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SIGNAL SERIAL NO: 2243

IMPORTANT. O.. DTG-151150A.

FROM: GHQ CMF

ACTION: XAMX IMAS ROME.

INFO: AFHQ.

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YOUR M SD/190/2 OF 11 JAN.

FIRST. SUBJECT TO SMALL ALTERATIONS IN QTY ALL AMN QUOTED IN OUR SD0718 OF 21 JAN MAY BE OFFERED TO ITALIANS LESS THAN THE FOLLOWING SERIAL (H) 37 MM HE SERIAL(1) 37 MMXR MM AP SERIAL (X) 5 POINT 5 IN CHARGE 1/2 SERIAL (Y) 5 POINT 5 IN CHARG2 3/4. FURHTER QTYS OF OTHER SERIALS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE LATER.

SECOND. REQUEST FIRM REPLY BY 22 FEB SINCE DISPOSITION OF AMN WILL OTHERWISE BE RETARDED. WE PROPOSE TO MAKE PART OF 12 OAC MESTRE AVAILABLE FOR ITALIANS.

THIRD. A SEPERATE SIGNAL IS BEING DESPATCHED TO YOU ON THE SUBJECT OF AVAILABILITY OF VEHS.

FOURTH. PLEASE INFORM ITALIANS THAT THE ADDITIONAL GUNS AND AMN FOR POST PEACE TREATY ARMY CANNOT BE SUPPLIED BY US. ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT PRODUCE GUNS THEY WOULD BE USELESS WITHOUT AMN. ADDITIONAL MAINT CAN ONLY BE SUPPLIED THROUGH CIVIL IMPORT PROGRAMME. THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL NATURES OF EQPT.

FIFTH. REQUEST YOU SEND RXRXRX REP TO GHQ SOONEST AFTER RECEIPT OF SIGNAL REFFERRED TO IN PARA THIRD ABOVE TO DISCUSS TAKE OVER OF EQPT AND AMN.

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Orders seen 17 Feb

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Land Forces Sub Commission.AC(EMIA)

SD/109/2

11 Jan 47.

General Headquarters .G(SD).

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6. On the other hand, I understand from the War Office, that, the BRITISH Government are unlikely to be prepared to state the terms on which they will make weapons etc., available to the ITALIAN Government, unless they know the full extent of the ITALIAN requirements. These requirements are now forwarded but it is emphasised that until the approximate cost is known a firm order with the UNITED KINGDOM cannot be placed.

7. In fowarding the full list of ITALIAN requirements, therefore, is appears to me that information under the three following heads are required before the final composition of the Post Treaty ITALIAN Army can be approved by the ITALIAN Government and the final gross order for equipment placed with the BRITISH Government :-

(a) What quantities of arms, 'A' Vehicles and ammunition will become available from surpluses in CMF and BTA. It can be assumed that the ITALIAN Army will accept all material that may be available from these sources within their requirements.

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WEAPONS

Serial	Item	Present WE Entitlement (a)	Present Holdings (b)	Deficiency or surplus against "PRESENT ENTITLEMENT" (c)	Requirements for NEW UNITS projected for POST TREATY ARMY (d)	DEFICIENCY against additional requirements for projected "POST TREATY ARMY" (e)	Required as RES for present and projected Units (f)	Grand Total Deficiencies or requirements (g)
1.	Rifles .303	137,651	137,100	- 551	60,000	60,000	50,000	110,551
2.	LMG Bren	7,286	6,373	- 913	3,000	3,000	2,000	5,913
3.	PIAT	2,453	2,564	+ 111	1,500	1,389	850	1,239
4.1	6 pdr	104	192	+ 88	60	+ 28	40	12
5.	17 pdr	110	113	+ 3	80	77	50	127
6.	25 pdr	312	303	- 9	366	366	160	535
7.	40 mm	206	225	+ 19	172	153	100	253
8.	3.7 AA	5	5	-	200	200	50	250
9.	4.5 Med Gun	-	-	-	66	66	16	82
10.	5.5 Med Gun	5	5	-	66	66	16	82
11.	155 mm Hy Gun	-	-	-	32	32	8	40
12.	7.2 Hy How	-	-	-	32	32	8	40
13.	SP A tk	-	24	-	40	16	10	26
14.	105 mm M7	-	34	-	40	6	10	16

Note :- (a) In addition, Maint Scalings are required for all items in coln (g).

