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FORMATION + ESTABLISHMENT (BLU)

AUG. 28, 1944 - June 21, 1945

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AUG. 28, 1944 - June 21, 1945

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Restricted(.) WD 1421(.) Ref your WSD/13/ of 7 June (.) FIRST (.) Consider conversion of BLUs organised on WE/CM/508/1 to WE/CM/508/2 should not yet be effected(.) While Gruppi have semi-operational role under Allied control considered necessary retain old WE of BLU otherwise deterioration in efficiency of Gruppi likely to necessitate request for further Allied formations to take their place(.) SECOND(.) Following appointments however now considered redundant and can be dispensed with forthwith (.) A (.) SORA (.) B (.) SORE (.) C (.) SO R Sigs (.) D (.) Capt or Lieut RAMC (non med) (.) E (.) Camp Comdt (.) F (.) 2 BOWOs (WO 1) (.) G (.) Clerk GD (RA) (.) THIRD (.) Also agree in principle that GSO 3 Capt RASC and ORD Offr could do work at present performed by GSO 2 DADST and DADOS (.) However present holders of latter appointments now familiar with Italian Staff System and chain of command and idiosyncrasies of particular Italian Staff with whom they deal(.) Understood majority these officers soon eligible for PYTHON or Release therefore suggest they are retained until called forward when officers of lower grade could be nominated to take their place (.) If this agreed overlap necessary to give ample time take over (.) FOURTH (.) 2 Majors of Trg Inc should be retained per Gruppo (.) Remainder of Increment can be disbanded forthwith (.) FIFTH (.) Essential that all personnel of Trg Inc REME remains otherwise transport of Gruppi will soon become unserviceable (.)

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Dr. Anthony J. Sclafani, MD, PhD

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1. The following information from IR 3 may (Beit Ltd) Letter 176/0/6(10) dated 14 June 45 are forwarded for information:-
 - " 1. IR 3 may not duplicate of letters IR 3 hold & may 45, required a revision in the English version IR 3 (10/10/45) intended to be implemented when Italian District Group was engaged on internal security duties.
 2. It is desirable that the conversion of English version (IR 3, as presented) correspond to IR 3/10/45 (11/10/45). In 176/0/6 (copy attached) should take place as soon as possible.
 3. Lord Brown also IR 3 (10/10/45) recommend the attachment of the notes for Italian District Group originated on the following lines:-
 - (a) Including movement (IR) to IR 3 (10/10/45) - 176/0/6(11).
 - (b) Including movement IR 3 to IR 3 (10/10/45).
 4. You are requested to signal as soon as possible:-
 - (a) an estimated date when conversion of IR 3 from 176/0/6 to 176/0/6 may be effected.
 - (b) recommendations for the effective date of disbandment of units referred to in para 2 above.
 - (c) any comments you wish to make on the attached IR."
 2. The following reply to para 3 above has been sent by their IR:-
 - " (A). All personnel who are IR 3 to be released can be released forthwith with exception of IR 3 who must be released pending pending of IR 3 which agreement has never been filled in this IR 3. (B). Consider decision on this matter must depend on the policy laid down by higher authority. (C). Also this IR 3 letter 176/0/6 dated 15 June which recommended retention of personnel and internment, and addition of one further category."
 3. Further instructions on this subject are invited.

1. The following estimates from the 3 May (1946) letter (1946/5/3) dated 16 June 45 are forwarded for information:-

1. All the war had conditions as meeting 374 1944 & 1945, approved in revised 1946 for British Indian War (1946/5/3) intended to be implemented when British Indian War is approved on internal security division.
2. It is desirable that the conversion of British Indian War, of interest originated on 11 1945/5/4 (1945/5/4) to 1945/5/4 (1945/5/4) should take place on soon as possible.
3. Lord Mountbatten and Gen. A. (1945) requested the disbursement of the war for Indian War (1945) to 1945 (1945/5/4) - 1945/5/4 (1945/5/4).
4. You are requested to signal, as soon as possible:-
 - (a) an estimated date when conversion of 1945/5/4 to 1945/5/4 may be effected.
 - (b) recommendations for the effective date of disbursement of 1945/5/4 to 1945/5/4.
 - (c) any comments you wish to make on the attached.

2. The following reply to para 3 above has been sent by this letter:-

- (A). All personnel who are 1945 to be released on the release of the British Indian War (1945) who must be released pending the receipt of 1945 which regulation has never been filled in the 1945. (B). Consider conversion of this Indian War (1945) on the policy laid down by higher authority. (C). Also this 1945 letter 1945/5/4, dated 11 June which recommended retention of 1945/5/4 and 1945/5/4, and addition of 1945/5/4 to 1945/5/4.

3. Further instructions on this subject are omitted.

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SUBJECT: WE - BLU (for Gruppo di Combattimento).

RESTRICTED

British Increment, G(SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH Army.

Tele No: Lightning 98.

196/8/1/G(SD).

17 Jun 45.

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The attached extract from the minutes of 21th Meeting of the AFHQ War Establishment Committee held on 8 Jun 45 is forwarded for information.

/JHT

(Signature)
Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Serial
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War
Establishment

Addition to minutes of meeting No 201.

2268

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (FOR GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO)

(CM/508/1)

War Office have approved the extension of the above War Establishment ref 25 Apr 45 including the appointment of General Staff Officer, 1st grade - 1.

War Office have approved the new War Establishment CM/508/2 including the appointment of General Staff Officer, 1st grade - 1 ref 4 May 45 subject to review 1 Aug 45.

(CM/508/2)

War Establishment CM/508/2 will not be implemented until CM/508/1 is cancelled.

Authority: War Office cable 99524 SD 3 dated 6 Jun 45.

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(CM/508/2)

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Authority : War Office cable 99524 SD 3 dated 6 Jun 45.

File : 758/ORG-3

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Subject:- WE IJs.

WIPER ARMY (Br Inor)(G-5D).

Copy to:- 1 DISTRICT.
2 DISTRICT.
MIA.
51 BUI.
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50 British Liaison Unit.
G/5/17B
15 June 45.

Ref your 196/8/G(5D) dated 14 June 45.

1. WE CM/508/2 can be begun forthwith provided

(a)

You are prepared to accept that BIJs will revert to the sole function of liaison and cease to exercise any sort of detailed control or supervision over the ICG to which they are attached, as they have done up to date.

It is most confidently anticipated that chaos, or at best vastly increased inaccuracy and delay in compliance with orders, returns, etc., and a marked deterioration in discipline, will immediately occur.

It must however be emphasised that with a staff of British Officers reduced both in numbers and experience the new pattern BIJ will NOT be able to do more than simple liaison.

(b)

Ample time is allowed for newcomers to take over.

It must be realised that newcomers will probably have no knowledge of the language, or of the Italian staff system and chain of command or control, which is fundamentally different from our own and highly involved; and that they will therefore take more time than usual to master their new jobs.

(c)

Sympathetic consideration is given to the proposals for temporary surpluses to WE CM/508/2, pending and to WE CM/508/2 as set out in my G/5/17B dated 12 Jun 45 and appx thereto, without which in my opinion WE CM/508/2 is impracticable.

It is pointed out that NO opinion whatever was asked for

MLA.
51 BLJ.
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Ref your 196/8/c(SD) dated 14 June 45.

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It is pointed out that NO opinion whatever was asked from any BLJ when the new WE was prepared, although it would appear obvious that the only persons fully conversant with the problems and difficulties arising are the BLJs themselves.

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2. Para 3(b).

(a) Trg Increments. Minutes of GRUPO Conference 11 Jun 45 held by you refer at para 10.

Unless all British responsibility for continued or further training is to cease forthwith, it is essential that a nucleus of the Trg Increment consisting of G.II Trg and two Training Majors MUST be retained.

At present, unless pushed by the BII and supervised in detail by the Trg Increment, the ITALIANS are attempting NO training at all.

Unless training DOES remain a British responsibility, in my opinion the GRUPO will rapidly revert to the rabble which we took over in Sep last year.

It was understood at the Conference that MIA would have to give an immediate policy ruling on this point.

(b) If tpt in the Group is to remain serviceable for any length of time, or if any economy in tpt or equipment is to be demanded, in my opinion it is unthinkable that the NAME Trg Increment should be disbanded.

My MM/W2/36 dated 6 June 45 sets out absolute minimum requirements in this connexion.

3. Para 3(c).

Please see my MM/W2/36 dated 6 June 45, my G/5/17B A dated 6 June 45, my G/5/17B C dated 6 June 45, my G/5/17B dated 12 June 45 and my G/5/17B dated 15 June 45.

APCS/EHS.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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ARCS/MRS.

Lt. Col.
G3.

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TO 50 BLU
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

52 BCU

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For Action

TO

HQ FIVE ARMY (DIRT INFO)
(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

CS 66 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref para 3 of your 196/3/ G(3D) dated 14 Jun (.)

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addition of one station operator
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RECEIVED: RMA and TMA Units for Italian Combat Gps.

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British Increment, C(SD) Branch,
HQ Fifth Army.

Tele No: Lightning 98.

196/8/e(SD).

14 Jun 45.

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Copy to: HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District

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2. Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) recommend the disbandment of training units for Italian Combat Groups organized on the following WEs :-

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4. Please treat the above as urgent.

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/JRT

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff

Effective date 4 May 45

CA/508/2

RESTRICTED

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
(FOR GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTI)

FOR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

STAFF AND ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

General staff officer, 1st grade 1
 General staff officer, 3rd grade 1
 Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general 1
 Staff captain 1
 Clerks, general duties, RASC -
 Serjeant 1
 Corporal 1
 Privates 2

SERVICES

Ordnance officer (captain) 1
 Brigade ordnance warrant officer
 (warrant officer, class I) 1
 Clerk (RASC duties) (lance-corporal) 1
 Captain (RASC) 1
 Clerk, technical (RASC) (lance-corporal) 1
 Captain (RASC) 1
 Clerk, general duties, RASC (lance-corporal) 1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty NCO (serjeant) 1
 Driver-mechanic (lance-corporal) 1
 Batman 1
 Batmen-drivers 3
 Cook, ACC 1

Total, British liaison unit (for Gruppo di
 Combattimenti) 22

(2) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo 2

Cars, 4 x 2, light utility 4
 Trucks, 15-ton, 4 x 4 GS 2
 Trucks, 15-ton, 4 x 4 GS 6

Unit No	4 May 45
Date	
Officers	7
OR	15
Total	22
MCs	2
Vehicles	6
Trailers	-

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General staff officer, 1st grade
General staff officer, 3rd grade
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general
Staff captain
Clerks, general duties, RASC -
Serjeant
Corporal
Privates

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Ordnance officer (captain)
Brigade ordnance warrant officer
(warrant officer, class I)
Clerk (RASC duties) (lance-corporal)
Captain (RASC)
Clerk, technical (RASC) (lance-corporal)
Captain (RASC)
Clerk, general duties, RASC (lance-corporal)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty NCO (serjeant)
Driver-mechanic (lance-corporal)
Battman
Battmen-drivers
Cook, ACC

Total, British liaison unit (for Grupos di
Combattimento)

(12) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo

Cars, 4 x 2, light utility
Trucks, 15-ton, 4 x 4 US

Total, vehicles

NOTE

Two additional Drivers IC will be found from 100 An Italian Reconnaissance
to a British Liaison Unit (for Grupos di Combattimento) OM/502/4.

This establishment when implemented will supercede OM/502/4.

(File 758/ORG-3)

(201/2258)

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Subject : Review Establishment of a BLU
(for Gruppo di Combattimenti)

RESTRICTED

52 British Liaison Unit
CLP

9/22/64

15 June 45

5 Army (Brit Inc)

Ref your 196/8/G (GD) dated 19 May 45.

1. No official intimation has yet been received by this BLU of the breakdown of the 15 ORs referred to with recommendation for the revised establishment for a BLU (Serial No 2268 of AFHQ WE Committee Meeting No 201) forwarded under your above mentioned letter. On enquiry it has been elucidated, however, that the following composition is envisaged.

Admin Staff

Duty WCO	1 Sgt
Dvr/Mech	1 L/Cpl
Batman	1 Pte
Dvr/Batman	3 Ptes
Cook ACC	1 Pte

Total

7

Services

BCWO	1 WO
Clerk for RAGO duties	1 L/Cpl
" technical for RAGO	1 L/Cpl
" CD RAGO	1 L/Cpl

Total

4

Clerical Staff

Clerk CD RAGO	1 Sgt
" " "	1 Cpl
" " "	2 Ptes

Total

4

Grand Total

15

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2. If this is the case I wish to protest most strongly against it : in my opinion it is entirely impracticable to dispense with all the Signallers, and I would like to point out that this HQ was not consulted prior to its inception. At one time the idea of having Rear Link Signal Sec on a separate WE was discussed but no mention is made of this in the above mentioned letter and it is presumed therefore that no signallers are to be provided. It does not appear to be appreciated therefore that the British Signallers are the only thing that made communications even possible with outside units and formations and for

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Sheet 2.....

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RMG Trg Increment
"C" Trg Increment
FSE
AMG
Repatriation Unit

then the need for a ration corporal is self evident.

4. The retention of the 2 interpreters (Sgts) is essential, for translation of correspondence and for the normal routine interpretation duties. Without them and without Maltese Liaison officers, the BLU will be entirely dependant on the English speaking officers of the Gruppe.

L.M. G. G. G.
Lieut Col
GS

JBHD/ee

Copy to : HQ 2 District
Rear BLU
Camp BLU

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L.M. G. G. G.

Lieut Col
GS

JSRD/ea

Copy to : HQ 2 District
Rear BLU
Camp BLU

Subject: WE of British Liaison Unit.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
25 May 45.

G/22/62

HQ LEXHANO.

The attached copy of HQ 5 Army letter 196/B/G(SD)
dated 19 May 45 is forwarded for information.

TFL/RS

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Major,
G3.

Subject: MI - British Liaison Unit.

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196/8/6
52 British Liaison Unit,
Camp.

21 May 45.

Re: MI. (3 copies)
Camp Coord.

The attached copy of 5 May (Brit Inc) Letter 196/8/6(50)
dated 19 May 45 is forwarded for your information.

fl
Major,
Camp.

196/8/6

SUBJECT: LA - 211 (for Gruppo di Combattimento) VII/284/1.

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British Decrement, 0(SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.

Tele No: Lightning 98.

196/8/2(SD).

13 May 45.

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File 46/1/2(SD)

G.I. 112.

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Serial
Number

2268

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
(FOR GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO)

War
Establishment
(CM/508/1)

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The Committee agreed that should the Italian Combat Groups be employed upon internal security duties, a revised establishment consisting of the following personnel should be promulgated as CM/508/2 to supersede the existing establishment on implementation:-

General staff officer, 1st grade	- 1 ✓
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	- 1 ✓
General staff officer, 3rd grade	- 1 ✓
Staff captain	- 1 ✓

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The Committee agreed that should the Italian Combat Groups be employed upon internal security duties, a revised establishment consisting of the following personnel should be promulgated as CW/508/2 to supersede the existing establishment on implementation:-

General staff officer, 1st grade	- 1 ✓
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	- 1 ✓
General staff officer, 1st grade	- 1 ✓
Staff captain	- 1 ✓
Ordnance officer (captain)	- 1 ✓
Captain, RMLI	- 1 ✓
Captain, RASC	- 1 ✓
Other ranks	- 15
Vehicles	- 6

File : 758/arg-3*

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Sheet 2/1

War
Establishments
(CW/508/2)

(2)

2. The following are the main differences between the proposed revised establishment and the present establishment.

(a) Staff and attached to General Staff.

<u>Deletion of</u>	GSO II
	SO PA (Maj)
	SO HE (Capt)
	SO R Sigs (Capt)
	Capt or Lt RAMO (non-medical).

Addition of Staff Capt

(b) Services.

Deletion of DASH

Addition of Capt RASC

(c) Int

Reduction of about 10 vehs.

3. The following is a copy of Memo No 2268(A)

2268(A) AN ITALIAN INSTRUMENT TO A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
(FOR GRUPO DI COMANDAMENTO)

The Committee approved the following amendment:
w.e.f. 4 May 45, which will only be implemented when the unit is employed with a British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Comandamento) organized on VE - CII/508/2.

Delete	Drivers I.C.	8
	Antenna	3

Will be promulgated as amendment No 2.

Quintanilha

Deletion of

2260 II

SO RA (Maj)
 SO RE (Capt)
 SO R Eign (Capt)
 Capt or Lt RAED (non-medical).

Addition of Staff Capt(b) Services.Deletion of DADSYAddition of Capt EASJ(c) FileReduction of about 10 vehs.

3. The following is a copy of Memo No 2268(A)

2268(A) AN ITALIAN INCORPORATE TO A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
(FOR GROUP DI COMBATIMENTI)

The Committee approved the following amendment v.e.f. 4 May 45, which will only be implemented when the unit is employed with a British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) organized on VII - CU/508/2.

Delete Drivers I.O. 8
 Drivers 3

Will be promulgated as amendment No 2.

/s/

Carroll

Deputy Chief of Staff 8:17

RECEIVED

Subject: Ampts to UK of EU &
Italian Increment.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMB.

4 May 45

6/22/52

Reur EU.

The following ampts to UK: CM/508/1 (WH) and
CM/509/1 (Italian increment to EU) are forwarded for
information and necessary action:-

CM/508/1 - Ampts Nos 2, 3, and 4.
CM/509/1 - Ampt No 1.

221/73

Copy to: DADOS
Camp Comd.

ll
Major,
CS.

8146

RESTRICTED.

Subject: Amendments to WF - HLU.

52 British Liaison Unit,
GDP.

16 Apr 45.

G/22/58

OC, No 10 Publications Depot.

WF - G1/50-1 - A British Liaison Unit.

1. This HQ has recently received from HQ 5 Army, Amendment No 5 to the a/n WF.
2. Amendments 3 and 4 to this WF have never been received. May 4 copies of each please be forwarded as soon as possible.

TFL/NS

He
Major,
GS.

