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EME/1601 TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

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Armed Sep. Guerrillas Photographs

		continued		
Navy				
Marine	13	16	97	12
Army	18	136	205	—
Police	21	22	30	33
Paramilitary Special Police	8	1	10	—
Military Intelligence Detachment	8	16	19	—
Civ Officers NCO Sketch	23	67	230	—
School Students Photographs	101	263	855	45
Total				
Scouts Searchers with Photographs	5	1	8	—
	126	254	862	45

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Subject :- Site for Training Centre.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
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MIR/1601
January.46.

To : 'G' & 'Q'

Attached is a sketch of part of the area of CYCOHIGHWAY showing the plot which is wanted for the Motorisation Repair Training Centre. It is requested that this portion be reserved for this purpose.

Lt.Col.
A.D.M.S.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Training of Specialists.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
MML/1601
26 January 1946

Direzione Generale Artiglieria
e Motorizzazione,
Ministry of War.

I have received sumary proposals from the Divisione Corpo Automobilistico regarding the technical training of recruits for the MT Workshops of the Italian Army, after these recruits have completed their initial training at a C.A.R. These proposals which made use of a number of schools throughout the Territorial Commands seem to be open to the objections that there can be little uniformity in the standards of training at different schools, and that the supervision of these schools represents an extra burden for the Director of Repairs at H.Q. Territorial Command. These Officers are I believe appointed mainly for their ability to re-activate and to control MT Workshops, and not particularly for their skill in controlling centres of instruction.

I recommend to you therefore that you should set up a Motorisation Repair Training Centre near ROME where centralised technical training of recruits for the MT Workshops can be carried out. In this way a close watch can be kept on the standard of training given which is very important when forming a new Army, and at the same time a uniform standard of training can be imparted. Supervision by your officers of the training given will also be simplified if the Centre is close to ROME.

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A reconnaissance of CECCHIGNOLA was carried out early in January but the site then selected is occupied by the Signal School and I learn that there is little chance of this vacating the premises.

A second reconnaissance was carried out on the morning of 22 January at CECCHIGNOLA at which I had hoped Lieutenant Colonel MORANI would be present. Buildings as shown on the attached sketch were viewed and have been reserved for the Motorisation Repair Centre should you decide to locate it there. It is understood that about 500 recruits will be allocated to the MT Repair Service and the buildings shown should be excellent when considering the layout of classrooms, workshops, offices and accomodation for the students. I imagine that accomodation for the officers and the instructors will be no more difficult than in the case of the two Schools already

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at CECCHIGNOLA.

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In passing I would point out that there will probably be space in the buildings indicated for the E & M school which I understand you are moving from CIVITAVECCHIA.

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SCHOOL OF MOTORIZATION

Includes:

1. HQ and Platoon of HQ
2. Subpoils' (a) Drivers' School (2 bns)
   (b) School for mechanics and arty technicians
   (c) School for specialists for repairs
   (d) School of instructors of motorization
   (e) Superior school of motorization
   (f) School for drivers of armored cars and tanks
   (g) Company Cadet Officers
   (h) Company Cadet NCOs.
3. Truck Company.

	Offrs	NCOs	Offs	Total	Civs.
1. HQ and Platoon HQ					
C.C. (Colonel) (1)	1	-	-	1	-
2nd in Command (Lt Col)	1			1	
Staff Officers (2)	4	-	-	4	-
Chaplain	1	-	-	1	-
Clerks, typists and various personnel for the Command	-	-	-	-	-
Draughtsman	-	5	8	13	-
	-	-	2	2	2
Platoon HQ					
C.C. (inferior officer)	1	-	-	1	-
Personnel with various tasks (cooks, waiters for the mess, NCI orderlies)	-	4	76	80	12
Truck Company (3)					
Drivers, mechanics etc.	-	1	10	11	-
	8	10	96	114	14

Personnel for the Command Headquarters	-	5	8	12	-
	-	-	2	2	2
Platoon HQ					
O.C. (inferior officer)	1	-	-	1	-
Personnel with various tasks (cooks, waiters for the mess, NCO orderlies)	-	4	76	80	12
Truck Company (3)					
Drivers, mechanics etc.	-	1	10	11	-
	8	10	96	114	14

2. Schools

(a) Drivers School

HQ - Chief Instructor (Superior Offr)	1	-	-	1	-
Staff Offr (Inf offr)	1	-	-	1	-
Personnel for various tasks	-	1	3	4	-
	2	1	3	6	-

(1) Belonging to HEM or to CA or to Armd Inf.
(2) Of which 1 Medical and 1 Administrative.
(3) 2 cars, 2 trucks, 4 motorcycles

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School of Motorization (cont)

	Offrs	NCOs	ORs	Total	Civs.
Battalion Cadet Drivers					
HQ					
O.C. (Superior Offr)	1	-	-	1	-
Adjutant	1	-	-	1	-
Medical Offr	1	-	-	1	-
Various personnel	-	2	4	6	-
	3	2	4	9	-
Drivers' Coy					
O.C. (Capt)	1	-	-	1	-
Accounting NCO	-	1	-	1	-
Various personnel	-	1	4	5	-
4 pltns - ea having 4 squads - (ea squad 16 cadet drivers)	4	16	16	36	-
	5	18	20	43	-
4 Companies	20	72	80	172	-
Total Bn Cadet drivers	23	74	84	181	-
2 bns Cadet drivers	46	148	168	362	-
Total of Drivers' School	48	149	170	368	-
(b) School of Mechanics and Arty Specialists					
Instructors - Capt	1	-	-	1	-
Inf offrs (1 belonging to Arty)	3	-	-	3	-
NCOs (3 belonging to Arty)	-	22	-	22	-
Junior NCOs (3 belonging to Arty)	-	-	14	14	-
Specialised technicians	-	-	-	-	10
Storemen	-	1	3	4	-
Clerks	-	1	2	3	-
Total School of Mechanics	4	24	19	47	10

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Total Bn Cadet drivers	23	74	84	181	-
2 bns Cadet drivers	46	148	168	362	-
Total of Drivers' School	42	149	170	360	-
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NCOs (3 belonging to Arty)	-	22	-	22	-
Junior NCOs (3 belonging to Arty)	-	-	14	14	-
Specialised technicians	-	-	-	-	10
Storemen	-	1	3	4	-
Clerks	-	1	2	3	-
Total School of Mechanics	4	24	19	47	10
(c) School specialised for repairs					
Instructors - Superior Offr (SZM or CA)	1	-	-	1	-
Capts	2	-	-	2	-
Inferior Offrs	4	-	-	4	-
Chief Technicians	-	-	-	-	5
NCOs (Chiefs of W/Shops and chiefs of mechanics)	-	6	-	6	-
Specialised technicians	-	-	-	-	22
Draughtsmen	-	-	-	-	2
Clerks and various services	-	2	4	6	2
Total School specialised for repairs:	7	8	4	19	29
	21	22	30		33
Centre Studi	2	2	3	7	4

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School of Motorisation (cont)

	Offrs	NCOs	Ors	Total	Civs.
(d) School of Instructors of Motorisation.					
Instructors - Superior Offrs	1	-	-	1	-
Capts	3	-	-	3	-
Inferior offrs	4	-	-	4	-
Clerks	-	1	2	3	-
Total School of Instructors of Motorisation:	8	1	2	11	-
(e) Superior School of Motorisation.					
Instructors - Lt Col	1	-	-	1	-
Superior offrs	4	-	-	4	-
Clerks	-	1	2	3	-
Total Superior School:	5	1	2	8	-
(f) School for drivers of Armoured Cars and Tanks.					
Instructors - Capt	1	-	-	1	-
Junior Offrs	4	-	-	4	-
NCOs	-	16	-	16	-
Junior NCOs	-	-	16	16	-
Various personnel, accounting, storemen etc.	-	2	2	4	-
Total School for drivers of Armoured Vehs:	5	18	18	41	-
(g) Company of Cadet Officers.					
O.C. (Capt)	1	-	-	1	-
Junior Officers	2	-	-	2	-
NCOs	-	3	-	3	-
Junior NCOs and various personnel of unit (Cadet officers 40)	-	-	6	6	-
Total Coy of Cadet Officers:	3	3	6	12	-

various personnel, accounting, storemen etc.	-	2	2	4	-
Total School for drivers of Armoured Veh:	5	18	16	41	-
(g) Company of Cadet Officers.					
O.C. (Capt)	1	-	-	1	-
Junior Officers	2	-	-	2	-
NCOs	-	8	-	8	-
Junior NCOs and various personnel of unit (Cadet officers 40)	-	-	6	6	-
Total Coy of Cadet officers:	3	8	6	17	-
(h) Company of Cadet Officers.					
OC (Capt)	1	-	-	1	-
Junior offrs	1	-	-	1	-
NCOs	-	6	-	6	-
Junior NCOs and various personnel of unit	-	-	9	9	-
Total Coy of Cadet NCOs:	2	6	9	17	-
Local Schools	82	215	231	528	39

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School of Motorization (cont)

	Offrs	NCOs	CRs	Total	Civs
3. Truck Company (1)					
HQ - Commandant (Capt)	1	-	-	1	-
Staff offr	1	-	-	1	-
Accounting NCO	-	1	-	1	-
Soldiers for various services	-	1	13	14	-
Drivers and motorcyclists	-	-	8	8	-
4 platoons	4	8	188	200	-
	6	10	209	225	-
Total School of Motorization:	96	235	536	867	53

(1) Includes: 65 Motorcycles
4 Cars 4 str
20 cars 2 str
40 trucks 15 qts
1 auto-cleanser for water
148 trucks 3 ton
3 W/shop trucks
6 tractors for gun 25 lbs.
6 tractors for gun 40 mm.
12 trucks
5 track vehicles
3 track vehicles for guns 6 lbs.

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SUMMARY OF TRG ORGANISATION

	Offrs	NCOs	ORs	Total	Civilians
1. War School	46	25	128	199	61
2. Royal Military Academy	126	98	344	568	103
3. Central Military Schools					
(a) HQ Schools	33	44	227	304	-
(b) Inf Schools	119	200	658	977	-
(c) Arty School	115	144	495	754	-
(d) Sigs School	90	144	391	625	-
(e) Engrs School	51	37	188	326	-
(f) Police School (1)	(3)	(12)	(18)	(33)	-
(g) PT School	12	12	29	53	12
(h) Welfare and Man Management School	16	11	30	57	-
(j) NCO School	53	110	215	378	9
(k) MT School	96	235	536	867	53
4. Application School					
(a) Inf Application School	43	16	91	150	27
(b) Arty Application School	45	16	89	150	24
(c) Engrs Application School	47	15	82	144	24
(d) MT Application School	40	22	88	150	32
(e) Med Application School	29	8	41	78	27
(f) Services Application School	25	9	42	76	33
Total, Schools	986	1196	3674	5856	405
Total One C.A.R.	79	138	352	569	-
Total Eleven C.A.Rs.	869	1518	3872	6259	-
Summary Total of Trg Org	1855	2714	7546	12115	405

(a) Inf Application School	43	16	91	150	27
(b) Arty Application School	45	16	89	150	24
(c) Engrs Application School	47	15	82	144	24
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Trg Ceiling	-	12, 500
Allotted above	-	12,115
(2) Not yet Allotted	-	385

(1) The personnel of the Police School if within the str meaning of the OO.RR serving under the Army.

(2) Amendments may be made in order to meet any needs that may be derived from the practical application of the OR or for other possible requirements.

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CMF/1601

SUBJECT: Redesignation of TTCs

Land Forces Sub-Com, AC (MMLA)

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11 Jan 46

TO : List A
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With effect from this date T.T.Cs will be redesignated "C.A.R.s" (Centro Addestramento Reclute).

Major-General,
MMLA.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 13.

REME

SECRET.

Progress Report by G.S.O.II Training, 12 British Liaison Unit for the Italian Central Military Schools.

EME/160

Ref: G/A.3/932

3 January 1946.

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Herewith Progress Report for month of December 1945.

1. GENERAL.

During the month, training of Instructors for T.T.C's was completed. Although the courses were a little on the short side, results proved very satisfactory. The results are given in Appendix 'A' attached. It is recommended that in future the term C.A.M. be used instead of T.T.C., to save confusion when talking to Italians.

The move of the School of Signals to CECCHIGNUOLA has been completed, which marks the first step in splitting the GENIO into two separate entities. The School of Engineering being due to move to a temporary site in one of the barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA as soon as it is possible. It is hoped that this School will eventually go to an excellent site at PIETRALATA.

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2. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.Cs.

The first courses have been completed as follows :-

S.I.V.A.	-	1	191 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.		-	465 Junior Officers.
2 Regiment.	-	-	1171 Senior N.C.Os.
1 Regiment.	-	-	660 Junior N.C.Os.

It had been hoped to extend the training period for the above Course into the New Year but this was impossible as T.T.Cs. required the Instructors at an early date to prepare for the intake.

However, the following Courses are arranged for commencing 10 Jan.46

S.I.V.A.	-	-	50 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.		-	120 Junior Officers.
1 & 2 Regiments.		-	650 Junior & Senior NCOs.

This second Course has been found necessary as T.T.Cs. require more than have already been trained. The Programme will this time be of six weeks duration, but will have the same syllabus as the first Course, with minor improvements from past experiences.

3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The not too high standard of students has been made the subject of a letter from S.M.R.E. to Commands, the main points being those of age, medical examination and, last but not least, Commands to get reprimanded for sending any bad material.

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3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL (Cont'd).

The question of Sports Kit was hoped to have been solved at the Sports Board Meeting at G.H.Q., but unfortunately Italian claims were turned down. A further drive to get this from Italian sources is being made.

The clothing of students is now good but not warm enough for winter. P.T. kit was unearthed by D.A.D.O.S. on inspection of Italian stores, the kit being buried under bales of battledress. A special issue of shoes has also been made.

Below is tabulated reports on students who attended No.2 P.T. Course.

(a)	Capable of becoming School Instructors	- 10
(b)	Capable of teaching without supervision.	- 15
(c)	Capable of teaching under supervision.	- 14
(d)	Failed. - - -	- 5

This course commenced with 60 Students but through various causes 16 failed to complete.

Course No.3 is due to commence on 14 January 46, with 80 Students. This Course will be for eight weeks.

4. ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The results of the last Course have been most satisfactory. These are given below.

(a) Officers.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Numbers Passed.	Numbers Failed.	Nos.not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. Instructor.	19	18	1	--
17 pdr. Instructor.	5	5	-	--
40 mm. Instructor.	9	9	-	--
Academy Graduates, 25 pdr. 17 pdr. 40 mm.	22	20	2	--

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(b) N.C.Os.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Number Passed.	Number Failed	Number not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. "Specialist" Instructors.	15	14	1	--
25 pdr. Instructors.	29	26	3	--
17 pdr. Instructors.	18	12	5	1
40 mm. Instructors.	17	11	2	4

Further Courses for Officer and N.C.O. Instructors are being run similar to the above mentioned Courses. Courses assemble on 6 January 46, start 10 January and disperse on 22 February 46. Approximately 30 Officers and 150 N.C.Os. will be attending these Courses, sub-divided as follows :

	25 pdr.	17 pdr.	40 mm.
Officers.	18	6	6
N.C.Os.	7503	25	25

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5. SIGNAL TRAINING.

(a) General.

On December 20/21 the School moved to new premises in CESCHENGUOLA. The new barracks consist of three large two-storey blocks enclosing a large Parade Ground and a number of small buildings, including Mess Hall and kitchens and covered parking space for vehicles.

All buildings are in fairly good condition; running water is available. Considerable alterations will, however, be necessary to obtain best use of ground floor space as classrooms. This work will not, however, impede training progress as only one of the main blocks is now occupied, the others remaining free for rehabilitation.

(b) Courses.

All courses terminated during the month, and five days' leave has been granted to the Instructional Staff, terminating on 5 January 46.

The School is prepared to take such students as may be made available for training.

A new Qualification Sheet for Telecommunications Mechanic (Italian Army) has been prepared and approved during the month. Sufficient partly-trained personnel are believed to be available to enable a quantity of such Mechanics to be ready after two months training.

(c) Instructional Organization.

Nothing to report.

(d) Administration and Stores.

Nothing to report.

6. ENGINEER TRAINING.

(a) General.

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The temporary move of the Scuola Artieri to any location will entail transportation of a considerable amount of equipment (Bailey Bridge, explosive, etc.) and the temporary setting up of extensive training areas (including bridging gaps, laying mine fields, etc.) is to be deprecated. However, without the early vacation of PIETRALATA by 56 Rest Camp, there is no alternative.

From the current training aspect, this month is a repetition of November, with training of Instructional Staff continuing apace; also the Recruit Course of 50 men, and the three-week "Mine Clearance" Course for approximately 15 officers and N.C.Os.

(b) Courses.

(i) Instructional Classes for potential Scuola Artieri staff commenced in November 1945, [illegible] as follows :

20 Officers.
59 N.C.Os.

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6. ENGINEER TRAINING (Cont'd).

(b) Courses.

(ii) Recruits Course, continuing :-

50 O.Rs.

(iii) Mine Clearance Course (Regular consecutive intake of approximately 15), three weeks, at present :-

3 Officers.
14 N.C.Os.

(c) Numbers Held.

	Offrs.	N.C.Os.	O.Rs.
1. Staff Instructional Course.	20	39	--
2. Recruits Course	--	--	50
3. Mine Clearance Course.	3	14	--
	23	53	50

(d) Equipment.

No Change.

(e) Administration.

Accommodation - No comment, in view of pending move.

7. DRIVING & MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

At present, one (five week D. & M.) Course for 100 Students is running at the D. & M. School, CEYCHELNGOLA. This course will finish on 12 January 1946, when a further 400 students will report for the next five weeks' course.

Administration.

Various urgent administrative problems confront O.C. School, which must be solved before the course for 400 students commences on 12 January :-

(i) A letter requesting release of blankets and beds, etc., has been sent to Ministry of War.

(ii) A letter has been sent to the Engineers requesting them to improve the cooking facilities at the School. At present the cooking capacity is 400 men. On the 12 January the School will have to cater for 400 students plus 262 permanent staff -- 662 in total.

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(c) Administration.