(b) In addition to Maint Scalings, associated stores for all eqpts in coln (g) and relevant SEL stores for units holding these eqpts, are also required.

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Anx 'A' to MIA letter
SD/109/2 Dated 11 Jan 47

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110	113	+ 3	80	77	50	127	
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206	225	+ 19	172	153	100	253	
5	5	-	200	200	50	250	
-	-	-	66	66	16	82	
5	5	-	66	66	16	82	
-	-	-	32	32	8	40	
-	-	-	32	32	8	40	
-	24	-	40	16	10	26	
-	34	-	40	6	10	16	A further forty four Class III guns are held for cannibalisation purposes.

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Appx 'B'

ADDENDUM

As Serial 7A ADD the following :-

Item	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Trucks 15-cwt half track (Armd) personnel	-	-	-	275	275	55	330

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owt half) rmd) 1	-	-	-	275	275	55	330	As Armd OPs for Arty and as two set R/T stations for Sig Bns

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	'A' VEHS							
1.	Hy Tks	-	-	-	75	75	40	115
2.	Med Tks	-	153(a)	-	125	+ 28	60	32
3.	Lt Tks	-	-	-	335	335	85	420
4.	Armd Cs	256	316(b)	+ 60	120	60	90	150
5.	Lt Armd Cs	-	28	-	95	67	25	92
6.	Scout Cars	242	56(c)	- 186	104	104	85	375
7.	Carriers (excl Lloyds)	2,363	1,597(d)	- 766	1,000	1,000	500	2,266
	'B' VEHS							
8.	Portee Type 'B'	104	-	- 104	60	60	40	204
9.	Tk Tptr	-	-	-	65	65	10	75
10.	Matadors	-	-	-	264	264	60	324

NOTES :- (i) In addition Maint Scalings are required for all items in coln (g).

(ii) In addition to Maint Scalings, associated stores for all eqpts in coln (g) and units holding these eqpts, are also required.

(iii) The requirements as shown for Hy and Med Tks, presuppose that the terms of the the holding of tks needed for trg and as res equipment over and above the WE of for trg are incl in figures for "War Res".

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Appx 'B' to MMIA
letter SD/109/2
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-	-	-	75	75	40	115	
-	153(a)	-	125	+ 28	60	32	(a) incl 125 tks with 75 mm guns and 28 tks with 17 pdr guns.
-	-	-	335	335	85	420	
256	316(b)	+ 60	120	60	90	150	(b) in addition 56 Class III are held for cannibalisation.
-	28	-	95	67	25	92	
242	56(c)	- 186	104	104	85	375	(c) in addition 2 Class III are held for cannibalisation.
2,363	1,597(d)	- 766	1,000	1,000	500	2,266	(d) does NOT incl 305 u/s Lloyds at present held and due to be replaced by portees.
104	-	- 104	60	60	40	204	
-	-	-	65	65	10	75	
-	-	-	264	264	60	324	