8145

File
Subject: Amendments to WE of RLJ.

RECEIVED
52 British Liaison Unit,
CPT.

8/22/57

10 Apr 58

Re: 52 RLJ

Attached copy of Amendment No 5 to WE 01/506/1 (British Liaison Unit)
is forwarded for information and necessary action.

YEL/ML

Copy to: SCRA
DAPDS
Camp Comm.

all
Major,
CPT.

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LOMLV LIAI WR12
FROM AFHQ 271756A
TO 52 BLG
GR--- BT

CONFIRMATION
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RESTRICTED F 50772
REFERENCE YOUR C 22 34 OF 03 (.) CC ~~LOMLV~~ LOVALS STATES
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 55

ARMY FORM 6210 (Rev. 11-64)

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
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AFHQ

For Action

Date-Time of Origin

271756A

OFFICE DATA STAMP



TO

52 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

Restricted F 50772 Ref your G 2254 of 030000C. Levels
states Lt. Wootton not available for apt G 3 (1) am
trying to find suitable substitute O like FH DNS
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Subject :- Appointments

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

3 Mar 45

G/22/54

Assistant Military Secretary,
AFHQ CMF

On 13 Feb 45 a letter No G/10/48 was despatched to you regarding the appointment of a GIII (I) for the 52 BLU.

The letter was in the form of a DO letter to Colonel Hunt and since it is probable that it was inadvertently addressed personally to him, it may not have been received by your branch as I understand that he has been away.

In case this is so a copy of that letter is enclosed herewith, for reasons which you will no doubt appreciate the matter is now becoming somewhat pressing and it is important that the appointment should be filled at an early date.

L.N. Conyers.
Lieut Col
GS

JSHD/aa

8141

Subject: RE of DEU - Credence.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.O.

28 Feb 45.

To: DAMSAC
LACON

6/22/53

Case Cond

The attached copy of AMHQ letter DEX/7-73 dated 20 Feb 45 is forwarded for your information.

TEL/MS

DB
Major
G.

Subject: EE of MEU - Clearance.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMB.

23 Feb 45.

9/22/53

To: DASSONG
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Group Command

The attached copy of AMHQ letter D08/R.73 dated 20 Feb 45 is forwarded
for your information.

TEL/MS

DB
Major,
CMB.

ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Ref: DOS/7473
Tel: Freedom 840
Date: 20 Feb 45

Subject: British Liaison Units, attached Italian Combat Groups.
To: DAG,
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

Copy to: ADOS HQ 15 Army Group.
DDOS HQ No 1 District.
DDOS HQ Eighth Army
ADOS Brit Inor Fifth (US) Army.
C-1(B)49c
OC 50 ELU
OC 51 ELU
OC 52 ELU
OC 53 ELU
OC 56 ELU

1. Confirming conversation 1604THV - FUGILL of yesterday the following outline showing the position regarding the personnel of ELUs with the Italian Combat Groups is forwarded for information and action where necessary.

2. A proposal to increase the existing W.E. of 5 (24/508/1) by the addition of :-

O.C. Captain	-	1
Clerks Cpl	-	1
Pte	-	1
Storeman C & G	-	2
Army Doctor	-	1
Sgt	-	1
Total - Officers 110.Rs.	-	2

has been submitted to the W.E.C. On this proposed amendment being implemented, the W.E. of this unit will then be as follows :-

W.E. of A.B.L.U.

DADOS	-	1
O.C. (Captain)	-	1
B.C.W.O.	-	3
Clerks	-	1
S/Sgt	-	1
Cpl	-	1
Ptes	-	1
Storeman	-	1
Serjeant	-	2
Ptes	-	1
Ammunition Examiner	-	1
Serjeant	-	1
TOTAL	-	14

3. The following attachments surplus to W.E. have been offered as shown:-

ADCS Brit Iner Flight (Gd) Army.

C-1(B)A9c

OC 50 HLU

OC 51 HLU

OC 52 HLU

OC 53 HLU

OC 56 HLU

1. Confirming conversation MCCARTHY - FEUGILL of yesterday the following outline showing the position regarding the personnel of HLU's with the Italian Combat Groups is forwarded for information and action where necessary.

2. A proposal to increase the existing W.E. of U (CI/508/1) by the addition of :-

C.O. Captain	1
Clerks Col	1
Pte	1
Storeman & G	2
Ann Machine	
376	1
Total - Officers 130.35.	5

has been submitted to the W.E.O. On this proposed amendment being implemented, the W.E. of this unit will then be as follows :-

W.E. of A.D.I.V.

DAIOS	1
C.O. (Captain)	1
D.C.W.O.	3
Clerks	1
W/Seigneur	1
Col	1
Ptes	
Storeman	1
Seigneur	2
Ptes	
Ammunition Examiner	1
Seigneur	1
TOTAL	14

3. The following attachments surplus to W.E. have been effected as shown:-

50 B.L.U. (Brill).	Storeman	35	2
		3/5	
51 B.L.U. (Cremont)	Storeman SW	Ptes - 4	
		- 2	
	Arms	- 1	9
	Eng	- 1	
	S...	- 1	
	X	- 1	

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52 B.L.U.	(Legnano)	each, Storerer	-	4	} - 8.
53 B.L.U.	(Foligno)		-	2	
54 B.L.U.	(Mantova)		-	1	
			-	1	

Will you please issue the necessary instructions for the attachments to be posted within the amended W.E. pending implementation aspect of five B.L.U.s and the balance can be made available as soon as possible.

[Signature]
 (C. HURILL, Staff/Captain, PLANS)
 for Major-General,
 D.O.S.

Subject :- Disbanding of USMC Detachments.

SECRET

52 British Liaison Unit
2F

2/10/50

12 Feb 45

Cont USMC 52 HQ

Further to this letter 2/10/50 dated 7 Feb 45.

Information has now been received that USMC 55 Area 18 will supervise the disbandment of 55 by AA Waikiki.

ll
Major
GS

2F/aa

Copy to :- SACOM 52 HQ.

8159

Subject :- Disbandment of Units - 1954.

2. 8. 1954.

100 25 Area.

100/66/30.

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65 HAI 100/1, Type 1A.

Further to this HQ letter of even number dated 1 Feb 45.

1. Under authority of HQ letter 10/1150/0-1 (Pr) dated 3 Feb 45, the disbandment of the above mentioned unit will now be effected by this HQ.

2. Please therefore supervise the disbandment in accordance with AFHQ instructions forwarded to you under this HQ letter quoted above, and advise date of completion.

100/101.

Copy to :-

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52 E.L.D.

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Further to this HQ letter of even number dated 1 Feb 45.

1. Under authority of HQ letter (L/1158/c-1 (Br) dated 5 Feb 45, the disbandment of the above mentioned unit will now be effected by this HQ.

2. Please therefore supervise the disbandment in accordance with AFHQ instructions forwarded to you under this HQ letter quoted above, and advise date of completion.

WA/EL

Copy to 1-

2.

Ord.

52 E.A.S.

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 1.2 003.

8158

Subject: Formation of Training Agreement with the FBI

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI

2 Feb 48

G/10/47

Dept. of Justice
Gen. Counsel
Washington, D.C.

Further to this FBI letter of 12/45 dated 7 Feb 48.

Attached herewith official copy of FBI 114/630/1.

114/630

8137

ll
Major,
SAC

12/46
SUBJECT :- Formation of New Units - RMR.

RESTRICTED.

HQ 55 Area.

55A/66/5/A.

7 Feb 45.

RMR
52 B.L.U. (2).
 (4).

Further to this HQ letter of even number
dated 1 Feb 45.

Herewith copies of WR HA/640/1 dated
15 Dec 44.

WA/RH.

JOS. M. of Capt
Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

8136

Subject: Warrant for the Arrest of James Earl Ray

Re: Case No. 100-10000
James Earl Ray

92 Division of Criminal Investigation
 2-28-68
 4-13-68

1. Under authority of the letter 2/15/68/44(2) dated 17 Jan 68, 68 17
 in Memphis in to be arrested, and following agreement with the 62 17
 dated and 20 Jan 68 as follows:

2. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

3. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

4. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

5. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

6. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

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 1/20/68

8. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

9. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

10. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

11. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

12. The proposed arrest is to be made at the home of the subject, 447 1/2
 1/20/68

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of the American People

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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TO ASSIST IN THE RESEARCH OF THE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK

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Subject: Amendment to M.O. of M.I.

52 British Mission Unit,
C.M.

7 Feb 45

2/10/45

BRANCH.
Camp Commandant.

The following extract from 1 District Letter 1580/25/0(20) dated 29 Jan 45 is forwarded for your information:-

"The minutes of the AFM MI Committee Meeting held on 1 Jan 45 have not yet been received in this HQ. Information has, however, been received from AFM by phone that the following addition to the M.O. of a M.I. was approved:-

MI (Intelligence)	- 1
Capt or Lieut, non medical	- 1
Motor cycle	- 1

The addition of a 1st Capt "Q" was not approved in view of the recent addition of a Camp Commandant."

YB/MI

all
Major,
C.M.

6133

Subject: War Establishment - RUM & Italian Documents.

52 British Indian Unit,
CAF,
6 Feb 45.

9/10/45

To: DANGER.
Conf. Correspondent.

Herewith attached official copies of WAs XV/300/1, (together with appendices 1 and 2) and XII/302/1, for your information.

ll
Major,
CAF.

371/13

8152

Captain Bauman
SUBJECT :- Formation of New Units - RME.

SECRET.

HQ 55 Area.

55A/66/5/A.

Feb 45.

52 B.L.U.

The attached AFHQ letter CR/1158/G-1(BR)
(Ser. 1411) of 17 Jan 45 and copy of this HQ
letter of even number and date addressed to
RME are forwarded for information.

/Edmund Capt

Lt Col,
AA & MG.

AW/RL

8131

SUBJECT

Formation of New Units - RAMP.SECRET.

HQ 55 ARS.

55A/66/5/A.

7 Feb 45.

REF.

1. Please supervise the formation of Training Increment, RAMP, to 52 HCU on WS HA/64/1 with effect from 20 Jan 45, as in attached AFHQ letter G/4158/G-1(II)(Ser. 12.11) dated 17 Jan 45. Copies of WS and SHL have been indented for and will be forwarded as soon as received.
2. Reference paragraph 2 of above-quoted AFHQ letter, will you please also supervise the disbandment of 45 LAA Wasp with effect from 20 Jan 45.
3. Disbandment instructions for 65 HAA Wasp Type A may be anticipated. HQ No. 1 District letter 1581/7/G(SD)(II) of 30 Jan 45, copy attached, refers.
4. Formations and disbandments will be effected as in HQ No. 1 District letter 1580/G of 31 Aug 44, copy attached.
5. Progress reports will be submitted to this Branch, in duplicate, immediately on receipt of new WS in case of Training Increment RAMP, and completion reported as soon as possible and as soon as unit can carry out its operational role, despite minor outstanding deficiencies of personnel and equipment.

AW/PGL.

[Signature]
 Lt Col,
 AA & GSO.

Copy to :- C.
 OIA.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:-- Formation of New Units - REME

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OR/1158/G-1(BR)(Ser. 1411)
17 Jan 45.

FIVE TRAINING INCREMENTS, REME (FOR GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI)

1. (a) The under mentioned Increments will be formed as shown with effect from 20 Jan 45:-

Unit	W.E.	Serial No. allotted (iii)	Supervisory Authority (iv)
Training Increment, REME att 50 BLU	NA/640/1	11753(b)	Br Increment Fifth (US) Army
-do-	att 51 BLU	11754(b)	HQ Eighth Army
-do-	att 52 BLU	11757(b)	HQ No.1 District
-do-	att 53 BLU	11758(b)	HQ Eighth Army
-do-	att 56 BLU	11997(b)	HQ No.3 District

- (b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by supervisory authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from supervisory authorities.

PERSONNEL

- (i) Personnel to complete as far as possible to W.E. will be found from the following units, which will be disbanded as shown with effect from 20 Jan 45:-

Unit.	W.E.	Supervisory Authority (iii)
65 Hqs. Wksp Type 'A'	(ii)	
83 Hqs. Wksp Type 'A' (less Telecomn Sec)	III/204/3	HQ Rome Area Allied Comd
16 Lms. Wksp	III/204/3	HQ No.3 District.
45 Lms. Wksp	VI/576/2	HQ Eighth Army
	III/210/2	HQ No.1 District.

- (ii) Postings will be effected as follows:-

(a) Officers - by G-1 (B), AFHQ. } in conjunction with
(b) Other Ranks - by DAG GHQ 2nd Echelon } DME, AFHQ.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

- (i) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1000 (including anti-gas stores).
(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List, issued by Q.(AE), AFHQ.
(d) Transport to complete to W.E.

- (ii) Existing equipment and transport of the units listed in para 2(i) above will be handed over as far as possible towards completion of the

Training Increment, FHE att 50 BLU N4/640/1 22753(b) Br Increment Fifth (US)

-do-	att 51 BLU	-do-	11754(b)	Army
-do-	att 52 BLU	-do-	11757(b)	Hq Eighth Army
-do-	att 53 BLU	-do-	11758(b)	Hq No.1 District
-do-	att 56 BLU	-do-	11997(b)	Hq Eighth Army
				Hq No.3 District

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16 L.A. Wksp	VI/576/2	Hq Eighth Army
45 L.A. Wksp	III/210/3	Hq No.1 District.

(ii) Postings will be effected as follows:-

(a) Officers	- by G-1 (B), AFHQ.	} in conjunction with DME, AFHQ.
(b) Other Ranks	- by DAC GHQ 2nd Echelon	

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- (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List, issued by Q.(AE), AFHQ.
- (d) Transport to complete to W.E.

(ii) Existing equipment and transport of the units listed in para 2(i) above will be handed over as far as possible towards completion to scale. Any such equipment or transport found unsuitable or surplus will be handed in to Ordnance in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities. A list of all vehicles returned will be sent to Q.(AE), AFHQ, CMF, and Q.(AE) 4, GHQ MEF, showing:-

(a) W.D. Numbers	(c) Make
(b) Type	(d) To whom returned.

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4. STATIONERY

- (a) Existing Stationery and Office Machinery of the units listed in para.2(i) above will be handed over as far as possible towards completion to scale. Office Machinery will be vouchered over on A.F.G.1033, copy vouchers to ADPSS, AFHQ.
- (b) Requirements to complete to scale (based on two months' estimated consumption) will be indented for as follows:-
- (i) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) - to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GEO.377/44).
 - (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No.10 Publications Depot. (Indents to be endorsed 'Initial Demand').
 - (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) - to ADPSS, AFHQ.
- (c) Surpluses will be disposed of as follows:-
- (i) Army Forms, Books & Stationery - to the nearest Stationery Depot.
 - (ii) Publications (including file copies of GROs & ACIs) to No.10 Publications Depot.
 - (iii) Office Machinery - to the nearest Stationery Depot (to be vouchered back on A.F.G.1033 - copy vouchers to ADPSS, AFHQ).

5. PAY

- (a) Increments will be paid by the unit to which attached.
- (b) Imprest & PAI Accounts of the units listed in para.2(i) above will be closed and forwarded to the Command Paymaster, No.8 Command Pay Office. Any balances of cash from Imprest account will be handed in to the nearest Area or Pd Cashier. Regimental Funds will be disposed of in accordance with ACI. 1391/44.

6. POSTAL

- (a) Postal address will be :- The Increment, REME, att BLU, C&F.
- (b) Attention is directed to GEO. 683/43.

7. COMPLETION

- (a) Supervisory authorities will report to G.L.(B), AFHQ, copy to DME, AFHQ, when formations and disbandments are complete.
- (b) Disbandments will be completed by 7 Feb 45.

8. ACKDISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (S.D.2)

GHQ MEF

HQ 15 Army Group

Br Increment Fifth (US) Army

HQ Eighth Army

HQ No.1 District

HQ No.2 District

HQ No.3 District

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Pd Arty Sec
A.A. & C.D.

P. G. Main - H. G. G. G. G.

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

- (i) Army Forms, Books & Stationery - to the nearest Stationery Depot.
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 (iii) Office Machinery - to the nearest Stationery Depot (to be vouchered back on A.F.C.1033 - copy vouchers to AFSS, AFHQ).

5. PAY

- (a) Increments will be paid by the unit to which attached.
 (b) Imprest & P.M. Accounts of the units listed in para.2(i) above will be closed and forwarded to the Command Paymaster, No.8 Command Pay Office. Any balances of cash from Imprest Account will be handed in to the nearest Area or P.M. Cashier. Regimental Funds will be disposed of in accordance with ACI. 1394/44.

6. POSTAL

- (a) Postal address will be :- Trg Increment, REME, att ----- BLU, CIP.
 (b) Attention is directed to GRO. 683/45.

7. COMPLETION

- (a) Supervisory authorities will report to G.L.(B), AFHQ, copy to DME, AFHQ, when formations and disbandments are complete.
 (b) Disbandments will be completed by 7 Feb 45.

8. ACK

P. S. Jain H. Choud
 Field Marshal,
 Supreme Allied Commander,
 Mediterranean Theatre.

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The Under Secretary of State,
 The War Office (S.D.2)

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+++ WSD/124 of 9 Jan 45 refers

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - RME.

SECRET

1531/70(22)

30 Jan 45

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AMHC, C-1(Br).

Training Increment RME
(For Gruppo di Combattimento)

Reference your CR/1158/C-1(Br)(Ser.1411) dated 17 Jan 45, para 2.

1. 65 HAA Wasp is attached to 52 BIN (LEHANO Gruppo), now under administration this HQ.

Although at present located in RME Allied Area Command the workshop will move shortly to this District to join its BIN.

It is therefore requested that this HQ may be designated as supervising authority for disbandment of 65 HAA Wasp.

2. The required number of personnel from 45 LAA Wasp have already joined 50 BIN (FRULLI Gruppo) towards formation of their RME Training Increment. The main body is still located in this District and will be disbanded under supervision of this HQ, as detailed in your s/n letter.

C.B.F.

