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SG/29/10/B ARTY COURSES

Oct. 6, 1944 - MAR. 1, 1945

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Royal Artillery Training Memorandum No. 6.

The Director arranged to train the instructors who are to teach at the School and Depot at BRACOLANO have now finished. The duration of Courses was as follows :-

| <u>COURSE.</u> | <u>DURATION.</u> | <u>DATES.</u>    |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Anti Aircraft  | 5 1/2 weeks      | 31 Jan - 24 Feb. |
| Anti Tank      | 3 1/2 "          | 31 Jan - 24 Feb. |
| 25 pr          | 5 1/2 "          | 31 Jan - 9 Mar.  |

Students attended as follows :-

|                    | <u>22nd</u> | <u>40 mm</u> | <u>17 pr.</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Officers from 10TH | 10          | 8            | 5             |
| NCO's from 10TH    | 53          | 24           | 25            |
| Officers from 14TH | -           | -            | 4             |
| NCO's from 14TH    | -           | -            | 6             |
| NCO and O.N. from  | -           | 2            | -             |
| POLGONE Gruppe     | -           | -            | -             |

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NCO's from MILITARIA Gruppo -  
NCO and O.I. from  
FOLIORE Gruppo -

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Wield,  
16 Mar 45.

R. A. Dyer

Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)  
Lt Col, G.S.

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SUBJECT: Translation of R.A. Code.  
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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/10/B ✓

17 March 45

TO : "F" BLU, RTC ICF.  
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For attention 10 R.A. Training Team.

1. Please state what action is being taken reference 56 BLU's RA/- of 8 March on above subject.

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

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Subject:- Translation.

29/10/8  
Ref....RA/..../.....

To:-  
Officer Commanding,  
R.A. Training Team.  
(Italian Forces)

Date, 8, Mar. 45.

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Copy to:- M.M.I.A.  
S.O. Sigs 56 B.L.U.

1. On 24, Dec. 44 it was agreed in conversation ( Lt-Col. Dehn - Major Chadwyck-Healey ) that the R.A. Code should be translated into Italian at least in its essential parts. Without such a code the passage of fire orders in morse is too laborious to be practical.
2. Will you please say whether this is now available or whether MANTOVA Gruppo should make their own.

In the Field.  
WL.

*Letter sent to  
10 AA Sig 16 Mar*

*W. Healey*

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Major R.A.,  
G.S.O. 11. R.A.



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SUBJECT: Artillery Training Pamphlets.  
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LAND FORCES SUB CEL. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

1 March 1945

S/G/29/10/B

TO : Ministry of War (for Ispettorato Artiglieria)  
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Ref our letter S/G/29/10/B dated 25 Feb 45.

1. Please find herewith 4 copies of "Handbook for Ordnance Q.F. 40 mm" and 35 copies of "Handbook for Ordnance Q.F. 25 pr, Mark II".

*R. G. A. Lunn Aarim*  
h Major General Capt  
M.M.I.A.

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SS 668 of 2 Nov.  
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Tel: FILL20T 46

27 Feb 45

To: Distribution Below

Attached Notes on Conference held at Artillery Section, 15th Army Group, on 26 Feb 45 to discuss Italian Organisation and matters regarding the Italian Artillery are forwarded for information.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
15TH ARMY GROUP,  
ARTILLERY SECTION.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT ARTILLERY  
SECTION, 15TH ARMY GROUP ON 26TH  
FEBRUARY 1945 TO DISCUSS ITALIAN  
ORGANISATION AND MATTERS REGARDING  
THE ITALIAN ARTILLERY

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PART I.

1. 15th Army Group.

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In the beginning, when the existing organisation was made, the intention was that any two Btys could be grouped together and for this reason the Btys were liberally supplied with officers. Both CREMONA and TRIULI Gruppi have now been deployed in action, and advantage will be taken of their experience.

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2. CREMONA GROUP.

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

Brigadier STALLING considers, however, that the Regt can get perfectly well with their present establishment, and when necessary, provide two TAC H.Q.'s without any additions from outside. Furthermore, he thinks that to bring in fresh Lt. Cols. at this stage would involve an unacceptable training problem. Therefore, no change is desirable.

3. LEGHANO GROUP.

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5. ITALIAN TRAINING TEAM.

Col. DEMI stated it was in the tradition of Army Regts to have subordinate H.Q.'s to command each pair of Btys, and, therefore, they should be prepared to organise them. He suggested that the 2 i/c should not be detailed in such a capacity as he is very involved, under the Italian organisation, in adm, and if he were removed the efficiency of the Regt would probably suffer.



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M.L.I.A.

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

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

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DECISION.

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PART III - COUNTER MORTAR ORGANISATION.

The FULLI Gp consider that a Counter Mortar organisation with an AGMO and Staff, is necessary. AGMO stated that Gruppo would consider this and if necessary, put up proposals.



PART IV - SIGNALS COMES - REAR LINKS

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

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*Art. 200.*

Lt Col RA  
GSO I RA  
15 Army Group.

Field  
27 Feb 45  
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SUBJECT: Artillery Training Manuals

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
(M.M.L.A.)

25 February 45  
8/8/29/10/B

TO : Ministry of War for Inspettorato Artigliera.  
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Reference telephone conversation T/Col De Palma-Capt Groves-  
Raines.

1. Herewith 8 copies of "Handbook for the Ordnance Q.F. 40 mm Mark I", and 19 copies of "Handbook for the Ordnance Q.F. 25 pr, Mark II".

2. 12 copies of the former and 40 of the latter were asked for by us but only the above number of copies have so far been received. We will inform you whether the remaining number of copies will be available or not. 2326

*R. S. A. Grove-Raines*  
for Major General Capt  
M.M.L.A.

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OM MAIN 8 ARMY 241130  
TO MMIA ROME  
INFO 15 ARMY GP  
QQX GR -  
SD2169 . RESTRICTED . YOUR SS 644 OF 19 . 8 ARMY DO NOT INTEND PROPOSE  
AMENDMENT TO WE ITALIAN COMBAT GP ARTY ~~ARTY~~  
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THI 1150  
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NR 8444 RECD 241352A PJB AR KK  
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

20 0845A

IL SINDAGO, NETTUNO

HQ Allied Commission, MMIA, MMIA LO to Italian War Ministry,  
WTSFP, HQ 2 District.

16/63(Br)

*[Signature]*

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Further to this Headquarters letter RAAC/16/21/63(Br) dated 25 Jan.

Dates firing commences at NETTUNO Calibration Ranges are as follows;  
FRIDAY 23rd, SATURDAY 24th and SUNDAY 25th Feb.

As arranged, please ensure that Civil population are notified of the  
dates given above and that the Ranges are out of bounds whilst firing is  
in progress.