Accomodation - No comment, in view of pending move.

7. DRIVING & MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

At present, one (five week D. & M.) Course for 108 Students is running at the D. & M. School, CECCHIGNOLA. This course will finish on 12 January 1945, when a further 400 students will report for the next five weeks' course.

Administration.

Various urgent administrative problems confront C.O. School, which must be solved before the course for 400 students commences on 12 January :-

(i) A letter requesting release of blankets and beds, etc., has been sent to Ministry of War.

(ii) A letter has been sent to the Engineers requesting them to improve the cooking facilities at the School. At present the cooking capacity is 400 men. On the 12 January the School will have to cater for 400 students plus 262 permanent staff -- 662 in total.

(iii) In order to have one vehicle for every six learner drivers, the Ministry of War have been requested to release a further 50 vehicles, to be attached to the School.

(iv) Following on (iii) above, Ministry of War have been requested to attach one section of 155 Workshops Platoon to the School, so that 2nd line repairs may be done on the spot.

(v) Work is at present progressing on improving the billets and other buildings, such as fitting of windows, etc.

8. MECHANICS SCHOOL.

This School, as previously noted, will move to CECCHIGNOLA in the near future.

In view of most of the Courses having finished at the beginning of the month there has been little [illegible] at this School. It is felt that with the New Year, results will be much more positive. Below are details of courses and personnel.

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8. MECHANICS SCHOOL (Cont'd).

(a) Courses held during December 45.

Driver Mech.
Artillery Fitters.
General Fitters.
Electrician.
Turners.

(b) Number of Students:

No. of Students.	Nature of Course.
88	Dvr. Mechs.
9	Gun Fitters.
3	Gen. Fitters.
8	Electricians.
2	Turners.

All the above students passed, with the exception of one (Gen. Fitter).

(c) Italian Instructors.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 45, namely :-

	W.E.	Present.	Deficient.
D/Mechs Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
Veh. Mechs Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	-	3
Armourers & Fitters Wing.			
Arm. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armourers.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1

9. POLICE SCHOOL.

Two courses have been completed - 6th Course in Police Duties and 2nd Motor Cycle Course. The results can be considered satisfactory. Results are given below :-

(a) Police Duties.

Very good	-	5
Good.	-	21
Pass.	-	14
		40

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Very good	-	5
Good.	-	21
Pass.	-	14
		40

(b) Motor Cycle Course.

Fit	-	51
Unfit.	-	9
		60

Three courses are to be run in January :-

(i) Military Police Course
(ii) Motor Cyclist Course.
(iii) Regimental Police Course

} 50 Students each.

10. ORDNANCE SERVICES.

(a) Clothing and Stores.

The present stocks of clothing and necessaries from British Ordnance are plentiful and should provide this Centre until the Italian War Ministry are in a position to supply from their own sources. There are still some "Dues in" to arrive from previous demands on base.

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10. ORDNANCE SERVICES (Cont'd).

Supplies of M.T. Spares and British Equipment have been satisfactory but no future demands from British sources will be accepted after this month.

(b) Control.

Conditions in the Italian Central Storehouse have greatly improved this month owing to the provision of more labour, which has enabled more stores to be taken in from D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse. On advice from D.A.D.O.S. a better system has also been adopted, whereby clothing is stacked neatly in sizes and consequently quick issues of the correct sizes can be made to the Regiments.

Previously items of clothing could not even be found, one example being that some gym kit could not be issued until a representative of D.A.D.O.S. staff discovered it hidden under a large pile of Battledress.

The system of checking stores received by the Italian Central Storehouse is now entirely satisfactory.

D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse still holds quite a large stock of British Ordnance Stores, but it is hoped to clear these, and any "Dues in" received, by the end of January.

(c) Administration.

Noticeable improvements in the Regiments have taken place, for example, the system and neater layout of their quartermaster's stores and the more adequate supply of clothing and necessaries of the correct size.

Although there is far greater improvement in the Central Storehouse, the additional wooden racking has not yet been erected but is expected shortly. Italian soldiers are no longer attempting to use the Central Storehouse as a quartermaster's stores for changing clothing owing to strict orders to the contrary, and now this should not be necessary, because their quartermasters have a greater assortment of sizes of clothing and boots.

(d) Personnel.

The labour position is now normal in the Central Storehouse, and the introduction of a new Italian Lieutenant has been the chief cause of the above-mentioned improvement.

11. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian: Satisfactory.

(b) British:

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(b) British.

The vacancy for G.S.O.II R.A. has been filled by Major J.E. How, R.A., the appointment of Instructor of Gunnery (Coastal) has not yet been filled.

Both G.S.O.II Schools and G.S.O.II Infantry have been away on LLAP during the month, also G.S.O.III Trg.Eqpt. G.II Training has assumed command during the absence of Commander 12 S.L.U. on LLAP.

12. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Satisfactory.

13. S. & T. REPORT.

(a) Supply Depot (152 Ration Store) Cesano.

About 100 yards of railway track still requires to be laid to enable trucks to be brought adjacent to the sheds for off-loading. This will greatly facilitate the handling of supplies, eliminating the double handling and documentation of rail to road for clearance of rail traffic. Application for the completion of this work has been sent through Italian channels.

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13. S. & T. REPORT (Con'd).

(b) P.O.L. (152 P.O.L. Store) Cosano.

The construction of the petrol point at Cosano is not yet finished and no labour is at work at present. Barrels are still being used in conjunction with rotary pumps for holding and issuing to vehicles.

One 25,000 litre tank and the distribution pipe and points have been installed. The following work is still outstanding :-

(a) Construction of the second tank.
(b) Oil store.
(c) Diesel point.
(d) Depot Office.
(e) General Layout of Depot and signs.

A letter has been sent to the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari on 17 Dec.45 from this H.Q., asking why work had been stopped on the Point, and stressing the urgency of this work. In addition, the letter stated that a firm date should be obtained from the contractor. This has been passed to the Ministry of War.

14. D.A.D.M.E. REPORT.

155 Platoon Workshops.

In spite of lack of personnel this 'shop' is holding its own on repairs. Their difficulties are increased by units continuing to use vehicles due for return to Workshops, as a source of spare parts and failing to replace the old part on the vehicle. This practice must cease.

Details of output and personnel are shown below :-

(a) Vehicle Repair output for month of December 1945.

Date.	'B' Veh.	M/Cycles.
2 - 8	16	8
9 - 15	23	2
16 - 22	24	4
23 - 29	17	3

(b) Personnel.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 1945, namely :-

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23 - 29	17	3

(b) Personnel.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 1945, namely :-

Trade.	W.E.	Hold.	Deficient.
Meccanici di macchine.	22	6	16
Autisti Meccanici.	20	13	7
Elettricisti.	6	2	4
Aggiustatori Meccanici.	2	-	2
Lamieristi.	1	-	1

It will be observed that these deficiencies are serious.

15. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Hygiene.

Sanitary conditions, generally speaking, can be said to be good. Water tests are made daily by the Hygiene Medical Officers for all sources of supply and results are very satisfactory.

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15. ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd).

(b) Medical.

In spite of winter weather conditions the sick rate remains very small and cases of V.D. for the last two months are almost negligible.

(c) Morale.

Morale improves, and a higher standard of saluting is also noticeable. A certain degree of dissatisfaction has, however, been caused by the cessation of wartime rates of pay. The argument is that pay now bears even less relation to the high cost of living.

(d) Welfare.

A slight improvement is noticeable.

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

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Location Statements of Italian Schools.	"	Appendix 'B'	"
++Staff List of 12 B.L.U.	"	Appendix 'C'	"
+++Staff List of Italian Officers, Lieut-Col. and above.	"	Appendix 'D'	"
++Return of British M.T. held by 12 B.L.U.	"	Appendix 'E'	"
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*14 additional copies to M.M.I.A. for E.T.C's.

**In triplicate to M.M.I.A.

***To M.M.I.A. only.

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Major D.W.H.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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RESULTS OF COURSE IN T.A.C.

CLASSIFICATION	S.I.V.... Senior Offrs. Lt.Cols.& Majs.	S.I.V.... Captains Inf.	S.I.V.... Captains Cavalry.	S.I.V.... Captains Arty.	No.2 Rank. Senior N.C.Os.	No.1 Rank. Junior N.C.Os.	INDIANS Inf. 1 Lt.	INDIANS Inf. 2 Lt.	INDIANS Arty. 1 Lt.	INDIANS Arty. 2 Lt.
Excellent.	8	9	1	2	71	40	10	14	2	3
Very Good.	10	21	3	5	255	37	18	55	4	13
Good.	15	40	11	19	531	134	22	159	6	17
Sufficient.	5	15	2	4	271	383	2	76	1	7
Not Sufficient	1	5	1	1	11	59	3	1	-	-
Unclassified.	2	5	2	4	32	7	-	28	-	-
TOTALS.	41	95	20	35	1171	660	55	313	13	40
GRAND TOTALS.	191				1831					

NOTE: (1) Sufficient = PASS
Not sufficient = FAIL
Unclassified. = Not attended sufficient of course due to congestion to

(2) Only EXCELLENT, VERY GOOD and GOOD are used as Instructors. SUFFICIE after further training.

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APPENDIX "A".
To 12 S.L.N. Progress
Report No. 13.
dtd. 3 Jan.46

ROLES OF OFFICERS IN T.D.C.

No.2 Regt.		No.1 Regt.		INFANTRY SCHOOL.									
Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	I.G. 1 Lt.	I.G. 2 Lt.	A.T.T. 1 Lt.	A.T.T. 2 Lt.	C.W. 1 Lt.	C.W. 2 Lt.	GENTO 1 Lt.	GENTO 2 Lt.	MOBILISTI 1 Lt.	MOBILISTI 2 Lt.	SERVICES 1 Lt.	SERVICES 2 Lt.
71	40	10	14	2	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
255	37	18	55	4	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
531	134	22	155	6	17	-	9	1	4	1	1	1	-
271	385	2	75	1	7	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	5
11	59	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	7	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
1171	660	55	313	13	40	2	10	1	5	5	4	5	12
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t attended sufficient of course due to compassionate leave or hospital.

GOOD and GOOD are used as Instructors. SUFFICIENT only in emergency or

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APPENDIX "D".
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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Ref. 1/25,000.	Remarks.
1	H.Q., Central Military Schools.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II SW. 618099	
2	Artillery School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 489903	
3	Engineer School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 480905	To move to CIVITAVECCHIA.
4	Signals School.	CECCIGNOLA	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
5	D. & M. School.	CECCIGNOLA.	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
6	M. & M. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920	To move to CECCIGNOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456934	S I V A
8	Junior Officers School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617872	Inf. School.
9	Senior N.C.Os. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 618866	No.2 Regt.

4	Signals School.	CECCIGNOLA	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
5	D. & M. School.	CECCIGNOLA.	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
6	E. & M. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180929	T move to CECCIGNOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456934	S I V A
8	Junior Officers School.	CERANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617872	Inf. School.
9	Senior N.C.Os. School.	CERANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 618866	No.2 Regt.
10	Junior N.C.O's School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	1:50,000. Sheet 142-II. 171953	No.1 Regt.
11	Police School.	CERANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617863	
12	P.T. School.	CERANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617876	

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SUBJECT :- Training of CC.RR - Courses

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
G/Trg/16
17 Dec 45

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1. The CC.RR are in need of courses as below :-

(a)	Motor Mechs	- 70 to 100 vacancies
(b)	Driver Mechs	- 100 to 150 vacancies
(c)	Ops WT for Armd Cars	- 50 to 100 vacancies
(d)	Offr and NCO MT Instrs Courses	- 15 to 25 vacancies

2. The smaller figure in each case represents a minimum requirement. The larger figure represents the figure they could supply if that number of vacancies were allotted.

3. They would like all courses to commence about 15 Jan 46.

4. Will you please say by 21 Dec 45 if these courses could be started by 15 Jan 46, or state the earliest date after 15 Jan 46 on which they could commence.

5. If necessary other Arms of The Service would have to accept reduced vacancies to allow for the CC.RR minimum numbers to be trained.

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5. If necessary other Arms of the Service would have to accept reduced vacancies to allow for the GO.MR minimum numbers to be trained.

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT :- Tradesmen and Mechanics

Land Forces sub Comm
(M.E.L.F.)
G/Trg/1074
11 Dec 45

Ministry of War

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1. Reports from all sources indicate that the Tradesman and Mechanic situation in the army has already fallen below the point where units can be said to be either efficient or in some cases capable of performing the duties for which they exist.

2. This condition has forced and strenuous efforts were made :-

(a) To find suitable material to train, and

(b) To open a school in which to train them.

3. As a result of these efforts the school at Centro Studi, Bari, was opened and special steps were taken to screen personnel at the CRIPPO Camp.

4. In spite of these efforts the Centro Studi school has only 80 students out of a capacity of 150.

5. The only possible solution to meet urgent present needs is to comb all units and formations for suitable men to train. It is doubtful whether the groupi can afford to be combed again owing to the many heavy demands made on them recently for other purposes.

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6. You are requested to examine this problem urgently and to communicate your views to us on the following points :-

(a) Your appreciation of the present situation.

(b) Your views on the steps necessary to solve the problem of supplying the Army with its present urgent needs.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 12.

SECRET.

Progress Report by G(S) II (Training) 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit.

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Ref: G/A.3/914

1 December 1945.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of November 1945.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

During the month training of Instructors for T.T.C's has continued as outlined in Progress Report No. 11.

The move of the D. & M. School to CECCHIGNUOLA has been successfully completed but difficulties in the hand-over of barrack accommodation has prevented all but a small advance party of the Signal School from moving.

As from the 1 December H.Q. "PICENO" Division becomes H.Q., Central Military Schools, but it would seem that there is little intention to produce a really new organisation at present.

2. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.C's.

This is being carried out as follows :

At S.I.V.A. - 200 Senior Officers.
At Infantry School - 418 Junior Officers.
At 2nd Regiment - 1219 Senior N.C.Os.
At 1st Regiment - 971 Junior N.C.Os.

Initially, difficulty was experienced with the organisation for the students at the 2nd Regiment as the accommodation was far from complete. This caused the programme to start a week late and gave a very bad start to the training. While the accommodation is still not ideal, it is now satisfactory and training is beginning to proceed quite smoothly.

At S.I.V.A. Infantry School and 1st Regiment the standard of training is quite good, considering the inexperience of the instructors. This inexperience leads to a number of elementary mistakes being made in methods of teaching.

It is now hoped to be able to extend the training period a little into the new year.

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In any case, even if all training must be completed at CESANO by 20nd of December, the courses run will have given the T.T.S's a fairly satisfactory start.

3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

45 students are under training in their fifth week. The standard of students is again not high but on the whole they are very keen. A new Italian Instructor for Athletics has been added, also a Medical Officer. The addition of these two officers was very much needed and will help to fill in the previous weaknesses of the course. It is also being found possible to arrange various visits from civilian experts at Rome.

A limited amount of work is being done on improving sports grounds and facilities, but this is extremely difficult as all types of sports equipment appear to be almost unobtainable from Italian sources.

The clothing of students, previously deplorable, has been improved slightly.

Unless the Physical Training School is to be given proper facilities and equipment it is not worth running as a separate school.

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4. ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The following courses have been run, finishing on 10 November 1945.

(i)	Course for Permanent Staff, 25 pdr.	Instructors	(Officers)	- 9
			(N.C.Os.)	- 13
(ii)	" " " " 17 pdr.	"	(Officers)	- 5
			(N.C.Os)	- 3
(iii)	" " " " 40 mm.	"	(Officers)	- 3
			(N.C.Os)	2

A fresh series of courses for Instructors, with the object of expanding the permanent staff to meet future intakes, was started on 12 Nov. 45. Numbers are as follows :-

25 pdr.

Officers 20 and 23 Artillery Cadets.
N.C.Os. 53

17 pdr.

Officers. 7
N.C.Os. 20

40 mm.

Officers. 12
N.C.Os. 21

Artillery Training appears to proceed very satisfactorily but at the moment there is no G.S.O.II R.A. with the B.L. & T.U., and only one Sergeant R.A. While the Italian School applies what it has learnt very well, it is felt that some guidance for the expansion of the School is necessary and that the school should be kept up-to-date with the latest teaching.

5. No.3 REGIMENT.

The new Italian Genio Commander is doing an excellent job of work and has created a new spirit in the Regiment.

The barracks and men are smarter and the instructors more enthusiastic.

A. Signals.

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Officers. 12
N.C.Os. 21

Artillery Training appears to proceed very satisfactorily but at the moment there is no G.S.O.II R.A. with the B.L. & T.U., and only one Sergeant R.A. While the Italian School applies what it has learnt very well, it is felt that some guidance for the expansion of the School is necessary and that the school should be kept up-to-date with the latest teaching.

5. No.3 REGIMENT.

The new Italian Genio Commander is doing an excellent job of work and has created a new spirit in the Regiment.

The barracks and men are smarter and the instructors more enthusiastic.

A. Signals.

(i) General Progress.

Arrangements are being completed for the Centre to move to a new site at CECCHIGNOLA, where suitable buildings are available in which renovations and certain alterations will be necessary. The school will, however, be able to continue training without pause by occupying only part of the barracks at a time.

(ii) Courses.

Individual trade training has given place during the month to courses for officer and N.C.O. Instructors and a course for Mortar Officers which is a new venture.

(iii) Personnel under training - November 1945.

(a) Students accepted for training during month:-

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	- -	90
Mortar Course - Operators W/T.	- -	9

(b) Courses completed during month:-

Operators Wireless (Genio)	- -	23
Linemen (Genio) -	- -	13

(c) Courses in suspense :-

Recruits -	- -	24

(Personnel on guard duty at CECCHIGNOLA)

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5. M.3 REGIMENT (Cont'd)

(d) Students lost during the month for various reasons, e.g., postings, discharge, etc. :

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	-	-	3

(e) Students under training on 27 November :

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	-	-	87
Mortar Course - Operators W/T	-	-	9
Add:- Course in suspense -	-	-	24
			120

Note:

On present W.E. the School is scaled to train up to 400 Students at a time.

On 29 November the Centre had 22 officers (establishment 32) and 20 N.C.Os. (establishment 30).