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AMN REQUIREMENTS

Item	1st & 2nd Line entitlements on present WEs (i)	Trg requirements for twelve months existing units (ii)	Present Holdings	Deficiency or Surplus against present entitlements and trg requirements ((b) minus (a))	Additional requirements for 1st & 2nd line of new units projected for Post Treaty Army (i)	Trg requirements for twelve months for new units for projected Post Treaty Army (ii)	Deficie against require ments f project Post Tr Army ((c minus a surplus (c))
	(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)		(e)
.303 Bdr	14,000,000	18,000,000	32,710,000	+ 710,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	10,290,
.303 Ctn	12,000,000	24,000,000	22,265,000	- 13,735,000	4,000,000	8,000,000	12,000,
.303 Inc	1,400,000	-	2,596,000	+ 1,196,000	400,000	-	+ 796,
.303 Trac	4,200,000	6,000,000	1,940,000	- 8,260,000	1,200,000	2,000,000	11,460,
Signal Red	12,000	21,000	29,000	- 4,000	4,000	7,000	11,
Signal Green	12,000	21,000	31,000	- 2,000	4,000	7,000	11,
Signal Illum	36,000	63,000	78,000	- 21,000	12,000	21,000	33,
49 mm AP	14,000	21,000	10,000	- 25,000	12,000	17,000	29,
49 mm HE	80,000	124,000	215,000	+ 11,000	64,000	99,000	152,
6 pr AP	9,000	16,000	21,000	- 4,000	6,000	10,000	16,
6 pr HE	3,000	5,000	3,000	- 5,000	2,000	3,000	5,
25 pr Smok	7,000	7,500	28,000	+ 13,500	8,500	9,000	4,
25 pr AP	5,000	-	3,000	- 2,000	6,000	-	6,
25 pr HE	63,000	65,000	317,000	+ 189,000	76,000	78,000	+ 35,
25 pr Charges Normal	72,000	75,000	270,000	+ 123,000	86,000	90,000	53,
25 pr Super	13,000	15,000	32,000	+ 4,000	18,000	18,000	32,
25 pr Super Incr	5,000	-	3,000	- 2,000	6,000	-	6,
.300 Cal Brown	3,790,000	2,000,000	4,398,000	- 1,392,000	7,580,000	4,000,000	1,580,
37 mm Time Fuse HE	6,000	4,000	5,000	- 10,000	3,000	2,000	5,
37 mm HE	18,000	12,000	17,000	- 13,000	9,000	6,000	15,
37 mm AP	21,000	14,000	21,000	- 14,000	10,000	7,000	17,
.50 Cal Brown	-	-	-	-	292,000	175,000	467,
75 mm QF (AFV) all types	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	60,
17 pr AP	14,000	14,000	27,000	+ 13,000	15,000	15,000	17,
17 pr HE	1,000	1,000	-	- 2,000	4,000	4,000	8,
105 mm (M7) HE	-	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	18,
105 mm (M7) HE A tk	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	2,
105 mm (M7) Smok	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	2,
PIAT HE Bom	60,000	350,000	5,000	- 405,000	37,000	110,000	147,
PIAT Trg Bomb	-	15,000	-	- 15,000	-	5,000	5,
PIAT Propelling Charges(Trg)	-	90,000	-	- 90,000	-	30,000	30,
PIAT Safety Devices (Trg)	-	90,000	162,000	+ 162,000	-	30,000	+ 72,

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(a)				(d)				
11,000,000	18,000,000	32,710,000	+ 710,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	10,290,000	11,000,000	21,290,000
12,000,000	24,000,000	22,265,000	- 13,735,000	4,000,000	8,000,000	12,000,000	29,000,000	50,735,000
1,400,000	-	2,596,000	+ 1,196,000	400,000	-	+ 796,000	2,500,000	1,704,000
4,200,000	6,000,000	1,940,000	- 8,260,000	1,200,000	2,000,000	11,460,000	7,000,000	18,460,000
12,000	21,000	29,000	- 4,000	4,000	7,000	11,000	64,000	75,000
12,000	21,000	31,000	- 2,000	4,000	7,000	11,000	60,000	73,000
36,000	63,000	78,000	- 21,000	12,000	21,000	33,000	100,000	154,000
14,000	24,000	19,000	- 25,000	12,000	17,000	29,000	4,000	58,000
80,000	124,000	215,000	+ 11,000	64,000	99,000	152,000	185,000	337,000
9,000	16,000	21,000	- 4,000	6,000	10,000	16,000	14,000	34,000
3,000	5,000	3,000	- 5,000	2,000	3,000	5,000	2,000	12,000
7,000	7,500	28,000	+ 13,500	8,500	9,000	4,000	125,000	129,000
5,000	-	3,000	- 2,000	6,000	-	6,000	22,000	28,000
63,000	65,000	317,000	+ 189,000	76,000	78,000	+ 35,000	1,350,000	1,315,000
72,000	75,000	270,000	+ 123,000	86,000	90,000	53,000	1,450,000	1,503,000
13,000	15,000	32,000	+ 4,000	18,000	18,000	32,000	105,000	137,000
5,000	-	3,000	- 2,000	6,000	-	6,000	22,000	30,000
3,790,000	2,000,000	4,398,000	- 1,392,000	7,580,000	4,000,000	11,580,000	4,500,000	17,472,000 ¥
6,000	4,000	5,000	- 10,000	3,000	2,000	5,000	12,000	27,000 @
18,000	12,000	17,000	- 13,000	9,000	6,000	15,000	36,000	64,000
21,000	14,000	21,000	- 14,000	10,000	7,000	17,000	42,000	73,000 ø
-	-	-	-	292,000	175,000	467,000	375,000	842,000
-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	60,000	35,000	95,000 ↓
14,000	14,000	27,000	+ 13,000	15,000	15,000	17,000	36,000	53,000 ≠
1,000	1,000	-	- 2,000	4,000	4,000	8,000	4,000	14,000
-	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	18,000	54,000	72,000
-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	2,000	6,000	8,000
60,000	350,000	5,000	- 405,000	37,000	110,000	147,000	100,000	652,000
-	15,000	-	- 15,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	20,000
-	90,000	-	- 90,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	120,000
-	90,000	192,000	+ 192,000	-	30,000	+ 72,000	-	-