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PRIORITY

G3 (British)

*[Signature]*

Major G3,



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SIGNAL

FROM N F I A

19 1612 A

TO 8 ARMY

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

SS 644

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

REFERENCE TO TRAINING TEAM R A's 1/109 OF 17 JAN UNDERSTOOD  
FORWARDED TO YOU BY 15 ARMY GROUP (.) DO YOU INTEND TO PROPOSE  
AMENDMENTS TO W E FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP ARTILLERY REGIMENT QUERY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED *[Signature]*

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SIGNAL

FROM M M I A

TO 56 BLU

INFO R A TRAINING TEAM

SS 642

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR C O S OF 17 FEB REFERENCE ARTILLERY TRAINING STORES (.)  
SORT OUT WITH D E H N

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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| MESSAGE FORM 319                                      |         | Register No. 4217 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Call                                                  | St. No. | Priorities        |
| MESSAGE FORM 319                                      |         |                   |
| CIPHER SECRET                                         |         |                   |
| Transmission Instructions                             |         |                   |
| DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN                                   |         |                   |
| 170900                                                |         |                   |
| FROM (A) 56 BLD                                       |         |                   |
| TO MMIA                                               |         |                   |
| DMT                                                   |         |                   |
| Restrict                                              |         |                   |
| Ref SS 631 of 16th                                    |         |                   |
| 318                                                   |         |                   |
| Message Not understood and G II                       |         |                   |
| Personally Watched (?) Hand over of eight chinomsters |         |                   |
| sight and two chinomsters field as ordered by         |         |                   |
| DMT O Receipts are held by HAN TAVA all               |         |                   |
| guns were handed over with such sight and             |         |                   |
| associated stars as were received with them           |         |                   |



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Originator's No.  
GOS

Restricted

Ref SS 631 of 16th

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Message NOT understood and G II personally watched (?) hand over of eight clinometers sight and two clinometers field as ordered by DMT O Receipts are held by MANTOVA all guns were handed over with such sight and associated stores as were received with the

DMT is aware that deficiencies exist

Balance of equipment to be handed over is as stated in my G of 13th. which was agreed with SMETHURST would be collected with hand of guns

|                                                          |                                                                                           |                                              |              |        |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|----|
| This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except: | If liable to be intercepted or in full how enemy hands this message - see also the CIPHER | Original's Instructions, Degree of Priority. | Time         | System | Op |
|                                                          |                                                                                           |                                              | THI or TOR   |        |    |
| Signed. held for                                         |                                                                                           |                                              | 171130       |        |    |
| Signed. hand over                                        |                                                                                           |                                              | Time Cleared |        |    |

14 FEB 1947



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FROM MMIA

18/220 A

TO 56 BLU

SS 631

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

SERIOUS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN LIST AND STORES ACTUALLY SENT TO  
I C F ARTILLERY DEPOT (.) COMPLETE ABSENCE OF S I G H T  
C L I N O M E T E R S FOR ALL 25 PRS AND SIGHTS FOR BOFORS (.)  
ONLY TWO TELESCOPES FOR ANTI TANK (.) TRAINING SERIOUSLY DELAYED (.)  
PLEASE DISPATCH ITEMS DETAILED BY MOTORCYCLIST EARLIEST (.) LIST  
OF LESS URGENT DEFICIENCIES FOLLOWING

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Artillery Courses.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.W.I.A.)

8/0/29/10/8 ✓  
10 February 45

TO : Ministry of War. (for Ufficio Addestramento  
SMRE)

Copy to: OC BLU RTC ICF CESANO.  
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1. Students attending the A-Tr and AA courses will be ready for transportation back to R.T.C. I.C.F. on Sunday 25 February. Would you please arrange transport. Numbers are as follows:-

AA - 8 officers and 21 OR's

A-Tr - 5 Officers and 25 OR's.

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

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29/10/18

8/511

10 Training Team R.A.  
(for Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

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1/800. 8 Feb 45.

SD  
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*[Signature]*

MMIA.  
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I hope to go up to HOME again next Monday 12 Feb to observe  
progress at the Artillery Depot and deal with other Artillery matters.

R A Dehn

Field.

Lt Col, U.S.  
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)

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10 Training Team, R.A.  
(For Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

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7 Feb 45. 3/105.

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Students attending the A/Tk and A.A. Courses will be ready for transportation back to the Artillery Depot on Sunday 25 Feb. Would you please arrange transport. Numbers are as follows:-

A.A. - 8 Officers and 21 O.Rs.  
A/Tk. - 5 Officers and 25 O.Rs.

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R.A. Dehn

Lt Col, C.S.

Commanding 10 Training Team, R.A. (For Italian Forces)

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Passed on 15 March 1944



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AFHQ for G-3 ORG and RA

15 ARMY GROUP for RA  
RA TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)  
56 BLU

SD 2221

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IN VIEW OF NEED FOR TRAINED ARTILLERY INTERPRETERS SUGGEST  
THAT PROMOTION OF 19 MALTESE OFFICER INTERPRETERS NOW WITH  
56 BLU OR OF THOSE WITH OTHER BLU'S SHOULD BE SENT FOR COURSE  
TO RA TRAINING TEAM BEFORE EMPLOYMENT AS SPECIALIST INTERPRETERS  
FOR FIELD ARTILLERY (.) RA TRAINING TEAM IS FULLY QUALIFIED TO  
GIVE SUCH COURSE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Internal: Ciro

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

## UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

N. 377 /A/3 prot. add.

P.N. 3800, 25 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: corsi sul materiale di artiglieria.



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

e per conoscenza;

ALLO S.M.R.E. - ISPETTORATO DI ARTIGLIERIA - S.E.D.R.

ROMA

Si comunica che lunedì prossimo, 29 corrente, giungeranno a Cerreto Sannita per la frequenza dei corsi sui materiali di artiglieria i sottotenenti militari:

- allievi controerei: 5 ufficiali e 19 graduati e sottufficiali
- allievi controcarro: 5 ufficiali e 20 graduati e sottufficiali
- allievi 25 libbre: 2 ufficiali e 10 graduati e sottufficiali.

Le aliquote di cui sopra sono in aumento al personale già fatto affluire alla scuola di Cerreto Sannita il 21 corrente.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(A. Santi)

P.L.C.  
IL COLONNELLO  
CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO  
(A. Santi)

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M. M. M.



→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (U.M.I.A.)

