

1. This HQ is not in possession of any official copies of WEs of units of an Italian Combat Group. The only copies that are held are proposed WEs which were received from Land Forces Sub Com MC (MTA) in October last year.

2. The WEs which are required are as under. Will you please forward as soon as possible a minimum of 2 copies of each (preferably 4, if available) together with all relevent official amendments.

(a) Units forming part of an Italian Combat Group.

(1)	Headquarters Italian Combat Group	HA/525/1
(2)	Provost Section for Italian Combat Group	HA/526/1
(3)	An Artillery Regiment for ICG	HA/525/1
(4)	An Infantry Regiment for ICG	HA/525/1
(5)	An Infantry Bn for ICG	HA/527/1
(6)	Headquarters Engineer Bn for ICG	HA/528/1
(7)	Field Coy Engineer Bn for ICG	HA/529/1
(8)	Signals Coy Engineer Bn for ICG	HA/530/1
(9)	Headquarters Supply and Transport Coy for ICG	HA/531/1
(10)	Transport Platoon Supply and Tpt Coy for ICG	HA/532/1
(11)	Relief Driver Inducement Supply and Tpt Coy for ICG	HA/532/1
(12)	Composite Platoon Supply and Tpt Coy for ICG	HA/534/1
(13)	Medical Section for Italian Combat Group	HA/535/1
(14)	Field Hospital for ICG	HA/536/1
(15)	Ordnance Field Park for ICG	HA/537/1
(16)	Mechanical Engineers Workshop for ICG	HA/538/1
(17)	Mechanical Engineers Platoon for ICG	HA/539/1
(18)	Light Aid Detachment for ICG	HA/540/1

(b) Auxiliary Units for Italian Combat Groups.

(1)	Italian Field Park Coy	HA/596/1
(2)	Italian Field Bakery	HA/597/1
(3)	Italian Field Hospital (200 beds)	HA/574/1
(4)	Italian Field Surgical Unit	HA/575/1
(5)	Italian Mobile X-ray Unit	HA/576/1
(6)	Italian Mobile Dental Unit	HA/577/1
(7)	Italian Advanced Depot of Medical Stores	HA/578/1
(8)	Italian Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit	HA/612/1
(9)	Italian General Transport Coy HQ	HA/531/1
(10)	Italian Motor Ambulance Convoy	VI/719/1
(11)	Italian Technical Maintenance Section	AI/30/1

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(4)	An Infantry Regiment for ICG	HA/526/1
(5)	An Infantry Bn for ICG	HA/527/1
(6)	Headquarters Engineer Bn for ICG	HA/528/1
(7)	Field Coy Engineer Bn for ICG	HA/529/1
(8)	Signals Coy Engineer Bn for ICG	HA/530/1
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(11)	Relief Driver Lieaement Supply and Tpt Coy for ICG	HA/532/1
(12)	Composite Platoon Supply and Tpt Coy for ICG	HA/534/1
(13)	Medical Section for Italian Combat Group	HA/535/1
(14)	Field Hospital for ICG	HA/536/1
(15)	Ordnance Field Park for ICG	HA/537/1
(16)	Mechanical Engineers Workshop for ICG	HA/538/1
(17)	Mechanical Engineers Platoon for ICG	HA/539/1
(18)	Light Aid Detachment for ICG	HA/540/1

(b) Ancillary Units for Italian Combat Groups.

(1)	Italian Field Park Coy	HA/595/1
(2)	Italian Field Bakery	HA/597/1
(3)	Italian Field Hospital (200 beds)	HA/574/1
(4)	Italian Field Surgical Unit	HA/575/1
(5)	Italian Mobile X-ray Unit	HA/576/1
(6)	Italian Mobile Dental Unit	HA/577/1
(7)	Italian Advanced Depot of Medical Stores	HA/578/1
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for Lieut-Col.
GS.

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To : H.Q. M.M.L.A.

(Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.)

MMLM.

Subject : Postings, Officers.

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3. Furthermore, an urgent request for an experienced Troop Commander has so far not been met. May necessary action be taken please.

Major,
M.M.L.A. H.Q.
Legnano Gp.

10 Feb 45.

Copy to : "G" 52 B.L.L.
A.C.R.A. 52 B.L.L.

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Legnano Gp.

10 Feb 45.

Copy to : "G" 52 B.I.A.U.
S.O.R.A. 52 B.I.A.U.

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11th Arty Regt
8 Feb 1140

To: G1. 52 B.L.V
From G11 RA.

Officer Reinforcements

1. Col Brunelli has asked if the B.L.V can obtain assistance for him through M.M.I.A. The Italian War office send him at regular intervals (about 3 weeks) subaltern officers, quite untrained, to be posted to his regiment. One arrived on 6 Feb who was even wearing civilian clothes & had had no instruction on British equipment of any sort.
2. His regiment is considerably over strength in subaltern officers, & he naturally would prefer to get them through the Reinforcement depot where they will have received training
3. His request for an experienced troop commander has not been met.

4. This regiment will be firing HE & Smoke in the area of the village Colle di Val Elsa (S.W of Poggibonsi) during the week 19/25 Feb. This will be by way of training within the regiment. I shall be that some ammunition is retained for training with the Infantry regiments, but should like to have some idea of what will be required. The area of Colle di Elsa would be much more suitable for combined training than any of the

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Ground in the Radda area, or East of Route 2 (from the Artillery point of view) is accessible by a good road.

D B Columbia Maj R A.

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Office Date Stamp: B- 3.11.45 LU SIGNALS

For Action

TO MAIN 8 ARMY

(W) For Information (INFO)

OF WAR 50 51 52 53 56 BLUS

FREEDOM 15 ARMY GR MINISTRY

Message Instructions. QQY | GB 86

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SS612 Confidential in our Q687 of 5 Feb not to 8 army we requested war ministry to alert german speaking offrs for ops as suggested in yours SD2935 of 3 Feb Request you inform us when these offrs are required for attachment to army for ops & for war ministry Offrs selected by you should not yet not be despatched to 9ths until calling forward instructions are received from 8 army & ministry of war to alert offrs thereof and notify us further and when assembled

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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FROM (A) Originator: FIRST EIGHT ARMY

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For Action

TO S2 TLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

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SUBJECT: Amendments to "Formazioni ed organici provvisori per Gruppo di combattimento"

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/45
5 Feb 45

TO : 50, 51, 5E, 55 and 56 S.I.U.
R.T.C. I.C.K.

Herewith latest amendments to "Formazioni ed organici provvisori per Gruppo di combattimento" (Sept 1944 edition).

R.G.A. Grover-Kaeiss
Capt
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

cgl

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Subject: Selection of Officers for German Ltn.

52 Festinh Medical Unit.
APO.
6 Feb 45.

G/1215

To Lorenzo.

1. It may have recommended the posting of a German-speaking Italian officer to the 'X' Branch of each Combat Group H.Q. for interrogation of PW, and that these officers should do a short attachment to Army PW Camps before joining Groups.

2. It is understood that Italian Ministry of War are arranging for the officers to be selected and despatched as soon as possible.

Allenbach
Lt.Col.

GHQ/MI

Copy to: 15th A.G.
2nd Lt.

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SUBJECT : Org and Functions - CC RR — 50 Brit Liaison Unit

G/5/19

HQ EIGHTH Army (2)
HQ AAIA (2)

18 Jan 45

1. The CC RR of an ICG are the equivalent of the Div Pro Coy. Their org as at present is shown at Appx "A".

2. As a result of investigations by GSI 15 Army Gp and of detailed investigations by AFHQ 59 Area - who spent 10 days trg CC RR of this ICG - certain recommendations have been made.

a) By GSI 15 Army Gp

The formation of a Security Sec as shown at Appx "B". This is already under consideration by 15 Army Gp. No increase in total personnel will result BUT the additional tpt involved CANNOT be found within the ICG.

b) By AFHQ 59 Area and strongly recommended by this unit.

The formation of a HQ to control all CC RR Secs and, in conjunction with newly appointed Security Offr (a Staff Offr at ICG HQ), to control the security sec. The need for such a HQ is so obvious that it needs no emphasis.

