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Admin. Courses ITI Officers

Opened Feb 16, 1945. Closed March 4, 1945

Man Management Courses

Syllabus.

II Messing

- (a) The standard ration. Of what it consists. Allied provided items. Italian provided items. Supplementary items. What they are and how they may be obtained. Method of supply from the Unit point of view. Preparation of Indents.

Note : The exact quantity of each item of the ration should be exhibited as a visual aid to the student.

- (b) Distribution. Central food store. Food. Preparation Rooms. In rear areas centralised cooking. In fwd. areas Detachment cooking. Careful supervision of breakdown of rations for issue to detachments. The field kitchen. The importance of hot food. Where necessary the use of hay boxes.

- (c) Cooking. The need for specialists. How units can obtain trained cooks. The preparation of food. Duties of Unit Messing Officer. Menus to be planned and approved in advance. Specimen menus. Avoidance of waste. Need to provide for men whose duties prevent their attendance punctually at meal times. Officers to attend meals, and satisfy themselves there are no grounds for complaint. Haversack rations, how they can be improved.

Summary. three lectures as above followed by visit to selected ~~Cookhouse~~ house and demonstration field ovens, etc.

III. Clothing and Equipment.

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~~Handouts~~

Unit equipment.

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Requires fitting. Care in maintenance. cleaning materials. Local repairs. Kit inspections. Importance of salvage. Italian factories. Absolute necessity for economy.

Note : this lecture to be illustrated by exhibits of clothing and equipment to show the right and the wrong way to fit, etc.

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Summary 1 Three lectures as above followed by visit to appropriate stores Depot.

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Subject: German Interior Economy - Italian Army.

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1. It has been decided by the G.O.C. that the War Ministry be required to initiate courses for Italian Army Regimental Officers at which the Syllabus attached as App "A" will be covered.

The scheme has the approval of GTH; to whom the draft is to be submitted for final vetting.

2. You are requested to elaborate the points mentioned in App "A" and submit as soon as possible to G(03) the framework of lectures and/or demonstrations to be given. Sufficient detail is required to enable the War Ministry to prepare in full "Standard" lectures on the subject.

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14 Mar

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E. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Colonel, DAB/03
MIA

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APPENDIX "A" to NSIA
3/9/15/1 dated 16 Feb 45.COURSE FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF ITALIAN OFFICERS.

- (i) Bar-Discontent and Morale. A
- (ii) Organisation and control of instructions regarding feeding, including Allied rations and Italian supplements etc.
- General Directives.
 - Composition of standard type rations and special supplements which may be granted on Allied authority to Italian troops in special circumstances.
 - Allied imported articles and It. local resource items.
 - Food supplies for It. Armed Forces (personnel, organisation procedure). Procedure for issue Allied foodstuffs (NSIA) instructions on organisation of supplies to It. Armed Forces).
 - Supplies of supplementary items (Ser Ministry letter 15710/2.1 - 7.12.44).
- (iii) Organisation and procedure for supply of equipment, clothing etc. including Allied equipment supplied by Allies.
- (a) Supply of clothing and equipment, general services, barracks stores, cooking material
 - Allied.
 - Italian.
 - (b) Issue
 - to units under Allied control.
 - to units not under Allied control (including OC SR even if under Allied control).
 - (c) Forms for requests or intents.
 - (d) Instruction regulating entry of Allied Material in It. Depots, rules for issue, transfers from one depot to another, etc. (Circular II/21469 - 17/10/44 and Admin Instruction No. 11).
- (iv) Personal and General Hygiene.
- Feeding of the soldier from an energy point of view, (composition of daily rations, protein calory yield, carbon hydrates and fats, rations on vitamins and main diseases due to lack of vitamins).
 - Personal hygiene-control of individual hygiene (collective medical inspection).

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PART 2

- Notions on venereal diseases and most usual infective diseases and forms of contagion.
- Prophylactic measures to be adopted in cases of V.D., infective and contagious diseases (anti-venereal salts, principal means of disinfection.)
- Baths, their need from a hygienic point of view and available means (Field Baths, mobile Baths, sea bathing).
- Clothing of soldiers in accordance with season and climate.
- Notions on water and its potability - chemical and physical agents available for the sterilisation of water.
- Sanitation of camps and billets.
- Hygienic rules for life in barracks and in camps - cures for sun stroke and freezing.

(v) Discipline and Regulations

Main notions on:-

- Discipline regulations.
- Military penal code in war time.
- Rules for life in barracks.
- Good Transport.
- Traffic control and troops movement in war time.
- Instruction on Anglo-American clothing and equipment.
- War service movement and billeting of troops.

(vi) Soldiers Pay and Allowances.

- Strength administered.
- Identity book and situation reports.
- Ledgers, diaries - unit accountancy.
- Men's laundry.
- Basic Pay of soldiers (cases in which pay is stopped).
- Allowances: Operational allowance - 45 special allowance 32 Heavy labour allowance 20.

(vii) Welfare

- Need for welfare

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- Allied organizations.
- Central and local organizations.
- Mobile and permanent canteens. Soldiers shops.
- Morale welfare for soldiers and patriots.
- Visits to Allied Welfare organizations in G.M. and in provincial units.
- Showing of Allied films.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.713/119 GCT-0

4 March 1945

SUBJECT: Improvement of Efficiency - Italian Officers

TO : President
Allied Commission
APO 394
(FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (LWIA))

1. Reference is made to your S/G/15/1 of 16 February 1945.
2. The project advanced in the above letter for raising the standard of man management in the Italian Army is agreed in principle.
3. In working out details of the scheme, it is requested that close contact be maintained with DMT.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. FRISKE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Improvement of the efficiency
of Italian Officers

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
File No. S/G/15/1
16 Feb 45

A.F.H.Q.

1. I have been considering for some time what we can do to improve the efficiency of Italian Officers, and recently discussed the matter with Gen. ROBERTSON and Gen NOCE.
2. It is evident that we cannot attempt anything very ambitious at this stage of the war and with the material we will try to improve. But I think we can do something to instil ideas of man-management and all that goes with it.
3. I have discussed the matter with the Ministry of War and as a result propose the following:-
 - (a) To hold a course of 2 weeks duration in the area of each Italian Adm Div for Italian Officers, regimental and Staff, up to inclusive the rank of Lt. Col.
 - (b) The course to be "standardised" on a uniform basis throughout ITALY, and be run by the Italians under the general supervision and with the assistance of the Allied Commanders (Districts and Armies) concerned.
 - (c) Curriculum to be as per Appendix "A".
 - (d) Lectures or notes for lectures to be written out in both English and Italian. MIA will assist M of W in this and AFHQ will "vet" before issue to both Italian and Allied Commanders.
 - (e) Instructors and accommodation to be produced by Italian Commanders from within their Adm Divs.
4. Do you approve the project generally?

If so, I will take steps to have it worked out in more detail for your approval.

trs.LB.

/s/ L. Browning
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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