ROMA

e per conoscenza:

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CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO  
(S. FERRARI)

*Ferrari*



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| Day & Date.             | 0830 - 0930                                                                                                                            | 0930 - 1030 | 1100 - 1200                                 | 1200 - 1300        | 1415 - 1515                                                                       | 1515 -   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Wednesday<br>31 Jan 45. | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Examination of Equipment.                                                                                          |             | <u>Lecture</u><br>of Sites.                 | Recco & Occupation | <u>Gun Drill</u>                                                                  | Line Up. |
| Thursday<br>1 Feb 45.   | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Revision of all Drills.                                                                                            |             | <u>Lecture</u><br>Tactical Move of a Troop. |                    | <u>Lecture</u><br>Ammunition -<br>Round Complete, Markings<br>Care & Maintenance. |          |
| Friday<br>2 Feb 45.     | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Revision of all Drills.                                                                                            |             | Care & Maintenance of<br>Equipment.         |                    |                                                                                   | HALF DAY |
| 3rd and FINAL WEEK.     |                                                                                                                                        |             |                                             |                    |                                                                                   |          |
| Monday<br>5 Feb 45.     | Complete day devoted to completion of notes, diagrams etc, and preparation of lecturettes.                                             |             |                                             |                    |                                                                                   |          |
| Tuesday<br>6 Feb 45.    | Three days devoted to Lecturettes and Redrilling according to<br>(a) Weaknesses shown in previous two weeks<br>(b) Weather prevailing. |             |                                             |                    |                                                                                   |          |
| Wednesday<br>7 Feb 45.  |                                                                                                                                        |             |                                             |                    |                                                                                   |          |
| Thursday<br>8 Feb 45.   |                                                                                                                                        |             |                                             |                    |                                                                                   |          |
| Friday<br>9 Feb 45.     | BOTFOR QUIZ                                                                                                                            |             |                                             |                    | Care & Maintenance of Equip                                                       |          |
| Saturday<br>10 Feb 45.  | <u>Lecture:</u><br>Training Methods                                                                                                    |             | Course Terminates.                          |                    |                                                                                   |          |

Note: If situation dictates Course will be extended by 4 days to include Air Co-operation i.e. Thu

Field.  
19 Jan 45.

Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A.



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| 1030                                                                                       | 1100 - 1200                          | 1200 - 1300 | 1415 - 1515                                                         | 1515 - 1615 | Block Programme.                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Equipment.                                                                                 | Lecture Recce & Occupation of Sites. |             | Gun Drill                                                           | Line Up.    |                                                                                                          |
| Skills.                                                                                    | Lecture Tactical Move of a Troop.    |             | Lecture Ammunition - Round Complete, Markings & Care & Maintenance. |             |                                                                                                          |
| Skills.                                                                                    | Care & Maintenance of Equipment.     |             | HALF DAY                                                            |             |                                                                                                          |
| 3rd and FINAL WEEK.                                                                        |                                      |             |                                                                     |             |                                                                                                          |
| Completion of notes, diagrams etc, and preparation of lecturettes.                         |                                      |             |                                                                     |             | COMPLETION OF NOTES 6<br>LECTURETTES & REDRILLING 18<br>LECTURE 2<br>QUIZ 4<br>O & M 2<br>SUNDRY 2<br>34 |
| Lecturettes and Redrilling according to classes shown in previous two weeks or prevailing. |                                      |             |                                                                     |             |                                                                                                          |
| Care & Maintenance of Equipment                                                            |                                      |             |                                                                     |             |                                                                                                          |
| Course Terminates.                                                                         |                                      |             |                                                                     |             |                                                                                                          |
| Course will be extended by 4 days to include Air Co-operation i.e. Thurs 15 Feb 45.        |                                      |             |                                                                     |             |                                                                                                          |

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 Lt Col, G.S.  
 Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)



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Duration: 22 Jan - 10 Feb 45.

A.A. INSTRUCTORS COURSE Serial 1

Asst Inst  
Interpreter

INSTRUCTOR: Capt J.M. Ingledew, R.A.

1st & 2nd WEEKS.

| Day & Date.             | 0830 - 0930                                          | 0930 - 1030                      | 1100 - 1200                                       | 1200 - 1300                      | 1415 - 1515                                                            | 1515 - |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Monday<br>22 Jan 45.    | Opening<br>Address.                                  | Detailed Descrip<br>of Platform. | Gun Drill<br>In & Out of<br>Action.               | Detailed Descrip<br>of Mounting. | Gun Drill. Det Rear, To<br>Change Round, In & Out<br>Action Slow Time. |        |
| Tuesday<br>23 Jan 45.   | Gun Drill Load, Make Safe,<br>Ease Springs - Unload. |                                  | Mechanism<br>Breech and Firing.                   |                                  | Care and Maintenance<br>Practical                                      |        |
| Wednesday<br>24 Jan 45. | Lecture:<br>Method of Fire Control.                  |                                  | Gun Drill<br>Engagement of Targets.               |                                  | Mechanism<br>Auto. Loader.                                             |        |
| Thursday<br>25 Jan 45.  | Mechanism<br>Breech Ring.                            |                                  | Lecture:<br>Stoppages.                            |                                  | Gun Drill<br>Misfire & Stoppages.                                      |        |
| Friday<br>26 Jan 45.    | Lecture<br>Buffer.                                   |                                  | Care & Maintenance & Exam<br>of Equip Drill.      |                                  | Gun Drill<br>Change Barrels.                                           |        |
| Saturday<br>27 Jan 45.  | Mechanism<br>Full Action of Recoil and Run Out.      |                                  |                                                   |                                  | HALF DAY                                                               |        |
| Monday<br>28 Jan 45.    | Gun Drill<br>Change Barrels                          |                                  | Lecture Observation of Tracer<br>and Corrections. |                                  | Lecture: Engagement of<br>Targets with 40 mm.                          |        |
| Tuesday<br>30 Jan 45.   | Gun Drill<br>Engagement of Targets.                  |                                  | Lecture Ammunition<br>250 & 251 Pz                |                                  | Gun Drill<br>Line Up                                                   |        |

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020A.A. INSTRUCTORS COURSE Serial 11st & 2nd WEEKS.Asst Instrs: Sgt Clarke W.H. Sgt Bucknoll A.  
Interpreters: Capt Palmasani. S/Ten Benvenuti.

| 1030                   | 1100 - 1200                                              | 1200 - 1300                      | 1415 - 1515                                                                             | 1515 - 1615 | Block Programme.                                                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Descepn<br>Form.       | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>In & Out of<br>Action.               | Detailed Descepn<br>of Mounting. | <u>Gun Drill.</u> Det Rear, Tell off,<br>Change Round, In & Out of<br>Action Slow Time. |             | GUN DRILL 11<br>MECHANISM 10<br>C & M 4<br>LECTURES 6<br>SUNDRY 3   |
| re,                    | <u>Mechanism</u><br>Breech and Firing.                   |                                  | Care and Maintenance<br>Practical.                                                      |             | 31.                                                                 |
|                        | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Engagement of Targets.               |                                  | <u>Mechanism</u><br>Auto Loader.                                                        |             |                                                                     |
|                        | <u>Lecture:</u><br>Stoppages.                            |                                  | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Misfire & Stoppages.                                                |             |                                                                     |
|                        | Care & Maintenance & Exam<br>of Equip Drill.             |                                  | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Change Barrels.                                                     |             |                                                                     |
| of Recoil and Run Out. |                                                          |                                  | HALF DAY                                                                                |             |                                                                     |
|                        | <u>Lecture</u> Observation of Tracer<br>and Corrections. |                                  | <u>Lecture:</u> Engagement of<br>Tanks with 40 mm.                                      |             | GUN DRILL 1212<br>MECHANISM 2<br>LECTURES 14<br>C & M 4<br>SUNDRY 2 |
|                        | <u>Lecture</u> Ammunition<br>250 & 251 Puzs              |                                  | <u>Gun Drill</u><br>Line Up                                                             |             | 34                                                                  |