The proposal is to add

1 capt
1 sjt clerk
1 dvr
1 batman
1 x 2 str

to form HQ of CC RR. There is no existing est, but the est of CC RR Secs is MA/524/1, dated 1 Sep 44.

c) Proposed org is given at Appx "B".

3. Other difficulties arising out of the CC RR are as follows :-

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ii) the establishing of some sort of real authority in the CC RR, similar to that of C&P. The minimum rank in the CC RR is that of CARABINIERI, which is the equivalent of Cpl, but in this ICG this seems to carry no weight at all. This factor is related to para 3(b) below.

...../ 3. (b)

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b) The relations between personnel of Allied Forces and Italian CC RR.
At present Allied Forces take no notice of CC RR even when they are doing traffic control. It is realised that in rear areas CC RR always have Brit GsP with them, but in forward areas, where ICG CC RR must necessarily work alone - at least in endeavouring to control the movement o their own ICG - some sort of policy must be laid down.

4. Any an early ruling, particularly on 3(b) be given please.

Lt Col
GS

GSF
FFKH/SYN

Copy to : HQ 15 Army Gp (your 1470/GS1(b) dated 13 Jan refer).
HQ V Corps
51 HLU
52 HLU
53 HLU
56 HLU

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Annex "L" to 50 HIR letter 9/5/43 a

CC/RR Sec & CRC CC RR

HQ & HQ

95 Sec CC RR (C)
(as for 93 Sec)

93 Sec CC RR(C)

HQ (1 offr
(1 maresciallo
(1 sjt clerk
(6 CC RR(incl 2 cyclists)
(1 MO
(1 x 2 str
(1 x 3 ton

1st Ft Squad

1 sjt
2 L sjts
(b) 6 CC RR
1 x 15 cwt

2nd Ft Squad

(as 1st Ft Squad)

NOTE: (a) This is NOT yet an official establishment, BUT as they can be found within the CC RR org, this sec and is under instruction with V Corps.
(b) 3 CC RR taken from each ft squad to form Security Sec.
(c) The two CC RR secs between them are reduced by one maresciallo and one sjt on the establishment sho up the Security Sec.
(d) The equivalent ranks in CC RR to Brit are - CC RR = Cpl
Appuntato = L sjt
Vice Brig = Sjt
Brigadier = S.
Maresciallo = WO I

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EXCHANGE VIA CMF CC RR

To HQ

98 Sec CC RR(C)

HQ(1 offr
(1 maresciallo
(1 sjt clerk
(6 CC RR(incl 2 cyclists)
(1 LD
(1 x 2 str
(1 x 3 ton

(a)
Security Sec
CC RR

1 maresciallo
1 sjt
12 CC RR

2nd Ft Squad

(as 1st Ft Squad)

HQ Squad

1 sjt
1 L sjt(LD)
15 CC RR(DCs)
13 DCs
1 x 15 cwt

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Appx "D" to SO #LU letter C

PROPOSED TO & FROM CC ER

EQ 1 capt
1 sgt clerk
1 dvr
1 batman
1 x 2 str car

95 Sec CC ER
(as in Appx "A")

98 Sec CC ER
(as in Appx "A")

NOTE: (a) This establishment was proposed by CSM, 15 Army Gp and is already under consideration by that HQ. In total UE is in tpt only.

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Appx "B" to 5th ID letter G/5/19 dated 18 Jan 45

PROPOSED TA & ORG CC RR

HQ 1 capt
1 sjt clerk
1 dvr
1 batman
1 x 2 stf car

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96 Sec CC RR
(as in Appx "A")

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(a)
Security Sec
CC RR

:

1 maresciallo
1 sjt
12 CC RR
1 x 5 cwt 4x4
2 x 15 cwt
6 MCs

(a) Establishment was proposed by G2I, 15 Army Gp and is already under consideration by that HQ. Increase of 1 MC is in tpt only.

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Subject :- Composite Transport of an Italian Group.

51 British Liaison Unit

G 3/4

To 1- G (SD) Main 1 Cdn Corps. (2)

MMLA
50 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

See also letter 31 and 33

1. 50 BLU have submitted to 1 Dist with copies to AFHQ., 15 Army Gp and Fifth Army suggested amendments to the TT for the Transport Coy of an Italian Combat Gp.

2. These suggestions have been studied by this unit with the result that not all are in accordance with our own ideas.

3. Please find at Appx A a detailed list of the suggestions made by 50 BLU together with the remarks made by this unit.

Field.
23 Jan 45
KML/FLM

Lieut Col.
General Staff

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Appx "A" to 51 BLU G 3/4.
dated 22 Jan 45.

Suggested Amendments to WE Compania Trasporti of a Gruppo

Serial No.	WE No	Recommended by 50 BLU: Amdt Proposed	Remarks	Remarks by 51 BLU
1.	M/533/1 Tpt Pl	Add 3 m/c Add 3 dvrs	Already requested BUT NOT recommended by MIA on the grounds that m/c is an ineffective veh. Control of Tpt Coy traffic particularly in fwd areas with existing low standard of driving is extremely difficult with present scale of DRs.	1. Agreed
2.	M/533/1	Add 3 x 3 ton	Present Coy, 3 pls has 90 load carriers and no 10% rsa. 2nd line amn and explosives account for 54 vehs. 2nd line pet 15 vehs. present system of drawing the bully Italian ration occupies 20 vehs every two days: it is calculated that on a daily drawing basis 14 vehs will be used per day drawing supn. This leaves 7 vehs to carry all engr and ord stores, blankets, and does NOT allow for any VOR. Further it means that any tpt required within the IOG for tp carrying must either come from outside (NOT always available) or be torn from various units of the IOG in order to mobilise other units. This has already happened - with very unsatisfactory results. The suggested increase only brings the pl into line with the British Tpt pl - in which standard of driving is	2. Agreed wholeheartedly. The present est is too fine. Good as the Tpt Coy CREMONA GRUPPO is now it still has VOR. In addition to 3 x 3 ton lorries per pl being required the WE will need to be increased to allow for extra dvrs.

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3.	MM/532/1 R D I.	Add 5 dvrs	To correspond with British RDI for Tpt pl. This is considered necessary whether the additional 3 x 3 ton are authorised as in Serial 2. or not. At present there are only 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs plus 26 m/cs.

2. Agreed wholeheartedly. The present est is too fine. Good as the Tpt Coy CREMONA GRUPPO is now it still has VOR. In addition to 3 x 3 ton lorries per pl being required the WE will need to be increased to allow for extra dvrs.

3. Agreed. In addition to requiring the extra res of dvrs, present lab facilities as provided by RDIs are insufficient. These extra men will help.

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Serial No.	WE No	Amdt Proposed	Remarks	
4.	NL/534/1 Composite Pl.		Of the two composite pls at present with this IOG, one is for internal requirements of the IOG, the other is for allotment to a higher fmn which this IOG might have to work under. At present both composite pls are fully engaged on internal requirments of the IOG and if at some future time one of them is taken away by a higher fmn, a second composite pl will be required by the IOG. May a ruling be given please.	4. The experience of this NLU is quite different. One Comp Pl is quite sufficient to look after the Gruppe under normal conditions. The second is useful and may eventually be essential during more active ops. Our experience is that higher fmns do not require to use the second pl.
5.	Mech Engr Pl	Add 1 Electrician	This unit looks after 147 vehs and it is considered that this pl should be increased to correspond with Serial III in B/SC Wksp particularly as VOR state is always high with this IOG.	5. It is agreed that the addition of one electrician is necessary, but not that the four additional fitters are essential. The pl seems quite capable of functioning as at present org. It should be noted that in CYPRUS it looks after 119 vehs and 26 m/cs.
6.	" " "	Add 4 Fitters		6.
7.	" " "	Add 2 stores lorries.	One is absolutely essential to carry spares and the addition of two would enable the pl to split into two independent sub-units.	7. Agreed that one stores lorry absolutely essential and that second would be useful. It is suggested however that two GS lorries at present on the WE be exchanged for two stores lorries, as sufficient GS vehs for the carrying of C 1098 are already held by the unit.
8.	" " "	Add 1 ALDERSHOT Shelter.		8. NOT agreed. The one already held in sufficient of this type. As an alternative it

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52 British Liaison Unit,
GHQ.
23 Jan 45.