B. Engineers.

(i) General Progress.

Without any question this month has proved both real and heartening in the development of the Scuola Artieri for all those working towards that end, with the result that everything points to the attaining - by a long term policy - a School of paramount importance, settled in a new and adequate barracks and training ground, and staffed by an adequate and well-trained instructional staff.

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Perhaps one of the most notable improvements of this month is the sharp swing upwards of morale amongst the staff, brought on by the feeling that at long last the Scuola Artieri is developing into something important and worthwhile. They have ample potential staff, which they are training themselves. They envisualise the occupation of the barracks at PIETRALATA, which they think is ideal and last, but not least, on the 15th of this month they were given by the Allies the power once more to greatly shape their own future.

(ii) Courses.

(a) Instructional classes for potential Scuola Artieri staff commenced in November 1945, strength as follows :-

20 Officers.
39 N.C.Os.

(b) Recruits course continuing :- 7490

50 O.Rs.

(c) Mine Clearance Courses (regular consecutive intake of approximately 15) at present :

4 Officers.
15 N.C.Os.

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(iii) Numbers held.

	Offrs.	NCOs	ORs.
(1) Staff Instructional Course	20	39	
(2) Recruits Course			50
(3) Mine Clearance Course	4	15	
	24	54	50

(iv) Equipment.

No allotments are outstanding, but much equipment will be needed for future requirements. Schedules are being prepared by Scuola Artieri for suggested future requirements and it is thought that these will come up for discussion very shortly. The principal need of the School is bridging equipment.

6. Driving and Maintenance School.

This School has moved to CECCHIGNUOLA and is settling in. Before further students are accepted from the Divisions it is essential that a number of drivers for the Centre be trained to meet new requirements.

(i) Progress.

(a) The armourers course finished on 17 November. The students have been keen throughout the course. From a total of 8, 6 passed and 2 failed.

(b) Courses for Driver Mechanics, Artillery Fitters, General fitters, and Turners are due to finish on 1 December. Electricians course is due to finish on 8 December.

(c) Improvements to artillery classrooms are now completed and the guns are in position.
Fixing of lathes etc., in the workshop has also been completed.

(ii) Numbers of students and duration of courses are as follows :

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	No. of Students.	Duration of course.
Driver Mechanics.	88	7 weeks.
Artillery fitters.	9	6 "
General fitters.	3	7 "
Electricians.	8	7 "
Turners.	2	7 "
TOTAL	110.	

(iii) Italian Instructors.

	W.E.	Present.	Deficient.
Driver Mechanics Wing.			
Vehicle Mechanics.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
Vehicle Mechanics Wing.			
Vehicle Mechanics.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	-	3
Armourers & Fitters Wing.			
Ass. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armourers.	2	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1

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7. Provost School.

The 6th Course for Military Police (Carabinieri) started on November 19th. As is usual students of "Folgore" arrived late and this time also the students of "Legnano" and "Friuli". At the end of the first week 50 students were present. The results of the first week's training are :-

Good	7	
Average	16	
Below Average	27	(Due to late joining)

The third Course for Motor Cyclists is in its third week. Results to date are as follows :-

Satisfactory	45
Below Average.	14

8. Mechanics School.

It will be observed that this School is far below its War Establishment in Instructors. Efforts are being made to produce further instructors and from now until the arrival of new intakes the School is more or less free to train Instructors to meet its own needs and the needs of the central workshops.

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In January a short course for T.T.C. Commanders and Medical Officers will be run at S.I.V.A.

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11. Numbers Held.

(a) Weekly Arrivals (including those attending courses).

Week ending	3 November	-	825
" "	10 "	-	1500
" "	17 "	-	750
" "	24 "	-	158
	TOTAL		3233

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm.	3 Nov.	10 Nov.	17 Nov.	24 Nov.
Infantry	370	65	520	2
Artillery	50	22	40	-
Engineers (incl.Sigs)	105	8	20	-
Other Arms.	400	12	97	-
TOTALS.	925	107	677	2

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11. Numbers Held. (Cont'd).

(c) Reinforcements held (but not available for posting) at 24 Nov.45.

Arm.	Posted Strength	Parade Strength.	A B S E N T. Hospital	Leave	AWOL.	Other Causes.	TOTAL ABSENT.
Infantry.	3056	3924	532	432	209	263	1436
Artillery.	422	574	58	47	4	56	165
Engineers.	527	495	50	42	2	61	155
Other Arms.	473	540	89	27	5	58	179
TOTALS.	4478	5533	729	548	220	438	1935

12. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian.
With the exception of Mechanics School, is quite satisfactory.

(b) British.
The C.II R.A., Captain Provost and a Sergeant Instructor R.E.M.E. (Electrician) are the outstanding deficiencies.

13. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

The situation is satisfactory for present needs, except Sports kit.

14. Details of Controlled Stores received during the month. (See Appendix 'A').

15. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accomodation.
CESANO.

(i) Work proceeds satisfactorily in No.IV Lotto and Pettino. The majority of the work should be finished by 1 January 46.

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(iii) While it was believed that the whole of CESANO was to be free of CIVILIAN INDUSTRY there appears to be no signs or intentions of Impresa CORNETTA moving from the parts of CESANO he claims to own.

(iv) 'F' D.L. & T.U. has been informed that a contract has been laid for the repair of the roads and drill squares but work has not yet started.

(v) It is also hoped to get some permanent rifle ranges built.

(vi) A new well is being sunk North of the Camp to improve the water supply.

OTHER BARRACKS.

Minor work of repairs is being carried out at SACILE and AURELIA Barracks.

(b). Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene and cleanliness of the Centre has improved greatly in the past three weeks. This is largely due to the large number of distinguished visitors and secondly to the fact that there are no recruits at CESANO but only N.C.Os. in training. Moreover, cookhouse and other facilities are beginning to be adequate.

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15. ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd).

The sick rate is very small at the moment in comparison to what it has been in the past.

The worst features are still the disposal of refuse and the number of civilians living in the Camp.

(c) Morale.

In general, morale is probably higher than it has been for some time, as the Centre is no longer inflicted with the daily arrival of recruits.

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From the purely welfare side there has been little or no improvement.

A. Price Mayne

Major, CS, JU

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A/ Price Major

Major, GSO.II,
Trg & ~~Inf Trg~~.
'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit NTS ICF

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Internal.

File.
Pilot.
Spare (2).

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APPENDIX "A" to Progress Report No.12
(Ref: C/A.3/914 dated
1 Dec.45)

SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED STORES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1945.

Serial.	Description.	Total Rec'd During Month.	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	PIATS.		

1440

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PIATS.

MORTARS 2".

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LROF V MSLG NR36 IMPORTANT
FROM 1 BLU 051633ØA
TO HQ MNIA
CSN GM13)ET

O 455(.) U/C(.) YOUR EME/16Ø1 OF Ø4 (.)
TRG INCR ATTACHED 1 BLU FOR LOCAL ADM

BT
SENT NR36 051755 HEM AR
REC 36 1755 REF AR TMX
TKU ON OULO

EME/1601 2864

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LEOF V MEAV 050101

FROM ENE 3 BLU 0511230A
TO ADNE NO MMIA
QSN GR 31 T
NE/3511 UNCLASSIFIED . REF YOUR ENE/1601 DATED 4 .
RENE TRG INCREMENT L E G R A N O (LATE CAPT N E L S O N)
ATTACHED A G R A REST CAMP L E C C O .
RENE TRG INCREMENT F R I U L I (LATE CAPT S T O C K E R)
ATTACHED 4 BLU (CAPT W H I T E)
BT

RENT "JJ" AR K TKC
RD STAN 1228

Rene 2787 101

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : APHQ

TO : NATA

REF : F 54533

2a1857 A

RESTRICTED

YOUR SD 3061 OF 19 NOV 45 (.)
AGREE RETENTION TRAINING ENGINEERS RENE UNTIL
31 DEC WHEN NE WILL BE REVIEWED WITH A VIEW TO
THEIR WITHDRAWAL

SD DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : SD/101

INFO : A
Q
RENE
G (Trg)

sb 27 Nov 45.

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L 7444

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ETIE/1601 P/A

Rewd 12/20 (98)

FM [redacted] TEAM 1 NR 220932 [redacted] AV 2400
[redacted] FLD [redacted]
TO [redacted] ROME
CON [redacted] BT
AS/AS UNCLASSIFIED NR YOUR [redacted] NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM
BUT CANNOT SPEAK FOR FUTURE AREA . NO REASON WLY INDICATE .
SHOULD NOT BATH OWN ARRANGEMENTS LOCALLY WITH NEAREST
BLU IF NECESSARY OWC WITH [redacted] FOR DISS AND ADM
BT

SENT NR 2833 BY HAA AT 2832 EDT X
INI FROM NOT HAVE TO WITH [redacted] FLD WORK
HAVE OWN ARRANGEMENTS LOCALLY WITH NEAREST BLU IF NECESSARY OWC
WITH [redacted] X
IS THAT ONE THING WRK YES
OK THANKS ALOT

NEED DESK TOP WORK

IMPORTANT

FICE 1601
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J-E/1601 P/A

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Rene

LROF V MELG SBL 33

FCON 51 BLU 221045 A

TO M N I A

GR 19 BT

A 95

F 879 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

REF YOUR AMZ/1400 DATE 20 (.) NO DIFFICULTY ADM R E N E

TRG INCREMENTS DIRECT BY B L U T U R I N AND G E N O A

BT ---

SENT SR

7482 R 23/11/45

RECD AT 0200A MS BBDB

ROMF TEST MERK K

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REME

(96)

M.M.I.A.

29. 1530 A

1 BLU BOLZANO

3 BLU MILAN

Q.702

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL OF 27 NO REFERENCE SUBJECT REME INCREMENT

50 BLU STOP ANSWER IS YES

A
G
REME

R 27/9/45

1 7481

T 448

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B/A

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 4 BLU BOLZANO 272007 A

TO : AMIA

INFO : 3 BLU MILAN

YOUR SD 3061 OF 19 (.) ARRANGED AT GSC 1 CONFERENCE MILAN 18 NOV THAT RSME INCREMENT 50 BLU JOINED THIS UNITS INCREMENT (.) THIS HAS BEEN DONE (.) DOES IT STAND

SD DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : SD/101

INFO : A
Q
ICEME

sk 28 Nov 45

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Sd/1601 P/A.

(94)

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : AMTA 27 1600 A

TO : 13 CORPS
DISTWO
DISTHREE
1 BDE TURIN
3 BDE MILAN
4 BDE BOLZANO
5 BDE UDINE
10 BDE MARCHES

REF : SD 3072 RESTRICTED

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REF THIS HQ SIGNAL SD 3061 OF 19 NOV (.) ATHS AUTH
THAT ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS REGD MARCHED BDES FYHL
S BE MAINTAINED UNTIL 31 DEC WHEN WE WILL BE REVIEWED
WITH A VIEW TO FULL WITHDRAWAL

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DTG FIXTIME Charmann

Internal : A
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REME
G (Ops)
File : Sd/104

sb 27 Nov 45.

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R 28/11/45

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE 20 TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM : [illegible]

TO : A NO 1 [illegible]
NO 2 [illegible]
NO 4 [illegible]
NO 5 [illegible]

MESSAGE

[illegible] 12

REF/MOO(.) WHEN RECD (.) REFERENCE OUR SIGNAL DD 3001 DATED 19(.) AUTHORITY HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN GRANTED TO RETAIN HERE YOU INFORM MOOMMMMMM(.) OUR DEP SOURCE CANNOT BE APPROACHED TO OBTAIN UNIL NOT REAL ORGANIZATION(.) PLEASE SIGNAL WHAT AN ENQUIRY CAN BE MADE IF AUTHORITY GRANTED(.)

FROM [illegible]

AUTHENTICATION

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SD/101 REME (12)

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMLA

TO : AFHQ FOR GHQ CMP

INFO : 13 CORPS - 2 DIST - 3 DIST
No 1,3,4,5,10 BLU
AMEU

REF : SD 3061

Date Time
19 1630 A

UNCLASSIFIED

FILE 100
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REF THIS HQ LETTER SD/101 DATED 8 NOV (.)

ONE (.)A TRAINING INCREMENT R E M E ORGANIZED ON WE NA/640/1

1 W.O. 9 O.R'S IS ATT TO EACH OF 50 51 52 53 AND 56 BLUS (.)

TWO (.)RECOMMEND EACH INCREMENT REMAINS ATT TO ITS RESPECTIVE

B L U AFTER REORGANISATION(.) YOUR WSD/163 OF 16 NOV REFERS (.)

THREE(.) RECOMMEND WE THESE UNITS BE REVIEWED 15 JAN 1946

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL: G (TRG)
A.Q. REME
File: SD/101

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TRANSLATION

EME/1601

From : M of War

Ref : 8620/EOA
022456

To : ~~xxix~~ Hq mechanic Specialists Schools

Dtd : 16 Nov 45

Copy to MMIA

Subject : Training Directions - 1st Course.

On the basis of agreements made with the office concerned of the MMIA, and the S.M.R.E., we prescribe the following:-

1°-Commencement of Course, and its Duration:

The 1st course will commence on the 19 Nov 45 and will be of a duration of 4 months from that date - Daily Instruction - 8 hours.

2°-Staff and Instructors:

The temporary C.O. of the school is appointed i/c of the course, and he will allot to their posts, the personnel described in the enclosure to this Directorate General's letter No. 8017/2 CA dtd 2 Nov 45.

3°-Training:

The training of the following specialised categories must be carried out as per the numbers shown below:

- fitters.....50

[illegible] pupils, the personnel described in the enclosure to this Directorate General's letter No. 8017/2 Ca dtd 2 Nov 45.

3°-Training:

The training of the following specialised categories must be carried out as per the numbers shown below:

- fitters.....50
- motor-mechanics.....50
- electricians & magneto mechanics....20
- injection pump repairers.....10
- turners.....10
- electrical welders.....10

total 150

Should it not be possible, through unavailability of personnel, to reach completely the figures shown above, the assignment of men to each of the special trades must be made with an eye to the following:

-a further diminishing in numbers proportional to the trades mentioned above;

-the knowledge of pupils of the trades to which they are assigned;

-the requests, made by the soldiers for specialisation.

The instruction, which must be of a distinctly practical character, must be carried out along the lines of the Allied programmes which stipulate:

a) Theoretical and practical training of a general nature;

b) Practical training of a general nature;

c) Work hop practice.

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SHEET 2

A)- Common General Knowledge Subjects (a total of 180 hrs) i.e.

1°)- Elements of Arithmetic.....Hrs 20

2°)- Elements of Geometry....." 15

3°)- Elements of Physics....." 15

4°)- Elements of Mechanics....." 15

5°)- Elements of Wood and Metal Technology....." 15

6°)- Instruction in the functioning of M.T. Vehicles and their component parts....." 100

Total 180 Hrs

B)- Practical Training, common to the various trades (50 hrs.)

7°)- for motor mechanics; fitters, electrical welders, electricians, turners, and injection pump mechanics.

C)- Workshop Practice (a total of 620 hrs. for each of the following categories) i.e.:-

8°)- Motor mechanics;

9°)- Fitters;

10°)-Turners;

11°)-Electricians and magneto mechanics (for this category, the theoretical

12°)-programme referred to at No. 1 must be carried on contemporarily with the practical work);

13°)-Electrical welders;

14°)-Injection Pump mechanics.

Assignment of pupils to their various trades must be made before the commencement of the course. Further changes, for higher adaptability or at the wish of the pupils, must be made during this month, and no later than the last day of it.

Names of pupils who, by the end of December, have not shown promise of succeeding, must be forwarded to the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorisation of this Ministry, who will arrange for their

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For each trade there must be established an attendance register, and a diary of subjects dealt with each day.

As soon as the pupils are capable, the work to be assigned to them must be of a type which will permit the construction of simple workshop equipment or teaching materials, or the actual repairing of materials etc. This is xxxx for the purpose of utilising, to the greatest extent possible, the labour available, and of stimulating the interest of the young soldiers in creating tools or materials of a practical use.

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Information

By the dates indicated below, the following information must be forwarded to this Ministry-Directorate General, Artillery and Motoris-

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ation,...T. Corps:-

-1st December 45: A nominal roll of pupils assigned to each trade;

-1st January 45: A roll of pupils, who through lack of progress, must be returned to units;

-2nd February : A report on the progress of the course, and eventual proposals for the elimination of difficulties;

-20th March : A summing-up of the course and nominal rolls of those who have passed.

We shall communicate, as soon as possible, the date of, and procedure for the final exams.

sgd. Col. A. Scarpellini.