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4th Week.

| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                             | 0930 - 1030          | 1100 - 1200                       | 1200 - 1300                  | 1415 - 1515            | 1515 - |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Monday<br>12 Feb 45.    | -----Gun Drill-----<br>Re-Drilling.     |                      | -----Training & Training Devices. |                              | -----Equipment Lect    |        |
| Tuesday<br>13 Feb 45.   | Try Programmes<br>& Putting it<br>Over. | -----Deployment----- |                                   | Gun Siting &<br>Concealment. | -----Battle Drill----- |        |
| Wednesday<br>14 Feb 45. | -----T.E.W.T.-----                      |                      |                                   |                              | -----RANGE ORGANISATI  |        |
| Thursday<br>15 Feb 45.  | -----FULL CHARGE RANGES-----            |                      |                                   |                              |                        |        |
| Friday<br>16 Feb 45.    | -----FULL CHARGE RANGES-----            |                      |                                   |                              |                        |        |
| Saturday<br>17 Feb 45.  | Equipment Lecturettes-----              |                      | Final Discussion-----             |                              |                        |        |

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21 Jan 45.

Commanding 10 Try Toga R.

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4th Week.

1100 - 1200      1200 - 1300      1415 - 1515      1515 - 1615.  
-----Training & Training Devices. -----Equipment Lectures.

Deployment----- Gun Siting & Concealment. -----Battle Drill-----

T.E.W.T.----- RANGE ORGANISATION-----

ALL CHARGE RANGES-----

ALL CHARGE RANGES-----

Final Discussion-----

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Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)

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3rd Week.

| Day & Date             | 0830 - 0930               | 0930 - 1030               | 1100 - 1200                                  | 1200 - 1300               | 1415 - 1515               | 1515 -  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Monday<br>5 Feb 45.    | Gun Drill(8)              | Gun Drill<br>Re-Drilling. | Filling & Charging Reco System<br>6 & 17 pr. |                           | Amunition (a.)            |         |
| Tuesday<br>6 Feb 45.   | Gun Drill<br>Re-Drilling. | Tank<br>Recognition.      | Use of HB Amunition with<br>A/Tk Guns.       |                           | Equipment Revision & Quiz |         |
| Wednesday<br>7 Feb 45. | Gun Drill<br>Re-Drilling. |                           | Speed & Distance Judging.                    |                           | Equipment Lecture         |         |
| Thursday<br>8 Feb 45.  |                           | Bren Attachment 16 pr     |                                              | Maintenance.              |                           | Spare.  |
| Friday<br>9 Feb 45.    |                           | Bren Attachment 17 pr     |                                              | Gun Drill<br>Re-drilling. |                           | Mainten |
| Saturday<br>10 Feb 45. | Gun Drill<br>Re-Drilling. |                           | General Revision & Quiz                      |                           | HALF DAY                  |         |



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3rd Week.

|       | 1100 - 1200                                 | 1200 - 1300                | 1415 - 1515       | 1515 - 1615 |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|       | Filling & Charging Rec System<br>6 & 17 pr. |                            | Ammunition (A.P.) |             |
|       | Use of HE Ammunition with<br>A/Tk Guns.     | Equipment Revision & Quiz. |                   |             |
|       | Speed & Distance Judging.                   | Equipment Lectures         |                   |             |
| 16 pr |                                             | Maintenance.               | Spare.            |             |
| 17 pr |                                             | Gun Drill<br>Redrilling.   | Maintenance.      |             |
|       | General Revision & Quiz                     | HALF DAY                   |                   |             |



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2nd Week.

| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930            | 0930 - 1030                                 | 1100 - 1200                                           | 1200 - 1300                  | 1415 - 1515                           | 1515 - 1615 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Monday<br>29 Jan 45.    | Gun Drill (1)          | A. Basic Structure<br>B. -do- 17 pr<br>6 pr | A. Super Structure<br>B. -do- 17 pr<br>6 pr (Lecture) | A. Blobstick<br>B. -do- 6 pr | A. Breach & Firing Mech<br>B. -do-    |             |
| Tuesday<br>30 Jan 45.   | Gun Drill (2)          | Target Selection                            |                                                       | Tank Recognition.            | A. Traversing & Elevat<br>B. -do-     |             |
| Wednesday<br>31 Jan 45. | Gun Drill (3)          |                                             | A. 125 Range<br>B. SA Gear & Firing Gear 17 pr        |                              | A. SA Gear and Firing<br>B. 125 Range |             |
| Thursday<br>1 Feb 45.   | Gun Drill (4)          | A. Sights 17 pr<br>B. -do- 6 pr             | Sight Testing & Zeroing<br>(Lecture)                  |                              | Gun Drill (5)                         | Maint       |
| Friday<br>2 Feb 45.     | Gun Drill (6)          | Manhandling.                                | Care & Preservation of<br>Equipment.                  |                              | Night Firing<br>(Lecture)             | Spars.      |
| Saturday<br>3 Feb 45.   | Gun Drill<br>(7) & (8) | Analysis of a<br>Shooting Series.           | A. Buffer & Recuperator 17 pr<br>B. -do- 6 pr         |                              |                                       | HALF DAY    |

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2nd Week.

|           |                          |                                |                         |             |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1030      | 1100 - 1200              | 1200 - 1300                    | 1415 - 1515             | 1515 - 1615 |
| Structure | A. Super Structure       | 17 pr                          | A. Breech & Firing Mech | 17 pr       |
| 6 pr B.   | -do-                     | 6 pr (Lecture)                 | B.                      | -do-        |
| Section   | Tank Recognition.        | A. Traversing & Elevating Gear | 17 pr                   |             |
|           |                          | B.                             | -do-                    | 6 pr.       |
|           | A. 125 Range             | A. SA Gear and Firing Gear     | 6 pr.                   |             |
|           | B. SA Gear & Firing Gear | 17 pr.                         | B. 125 Range            |             |
| pr        | Sight Testing & Zeroing  | Gun Drill (5)                  | Maintenance.            |             |
| 6 pr.     | (Lecture)                |                                |                         |             |
| B.        | Care & Preservation of   | Night Firing                   | Spars.                  |             |
|           | Equipment.               | (Lecture)                      |                         |             |
|           | A. Buffer & Recuperator  | 17 pr                          |                         |             |
| 2 a       | B.                       | -do-                           | 6 pr.                   |             |
| series.   |                          |                                | HALF DAY                |             |

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Ref: Serial 1

COURSE: ANTI-TANK INSTRUCTORS.