G/1/34.

Subject: Transport for Artillery Regt.

TO: LIEGEARD.

Reference your letter 01/110 of 15 Jan 45.

I discussed this matter with MFIA yesterday, and they informed me that they have already recommended to AFHQ an increase in the transport of the Artillery Regt.

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Reference G/11 81 of 13.

I have already discussed this matter at some length with 50 B.A.U. and am entirely in agreement with their views. In fact I had already drafted certain suggestions, more or less on the same lines for the G13 consideration.

I understand that the matter has been referred to S.T. 1 Dept. and it has received their blessing and they have put up our appeal to A.F.H.Q. on behalf of the Group.

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W. Pitfield. Maj.
D.M.P. ST.

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Comando Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano"

Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni

NO

N° 00 - 01/110 P.M. 153 15-1-45.

Subject: — Deficiencies Di M.T.

In a conversation which Major Colonetti had with the O.C. Reg. ART. he acknowledged the fact that the Regt. is deficient in their W.E. of 12 - 3 tonners S. which are necessary for the transportation of cooking equipment, Battery working materials, and about 160 men for whose ned accomodation can be found. The same officer entertained the possibility of requesting an further assignment of at least a part of these trucks, leaving the cost to be furnished by Italian sources.

In order that the Regt does not find itself in difficulties in the coming phase of operations, it is requested that B.L.O. kindly interest the high authorities, in this matter, so that the problem might be solved, in the most satisfactory manner, i.e.

That all 12 trucks be provided from Allied sources; as it is not possible, to expect anything more from Italian sources, owing to the condition of the vehicles and the difficulty of obtaining spare parts.

d/ordine
Il Capo di Stato magg.
(Mag V. Scapati)

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA"
- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -
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N°01/110 di prot. P.M. 155, lì 15 gennio 1945 (ore 1500)

O G G E T T O : Deficienze di automezzi.-

AL "" 52 "" B. L. O. = S E D E

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Lo stesso ufficiale ha prospettato la possibilità di richiedere all'autorità competente una ulteriore assegnazione di almeno una parte di tali automezzi, trattenendo i rimanenti dalle disponibilità italiane.

Allo scopo di non lasciare in crisi il reggimento di artiglieria nella prossima fase operativa, si prega codesto B.L.O. di voler cortesemente interessare le superiori autorità perchè tale importante problema venga risolto nel modo più favorevole, e cioè perchè vengano assegnati da parte inglese tutti e 12 gli autocarri necessari, non potendosi fare alcun assegnamento sugli autocarri italiani, in considerazione del loro stato d'uso e della difficoltà di ottenere ricambi.-

Gruppo di Combattimento "Cremona" COMANDO

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE ff.
(Maggiore Domenico Scapati)

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(Maggiore Domenico Scapati)

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Subject: WE of Transport Coy.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
13 Jan 45.

G/1/31.

DADS, 52 BLU.

The attached 50 BLU letter G/5/17 dated 8 Jan 45 is forwarded for your information. Will you please discuss this with Capt Baumann, and return the letter to me together with any comments.

Major,
GSO II.

AL/MS

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SECRET

Subject:- W.E. - Tpt Coy. ICG.

50 British Liaison Unit
G/5/17
8 Jan 45.

G (SD)
1 District.

1. It is requested that the alterations to WE of Tpt Coy ICG suggested at Appendix "A" to this letter be submitted to higher authority please.

2. These suggestions are based on four months experience with FRIULI ICG and in view of existing circumstances it is essential that a ruling one way or the other should be given quickly.

Lt Col,
GS.

C:F
FFKB/AWB

Copy to:- AFHQ for G 3 (Org)
HQ 15 Army Gp for G (SD)
Fifth Army (Br Incr)
XIII Corps
MMIA
51 HLU
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Appendi. "A" to 50 BLU letter
No G/5/17 dated 8 Jan 45

Suggested alterations to WE of Tpt Coy I C G

Serial No.	W.E. No.	Amendment Proposed.	Remarks,
1.	M/533/1 Tpt Pl	Add 3 m /c Add 3 dvrs	Already requested BUT NOT recommended by MMLA on the grounds that m/c is an ineffective veh. Control of Tpt Coy traffic particularly in fwd areas with existing low standard of driving is extremely difficult with present scale of DRs.
2.	M/533/1 Tpt pl.	Add 3 x 3 ton	Present Coy, 3 pls has 90 load carriers and no 10% res. 2nd Line amn and explosives account for 54 vehs. 2nd line pet 15 vehs. Present system of drawing the bulky Italian ration occupies 20 vehs every two days: it is calculated that on a daily drawing basis 14 vehs will be used per day drawing sups. This leaves 7 vehs to carry all engr and ord stores, blankets, and does NOT allow for any VOR. Further it means that any tpt required within the ICG for tp carrying must either come from outside (NOT always available) or be tornfrom various units of the ICG in order to mobilise other units. This has already happened - with very unsatisfactory results. The suggested increase only brings the pl into line with the British Tpt pl - in which standard of driving is normally a good deal higher than with this ICG.
3.	M/532/1 R D I.	Add 5 dvrs	To correspond with British R D I for Tpt pl. This is considered necessary whether the additional 3 x 3 ton are authorised as in Serial 2 or not. At present there are only 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs plus 26 m/cs.
4.	M/534/1 Composite Pl.		Of the two composite pls at present with this ICG., one is for internal requirements of the ICG., the other is for allotment to a higher fmn which this ICG might have to work under. At present both composite pls are fully engaged on internal requirements of the ICG and if at some future time one of them is taken away by a higher fmn, a second composite pl

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5. Mech Engr Pl Add 1 electrician
6. " " " Add 4 fitters

Vehicle Mechanics?

This unit looks after 197 vehs and it is considered that this pl should be increased to correspond with Serial III Bn RASC Wksp particularly as VOR state is always high with this ICG.

7. " " " Add 2 stores lorries.

One is absolutely essential to carry spares and the addition of two would enable the pl to split into two independent sub-units.

6. " " " Add 1 ALDERSHOT
Shelter.

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SUBJECT:- Workshops - Officers

52 British Liaison Unit.
CmF.
6 Jan 45

To:- G.O.C.,
Legnano Gruppo

G/1/29 IMMEDIATE

Herewith recommendation for the W.S. of Legnano Workshops. This matter has remained unsettled since September 1944 and should be confirmed without delay.

The Officers are placed in the positions in which they can be of the best use to the Legnano Gruppo.

Lt. Col,
G.S.O.I.

FME/FN.

See EME/9/9 dated 4th Jan 45

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SUBJECT: M.E. of Signals Company of an Engineer Bn Combat Group

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20
20 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 50, 51, 52, 55, 56 MIU's

1. HQ AAI has approved the following amendments to the War Establishment of the Signal Company of an Engineer Battalion in the Combat Group, WE MA/550/1.

(a) M.T. for Company HQ.

For three trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 read 2 trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 and 1 truck 15 cwt 4 x 4.

(b) Trucks for Cable Laying

Substitute 4 trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 in place of four of the existing trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2.

(Note: The term 4 x 4 means a 4 wheeled vehicle with a 4 wheel drive, 4 x 2 means a 4 wheeled vehicle with a 2 wheel drive. The object of the Amendment is to improve the cross country performance of the unit)

2. 50 MIU's G/5/17 of 8 December and Serial 425 of the minutes of the 29th meeting of the War Establishment Committee, HQ AAI refer.

G.1. Seen

W.P. Dudley Clive
Major General
M. M. I. A.

S.O.R. Sigs to see Seen HQ A

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G/1/25

Subject: W.E.'s of Italian Combat Group

53 B.L.U.
Ref G1 - 15
14 Dec 44

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

Copy - 50 B.L.U.
51 "
52 "
56 "
S.O.R.A.
S.O.R.E.
S.O. R.Sigs

All Seen by G.1.