B/S Vincenzi

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ARTIGLIERIA E MOBILITAZIONE
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Al COMANDO DELLA SCUOLA SPECIALISTI MECCANICI (ex Centro Studi Motorizzazione) Viale Pinturicchio
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Risposta al Foglio del
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fascicolo programmi

: Direttive per l'addestramento: 1° corso.-

e, per conoscenza:

TRANSLATION

ALLA L.F.S.C. AC. (SMIA) = R O M A =
AL GABINETTO = S E D E =
ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO = S E D E =
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO = S E D E =
- Ufficio Operazioni e addestramento
(rif.f.3352/R/3 del 4/11 c.a.)
- Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione = S E D E =
- Ufficio Servizi = S E D E =
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IN: Num. 150 Date 26/11
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Il 1° corso avrà inizio il giorno 19 novembre c.a. ed avrà la durata di mesi 4 da tale data - Istruzione giornaliera ore 8.-

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2°)-Inquadramento ed istruttori:

La direzione del corso è affidata, al comandante interinale della scuola, il quale disporrà del personale descritto nell'allegato al foglio 8017/2 CA. in data 2/11 c.a. di questa direzione generale.-

3°)-Addestramento:

Dovrà essere svolto l'addestramento delle seguenti categorie di specializzazione con le aliquote a fianco di ciascuna segnata:

- aggiustatori	n° 50
- motoristi	" 50
- elettricisti - magnetisti	" 20
- riparatori pompe iniezione	" 10
- tornitori	" 10
- saldatori autogeni	" 10
Totale	n°150

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In considerazione che l'aliquota suddetta, per indisponibilità di personale, potrà non essere completamente raggiunta, l'assegnazione degli elementi a ciascuna specializzazione dovrà essere fatta tenendo conto:

- della eventuale diminuzione percentuale dell'aliquota proporzionalmente a quelle delle specializzazioni sopra stabilite;
- del grado di preparazione degli allievi per la specializzazione alla quale vengono assegnati;
- della richiesta di specializzazione fatta dai militari.-

L'istruzione, la quale dovrà essere impiantata con carattere eminentemente pratico, sarà svolta sulla base dei programmi allegati, i quali prevedono:

a)- addestramento teorico-pratico a carattere generale;
b)- addestramento pratico a carattere generale;
c)- esercitazioni di laboratorio.-

A)- <u>Materie comuni di cultura generale</u> (complessivamente ore 180) e precisamente:

1°)- elementi di aritmetica	Ore 20
2°)- elementi di geometria	" 15
3°)- elementi di fisica	" 15
4°)- elementi di meccanica	" 15
5°)- elementi di tecnologia dei metalli e dei legnami	" 15
6°)- istruzione sul funzionamento dei mezzi automobilistici e loro parti	" 100
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B)- Insegnamento pratico comune per le varie specializzazione (ore 50)

7°)- per motoristi, aggiustatori, saldatori autogeni, elettricisti, tornitori, verificatori pompe iniezione.-

C)- Esercitazioni di laboratorio (complessivamente ore 620 per ciascuna delle seguenti ccategorie) e precisamente:

8°)- motoristi;
9°)- aggiustatori;
10°)- tornitori;
11°)- elettricisti magnetisti (per questa dovrà essere svolto,
12°)- contemporaneamente alle esercitazioni pratiche, il programma teorico di cui al n° 12);
13°)- saldatori autogeni;
14°)- verificatorpompe iniezione.-

L'assegnazione degli allievi alle varie specializzazioni dovrà essere eseguita prima dell'inizio del corso.- Eventuali spostamenti, per migliore utilizzazione ed inclinazione degli allievi, potranno essere effettuati entro il corrente mese di novembre e non oltre.-

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Per la fine di dicembre gli allievi i quali avessero dimostrato di non dare affidamento a ben riuscire, dovranno essere segnalati a questo Ministero, Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione, il quale disporrà per il loro rientro al corpo di provenienza.-

Per ciascuna specializzazione dovrà essere impiantanto il regolare registro delle presenze ed un diario della materia trattata in ciascun giorno.-

Non appena gli allievi ne siano in grado, l'assegnazione dei lavori che essi dovranno eseguire dovrà tendere alla costruzione di attrezzature semplici di laboratorio o all'esecuzione di sezioni di materiali didattici, riparazioni reali di materiali ecc. allo scopo di utilizzare per quanto possibile il lavoro, e stimolare l'interesse dei giovani nell'esecuzione di utensili o materiali di uso pratico.- Si sviluppi il senso di emulazione e gradualmente quello relativo alla pronta soluzione dei problemi meccanici che sorgono durante le lavorazioni.-

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Alle date sottoindicate dovrà pervenire a questo Ministero - Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione - Divisione Corpo Automobilistico, le seguenti segnalazioni:

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- 1° febbraio: relazione sull'andamento del corso ed eventuali proposte tendenti all'eliminazione di inconvenienti;
- 20 marzo: relazione finale del corso con gli elenchi nominativi dei dichiarati idonei.-

Si fa riserva di comunicare l'epoca e le modalità degli esami finali.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(col. A. Scarpellini)

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PROGRAMMI DELLE MATERIE COMUNI DI CULTURA GENERALE

1°) ELEMENTI DI ARITMETICA

- Numerazione - le quattro operazioni - potenze - divisibilità dei numeri -, numeri primi - massimo comune divisore - minimo comune multiplo - frazioni - operazioni sulle frazioni - misure delle grandezze - sistema decimale - misure di lunghezza, di superfice - e di volume - cenni sui numeri complessi - rapporti e proporzioni - regola del tre.-

2°)- ELEMENTI DI GEOMETRIA

- Enti geometrici - gli angoli e loro misura - triangoli - quadrilateri - area di alcuni poligoni - volume dei solidi più comuni.-

3°)- ELEMENTI DI FISICA

- Corpo e materia - fenomeni fisici e chimici - stati fisici della materia - proprietà generali e particolari dei corpi - gravitazione-energia - principali proprietà meccaniche dei solidi - pressione esercitata dei fluidi - pressione atmosferica - manometri - densità peso specifico.

4°)- NOZIONI GENERALI DI MECCANICA

-Forza - equilibrio di un corpo - macchine semplici - ingranaggi - moto e velocità relativa - accelerazioni - forza d'inerzia - lavoro di una forza - momento di una forza - concetto di potenza - attrito-efflusso dei liquidi e dei gas.-

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5°)- ELEMENTI DI TECNOLOGIA DEI METALLI E DEI LEGNAMI

-Cenni sui vari metalli e leghe impiegati per le costruzioni automobilistiche: loro lavorazione a caldo e a freddo.

-Cenni sulle macchine per la lavorazione a freddo dei metalli.

-Varietà di legname da lavoro:sua stagionatura naturale e artificiale,modo pratico per riconoscere le varie specie dei legnami - difetti e collaudo.

6°)- ISTRUZIONE TEORICA DI CARATTERE GENERALE RIFLETTENTE GLI AUTOVEICOLI A MOTORE A SCOPPIO ED A COMBUSTIONE INTERNA.

- Motore a scoppio
- Motore a scoppio a 4 tempi - funzionamento.

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-Organi del motore a scoppio: cilindro - stantuffo - spinotto - biella albero a gomiti - basamento - albero della distribuzione - distribuzione a valvole laterali - distribuzione a valvole in testa - diagrammi della distribuzione.-

- Alimentazione dei motori a scoppio: carburanti e loro proprietà.- Carburanti: tipi e scopi - pompe benzina - collettori di ammissione - collettori di scarico - silenziatori -

- Sistemi di accensione a magnete e a batteria - tipi di candele d'accensione - conduttori elettrici.

- Lubrificazione dei motori - sistemi di lubrificazione - lubrificanti e loro proprietà.

- Raffreddamento dei motori - sistemi di raffreddamento ad aria e ad acqua - circolazione dell'acqua di raffreddamento.- Miscele antigelo e precauzioni da adottarsi durante la stagione fredda.

- L'avviamento dei motori a scoppio : elettrico ed a mano - avviatori ad inerzia.

- Manutenzione dei motori a scoppio secondo il sistema del "COMPITO".

- Cenni sui motori a due tempi.

<u>Motori "DIESEL" veloci</u>

- Motori Diesel veloci a due ed a 4 tempi - organi del motore.

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- Alimentazione dei motori Diessel veloci - pompe di iniezione - iniettori - forme della camera di combustione.
- L'avviamento dei motori Diessel veloci - elettrico ed a mano.
- Motore Lancia RO.
- Manutenzione dei motori Diessel veloci secondo il sistema del"COMPITO ".

Motori a scoppio alimentati a gas (cenni)

- Cenni generali sulle caratteristiche e sul funzionamento - manutenzione ed impiego dei gasogeni.
- Alimentazione a gas compresso - cenni generali e caratteristiche di funzionamento.

Trasmissione della potenza alle ruote

- Frizione: tipi e regolazione.
- Cambio di velocità: tipi - sua lubrificazione.

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- Riduttori: scopi e tipi in uso.
- Trasmissione a cardano: tipi - caratteristiche - trasmissioni a catena - dispositivi di arresto di rinculo.
- Ponte : coppia conica e coppia a vite senza fine - sua lubrificazione.
- Differenziale - compito - tipi - bloccaggio - sua lubrificazione.
- Ruote : tipi vari.
- Cenni sui vari sistemi cingolati.

Frenatura

- Sistema di frenatura meccanica ed idraulica - servo freno.- frenatura sulla trasmissione - frenatura sulle ruote .
- Regolazione e manutenzione dei freni.

Gommatura

- Pneumatici e semipneumatici - norme per il montaggio e lo smontaggio - gonfiaggio dei pneumatici.
- Norme per la riparazione,manutenzione e conservazione delle gomme.

Organi di guida di comando

- Sterzo: descrizione dei vari tipi - controllo.
- Comandi a pedale (frizione,freno,acceleratore).

Impianto elettrico dell'autotelaio

- Impianto elettrico di illuminazione ed avviamento del motore.

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- Impianto dinamo luce .

Tipi di automezzi

- Esame dei vari mezzi di dotazione dell'esercito; loro manutenzione generica.

Letture dei disegni costruttivi - Impiego dei cataloghi parti di ricambio e dei manuali delle riparazioni.-

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PROGRAMMA DELLA MATERIA DI INSEGNAMENTO PRATICO PER LE VARIE SPECIALIZZAZIONI

7°) Meteristi - Aggiustatori - Saldatori autogeni - Elettricisti - Fornitori - Verificatori di pompe di iniezioni.

- Il banco da lavoro.-
- La lima (forme e classificazione).- Come si tiene la lima nei lavori di banco.
- Le chiavi fisse (vari tipi: semplice - doppia - a tubo - speciale).
- Martelli: vari tipi e loro uso - rame - piombo - fibra).-
- Scarpelli e punzoni.-
- Apparecchi di misure e controllo: calibri decimali (ventesimali, cinquantesimali, ecc).-
- Micrometri - comparatori - righe e squadre a facce rettificate e millimetrate - compassi a punte per fori ed a spessore. Truschini.-

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- Piano di riscontro rettificato.
- Trapani (a petto, a colonna, elettrici, portatili)- mandrini, coni - punte ad elica, foretti.-
- Alesatori: vari tipi, loro impiego razionale e manutenzione.-
- Gli utensili per la filettatura a mano (filiere, maschi, ecc.) loro uso e manutenzione.

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PROGRAMMI DI ISTRUZIONE PRATICA DI LABORATORIO PER LE VARIE SPECIALIZZAZIONI

8°) MOTORISTI

Apparecchi per controllo e verifiche degli organi del motore.

- Esercitazioni di smontaggio di motori degli autotelai.
- Esercitazioni di smontaggio dei vari tipi di motori a benzina e ad iniezione.- Disincrostazione e pulizia di un motore.-

Distribuzione - verifica dei vari organi - guasti più comuni - ricerca parti usurate - influenza della eccessiva usura dei vari organi della distribuzione nel rendimento del motore.

- Messa in fase della distribuzione;
- Smerigliatura valvole e sedi;
- Ripassatura valvole con fresa - ripassatura sedi valvole con vari tipi di fresa (finitrici - correttrici).-
- Controllo dei pistoni, delle fasce elastiche, delle boccole e spinotti - verifica delle bielle (quadratura) - raddrizzatura e piccole riparazioni.-
- Fermi dei perni dei pistoni, loro applicazioni e difetti di montaggio;
- Guasti provocati da cattivo e deficiente montaggio dei fermi.

Aggiustaggio bronzine di biella (tornitura, alesatura, raschiettatura, brunitura) riconoscere le cause che provocano le fusioni.-

Aggiustaggio bronzine banco (apparecchio alesatore) controllo allineamento.-Riconoscere le cause che provocano le fusioni.

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Accensione - messa in fase del magnete e spinterogeno. Difetti di accensione, loro ricerca e modo di eliminarli.-

Smontaggio, pulizia, rimontaggio e registrazione dei carburatori più in uso.- Raffreddamento ad aria ed acqua (vari tipi) - smontaggio dei due sistemi e controllo delle loro parti - ricerca dei guasti più comuni.

Lubrificazione: vari sistemi- Pulizia interna di un motore da eseguirsi con siringa ad aria, durante la riparazione del motore stesso (tubazione albero motore, ecc.);

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- Pompe (vari tipi) - loro regolazione, controllo e riparazione;
- Filtri (costituzione, sostituzione e pulizia);
- Dispositivo di regolazione della pressione dell'olio - verifica e registrazione.

Iniettori e pompe per motore a iniezione - prove al banco (prove di tarature).-

Banco prova motore; assistenza ad un motore durante il rotaggio - collaudo.

Cenni sulla riparazione del gruppo cilindrico (cucitura).-

Rimontaggio del motore sull'autoveicolo, messa a punto e in ordine di marcia.-

Esercitazioni di impiego dei cataloghi parti di ricambio - impiego dei manuali delle riparazioni.-

9°) AGGIUSTATORI

Impiego della lima.-

Esecuzione manuale di semplici lavori di limatura e di aggiustaggio.-

Costruzione di un cubo da mm.40 di lato, tolleranza di due decimi in più o in meno.-

Costruzione di un incastro a coda di rondine il cui maschio possa essere introdotto anche capovolto nella femmina senza presentare un giuoco superiore a due decimi di millimetri.-

Allestimento di una tubazione per benzina, acqua e olio, con relativi raccordi.-

Impiego delle macchine per lavorazione a freddo dei metalli (trapano - torno - limatrice e affilatrice.-

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Affilatura alla ruota smeriglio di punte elicoidali per trapani, di scalpelli, di raschietti per bronzine, ecc.-
Tempera di un utensile da taglio.-
Costruzione e riparazione degli attrezzi da lavoro più comuni.-
Saldatura dolce forte - cenni sulla saldatura autogena ed elettrica - cenni sulla cucitura dei monoblocchi - stagnatura e fusione delle bronzine - pulizia e disincrostazione di un radiatore - pulizia carburatori e filtri.-
Esercitazione graduale di smontaggio controllo e rimontaggio di organi vari dell'autotelaio.-

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Esercitazione di lettura dei disegni costruttivi- impiego dei cataloghi parti di ricambio - impiego dei manuali delle riparazioni.-

(0°) TORNITORI

Impiego della lima.-

Attrezzi da lavoro di uso più comune per i tornitori - loro riparazioni.

Conoscenza e nomenclature macchine per lavorazione a freddo dei metalli (trapani - torni - seghe - fresatrici - limatrici - stranatrici - affilatrici per utensili).

Esercitazione sull'impiego dei calibri e micrometri a mano.

Esercitazione di : - centratura dei pezzi sui torni;

- tornitura cilindrica interna ed esterna;
- tornitura conica interna ed esterna;
- fucinatura, affilatura e tempera degli utensili da taglio per torni(tanto di acciaio al carbonio e di acciaio speciale).

Determinazione dei freni di ruote per l'esecuzione delle filettature. Uso della ruota 127.

Istruzione sui vari tipi di filettature ed in particolar modo di quello decimale.

Esercitazione di :- costruzione al tornio di una vite a passo triangolare,semplice con chiocciola,dal pezzo grezzo di fucinatura;

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- godronatura;
- di alesatura(dimostrazione pratica).
- Nozioni sul taglio di ingranaggi cilindri e conici.
Esercitazione graduale di rettifica di superfici cilindriche e coniche con apparecchi speciali da utilizzarsi sul tornio.
Lubrificanti più adatti da impiegare durante la lavorazione dei vari metalli con le macchine operatrici.
Esercitazioni lettura dei disegni costruttivi. Impiego dei cataloghi parti di ricambio - impiego dei manuali delle xxxx riparazioni.

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ELETTRICISTI MAGNETISTI:

(11°) Programma teorico particolare:

Nozioni generali di magnetismo (cenni su: calamite - magnetismo temporaneo e permanente, residuo - campo magnetico - permeabilità magnetica).-
Nozioni generali di elettricità (cenni su: corrente continua e alternata - frequenza - tenzione - intensità - resistenza - collegamenti in serie e in parallelo - potenza elettrica - induzione magnetica - autoinduzione - condensatore - correnti di Foucault - trasformatore - autotrasformatore.-

(12°) Programma applicativo:

Magneti - funzionamento - costituzione - vari tipi di magneti - riparazione e sostituzione delle varie parti - manutenzione.-
Spinterogeni - funzionamento - costituzione - vari tipi di spinterogeni- riparazione e sostituzione delle singole parti - manutenzione.-
Candele di accenzione - funzionamento - costituzione - scelta delle candele - prova al banco - pulizia e manutenzione.-
Dinamo - funzionamento - costituzione - riparazione e sostituzione delle parti - vari tipi di dinamo - manutenzione.-
Motori elettrici - funzionamento - costituzione - riparazione e sostituzione delle parti e manutenzione.
Quadro comando - vari tipi di quadro - funzionamento - costituzione - montaggio e smontaggio.-
Avvisatori elettrici - segnalatori di direzione - interruttori elettro-

Spinterogeni - funzionamento - costituzione - vari tipi di spinterogeni- riparazione e sostituzione delle singole parti - manutenzione.-

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Motori elettrici - funzionamento - costituzione - riparazione e sostituzione delle parti e manutenzione.

Quadro comando - vari tipi di quadro - funzionamento - costituzione - montaggio e smontaggio.-

Avvisatori elettrici - segnalatori di direzione - interruttori elettromagnetici - fari e lampadine - tergicristallo - costituzione, funzionamento e riparazione.-

Banchi di prova apparecchiature elettriche.-

Accumulatori elettrici - costituzione e funzionamento - norme per la carica - preparazione dell'elettrolito, uso del Voltmetro, amperometro e densimeetro - manutenzione e riparazione (sostituzione elementi).-

Apparecchi per la carica - raddrizzatori: vari tipi - coppia dinamo motore (convertitore).-

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Manutenzione e riparazione degli impianti elettrici di illuminazione e di avvismento degli autoveicoli.
Esercitazione di letture schemi impianti elettrici - impiego dei cataloghi parti di ricambio - impiego dei manuali delle riparazioni.

13°)- SALDATORI AUTOGENI

Nozioni generali (cenni sul carburo di calcio - gas acetilene - principali tipi di generatori di acetilene - cenni sull'ossigeno e produzione industriale).
Attrezzamento (descrizione di tutto l'impianto per l'invio della acetilene al cannello).
Manutenzione ed inconvenienti (manutenzione del materiale - cause di inconvenienti nell'esercizio dell'impianto).
Preparazione delle saldature (classificazione delle saldature - preparazione dei lavori di saldatura).
Controllo - prove delle saldature (difetti di esecuzione ~~delle~~ delle saldature).
Norme speciali per la saldatura dei diversi metalli.(Saldabilità dei metalli e delle leghe - caratteristiche di alcuni metalli e leghe - saldatura dell'acciaio dolce e del ferro - saldatura autogena della ghisa, del rame, dell'ottone, del bronzo,dell'alluminio, del piombo,dello zinco).-
Saldatura speciale al cannello (saldatura dolce con fiamma ad acetilene - saldatura forte al cannello - brasatura al cannello).-

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Controllo - prove delle saldature (difetti di esecuzione ~~xxxxxx~~ delle saldature).