Duration: 4 weeks.

INSTRUCTOR: Capt G.H. Garwood, R.A.

1st & 2nd Weeks.

Asst Instrs: Sgt W. Blake

| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                          | 0930 - 1030                                     | 1100 - 1200                                     | 1200 - 1300                                             | 1415 - 1515                         | 1515                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday<br>22 Jan 45.    | Opening Address. Gen Intro to Equip. |                                                 | A. Basic Structure. 6 pr.<br>B. -do- 17 pr.     | A. Super Structure 6pr<br>B. -do- 17pr                  |                                     | Gun Drill (1)          |
| Tuesday<br>23 Jan 45.   | Gun Drill(2)                         | A. Breech & Firing Mech 6 pr.<br>B. -do- 17 pr. |                                                 | A. Traversing & Elevating Gears 6 pr.<br>B. -do- 17 pr. |                                     | Gun Drill              |
| Wednesday<br>24 Jan 45. | Gun Drill(3)                         | Fire Discipline & Engagement of Targets         |                                                 |                                                         | A.S.A. Gear 6 pr.<br>B. -do- 17 pr. | Firing                 |
| Thursday<br>25 Jan 45.  | Gun Drill (4) & (5)                  |                                                 | A. Sights 6 pr.<br>B. -do- 17 pr.               | Telescope & Laying.                                     | Maintenance & Revision.             | Spares                 |
| Friday<br>26 Jan 45.    | Gun Drill (4) & (5)                  | LEAD & ELEVATION                                |                                                 |                                                         | Gun Drill(6)                        | Maintenance & Revision |
| Saturday<br>27 Jan 45.  | Gun Drill (7)                        | Gun Drill (8)                                   | A. Buffer & Recuperator 6 pr.<br>B. -do- 17 pr. | HALF DAY                                                |                                     |                        |



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RE: ANTI-TANK INSTRUCTORS.

Duration: 4 weeks.

1st & 2nd Weeks.

Asst Instrs: Sgt W.Blakeley, Sgt Perry S. Sgt Buckton R.

| 1030                                        |  | 1100 - 1200         |                    | 1200 - 1300                     |               | 1415 - 1515             |                         | 1515 - 1615                          |                                          |
|---------------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Intro                                       |  | A. Basic Structure. | 6 pr.              | A. Super                        | Structure 6pr | -----Gun Drill (1)----- |                         |                                      |                                          |
| quip.                                       |  | B. -do-             | 17 pr.             | B. -do-                         | 17pr          |                         |                         |                                      |                                          |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               | Gun Drill: 1st Week     |                         |                                      |                                          |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               | 'A' Squad - 6           |                         |                                      |                                          |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               | 'B' " - 1               |                         |                                      |                                          |
| Mech & Firing Mech                          |  | 6 pr.               |                    | A. Traversing & Elevating Gears |               |                         |                         |                                      |                                          |
| -do-                                        |  | 17 pr.              |                    | B. -do-                         |               | 6 pr.                   | Gun Drill (3)           | 1. Det Rear, Tell off, Change Round. |                                          |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               | 17 pr.                  |                         | With & Without Drag.                 |                                          |
| Fire Discipline & Engagement of Targets---- |  |                     |                    | A.S.A. Gear                     |               | 6 pr.                   | Firing Gear             | 6 pr.                                | 2. Prepare to advance.                   |
|                                             |  |                     |                    | B. -do-                         |               | 17 pr.                  | -do-                    | 17 pr.                               | 3. Prepare for Action.                   |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               |                         |                         |                                      | 4. To Come into Action.                  |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               |                         |                         |                                      | 5. Duties of Detachment & Loading Drill. |
| (5)-----                                    |  |                     |                    | A. Sights                       |               | 6 pr.                   | Telescope               |                                      | 6. To Come out of Action.                |
|                                             |  |                     |                    | B. -do-                         |               | 17 pr.                  | Maintenance & Revision. | Spare.                               | 7. Initial Orders & Laying Drill         |
|                                             |  |                     |                    |                                 |               |                         |                         |                                      | 8. Misfire Drill                         |
| LEAD & ELEVATION-----                       |  |                     |                    | Gun Drill(6)                    |               | Maintenance & Revision. |                         | 8. Revision.                         |                                          |
| A. Buffer & Recuperator                     |  | 6 pr.               |                    |                                 |               |                         |                         |                                      |                                          |
| B. -do-                                     |  | 17 pr.              | -----JULY DAY----- |                                 |               |                         |                         |                                      |                                          |



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| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                                      | 0930 - 1030          | 1100 - 1200    | 1200 - 1300            | 1415 - 1515                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday<br>26 Feb 45.    | ANTI-TANK ROLE Orders, Lead, Range, Corrections. |                      |                | Blotstick Instruction. | A/Tk Gun Drill.            |
| Tuesday<br>27 Feb 45.   | CALIBRATION                                      |                      |                |                        | Arty Boeris/<br>Min Range. |
| Wednesday<br>28 Feb 45. | RANGE REHEARSAL                                  |                      |                |                        | Maintenance.               |
| Thursday<br>1 Mar 45.   | RANGES                                           |                      |                |                        | Maintenance.               |
| Friday<br>2 Mar 45.     | Preparation of Command Post Scheme               |                      |                |                        | Proving Command Post       |
| Saturday<br>3 Mar 45.   | Any Questions.                                   | Latest Developments. | FINAL ADDRESS. |                        |                            |

Field.  
21 Jan 45.

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Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A.



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6th Week.

| 1030 - 1100                | 1100 - 1200            | 1200 - 1300 | 1415 - 1515                  | 1515 - 1615                |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lead, Range, Corrections.  | Blobstick Instruction. |             | A/Tk Gun Drill.              | Pellet Range.              |
| <del>CALIBRATION</del>     |                        |             | Arty Boards/<br>Min Range.   | Min Range/<br>Arty Boards. |
| <del>RANGE REHEARSAL</del> |                        |             | Maintenance.                 | Maintenance.               |
| <del>RANGES</del>          |                        |             | Maintenance.                 | Maintenance.               |
| Command Post Scheme        |                        |             | Proving Command Post Scheme. |                            |
| Test<br>Developments.      | FINAL ADDRESS.         |             |                              |                            |

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Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)