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Appx 'C'

ADDENDUM

Item	(a) (i)	(a) (ii)	(b)	(c)	(d) (i)	(d) (ii)	(e)
3.7 in AA HE	-	3,200	-	- 3,200	43,200	40,000	83,200
3.7 in AA AP	-	400	-	- 400	4,400	4,000	8,400
4.5 in Med HE Shell	-	-	-	-	10,300	10,300	20,600
4.5 in Charge 1 (Med)	-	-	-	-	2,600	2,600	5,200
4.5 in Charge 3 (Med)	-	-	-	-	10,300	10,300	20,600
4.5 in Fuz (Med)		As laid down in latest scales for this theatre.					
4.5 in Tub (Med)							
5.5 in Med HE Shell	-	1,000	-	- 1,000	10,300	9,300	19,600
5.5 in Charge 2 (Med)		According to proportion of 100 lb and 80 lb shell, and latest theatre scales.					
5.5 in Charge 4 (Med)							
5.5 in Super (Med)							
5.5 in Fuz (Med)							
5.5 in Tub (Med)							
155 mm Hy Shell HE	-	-	-	-	4,400	4,400	8,800
155 mm Smok (Hy)	-	-	-	-	160	160	22[illegible]
155 mm Cart Super (Hy)	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	10,000
155 mm Fuz (Hy)		As laid down in latest scales for this theatre.					
155 mm Primers (Hy)							
7.2 in How Shell HE	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	6,000
7.2 in Cart III (How)		As laid down in latest scales for this theatre.					
7.2 in Cart IV (How)							
7.2 in Cart V (How)							
7.2 in Fuz (How)							
7.2 in Tub (How)							
3 in M.10 SP HE	-	-	-	-	3,800	3,800	7,600
3 in M.10 SP AP	-	-	-	-	1,300	1,300	2,600

NOTE :- ø Divided between 100 lb and 80 lb shell according to latest theatre proportions.

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(a) (i)	(a) (ii)	(b)	(c)	(d) (i)	(d) (ii)	(e)	(f)	(g)
-	3,200	-	- 3,200	43,200	40,000	83,200	96,000	182,400
-	400	-	- 400	4,400	4,000	8,400	2,000	10,800
-	-	-	-	10,300	10,300	20,600	100,000	120,600
-	-	-	-	2,600	2,600	5,200	25,000	30,200
-	-	-	-	10,300	10,300	20,600	100,000	120,600
	As laid down in latest scales for this theatre.							
-	1,000	-	- 1,000	10,300	9,300	19,600	100,000	120,600 ϕ
	According to proportion of 100 lb and 80 lb shell, and latest theatre scales.							
-	-	-	-	4,400	4,400	8,800	48,000	56,800
-	-	-	-	160	160	220	2,000	2,320
-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	52,000	62,000
	As laid down in latest scales for this theatre.							
-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	6,000	35,000	41,000
	As laid down in latest scales for this theatre.							
-	-	-	-	3,800	3,800	7,600	6,000	13,600
-	-	-	-	1,300	1,300	2,600	6,000	8,600

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Attachment to Appx '[illegible]' to MLA letter S[illegible]/2 Dated 11 Jan 47

NOTES

¥ Calculated on 500 weapons at present and 1,000 future. Total 1,500 for calculation of War Res.

@ Calculated on 256 weapons at present and 144 future. Total 400 for calculation of War Res.

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{ HE and AP to be allotted in accordance with current theatre proportions.

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Col (f) on 190 towed guns and 40 tks.

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(iii) ~~Where~~ BRITISH figures for Contact Rates are based on rg Div, basis is six Inf Divs (6/1), one Armd Div (1/2), eleven Inf Bde Gps (11/3), plus equivalent of one other Div to cover services etc (1/1).

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Appendix
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ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY PROPOSALS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE POST PEACE TREATY ARMY.