Norme speciali per la saldatura dei diversi metalli.(Saldabilità dei metalli e delle leghe - caratteristiche di alcuni metalli e leghe - saldatura dell'acciaio dolce e del ferro - saldatura autogena della ghisa, del rame, dell'ottone, del bronzo,dell'alluminio, del piombo,dello zinco).-

Saldatura speciale al cannello (saldatura dolce con fiamma ad acetilene - saldatura forte al cannello - brasatura al cannello).-

Taglio all'ossigeno (difficoltà ed inconvenienti dell'esecuzione dei tagli).

Saldatura elettrica (descrizione dei vari tipi ed impianti,norme di manutenzione) - caratteristiche degli elettrodi - avvertenze nelle esecuzione di saldature elettriche - norme di sicurezza e di igiene.

Preparazione ed esecuzione delle saldature elettriche dei vari metalli.

Esercitazione di letture di disegni costruttivi ed impiego di cataloghi.

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14°) VERIFICATORI POMPE INIEZIONE

Lezioni teoriche per renderai conto del complesso pompa e del funzionamento delle singole parti che la compongono.-

Conoscenza delle attrezzature indispensabili per effettuare la razionale riparazione delle pompe e degli iniettori. (Banco Panthos, Rettifica Odolini, Pompa per prova iniettori, Apparecchi per prova pompette, ecc.).-

Smontaggio, verifica, rimontaggio e collaudo delle parti costituenti l'apparato alimentatore di un motore DIESEL veloce (Pompa iniezione, iniettori, ecc.).-

Addestramento per l'aggiustaggio delle varie parti che compongono la pompa e gli iniettori.-

Registrazione sul banco prova per effettuare la sincronizzazione degli elementi pompati con i due metodi conosciuti: per trabocca-

Smontaggio, verifica, rimontaggio e collaudo delle parti costituenti l'apparato alimentatore di un motore DIESEL veloce (Pompa iniezione, iniettori, ecc.).-

Addestramento per l'aggiustaggio delle varie parti che compongono la pompa e gli iniettori.-

Registrazione sul banco prova per effettuare la sincronizzazione degli elementi pompati con i due metodi conosciuti: per traboccamento o col sistema stroboscopio.-

Conoscenza delle tabelle di taratura per effettuare la prova di portata di ogni singola pompa rispetto al motore sul quale viene montata.-

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
REME

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FREEDOM 382

ME/A/1/1798

15 Nov 45

Subject: BLUS - Training Increments

To: DADME MMIA

1. Consequent upon the reallocation of BLUs from Gruppi to Territorial Areas of the Italian Army, and the withdrawal of all British Troops at present attached to the Gruppi, it is necessary to review the position of the Trg Increments at present attached to the Gruppi.

2. Please report whether it is now possible to disband all the Training Increments concerned, or alternatively, if any must be retained, what arrangements can be made for their attachment to a British unit in the vicinity of the Gruppi concerned, and whether such arrangements would seriously impair the efficient functioning of the increment.

3. It should be pointed out that owing to the policy of withdrawing British Troops from direct support of the Italian Army, a very good case must be made out for retaining these increments, especially in view of the administrative difficulties which will be involved in such retention.

R.F.F. Donald.

R.P.F. DONALD. Lt.-Col.,
ADME,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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83 men out of 115 arrived from Orvietto

(23)

Call-up - suggested "cooking"

Interim period before call up in March.

(a) Industrial Schools.

First necessity is to find students. Letter to Italian Ministry?
Check with Industry Sub Commission if it is possible to send.

(b) 20 000 regular men in new army. Necessary that specialists are regular.

Future

(a) Colonel to submit proposals in detail.
(b) Felt that best way is to train in Civ Workshops.
(c) School to be independent under Motorization.
(d) School to be concentrated at Cesano.

Notes

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(b) Felt that best way is to train in Cos Hdqtrs.
(c) School to be independently under Motorization.
(d) School to be concentrated at Cerignola.

P/A in Training of Personnel file

Minutes of discussion between Lt Col Medlam and Col Scarpatini and Major Taylor 17 Nov.

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Subject :- Training of [illegible] Specialist Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.([illegible])
A.C.S.
M.S/1601
3 Oct 45.

To : 'A'.

1. The total requirement of specialists will be approximately 3.000. At present we are deficient of 1.000 with further demobilisation in the near future.

2. 'C' Training agree that this deficiency cannot be made up by present facilities at Cessno, and that temporary expedients should be resorted to.

3. The following temporary expedients are recommended in conjunction with Ministry of War :-

(1) To reopen the school at Centro Studio, ROME.

This school has all equipment necessary and civilian instructors can be obtained immediately.
A military staff of 38 is requested, and a course for 150 students can commence in 14 days. Duration 4 months.
May the necessary rations be authorised please?
'A' further recommend that the students be screened from men at Orvietto from the 1924 class.

(2) To use Industrial Schools.

3. The following temporary expedients are recommended in conjunction with Ministry of War :-

(1) To reopen the school at Centro Studio, Rome.

This school has all equipment necessary, the civilian instructors can be obtained immediately.
A military staff of 30 is requested, and a course for 150 students can commence in 14 days. Duration 4 months.
May the necessary actions be authorised please?
'A' branch recommend that the students be screened from men at Orvietto from the 1944 class.

(2) To use Industrial schools.

Dir. Gen. Ital. Rehabilitazione has submitted a proposal to send men recruited in the 1943 and other classes called up in the future, to Industrial Schools. Each school would take from 150 to 200 students. The details of schools available has been requested from the Ministry of War. DURATION 4/6 MONTHS.

(3) It is felt that the system of teaching men within the actual Repairs Units will not work because the time of the limited number of specialists available will be diverted from productive work, and secondly, there is a danger of harm to vehicles without very strict supervision.

Hyd Taylor

Major [illegible] .G.S.
for [illegible] Brenon,
Land Forces Sub-Commission C.C.(Italy)

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Col AB.

Passed to the Japs by G' after Gen Cattroral.

(?) Go then to Bataan in Bataan

Carry on a Service level training

at Tank level.

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TELEPHONE BOOKING

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ HRS.

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CALL DUE: _____ HRS

OFFICER CALLING: _____

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Subject :- Opening of ITI - ITI Mechanics Training School at Centro Studio ROME.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1601
29 Sept 45.

To : 'Q'

1. Dir.Gen.Artig e Motorizzazione has submitted this request to open the above school, to S.M.R.E.

Approval in principle has been given by S.M.R.E. in their letter 2624/S/6 dated 10 September.

2. They propose to commence a four-month course for 150 students as follows :-

Vehicle Mechanics	60
Trimmers	50
Injection Pump Spec.	10
Electricians	20
Welders	10

If immediate approval is given and students can be made available they can commence on October 15.

3. The proposed War Establishment of 10 Officers, 12 Warrant Officers and 16 Troops is attached. They will also employ 39 Civilians.

4. This will mean the approval of 188 rations in all, but will reduce rations in the units from which the students are drawn. (150)

Trimmers	50
Injection Pump Spec.	10
Electricians	20
Welders	10

If immediate approval is given and students can be made available they can commence on October 15.

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4. This will mean the approval of 188 rations in all, but will reduce rations in the units from which the students are drawn.

5. It is thought that the best method of obtaining students would be for an Officer from Motorisation Division to screen the 1924 class available at Orvietto, and work to earlier classes afterwards. The second course would then be available at approximately the time of the call up of the 1925 class.

6. The possibility of housing the students in the Spolletificcio Depot is being reviewed by Dir.Gen.Artig e Motorizzazione, but temporary accomodation can be provided at the Centro Studio.

7. It has already been agreed in principle that the School should be opened. May the W/E be approved, and arrangements made for the 188 rations, please.

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Major R.A.O.C.
for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA)

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ORGANICO PROVVISORIO DELLA SCUOLA MOTORIZZAZIONE.
(ex centro studi motorizzazione di Roma)

	Personale				Automezzi		
	Militare			civile	auto vet.	auto car.	moto-cicli
	uff.	sott.	trup.				
COMANDO							
Comandante (Colonello C.A.)	1						
Addetto (uff.inferiore)	1						
Ufficiale inferiore d'amm/ne	1						
Sottufficiale di maggiorita			1				
Scrittorili e dattilografi				3			
Disegnatori				2			
Conduttori e motociclisti			4		1	2	1
Servisi vari (1)		2	10				
Ordinanze d'ufficio				6			
personale istruttore/							
Ufficiali superiori	2						
Ufficiali inferiori	3						
Capi tecnici				3			
Sottufficiali qualificati(capi officina e capi meccanici)		4					
Operai specializisti				22			
personale inquadramento allievi:							

Dattilografi e dattilografi							3					
Disegnatori							2					
Conduttori e motociclisti					4			1		2		1
Servisi vari (1)			2		10							
Ordinanze d'ufficio							6					
personale istruttore:												
Ufficiali superiori		2										
Ufficiali inferiori		3										
Capi tecnici							3					
Sottufficiali qualificati(capi offic												
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Operai specializisti							22					
personale inquadramento allievi:												
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Addetto (ufficiale subalterno)		1										
Sottufficiali (2)			5									
Sritturale					1		3					
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N O T E : (1) di cui :

a)-sottufficiali : 1 addetto cucina truppa,1 aiutante di sanita;

b)-truppa:2 cucialeri,3addetti nense ufficiali a sottufficaiali; 1 addetto magassino vivari, 1 inferiere, 1 sarto, 1 barbiere, 1 calzolato

(2) di cui: 1 sottufficiale di contabilita, 1 sottufficiali automobilieti.

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Trip Suggestions

1. Reopen Rome school Soonest

2. Un office to buy vacant [illegible] and industrial school to run contemporaneously with the Rome school.

3. Open [illegible] Soonest to [illegible] the instructors, may be increasing to 1 one Civilian instructors. Easy if school moves to Cuttaquecchia.

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Cl AG.

Trg Rome Specialists ITI-ITI.

Ref att. I regret there is no room at Cesano to train ITI-ITI personnel other than the 3700 future PTC/ITC instructors.

In view of the fact that it takes a long time to train a Rome man and in view of the fact that all reinfts for gd bns are men who themselves will be demobilized in 2 or 3 months I recommend we catch an early batch of the first call-ups and give priority to Rome. By then Cesano will be ITI (we hope!) and should be able to take them. I don't think that at this stage U.S. authorities would be.

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5. a party to opening an ITI-ITI school.

G(SD) 22 Sep.

1. There is room Mech School is only ⅓ full. YES - [illegible] 7th Cl

2. It does, that's why I'm worried. ✓

3 Not so. I ~~fill from~~ will find others

4. OK ✓ 7455 WP

5. We agree.

Col AQ. We spoke. ① Agree apprenticeship system under Ter HQ ② Agree re-opening of ROME school ITI-ITI

23 Sep

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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet.

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS.
21 Sep	G.(SD)	attached.	You will see from the attached that the need for trained officers and men in all forms of motor mechanics is serious and, unless we begin to train men NOW it may not be possible to give you the men you need for the maintenance of units you are now forming.
			Yes
			You are training instructors for ITI units at Cerano, why should it you train mechanics also?
			Agree
			There is a greater need for mechanics in the Internal security regiments etc than in the combat groups & without them your transport will be even less effective than it is now.
			Yes

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— You are training instructors for ITI units at Cesano, why shouldn't you train mechanics also?

agree

— There is a greater need for mechanics in the Internal security regiments etc than in the combat groups & without them your transport will be even less effective than it is now.

yes

— If you cannot take this on at Cesano now I must press for a temporary re-establishment of the Rome school or some other suitable place

— Please consider ~~and~~ with a view to discussion between G.- Trg - Q & REME.

W Pidsley Genl AQ

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G. (Training).

1. Reference the attached.

2. Latest figures show a delivery of 150 specialists in the Combat Groups and 800 out of a requirement of 1,000 in 111-151 Reproductions.

3. Can this proposal be reconsidered, at a meeting held on the future training of specialists in the Mechanical Bearing in mind:-

(a) Lack of Army Instructors.

(b) That young men will have to be trained to assume their duties of use before demobilisation.

[illegible] Major
REME Branch

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Major Taylor REME 1/11/1601 (3)

In spite of our recent chat on this subject we will have to hold our any action for about 15 days. When I hope to give a reply and a solution.

P/A Tony Officer personnel
B/F Sept 1

CS Iraq

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G1 -

This school should be considered in the general school plan of the Army, now under discussion.

We cannot go about the Army procurement, and the quicker we get a school plan the better. Without an approved plan I would not approve any school.

It would appear that this school would be suitable for training

Mechanics

Motor specialists,

Motor officers & maintenance officers.

Please consider this with your other Schools.

(7)

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G II (T) [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible]

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

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EME/1601

To :- "Q2"

Subject: Training of Specialist personnel for ITI-ITI Category.

1. At present there are no facilities in existence for the training of Workshop specialist personnel in the ITI-ITI Category of the Italian Army.

2. The Mechanics School at Cesano at present is for the training of Br-ITI personnel only, on British vehicles.

3. With the suggested new layout of the ITI-ITI Repairs organisation to include Northern Italy, it is essential that immediate steps are taken for the provision of specialists of all trades, especially Vehicle Mechanics and Electricians.

4. It is felt that the late AC Driving School at Centro Studi, Rome, should be reopened by the Italian Army for the training of ITI-ITI Specialists, for the following reasons.

(a) These premises were an Italian Army Mechanics School before the War, are designed for the purpose, and have the necessary equipment.

(b) The necessary instructors can be provided from civilians who live in Rome and who were instructing for AC. or the Italian Army prewar. RTC.ICF are dependent entirely on military instructors, of which they are at present deficient of 22.

(c) This School can provide for instruction of 100 pupils at a time.

(d) There is at present a small "caretaker staff" who could be employed by the School within its Establishment.

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(c) This School can provide for instruction of 100 pupils at a time.

(d) There is at present a small "caretaker staff" who could be employed by the School within its Establishment.

(e) The Ministry of War are in favour of its use for mechanics for the present with the eventual idea of its return to the training of Officers as before.

(f) It could be supervised directly by Motorisation Division, FOR WAR and units would be assured that their men would return to them after training.

5. May permission be granted to submit a proposed W.I. for this School ?

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II.

C.O.S

Until the present training press has cleared I am opposed to opening any ITI-ITI training school at this place.

Major D.A.C.O.
REME Branch.

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Subject :- Opening of ITI - ITI Mechanics Training School at Centro Studio ROME.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(A.M.L.A.)
ROME
CMS/160
29 Sept 45.

To : 'A'

1. Dir.Gen.Artiglierie e Motorizzazione has submitted this request to open the above school, to S.M.K.B.

Approval in principle has been given by S.M.K.B. in their letter 2044/s/c dated 10 September.

2. They propose to commence a four-month course for 150 students as follows :-

Vehicle Mechanics	60
Trimmers	50
Injection Pump Spec.	10
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Welders	10

If immediate approval is given and students can be made available they can commence on October 15.

3. The proposed War Establishment of 10 Officers, 12 Warrant Officers and 16 Troops is attached. They will also employ 39 Civilians.

4. This will mean the approval of 188 rations in all, but will reduce rations in the units from which the students are drawn.

5. It is thought that the best method of obtaining students would be for an Officer from Motorisation Division to screen the 1944 class available at Orvietto, and work to earlier classes afterwards. The second course would then be available at approximately the time of the call up of the 1945 class.

[illegible] students in the Scolletificcio

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Welders	10

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6. The possibility of housing the students in the Spolletifiecio Depot is being reviewed by Lt.Gen. Artiglio Motorizzazione, but temporary accomodation can be provided at the Centro Studio.

7. It has already been agreed in principle that the School should be opened. May the W/E be approved, and arrangements made for the 188 rations, please.

Major R.A.O.C.
for R.A.M.C. Branch,
Allied Forces Sub Comm. A.C.(SMIA)

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(ex centro studi motorizzazione di Roma)

	Personale				Automezzi		
	Militare			Civili	auto	auto	moto-
	uff.	sott.	trup.		lev.	car.	cicli
COMANDO							
Comandante (Colonnello S.A.)	1						
Addetto (uff.inferiore)	1						
Ufficiale inferiore d'amm/ne	1						
Sottufficiale di maggiorita			1				
Scritturali e dattilografi					3		
Disegnatori					2		
Conduttori e motociclisti				4		1	4
Servizi vari (1)			2	10			
Ordinanze d'ufficio					6		
personale istruttore:							
Ufficiali superiori	2						
Ufficiali inferiori	3						
Capi tecnici					3		
Sottufficiali qualificati(capi officina e capi meccanici)			4				
Operai specializzati					22		
personale inquadramento allievi:							
Comandante compagnia allievi(capi	1						

Disegnatori					2			
Conduttori e motociclisti				4			2	1
Servisi vari (1)			2	10				
Ordinanze d'ufficio					6			
personale istruttore:								
Ufficiali superiori	4							
Ufficiali inferiori	3							
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personale inquadramento allievi:								
Comandante compagnia allievi(capitano)	1							
Addetto (ufficiale subalterno)	1							
Sottufficiali (2)			5					
Scritturale				1	3			
Ripostigliere								
TOTALE	10	1	14	16	39		2	1

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N O T E : (1) di cui :
a)-sottufficiali : 1 addetto cucina truppa, 1 aiutante di sanità;
b)-truppa: 2 cuochieri, 3 addetti mense ufficiali e sottufficiali; 1 addetto magazzino viveri, 1 infermiere, 1 sarto, 1 barbiere, 1 calzolaio
(2) di cui: 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiali automobilisti.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 8. SECRET

Progress Report by GSO II (Training) 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref : G/A.3/665.

1 Aug '45.

Herewith report for the month of July '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) This report for the past month gives little information from the Infantry Training point of view particularly as there are now so few men available at the Centre for training and in turn available for selection to fill the various schools. However, all schools continue to make good progress and the past month has again shown good results with the emphasis on improvement in Instruction and some attempts to make training more interesting.