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| Day       | Date       | 0830 - 0930                  | 0930 - 1030             | 1100 - 1200           | 1200 - 1300                   | 1415 - 1515              | 1515 - 1615 |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Monday    | 19 Feb 45. | Taping & Sub-Tensing.        | Practical Taping.       | Night Occupation.     | Preparation Night Occupation. | Practical Triangulation. |             |
| Tuesday   | 20 Feb 45. | Time H.E.                    |                         | A.B.R. Charts         |                               | Artillery B.             |             |
| Wednesday | 21 Feb 45. |                              | Adjustment of False A/S |                       |                               | Lectures.                | Lee         |
| Thursday  | 22 Feb 45. |                              |                         | COMMAND POST SCHEDULE |                               |                          |             |
| Friday    | 23 Feb 45. |                              | CHANGE OF GRID          |                       |                               | Practical BEARING        |             |
| Saturday  | 24 Feb 45. | Bearing & Distance Problems. | Revision.               | Revision.             |                               | HALF DAY                 |             |



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5th Week.

| 030 | 1100 - 1200                   | 1200 - 1300                         | 1415 - 1515                            | 1515 - 1615 |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1   | Night<br>Occupation.          | Preparation<br>Night<br>Occupation. | Practical Triangulation                |             |
|     | -----A.B.R. Charts-----       |                                     | -----Artillery Boards-----             |             |
|     | Adjustment of False A/S-----  |                                     | Lectures.      Lectures.               |             |
|     | -----COMMAND POST SCHEME----- |                                     |                                        |             |
|     | CHANGE OF GRID-----           |                                     | -----Practical BEARING & DISTANCE----- |             |
| 2   | Revision.                     | Revision.                           | -----HALF DAY-----                     |             |



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4th Week.

| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                                 | 0930 - 1030                         | 1100 - 1200                          | 1200 - 1300                            | 1415 - 1515 | 1515 - |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Monday<br>12 Feb 45.    | Parallelism.                                | Parallelism Drills                  | Director Tests.                      | Practical Occupa                       |             |        |
| Tuesday<br>13 Feb 45.   | Lectures.                                   | Arty Boards.                        | Rehearsal Troop Drill Order          | Troop Drill Order                      |             |        |
| Wednesday<br>14 Feb 45. | Determination of Mag. Varn & Compass Error. | Arty Boards                         | Practical Determination of Mag Varn. | Practical Determination of Arty Boards |             |        |
| Thursday<br>15 Feb 45.  | Arty Board Tests and Min Range.             | Director Tests and Laying Practice. | Practical Occupa                     |                                        |             |        |
| Friday<br>16 Feb 45.    | Parallelism Drills                          | Sounds of Angles                    | Re-Drilling                          |                                        |             |        |
| Saturday<br>17 Feb 45.  | Concentrations & Stenks                     | (Practical) Arty Board              | HAIR DAY                             |                                        |             |        |

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4th Week.

|                    |                                                        |                                           |             |             |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1030               | 1100 - 1200                                            | 1200 - 1300                               | 1415 - 1500 | 1515 - 1615 |
| Parallelist Drills | Director Tests                                         | Practical Occupation                      |             |             |
| Arts               | Rehearsal Troop Drill Order                            | Troop Drill Order                         |             |             |
| Art &              | Arty Boards<br>Practical Determination of<br>Mag Varn. | Practical Determination of<br>Arty Boards |             |             |
| Range.             | Director Tests and Laying Practice                     | Practical Occupation                      |             |             |
|                    | Bounds of Angles                                       | Re-Drilling                               |             |             |
|                    | (Practical) Arty Board                                 | HALF DAY                                  |             |             |

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| Day & Date             | 0830 - 0930                                             | 0930 - 1030         | 1100 - 1200                  | 1200 - 1300                  | 1415 - 1515                          | 1515 -              |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Monday<br>5 Feb 45.    | Ammunition.                                             | Ammunition.         | Re-Drilling<br>(Directors)   | Re-Drilling<br>(Arty Boards) | Lecturette<br>(Sands Graph)          | Lecture<br>(A.P.M.) |
| Tuesday<br>6 Feb 45.   | Gun Drill.                                              | Sight Testing.      | Artillery<br>Boards.         | Min Range.                   | Practical Sight Testing<br>Equipment |                     |
| Wednesday<br>7 Feb 45. | Occupation<br>Gun Posn.                                 | Duties of<br>Staff. | Directors.                   | Gun Drill.                   | -----Practical Occup                 |                     |
| Thursday<br>8 Feb 45.  | Quick Barrage                                           | Gun Programmes      | -----Practical Quick Barrage | -----Practical Quick Barrage | -----Practical Quick Barrage         |                     |
| Friday<br>9 Feb 45.    | Filling &<br>Charging.                                  | Gun Drill.          | Min Range.                   | Arty Boards.                 | Min Range.                           | Artill              |
| Saturday<br>10 Feb 45. | Elementary Trigonometry - Bearing and Distance Problems |                     |                              |                              |                                      | -----HALF DAY-----  |



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| 1100 - 1200                       | 1200 - 1300                  | 1415 - 1515                             | 1515 - 1615.                 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Re-Drilling<br>(Directors)        | Re-Drilling<br>(Arty Boards) | Lecturette<br>(Sands Graph)             | Lecturette<br>(A.P. Method). |
| Artilletry<br>boards.             | Min Range.                   | Practical Sight Testing &<br>Equipment. |                              |
| Directors.                        | Gun Drill.                   | -----Practical Occupation-----          |                              |
| -----Practical Quick Barrage----- |                              | -----Practical Quick Barrage-----       |                              |
| Min Range.                        | Arty Boards.                 | Min Range.                              | Artillery Board.             |
| Bearing and Distance Problem----- |                              | -----HALF DAY-----                      |                              |



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| Day & Date              | 0530 - 0930                             | 0930 - 1030               | 1100 - 1200               | 1200 - 1300   | 1415 - 1515               | 1515 - |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Monday<br>29 Jan 45.    | Arty Board/<br>Min Range.               | Min Range/<br>Arty Board. | Sand's Graph.             | Range Tables. | Directors(5)              | Moving |
| Tuesday<br>30 Jan 45.   | LEK SHOTS                               |                           | Equipment.                | Gun Drill     | Directors (6)             | Moving |
| Wednesday<br>31 Jan 45. | Correction of Moment (Meteor<br>'Gran)  |                           | Practical C/M             |               | Min Range-Artillery Board |        |
| Thursday<br>1 Feb 45.   | Employment of Base Ejection Smoke Shell |                           |                           |               | Min Range/Artillery Board |        |
| Friday<br>2 Feb 45.     | Gun Drill.                              | Equipment.                | Min Range/<br>Arty Board. | Min Range.    | Equipment Lectures/ten.   |        |
| Saturday<br>3 Feb 45.   | Elementary<br>Trigonometry.             | Min Range.                | Revision.                 | Revision.     | HALF DAY                  |        |

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2nd Week.