1. Ref this H.Q. G3 - 11 of 28 Nov 44, and your H.Q. 2296/S.M. of 2 Dec 44 and also your proposals for modifications in W.E.'s of FOLGORE Gp submitted through M.M.L.A. L.O.

2. (a) Reduction of one Medical Officer in Inf Bn.

It is appreciated that you are averse to this reduction, and that one M.O. may, especially in mountainous country or on a wide front, prove insufficient to "bring timely aid for a bn." This view has been represented to M.M.L.A. for their decision. It is pointed out, however, that the corresponding W.E. of a British Inf Bn is one M.O., one Sjt and 20 Stretcher-bearers, for a bn strength of 850 all ranks.

(b) Italian Medical Orderlies

Medical Sec in British Inf Bn is dependent for its efficiency solely on the Bn M.O. whose duty it is to train them in their first-aid duties in battle. Similar training can be carried out in Italian Combat Gp, in which case the medical personnel should not compare unfavourably, as you suggest, with British personnel.

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(iii) Storemen in Coys. These should be provided from within coy resources.

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(v) Signals Personnel. It is noted that the Sigs Pl W.E. is 1 offr and 46 O.R.s. In addition to this, Support Coy has 5 cpls and 5 ptes (W/T Ops) and each Rifle Coy has 2 cpls and 2 ptes (Sigs). Total Sigs resources within Inf Bn are

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1 offr and 68 O.R.s — 13 Wireless Sets

The above compares with British Inf Bn, W.E. of

1 offr and 35 O.R.s — 10 Wireless Sets (in addition, 31 short-range wireless sets are operated by specially-trained but not Signals personnel within coys).

(It is emphasised that all Sigs personnel in bns should be trained in W/T operating in addition to their other duties, e.g. exchange and telephone operators, line maintenance etc. Further more, selected personnel in coys and pls should be trained to have a working knowledge of W/T sets.)

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B Arty Regt.

(i) Regt H.Q.

(a) Offrs. Addition of 2 i/c and M.T.O. recommended (Appx 'A')
There are four unassigned officers (1 Captain, 3 Subalterns) at Regt H.Q. It is considered that these should be allotted duties of I.O., Camp Commandant and two "Q" assistants. Thus there would be 4 officers on the "Q" side, viz. Admin Offr, Q.M., and two assistants, which should be sufficient to cover legal duties (A) and Ordnance liaison.

(b) Other Ranks. The following personnel on present W.E. appear to be surplus :-

Drivers	1 (20 drivers for 19 vehicles)
W/T operators	4 (no W/T sets manned by Arty personnel)
General Duty men	11
Total	16

"Part-time" workers appear to be :-

Stretcher-bearers	2
Gunnery Sjt	1
Sigs Sjt	1
Total	4

It is considered that cooks, postal orderlies, sanitary orderly etc., can be met out of a smaller number than this.

Extra draughtsmen can be provided, when needed, from the Survey Detachment of 12 men.

(ii) Battery 25 Pr.

(a) the need for a Rations Sjt is appreciated in view of the amount of local purchase necessary.

(b) on the Battery W.E. there appear to be a number of excess personnel such as :-

Drivers	3	(42 drivers for 39 vehicles)
Gunners	6	(54 gunners to man 8 guns)
Signals	15	(2 sjts and 71 signallers on W.E. for 9 W/T sets : British equivalent is 1 N.C.O. and 40 O.R.s.)
Total	24	

General Duty men	12
"Part-time" workers are:	
RAC Numbers	4
Trumpeter	1
Total	17

It is felt that even if full Italian administrative methods are adopted, the number required could be met from above "reserves", and could also provide for cooking down to Bty level and for additional clerks.

(c) increase in Medical and stretcher-bearer personnel could be effected by special training within Bty by the Bty M.O.

(d) increase in W.E. of 6 O.R.s per bty for handling ammo on gun position is not acceptable.

(e) the main preoccupation is the possibility or otherwise of merging the numbers of personnel in the available Sjts.

(f) it is suggested that one of the 2 sigs sjts could do

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Total 16

"Part-time" workers appear to be :-

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Cmdcry Sjt	1
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(d) It is suggested that one of the 2 sigs sjts could do the duties of Rations Sjt.

(iii.) Battery 17 Pr.

(a) no additional personnel required. Present W.E. is 39 in excess of corresponding British W.E.

(b) Mine-detectors. One mine-detector is held at B.H.Q. (see Sheet 21 of Special Equipment List, Section 21.)

(iv) Battery 40mm.

(a) no additional personnel required. Present W.E. is 49 in excess of corresponding British W.E.

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(v) Summary

The following figures are quoted as a guide only, to show the Italian man-power situation compared with British equivalent: the figures show in each case the excess of Italian W.E. over British.

W.E. over British		
R.H.Q.	31	Total excess in Arty Regt — 267
25 pr Bty H.Q.	7	
25 pr Tp	15	
17 pr Bty H.Q.	7	
17 pr Tp	16	
40 mm Bty H.Q.	15	
40 mm Tp	17	

(vi) M.T.

Proposals for modifications in W.E. of M.T. in Arty Regt are attached at Appx "B".

2. Engr Bn H.Q.

Additional officer as M.T.O. is not considered advisable. Tpt is more especially in R.E. coys and pls, the responsibility of the coy and pl Comds. An M.T.O. at Bn H.Q. might jeopardise this sense of responsibility.

3. Tpt Company.

(i) increase of 1 offr and N.C.O. at Coy H.Q. for administration, local purchases etc., is not considered essential.

(ii) composite platoons. The necessity for hiring local labour is not appreciated. The handling of all P.O.L., Supplies and Amn for the Group is considered to be within the resources of these pls without outside assistance.

4. Communications within the Group.

Detailed proposals affecting Sigs personnel and equipment within the Group are now under special consideration by this H.Q. and will be notified in due course.

for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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(ii) composite platoons. The necessity for hiring local labour is not appreciated. The handling of all P.O.L., Supplies and Amn for the Group is considered to be within the resources of these pls without outside assistance.

4. Communications within the Group.

Detailed proposals affecting Sigs personnel and equipment withim the Group are now under special consideration by this H.Q. and will be notified in due course.

C. Stanley Vaux
for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Appx 'A' to 53 BLU letter
Ref G1 - 15 dated 14 Dec 44.

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO W.E.'s OF ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE.

Serial No.	W.E. No.	Unit	Modification Proposed	Overall effect of proposal on Combat Gp	Remarks, Reason, etc.
1	NA/523/1	HQ Combat Gp	(a) Add 1 Junior R.Marine offr. (b) Add 1 Batman to above	Add 1 offr (Junior) 1 O.R.	See FOLGORE HQ letter 2247/SM of 30 Nov. (a) R.M. offr required at Gp HQ to deal with R.M. personnel and secretarial affairs. Could be provided by S Marco Regt.
2	NA/526/1	HQ "San Marco" Regt	(a) Add 1 Senior Inf offr as Regtl Comd's inf adviser. (b) Add 1 Batman to above	Add 1 offr (Senior) 1 O.R.	(a) See letter quoted in this column above. Note: Above are special cases for FOLGORE Gp. Batmen could be found within Gp.
3	NA/525/1	Arty Regt. Regt HQ	(a) Add 1 Senior offr(Lt-Col.) to be 2 i/c Regt. (b) Add 1 offr (Capt) to be M.T.O.	Add 1 offr (Senior) Add 1 offr (Capt)	(a) As British deployment methods are being followed a 2 i/c (as in British Arty Regt) is considered essential. (b) Italian L.A.D. is commanded by an NCO: considered that an offr is necessary to supervise all M.T. in R.A.Regt.
		A.Tk Bty HQ	(c) Promote 1 subaltern on Bty HQ to Capt, to be Bty 2 i/c.	Substitute 1 Capt for 1 Subaltern.	(c) To conform with British deployment methods. British A.Tk Bty has 2 Captains on Bty HQ, one of whom is for Adm duties, the other (2 i/c) carries out essential Reconnaissance and Liaison Duties.