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(b) No. 1 Regiment.

Training has been only on a minor scale due to small numbers of men but progress continues. The organisation in this Regiment is becoming good due particularly to the 2i/c who is hard working and methodical. The stores are well kept and there is improvement in method and order in the Regiment. As this will eventually become [illegible] Training Regiment this interim period will be

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(c) No. 2 Regiment.

The Regiment has had more men under training than No. 1 Regiment. The improvement noted last month has been maintained, particularly in turnout and discipline but there is still plenty of scope. This Regiment will eventually move to CIVITAVECCHIA as the Infantry Advanced Training Regiment and and the buildings at present occupied pass to the All Arms Basic Training Regiment whose staff will be found from the present Intake Regiment at TREVIGNANO. In preparation for this new task much has to be done to qualify Officers and Instructors and this interim period again will be put to good use. In the meantime there are still a number of men under training which progresses satisfactorily to arranged programme.

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(d) Infantry School.

The course specified in last months report was duly completed. The average standard reached by students is still low, due largely to the poor quality men available. The Tactical and Platoon Weapons Wing is now reorganised as an NCO's Training Wing and with a carefully arranged programme will instruct young NCO's from this Centre, a good standard being set and it is hoped that when the School moves to its new premises at CIVITAVECCHIA a larger number of suitable NCO material will gradually become available from the Infantry Advanced Training Regiment. The present need for well trained and disciplined Junior NCO's should be well met by the efforts of this School, which has every indication of developing first rate instruction.

(e) Infantry Specialist Training School.

The courses specified were duly completed and although producing rather a lower standard than previous courses as there fewer men to choose from at the Centre, the final results particularly in the Carrier Wing showed progress. 6pr and Mortar shooting was satisfatory but in general, a higher mental standard for students is necessary, this should be overcome eventually when more personal selection can be made from the Advanced Infantry Training Regiment. Progress in Instruction continues.

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(ii) Engineer Training.

From the point of view of actual physical Engineer Training this month has been a negative one. There has been no intake and the single party under training has dwindled away to practically nothing. However, a considerable amount of planning has taken place in connection with the future role of the School and preparations are afoot for the commencement of courses to train (a) students from the Gruppi in Specialist Engineer Courses and (b) Instructors for the Infantry School for an Infantry Pioneer Course.

Under the new arrangements the School will be in a position to deal with the 500 under Recruits Training and 150 on Courses of Instruction.

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(iii) Artillery Regiment.

There has been continual progress during the month due largely to the quality of students which has improved. A batch of 22 Officers (or P.C.W) have given satisfaction and are the best officer material the Artillery Barracks have had for some time. The 25 pr Section shot last Thursday at the pocket range. The standard of shooting was good but slow. The response from the gun and all the accuracy of laying is good. Fire 221 was fired over Lake BRACCIANO and practice Air Burst Elevation and Observing Mortar Destruction. The 17 pr section continues to make good progress and destruction is sound. On 27 August they will shoot on the range at CIVITAVECCHIA. The 40 mm section did not make such good progress owing to the lack of the Instructional Staff being away on leave. Laying appears to be the chief weakness and is receiving due attention.

(g) Schools.

(i) Prevent School.

The general progress of the School is normal although efficiency has invariably been reduced by the Italian Staff taking over administrative control. The prospect of a completely independent Police School staffed and organised by Italians does not appear a practical proposition at present. Training programmes have been enlarged in their scope to include more particularly Italian subjects and these now include the Italian Penal Code, the Italian Codice Stradale, Italian Military Law and Courts Martial procedure. Also the principles of First Aid.

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(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The third D & M Course started on 9 July and it is now intended to extend this course to six weeks - due largely to the present state of vehicles and the urgent need for all 400 students to be fully trained in the task system. Improvements have been made in the organisation of the School and progress continues. Present state of Vehicles :-

3 Ton Efficient.	50
VOR In Workshops	12
VOR awaiting repair	38
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1. Continued.

(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The third SIVA course duly finished on 21 July '45. Results were up, to expectation. Nothing outstanding to report. Instruction showed a general improvement particularly in the handling of discussion and the tendency of Instructors to become over confident and too complicated has been remarked upon and noted by the staff. There is still a tendency to edge away from use of British Methods particularly the sand model but the importance of the correct teaching and sequence of Tactical Instruction is continually emphasised and Instructors encouraged to be quite clear in their ideas before handling discussion.

The extra week has again allowed all students to spend extra time on the study of British weapons and methods.

(ii) The School of Administration is settling down. It is still found a difficult subject to put over as Italian methods of administration are so different to normal British procedure but the Chief Instructor has been given access to all practical experience available here, and is at present, during the break, visiting the Gruppi to clear up outstanding points they are not clear on. The Man Management Course due to start on the next course is well organised and ready to commence instruction. Eventually it is hoped this course will tour the Gruppi.

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(i) Infantry School.

Following courses were run :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	25
6 pr Training	40
Mortar	33
Pioneer	20
Carriers.	30

(ii) Signals School.

Normal courses as before. No additional students accepted for training. No courses were fully completed during the month.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No special courses held.

(iv) Provost School.

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Provost Training Course No.3 now in progress.

Regimental Police Course No.3 now in progress.

Provost Training Course No.1 for CC.RR Officers now in progress.

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2. (a) Continued.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following Courses commenced on 16 July :-

1. Vehicle Mechanics Course ..... 7 Students.
2. Driver Mechanics Course..... 58 "
3. Gun Fitters Course..... 8 "
4. Armourers Course..... 4 "

No change in syllabus and duration of course.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The third Driving & Maintenance Course commenced on 9 July 45. A total of 401 Students, including 85 from the recently disbanded Ciarpaglini School at ROME.

(vii) Artillery Training.

The following courses continued during the month :-

25 pr.		17 pr.		40 mm.	
Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.
20	51	12	21	6	26

26 Signallers are under Genio instruction.

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The result for the Course No.3, which finished on July 21st. (June 25 - July 21).

(a) Nos. and Results from June 25 to July 21st.

COURSE.	STUDENTS REQUESTED		STUDENTS ATTENDED.		ABSENCE ILLNESS RTU &c.		QUALIFIED as INSTRs. In A SCHOOL.		QUALIFIED as INSTRs. In A UNIT.		FAILED.	
	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs
MAC. WEPN.												
(i) Pl.Comds.	15	-	13	-	1	-	5	-	4	-	3	-
(ii) Coy "	20	-	14	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	5	-
(iii) Bn. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	12	-	8	-
ARM. WEPN.												
(i) Sem.Course	20	-	13	-	1	-	8	-	3	-	1	-
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	2	4	1	5	6	4	4

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(iii) Pl. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	12	-	8	-
ARM. WING.												
(i) Man.Course	20	-	13	-	1	-	8	-	3	-	1	-
(ii) Jun. "	15	15	16	13	3	2	4	1	5	6	4	4
W.T. WING.												
(i) Pl.Weapons.	20	20	14	21	2	8	3	2	6	8	3	3
(ii) 3" Mortar.	10	10	9	11	3	1	3	1	2	7	1	2
(iii) 6 pr.A/T.	10	10	7	13	1	1	3	-	3	11	-	1
(iv) Sniper.	10	10	8	6	2	2	3	-	3	1	-	3

(c) Nos. Attending JUNE - JULY COURSE.

Total number requested.	-		-	221
Total number actually attended.			-	185
Missed the Course on account of illness or other causes.				32
Number completed courses.	-		-	153
Qualified.	-	-	-	115
Failed.	-	-	-	38

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From Combat Group	-	-	61
" R.T.C.	-	-	52
" Other Centres.	-	-	40
			153

2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.
Infantry Specialists Training.
Signals School.
Engineer Training.
Artillery School.

Due to re-organisation there will be some difficulties in continuing all these courses at FULL strength. Re-organisation is at present taking place in order to comply with the new arrangements and numbers to be trained in the future. As soon become available Courses will be filled.

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32 Officers, 32 ORs.

(d) Number of Personnel from RTC attending Courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(1)	Ammunition Storeman		10 ORs	PONTECAGNANO.
(11)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offs.	20 ORs	PONTECAGNANO.
(111)	Clerks RAOC.	3 Offs	11 ORs	PONTECAGNANO.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 7 July	-	572
" " 14 "	-	469
" " 21 "	-	1918
" " 28 "	-	1336
		4295

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	Jul.7	Jul.14.	Jul.21	Jul.28
Infantry	631	45	358	---
Artillery.	214	--	108	---
Engineers (incl. Sigs)	229	2	2	---
Other Arms.	173	58	23	3
TOTAL.	1247	105	491	3

(c) Reinforcements held at 30 June 45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	ABSENT. Hospital	Leave	AWOL	Other Causes	Total Absent.
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No alteration on last month, vacancies being filled as trained instructors become available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction continues to improve with experience. Much can be done during the next two months while the Centre is re-organizing, to improve Instructors and methods.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of training equipment continues to be satisfactory.

(b) Detailed statement of controlled stores received during the month.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

(c) Details of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

Negligible.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

Accommodation. Nos 1 and 2 Regiments: No apparent change in building activity.

No. 3 Regiment and Artillery Barracks: Moderate progress being made at both barracks.

The apparent sluggishness of building activity is due to the awaited decision of the War Ministry as to how much money is to be expended.

SIVA: There is still much to be done to complete existing contracts. The huts originally designed in the Weapon Training Wing are still unfinished and generally accommodation is too cramped. It is hoped to find a new location for SIVA and provide more suitable accommodation in the CIVITAVECCHIA region.

Road - Nuova Osteria to Cesano: This road has now been closed for approximately 3 months - vehicles having to use the rough fields; which is proving a greater strain on the vehicles than the previous bad state of the roads. 104 CRE., under whose supervision the road is being repaired, promised it for 15 July. Not only will it not be ready by 15 August, but the surface is so poor that it will be reduced to its previous state within a matter of days from the date of its opening. It is not known whether bitumen has yet been obtained for its repair.

Hygiene. Standard of hygiene shows slow improvement, with lapses from time to time.

Welfare. Regular film shows are proving of great value. Col TOSCHI of No. 2 Regiment has organised a most excellent Spaccio which is a creditable effort and greatly welcomed by troops of the Centre. The open-air Theatre had its opening night at the latter end of the month.

A leave train runs on Sundays from BRACCIANO to ROME, returning late at night and appears to be well patronised.

Morale. No change.

7. GENERAL.

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Now that a definite policy has been laid down with the reorganisation of existing arrangements and accommodation at CESANO to include additional accommodation in CIVITAVECCHIA, the future holds every prospect of better conditions both for the general environment of the men under training and the suitability of training conditions generally. An Establishments Committee is sitting at the present to produce entirely re-written establishments for the Centre to fit the new conditions and, from past experience, include what has been found to be lacking.

The keynote to the present planning is the necessity for recruits to be left at this Centre for the full period of training and, in addition, to be sent in such numbers and at such times as these agreed training commitments require them. If these conditions can be accomplished, the training task of this Centre is a clear one.

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Major GSO.II
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Return to Q
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Subject : Specialists - R.E.M.E.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.--)
ROME
EMB/1606
3 July 45

To : "Q2"

1. By the disbandments of the six LAD's (461 to 466), attached to A.C. Trucks Companies in the near future, the following specialists will be released :-

M.S.M's.	-	6
Clerks	-	6
Drivers	-	12
Blacksmiths	-	6
Welders	-	6
Vulcanisers	-	6
Storemen	-	6
Electricians	-	12
Vehicle Mech's	-	42
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2. It is felt that these are required on priority 1 for making up deficiencies of personnel for Cesano RTC-ICF Workshops, whose new W.E. has just been passed, and whose need is well known. Their present requirement is beleived to be approximately 40.

3. The balance, being BTI-ITI's, should, according to present rulings, go against deficiencies in BRI-ITI Combat and Service Units, although deficiencies of specialists in ITI-ICI Repair Units is considerable and the source of reinforcements still obscure.

4. Could a policy ruling be given please as to whether it is possible to trasfer BRI-ITI's to ITI-ITI and whether ITI-ITI's can be sent to Cesano Training School for specialised Mechanical Training.

Major R.A.C.C.
7440 for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.(MMLA)

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

EME/1601

To :- "Q2"

Subject: Training of Specialist personnel for ITI-ITI Catehory.

1. At present there are no facilities in existence for the training of Workshop specialist personnel in the ITI-ITI Category of the Italian Army.

2. The Mechanics School at Cesano at present is for the training of Br-ITI personnel only, on British vehicles.

3. With the suggested new layout of the ITI-ITI Repairs organisation to include Northern Italy, it is essential that immediate steps are taken for the provision of specialists of all trades, especially Vehicle Mechanics and Electricians.

4. It is felt that the late AC Driving School at Centro Studi, Rome, should be reopened by the Italian Army for the training of ITI-ITI Specialists, for the following reasons.

(a) These premises were an Italian Army Mechanics School before the War, are designed for the purpose, and have the necessary equipment.

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(e) The Ministry of War are in favour of its use for mechanics for the present with the eventual ideal of its return to the training of Officers as before.

(f) It could be supervised directly by Motorisation Division and units would be assured that their men would return to them after training.

5. May permission be granted to submit a proposed W.E. for this School ?

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REME Branch.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA LO NE ITALY 311400 B

TO : HQ MMIA ROME

REF : MM/766 RESTRICTED

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Subject :- Disbandment of Brits - Rome Driving School.

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19 July 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

1. Further to this office letter SD 94/1 of 5 July 45 ordering the disbandment of the Rome Driving School.

2. Efficient vehicles formerly on charge to the Central ITI-ITI driving school, Rome, will be handed in to No 1 Efficient Vehicle Park, and inefficient vehicles to No 1 Repairs Unit. Partially dismantled vehicles and other equipment used for demonstration purposes will be available for the Mechanics School and D and M School RTC IOF CMSAMO as required by RTC IOF.

for Lt. Col. ADMT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

WM/og

Copy to :- RTC IOF CMSAMO.

Internal :- G Training
RMMB.

P/A Target Personnel

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20/7/45

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Dear Taylor,

3 July 45

Please find as under, my last plea for something to be done to save the school. If Hall can see that this is idea of mine is punched hard and adhered to, I am sure of results. A major from the A.G.R.A. at Civitaveccia is coming to relieve me. A decent sort.

Yrs. Gilton

SUBJECT: Training.

Ref: KTRE/G/1/14

3 July 45.

To: Commander,
'P' British Liaison & Training Unit MTO RCN.

1. Ninety-four out of an expected number of 326 students have arrived to undergo training at the Mechanics School.

2. Most of these men have certificates stating that they are considered suitable students to undergo training.

3. On oral examination the following talent was found :

2 Blacksmiths.
1 Turner.
2 who had a faint knowledge of an I/C engine.
89 Labourers (most of them from farms)

4. None of the students could drive a vehicle.

5. The Instructor position is serious. There are only seven Instructors for the vehicle section. The remainder held on the W.E. are men whom we had hoped might become instructors some day, but their knowledge is pitiful and they will need replacing.

6. Col. Sivo of HQ KTC ICF has always shown extreme interest and has gone to endless trouble to find suitable students.

7. Students as reported in para.3 are NOT THE TYPE that can be trained into Driver Mechanics, which is the lowest grade of vehicle tradesman.

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(c) After 4 months if the O.C. unit considers the man suitable for up-grading to Vehicle Mech he should attend a 6 weeks course at the Mechanics School and finally be up-graded, (Class III). This will mean that for the first 5½ months no vehicle mechanics courses would be organised, but approximately 270 driver mechanics will have been trained, - many to be potential Vehicle Mechanics.

9. This progressive system, as suggested, may appear somewhat lengthy but I am sure that in the long run it will prove to be the most successful.

10. There is one other point. When I called at No.3 GT Coy to vet the tradesmen I found that students failed by the School were posted to fill their W.E. as tradesmen.

11. I am of the firm opinion, after viewing the training and the posting that it is imperative for:

(a) A Senior Technical Officer to control the training.

(b) That before tradesmen be posted, the School be consulted as to ability and suitability. If this is not done the real object and value of the School is lost.

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12. The training of Armourers and Fitters will not be effected, ~~[illegible]~~ instructors in the Fitters Section are needed.

Cullen - Major [illegible]

'F' British Liaison Unit [illegible]

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

Minutes of BRI - ITI Trg Meeting held at HQ MMIA Rome on 12 Jun 45.

Ref. G/Trg/4

PRESENT.

1.

Lt Col	S.M. Ingledew	Chairman
Col	W. Pidsley	Col A MMIA
Col	F.J. Noakes	Col Q MMIA
Col	L.H. Mackay	Comd 'P' BLU
Lt Col	J. Peddie	G I. DMT
Reps of Branches and Services		MMIA and 'P' BLU
Major	W.L. Medlam	GII(Trg) MMIA. Secretary

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TRG PROCEDURE

4. It was agreed that, in accordance with AFHQ instructions, MMIA was responsible for trg and that in future all reports would be rendered to MMIA. MMIA will forward a monthly consolidated progress report to DMT. G(Trg) MMIA

CESANO CEILING

5. In anticipation of AFHQ's written order it was agreed that
   (a) Cesano ceiling for reinfts would be 7500 excl staff
   (b) those attending courses from units would be in addition to (a) above.
   'F' BLU to submit org and WEs for centre staffs. 'F' BLU

TRADESMEN

Col A agreed to put forward his views on percentage of ceiling to be trained as tradesmen. A

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TYPE OF TRG

6. It was agreed that all reinfts would receive basic trg under the auspices of a particular arm or service except Infantry which would be catered for separately. Personnel would then be drafted to units. Specialist schools would cater principally for students sent from units. 'F' BLU

ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES ON COURSES

7. Chairman outlined the new procedure which was to allot all vacancies to Italian Ministry of War, which would in turn allot to Combat Gps, Adm Divs and other BRI-ITI Italian fmns. It was stressed that those vacancies MUST be filled. 'F' BLU and G(Trg)

TRG EQUIPMENT

8. It was agreed that the present procedure for obtaining trg equipment should continue i.e. 'F' BLU direct to DMT, but with copy to MMIA. 'F' BLU

9. Col Q agreed that 'F' BLU could not accept responsibility for trg equipment once issued to Italian units. All equipment was issued as on loan. The method of accounting was on a high level but Col Q agreed to raise the question again with AFHQ of charging the Italian Govt for such equipment as was now being issued. Q

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(b) Gen Vagni would personally invite Combat Gp Comds to visit RTC

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ACCOMODATION Q

11. It was agreed to support M of W's request for additional barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA. 'F' BLU would submit details of proposed tenant after studying new layout. 'F' BLU

BRITISH WEs

12. It was announced that implementation of British liaison and Trg Unit to RTC ICF CM/1018/1 and consequent disbandment of Z Trg Team CM/510/1 and BLU to RTC ICF CM/732/1 and British Trg increment for PTC ICF CM/733/1 had been ordered by AFHQ w.e.f. 1 June.