|                           |               |                                       |                   |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1100 - 1200               | 1200 - 1300   | 1415 - 1515                           | 1515 - 1615.      |
| Sand's Graph.             | Range Tables. | Directors(5)                          | Moving Gun Drill. |
| Equipment.                | Gun Drill     | Directors (6)                         | Moving Gun Drill. |
| -----Practical G/M-----   |               | Min Range-Artillery Boards-Min Range. |                   |
| Ejection Smoke Shell----- |               | Min Range/Artillery Boards/Min Range. |                   |
| Min Range/<br>Arty Board. | Min Range.    | Equipment Lectures.                   |                   |
| Revision.                 | Revision.     | -----HALF DAY-----                    |                   |

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| Ref 25 or V1<br>INSTRUCTOR:-<br>Capt (I.G.) J. F. GULLICK, R.A. |                         | COURSE: DEPOT INSTRUCTORS (FIELD)<br>Squad 'A' (Officers)<br>1st Week. |               |                     |                           |             | Durat<br>Asst |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Day & Date                                                      | 0830 - 0930             | 0930 - 1030                                                            | 1100 - 1200   | 1200 - 1300         | 1415 - 1515               | 1515 - 1615 |               |
| Monday<br>22 Jan 45.                                            | Introduction.           | Equipment (1)                                                          | Gun Drill (1) | Equipment (2)       | British Grid System.      | Map         |               |
| Tuesday<br>23 Jan 45.                                           | Gun Drill (2)           | Equipment (3)                                                          | Gun Drill (3) | Equipment (4)       | (1) Artillery Board       |             |               |
| Wednesday<br>24 Jan 45.                                         | Lines of Fire           | (1) Directors                                                          | (2)           | Equipment (5)       | Gun                       |             |               |
| Thursday<br>25 Jan 45.                                          | Engagement of Targets.  | Equipment (6)                                                          | Gun Drill (5) | (3) Artillery Board |                           |             |               |
| Friday<br>26 Jan 45.                                            | Min Range (1)           | Directors (3)                                                          | Gun Drill (6) | Equipment (7)       | Arty Board/<br>Min Range. | Min<br>Arty |               |
| Saturday<br>27 Jan 45.                                          | R/Tables 11, Logarithms | Revision.                                                              | Revision.     | HALF DAY            |                           |             |               |



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DEPT: DEPOT INSTRUCTORS (FIELD)  
Squad 'A' (Officers)  
1st Week.

Duration: 6 weeks.  
Asst Instrs: Sgt F.W. PHILLIPS,  
Sgt J. MORRIS.

|           |               |               |                           |                           |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| - 1030    | 1100 - 1200   | 1200 - 1300   | 1415 - 1515               | 1545 - 1645.              |
| ment (1)  | Gun Drill (1) | Equipment (2) | British Grid System.      | Maps (Practical).         |
| ment (3)  | Gun Drill (3) | Equipment (4) | (1) Artillery Boards (2)  |                           |
|           | (1) Directors | (2)           | Equipment (5)             | Gun Drill (4)             |
|           | Equipment (6) | Gun Drill (5) | (3) Artillery Boards      | (4)                       |
| ctors (3) | Gun Drill (6) | Equipment (7) | Arty Board/<br>Min Range. | Min Range/<br>Arty Board. |
| ma        | Revision.     | Revision.     | -----HALF DAY-----        |                           |



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| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                                        | 0930 - 1030          | 1100 - 1200    | 1200 - 1300            | 1415 - 1515              | 1515 - |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Monday<br>26 Feb 45.    | Anti-Tank Role - Orders, Lead & Range Corrections. |                      |                | Blotstick Instruction. | A/Tk Gun Drill.          | Pella  |
| Tuesday<br>27 Feb 45.   | LAYING TEST                                        |                      |                |                        | Assembling 25 pr (Model) |        |
| Wednesday<br>28 Feb 45. | RANGE REHEARSAL                                    |                      |                |                        | Maintenance.             | Maint  |
| Thursday<br>1 Mar 45.   | RANGES                                             |                      |                |                        | Maintenance.             | Maint  |
| Friday<br>2 Mar 45.     | PREPARATION OF COMMAND POST SCHEMES                |                      |                |                        | Re-Drilling & Lec        |        |
| Saturday<br>3 Mar 45.   | Any Questions.                                     | Latest Developments. | Final Address. |                        |                          |        |

Field.  
21 Jan 45.

Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A.

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6th Week.

1100 - 1200      1200 - 1300      1415 - 1515      1515 - 1615

Range Corrections.      Blobstick      A/Tic Gun Drill.      Pellet Range.  
Instruction.

TEST----- Assembling 25 pr (Model)-----

REHEARSAL----- Maintenance.      Maintenance.

GES----- Maintenance.      Maintenance.

AND POST SCENES----- Re-Drilling & Lectures-----

Final Address.

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Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding 10 Trg Team P.A. (for Italian Forces)



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| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930              | 0930 - 1030          | 1100 - 1200                 | 1200 - 1300                      | 1415 - 1515              | 1515 - 1615 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Monday<br>19 Feb 45.    | Taping &<br>Sub-Tearing. | Practical<br>Taping. | Night Occupation.           | Preparation<br>Night Occupation. | ---Practical Training--- |             |
| Tuesday<br>20 Feb 45.   | Lectures.                | Lectures.            | Re-Drilling.                | Re-Drilling.                     | Artillery Boards.        |             |
| Wednesday<br>21 Feb 45. | Directors.               | Directors.           | ---Laying Test Rehearsal--- |                                  | Lectures.                |             |
| Thursday<br>22 Feb 45.  |                          |                      | ---COMMAND POST SCHEME---   |                                  |                          |             |
| Friday<br>23 Feb 45.    |                          | ---CHANGE OF GRID--- |                             |                                  | Equipment.               |             |
| Saturday<br>24 Feb 45.  | Re-Drilling.             | Re-Drilling.         | Revision.                   | Revision.                        | ---HALF DAY---           |             |



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5th Week.

| 1030           | 1100 - 1200                   | 1200 - 1300       | 1415 - 1515                     | 1515 - 1615 |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| tical<br>ping. | Night Occupation. Preparation | Night Occupation. | --- Practical Triangulation --- |             |
| ettes.         | Re-Drilling.                  | Re-Drilling.      | Artillery Boards. Arty Boards.  |             |
| tern.          | --- Laying Test Rehearsal --- |                   | Lectures.                       | Lectures.   |
|                | --- COMMAND POST SCHEME ---   |                   |                                 |             |
| OF GRID        |                               | Equipment.        | Equipment.                      |             |
| illing.        | Revision.                     | Revision.         | --- HALF DAY ---                |             |



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| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                       | 0930 - 1030             | 1100 - 1200                               | 1200 - 1300                   | 1415 - 1515             | 1515 -  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Monday<br>12 Feb 45.    | Parallelism.                      | Parallelism Drills----- |                                           | Equipment<br>Lecturettes.     | -----Practical Occupati |         |
| Tuesday<br>13 Feb 45.   | Arty Boards.                      | Lecturettes.            | -----Rehearsal Troop Drill Order-----     |                               | -----Troop Drill Ord    |         |
| Wednesday<br>14 Feb 45. | Gun Drill.                        | Laying Practice.        | Equipment.                                | Winching &<br>Handling.       | Re-Drilling.            | Min Ra  |
| Thursday<br>15 Feb 45.  | Director Tests & Laying Practice. |                         |                                           | Arty Board Tests & Min Range. | -----Practical Occup    |         |
| Friday<br>16 Feb 45.    | -----Parallelism Drills-----      |                         | Practical Sight Testing &<br>Filling etc. | Arty Board/<br>Min Range.     | Min Ran                 | Arty Bo |
| Saturday<br>17 Feb 45.  | Concentration and Stenks.         |                         | (Practical) Artillery Board.              | -----                         | HALF DAY-----           |         |

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4th Week.