HR/3F

COPIES TO : HQ NINTH Army,
HQ RME Allied Area Command,
55 Area,
52 BIN,
Q,
RME.

P. L. Tinsley
Maj Gen
Cmdr No. 1 District

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SECRET

51 British Liaison Unit

A 2/1

Subject :- H.I. of B.L.U.

To :-

Main 1st Canadian Corps

M I I A
 50 B L U
 52 B L U
 55 B L U
 56 B L U

1. A short period of active operations with the Gruppo Cremona has convinced us that certain elements to the W E of a B L U are essential.

2. As has to be expected a number of British or - in the case of this Gruppo - Canadian personnel have had to be attached to the Gruppo to bolster up its quite insufficient equipment and W E and also for liaison purposes. It is obvious that if the Gruppo take their places in Allied formations they must conform roughly with the layout and technique of an Allied Div. Thus this Gruppo has now roughly 150 B E and Canadian personnel att'd. These are Provost, Security Trg Team, Photo Interpretation Unit, a Line Party, six P O O Parties, a HQ RA complete with CFA etc. All these very necessary personnel are necessarily att'd to the B L U for accommodation rations and adminis-

3. This means that the Camp Commandant of the B L U has a very considerable volume of work. Many of the att'd stay for short periods and all arrive at short notice. Since the beginning of Dec the average ration str of the B L U has been in the region of 200. All questions of pay, rations and their distribution to members of small scattered parties, HAFI issues etc fall on the Camp Comdt.

4. I submit that this officer should be graded as a Capt and that he should have a clerk to assist him. The present W E of clerks are fully extended dealing with the same amount of work as falls to a Br Div HQ in the field.

5. The Camp Comdt has as his sole assistant an Admin Sgt. This ECU has considerable responsibilities fully equal to those of a C O H S. There are 12 Sgts on the str of the B L U and the Admin Sgt and about 20 att'd, and to strengthen the Admin Sgt's position I gave him per-

MEMO
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6 There are at present some 19 vehs on estab of the B L U. I have been informed that the att'd personnel bring their own vehs. I have been informed that the Maltese interpreters are to have a scale of tot. It appears, therefore, that the H F Corp of the B L U will always have something in the neighbourhood of 30 vehicles to look after. I submit that this WCO be graded as a Sgt.

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7 The amendments suggested are therefore :-

(a) Unreadiness Camp Comdt from Subaltern to Capt
Admin Sgt from Sgt to Colonel Sgt
1st Compt from Compt to Sgt

(b) Addition One clerk for Camp Comdt Office.

Field

JAN 45
SWHC/EGH

W. J. P. T.
Lt Col
General Staff

SUBJECT: Amendment to WE.

1580/25/6(30)

21 Jan 45

To: 50 BLU

1. Reference your signal No. 50 671 dated 16 Jan 45.

The minutes of AFHQ WE Committee Meeting held on 1 Jan 45 have not yet been received in this HQ. Information has, however, been received from AFHQ by phone that the following addition to the WE of a BLU was approved :-

GSO III (Intelligence)	- 1
Capt or Lieut, non-medical	- 1
Motor-cycle	- 1

The addition of a Staff Capt "Q" was not approved in view of the recent addition of a Camp Commandant.

2. In view of

(a) your signalled request for further addition to transport of your WE, and

(b) your letter No. 3/4/17/B dated 16 Jan 45 recommending higher rank for the WE Cpl and the addition of a driver mechanic,

it is suggested that you consolidate your recommendations for final amendment of the WE as a result of your recent training experience. The proposal should then be submitted in accordance with the pro-forma attached.

3. It is pointed out that such proposals are not normally accepted by AFHQ within four months of last amendment of a unit's WE. Exceptions to this rule may, however, be permitted if the proposal is considered by the sponsor to be of such importance as to warrant immediate consideration by the WE Committee.

O.M.F.
BIS/JAN

8th Div.
Lt-Col,
GSO I,
No. 1 District.

Copies to: AFHQ 3-3 (Org)
HQ Eighth Army
MELA
52 BLU —

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PRO-FORMAI. THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Full title of the War Establishment(s) to be approved or amended together with the W.E. numbers, both NA/- and Vol. XII (in the case of amendments to existing W.Es).
- (b) Is the proposal for a new W.E. or for an amendment to an existing W.E.?
- (c) The title and number of any W.E. to be superseded, or designation of any unit to be converted to the new proposed W.E.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) What are the increases or decreases in the number of Officers, ORs, A.T.S., Civilians, M.Cs, and vehicles (by Types)? (Where a number of comparisons is involved, these should be shown in detail on a comparative table attached to the proposal (see Note (i) below)).
- (b) What upgradings or downgradings are proposed? (Where a number of changes in rank are involved these also should be shown in the form of a comparative table (see Note (i) below)).
- (c) How many units in this theatre are affected?
- (d) Are any additional personnel, vehicles etc required to be obtained by conversion or reduction of any existing units, or does the proposal involve an overall increase to the number of personnel, vehicles etc required for this theatre?
- (e) If proposal involves any increase in personnel, what reduction in the overall manpower ceiling as contained in the A.F.H.Q. Basic Order of Battle is to be made, or what reduction already effected but subsequent to 25 Mar 44 is to be used as an offset to cover such an increase?
- (f) Which of the personnel can be Medical Category "B" (unfit for general service with fighting units)?
- (g) Has approval in principle been obtained (where necessary) for the formation of the unit(s)? If so, from whom and when?
- (h) If the proposal is for a New Year Establishment, the draft of the proposed establishment should be attached to the proposal, together with a table showing detailed comparison(s) with any existing W.E. of the same type (see Note (i) below).

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III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

In the case of a new establishment these will necessarily include its function and should be as concise as possible but enough to give members of the Committee a clear description of the purpose of the organization.

In the case of amendments they should show what has necessitated the change.

It will assist the Committee and consequently the sponsors if sponsoring branches anticipate the questions which are likely to be asked by the Committee and by other interested branches. In particular a clear picture of the organization in diagrammatical form should be included.

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2. A long detailed description of the duties of each individual will be unnecessary, but the sponsor must be prepared to give oral answers on the duties of each individual at the meeting.

Sufficient detailed information to provide the Committee with a basis for assessing the need for the numbers proposed must always be included for example :-

Instructors - the number of students and basis of allotment.

Mess Orderlies) The number type and strength
and Cooks) of each mess.

NOTE (i).

Where a new W.E. is proposed and it is intended to use the new W.E. in place of an existing K.E. (Vol. VI), N.A. (Vol. XII) or U.K. (Vols. I - IV, V, VII or VIII), or where an amendment to an existing W.E. is proposed, the comparative tables required under paras II (a), (b) and (h) of the proposal should show (as necessary) in full and columnized detail (a) the proposed W.E., (b) the W.E. on which any existing unit of the type under consideration is organized, (c) the latest U.K. Standard W.E. (where one exists).

(ii)

Assistance in preparation of proposals or drafting of War Establishments can be obtained from G-3 (Organization) (Org-3).

(37)

SUBJECT : WM - 50 BIU

50 Dist Liaison Unit

6/5/17/B

HQ 1 District (3)

26 Jan 45

1. The existing WM of this BIU allows for one MT Cpl, whose task is to supervise the maint of vehs all of which are driven by Italian dvr.
2. At present there are 18 vehs on establishment. This may be increased by another 10 if tpt is authorized for newly appointed G III(I) and LAIBEE offr interpreters.
3. Apart from this latter increase it is strongly recommended
 - a) that the MT Cpl be promoted sgt, as this NCO is solely responsible for the maint of vehs and has only Italian personnel under him, none of whom are cpls or even sgts.
 - b) that a dvr/mech be added to the WM. This is particularly important as it has been found that the Italian dvr - as they are driving Brit offrs - keep their vehs superficially clean, but there is often much to be desired in the inner cleanliness. The dvr/mech would greatly assist the present MT cpl in ensuring that real maint is carried out.

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Copy to : MMIA
 51 BIU
 52 BIU
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 56 BIU

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*File*Subject: War Establishments.52 British Liaison Unit,
CIP.19 Jan 45.

CC

To 10 Publications Depot.A/1/36Re Nos WA/500/1 and WL/502/1 (Italian Government BUL)

1. May official copies of the above mentioned WEs (with amendments) please be supplied to this Unit.
2. The only copies held are provisional ones, forwarded by WIA.

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Major,
for DAMKING.

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C. M. F.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
REME

EXEDON 503

Subject:- New RE Training Increment
REME (for Gruppo di Combattenti)

MB/43/1701

To:- CG 15 Army Group (for REME)
CG 5 (US) Army (for REME)
DOME 6 Army
DOME 3 District
50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU ✓
53 BLU
54 BLU

22 Dec 44

1. Copy is attached for your information of my even number dated 28 Nov 44.
2. This proposal was passed by the WE Committee AFHQ on 15 Dec 44. The WE will be reviewed at the beginning of May 1945; User comments should therefore be submitted early in April through the usual channels, with particular reference to the scale of transport provided by the WE.
3. It should be noted that it is not proposed that Gruppo should have a Training Increment REME in addition to present REME resources provided from AA Workshops; but that Training Increment REME is to be provided when the AA Workshop resources are withdrawn.

K. A. McK. RANDLES

K. A. McK. RANDLES, Lt-Col., REME,
For Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering,

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ATTACHED FILES HEADLINES
REMARKS

REF: SPRINT 502

REF: A/2/1701

Subject: Proposed New WE Training Program R&M
(For Groups of Captains (C424242))

Ref: Q-3 ORR 3 (3 copies)

18 Nov 64

It is requested that the proposal outlined below, which has been evolved in conjunction with MILA, may supersede that submitted under WE A/2/2701/1 of 18 Nov 64 (Proposed Amendment to WE A/2/2701/1).

The new proposal is for 10 WE per Group (instead of 5), as a separate establishment, to facilitate independent procedure, when this requirement ceases to exist.

The new proposal is similar to one submitted by WE 3 (Group), based on recommendations received from WE 50 (Group) (Group), WE 3 (Group) submitted his proposal. Before we submitted our first proposal to you. At the time we believed that 5 WE per Group would suffice, and our proposal was stated from accordingly. As a consequence of a recent visit to WE 50 (Group) and a careful study of reports regarding the state of training in WE 50 (Group), and a careful study of reports regarding the state of training in WE 50 (Group), we are now convinced that 10 WE per Group is needed in the following proposal to the WE 50 (Group) requirement, to cover a period of approximately four months.

1. The Proposal

- (a) Training Requirement R&M (For Groups of Captains (C424242)).
- (b) WE 50
- (c) WE 50

2. The Basis of the Proposal

- (a) and (b) increases as an agent "A" attached.
- (c) WE 50
- (d) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (e) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (f) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (g) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (h) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
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- (v) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (w) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (x) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (y) Overall increase in personnel and cost.
- (z) Overall increase in personnel and cost.

3. Remarks for the Proposal

- (a) For purposes of WE 50 (Group), WE 50 (Group) and WE 50 (Group) personnel have been found on a temporary basis by making WE 50 (Group) available to WE 50 (Group) in turn. These arrangements are in order for a very limited time period and must of necessity be of a temporary nature.

For: 6-3 Oct 3 (3 copies)

18 Nov 44

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It is requested that the proposal outlined below, which has been evolved in conjunction with HRTA, my supervisor that submitted under my ID: 4/1/1701/2 of 18 Nov 44 (Proposed amendment to HRTA/508/1).

The new proposal is for 10 HRTA per Gruppo (instead of 3); no separate establishment, to facilitate disbursement procedure, when this requirement comes to arise.

The new proposal is similar to one submitted by HRTA 3 District, 3 District submitted his proposal before as submitted for HRTA 3 District, 3 District. At the time we believed that 3 HRTA per Gruppo would be sufficient to cover the down operating. As a consequence of a recent visit to 38 HRTA and 38 HRTA Gruppo, and a careful study of reports regarding the status of HRTA and HRTA Gruppo as detailed in the following proposal is the estimated minimum personnel requirement, to cover a period of approximately 30 months.

1. The Proposal

- (a) Training Improvement Group (for Gruppo at Gadsden/Hampton).
- (b) New HRTA
- (c) None.

2.

The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) and (b) Increases as at Annex "A" attached.
- (c) None.
- (d) Overall increase in personnel and veh.
- (e) Overall cover from the credit balance shown against the HRTA Section of 750 37 Part 17, and the veh from existing stocks.
- (f) All
- (g) Yes, verbatim from (d) who the hereby requested to give consideration in forwarding letter.
- (h) See Annex "A" attached.

Reasons for the Proposal

- (a) For purpose of the in maintenance, repairs and recovery of equipment personnel have been found on a temporary basis by making use of HRTA available to each Gruppo in turn. These expenditures are not a very limited the period and must of necessity be of a temporary nature.

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(b).....

(b) It has now become apparent that acquisition of a more permanent nature, and on a smaller scale, will be required after the completion of this phase of the project. (c) The acquisition of the necessary equipment and materials for the project is being completed. (d) The project is being completed. (e) The project is being completed. (f) The project is being completed. (g) The project is being completed. (h) The project is being completed. (i) The project is being completed. (j) The project is being completed. (k) The project is being completed. (l) The project is being completed. (m) The project is being completed. (n) The project is being completed. (o) The project is being completed. (p) The project is being completed. (q) The project is being completed. (r) The project is being completed. (s) The project is being completed. (t) The project is being completed. (u) The project is being completed. (v) The project is being completed. (w) The project is being completed. (x) The project is being completed. (y) The project is being completed. (z) The project is being completed.

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(12) enclosing Berlin notes in both the West German and two versions of "The 12

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ANNEX 'A' TO 13.6.1/1701
DATED 27 NOV 64

DRAFT OF THE TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS (for Groups of Observations)

(a) Personnel

Warrant Officer II

Assistant Artillery Gen

Staff Sergeant

Assistant Artillery Pl

Sergeant

Assistant
Vehicle Mechanic

Corporals

Telecom. Mech Pl
Vehicle Mechanic
Stowman Vehicle

Lieutenants

Driver Mechanic
Vehicle Mechanic

Ofs, Drivers & Privates

Driver H.C.

Total

(b) Vehicles

Light 15-ton 4x2 C.V.
Motor Cycle

32.8-1 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) NORTH AFRICA (NA/508/1)

UNDER

Amendment No. 1.

(1) Personnel

SERVICES

add

Brigade ordnance warrant officers

- 3

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

General dutymen (private)

- 1 8120

A.C.C. - Cook (private)

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with effect from 3 November 1944.

(File 758/Or3-3)

(146/1598(1))

Subject :- Increase in V.E. of B.I.U.

SECRET

To :-
HQ 10 Corps

51 British Liaison Unit

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NOTA

50 BUJ ✓
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As a result of experience during the last three months and especially during the recent move of the Gruppo to which this BUJ is accredited, I am convinced that certain additions to the staff of the BUJ is essential for efficient co-operation of the Gruppo with British or other Allied units.

The additions which I recommend are a Staff Captain 'Q' and a G.III 'I'.

As regards the Staff Captain. The present 1st Q staff is represented by a D.M. & Q.C. This officer has in normal routine a very full day's work. A complication is apt to arise in that it has been found by experience that the D.M. & Q.C. has occasion to visit higher formations and it has been found that these visits have materially assisted the object of the BUJ. At our original location this officer had to keep in close touch with BUJQ and 3 District. He now visits 10 Corps at intervals and I am sure you will agree that it is necessary that he should. The difficulty then arises that there is no 1st or 2nd representative present at the BUJ to meet routine calls from the Gruppo etc. Although it is laid down that the BUJ has no executive role, I find in practice that all orders in connection with a move of the Gruppo are necessarily given to the BUJ. This entails various conferences etc. A large amount of this work falls on the only 4th officer on my staff. In advance party has to go forward and the D.M. & Q.C. is the most essential person to proceed on this. This - you will appreciate - leaves no 4th officer at BUJ and Gruppo in during a vital period. I suggest therefore that another 4th officer is necessary and suggest that he be a Staff Captain Q.

As regards the G.III 'I'. It has been a surprise to me to discover the complete bankruptcy of the Italian Army as regards what we call "I" work. There seems to be no use of maps at all in all levels of this Gruppo. The use of co-ordinates to pin point a place is utterly strange to the Staff and the Regts. Security, as such, is non-existent. It will be appreciated that the instruction of a whole division in intelligence work starting at the beginning is a monumental task. It is with this in view that I have asked you for the loan - during this training period - of three "I" officers. The officers of my Trig Increment have been instructed by me to pay special attention to instruction in map reading and to the rudiments of "I" work.

What especially concerns me is the question of passing back information to Corps when the Gruppo is in the line. I can see at present little prospect of this. The only way of doing this is by the BUJ or some transmission although the

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Field
Dec 44
DWC/RMT

Lt Col
General Staff

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CONFIDENTIALSubject :- Function of ELUs att'd to Combat Groups

54 British Liaison Unit

To :-

HQ

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Ref your S/G/29/12 of 13 Nov, herewith my views.

1 Interpreters (a) The V E of Interpreters in the ELU and Gruppo is as follows

B L U		Italian Increment to ELU		Gruppo
Two British Sergeants		Two Italian Corporals		Two Italian officers (at Gruppo HQ)

(b) The present strength and standard of interpreters

B L U		Italian Increment		Gruppo
Strength	One British Sgt	One Italian Pte	Two Italian officers	
	Standard: Fair	Adequate	One good One fair	

(c) The method proposed for translation and interpretation of orders was laid down in para 5 of your S/G/29 of Sep 44, as follows :-

- (a) Orders and memoranda are issued in the language of the nation of origin
 (b) Translation into Italian is the responsibility of the Italian recipient
 (c) Translation into English of documents and conversation from Italian Groups to English addressees will be the responsibility of the ELU to whom sufficient interpreters are allotted for the purpose.

(d) The present interpreter situation barely permits of the ELU and Gruppo functioning during this period of try and semi-peace conditions. I consider it ludicrously inadequate for war.