It was hoped that instructions for disbandment of Trg Unit to Italian Army CM/700/1 and Trg increment (Inf) to BLU (for Combat Gps) CM/542/1 and Trg Increment (REME) to BLU (for Combat Gps) CM/640/1 would follow shortly.

GI asked DMT to look after all offrs who would not be immediately absorbed into the new WEs. DMT

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ADM AND MAN-MANAGEMENT TRG

13. On the recommendation of Col A it was agreed first to train a small nucleus of Italian offrs which would then be capable of training Combat Gps and Adm Divs G(Trg)

GARIBALDI REGT

14. Sufficiently trained in its Italian weapons to undertake I.S. duties.

AQMG(2) agreed to press RAAC for those items of British equipment not yet released. Q

TRUCK DVRS AC

15. Col A stated that the Italian Army was short of veh dvrs and it was agreed not to vary the programme of trg for the remaining two Truck Coys AC.
Personnel are located at CIVITAVECCHIA. G(Trg)

FUTURE MEETING

16. It was decided to hold another meeting shortly. G(Trg)

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Lt-Col G.S.

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13. June 45

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CESMIO

Courses at present (16)

Vehicle Mechs

Drivers Mechs

Armourers

Gun Fitters

Short of Instructors due to demobilisation.

Others not assured

Length of courses

Drivers Mechs 3 weeks Jr. Maint Course

4 – Mech Course

Proposed

3 months would want

Then Veh Mechs – 6 to 7 weeks

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Our point does not seem to [illegible] on [illegible] size of army. All we want is pension for 1951–1951 to go to Cesmo.

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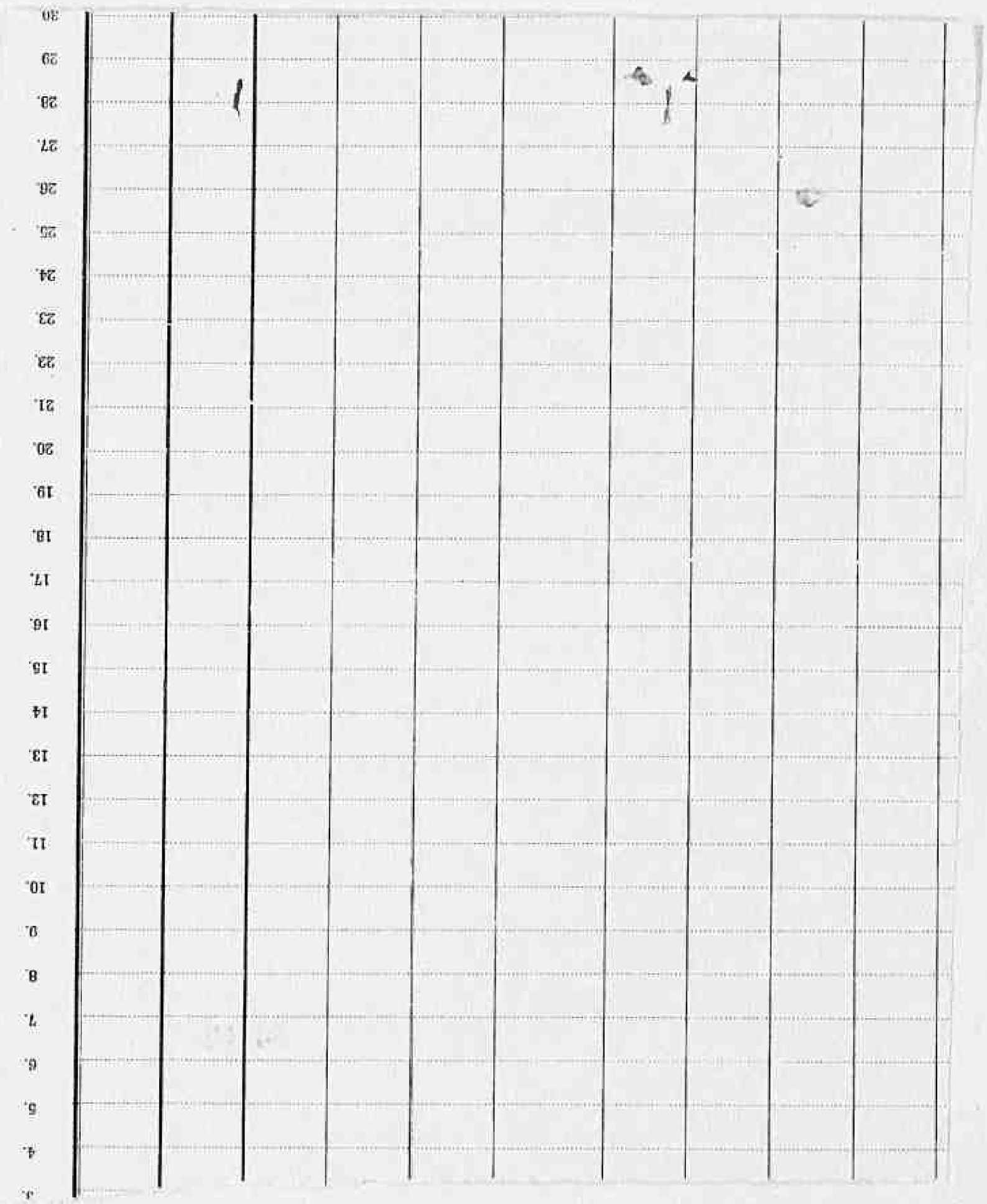

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SUBJECT:- Trg Conference

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/Trg/4

8 Jun 45

P/A Trg Officer

TO :- "F" HQ
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MLD
CMD
MAL

1. There will be a trg conference in the Conference Room HQ MMIA, ROME, at 1500 hrs Tues 12 Jun 45.

2. The object of the conference is

(a) to co-ordinate the trg of the Italian Army through MMIA.

(b) to maintain interest in trg and to make such plans for the future as present limited knowledge of "futures" will permit.

3. Will you please be represented. Agenda is att herewith. Additional points for inclusion should reach this office by 1200 hrs 11 Jun.

Lt Col
GS

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for

Trg Conference to be held Conference Room HQ MMIA
1500 hrs 12 Jun 45

1. Trg procedure (MMIA - DMT).
2. Trg and holding rfts for interim Italian Army (7,500 ceiling at CESANO).
3. Method of allotment of vacancies on courses.
4. Trg equipment, (a) procedure for obtaining.
   (b) responsibility for holding.
   (c) accounting.
5. Steps taken to popularise RTC CESANO in the eyes of Combat Gps.
6. Accommodation RTC CESANO. Future policy.
7. British trg instructors surplus to new WEs.
8. Adm trg and man-management trg.
9. GARIBALDI Regt.
10. Truck dvrs A.C.
11. [illegible] specialists

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PIA EME/1601

SUBJECT : E & ME Rfts for Italian Combat Groups

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(MMIA)

3/Trg/19

6 May 45

'p' BLU

1. DMT states that DMS, AFHQ has made the following rulings in respect of E & ME rfts being posted to Italian Combat Ops :-

(a) All E & ME rfts will be trade tested at the Mechanics School, RTC TOF, before posting to the GRUPPI.

(b) Those who fail to qualify as equivalent to British Class III Tradesmen will be retained for further training up to this standard.

2. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that these instructions are carried out.

Major General
MMIA

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Internal : 'A'
DAEME

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P/9 [illegible] 1601

SUBJECT:- Guiding Italian Army Personnel.

DATE: HQ 26 BAF ATT
Rear 2 Polonia.
GS/31/ATT.
20 Apr 45.

FROM:

The attached copy of DCS AFHQ letter NE/14/1570/19 dated 9 Apr 45 with appendices is forwarded, having been delivered to this HQ today, apparently in error.

[illegible] Capt.
for Lt Col,
AMGE.

/Ind.

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ADME

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ROME

FREEDOM 303

MS/1A/1670/12

9 Apr 45

Subject:- Training Italian Army Personnel

To:- DMT AFHQ

1. It is considered that the Italian Combat Groups must have 3rd line Wksp backing to the extent of one 3rd line Wksp on War Establishment CM/326/1 to two Combat Groups.

2. A bid for the necessary personnel has been submitted to G-3 Org (a copy of our MS/1A/1937 dated 29 Mar 45 is attached)

3. Training of tradesmen must start as quickly as possible; it is recommended therefore that the Mechanics School of the Italian Reinforcements Training Centre be enlarged to cater for this urgent commitment.

4. A detail of the type and quantity of tradesmen required for three Inf Tpt Wksps on CM/326/1 is given at Appendix A. There are other trades involved, but the ones detailed are the key trades.

5. A further commitment is the provision of an LAD for each Italian Tpt Coy (Total 10) (G4(Br) letter AMG/708/2/G(Maint) dated 30 Mar 45 refers). The key trades required for ten of the a/n LADs are also shown at Appendix A.

6. In view of the above additional urgent requirements it is requested that the authorised holding of Italian Army Rfts at CESANO be increased.

ADMIN
20 APR 1945
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J. CBE, Colonel, DME.
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to:- HQ Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA (2 copies)
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APPENDIX 'A' TO MS/1A/1670/19
DATED APR 45

Inf Tps Wksp X 3		LAD for Italian Tps Coy X 10	TOTAL
Arm Art Inst Field	3		3
Arm Art Vehicle	24	20	44
Arm Art Field	6		6
Arm Art Wireless	3		3
Armourers	15		15
Driver Mechanics	36		36
Electricians	15	20	35
Fitters	18		18
Inst Mechs	15		15
Telecom Mechs	12		12
Veh Mechs	144	60	204
Welders	18	10	28
Storemen	21	10	31
Clerks	18	10	28
Drivers IC	90		90

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ME 1A/1937

29 Mar 45

Subject:- Formation of Italian Army RME Units

To:- G-3 Org (Foreign) through Q(AS)

Reference your Coordinating Route Slip AGH/922.8(B) dated 22 Mar 45.

1. Our letter ME 1A/1560 dated 24 Nov 44 (copy to Q(AS) indicated that 3rd line Wksps for the combat groups were necessary. Two Wksp Coys were given up for reinforcements for Combat Group Wksps and for the formation of 3 rd line Wksps.

2. It is appreciated that there are very few Italian Tradesmen available for the formation of 3rd line Wksps, but they are urgently required, and attached at Appendix 'A' is our bid for the necessary units.

3. Technical Training would be carried out at the Italian Reinforcement Training Centre at which there is already in existence a Mechanics School, Instructors and a British Technical Staff.

(Signed) J. ORR, Colonel,
DEME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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APPENDIX 'A' to NS 1A/1937 dtd 29 Mar 45.

Serial No.	Designation of Unit	Priority	WE	WE Strength			Remarks
				Offrs	ORs	Vehs	
1	Inf Tps Wksp	B	CM/326/1	7	219	72	Required as 3rd Line Wksps on the basis of 1 per 2 Combat Groups
2	Inf Tps Wksp	C	"	7	219	72	
3	Inf Tps Wksp	D	"	7	219	72	

NOTE: Personnel figures include Ordnance Stores Section for each Wksp

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Preadm 503
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J. Orr, Colonel, DME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO MS/1A/1670/19
DATED APR 45

Inf Tps Wkgp X 3		LAD for Italian Tps Cog X 10		TOTAL
Arm Art Inst Field	3			3
Arm Art Vehicle	24		20	44
Arm Art Field	6			6
Arm Art Wireless	3			3
Armourers	15			15
Driver Mechanics	36			36
Electricians	15		20	35
Fitters	18			18
Inst Mechs	15			15
Telecom Mechs	12			12
Veh Mechs	144	60	60	204
Welders	18	6	10	28
Storemen	21		10	31
Clerks	18		10	28
Drivers TC	90			90

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ME 1A/1937

29 Mar 45

Subject:- Formation of Italian Army AME Units

To:- G-3 Org (Foreign) through Q(AE)

Reference your Coordinating Route Slip ASD/922.8(B) dated 22 Mar 45.

1. Our letter ME 1A/1560 dated 24 Nov 44 (copy to Q(AE) indicated that 3rd line Wksps for the combat groups were necessary. Two Wksp Coys were given up for reinforcements for Combat Group Wksps and for the formation of 3 rd line Wksps.

2. It is appreciated that there are very few Italian Tradesmen available for the formation of 3rd line Wksps, but they are urgently required, and attached at Appendix 'A' is our bid for the necessary units.

3. Technical Training would be carried out at the Italian Reinforcement Training Centre at which there is already in existence a Mechanics School, Instructors and a British Technical Staff.

(Signed) J. ORR, Colonel,
DDME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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Copy: Q(AE)
HQ Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
Ord (Br)

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APPENDIX 'A' to ME 1A/1937 dtd 29 Mar 45.

Serial No.	Designation of Unit	Priority	WE	WE Strength			Remarks
				Offrs	ORs	Vehs	
1	Inf Tps Wksp	B	CW/326/1	7	219	72	Required as 3rd Line Wksps on the basis of 1 per 2 Combat Groups
2	Inf Tps Wksp	C	"	7	219	72	
3	Inf Tps Wksp	D	"	7	219	72	

NOTE: Personnel figures include Ordnance Stores Section for each Wksp

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TYPE OF SPECIALIST	DURATION OF COURSE	SECTION RESPONSIBLE	STUDENTS	REMARKS
Driver Mechanics	4 weeks	RME	144	
Vehicle Mechanics	6 weeks	RME	90	
Armament Artificers		RME		
Fitters	6 weeks	RME	28	2 weeks General fitting 4 weeks Gun fitting
Armourers	2 weeks	RME	8	
Electricians	1 week	RME	10	Testing only
Turners	1 week	RME	4	Testing only
Welders	1 week	RME	4	Testing only
Telecommunication Mechanic	--	Sigs		
Blacksmiths	--	RE		
Sheet Metal Workers	--	RE		
Carpenters	--	RE		
Painters	--	RE		

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Tel: FREEDOM 503

Subject:- Training Italian Army

ME A1/1670/19

To:- DMT AFHQ

22 Jan 45

Further to our ME A1/1670/19 dated 10 Jan 45.

1. The REME wing from the BDER has now arrived in NAPLES and the following arrangements have been made :-

(a) Italian Co-operator personnel

These will be attached to 715 Italian Co-operator Wksp Coy, 16 Base Wksps, REME, w.e.f. 23 Jan 45 until instructions are received for their disposal.

(b) Capt HILTON, REME and British Other Ranks

Capt Hilton reported to this Directorate on 20 Jan and has been given all the information available here. He has been instructed to report to HQ MMIA (Col REA) on Tuesday, 23 Jan 45. Arrangements have been made for Capt HILTON, 5 Sgt Instructors and all the training stores (details of which were forwarded to you with our a/m letter) to proceed to ROME on 23 Jan 45.

2. May it please be confirmed that a suitable War Establishment is being produced for the supervisory British personnel.

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B.D. BELLAMY, Major,
DAEME,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to:- HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) (2 copies)
DAEME Force Area Allied Comd
5 Ar GRTD
GSMI 26 Base Wksps. (2 copies)

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Ref: [illegible] 525
MS 13/1670/19
16 Jan 45

Subject:- Training - Italian Army

To:- DMT AMG

1. Copies are enclosed for your information of MEDMOM Signals F.79010 of 4 Jan 45 to North Africa District, North Africa District reply, NA 226 of 5 Jan 45, and FRONTIER reply FX 61524 of 8 Jan 45 - reference conversation, Colonel RIA - Lt-Col RANKIN - Major FERGUSON.

2. It is apparent that the RMEE Wing from the BOIN can be expected in NAF about 20 Jan 45. You will note that the CO has been instructed to report to this Directorate on arrival. May it be confirmed that he should then be instructed to report to Hq MMIA to arrange accommodation for the personnel and equipment he is bringing with him.

3. For your information the RMEE Wing from the BOIN consists of -

Captain MILTON - RMEE
1 Sgt Vehicle Instructor
1 Sgt Electrician Instructor
1 Sgt Fitter Instructor

plus Italian Co-operator personnel referred to in attached NA District Signal, viz: two officers and 18 other ranks.

4. The training stores accompanying the Wing are summarised in Appendix "A" to DMES NA District letter MS/3/602/137 of 30 Dec 44, copy attached.

5. DMES NA District also reports that the Wing now has fairly complete Notes and Syllabuses in English and Italian.

K.A.McK. RANKIN, Lt-Col., AMEE,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to:- Hq MMIA
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DADMS Rome Area Allied Cmd
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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: NAMEST

REF TO : F 79010

SIGNED : SACMED

GTS: MEGAE

Can you release British personnel of RAAF Wing at BOXR on 20 Jan for urgent employment as instructors to Italian Army. Air passage probable.

ORIGINATOR: G-1(B)

AUTH: F.TEMP, MAJOR

INFO: G-3
RAAF
G2B

COORD WITH: G-3 OPS

ISO OUT 1055 6 Jan 45 1629A Ref No: F.79010 ba/o/c

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FROM: HADIST

TO: [illegible] INTERDICTION [illegible] DEMS RPTS, SEC 14, 20AR, KAMOV 2

REF TO THIS MESSAGE: A 226, 05 JANUARY, 1945.

Cite MMAB.

Your F-79010 dated 4th.

Yes, but strongly recommend that 2 officers, 18 ORs Italian personnel, integrated element of MDR RSMS Training Team, are called forward with British personnel.

These Italians are essential part of Team's efficiency.