FORMATIONS	No.	Post Peace Treaty Army Composition	No.	Interim Army (for comparison Comparison
Infantry Divisions	6	Generally as for a British Division	5	2 Inf, Bdes and 2 Fd Ar otherwise generally on
Armoured Division	1	Generally as for a British Armd. Division but scaled down in proportion to the number of tanks allowed	Nil	
Internal Security Bdes	Nil		3	Two Infantry Regts and
Independent Bde Gps.	11	One Inf. Regt, One composite Arty Regt, Recce Squadron of Light tanks and Armoured Cars.	10	One Inf. Regt.
Heavy Artillery Group	1	3 Regts each { 8 x 7.2. Howz. 8 x 155 guns	Nil	
Medium Artillery Group	4	1 Regt 16 x 5.5. Howz 1 Regt 16 x 4.5 Guns	Nil	
Heavy A.A. Group	4	2 Regts each 24 Hy AA Guns	Nil	
Corps Engineers, Signals and Services.			Nil	

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Appendix 'D' to AMLA
letter SD/109/2 dated 11 Jan 47

ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY PROPOSALS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE POST PEACE TREATY ARMY

Post Peace Treaty Army		Interim Army (for comparison)	
No.	Composition	No.	Comparison
5	Generally as for a British Division	5	2 Inf. Bdes and 2 Fd Arty Regts only, otherwise generally on British Lines.
1	Generally as for a British Armd. Division but scaled down in proportion to the number of tanks allowed	Nil	
Nil		3	Two Infantry Regts and Composite Arty Bty.
11	One Inf. Regt, One composite Arty Regt, Recce Squadron of Light Tanks and Armoured Cars.	10	One Inf. Regt.
1	3 Regts each { 6 x 7.2. Hows. / 3 x 155 guns	Nil	
4	1 Regt 16 x 5.5. Hows 1 Regt 16 x 4.5 Guns	Nil	
4	2 Regts each 24 Hy AA Guns	Nil	
		Nil	

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SD/109/1/EF

13 Feb 47.

Allied Force Headquarters

Subject:- Equipment for the ITALIAN Army.

Ref this HQ SD/109/2 dated 11 Jan 47. EMEL

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3. No promises have been made to equip the ITALIAN Post Peace Treaty Army and in the past it has been made clear that the ITALIANS could only hope to obtain material globally surplus. It has, however, always been considered that when ALLIED Troops withdrew from the country, the ITALIAN Army would be left with sufficient equipment and ammunition to enable it to stand on its own feet and to give it the semblance of being a fighting force.

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At Appx 'B' is shown the minimum requirements in weapons over and above what the ITALIANS may already hope to receive from CMT, DTA & FBS for:-

(i) Existing ITALIAN Army
(ii) Additional units as per Appx 'A'

At Appx 'C' is a note on the ~~[illegible]~~ situation and ~~[illegible]~~ requirements.

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Appendix 'A' to Land Forces
Sub Section letter SD/109/1
dated 13. Feb 47

Reasonable requirements for Additional
Units to be included in ITALIAN Post
Treaty Army

Four	-	Heavy A.A. Regts	see Note.1.
Two	-	Medium or Heavy Regts (any types)	see Note.2.
Two	-	Tank Regts (Bdes))	
One	-	S.P. A/Tk. Regt)	see Note.2.
One		S.P. Fd. Arty. Regt)	
Two		A/Tk. Regts)	see Note .3.
Two.	-	L.A.A. Regts)	
Five	-	25 pr. Fd.Arty. Regts.	see Note.4.

above are listed in order of priority.

NOTES.

1. H.A.A. At present ITALY has a small fighter Air Force and NO A.A. Defence. Her prospects, in event of hostilities with an enemy possessing an Air Force can only be described as "dismal". Admittedly the problem of adequate air defence of a country the size of ITALY is so vast that a few A.A. guns or fighter planes can make little or no difference to the result. But against this must be set the morale value of even a token A.A. defence, and the value of having personnel who have had some training and are available if expansion becomes necessary.
Pious as the hope may be, it is possible that an enemy may confine his air attack to his adversary's military forces only, for fear of reprisals by that adversary's ally or by forces at the disposal of a United Nations' organisation.
Lastly it must be remembered that it is the ALLIES themselves who have up to now refused to allow H.A.A. or Medium and/or Heavy Arty. to be included in the INTERIM Army.
There would seem a very real need for both in an Army that is now to stand on its own feet.