The interpreters within the ELU who are two British Sgts (in fact one Sgt in the case of this ELU) are NOT to my mind suitable for the translation of the Gruppo's orders for operations with a view to their onward transmission to Corps. I do NOT consider it is reasonable to make a NCO responsible for the interpretation of orders involving the main elements of a Div in any an attack.

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Of the two Italian Officers at Gruppo HQ one - a subaltern - is a very good but at times inaccurate interpreter. The other is a senile

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Italian Increment to BLU		Gruppo
Two British Sergeants	Two Italian Corporals	Two Italian officers (at Gruppo HQ)

(b) The present strength and standard of interpreters

Strength	Italian Increment			Standard
	BLU	Italian Increment	Gruppo	
	One British Sgt	One Italian Pte	Two Italian officers	
	Fair	Adequate	One good One fair	

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(e) I consider a large addition to interpreters will be necessary in action. The following seems to me the minimum :-

Formation	Br Interpreters	Italian interpreters
B L U	2 officers (2)	2 Officers (2)
Gruppo HQ	-	One officer (2)
Each Inf Bn HQ (2)	One officer (2)	One officer (6)
" " Bn HQ (6)	-	One officer (4)
Arty Bn HQ (1)	One officer (1)	One officer (1)
Engineer Bn HQ (1)	One officer (1)	One officer (2)
Each " Coy HQ (2)	-	One officer (1)
S1 Genl Coy (1)	-	One officer (1)
Mechanical Engineers	-	One officer (1)
Ordnance & Transport	-	One officer (1)

This makes a total of 6 British Officer interpreters and 17 Italian Officer interpreters. The British might well be Maltese officers of the R.A.M.A or R.O.M.R. The two British Seta at HLU HQ might be dispensed with, but I recommend the retention of one for routine work.

(f) The point at Regts is shown in (d) and (e) above. No interpretation facilities exist there at present. There can be NO question under our present W of providing any from the resources of the HLU or Gruppo.

2 Your T.S/G/25 of Sep 14 lays down the function of the HLU as follows :-

(a) A British Liaison Unit (B.L.U.) will be attached to each Independent Group H.Q. It will be self-contained administratively but will be located at or very close to the Italian H.Q. The O. I/O will, through his officers of the various arms and services, be responsible that :-

- i. Orders received are properly understood and obeyed.
- ii. Information required by higher authority is properly and accurately supplied, translated and transmitted.
- iii. Training is maintained and improved whenever and wherever possible.
- iv. Administrative services and maintenance duties are efficiently and economically performed.
- v. Circumstances likely to affect detrimentally the fighting or administrative efficiency of the formation, or the morale of the troops, are promptly prevented, rectified and/or reported to the proper authority.
- vi. In battle, communication with flank and rear formations is maintained.

The B.L.U. will in addition be the primary channel of communication between the Italian H.Q. and superior and flank formations on all questions

Mechanical Engineers
Ordnance & Transport

One officer (1)
One officer (1)

This makes a total of 6 British Officer Interpreters and 17 Italian Officer Interpreters. The British might well be Maltese officers of the R.A.M. or R.A.O.M.R. The two British Staffs at MEU HQ might be dispensed with, but I recommend the retention of one for routine work.

(f) The point at Rome is shown in (a) and (e) above. No interpretation facilities exist there at present. There can be no question under our present W.E. of providing any from the resources of the MEU or Gruppo.

2 Your T.S./C/29 of 30y M.L. says that the function of the MEU is as follows:-

(a) A British Liaison Unit (B.L.U.) will be attached to each independent Group H.Q. It will be self-contained administratively but will be located at or very close to the Italian H.Q. The O. I/O will, through his officers of the various arms and services, be responsible that:-

- i. Orders received are properly understood and obeyed.
- ii. Information required by higher authority is properly and accurately supplied, translated and transmitted.
- iii. Training is maintained and improved whenever and wherever possible.
- iv. Administrative services and maintenance duties are efficiently and economically performed.
- v. Circumstances likely to affect substantially the fighting or administrative efficiency of the formation, or the morale of the troops, are promptly prevented, rectified and/or reported to the proper authority.
- vi. In battle, communication with flank and rear formations is maintained.

The B.L.U. will in addition be the primary channel of communication between the Italian H.Q. and superior and flank formations on all questions affecting Italian units in their role as a component part of the Allied Forces.

This corresponds in general terms with the draft charter attached to letter 1603/50/57/C(SD) of 10 Nov and I am in general agreement with both. It should be made clear, however, that the MEU can do little else but deal with the next Higher Formation (presumably a British Corps). Any liaison with flanking Allied units must, in my opinion, be the responsibility of those flanking units who must send liaison parties to the MEU.

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In my opinion a certain responsibility must rest on the BLU to report on the performance of the Gruppo to which it is accredited and on the senior commanders of the Gruppo.

It is stressed that the BLU has NO executive role. In practice I visualize officers of the BLU taking a fairly active part in the actual direction of the Gruppo in the early stages. This may apply more especially to the S.O.R.A. S.O.R.E. etc.

Field
17 Nov 44
DMC/ROT

B.W. Miller
Lt Col
General Staff

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COLANNO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
-Sezione Operazioni-Informazioni

Ref: 01/923

P.M. 155 30 NOV 1944

Subject: Italian ~~Reinforcement~~ ^{INCREMENT} Unit for B.L.U.s

To: COMANDO QUARTIERE GENERALE "LEGNANO"
For Info: 52B.L.U.

P.M. 155

As a result of an increase in the number of motor vehicles on charge to B.L.U.s, the S.M.R.E. (ARMY COMMAND) has ordered that the establishment of the unit indicated above be increased by a further seven drivers.

The S.M.R.E. itself will provide for the assignment of these seven men.

We therefore request that the Comando del Quartiere Generale make the following amendments to the establishments laid down in f.2326/ dated 12 Sept.44.

In the columns headed "truppa" and "totale" amend-	
-against "autieri" (drivers): 5 and 6 to	12 and 13
- " " "totale" :17 and 22 to	24 and 29

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.L.Iombardi.)

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COMANDO GR. PO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/ 923 di prot.

P.M. 155,11 30 novembre 1944 (Ore 1200)

O G G E T T O: reparto italiano complementi per i nuclei inglesi di collegamento tra comando gruppo di combattimento e comando alleato.

AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE "LEGNANO" = P.M. 155

e, per conoscenza:

AL " 52 " B L U

= S E D E

Lo S.M.R.E. con foglio 8782/Ord. del 24 corrente ha disposto, in conseguenza di un aumento verificatosi nel numero di automezzi assegnati ai B.L.U., che l'organico del reparto in oggetto venga aumentato di altri 7 automobilisti.

Per l'assegnazione di tale personale provvederà - appena possibile - lo stesso S.M.R.E.

Il comando del Q.G. è pregato quindi di apportare le seguenti varianti agli organici trasmessi con f. 2326/Op. in data 12 settembre c.a.:

- alle colonne "truppa" e "totale" correggere:

- di contro alla dicitura "autieri" : 5 e 6 in 12 e 13;
- di contro alla dicitura "totale" : 17 e 22 in 24 e 29.-



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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. L. Lombardi)

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d'ordine 6415
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. L. Lombardi)

Lombardi

ARMY FORM C-116 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

30/42

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Trans.

Instructions

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FROM
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MMIA.

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

291437A.

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For Action

TO

50, 51, (52) 53, 54 BLUs.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

3612 GHQP 12-43

Originator's No.

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 to establishment BLU? WE? N/A/308/301 was approved vide
 serial 398 of AAT? WE committee meeting No. 36

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TO: VALJES 25.

VJ/35302/2525.

30 Nov 64.

C.I. (B).
A.F.M.R.

A1128

Subject: 32 & 33 B.L.R.

1. Reference C1/1460/5.1(R) dated 16 Nov 64.
2. The deficiencies of 32 B.L.R. are agreed.
3. The deficiencies of 33 B.L.R. as per
Inter Field Strength Returns (of 1963) are as
follows:-

Clarke Range	5
Signal Operators	4
Per Opn Sigs	2
W/Tech Sigs	1
Per 1/c	1

4. It is regretted that there are no Clarke
or Interpretation available at present.

5. Every effort will be made to make up the
deficiencies as and when info become available.

6. The deficiency of the signals personnel
is being dealt with by the C.I.C.

END.

RC/AM.

Copy to: 3 District-104/254

CIC AM.

Rfco (1)

Brigadier.

32 B.L.R.

33 B.L.R.

35 B.L.R.

37 B.L.R.

39 B.L.R.

41 B.L.R.

43 B.L.R.

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49 B.L.R.

51 B.L.R.

53 B.L.R.

REF ID: A11

4 : A/1/27

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

903: FRANCIS 306

Subject: Proposed Amendment to
MFLS 506.2

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 OFFICE OF DISTRICT
 ATTORNEY
 EMG 52320



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Copy of our letter 82/4/1/1701/1 dated 18 Nov
is forwarded for your information.

Robert

L. HARTZLER, Sub,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

8112

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

MEMO

Tel: FREEDOM 503

Subject: MU (for Gruppo di Combattimento)
Proposed Amendments to MU N/508/1

M. N/1/1701/1

To: Col Org 1 (5 copies)

12 Nov 44

It is requested that the following amendments to W3 N/508/1 which have been formulated in conjunction with MHA, may be considered by the W3 Committee AFHQ as soon as possible.

1. The Proposal

- (a) British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Combattimento) N/508/1
(b) Amendment
(c) Not applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) and (b) (1) Increases in Lt CRs as follows:

Add Veh Mech Cpt	...	2
" Platoon Cpl	...	2
" Veh Mech Cpl	...	1

(11) Increases in Lt

Add motor cycles ... 3

- (c) Six
(d) Overall increase in personnel and vehicles.
(e) Overall cover from the credit balance shown against the EMS Section of HQ 27 Para 17 and the motor cycles from existing machine stocks.

(f) All

(g) Not applicable
(h)3. Reasons for the Proposal

- (a) For purposes of try in main, repair and recovery of equipment personnel have been found on a temporary basis by using the EHA which available to each Gruppo in turn. These arrangements are to enter for a very limited try period and must of necessity be of a temporary nature.

- (b) It has not become apparent that assistance of a permanent nature, and on a much smaller scale, will be required in addition to the force

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It is requested that the following amendments to HQ N/508/1 which have been formulated in conjunction with BMA, may be considered by the HQ Committee AFHQ as soon as possible.

1.

The Proposal

- (a) British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Combattimento) R/503/1
(b) Amendment
(c) Not applicable.

2.

The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) and (b) (1) Increases in Br GRs as follows:

Add Vch Mech Sgt	...	1
" Fitter Cpl	...	1
" Tel Mech Sgt	...	1

(11) Increases in Sgt

Add motor cycles ... 3

(c) Six

(1) Overall increase in personnel and vehicles.

(2) Covering over from the credit balance shown against the BMA Section of FPC 37 Para 17 and the motor cycles from existing theatre stocks.

(3) All

(4) Not applicable

Reasons for the Proposal

(a) For purposes of try in main, repair and recovery of equipment personnel have been found on a temporary basis by eating and BMA. When available to each Gruppo in turn. These arrangements are to enter for a very limited try period and must of necessity be of a temporary nature.

(b) It has now become apparent that assistance of a permanent nature, and on a much smaller scale, will be required in addition to the facilities outlined at para 3(a) above. The purpose of this proposal is to provide such assistance from the very limited resources available. It is intended that the three GRs which it is proposed to add should assist the BLU BMA by (a) assisting Italian personnel to obtain essential requirements which involve dealings with supporting units, e.g., third line units, third line rec units, and GRs, none of which are Italian units. (b) assisting Italian units in tech and log matters, and rec problems of like nature.

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In this connection it is stressed that when the facilities described at para 3(a) are withdrawn, the Italians will still be very far from fully trained either in the general technique of repair and rec or in the peculiarities of Dr equipment.

(c) It is considered that the provision of these three ORs per BII should achieve considerable results in minimizing damage to eqpt (which has achieved alarming dimensions at this stage) and facilitating the execution of repairs and rec by the Italian repair and rec units. It is hoped by these means to diminish the very considerable loads upon the supporting Dr third line repair and rec units which are to be expected.

(d) The three motor cycles are to enable the ORs now requested to visit camps and LIDs to discharge their duties.

(e) It is further considered that developments should be very closely watched with a view to determining whether, if more Dr production became available subsequently, increases to a total of approx 9 ORs per BII can be made, so as to achieve an effective degree of guidance and control in the use and point of the very considerable amount of valuable eqpt involved.

K.A.McK. RUMBLE, Lt-Col. ADMS,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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G-3 Org 5
MAG (containing communication Col RUMBLE - Lt-Col RUMBLE)
(2 copies)

FOEIJING ARE ITALIAN SOLDIERS AVAILABLE FOR THE "2" E. L. U.

1 - Tenente	PIEROBON Lino	Lieutenant O/C
2 - Cap. Mag.	ZUCCHER Pietro	Squad commander
3 - Private	RIVAGLI Madio	Cookman for the soldiers
4 - "	ROSSI Luigi	NCOs mess cookman
5 - "	PERCUOCO Francesco	NCOs mess cookman
6 - "	PASOTTI Bruno	Officers mess cookman
7 - "	PAEDO Pietro	Officers mess cookman
8 - "	LEOMI Riccardo	Man for fatigue duties
9 - "	ROSSATO Madio	Batman to Lt. Col. Elliot
10 - "	BALDI Bruno	" " Maj. Gwyther
11 - "	PESTRIN Giuseppe	" " " Gordon
12 - "	ALGHISI Agostino	" " " Collenette
13 - "	COLOMBO Giuseppe	" " " Archibald
14 - "	FASSOLI Mario	" " Capt. Davies
15 - "	ZARDO Primo	" " Lt. Pierobon
16 - Subtenente	BASSI Arturo	Interpreter
17 - "	DE PAOLI Fulvio	Interpreter
18 - Driver	MATURANI Giulio	Driver
19 - "	ROVAI Giuseppe	"
20 - "	GARNA Giuseppe	"
21 - "	NUNZI Ubaldo	"
22 - "	MACANTI Loris	"
23 - "	MAGGIONI Stefano	"

As at 21 Nov 44

A/1/25

SUBJECT: Italian Increment to British Liaison UnitLAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. S/G/29/12

19 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
50, 51, 52, 53, 54 BLUc

1. Following the approval of an increase of vehicles for the BLU, approval has also been given for adding 7 drivers to the establishment of the Italian Increment of the BLU, Establishment No. Na/309/1.
2. Please amend this Establishment, and post extra drivers to Italian Increments accordingly.
3. This establishment is now given the number XII/302/1.

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

8109

Subject :- BLU H.E.

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(S.M.I.A.).

8/6/29/12.
19 Nov., 44.

To :- 50, 51, 52, 53, 64 and ~~55~~ B.H.s.

The following is an extract from ^{AFHQ} minutes of
meeting No 126 :-

Addition to minutes of meeting No 126.

1261
(A) BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (NA/508/1)

The War Office have approved the establishment NA/508/1,
including the G.C.S. I - I, w.s.f. 25 Aug 44.

Subject to review 25 Feb 45.

Authority - War Office cable 88693 80 30 dated
27 Oct 44.

(File 758/Org-3)

[Signature]
Major General
S.M.I.A.

8108

SUBJECT: W2 Credit Meeting

50 MIN Q.
 51 MIN Qrd
 52 MIN AMEL 10
 53 MIN

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17 Nov 44

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 + A/1/12

The following extract from minutes of AFHS War Establishment Committee Meeting No D-6 held on 3 Nov 44 is forwarded:-
 1592(A) A.I.U. to an ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP (32/508/1)

The following amendment was approved wef 3 Nov 44.

Add B.O.W.Os.
 General Outman (pte)
 Cook, AOC (pte)

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The proposal to increase transport on this establishment was Referred.
 Will be promulgated as Amendment No 1.

(File 758/ORG-3)

GL *AB*
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Martin
 (JP WATSON) Major
 for Lt col 8117
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JPM/AM.

SHEET NO. 1.

RESTRICTED

WAR ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE - MILITARY FORCE AND ADJUTANTSMINUTES OF MEETING NO. 146 HELD ON FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 44

Present :

Lt. Col.	C.O. SLYTHE	C-3 (Org)	Deputy Chairman
Major	T.P. BENTLEY	C-1 (Br)	
Capt	D.P. LONGMAN	C-1 (Army Dept)	Members
Major	J.E. GALE	Financial Advisor's Branch	
Major	J.L.W. CHEYNE	G-3 (Org)	Secretary

ADDITIONS TO MINUTESSERIAL
NO.Addition to minutes of meeting No. 138(A) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/499/1)

The establishment NL/499/1 which was a re-write of XII/200/1 w.e.f. 13 JUL 44, incorporating Amendment No. 1, is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 142.(B) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/499/1)

Amendment No. 2 to this establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

HO. A.A.I. W.E.C. 29 Serial 326.(C) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/499/1)

Amendment No. 1 to this establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

(D) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (XII/200/1)

This establishment is republished as NL/4/1 w.e.f. 7 JAN 43.

W.E.C. Meeting No. 2 refers.(E) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/4/1)

The following amendment, approved w.e.f. 18 FEB 43, is published as amendment No. 1. to NL/4/1.

Add	Drivers, I.C.	-	4
Add	Battalion-driver	-	1
Delete	Battalion	-	1
Add	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	-	4

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NO.

ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 138

(A) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NI/499/1)

The establishment NI/499/1 which was a re-write of XII/200/1 w.e.f. 13 JUL 44, incorporating Amendment No. 1, is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 142.

(B) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NI/499/1)

Amendment No. 2 to this establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

(C) HO. A.A.I. V.E.C. 29 Serial 326.

CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NI/499/1)

Amendment No. 1 to this establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

(D) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (XII/200/1)

This establishment is republished as NI/4/1 w.e.f. 7 JAN 43.

V.E.C. Meeting No. 2 refers.