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Serial No.	W.E. No.	Unit	Modification Proposed	Overall effect of proposal on Combat Bn	Remarks, Reason, etc.
4	IN/525/1	Inf Regt	(a) Add 1 offr, to act as L.O. to Gp H. to which he would normally be attached. (b) Add 1 NCO (RAOC) and 2 storeman-clerks for Cmd duties.	Add 2 offrs (Junior) 2 NCOs 4 ORs	(a) In British Army L.O. is provided by each Bn to/Bde HQ. (b) These ORs would fulfil similar but necessary duties of BOR and stock at British Bde HQ.
5	IN/525/1	Mortar Coy (Inf Regt)	(a) Add 2 carriers, to bring in to line with latest increase in W.E. of Inf Bn 3" Mortar Pl, which now has 5 carriers. (b) Add 4 x 15cwt trucks for reasons as above. (c) Add 1 offr (Junior) to command HQ Pl of Mortar Coy. (d) Add 6 drivers, for above 2 carriers and 4 trucks. (e) Add 3 ptes, one as batman to offr in (a) above, 2 to crews in carriers in (a) above.	Add 4 carriers (Mortar or U) Add 8 x 15cwt trucks Add 2 offrs (Junior) Add 12 drivers Add 6 ORs	(a) 1 carrier recently added to Inf Bn Mortar Pl for use of Pl Comd. Regtl Mortar Coy has only 4 carriers per Bn, 2 extra carriers not required for 2 Pl Comds as in Inf Mortar Pls. (b) Present W.E. is one 15cwt truck to each pl, and 2 to Coy HQ. Mortar Pl in Inf Bn has 3 x 15cwt trucks which are essential. Additional 4 trucks now needed to bring Regtl mortar pls into line with Inf mortar pls. (c) HQ Pl is 31 strong; considered to large to be commanded, without assistance, by Mortar Coy Comd who has in addition the duties of tactical cmd of two mortar pls. See (a) and (b) above.

...../6. IN/527/1

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Serial No.	W.E. No.	Unit	Modification Proposed	Overall effect of proposals on Combat Gp	Remarks, Reasons, etc.
6	M/527/1	Inf Bn	(a) Add 1 NCO cobbler per bn.	Add 6 NCOs	(a) Britain has no bns 1 Cpl Cobbler (NCO), while the trains one part-time cobbler in each Coy.
7	M/538/1	Mech Engr Wasps	(a) Add 1 offr (non-technical) for adm and routine duties.	Add 1 offr (Junior)	(a) Considered that offr i/c wasps has already full-time duties in checking and supervising technical and mechanical matters throughout the Gp, without having additional responsibility for Adm and routine duties (e.g. local purchase, nightsoil arrangements ranges.) Remaining offrs on present W.E. are fully employed on technical matters and to take one for Adm duties would seem a waste of technical skill.

SUMMARY Total overall increase in Combat Gp if above proposals are adopted:-	Offrs	2 (Senior)	REMARKS It is considered that (a) if reorganisation in W.E.s is approved on above lines, it might be effected, without any overall increase in personnel, by a redistribution of personnel within the Group. (b) Exceptions, however, would be the additions proposed in serials 2(a), 3(a), and (b), 4(b), 5(c), 6(a), and 7. Total 5 offrs, 8 N.C.O.s.
		1 (R.M.)	
		6 (Junior)	
	N.C.O.s	8	
	O.R.s	24	
	Tpt	4 carriers	
		8 15 cwt	

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Appx 'B' to 53 BLU letter
Ref G1 - 15 dated 1 Dec 44

PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATIONS IN W.E. OF I.T. IN ARTY REGT, CO BAT GROUP FOLGORE

Serial No.	W.E. No.	Unit	Modification Proposed	Overall effect of proposal on Combat Gp	Remarks, Reason, etc.
1	MA/525/1	Arty Regt Regt HQ	(a) Add 2 lorries 3 ton GS in lieu of 2 15 cwt trucks GS.	Add 2 Lorries 3 ton	(a) Additional carrying capacity needed in view of greater number of personnel than in British equivalent and the fact that Regt HQ administers Fd, A.Tk and LAA Btys.
			(b) Add 1 car Recce	Add 1 car Recce	(b) Needed by 2 i/c for recce of gun areas (see Appx 'A' serial 3(a)).
2	MA/525/1	" Bty 25 Pr	(a) Add 2 lorries 3 ton GS to Bty HQ	Add 8 lorries 3 ton	(a) 37 extra personnel on Italian W.E. as compared with British equivalent, but no corresponding increase in scale of tpt.
			(b) Add 1 m/c to each Tp	Add 8 m/cs solo	(b) According to British deployment methods, as taught to Italian Arty, m/cs are essential for Tp Sjt Major and Sigs NCO. Italian W.E. provides only one m/c for both these ORs.
3	MA/525/1	" Bty 17 Pr	Add 1 m/c to each Tp	Add 2 m/cs solo	(a) For use of DR on road moves. (b) For Tp Comd's orderly. (c) Available for Tp Comd's Recce. (No m/c on present Italian W.E.

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Appx 'B' (contd.)

Serial No.	W.E. No.	Unit	Modification Proposed	Overall effect of proposal on Unit Establishment	Remarks, Reason, etc.
4	14/525/1	Army Roy (contd.) Bty 17 Pr	Add 29 cars 2-str 4 x 4 20 trucks 15cwt 4 x 4 15 trucks 15cwt (fitted for W/T) 4 x 4. In lieu of same number as above of vehicles 4 x 2.	Add 29 cars 2-str 4x4. 20 trucks 15cwt 4x4 15 trucks 15cwt (fitted for W/T) 4x4	10 4x4 vehicles are at present Establishment. They are essential for (in order of priority) - (a) C.P.s (b) Cable-laying (c) Wireless sets.
	SUMMARY		Total vehicles to be added	Add 10 m/c solo 1 cwt Recce 10 lorries 3 ton	
			Total existing vehicles to be replaced by 4x4 vehicles	Add 29 cars 2-str 4x4 20 trucks 15cwt 4x4 15 trucks 15cwt (fitted for W/T) 4x4	

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52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
9 Dec 44.

G/1/22 .

Subject: Disbandment of 12 SEZIONE DISINFEZIONE.

HQ LEGNANO.

Information has been received from MMIA that 12 SEZIONE DISINFEZIONE will be disbanded, and the personnel used to form the hygiene platoons of 51 and 184 Medical Sections.

TTL/MT

Major,
GSOII.

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SUBJECT: 12 SEZIONE DISINFEZIONE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/7
5 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. No. 12 SEZIONE DISINFEZIONE will be disbanded. Personnel will be utilised to form the hygiene platoon of No's 51 and 184 Medical Sections.

Surplus personnal will be posted to the Reinforcement Depot.

2. Materials of this unit will be used to make good as far as possible deficiencies in Medical Units and the surplus sent to Medical Depot Stores, MINERVANDI Hospital, NAPLES.

W Pitts-Lord
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 5% ALU
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Internal: Med.

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SUBJECT:- Combat Group War Establishments

32 B.L.U.
CmF.
27 Nov 44.

A/2/18

To:- HQ Levnano
Gruppo di Combattimento.

Copy of MAIA letter S/G/2920 dated 23 Nov is attached for your information.

It is not known whether you have been issued with an Italian copy of same.

Major,
AAA&QMG

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SECRET EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: Combat Group[illegible]r Establishments

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20
23 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference the proposals for amendments to WE's of the Combat Groups shown on Appendix "A" to our S/G/29/20 of 6 November (for HLUs on S/G/29/20 of 4 November to AAI):

1. Amendments shown against the following serials have been approved by AAI as they stand: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (this should refer to serial 10), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22, 24.

2. Serial 14

Under Pioneer Platoon the formation of two Assault Pioneer Sections, each comprising 1 serjeant and 4 pioneers (privates) is approved.

The proposed allotment of cars 5cwt 4 x 4 and 2 motor cycles with their drivers and riders was not regarded as essential, and owing to the scarcity of these vehicles is not approved (see also serials 15, 16, 17, 18).