2. 200 Medium or Heavy Tanks are allowed under terms of Peace Treaty. I consider that an organisation of Two Tank Regts/Bdes each consisting of approximately 100 Tanks and One Motorised Inf. Bn, supported by S.P. Fd. Arty Regt. and an S.P. A/Tk. Regt., is the minimum requirement for an efficient organisation.
Lt.Tanks, in addition to being included in the Tank formations, could be used for training purposes, thus saving the 200 Medium and Heavy Tanks for operational use.

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(any types)

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3. Assuming that the Post Treaty Army consists of 5 Inf. Divisions and an Armoured formation, it is necessary for two formations corresponding to Corps, to be created. For this, I consider it is reasonable, on the basis of one per Corps formation, to ask for:-

2 Medium or Heavy Arty. Regts.
2 A/Tk. Regts.
2 L.A.A. Arty. Regts.

4. The present INTERIM ITALIAN Army consists of :-

(a) 5 Combat Divs. each of 2 Inf. Regts/Bdes
2 Fd. Arty. Regts.

(b) 10 Independent Inf. Regts.

(c) 5 Internal Security Bdes each of 2 Regts.

In the Post Treaty Army the ITALIANS wish each Combat Division to be composed of :-

3 Inf. Rgts/Bdes.
3 Fd. Arty. Regts.

The units at present in category (b) & (c) will be used for any additional infantry required in the Post Treaty Army, but I consider, that, the 3 additional Fd. Arty. Regts are a reasonable requirement.

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Appx 'E' to Land Forces
Sub Section letter
SD/109/1 /LF dated 13 Feb 47.

Minimum Requirements in WEAPONS for ITALIAN Army additional to what has been reported available from CMF, BTA, & PBS.

Weapons (1)	INTERIM Army needs (2)	Post Peace Treaty Army needs (3)	Totals columns 2 & 3 (4)
Rifles.303.	55,000	-	55,000
LMG.Bren	2,500	-	2,500
PIAT	400	500	900
17 Pr.	25	40	65
25 Pr.	80	150	230
40 mm	-	100	100
3.7.AA.	-	130	130
Medium or Hvy. Arty.(any type)	-	50	50
S.P. A/Tk. Arty.	-	24	24.
Lt.Tks.	-	200	200
Lt.Transporters	-	25	25.

NOTE: Column 2 is based on W.E. entitlement plus a small reserve of weapons against wastage.

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Appx 'C' to Land Forces Sub
Section letter SD/109/1/LF
dated 13 Feb 47

AMMUNITION

1. Total requirements for the INTERIM Army have been based on 1st and 2nd Line Scales, plus a reserve at two months contact rates, plus a moderate allowance for Training expenditure for one year.

2. On this assessment, shortages of all types exist, over what may be available in this theatre, the most outstanding being :-

15 million rds of .303 SAA
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5 million rds of .300 Browning

3. It must be borne in mind that there is no method of replenishing stocks of ammunition for BRITISH weapons (which are the principle armament of the INTERIM Army), other than from ALLIED Depots. When existing stocks are exhausted the Army will become completely non effective.

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S E C R E T

Appx 'D' to Land Forces
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Reported Availabilities ex CMF, BTA and PDS

	CMF	BTA	PDS	Total.
'A' Vehicles.				
Med. Tks.	159	-	56	215
Lt.Tks.	5	-	26	31
Weapons				
S.P. A/Tk (M.18)	25	-	-	25
105 mm SP(M.7)	35(a)	-	-	35 (a)

(a) In addition 43 Cl.3. vehicles are held for cannibalisation purposes.

Ammunition				
.303 all natures	15,800,000	-	-	15,800,000
PIAT HE	50,000	-	-	50,000
" Trg Bomb	3,000	-	-	3,000
" Trg Charges	23,000	-	-	23,000
40mm A.P.	9,000	-	-	9,000
H.E.	96,000	-	-	96,000
37mm H.E.	22,000	-	-	22,000
A.P.	8,000	-	500	8,500
.5. Browning	325,000	-	32,000	357,000
75 mm	-	-	32,000	32,000
17 Pr. A.P.	-	-	26,000	26,000 +
H.E.	-	-	110,000	110,000 +
105. HE	19,000	20,000	160,000	199,000
HE. A/Tk.	8,000	450	3,800	12,250
Smk.	4,000	1,200	10,000	15,200

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H.E.	96,000	-	-	96,000
37mm H.E.	22,000	-	-	22,000
A.P.	8,000	-	500	8,500
.5. Browning	325,000	-	32,000	357,000
75 mm	-	-	32,000	32,000
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