(E) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NI/4/1)

The following amendment, approved w.e.f. 18 FEB 43, is published as Amendment No. 1, to NI/4/1.

<u>Add</u>	Drivers, I.C.	-	4
<u>Add</u>	Batman-driver	-	1
<u>Delete</u>	Batman	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	-	4

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V.E.C. Meeting 4 Serial 51 refers.

(F) CAMOUFLAGE SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NI/4/1)

The following amendment approved w.e.f. 5 OCT 44 is published as Amendment No. 2 to NI/4/1.

<u>Delete</u>	Car 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Trailer 15 cwt 2 wheeled - 1		
	180 gallons		

(H. A.A.I. V.E.C. 29 Serial 326 refers)

(File 501/Org-5)

SERIAL
NO.Addition to minutes of meeting No. 139CALCUTTA SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/499/1)

The establishment NL/499/1 which was a re-write of XII/200/1 w.e.f. 13 JUL 44, incorporating Amendment No. 1, is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 142.CALCUTTA SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/499/1)

Amendment No. 2 to this establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

HO. A.A.I. V.E.C. 29 Serial 326.CALCUTTA SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/499/1)

Amendment No. 1 to this establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 13 JUL 44.

CALCUTTA SECTION NORTH AFRICA (XII/200/1)

This establishment is republished as NL/4/1 w.e.f. 7 JAN 43.

V.E.C. Meeting No. 2 refers.CALCUTTA SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/4/1)

The following amendment, approved w.e.f. 18 FEB 43, is published as Amendment No. 1. to NL/4/1.

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<u>Add</u>	Batman-driver	-	1
<u>Delete</u>	Batman	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	-	4

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V.E.C. Meeting 4 Serial 51 refers.CALCUTTA SECTION NORTH AFRICA (NL/4/1)

The following amendment approved w.e.f. 5 OCT 44 is published as Amendment No. 2 to NL/4/1.

<u>Delete</u>	Car 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Tractor 15 cwt 2 wheeled - 1		
	100 gallons		

(HO. A.A.I. V.E.C. 29 Serial 326 refers)

(File 501/ORG-5)

RESTRICTEDSERIAL
NO.

SHEET NO. 2.

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 138.RECOUNT PURCHASING COMMISSION (XII/1105/1)

Correct minute to read as follows :-

"This establishment has been re-written as
 NI/498/1 v.e.f. 13 JUL 44 incorporating
 Amendment No. 1."

This will be promulgated as Amendment No. 2. to
 NI/496/1.
 (File 615/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 143.1555 DOCS WORKSHOP SECTION R.E. NORTH AFRICA (NI/600/1)

For Other Ranks - 29 read Other Ranks - 20.

(File 460/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 143.HEADQUARTERS NO. 3 DISTRICT (NI/264/1)

under attached to General Staff

for Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C.
 read Clerks, general duties, R. Signals.

(File 625/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 131.1410 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED P.W. RECEPTION UNIT (NI/352/1)

War Office have NOT approved the upgrading of the
 Comd from Lieut-Colonel to Colonel.

Authority:- War Office cable 89751 SD 3(c) dated
 31 Oct 44.

(File 686/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 140.1523 INCREMENT TO A.T.H.O. (GENERAL) (NI/586/1)
(4)

Amend effective date to read 9 Oct 44 NOT 1 Sep 44.

This will be promulgated as Amendment No. 2. to
N./498/1.
(File 615/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 143.

DOCS WORKSHOP SECTION R.E. NORTH AFRICA (NL/600/1)

For Other Ranks - 29 read Other Ranks - 20.

(File 460/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 143.

HEADQUARTERS NO. 3 DISTRICT (NL/264/1)

under attached to General Staff

for Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C.
read Clerks, general duties, R. Signals.

(File 625/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 131.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED P.W. RECEPTION UNIT (NL/352/1)

War Office have NOT approved the upgrading of the
Cond from Lieut-Colonel to Colonel.

Authority:- War Office cable 89751 SD 3(c) dated
31 Oct 44.

(File 686/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 140.

INCREASING TO A.F.H.Q. (GENERAL) (NL/586/1)

Amend effective date to read 9 Oct 44 NOT 1 Sep 44.

(File 300/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 140.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (NL/30/3)

G-2 Intelligence

The following amendment was approved v.c.f. 1 Sep 44.

Add Liaison Officer to ILLAF (GSO III) - 1

will be incorporated in Amendment No. 31

(File 300/Org-3 & 254/Org-3)

1523
(A)

RESTRICTED

SHIT NO. 3.

SECRET
NO.

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 140.

1523
(A)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (NA/30/3)
G-2 Intelligence

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 9 Oct 44.

Delete Liaison Officer to HMF (GSO III) - 1

Will be incorporated in Amendment No. 31.

(File 300/Org-3 & 254/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 143.

1563
(A)

WILD GOOSEY TRAINING CENTER A, C.G. NORTH AFRICA (NA/251/1)

This minute is cancelled w.e.f. 23 Oct 44.

The above establishment will continue in being.

(File 608/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 37.

942
(A)

HEADQUARTERS PROVOST COMPANY (CIP) OVERSEAS (IV/132/1)

The War Office have approved the following amendment w.e.f. 20 Sep 44 and are issuing the new war establishment IV/132/2 incorporating this amendment.

<u>Delete</u>	C.S.M.	-	1
<u>Add</u>	R.S.M.	-	1
	L/Os	-	2
<u>Delete</u>	Bicycle	-	1
	Car 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Motor cycle, solo	-	1
	Car 4 str 4 x 2	-	1
	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	-	1

Authority:- War Office cable 79073 SD3 dated 23 Sep 44.

(File 495/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 37.

942
(B)

PROVOST SECTION C.M.P. (P) OVERSEAS (IV/133/1)

The War Office have approved the following amendment w.e.f. 20 Sep 44 and are issuing the new war establishment IV/132/1 incorporating this amendment.

6114

1563
(A)

FIELD COMPANY TRAINING CENTRE A.C.C. NORTH AFRICA (NA/251/1)

This minute is cancelled w.e.f. 23 Oct 44.

The above establishment will continue in being.

(File 608/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 37.

942
(A)

HEADQUARTERS PROVOST COMPANY (C.P.) OVERSEAS (IV/132/1)

The War Office have approved the following amendment w.e.f. 20 Sep 44 and are issuing the new war establishment IV/132/2 incorporating this amendment.

<u>Delete</u>	C.S.II.	-	1
<u>Add</u>	R.S.II.	-	1
	L/Opls	-	2
<u>Delete</u>	Bicycle	-	1
	Car 2 str 4 x 2	-	1
<u>Add</u>	Motor cycle, solo	-	1
	Car 4 str 4 x 2	-	1
	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	-	1

Authority:- War Office cable 79073 SD3 dated 23 Sep 44.

(File 495/Org-3)

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 37.

942
(B)

PROVOST SECTION C.M.F. (P) OVERSEAS (IV/133/1)

The War Office have approved the following amendment w.e.f. 20 Sep 44 and are issuing the new war establishment IV/132/1 incorporating this amendment.

<u>Add</u>	Corporal	-	1
	L/Opls	-	6
<u>Add</u>	Bicycles	-	2
	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	-	1
<u>Delete</u>	Motor cycle, solo	-	1

Authority:- War Office cable 79073 SD3 dated 23 Sep 44.

(File 495/Org-3)

RESTRICTED

HINT NO. 4.

SERIAL
NO.Addition to minutesMILITARY ESTABLISHMENT NO. 66 (VIII/795/1)

War Office advise that the following amendment has been promulgated v.e.f. 12 Apr 44.

add footnote (A)

Against sigs personnel quote

Sjts to include 2 cipher ops.
Cpls to include 197 ops wireless and line.
10 electronics sigs or
instrument mechanics.
2 fitters sigs.
8 cipher ops.

(File 714/Org-3)

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 146.

1589 ALLIED (SOVIET) CONTROL COMMISSION POLYMERIA
BRITISH MISSION (NL/557/1)

The following amendment was approved v.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

add Paymaster (Capt) - 1

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 2.

(File 593/Org-3)

1589 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION BULGARIA BRITISH MISSION
(NL/571/1)

The following amendment was approved v.e.f. 9 Oct 44.

add Staff Paymaster (Major) - 1

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 3.

(File 589/Org-3)

1589 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HUNGARY BRITISH MISSION (NL/590/1)
(B)

The following amendment was approved v.e.f. 16 Oct 44.

add Paymaster (Capt) - 1

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 2

Add footnote (A)

Against sigs personnel quote

Sigs to include 2 cipher ops.
 Cpls to include 197 ops wireless and line.
 10 electricians sigs or
 instrument mechanics.
 2 fitters sigs.
 8 cipher ops.

(File 714/Org-3)

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 146.

1589

ALLIED (SOVIET) CONTROL COMMISSION POLYNIA
BRITISH MISSION (NL/557/1)

The following amendment was approved v.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Add Paymaster (Capt) - 1

Will be promulgated as amendment No. 2.

(File 593/Org-3)

1589
(A)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION BULGARIA BRITISH MISSION
(NL/571/1)

The following amendment was approved v.e.f. 9 Oct 44.

Add Staff Paymaster (Major) - 1

Will be promulgated as amendment No. 3.

(File 589/Org-3)

1589
(B)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HUNGARY BRITISH MISSION (NL/590/1)

The following amendment was approved v.e.f. 16 Oct 44.

Add Paymaster (Capt) - 1

Will be promulgated as amendment No. 2.

(File 596/Org-3)

RESTRICTED

SHEET NO. 5.

SERIAL

NO.

1590

R. SIGS REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT AND SCHOOL
OF SIGS (NA/286/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 28 Aug 44.

add new section Dvr Operators Trg Sec

Instructors Lieuts	-	4
Sjts	-	8
L/Sjts	-	2
Cpls	-	3
L/Cpls	-	14
Sign	-	16

under (ii) Transportadd Lorry, 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.- 1
(may be class V)Subject to review 31 Dec 44.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 7.

(File 666/Org-3)

1591

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY (NA/13/5)The upgrading of G.S.O. II (I(c)) to G.S.O. I (I(c))
from 13 May to 28 Aug was NOT approved.

(W.E.C. 135 Serial 1459 refers)

(File 357/Org-3)

1592

A.G.P.A. TRAINING CENTRE WORKSHOP R.E.M.E. (NA/438/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

under (i) Personnel

<u>add</u>	Staff Sergeants -	-	2
	Armament Artificers	-	1
	Sergeants -	-	1
	Armourer	-	2
	Artisans	-	1
	Corporals -	-	1
	Artisans	-	2
	Lance-corporals -	-	1
	Carpenter	-	1
	Craftsmen, drivers & privates -	-	5
	Artisans	-	5

8113

under (ii) Transport

Add Lorry, 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S. - 1
(may be class V)

Subject to review 31 Dec 44.

Will be promulgated as amendment No. 7.

(File 666/Org-3)

1591 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (NA/13/5)

The upgrading of G.S.O. II (I(c)) to G.S.O. I (I(c)) from 13 May to 28 Aug was NOT approved.

(M.E.O. 135 Serial 1459 refers)

(File 357/Org-3)

1592 A.C.R.A. TRAINING CENTRE WORKSHOP R.E.M.E. (NA/438/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

under (i) Personnel

<u>Add</u>	Staff Sergeants -	- 2
	Armament Artificers	
	Sergeants -	- 1
	Armourer	- 1
	Artisans	- 2
	Corporals -	
	Artisans	- 1
	Lance-corporals -	- 1
	Carpenter	- 5
	Craftsmen, drivers & privates -	
	Artisans	- 5

8113

Delete under Craftsmen, Drivers and Privates -
Non-tradesmen - 1

Add new Section Italian Co-operators or Civilians

General dutymen - 3

Add under (ii) Transport

Lorry, 3 ton 6 wh or 4 wh	- 1
Trailer 2 wh Instrument Repair	- 1
Trailer 2 wh 180 gall water	- 1

Will be promulgated as amendment No. 1.

(File 719/Org-3)

RESTRICTED

SECRET NO. 6.

SERIAL

NO.

1593

MOUNTAIN REGIMENT R.A. (N./159/2)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Add under attached

A.A.P.C. Offrs (Capts)	-	1
(Subalterns)	-	4
Gunnery (Basutos)	-	4

Add under Horses for

Officers (A.A.P.C.)	-	4
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Delete in title "composed of British and Italian personnel" and all reference to Italians.

and substitute

"composed of British and B.SUTO personnel", and 'B.SUTOS' wherever the words 'Italian' appear.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 4.

(File 511/Orig-3)

1594
(6)2nd ECHelon (INDIAN) POSTAL UNIT (N./501/1).

The following amendment was recommended to AFINDIA w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Add general note as follows :-

"The above establishment is for a basic force of 2 Indian Divisions. Four additional clerks will be provided for each additional Indian Division in the theatre on a pro rata basis".

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 1.

(File 644/Orig-3)

1594
(8)INDIAN DIVISIONAL POSTAL UNIT (III/63-B/1)

The following amendment was recommended to AFINDIA w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

<u>Add</u>	Drivers (RLASC) MT	-	4
<u>Add</u>	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	-	2
	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	-	3
	fitted with verandah shelter		
<u>Delete</u>	Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	3

This will be promulgated as N.A. Amendment

Add under Horses for
Officers (A.I.P.C.)

- 4

Delete in title "composed of British and Italian personnel" and all reference to Italians.

and substitute "composed of British and B.SUTO personnel", and 'B.SUTOS' wherever the words 'Italian' appear.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 4.

(File 511/ORG-3)

1594
(A)

2nd ECHILON (INDIAN) POSTAL UNIT (III/501/1)

The following amendment was recommended to AMBUDIA
W.O.F. 3 Nov 44.

Add General note as follows :-

"The above establishment is for a basic force of 2 Indian Divisions. Four additional clerks will be provided for each additional Indian Division in the theatre on a pro rata basis".

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 1.

(File 644/ORG-3)

1594
(B)

INDIAN DIVISIONAL POSTAL UNIT (III/68-B/1)

The following amendment was recommended to
R.INDL. W.O.F. 3 Nov 44.

<u>Add</u>	Drivers (RILSO) LT	-	4
<u>Add</u>	Trucks 15 cut 4 x 2 G.S.	-	2
	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	-	3
	fitted with wardian shelter		
<u>Delete</u>	Cars 5 cut 4 x 4	-	3

This will be promulgated as N.A. Amendment applicable to this theatre only when approval of CHQ INDL. received.

(File 644/ORG-3)

RESTRICTED

SHEET NO. 7.

SERIAL
NO.
1595AIR SUPPLY BASE P.A.S.C. NORTH AFRICA

The establishment NL/610/1 was approved v.o.f. 3 Nov 44.

This consists of Officers - 3, Other Ranks - 54 and transport.

One Car 2 str 4 x 2 was NOT approved and drivers were adjusted accordingly. Relief drivers in Transport Section - 2 were NOT approved.

(File 599/Org-3)

1596 YUGO SLAV REFUGEE CAMP (NL/453/1)

The following amendment was approved v.o.f. 20 Nov 44.

Under (i) Personnel

Delete all detail.

<u>Substitute</u>	Captain	-	1
	C.O.M.S.	-	1
	Clerks	-	1

The establishment as amended will be subject to review 1 Jan 45.

Will be promulgated as amendment No. 1.

(File 319/Org-3)

1597 ROYAL ARTILLERY TRAINING DEPOT (NL/387/1)

The following amendment was approved v.o.f. 3 Nov 44.

Under HEADQUARTERS

Add R.E.M.E. - Major - 1

Under MAINTENANCE SECTION

Delete "Maintenance Section" and all detail.

Substitute new section "Maintenance Section - designed to employ approx 25 civilians for veh work". This section consists of Officer - 1 and Other Ranks - 55.

Under (ii) Transport

<u>Add</u>	10 ton, Heavy Wrecker	-	1
	Lorry 3 ton, 6 wh or 4 wh	-	1
	machinery, Type Z		
	Truck 15 cwt, type KL	-	1
	Truck 15 cwt, G.S.	-	1

8102

1596

YUGO SLAV REFUGEE CAMP (W/453/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 20 Nov 44.

Under (i) PersonnelDelete all detail.

<u>Substitute</u>	Captain	-	1
	C.O.M.S.	-	1
	Clerks	-	1

The establishment as amended will be subject to review 1 Jan 45.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 1.

(File 319/org-3)

1597

ROYAL ARMY TRAINING DETACHMENT (NA/387/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Under HEADQUARTERS

<u>Add</u>	R.T.M.D. - Major	-	1
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Under MAINTENANCE SECTIONDelete "Maintenance Section" and all detail.

Substitute new section "Maintenance Section - designed to employ approx 25 civilians for veh work" This section consists of Officer - 1 and Other Ranks - 55.

8102

Under (ii) Transport

<u>Add</u>	10 ton, Heavy Wrecker	-	1
	Lorry 3 ton, 6 wh or 4 wh	-	1
	Machinery, Type Z	-	1
	Truck 15 cwt, type KL	-	1
	Truck 15 cwt, G.S.	-	1
	Car 2 str, 4 x 2	-	1
	Motor cycle	-	1

It was agreed that these vehicles might be class V.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 8.

(File 662/org-3)

RESTRICTED

SHEET NO. 8.

SERIAL

NO.

1598

(A)

B.L.U. TO AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP (NM/508/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Add B.O.W.Os. - 3
 General dutyman (pte) - 1
 Cooks, A.C.C. (pte) - 1

The proposal to increase transport on this establishment was deferred.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 1.

(File 758/org-3)

1599

AN ITALIAN INCORPORATION TO A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (NM/509/1)

The proposal was deferred.