3. Serial 23: Approval given for 1 motor cycle instead of 2

Serial 25: Not approved

Serial 26: 1 lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS approved, but in place of 1 truck 15 cwt GS already on establishment.

Serial 20: Increase of one driver approved, instead of 3.

4. Serial 27

The proposed new establishment for the Field Company is not approved in view of the increases of transport. The proposal has been referred to the Engineer Branch at AAI for re-submission in conjunction with MMIA.

5. Approval has also been given to the following additions to the establishment of a Headquarters, Combat Group:

Welfare Officer (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1
Clerk (Private)	1
Driver l.c (Private)	1
Car 4 Seater 4 x 2	1

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6. As regards internal organisation following on the adoption of the above amendments:

(a) The Snipers and Intelligence Sections will be included in the HQ Platoon of the Battalion HQ Company.

(b) The Pioneer Platoon will be transferred from the Support Company to the Infantry Bn. HQ Company. The Assault Section may however be attached to the Support Company when necessary.

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(c) The Signals Company will remain organically as part of the Engineer Battalion, but the Group Commander will be empowered to place it directly under his command if he considers this action operationally required.

(d) The detailed organisation of the Infantry Battalion will be as shown in 50 BLU's A/2/11 of 17 October, subject to the above paragraphs.

7. Official amendments will be published by AFHQ and forwarded in due course. Meanwhile the above paragraphs will be put into effect in all Comcat Groups.

8. Your 8569/Ord of 15 November and 8765/Ord of 20 November refer.

W Pidsley Colonel

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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V LROV NR 351 (I M P O R T A N T) CVR3/4

FROM (A) M M I A 131535 A

TO (FOR ACTION) 5Ø B L U

INFO 51,52,53, BLU'S

GR --- BT

SS317 (.) RESTRICTZD (.) POSITION OF GROUP 2 I/C IS UNDER DISCUSSION (.)

PENDING DECISION 2 I/C WITH A D C MAY REMAIN ATTACHED (.)

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SUBJECT :- Provision of an Officer of the Legnano Group to perform duties as DADOS of the Group

52 BLU,
Q(Ops)/2/1
11 Nov 44

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

There is an immediate need for an officer to perform the duties of DADOS to the Group. At the moment the work that should be done by a DADOS is being performed by the "Q" staff i.e. Major TERRANOVA and his two Staff Captains. This state of affairs is most unsatisfactory and puts far too great a burden of detail work on the "Q" Staff.

There is an obvious solution to the problem. It is suggested that Major SCOPETTONE should perform the duties as DADOS. His present work will become negligible as soon as the group commences drawing Supplies from a British Depot, and in any case any matters as regards supplies should be dealt with by the officers of the Composite platoons of the transport coy.

Therefore it is strongly advocated that Major SCOPETTONE should take up the duties of DADOS to the group as soon as possible.

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A/Major,
DAQMG.
(J.M. ARCHIBALD)

CMF
JMA/BB

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FROM M M I A 080915

TO 64 GARRISON FOR C BLU

64 GARRISON FOR D BLU

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UNITS AND PERSONNEL IS AN ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY CONTROLLED BY M M I A

HQ .S H A E HAS BEEN TOLD TO ENSURE FAIR ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE TROOPS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED ORDER OF BATTLE AND IRRESPECTIVE OF FORMER

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SUBJECT: Combat Group Establishments

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20
4 Nov 44

TO : HQ AAI (10 copies)

1. Attached are proposals for amendments to the War Establishments of an Italian Combat Group, based on the experience of the RLU's in formation and training.

2. The overall effect of these proposals on the whole group is as follows:

(a) Personnel

Officers	OR's
Decrease of 2	Increase of 4

(b) Motor Transport

Increases	Decreases
1 x 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4 Motor cycles
6 x 15 cwt GS	17 Recce cars
6 x Carriers Mortar	
23 Cars 5 cwt 4 x 2	
2 x 15 cwt 4 x 2 Air Compressor	
2 x lorries 3 ton winch	

3. The main proposal is to delete the Scouts Platoon from the Infantry Battalion, using the men thus released to form Assault sections in the Pioneer Platoon of the Support Coy, and Sniper and "I" Sections in the Battalion HQ. A new establishment is proposed for the Field Company.

4. Pending your approval the groups are organising and training units on the lines of these proposals, so far as this is possible without the extra equipment.

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Major General
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Proposals for Amendments to the War Establishment SECRET

of

AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP.

ALL PERSONNEL AFFECTED ARE ITALIAN.

Serial.	Establishment to be amended	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Effect of proposal on one Group.
1. ✓	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	Delete the Scouts Platoon	No counterpart in British Bn and considered unworkable by BLUs.	1 offr & 42 ORs per Bn or 6 offrs & 252 ORs per Group released to count against proposed increases. Total tpt released: 18 M/Cs, 18 Recce Cars.
2. ✓	NA/524/1 A Provost Section	Delete 1 Subaltern and substitute 1 WO.	Carabinieri Section usually has one officer, 2 i/c a WO.	No effect on overall strength.
3. ✓	"	After "Privates" add: "to include 5 drivers per section."	To ensure drivers according to MT scale.	——
4. ✓	NA/523/1 A H.Q. Combat Group.	After "Medical Services" add: M.T. Section Mech. Eng Officer (Major) ..... 1 Clerks 2	For supervision of Mechanical Engr Units in Group. Officer to be opposite number of BLUs S/Capt REME	Increase of 1 offr, 2 ORs per Group.
5. ✓	"	Include 2 clerks under "Post Office."	No Clerks included at present.	Increase of 2 ORs per Group.
6. ✓	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	Battalion H.Q. Add 1, 15-cwt GS.	Required for M.O.	Increase of six 15-cwt GS per Group.
7. ✓	"	HQ Coy. HQ Platoon. Add 3 drivers	To provide 1 driver per vehicle assuming above increase.	Increase of 18 ORs per Group.
8. ✓	"	Add 1 private	For Pl Comdrs carrier as above.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.

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8. ✓	""	Add 1 private	For Pl Comdrs carrier as above.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.
9. ✓	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	In place of Scouts Platoon insert: "Sniper Section and "I" Section organised as follows:		
		(a) Sniper Section 1 Sjt. 6 ORs.	To provide nucleus of trained snipers.	Increase of 42 ORs per Group.
		(b) Intelligence Secn. 1 Sjt 1 Corporal. 8 ORs.	No "I" personnel otherwise provided, except in Scouts Pl which it is proposed to abolish.	Increase of 60 ORs per Group.

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Serial	Establishment to be amended	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal.	Effect of proposal on one Group.
10. ✓	NA/527/1 (Contd) An Infantry Battalion.	Support Coy. 3" Mortar Platoon. Add "1 Carrier, Mortar"	Required for Mortar Pl Comdrs Recce	Increase of 6 Carriers Mortar per Group.
11. ✓	"	Add 3 Drivers.	If above proposal accepted dvrs will be required for 8 vehicles. Only 5 dvrs at present on establishment.	Increase of 18 ORs. per Group.
12. ✓	"	Carrier Platoon. Add "2 motor-cyclists."	None on present establishment	Increase of 12 ORs. per Group.
13. ✓	"	Add "1 private."	Required for looking after stores and ammn in second 15-cwt.	Increase of 6 ORs. per Group.
14. ✓	"	Pioneer Platoon. Add "2 Assault Pioneer Sections composed as below: Personnel: 1 Sjt. 3 Pioneers. 1 driver i/c M.T. 1 Car 5-cwt 4 x 4.	At present the Pioneer Platoon consists only of tradesmen. Provision should be made for mine-laying and mine clearing.	Increase of 60 ORs per Group. Increase of 12 cars 5-cwt 4 x 4 per Group.
15. X	"	Add "2 D.Rs."	No DRs on present Establishment but are considered necessary.	Increase of 12 ORs per Group.
16. X	"	Add "2 M.Cs".	" "	Increase of 12 M/Cs per Group.
17. X	"	Add "1 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4"	For Platoon Comdr	Increase of 6 x 5 cwt 4 x 4 per Group.
18. X	"	Add 1 Driver.	For above car if approved.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.
19. ✓	NA/528/1	Personnel Add "1 Cpl Dvr		

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12. ✓	"	Carrier Platoon. Add "2 motor-cyclists."	None on present establishment	Increase of 12 ORs. per Group.	
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17. X	"	Add "1 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4"	For Platoon Comdr	Increase of 6 x 5 cwt 4 x 4 per Group.	
18. X	"	Add 1 Driver.	For above car if approved.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.	
19. ✓	WA/528/1 HQ Engineer Battalion.	Personnel Add "1 Cpl Dvr Mechanic"	No provision for M.T. NCO.		
20. ✓	"	Add 3 drivers	Required if increase in tpt below is approved.	Increase of 6 ORs. per Group.	
21. ✓	"	Add "2Cooks"	Cooks meant to be included among GD men but 4 GD men are required apart from Cooks.		
22. ✓	"	Add "2Orderlies"	For reliefs as telephone orderly, runner, postal duties etc.		