Team has accumulated much valuable training eqpt, some quite heavy.

Strongly recommend complete Team and equipment shipped with 1 Coy MDR already called forward.

For MDR. Latest date of readiness must be 12th January.

F 79010 [illegible] 1065 4.1.45 G-1(B)

ACTION: G-1(B)

INFORMATION: G-3
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MDR 5386 5 January 45. 2142A REF No. AA 226 B/A/G

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PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION: HADIST FOR "A" BRANCH

FOR INFO : NANW, BASE DEPOT FOR ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS NORTH AFRICA

REF NO : FX 81524

SIGNED : SACMED CIRC: FNHAS 9 JAN 45

Your A 226 dated 5 January.

Agreed Italian personnel and equipment will accompany RNEC Wing. Will be shipped as you suggest and transferred to Italian Army on arrival. British CC to report RNEC APWG on arrival. Furnish nominal rolls to include home address or place of call up of Italian personnel to facilitate transfer.

British CC Wing will furnish credit certificates on transfer.

ORIGINATOR: G-1(B) AUTH: P THORP MAJOR

INFORMATION: G-3 RCMS OZS COORD WITH: G-3 ORG RNEC

NO OUT 2745 8 Jan 45 2225A Ref No. FX 81524 rg/O/G

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APPENDIX "A" TO DOMS HQ MAP LETTER MS/3/601/137A of 30 DEC 45

SPECIALISED ASSEMBLIES

Gear Box.
Matchless Motor Cycle Engine

CHARTS

"B" Vehicles - Various
Turners' (speeds feeds etc)
Armourers'

MACHINE TOOLS

Lathe 8" (Captured Italian)
Drilling Machines Two.
Lathe - Watchmakers.

BENCHES

Wood, equipped with complete vehicle wiring circuit layout	1
Wood, Wasp Pattern - Turners'	2
Wood, " " Fitters'	6
Wood, Carpenters' - Fitted with vices	4
Wood, Miscellaneous	6

STANDS — Made to hold various engines, gear boxes, differentials — 12 approx

FRAME — Made up to hold Motor Cycle gear box and rear wheel drive.

INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Set of Drawing Instruments	1
Blackboards and Easels	8

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LIST OF TOOLS HELD

1 set Coppersmiths
1 " Electricians
1 " Boilermakers
2 sets Riveters
2 " Painters and Glaziers
3 " Plumbers and Gasfitters.
2 " RAOC Artificers
3 " ~~Khuhantsand~~ Survey Instrument Repairers
2 " Welders kits, hand tools
12 " General Fitters
3 " Blacksmiths
8 " Carpenters.

Sundry sizes of Spanners are also held.

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FOR MINISTRY OF WAR (.)
COURSES ARE BEING ARRANGED AT SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

S C A F A T I FOR 22 STUDENTS AT A TIME CONSISTING OF 12 ARMOURERS AND 10 VEHICLE

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AFHQ ME/1a/1070/19 OF 26 JAN REFERS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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AFHQ ME/1A/1070/19 OF 20 JAN REFERS

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NOTES & SUGGESTIONS ON DRAFT WE ITI TRAINING SCHOOL

1. Veh Mech Wing (and Dvr Mech Wing)

(a) Could not overall figure for Assistant Instructors be reduced to one per eight students? (perhaps not for Italians). (Proportion of ranks as shown seems about right).

(b) Suggest AIs be 75-80% Arm Arts or Veh Mechs, remainder electricians. Veh Mech Wing might be called (say) Veh Wing, and train electricians as well (veh mechs and dvr mechs will also want training in automobile electricity).

(c) Based on above, suggest Italian E.M.E. instructors as follows:-

Arm Art Veh, WO II	---	1
Arm Art Veh, S/Sjt	---	1
Electricians, S/Sjt	---	1
Electrician, Sjt	---	2
Veh Mech, Sjt	---	4

2. (a) Gun Wing

Fld Arty Sec have informed us that the only trade training required by them is for Fitters, Gun; and that on a 20% basis there will be 16 of these at a time. (They have informed us that 20% has now been accepted as a basis instead of 15%)

We have found an error in the establishment for a LAD (we were not consulted in the preparation of this establishment - NA/540/1). We calculate, however, that 20% holding should be 11 REME Fitters, making a total holding of 27.

I think it is an open question as to whether an officer is required for the Gun Wing; if so, we might be able to find a REME subaltern, with difficulty. Suggest an officer is provided if you think this necessary. It is suggested that AIs should be as follows:-

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(WO II if no officer provided, S/Sjt if an officer

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Arm Art Fd (WO II if no officer provided, S/Sjt if an officer is provided).	---	1 (Italian EME)
Fitters, Sjt	---	3 (incl 1 Italian EME)

(b) Armourers Wing

Suggest this be included in Gun Wing; for eight students as shown by you, suggest that all that is required is one AI; Armourer, S/Sjt (REME).

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3. Wireless

Estimated number of trainees; one Arm Art Wireless and four Telecom Mechs. Consider these should be trained at 7 Sub Wksps of 16 Base Wksps, Artillery Barracks, NAPLES.

It is considered that a REME tradesman should supervise the training of these. A suitable Arm Art Wireless, WO II, is available for this purpose.

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ME/1A/1670/19
20 Jan 45.
FREEDOM 503

Subject: Training Italian Army.

To: HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA).

1. It is suggested that the attached Italian booklets might be of value to the Technical Wing of the Italian Reinforcement Training Centre.

2. These booklets are available in reasonable quantities in ROME and if it is considered that they will be of use, additional copies may be obtained through the DADME ROME Area Allied Command.

3. Please return the four attached booklets to DADME RAAC.

B.D.BELLAMY, Major, DADME.
For Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to: DADME RAAC.

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4. Instrument Mechs

Estimated number of trainees, two. These to be dealt with in the same way as wireless personnel - see para 3 above.

5. Welders

Estimated number of trainees, nine. It is recommended that these receive such training as may be required at the School of E & ME, SCAFATI. An instructor is available but one interpreter would have to be provided. Both gas and electric welding can be taught under the arrangements suggested.

6. Storemen

It is considered that the training of tool storemen of all arms is of paramount importance with Italian or any other Allied troops. It is considered essential that this should be carried out on a very thorough basis, presumably by Ord in conjunction with you.

7. Other Trades (Italian E.M.E.)

It is considered that any training for other trades, e.g., Turners, could best be carried out by attachment to selected REME Wksps in ROME.

8. On the above suggestions the following Italian E.M.E. personnel would be provided:-

1 or 2 Officers
12 Other Ranks

In addition a measure of REME supervision for the proposed Wksp in the Re-inforcement Training Depot is considered desirable.

The following is proposed:-

Arm Art Veh, WO II	---	1
Arm Art Fd or AA, S/Sjt	---	1

Thus, the overall REME British personnel would be:-

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14 Other Ranks

Summary

Total ITI E.M.E. (Suggested)
Capt E.M.E. 1
Lieut 1 (Perhaps)

	Tech School	Trg Centre Wksp	15 B Wksp
Arm Art Veh, WO II	1	1	
" " " , S/Sjt	1		
" " " Fd or AA	1 (WO II or Sjt Fd)	1 S/Sjt . Fd or AA	
" " " Wireless WO II			1
Armourer S/Sjt	1		
Electrician S/Sjt	1		
" Sjt	2		
Veh Mech Sjt	4		
	11	2	1

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SUBJECT: Italian Co-operator personnel

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/57
26 Jan 46

TO : AFHQ for G5(Org)

Copy to: AFHQ for G-1 Br
RENE
Capt. HILTON, RTC ICF

1. Further reference is made to AFHQ letter MS A1/1670/19 of 19 January, my SD/57 of 14 Jan, and AFHQ MS 1A/1670/19 of 22 January.

2. Captain HILTON, who has now arrived to take over the organisation of the Mechanics School at RTC ICF, is anxious to retain the Italian Cooperator personnel who have been with him hitherto, as instructors. However, as pointed out in my SD/57 of 14 Jan they cannot be accepted while they remain in their present status.

3. It would only be possible to make use of these men's experience as instructors if they could be released from their status as cooperators, and enabled to join the Italian Army in the ordinary way. If this were possible politically it is understood that 28 of the 33 men concerned would be willing to re-enlist.

L. Browne

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject :- COURSES - Italian Military (Veh Mechs & Armaments).

To :- CADRE, M.M.I.A. Ref: SLE/21.

From :- Comt: School of E & M E. 24 Jan 45.

Reference your signal SS 591 in furtherance of arrangements between (Lt.Col RANDLES - Major ELLIOTT - Capt. EDWARD M.M.I.A).

1. The following Courses for Italian Military personnel can be arranged for the next three months :-

Course	No. in Class	Duration	Interpreters required	Commencing Date
Veh Mechs	10	4 weeks	1	5 Feb 45
Armaments (not armourers)	12	2 weeks	2	5 Feb 45

NOTE :- Commencing date 5 Feb 45 for Veh Mechs to fit in with existing programmes.
If this date is not convenient, the commencing date for Veh Mechs must be 26 Feb 45.
The ARMAMENT course can start at any time.

2. It is requested that the Students will be of a suitable type.

3. INTERPRETERS.

It is requested that the two interpreters previously attached to this School will be made available for the Armaments Course, plus one extra for the Vehicle Mechanics Course.
They are available through -

Comando Militare della Campania,
Ufficio Interpreter,
NAPOLI.

Their particulars are :-

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Their particulars are :-

(a) VISCONTI, Cesare (Sottotenente),
Class 1914. District - NOVARA.
Regt :- 31° Fanteria.

(b) RONCHI, Alesandro (Sottotenente),
Class 1916. District - MONZA.
Regt :- 31° Fanteria.

4. It is understood that D.M.E., A.F.H.Q. Authority will be requested, before these Courses commence.

5. Attached is a proposed Syllabus for Veh Mechs, mainly of a Practical nature, drawn up to include the vehicles, mentioned by Captain EDWARDS, on his visit to this School.

The Syllabus for the Armament Course will be the same as taught on previous Courses.

Major,
Commandant, The School of Electrical & Mechanical Engineering.

C.M.F.
ME/MM-B.

Copy to :- D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.
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Appendix to SEME/21 of 24 Jan 45.

VEHICLE MECHANICS (TRAINING).

PROPOSED SYLLABUS FOR 4-WEEK COURSE of mainly a Practical Nature.

1. Revision of 4-stroke cycle of operations.
   Valve and ignition timing.
   Simple principles of Carburation and Fuel Systems.
   Lubrication Systems.
   Typical Clutches - Crook and Synchromesh Gearboxes.
   Steering and Braking Systems.

2. Fuel Injection Equipment.
   Necessity for cleanliness and care in handling F.I.E.
   Replacement of Injectors.
   Replacing Pump on Engine.
   Bleeding Injection System.

3. Vehicle Electricity.
   Explanation of typical lighting, starting and Ignition systems.
   Fault finding and repairs.

4. Practical 1. G.M.C.
   2. Dodge.
   3. Ford.
   4. Carrier.

   Removal, dismantling, examination of major assemblies from above equipments as time permits.

5. Students.

   Students will number 10 per class and it is recommended that they are already capable of driving and have some technical background.
   Interpreters will be required.

6. Instructors.

   Can be supplied from existing staff.

7. Accomodation and Equipment.

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7. Accomodation and Equipment.

Already available in the School. If possible, a list of the equipments we are expected to cover would be of great value.

8. Above arrangements etc., could be completed to commence courses on proposed date, i.e., 5 Feb 45.

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FIELD (GHF).,
24 Jan 45.
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Tel: FRANCE 503

Subject:- Italian Army

MB 12/1605/2

To:- Distribution Below

23 Jan 45

Further to our MB 4/1/1560/1 dated 17 Oct 44, the following scale of Tool Sets, Veh Mech, 41F-5558 has been authorised:-

1 per LAD, Total 5 per Gruppo
1 per Mech Eng Pl, Total 1 per Gruppo
1 per Mech Eng Wksp, Total 1 per Gruppo

If not already done, please submit indents for these tool kits.

1 per LMB, Total 6 per Gruppe
1 per Mach Eng Fl, Total 1 per Gruppe
1 per Mach Eng Wkp, Total 1 per Gruppe

If not already done, please submit indents for these tool kits.

P.A. GILLEAND, Capt.
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Distribution:- DAMM Land Forces Sub Committee MMIA
EME 50 MLD
" 51 "
" 52 "
" 53 "
" 56 "

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FROM SMI

INFO MMLA LO RTC ICF
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SD 2215 RESTRICTED

REFERENCE MMLA SS 608 OF 29 JAN AND SEME/21 OF 30 JAN (.) FOLLOWING WILL REPORT SCHOOL OF E AND ME S C A F A T I E T A 1300 HOURS 4 FEB FOR COURSES COMMENCING 5 FEB (.) 10 STUDENT VEHICLE MECHANICS FOR 4 WEEKS COURSE CAN 12 STUDENT FITTERS ARMAMENTS FOR 2 WEEKS COURSE PLUS 2 INTERPRETERS/(.) S M R E WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR RETURN OF STUDENTS AT END OF COURSES (.) WILL SCHOOL OF E AND ME PLEASE STATE IF FURTHER COURSE FOR FITTERS ARMAMENTS CAN FOLLOW ON 19 FEB

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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REF CONVERSATION MAJOR E L L I O T T CAPT E D W A R D S 30TH DEC 44 (.) SUBJECT VEH MECH AND ARMOURERS COURSES FOR BR.ITI (.) CAN YOU ARRANGE A PROGRAMME COVERING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS FOR 22 STUDENTS AT A TIME MADE UP AS FOLLOWS 12 ARMOURERS AND 10 VEH MECHS (.) TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED BY THIS H Q (.) CORRECT TIMES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE WILL BE ADHERED TO (.) A C K

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FREEDOM 503

Subject:- Formation of Training Increments REME for Gruppi di Combattimenti — MF/1A/1768

To:- DDME HQ No. 1 District
DDME HQ No. 3 District — 5 Jan 44

1. Staff authority has now been requested for the formation of Five Training Increments REME on War Establishment NA/640/1 (copy attached) for the Italian Combat Groups which have been formed.

2. At the present time AA Wksps are attached to Combat Groups as detailed below:-

45 LAA Wksp	Attached	FRIULI	Combat	Group
16 " "	"	CREMONA	"	"
65 HAA "	"	LEGNANO	"	"
83 " "	"	FOLGORE	"	"

No Workshop is allotted to "MANTOVA" "

3. It is considered that the Training Increment of 10 other ranks should be implemented at each Combat group at the earliest opportunity

4. Will you please make the necessary arrangements for Training Increments to be attached to each Combat Group forthwith. The personnel will be found, as far as possible, from the AA Wksps detailed in Para 2. above.

The Table attached at Appendix 'A' compares the AA Wksps by War Establishment with the WE of Five Training Increments and indicates that very few personnel will have to be found from other sources.

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for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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Copy to:- Capt EDWARDS REME
attached HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

C: 15 Army Group (for REME) - Replying to your REME/7465 of 31 Dec 44.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO MR/1A/1763
DATED JAN 1945

DETAIL	Five Trg Incrs (a)	Two HAA Wkgs III/204/3 (b)	One LAA Wkgp III/210/3 (c)	One LAA Wkgp VI/576/2 (d)	TOTAL Available by 43 (e)	+ (f)	- (g)
WO II							
Arm Art Vehicle	5	2	-	1	3		2
S/Sjt							
Arm Art Field	5	2	1	5	8	3	
Sjt							
Armourer	5	2(S/Sjt)	1	-	3		2
Artisan	5	8	1	-	9	4	
Cpls							
Artisan	10	6	1	1	8		2
Storeman	5	2	-	4	6	1	
L/Cpl							
Artisan	10	12	6	1	13	9	
Driver (Pte)	5	12	5	3	20	15	
Tradesmen							
Arm Art Veh	5	2	1	1	4		1
Arm Art Field	5	4(AA)	3(AA)	3(AA)	10	5	

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Armourer	5	2(S/Sgt)	1	-	3		2
Artisan	5	8	1	-	9	4	
Cpls							
Artisan	10	6	1	1	8		2
Storeman	5	2	-	4	6	1	
L/Cpl							
Artisan	10	12	6	1	19	9	
Driver (Pte)	5	12	5	3	20	15	
Tradesmen							
Arm Art Veh	5	2	1	1	4		1
Arm Art Field	5	4(AA)	3(AA)	3(AA)	10	5	
Armourer	5	2	1	-	3		2
Veh Mech	15	8	11	6	25	10	
Tele Mech (Fld)	5	40(MAA)	-	-	40	35	
D Mech	5	12	6	1	19	14	
Storeman (Veh)	5	2	1	4	7	2	
Driver IC	5	12	5	3	20	15	

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TRAINING INCREMENT R.E.M.E. TO D.L.U. (for Gruppo di Combattimenti)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Warrant officer, class II -	
Armament artificer (vehicle)	1
Staff-serjeant -	
Armament artificer (field)	1
Serjeants -	
Armourer	1
Artisan	1
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	4
Corporals -	
Artisans	2
Storeman	1
Lance-corporals -	
Artisans	2
Craftsmen, drivers and privates -	
Driver	1
Total, rank and file	6
Total, training increment, R.E.M.E. to D.L.U. (for Gruppo di Combattimenti)	10

(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties.

Tradesmen -	
Armament artificers -	
Vehicle	1
Field	1
Armourer	1
Artisans -	
Vehicle-mechanics	3
Telecommunication-mechanic (field)	1
Driver-mechanic	1
Storeman, vehicle	1

Storeman	2
Lance-corporals -	
Artisans	1
Craftsman, drivers and privates -	
Driver	6
Total, rank and file	10
Total, training increment, R.E.M.E. to B.L.V. (for Gruppo di Combattimenti)	

(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties.

Tradesmen -	
Armament artificers -	
Vehicle	1
Field	1
Armourer	1
Artisans -	
Vehicle-mechanics	3
Telecommunication-mechanic (field)	1
Driver-mechanic	1
Storeman, vehicle	1
Total, tradesmen	9
Non-tradesmen -	
Driver, I.C.	1
Total, other ranks	10

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(iii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo	9
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	1

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority.

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