(File 758/org-3)

1599

(A)

H.A.A. BATTERY (MOBILE) (III/219/1)
H.A.A. BATTERY (SMALL-MOBILE) (III/12D/3)

The following amendment was recommended to War Office w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Delete Telecomm Mech (Cpl) - 1

1599

(B)

A HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT WORKSHOP TYPE 'A' R.E.M.E. (III/204/3)
A HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT WORKSHOP TYPE 'B' R.E.M.E. (III/211/3)

The following amendment was recommended to War Office w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Under Telecomm Sec

Delete L/Cpls - 1
 Craftsmen - 3

Add Cpls -
 Artisans - 7

(M.E.C. No. 123 Serial 1304(A) refers)

(File 692/org-3)

1600(A)

1600(B)

HEADQUARTERS 'A' FORCE (VIII/477/2)

These proposals were deferred.

(File 362/org-3)

1599 AN ITALIAN INCORPORATION TO A BRITISH LILSON UNIT (NU/509/1)

The proposal was deferred.

(File 758/Org-3)

1599 H.A.A. BATTERY (MOBILE) (III/219/1)
H.A.A. BATTERY (SMI-MOBILE) (III/120/3)

The following amendment was recommended to War Office
 W.O.F. 3 Nov 44.

Delete Telecomm Mech (Cpl) - 1

1599 A HEAVY ARTILLERY WORKSHOP TYPE 'A' R.E.M.E. (III/204/3)
A HEAVY ARTILLERY WORKSHOP TYPE 'B' R.E.M.E. (III/211/3)

The following amendment was recommended to War Office
 W.O.F. 3 Nov 44.

Under Telecomm Sec

<u>Delete</u>	L/Cpls	- 1
	Craftsman	- 3

<u>Add</u>	Opls -	- 7
	Artisans	

(W.E.C. No. 123 Serial 1304(A) refers)

(File 692/Org-3)

1600(A) HEADQUARTERS 'A' FORCE (VIII/477/2)

1600(B)

These proposals were deferred.

(File 362/Org-3)

1601 HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY (NU/223/1)

The appointment of B.G.S. (Ops) was reviewed and its
 continuation recommended to War Office.

(File 500/Org-3)

RESTRICTED

SET NO. 2.

SERIAL

NO.

1601

(4)

HEADQUARTERS VIS BRIGADE (NL/491/1)

The following amendment was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44.

Amend title to read -

HEADQUARTERS ADRIATIC BRIGADE.

Will be promulgated as Amendment No. 1.
(File 737/Org-3)

1601
(B)

RASC/MOC PORT DETACHMENT (BALKANS) NORTH AFRICA

The establishment NL/611/1 was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44. This is a re-write of VI/1379/1 and consists of :-

RASC Officers - 4, Other Ranks - 9

MOC Officers - 2, Other Ranks - 6

Adm appointments (may be filled by any arm of service) - Other Ranks - 6

(File 737/Org-3)

1601
(C)

A MOBILE LAUNDRY AND BATH UNIT (TILIN ARMY)

The establishment NL/612/1 was approved w.e.f. 3 Nov 44. This consists of Officers - 3, Other Ranks - 63 and transport. Consequently the establishments NL/579/1 and NL/580/1 will NOT be published.

(V.E.C. 139 Serials 1510(F) and 1510(G) refer)

(File 758/Org-3)

New War Establishments will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority.

JLW/jm

Date - 10 November 44.

C.C. STAFF,
Lt. Col., G.S., Deputy Chairman,
War Ests C'ttee, Allied Force Headquarters

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cc: S. J. H. H. H.

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 TO 50, 51, 52, AND 53 BLU

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 REQUIRED (.) ADVISED BY A.F.R.Q. THAT THIS MINUTE CAN BE QUOTED
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Subject: Handing over of 2403 52 B.L.U.

52 B.L.U. Liaison Unit,

OSU/30/7.

11 Nov. 1944.

PDOS

Hq 3 District.

G.S.O. I.. 52 B.L.U.

Copy to: Major G.F. Gordon RAOC.
Major J.A.C. Hanson RAOC.

CERTIFIED that on handing over the duties of 2403 52 B.L.U.:-

All files and instructions have been inspected, and
found to be in order.

[Signature]
MAJOR
Officer handing over

[Signature]
MAJOR
Officer taking over

8059

LRFC V LROF NR 164 (I M P O R T A N T) QVR4/5

FROM (A) M.M.I.A. 121730 A

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SUBJECT: ADDRESS Re 52 & 53 BLU.SECRETA 170/66 Nov 44A
3 District

A/1/17

1. With ref to your 104/264 A dated 10 Sep 44.

2. The following are the deficiencies of personnel in 52 BLU wef
31 Oct 44:-

Interpreters Sjts	2
Operators cipher Cpls	3

3. The following are the deficiencies of personnel in 53 BLU wef
3 Nov 44:-

Clerks, general duties RASC ptes	3
Operators, wiremen and line	5
Operators cipher Cpls	2
Driver-operators	2
Driver-mechanic/Cpl	1
Driver IC	1

4. With these exceptions the two units may now be regarded as formed.

Field
J.G./VH*J.M. Sullivan*Colonel,
Commander,
64 Garrison.

Copy to 52 & 53 BLU

8057

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

59

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO

For Action

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

3032 GHQP 12-43

Originator's No.

A 170/6 ① Please say whether completion of
 mission can be reported ① state
 present deficiencies if any

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

8095

Time

System

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1200

Time cleared

SUBJECT:- Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit;
CMF.

31 Oct 44

To:- HQ, 64, GARRISON

A/1/14

1) GENERAL

No report was rendered for the week ended 21 Oct as no change had occurred during that week.

2) ESTABLISHMENT.

The unit is complete to establishment with the exception of 1 Officer and 5 O.Rs. The Officer deficient is a G.II., and the O.Rs deficient are 2 Sgt Interpreters and 3 Cpl Cipher Clerks. One O.R. private is held surplus to establishment, having been posted to the unit by O2E, he is held surplus temporarily.

3) VEHICLES

(a) The signals section posted to the unit reported with its own vehicles. These consist of 4 x 3 ton lorries, 1 x 15 cwt, 1 Motor Cycle and 1 White Scout Car. These have been taken on Unit strength and are being held against establishment where applicable.

(b) Three WILLEYS 5 cwt cars (Jeeps) have been taken on strength against training establishment. These were held by Legnano Gruppo surplus to establishment.

4) STORES

Sufficient accommodation stores are held to enable the unit to function in its present locality. Further stores will be necessary when the Unit moves forward.

No officers mess stores, crockery, utensils etc; are available at present.

[Signature]
Major, 8095
DAA&QAG.

RWG/NN.

Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are to be received from HQ No.3 District.

(c) The above alphabetical designation will be used pending the allotment of a unit number by the War Office.

(d) Serial No. 11932 has been allotted to this Unit.

2. PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

- (a) Officers: (i) Staff Officers by Dep. Mil. Sec., } in conjunction with DMT, AFHQ.
- (ii) Others by C.1.(B), AFHQ.
- (b) Italian Other Ranks will be provided under arrangements to be made by No.33 Military Mission.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to scale AF 31038-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
- (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. C1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by C.1.(B), AFHQ.
- (d) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

Increment will submit demands based on two months' estimated requirements as indicated below:-

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form AF L1393) to No.24 Stationery Depot.
- (b) Publications (indent form AF L1394) to No.10 Publications Depot, (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form AF L1392) to DESS, AFHQ.

5. PAY

Increment will be paid by the formation to which attached.

6. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- 'D' TFC Increment (Inf) to British Liaison Unit, CMT.

7. COMPLETION

- (a) HQ No.3 District will report to C.1.(B) 1.1. Section, AFHQ, copy to DMT, AFHQ, when formation is complete.
- (b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 11 Nov 44, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

...../DISTRIBUTION

(+ 7/MIL)

P. S. Smith
General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office, (S.D.2.)

HQ. IAI
Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army
HQ Eighth Army
HQ No.1 District
HQ No.2 District
HQ No.3 District
GHQ 2nd Echelon
GHQ 2nd Echelon (SILTS)
51 B.L.U.
2 B.L.U.
3 B.L.U.
4 B.L.U.
33 Military Mission
Reinforcements, CMF
No. 9 Publications Depot, RISC
No. 10 Publications Depot, RISC
No. 6 Command Pay Office
No. 24 Stationary Depot
Signalmaster, CMF.

Dup. Mil. Sec.
G.1. (B) 9.
G.1. (B) 10.
G.3 (Org. 2) (Manpower) (2)
G.3 (Org. 2) (ORBAT) (3)
G.3 (Trg) (3)
G. (Maint)
G. (A.E.) (3)
S.T.
D.M.F.
Ord. (Br.)
R.3. E.I.
F.4.
D.P. I.O.
A.D. F. S.S.
D.D. P. S.
War Diary
File CR/142/E.1 (BR) (2)

X Incl copy for new unit and
distribution as necessary.

(+ 7/HIL)

+++ VSD/134 of 15 Oct 44 refers.

SUBJECT: BLU Establishments.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
8/6/29/20

20 Oct 44

TO : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU

1. Attached for information are the proposals put up to AAI for changes in the BLU establishment.
2. The question of adding a DADSS or DADH to the establishment has been discussed with AAI and AFHQ, but there is no chance of getting this through. III District should be able to help.

[Signature]
Major General
Military Mission to the Italian Army

8093

(RESTRICTED)

MMIA Proposals for Amendments to ME's of the ELU of an Italian Group
and of the Italian Liaison Unit

A. Proposed Amendments to establishment of a

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

TC

AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(NA/508/1 of 25 Aug 1944)

Personnel to be British.

Serial	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Units affected by Proposal
1	<u>Personnel</u> Add 1 cook AGC (Private)	Required to cook for British OR's of ELU for whom all-Italian cooking is not suitable.	ELU's 50-55
2	Add 3 B.O.W.G.'S	Required for each group in view of difficulties in getting Italians to indent correctly for stores required. If this is authorised it should ease problem of supply of Ordnance stores which is likely to be one of its biggest difficulties when the Groups go into action, as well as during equipping period.	ELU's 50-55
3.	Add 1 British OR for General Duties.	Required mainly as a check on the Italian Staff, a B.O.W.G. of Italian Staff.	ELU's 50-55
4.	<u>Motor Transport</u> Add 1 L.C.V.	Required by 2 Staff Officers on the establishment who are often required to be out on duty separately at the same time. The present scale of 1500 yds allows for 2 cars 4 str 4 x 2 and 3 trucks 1 1/2 cwt.	ELU's 50-55 ELU's 50-55
5.	Add 2 cars 4 str 4 x 4	To enable the unit to be mobile. At present it comprises 44 British all ranks and 22 Italian, and the scale of heavy vehs allows for only 2 lorries 3 ton.	ELU's 50-55
6.	Add 3 x 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.		

B. Proposed Amendment to establishment of

AN ITALIAN INCORPORATION

TO

A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

(NA/509/1 of 25 August 1944)

Personnel to be Italian

Serial	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Units affected by Proposal
1	Personnel Add 1 cook ACC (Private)	Required to cook for British OR's of ELU for whom all-Italian cooking is not suitable.	ELU's 50-55
2	Add 3 B.O.W.G.'s	Required for each group in view of difficulties in getting Italians to indent correctly for stores required. If this is authorized it should ease problem of supply of Ordnance stores which is likely to be one of its biggest difficulties when the Groups go into action, as well as during equipping period.	ELU's 50-55
3.	Add 1 British CR for General Duties.	Required mainly as a check on the Italian Staff, a check of actions	ELU's 50-55
4.	Motor Transport Add 1 L C V	9 Motor Transport on the Italian Staff who are often required to be out on duty separately at the same time. The present scale of light vech allows for 2 cars 4 str 4 x 2 and 3 tanks 15 cwt.	ELU's 50-55
5.	Add 2 cars 4 str 4 x 4		ELU's 50-55
6.	Add 3 x 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	To enable the unit to be mobile. At present it comprises 44 British all ranks and 22 Italian, and the scale of heavy vech allows for only 2 lorries 3 ton.	ELU's 50-55

B. Proposed Amendment to establishment of
AN ITALIAN INCREMENT

TO

A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
(NA/509/1 of 25 August 1944)

Personnel to be Italian

Serial	Amendment proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Units affected by Proposal
7.	Add 6 drivers 1/C	Will be required if above proposals for increase in transport of ELU is approved.	ELU's 50-55

SUBJECT:- Progress Report

52 BLU.

CMF.

17 Oct 44

To:- HQ, 64 Garrison.

A/1/11

1. ESTABLISHMENT

Deficiencies in Establishment on 14 Oct 44 were 2 Officers and 9 O.Rs. Of the 2 Officers deficient the S/Capt REM is urgently required.

2. VEHICLES

No further vehicles have been obtained since last week's report.

RWG/WN

hwh
Major,
DAASOMG.

8091

SUBJECT: - Change of Designation

To: - H.Q.,
Legnano.

52 BLU.

OMF.

12 Oct 44

A/1/10

Please note the name of this Unit has been changed from 'C' British Liaison Unit to 52 British Liaison Unit.

RWG/WW.

hob
Major.
DAA&OMG.

Copy to: - MMIA LO LEGNANO.

Also sent to: *APD Capua*
HR 64 Garrison
5th Master 60 Gen
No. 8. Comd Prov Office

Letter
Ref 4/1/44

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A/119

SUBJECT: Formation of New UnitsMILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E

File No. S/G/29/12

/O Oct 44

TO : A, B, C, and D BUs

1. Attached copy of AFHQ letter, CR/1160/G.1(ER)
(Ser. 0621) of 6 October is forwarded for information.

Maj Gen
M M I A

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Misc.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1160/G.1(Br)(Ser.0621)
6 Oct 44.

'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
(FOR GRUPPI DE COMBATTIMENTI)

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.0683 dated 2 Sep 44).
2. Numbers have now been allotted to the above units by the War Office, and the designations mentioned in the above quoted letter are therefore superseded.
3. The correct designations are:-

<u>Old Designation</u>	<u>New Designation</u>
'A' British Liaison Unit (for Gruppi de Combattimenti.)	50 British Liaison Unit, (for Gruppi de Combattimenti)
'B' -do-	51 -do-
'C' -do-	52 -do-
'D' -do-	53 -do-

General.
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

(as per CR/1160/G.1(BR)(Ser.0683) of 2 Sep 44)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
GR/1160/C.1(BR) (Ser. 0821)
6 Oct 44.

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'B' -do-	51 -do-
'C' -do-	52 -do-
'D' -do-	53 -do-

Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per CR/1160/G.1(BR)(Ser.0683) of 2 Sep 44)

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Misc.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1160/C.1(BR)(Ser. 0621)
6 Oct 44.

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'C'	-do-	52	-do-
'D'	-do-	53	-do-

J. M. H. General
General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per CR/1160/C.1(BR)(Ser. 0683) of 2 Sep 44)

SUBJECT:-- Progress Report

A/1/8

To:-- 64 Garrison.

1.

INTRODUCTION

No Progress Report was rendered for week ending 30 Sep 44, as no considerable changes had taken place since the report for the previous week.

2.

ESTABLISHMENT

Lt-Col. F.A. Elliott M.C., A.& S.R., assumed command of the unit on 23 Sep 44.

Deficiencies in establishment on 7 Oct 44 were 3 Officers and 8 O.Rs. None of the O.R. Signals establishment has yet been posted.

3.

VEHICLES

The unit has still only 1 Roadworthy Jeep in its possession. Other vehicles drawn by 'A' BMT are awaiting the arrival of the Unit's Staff Captain RMLL so that RMLL certificates can be issued. Arrangements are in process by which it is hoped to have additional vehicles shortly, but in the meantime lack of transport is still hampering the Unit.

4.

LIAISON OFFICERS

The Unit is still impeded in carrying out its liaison duties by virtue of the deficiencies in its establishment and its almost complete lack of transport.

Considerable progress has, however, been made and the Specialist officers present are working with their Italian opposite numbers. The Staff Captain RMLL is urgently required.

Three main difficulties are being experienced. (a) The immediate provision of winter clothing. This is most essential as the men are in bivouacs and the weather has been both cold and wet. WMLA and AFHQ have both been approached in this matter and it is hoped a speedy solution may be found though at present the question of responsibility appears to be in doubt.

(b) The provision of training equipment. It appears that only a proportion of training stores will be available by 15 Oct when training is due to begin. This is due to delay in the training and equipment of other Italian groups who need to retain part of the training equipment.

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command of the unit on 25 Sep 44.

Deficiencies in establishment on 7 Oct 44 were 3 Officers and 8 O.Rs. None of the U.R. Signals establishment has yet been posted.

3. VEHICLES

The unit has still only 1 Roadworthy Jeep in its possession, other vehicles drawn by 'A' Bn are awaiting the arrival of the Unit's Staff Captain RMB so that MRA certificates can be issued. Arrangements are in process by which it is hoped to have additional vehicles shortly, but in the meantime lack of transport is still hampering the Unit.

4. LIAISON OFFICES.

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Three main difficulties are being experienced.

(a) The immediate provision of winter clothing. This is most essential as the men are in bivouacs and the weather has been both cold and wet. MIA and AVHQ have both been approached in this matter and it is hoped a speedy solution may be found though at present the question of responsibility appears to be in doubt.

(b) The provision of training equipment. It appears that only a proportion of training stores will be available by 15 Oct when training is due to begin.

This is due to delay in the training and equipping of other Italian groups who need to retain part of the training equipment.

(c) The choice of the training area. The area of Piedimonte is extremely wet and liable to flooding. As only one suit of clothing per man will be issued and no extra training clothing, grave difficulties are foreseen over and above the unsuitability of flooded areas for successful training. An alternative area has been suggested to MIA.

To sheet 2...../

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5.

GENERAL

The Unit is beginning to prove of assistance to the Legnano Group but the desirability of completing the Unit to Establishment is emphasised so that the assistance given can be the maximum possible.

CMF.
12 Oct 44.
RUC/WM.

PWH
Lt-Col.
O.C., 'G' British Liaison Unit.

8056

SUBJECT: Interpreters

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

File No. 5/2/29/8

K Oct 44

✓
A B O D BLUG

1. Attached copy of AFHQ letter, CR/2204/C-1(HR)
is forwarded for information.

Good
Rich
W. H. W. H. W. H.
Maj Gen
M M I A

8085

C O P Y

SUBJECT: InterpretersALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSCR/2284/G-1(ER)5 Oct 44G-2 2nd Echelon

Reference out letter of above number dated 19 Sep and your ORE/R1/BAA/39/356 of 27 Sep 44.