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Serial.	Establishment to be amended.	Amendment Proposed.	Reasons for Proposal	Effect of proposal on our Group.
23.	(Contd)	M.T.		
23. ✓		Add: " 2 Motor Cycles."	For subalterns	Increase
24. ✓		" 1 Car 5-cwt 4x4"	For Field Engr (Captain) & Adjt. per	as
25. ✗		"1 Car light recce"	For Comd or recce Offrs.	Col. 3.
26. ✓		"1 Lorry 3-ton 4x4 G.S."	For Office.	
27. ✓	NA/529/1 Field Company	New W.E. as attached.	Old W.E. which allowed for two Artieri Pls, one Artieri di Arresto Pl and one Operai Pl was found to be unworkable as the Pls were too specialised.	Increase of 2 offrs and 4 ORs. Vehs Increase of Cars, 5 cwt 4x4 ... 4 Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 Air compressor .. 2 Lorries 3-ton 4x4 GS ..... 4 Lorries 3-ton 4x4 GS Winch... 2 per Group.

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		2 Motor Cycles		as
24. ✓		"1 Car 5-cwt 4x4"	For Field Engr (Captain) & Adjt. per	
25. ✗		"1 Car light recce"	For Cmd or recce Offrs.	Col. 3.
26. ✓		"1 Lorry 3-ton 4x4 G.S."	For Office.	
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ORGANICO DI [redacted] - COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Command	Platoons (each) (Plotoni) (ciascuno)	Total Italian Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Artificers
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Comandante (Capitano)	1		1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1	5
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1	6
Company Sergeant Major	Sottufficiale di Contabilita	1		1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1		1
Transport Sergeant	Sottufficiale e l'automobilista	1		1
Sergeants	(Sergenti Maggiori	1	1	4
	(Sergenti		1	3
Total Warrant Officers and Sergeants	Sottufficiali Totali	4	2	10
Corporals (Sapper Class)	Caporali Maggiori Artieri	5	5	20
Corporals (Driver Class)	Caporali Maggiori Autisti	2	1	5
Sappers	Artieri	25	46	163
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	13	6	31
Total Rank & File	Totali Graduati e Truppe	45	58	219
Total Other Ranks	Totali Sottufficiali e Truppe	49	60	229
Total Italian Field Coy	Totali Compagnia di Artieri	52	61	235

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Detail	Descrizione	Italian Engineers Germano	Italian Engineers (Quadri Ex Eritrei) (eritreo)	Totali Graduati e Truppa Quadri Germano Eritrei
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Commandante (Capitano)	1		1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1	3
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1	6
Company Sergeant Major	Sottufficiale di Contabilita	1		1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1		1
Transport Sergeant	Sottufficiale o l'automobilista	1		1
Sergeants	(Sergenti Maggiori	1	1	4
	(Sergenti		1	3
Total Warrant Officers and Sergeants	Sottufficiali Totali	4	2	10
Corporals (Senior Class)	Caporali Maggiori Artieri	5	5	20
Corporals (Junior Class)	Caporali Maggiori Autisti	2	1	5
Sappers	Artieri	25	46	163
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	13	6	31
Total Rank & File	Totali Graduati e Truppe	45	58	219
Total Other Ranks	Totali Sottufficiali e Truppe	49	60	229
Total Italian Field Coy	Totali Compagnia di Artieri	52	61	235

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WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

ITALIAN FIELD COMPANY

COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

(ii) Distribution of Rank & File by Trades and Duties
(ii) Distribuzione dei Graduati e Truppe dei diversi servizi

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Three Platoons (each) Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy .Total Compagnia Artieri
Blacksmiths	Fabbri	2	1	5
Bricklayers	Muratori e Cementisti	1	5	16
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri	3	7	24
Clerks	Scritturali	1	1	4
Cooks	Cucinieri	2	1	5
Draughtsman	Disegnatore	1		1
Electricians	Elettricisti	1	1	4
Engine Fitters (i/c & Pumps)	Meccanici compisti	1	2	7
Miners	Minatori		4	12
Painters & Decorators	Verniciatori e Decoratori	2	1	5
Pioneers, For duty as:-	Genieri in servizio come:-			
General Dutymen	Artieri	3	20	63
Medical Orderly	Aiutante di Sanità	1		1
Bugler Runner	Trombettieri staffetta	1		1
Motor Cyclist	Motociclista	3	3	12
Batmen	Attendenti	2	1	5
Sanitary Dutymen	Addetto Servizi Sanitari	1	1	4
Water Dutymen	Addetto Servizi Idrici	1		1
Plumber and Pipefitters	Tubisti, piombisti, fontanieri	1	1	4
Shoemaker	Calzolaio	1		1
Vehicle Mechanics	Motoristi Meccanici	1	1	4
Watermen	Barcaioli	1	1	4
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	13	6	31
Driver Mechanics	Meccanici Automobilisti	2	1	5
Total Rank & File	Graduati e truppe totali	45	58	219

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Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Three Platoons (each) Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy Totale Compagnia Artieri
Blacksmiths	Fabbri	2	1	5
Bricklayers	Muratori e Cementisti	1	5	16
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri	3	7	24
Clerks	Scritturali	1	1	4
Cooks	Cuochieri	2	1	10
Draughtsmen	Disegnatore	1		1
Electricians	Elettricisti	1	1	4
Engine Fitters (i/c & Pumps)	Meccanici pompisti	1	2	7
Miners	Minatori		4	12
Painters & Decorators	Verniciatori e Decoratori	2	1	5
Pioneers for duty as:-	Genieri in servizio come:-	3	20	63
General Dutymen	Artieri	1		1
Medical Orderly	Aiutante di Sanità	1		1
Bugler Runner	Trombettieri staffetta	3		12
Motor Cyclist	Motociclista	2	1	5
Batman	Attendenti	1	1	4
Sanitary Dutymen	Addetto Servizi Sanitari	1		1
Water Dutymen	Addetto Servizi Idrici	1	1	4
Plumber and Pipefitters	Tubisti, piombisti, fontanieri	1		1
Shoemaker	Calzolaio	1	1	4
Vehicle Mechanics	Motoristi Meccanici	1	1	4
Watermen	Barcaioli	13	6	31
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	2	1	5
Driver Mechanics	Meccanici Automobilisti			
Total Rank & File	Graduati e truppe totali	45	58	219

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WAR DEPARTMENT

ITALIAN FIELD COMPANY

COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

(iii) Transport (iii) Trasporto

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Three Platoons (each) Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy Totale Compagnia Artieri
Bicycles	Biciclette	1		1
Motor cycles solo	Motocicli	3	3	12
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	1	1	4
Cars light Recce	Autocarri blindati	2		2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2:-	Camioncini:-			
G.S.	Servizi generali	2	1	5
Air Compressor	Compressa aria		1	3
Water	Autobotte	1		1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 personnel	Autocarri blindati	2	1	5
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4:-	Autocarri [illegible]:-			
G.S.	Servizi generali	6	2	12
Winch	Verricello	1	1	4

	Vehicles Veicoli	Trailers Rimorchio	M.Cs. Motocicli
Total Italian Field Coy Compagnia Artieri Totale	36	-	12

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Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Three Platoons (each) Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy Totale Compagnia Artieri
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Motor cycles solo	Motocicli	3	3	12
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	1	1	4
Cars light Recce	Autocarri blindati	2		2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2:-	Camioncini:-			
G.S.	Servizi generali	2	1	5
Air Compressor	Compressa aria		1	
Water	Autobotte	1		
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 personnel	Autocarri blindati	2	1	5
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4:-	Autocarri [illegible]-			
G.S.	Servizi generali	6	2	12
Winch	Verricello	1	1	4

	Vehicles Veicoli	Trailers Rimorchio	M.Cs. Motocicli
Total Italian Field Coy			
Compagnia Artieri Totale	36	-	12

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Military Mission Italian Army,
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S/G/29/20.
12 Oct., 44.