1. The attached copy of G-2 (Org) 223 of 3 Oct 44 and list of interpreters therein referred to are forwarded for necessary action.

2. 'A' 'B' 'C' and 'D' British Liaison Units (Italian Group) are each allowed 2 interpreters (Sjts) on W.E. (NA/508/1). It is therefore requested that interpreters from the attached list be posted as follows:-

'A' B.L.U.	- 1	) Your above-quoted letter posted 1 interpreter to each of these units.
'B' B.L.U.	- 1	
'C' B.L.U.	- 2	
'D' B.L.U.	- 2	
	<u>6</u>	

3. It is requested that copies of posting instructions be issued to this Section and G-2 Section, AFHQ, and to MIA.

Major-General,
D.A.C.
G-1(ER).

Copy to: MIA
G-2(Org)ER.

Outline to W.E.

SUBJECT: W.E. British Liaison Unit. NA/508/1
Italian Increment thereto NA/509/1.

4/1/6

SECRET

Military Mission Italian Army.
 ROME.

S/G/29/12
 Sept 14.

To: "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" & "F" BLU's.

The following amendments have been received:

1. NA/508/1 (a) Add to "Staff and attached to general staff"
 General Staff Officer, 2nd. Grade 1
 This makes total officers 9 instead of 8.
- (b) The letter in brackets alongside the figure 4 in
 the column "Corporals" for operators, wireless and
 line should be (b) not (a), and refers to the note
 "Includes one lance-serjeant."
- (c) Delete the paragraph on vehicles and substitutes:

"Motor-cycles, solo	6
Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	2
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	2
Water trailer, 250-gallons	1

For Rear link signals.

Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, wireless house	2
Lorry 3-ton, 4 x 2 G.S.	1

- (a) Add "This establishment will not be implemented without
 AFHQ authority."

2. NA/509/1 (a) After officer commanding lieutenant, add (a) this note
 (a) is "Must be able to speak English."
- XII/882/1*
- Add "This establishment will NOT be implemented without
 AFHQ authority."

Appendix "C" to MMIA letter
T.S./G/29 dated Sep 44.

PROPOSED

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel

Amdt No.	
Date	
Offers	8
ORs	35
total	43
AMCs	6
Vehicles	10
Trailers	1

	Officers.	Warrant Officers Class I.	Warrant Officers Class II.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Lance Corporals.	Privates.	TOTAL.
STAFF and ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF (a)									
General Staff Officer, 1st grade	1								1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	1								1
Staff officer, R.A., 2nd. grade	1								1
Staff officer, R.E., 3rd. grade	1								1
Staff officer, R. Signals 3rd.	1								1
Gen. Grade <i>(Officer 2nd Grade)</i> SERVICES.									
Deputy assistant director of supplies and transport.	1								1
Deputy assistant director of ordnance services.	1								1
Staff Captain, R.E.M.E.	1								1
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C.									
Clerks, R.A.									
Clerks, R.A.O.C.									
Storeman, R.A.O.C.									
PEAR LINK SIGNALS.									
Serjeant					1				1
Operators, wireless and line operators, cypher.					1				1
Electricians, signals					1				1
Driver operators					1				1
Driver mechanic					1				1

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50 24
50 23
50 21

STAFF (c)

Q. A. Grady, efficient and capable
SERVICES.

Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C.
Clerks, R.A.
Clerks, R.A.O.C.
Storeman, R.A.O.C.

Serjeant
Operators, wireless and line
Operators, cypher.
Electricians, signals
Driver operators
Driver mechanic
Driver IC

Serjeant
Transport N.C.O.
Interpreters
Officers' mess orderly

(a) This appointment may be filled by an Indian Army officer on Indian Army pay and allowances when the Gruppi di Combattimento is employed in conjunction with an Indian Formation.

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Motor cycles, solo
 Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2
 Trucks, 15-cwt, G.S.
 Trucks, 15-cwt, Wireless-Heuse
 Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.
 Water Trailer, 250-gallon

6
 2
 3
 2
 1

see also p. 11

(b) includes 1 lance serjeant.

Note:

1. A general staff officer, 2nd. grade, will be attached from HQ, Army Sub Commission for liaison duties.
2. Drivers, batmen, cooks and orderlies are provided from the Italian Increment to the British Liaison Unit.

See also p. 11

Appendix 'C' to MIA Letter T.S./G/29
dated September, 44.

Amdt No Date	
Offrs ORs	1 21
Total	22
MEs Vehicles Trailers	

AN ITALIAN INCREMENT

TO A

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

DETAIL

	Officers	Warrant Officers Class 1	Warrant Officers Class 11	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance Corporals	Privates	Total
Officer Commanding (lieutenant) <i>(a) that he will be able to speak English</i>	1								1
Duty N.C.O.						1			1
Interpreters						2			2
General Dutymen							1		1
Drivers, IC								3	3
Batmen								5	5
Cooks :- Officers' Mess								5	5
Sergeants' Mess								1	1
Rank and File Mess								1	1
Total, an Italian Increment to a British Liaison unit	1					3	1	17	22

Drivers

77

24 29

Note: This unit is intended for employment under
Command of a British Liaison Unit.

See also amdt.

8032

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Offrs	1
ORs	21
Total	22
MDs	
Vehicles	
Trailers	

Officer Commanding (Lieutenant)
a) must be able to speak English

Duty N.C.O.
Interpreters
General Dutymen
Drivers, IC
Batmen
Cooks :- Officers' Mess
Serjants' Mess
Rank and File Mess

[illegible]

Total, an Italian Increment to a
British Liaison unit

Amiens

Note: This unit is intended for employment under Command of a British Liaison Unit.

See also audit.

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FOR THE B. L. U.

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SECRET

A/1/5

SUBJECT :- Progress Report
-----'C' BLU CMF
A/1/5

28 Sep 44

64 GRW

Ref your A 170/6 of 16 Sep 44.

FMN

1. 'C' BLU started fm under WE NA/508/1 on 11 Sep 44 at PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE.

From that date until midnight 23 Sep 44, the following offrs and ORs had reported for duty :-

Maj	R.W. GWYTHER	DAA & QMG
Maj	J.M.C. MANSON	DADOS

S sjt	YARROW	RAOC
Sjt	CROSBY	RAOC
Sjt	DAY	Adm Sjt
Bdr	NADEN	RA Clerk
L cpl	HABBERSHAW	Mess Cpl
Pte	BOOTH	RAOC Clerk
Pte	DONCASTER	RAOC Clerk

EST

2.

At midnight 23 Sep 44 deficiencies in est were 7 Offrs and 28 ORs. The BLU is not in a posn to carry out its duties until its est is completed and the necessity of immediate completion to such est is emphasised. At present internal org of the BLU forms a full time job for such offrs and men as are present, and little assistance can be given to the Italian Army in its reorg.

ITALIAN INCREMENT

3.

The Italian Increment authorised under WE NA/109/1 has been formed. It is deficient of all mess IO and interpreters authorised under the est.

FMN

1. 'C' BLU started fm under WE NA/508/1 on 11 Sep 44 at PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE.

From that date until midnight 23 Sep 44, the following offrs and ORs had reported for duty :-

Maj	R.W. GWYTHYER	DAA & QMG
Maj	J.M.C. MANSON	DADOS
S sjt	YARROW	RAOC
Sjt	CROSBY	RAOC
Sjt	DAY	Adm Sjt
Bdr	NADEN	RA Clerk
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Pte	BOOTH	RAOC Clerk
Pte	DONCASTER	RAOC Clerk

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ITALIAN INCREMENT

3. The Italian Increment authorised under WE NA/109/1 has been formed. It is deficient of all dtrs IC and Interpreters authorised under the est. These two categories being the most important from the point of view of the BLU, the present value of the Increment is small.

VEHS

4. No vehs have been issued direct to 'C' BLU. On the authority of 3 DISTRICT the following vehs were issued to 'A' BLU on behalf of 'C' BLU :-

1 Jeep	-	Class I
2 Jeeps	-	Class V
3 MGs	-	Class V
1 3 tonner	-	Class unknown.

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4. (Contd)

Owing to the complete lack of tpt or dvrs, considerable difficulty has been experienced in collecting this tpt, but the three Jeeps and three MCs are now in the Unit's possession. Of these only the Jeep Class I is roadworthy and all others will have to be returned as BLR. The Unit holds no towing vehs or repair shops and vehs should not be issued to it unless fit for service. (The Unit has neither the desire nor the facilities to maintain a junk yard). It is essential that the full scale of vehs as per the WE be issued forthwith and that all vehs be thoroughly roadworthy. Without this the Unit cannot carry out its functions and cannot even sp itself.

STORES AND EQPT

5. No G 1098 for Unit eqpt has been issued to the BLU nor has a directive on this subject been received. This is urgently needed so that correct indents can be prepared.

GENERAL

6. It is very desirable that the Unit should be completed to est forthwith so that the growing pains which are inevitable in the LEGNANO DIV, can be dealt with as they occur by the representatives of the Service concerned.

R. L. Smith
Lt-
Col
OC 'C' BLU

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SECRET

SUBJECT : "A", "B", "C", and "D" Brit Liaison Units "A" Brit Liaison Unit

Unit/31

Rt's Sec,
CHQ 2nd Echelon, CMT.

10 Sep 42

In view of the confusion which has arisen over the formation of the above units, it seems that an explanation of the circumstances would clarify the position.

(1) The WE of each unit is as follows :-

	Offrs	S. Njts	Sjts	C. Ls	L. C. Ls	W. Ls	TOTAL
CSO I Lt col	1						1
DAAG G Maj	1						1
SO RA Maj	1						1
SOME Capt	1						1
SO R. sigs Capt	1						1
DADET Maj	1						1
DADOS Maj	1						1
SO RET Capt	1						1
Clerks GD RA. C			1				1
Clerks RA.				1			1
Clerks RAOC		1					1
Storeman RAOC			1				1
Sjt R sigs			1				1
OWL "				1			1
Ops Cypher "				1			1
Electrician "				1			1
Dvr Ops "				1			1
Dvr/Mech "				1			1
Dvr IC				1			1
Sjt Admin			1				1
Tpt NCO			2				2
Interpreters							1
Offrc mess Orderly					1		1
TOTALS	6	1	6	9	3	16	43

(2) Each unit has now at least the skeleton of a staff. Any letters on the postings of personnel etc should now be addressed therefore directly to the unit or units concerned, and not LIA IO (Maj Fielden).

(3) It is requested that copies of correspondence regarding personnel for any or all of these units, which is addressed to other formations should be sent direct to the unit or units.

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(1) The VII of each unit is as follows :-

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>S spts</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>in mlt</u>	<u>Stop</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CSO I Lt col	1						1
DAMAG G Maj	1						1
SO RA Maj	1						1
SO RE Capt	1						1
SO R sigs Capt	1						1
DADST Maj	1						1
DADOS Maj	1						1
SO REIE Capt	1						1
Clerks GD RAOC			1	1			2
Clerks RA					3		3
Clerks RAOC		1			2		3
Storeman RAOC			1				1
Sjt R sigs			1				1
OWL				3	6		9
Ops Cypher "					1		1
Electrician "					2		2
Dvr Ops					1		1
Dvr/leech					1		1
Dvr IC						1	1
Sjt Admin			1				1
Tpt MCC			2				2
Interpreters							
Offrs Mess Orderly				1			1
TOTALS	8	1	6	9	3	16	43

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CIE
TCW/SXB

Copies to : "B", "C", and "D" Brit Liaison Units

MAJ RWR
DAMAG

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SUBJECT :- Plan of New Units

1/1/3
'C' BLU CME

A 1

18 Sep 44

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att.

Receipt is acknowledged of your
letter ref A 170/6 of 16 Sep 44.

wh.
Maj

DAA & QMG-8077

ARMY FORM 02130 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Sel. No.

Priority

Transmiss. Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

MAJ RANSON DADOS '0' BLD

171025

For Action

DADOS BIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

ADOF 57 AUSA - 5 INSPECTORATE OF ARMY EQIT

Originator's No.

JA/2 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Now located at HQ '0' BLD CMF



Message Instructions

CR

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: Formation of 7 Units.

SECRET

A 170/6

16 SEP 1944

'C' & 'D' BLU
c/o Major GELANDI

A-1
File

1. 'C' & 'D' BLU will be formed on VEs as indicated, RA/508/1 and RA/509/1, under the supervision of this HQ in accordance with 3 District letter 104/264 A dated 11 Sep 44.
2. Indents for clothing and equipment will be submitted to 3 District through DADOS Gt. Garrison in respect of British personnel and to 227 Italian Division HQ, copy to Army Commission ILTA, in respect of all Italian personnel.
3. Formation will be completed as early as possible, progress report will be submitted to this HQ on 23 Sep 44 and thereafter every seven days until completed.
4. Please acknowledge receipt.

Field
KREEL/VH

John H. L. L.
Major,
DAA & Gt.
Gt. Garrison.

Copy to Major GELANDI c/o GIL
DADOS
C
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8075

SECRETSUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - MISC

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OR/1160/G-1(BR) (Ser. 0685)
2 Sep 44.

'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' BRITISH LIAISON UNITS (FOR GRUPPI DI COMANDAMENTO)
FOUR ITALIAN INCREMENTS TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS (FOR GRUPPI DI COMANDAMENTO)

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed on W.Es. as shown below, under the supervision of HQ No. 5 District.

Unit	W.E.	With effect from	Serial No. allotted.
'A' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	26 Aug 44	11753
One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11755
'B' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	26 Aug 44	11754
One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11756
'C' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11757
One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11759
'D' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11758
One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11760

(b) Copy of the above mentioned W.Es. may be obtained from . 10 Publications Depot on demand.

(c) The above alphabetical designations will be used pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2.

PERSONNEL

(1) Postings will be effected as follows:-

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|-----------------|--|--|
| (a) Officers | - (1) Lt.Col. & Staff Officers by Dep. Mil. Sec., HQ AIT. | in conjunction with Heads of Services concerned. |
| (b) Other Ranks | (ii) Remainder by G.I.(B), AITQ. - by D.G. GHQ 2nd Echelon | |

(ii) The appointments of GSO.I on W.E. NA/508/1 are subject to War Office approval.

(iii) Italian personnel will be posted in accordance with arrangements to be made by 35 Military Mission.

3.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Instructions for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No. 5 District :-

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|---|--|
| (a) Replacement of clothing, necessities and personal equipment as scale. | in accordance with arrangements to be made by 35 Military Mission. |
| (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1000 (less anti-air scale). | |
| (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required | |

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Unit	W.E.	With effect from	Serial No. allotted.
'A' British Liaison Unit One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	26 Aug 44 26 Aug 44	11753 11755
'B' British Liaison Unit One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	26 Aug 44 26 Aug 44	11754 11756
'C' British Liaison Unit One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	1 Sep 44 1 Sep 44	11757 11759
'D' British Liaison Unit One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	1 Sep 44 1 Sep 44	11758 11760

(b) Copy of the above mentioned W.Es. may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot on demand.
(c) The above alphabetical designations will be used pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL
Postings will be effected as follows:-
(a) Officers - (i) Lt.Col. & Staff Officers in conjunction with by Dep. Mil. Sec., HQ AAI.
(ii) Remainder by G.I(B), AFHQ. Heads of Services concerned.
(b) Other Ranks - by D.G. GHQ 2nd Echelon
(ii) The appointments of GSO.I on W.E. NA/508/1 are subject to War Office approval.
(iii) Italian personnel will be posted in accordance with arrangements to be made by 33 Military Mission.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
Instructions for the following will be submitted in accordance with 8072:
(a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Requirement List issued by G(4.7.), AFHQ.
(d) Transports to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY
Suitable scales will be provided by the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by ADESS., HQ AAI.

5. PAY
(i) to 'D' British Liaison Units will make application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers to the nearest Area or P.D. Cashier.

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6. POSTAL
Postal address will be:-

'A' 'B' 'C' or 'D' British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

7. COMPLETION

- (a) HQ No.3 District will report to G.I(B) A.I Section, AMHQ., when formations are complete.
- (b) If, at the expiration of 21 days from effective date, deficiencies of personnel still exist, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

31 Aug 44

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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SUBJECT: Formation of B.I. Un.

SECRET

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

ROUTED.

3/8/22/12.

9. Sept 12.

To:

"A" BCU

"B" BCU

HSTA LO o/o G. Garrison (2) ✓ (for B. and C. BCU's)

Reference our AD 1465 dated 8 Sept.

Attached for information is a copy of Article
CR/1160/C-1 (or 0655) of 2 September.Wm. J. A.
ChiefW. P. Parley.
Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: - Formation of New Units - WISC

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1160/6-1 (EP) (Ser. 0683)
2 Sep 44.

'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' BRITISH LIAISON UNITS (FOR GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI)
FOUR ITALIAN INCREMENTS IN BRITISH LIAISON UNITS (FOR GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI)

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed on W.E.s as shown below, under the supervision of HQ No. 3 District.

Unit	W.E.	With effect from	Serial No. allotted.
'A' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	26 Aug 44	11753
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11755
'B' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	26 Aug 44	11754
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11756
'C' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11757
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11759
'D' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11758
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11760

(b) Copy of the above mentioned W.E.s. may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot on demand.
(c) The above alphabetical designations will be used pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL

(i) Postings will be effected as follows:-

(a) Officers

(i) Lt-Col. & Staff Officers } in conjunction with
by Dep. Mil Sec. HQ AMI. } Heads of Services
(ii) Remainder by G.I.(B), AFHQ } concerned.
- by DAG CHQ 2nd Echelon }

(b) Other Ranks

(ii) The appointments of GSO.I on W.E. NA/508/1 are subject to War Office approval.
(iii) Italian Personnel will be posted in accordance with arrangements to be made by 33 Military Mission.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No. 3 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personnel equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with instructions issued by O(AM).

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One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11755
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One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11756
'C' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11757
One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11759
'D' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11758
One Italian Increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11760

(b) Copy of the above mentioned W.Es. may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot on demand.

(c) The above alphabetical designations will be used pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL

(i) Postings will be effected as follows:-

(c) OFFICERS

- (i) Lt-Col. & Staff Officers } in conjunction with
by Dep. Mil Sec. HQ AAI. } Heads of Services
(ii) Remainder by C.I.(B), AFHQ } concerned.
- (b) Other Ranks
- (i) by DAC CHQ 2nd Echelon

(ii) The appointments of GSO.I on W.E. NA/508/1 are subject to War Office approval.
(iii) Italian Personnel will be posted in accordance with arrangements to be made by 33 Military Mission.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personnel equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1030 (less anti-gas stores).
- (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q(AE), AFHQ.
- (d) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

Suitable scales will be provided by the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by ADPSS, HQ AAI.

5. PAY

'A' to 'D' British Liaison Units will make application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers to the nearest Area or Pd Cashier.

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POSTAL

Postal address will be:

'A' ('B' 'C' or 'D') British Liaison Unit,
C. I. F.

7.

COMPLETION

(a) HQ No. 3 District will report to C.I.(B) A.I. Section AFHQ, when formations are complete.

(b) If, at the expiration of 21 days from effective date, deficiencies of personnel still exist, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by rank and trades.

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SOP.....for

General

Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre.

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SECRETFormation of New Units - MIS

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
CR/1162/6-1 (BR) (Ser. 0683)
2 Sep 44.

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed on W.E. as shown below, under the supervision of HQ No. 3 District.

Unit	W.E.	With effect from	Serial No. allotted
'A' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	26 Aug 44	11753
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11755
'B' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	26 Aug 44	11734
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	26 Aug 44	11756
'C' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11757
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11759
'D' British Liaison Unit	NA/508/1	1 Sep 44	11758
One Italian increment for British Liaison Unit	NA/509/1	1 Sep 44	11760

(b) Copy of the above mentioned W.E. may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot on demand.
(c) The above alphabetical designations will be used pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL

(1) Postings will be effected as follows:-

- (a) Officers
- (i) Lt-Col. & Staff Officers } in conjunction with
 - by Dep. Mil Sec. HQ A.I. } Heads of Services
 - (ii) Remainder by C.I.(B) AFHQ } concerned.
 - by DAC CHQ and Liaison }

(ii) The appointments of GSO.I on W.E. NA/508/1 are subject to War Office approval.
(iii) Italian Personnel will be posted in accordance with arrangements to be made by 33 Military Mission.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No. 3 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personnel equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. 6.1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
- (c) Any other equipment.

1A' British Liaison Unit (one Italian increment for British Liaison Unit)	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	26 Aug 44 26 Aug 44	11753 11755
1B' British Liaison Unit (one Italian increment for British Liaison Unit)	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	26 Aug 44 26 Aug 44	11754 11756
1C' British Liaison Unit (one Italian increment for British Liaison Unit)	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	1 Sep 44 1 Sep 44	11757 11759
1D' British Liaison Unit (one Italian increment for British Liaison Unit)	NA/508/1 NA/509/1	1 Sep 44 1 Sep 44	11758 11760

(b) Copy of the above mentioned N.E.s. may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot on demand.
(c) The above alphabetical designations will be used pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL
- (i) Postings will be effected as follows:-
- (a) OFFICERS
 - (1) Lt-Col. A Staff (Officers) in conjunction with Heads of Services concerned.
 - (2) by Dep. Mil Sec. HQ A.M.I.
 - (3) Remainder by G.I.(B), AFHQ
 - (b) Other Ranks
 - (1) by HQ GHQ 2nd Echelon

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- (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by G(AM), AFHQ.
- (d) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY
Suitable scales will be provided by the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by ADPSS, HQ A.M.I.

5. PAY
1A' to 1D' British Liaison Units will make application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers to the nearest Area or PA Controller.

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6. POSTAL
Postal address will be:
'A' (B' 'C' or 'D') British Liaison Unit,
C. A. F.

7. COMPLETION
(a) HQ No. 3 District will report to G.1(B) A.I. Section AFHQ, when
formations are complete.
(b) If, at the expiration of 21 days from effective date, deficiencies of
personnel still exist, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies
by rank and trades.

8. ACK
SCD.....for
General
Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre.

1703

Conversion of New Unit.
 SUP. TOP:- Conversion to New T.E.

SECRET

3 District
 Ext 87
 OS/1907

O.C.

"C" British Liaison Unit

9 Sep 44

Reference WHQ letter CR/1160/G-1(BR) (Ser 0683) d/-

1. Immediately you receive your New T.E. No. 2 NA/508/1 2/9/44
 forward a Mobilisation State as shown on app. 'A' to the DDC or
 DADOS of the Area or Sub-Area in which you are located.

2. Intents will not be submitted direct to this Directorate
 but will be forwarded through service channels of appropriate area
 or sub-area, except in the case of Vehicles and Weapons, when the
 demand will be accompanied by a complete Vehicle and Weapons State
 showing surpluses and deficiencies or any items held in lieu.

3. The Mobilisation State will not be regarded as a demand.
 A.F.S. 994 will be submitted for all items required to complete to
 scale.

4. Please forward a copy of progress or completion report
 within 14 days.

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Col
 DDCS
 (F.W. MASON)

Done
 R.W.H.

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SECRET

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPSInstructions to British Officers selected for
Liaison and Training Duties.

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

ROME.

T.S./G/29
1. Sep 44.

OBJECT. These instructions are issued for the information and general guidance of British officers attached to fighting units of the Italian Army. They do not attempt to specify duties in detail and must not be allowed to hamper zeal and initiative of individual officers. They may be quoted to Italian Commanders or staff officers as required.

1. INFORMATION.

- (a) British weapons, transport and equipment are being provided for certain units of the Italian Army which are being organised as self-contained Combat Groups (GRUPPI DI COMEATTIMENTO) of about 9,000 men each.
- (b) The number of groups will depend on the quality of Italian man-power and the quantity of British equipment available in the time at our disposal.
- (c) Certain Italian divisions have been selected each to form the basis of one of these Groups; the concentration reorganisation and re-training of the first two divisions is now taking place.
- (d) British officers are being appointed to each Group for liaison, training and supervisory duties as described in para 4.
- (e) An administrative "tail" to augment Allied L of C and forward maintenance units is being organised separately.

2. INTENTION.

- (a) It is intended to employ these Groups in action (either separately or together) under Allied Formation Commanders at the earliest possible moment.

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2. INTENTION.

- (a) It is intended to employ these Groups in action (either separately or together) under Allied Formation Commanders at the earliest possible moment.
- (b) They are to be lightly equipped, without armour, and will be motor borne except for the Infantry rifle coys. They are not intended to undertake major offensive operations unaided.
- (c) Sufficient Italian supporting troops and administrative services are being made available to Allied commanders concerned.

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- (d) The Italian commanders and staffs are to be responsible for their own internal administration and the tactical handling of units of their groups to the fullest possible extent.
- (e) The internal organisation of groups is to be uniform and as simple and so effective as is commensurate with the above conditions.

3. METHOD.

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 - ii. Training programmes.
 - iii. Reinforcement and other personnel questions.
 - iv. Maintenance.

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- v. Circumstances likely to affect detrimentally the fighting or administrative efficiency of the formation, or the morale of the troops, are promptly prevented, rectified and/or reported to the proper authority.
- vi. In battle, communication with flank and rear formations is maintained.

The B.L.U. will in addition be the primary channel of communication between the Italian H.Q. and superior and flank formations on all questions affecting Italian units in their role as a component part of the Allied Forces.

Sheet 3.

- (b) The Military Mission to the Italian Army (M.M.I.A.) is the sole channel of communication between Allied commanders and the Ministry of War and General Staff (S.M.R.E.). The M.M.I.A. representative (L.O.) at each Group HQ will therefore deal (normally through M.M.I.A.) with all questions affecting Italian personnel in their role as an integral part of the Italian Army. He will maintain the closest possible touch with the officers of the B.L.U. to assure that all essential matters are adequately and properly handled without overlapping or waste of time and effort.
- (c) A training staff is provided by the D.M.T. (in addition to B.L.U.s) during initial reorganisation and training phases to supplement the training given to Italian instructors in British schools and to supervise and report on the standard of training reached. They will be withdrawn as each Group reaches the stage when it can carry on under B.L.U. supervision.

5. TRANSLATION.

- (a) Orders and memoranda are issued in the language of the nation of origin.
- (b) Translation into Italian is the responsibility of the Italian recipient.
- (c) Translation into English of documents and conversation from Italian Groups to English addresses will be the responsibility of the B.L.U. to whom sufficient interpreters are allotted for the purpose.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) All British personnel attached to Italian Combat Groups will be under command of the O i/c B.L.U. and will carry out their technical duties according to normal British procedure.
- (b) O i/c B.L.U. (and M.M.I.A. L.O.) will submit such routine reports etc as are required from time to time by the authorities mentioned in para 4.
- (c) War Diaries will be kept by each B.L.U. and sent monthly to the HQ of the superior formation to which they are allotted.
- (d) Supplies for British personnel will be drawn on British scales in the normal way from nearest British Depots and will not be a charge on the Italian Army.

7. CONCLUSION.

This undertaking may have far reaching effects on our relations with ITALY as well as on the course of the War. Its success depends on the zeal

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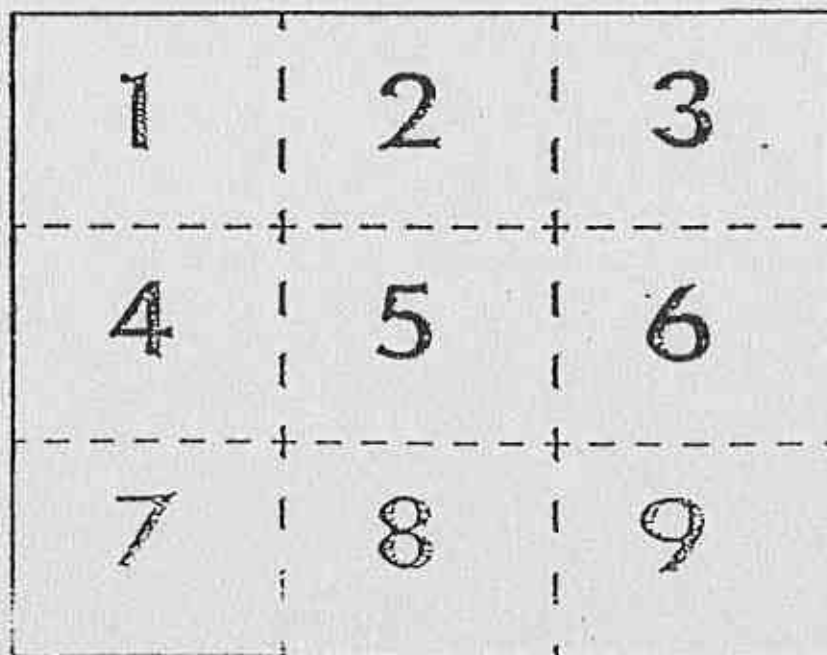
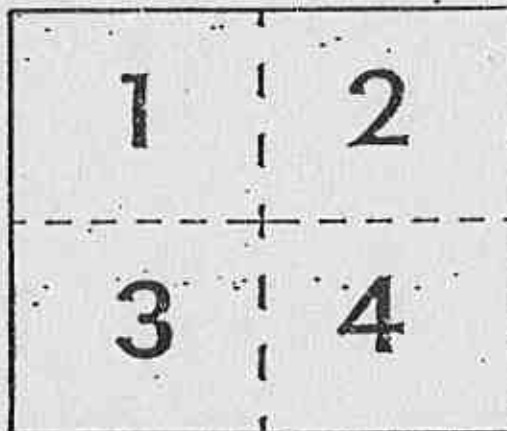
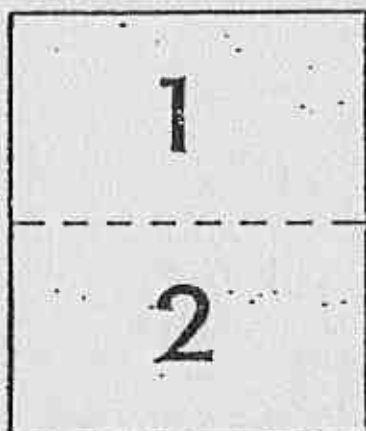
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PERSONNEL, ARMS and MOTOR TRANSPORT.
of
AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Appendix
 T.S. 10/2

	Officers.	O. Rs.	25-pdr.	17-pdr.	40 mm.	6-pdr.	3" mortar.	2" mortar.	L.M.G.	PIAT.	M/Cyclos.	Cars.	Ambulances.	Trucks G.S. 15-cwt.	" Specialist 15-cwt.	" Water 15-cwt.	Lorries 3-ton G.S.	Lorries spec. heavy.	
GROUP H.Q.	28	113									10	7		4	3	1	3		
ARTY REGTL H.Q.	11	74								4	5	4		6	3	1	5		
25 pdr B.H.Q.	7	71							2	2	5	3		1	2	1	7		
2 troops (Each)	4	84	4						2	2	1	1		2	2				
4 batteries (Each)	15	239	8						6	6	7	5		5	6	1	7		
TOTAL PLD Artillery	60	956	32						24	24	28	20		20	24	4	28		
17 pdr B.H.Q.	5	44							2	4	4	4		3		1	2		
2 troops (Each)	2	64		4					2			1		2			2		
TOTAL 1 BATTERY x 17 pdr.	9	172		8					6	4	4	6		7		1	6		
40 mm B.H.Q.	5	41							2	4	5	2		2	1		3		
2 Troops (Each)	4	95			6				2		5	2		1		1	3		
TOTAL 1 BATTERY x 40 mm	13	231			12				6	4	15	6		4	1	2	9		
TOTAL 1 ARTILLERY REGT	93	1433	32	8	12				36	36	52	36		37	28	8	48		
H.Q. Infantry Regt.	15	101								2	10	4		11	1	1	12		
TOTAL MORTAR COY	3	95					8		6		3	1		4					
TOTAL A. TK. GUN COY	6	162				12			2	1	6	1		10					
Inf Bn H.Q.	10	115							6	2	9	2		6			8		
TOTAL support Coy.	6	162				2	4	14	16	6	6	1		8			3		
3 Rifle Coys (Each)	5	155						3	14	4	2			3					
TOTAL Inf Battalion (3)	31	742				2	4	23	64	20	21	3		23		1	11		
TOTAL INF REGT	117	2534				18	20	69	200	63	82	15		94	1	4	45		
TOTAL 2 INF REGTS	234	5168				36	40	138	400	126	164	30		188	2	8	90		
H.Q. Engineer Bn.	6	16							2	3	1	1		2			1		
2 Field Companies (Each)	5	227							12	5	12	2		5	7	1	10	3	
Signals Coy.	7	327						2	8	5	35			16	24		17	2	
TOTAL ENGINEER Bn	23	797						2	34	18	60	5		28	38	2	38	8	
TOTAL SUPPLY COY	13	294							20	20	26	12		5			109		
Medical Section.	14	237									5	6	18				2	15	1
2 Field Hospitals (Each)	6	44										1					4		
TOTAL MEDICAL SERVICES.	26	325									5	8	18				2	23	1
ORDNANCE FIELD PARK.	4	69							4		5	4		4		1	12	17	
Mechanical Engineers Workshop	6	168							4		5	3		11	2	1	13	16	

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TOTAL TECH ENGINEERS	7	279						6	1	19	4			19	2	1	14
																	30
TOTAL 1 COMBAT GROUP (Less CC, RR)	428	8478	32	8	12	36	40	140	500	201	341	106	18	285	73	23	337
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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
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TS/G/29.
28 Aug. 44.

To :- H.E. General OXILIA Under-Secretary of State for War.
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Reorganisation Italian Combat Force.

Your Excellency,

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2. These units are to be organised by you into standard Gruppi di Combattimento in accordance with approved outline war establishments which will be given you. You will be notified from time to time of units selected, as equipment becomes available.

3. The first two units selected are the FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions, which will at once be concentrated by you in the area allotted you east of BENEVENTO for re-organisation and training.

4. The reorganisation required to bring the units of these divisions into conformity with the outline war establishments will be completed as quickly as possible and in any case before 17th. September. Particular care and firmness will be exercised by you in the selection of all officers, N.C.Os and men who are for any reason unsuitable for combat duties. This process will be supervised and assisted by British Liaison Officers who are being sent at once to S. GIORGIO for that purpose.

5. The training of Italian personnel in the operation and maintenance of British weapons, transport and equipment will include the following :-

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- (d) Specialist and administrative training in supply, replacement and other technical details which will be undertaken by British technical units.

Speed and energy are essential during this period which, it is considered, should (for the first two groups) be completed by the end of October provided essential equipment arrives in time.

Sheet 2.

6. The issue of equipment will be made as quickly as possible under arrangements which will be notified separately. In the meantime you are to ensure that all the necessary administrative arrangements are ready for its receipt, distribution and safe custody.

7. The method of employment of these divisions in the line will be notified later when their potentiality can be more definitely assessed in relation to future needs. Meanwhile you may work on the following premises.

- (a) Gruppi will be employed independently under Allied Formation Commanders.
- (b) Necessary Italian supporting arms and maintenance services will be provided under arrangements to be notified separately.
- (c) Gruppi will be capable of moving in its own Motor Transport with the exception of Infantry Rifle Coys.
- (d) Extra transport or special equipment (such as for mountain warfare) will be provided from Allied sources when required subject to operational availability.
- (e) It is not intended that Gruppi will be called on to undertake major offensive operations unaided.
- (f) Gruppi may be required to undertake Internal Security or Garrison duties if the need arises.

8. The selection and preparation of further units for training is now being studied and you will be informed of any decisions reached.

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Major General.

Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
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