To :- 52 BLU.
53 BLU.

Ref 52 BLU's RC/4 of 21st Oct.

1. Enclosed are copies (2 per BLU) of Combat Group Establishments as forwarded from AAI to AFHQ.

2. These have all been passed by AFHQ but official copies have not been received.

3. Copies of establishments of Auxilary Units will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q. A.C.C.

ROME.

T.S./G/29.
9 Sept. 44.

H.E. General OXILIA.

Reorganisation - Italian Combat Force.

1. In continuation of my directive to you dated 28th. Aug, I am to inform you that the third and fourth Combat Groups are to be formed from personnel of CIL now being withdrawn to the PIEDMONTE D'ALIFE area. The two groups will be known as the LEGNANO and FOLGORE groups and their reorganisation should be completed by 15th October.

2. It is intended that the fifth and sixth groups should be formed from the MANTOVA and FOLGORE Divisions which, provided equipment arrives as scheduled, should complete their reorganisation between 12th and 31st October.

3. In reorganising units for Combat Groups the following guiding principles are to be followed.

(a) Only officers and men suitable for combat or the recognised technical duties are to be retained in the Groups.

(b) Groups are not to exceed their approved strength at any time, officers and personnel to combat group requirements or establishments are to be transferred to other units or (if overage) demobilised, in accordance with detailed instructions which will be given you from time to time.

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Major General
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SUMMARY
PERSONNEL, ARMS AND MOTOR TRANSPORT
of
61 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

	Officers	O.Rs	25-pdr	17-pdr	40 mm	C.L.C.	3" mortars	3" Howitzer	S.P. 17-pdr	Tracked	Wheeled	Cars	Armoured Cars	Scout Cars 15 cwt 4x4	Scout Cars 15 cwt 6x4	Lorries 3 ton 4x4
GROUP H.Q.	23	123									10	7		4	3	1
ARTY BDE H.Q.	12	74								4	5	4		6	3	1
25 pdr B.H.Q.	7	71								4	5	3		6	2	1
3 troops (each)	4	66	4							3	5	3		5	2	1
4 batteries (each)	15	259	8							8	7	5		5	6	1
TOTAL FLY Artillery	60	266	32							24	28	20		20	24	4
17-pdr B.H.Q.	5	44								3	4	4		5		1
2 troops (Each)	2	34		4						3		1		2		
TOTAL 1 BATTERY x 17 pdr.	9	178		8						3	4	6		7		1
40 mm B.H.Q.	5	41								3	1	5		3	1	
2 troops (Each)	4	96			6					3		5		3		1
TOTAL 1 BATTERY x 40 mm																
TOTAL 1 ANTI-TANK REGT	15	251			12					6	4	15	6	4	1	2
	98	1,065	72	8	12					36	38	52	20	37	28	8
M.G. Infantry Regt.	15	101									2	10	4	17	1	1
TOTAL MORTAR COY	5	95					8		6			5	1	4		
TOTAL M.G. BDE COY	6	139				12			8	1	6	1		10		

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SUMMARY
ARMS and MOTOR TRANSPORT
of
ITALIAN COBRA GROUP

	Officers	O.R.	Jeeps	Trucks	Cars	Motorcycles	Trailers	Guns	Amphibians	Tanks	Armored Cars	Armored Cars, Wheel	Tractors	Carriers	Radio Sets
	28	115						10	7	4	3	1	8		1
	12	74						5	4	6	5		6		1
	7	71						5	3	2	1		12	1	1
	15	249	4					5	15	6	7	1	48	1	1
	60	266	22					26	20	20	28		64	1	1
	5	44						4	1	3	2				
	2	64						1	1	1	1		1		
	9	172		4				1			1				
	4	41			6							1			
	4	95			6			5	2	1	5		8		
	15	251			12			4	4	1	2				
	35	452	22	4	12			30	30	20	48	1	68	3	32
	15	301						8	10	6	11	1	1	12	
	5	95				8		6	3	1	2				
	6	332				12		2	1	8	1	10			

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Inf Bn H.Q.		30	135								6	2	9	2		5				
TOTAL support Coy.		6	142			2	4	14	36	6	6	1				8				
5 Rifle Coys (Each)		5	155					3	24	4	2					8				
TOTAL Inf Battalion	(5)	31	742			2	4	23	54	20	21	3				23				
TOTAL INF REGT		177	1184			18	20	69	200	83	82	15				94	1	4		
TOTAL 2 INF REGTS		354	2368			36	40	138	400	166	164	30				188	2	8		
H.Q. Engineer Bn		6	16						2	3	1	1				2				
2 Field Companies (Each)		5	237						12	5	12	2				5	7	1		
Signals Coy		7	307					2	2	5	35					16	24			
TOTAL ENGINEER Bn		83	797					2	54	18	60	6				28	39	9		
TOTAL SUPPLY COY		13	296						20	20	26	12				5				
Medical Section.		14	337								5	6	18					2		
2 Field Hospitals (Each)		8	44									1								
TOTAL MEDICAL SERVICES		36	725								5	8	18					8		
ORDNANCE FIELD PARK		4	69								4		5	4		4		1		
Mechanical Engineers Workshops		6	166								4		5	3		11	2	1		
6 L.A.Ds (Each)			12										2			1				
Mechanical Engineers Pl. (For Supply Co.)		3	30								2	1	2	1		3				
TOTAL MECH ENGINEERS		7	178								6	1	10	4		19	2	1		
TOTAL 1 COMBAT GROUP (less QC.RR)		428	2678	52	8	12	36	40	140	200	201	541	103	13	265	75	33			
* Provost Sections (QC.RR)		4	100							2		28	2		6					

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	10	175						6	2	3	2		6			8			1			3
	6	162			2	4	14	16	6	6	1		8			8					22		
t Coy.	5	155					3	14	4	3			5								1		
	5	155														11			1		25	3	
ttalion (5)	31	748			2	4	23	54	30	21	3		23		1	11			5		110	9	
	117	1394			28	20	69	200	65	82	16		24	1	4	45		2	5		220	18	
RGT	234	2582			56	40	150	400	130	264	50		208	2	8	90		4	6				
RGTS																							
	6	16						2	3	1	1		2			1							
	5	227						18	5	12	2		5	7	1	10	5					2	
Each)	7	307					2	8	5	35			16	24		17	2		1				
	85	797					2	54	18	60	5		28	33	2	33	8		1			4	
ER Bn																							
	15	894						20	20	26	18		5			22			4				
COY																							
	14	237								6	6	18			2	15	1	2					
	6	44									1					4							
Each)	20	295								5	8	18			2	23	1	2					
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	4	82						4		5	4		4		1	12	17						
	8	168						4		5	3		17	2	1	13	16	5		2			
a Workshops		12								2			1				1			1			
)								2	1	8	1		2			1	6		1				
s Pl. (For Supply Coy)	8	30						6	1	19	4		19	2	1	14	30	5		8			
ENGINEERS	7	78																					
BAT GROUP e CO.HR)	128	428	33	8	12	56	40	140	60	201	541	108	13	365	75	25	537	56	76	13	77	228	35
	4	100							2		28	2		6			2						
(CO.HR)																							

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