1100 - 1200

1200 - 1300

1315 - 1515

1515 - 1615

Drills

Equipment  
Lectures.

Practical Occupation

Rehearsal Troop Drill Order

Troop Drill Order

Practice. Equipment.

Winching &  
Handling.

Re-Drilling.

Min Range.

Practice. Arty Board Tests & Min Range.

Practical Occupation

Practical Sight Testing &  
Filling etc.

Arty Board/  
Min Range.

Min Range/  
Arty Board.

(Practical) Artillery Board.

HALF DAY

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3rd Week.

| Day & Date.            | 0830 - 0930              | 0930 - 1030            | 1100 - 1200                                | 1200 - 1300            | 1415 - 1515               |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday<br>5 Feb 45.    | Armament.                | Armament.              | Re-Drilling<br>(Gun Drill)                 | Equipment<br>Lectures. | Lectures<br>(Sands Graph) |
| Tuesday<br>6 Feb 45.   | Sight Testing.           | Gun Drill.             | Practical<br>Sight Testing, and Equipment. |                        | Re-Drilling (Gun)         |
| Wednesday<br>7 Feb 45. | Occupation<br>Gun Posns. | Duties of Staff.       | Gun Drill.                                 | Directors.             | Practice                  |
| Thursday<br>8 Feb 45.  | Quick Barrage.           | Gun Programmes.        | Practical Quick Barrage                    |                        | Practical                 |
| Friday<br>9 Feb 45.    | Gun Drill.               | Filling &<br>Charging. | Equipment.                                 | Gun Drill.             | Practical Sight To<br>Equ |
| Saturday<br>10 Feb 45. | Min Range.               | Duties of No. 1.       | Revision.                                  | Revision.              | HALF DAY                  |



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3rd Week

| - 1030             | 1100 - 1200                               | 1200 - 1300               | 1415 - 1515                             | 1515 - 1615.                |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ation.             | Re-Drilling<br>(Gun Drill)                | Equipment<br>Lecturettes. | Lecturettes<br>(Sands Graph)            | Lecturette<br>(A.P.Method). |
| Drill.             | Practical<br>Sight Testing and Equipment. |                           | Re-Drilling (Gun Drill)                 |                             |
| s of Staff.        | Gun Drill.                                | Directors.                | -----Practical Occupation-----          |                             |
| Programmes.        | -----Practical Quick Barrage-----         |                           | -----Practical Quick Barrage-----       |                             |
| ing &<br>charging. | Equipment.                                | Gun Drill.                | Practical Sight Testing &<br>Equipment. |                             |
| s of No.1.         | Revision.                                 | Revision.                 | -----HALF DAY-----                      |                             |



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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7850202nd Week.

| Day & Date              | 0830 - 0930                             | 0930 - 1030               | 1100 - 1200   | 1200 - 1300          | 1415 - 1515              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday<br>29 Jan 45.    | Min Range/<br>Arty Board.               | Arty Board/<br>Min Range. | Range Tables. | Sands Graph.         | Moving Gun Drill.        |
| Tuesday<br>30 Jan 45.   | Link Shoots                             |                           | Gun Drill.    | Equipment.           | Moving Gun Drill.        |
| Wednesday<br>31 Jan 45. | Correction of Moment (Meteor<br>'Crab)  |                           | Practical C/M |                      | Gun Drill/<br>Equipment. |
| Thursday<br>1 Feb 45.   | Employment of Base Ejection Smoke Shell |                           |               |                      | Directors.               |
| Friday<br>2 Feb 45.     | Dictation of Gun Drill (Notes).         |                           | Directors.    | Artillery<br>Boards. | Re-Drilling              |
| Saturday<br>3 Feb 45.   | Min Range.                              | Arty Boards.              | Revision.     | Revision.            | HALF DAY                 |

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2nd Week.

| 1100 - 1200   | 1200 - 1300  | 1415 - 1515                      | 1515 - 1615 |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Range Tables. | Sands Graph. | Moving Gun Drill. Directors (5). |             |

|            |            |                              |  |
|------------|------------|------------------------------|--|
| Gun Drill. | Equipment. | Moving Gun Drill. Equipment. |  |
|------------|------------|------------------------------|--|

|                         |                          |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| -----Practical C/M----- | Gun Drill/<br>Equipment. | Equipment/<br>Gun Drill. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|

|                                |            |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Base Ejection Smoke Shell----- | Directors. | Gun Drill. |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|

|            |                      |                              |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Directors. | Artillery<br>Boards. | -----Re-Drilling (Gun Drill) |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|

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| Revision. | Revision. | -----HALF DAY----- |
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Ref 25 pr/V11.

COURSE: DEPOT ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS (FIELD)  
Squad 'B' (Other Ranks)  
1st Week.Duty  
Asst

INSTRUCTOR: Capt (IC) L.E. Cullick, R.A.

| Day & Date.             | 0830 - 0930                     | 0930 - 1030             | 1100 - 1200    | 1200 - 1300          | 1415 - 1515                 |            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Monday<br>22 Jan 45.    | Introduction.                   | Equipment (1)           | Equipment (2). | Gun Drill (1)        | British Grid System.        | M          |
| Tuesday<br>23 Jan 45.   | Equipment (3).                  | Gun Drill (2)           | Equipment (4). | Gun Drill (3)        | (1) Director Work           | (          |
| Wednesday<br>24 Jan 45. | -----Lines of Fire-----         |                         | (1)            | Artillery Boards (2) | Gun Drill (4)               | Eq         |
| Thursday<br>25 Jan 45.  | -----Engagement of Targets----- |                         | Gun Drill (5)  | Equipment (6)        | Directors/<br>Gun Drill (6) | Gun<br>Dir |
| Friday<br>26 Jan 45.    | Min Range (1)                   | Gun Drill (7)           | (3)            | Artillery Boards (4) | Directors/<br>Gun Drill (8) | Gun<br>Dir |
| Saturday<br>27 Jan 45.  | Gun Drill (9)                   | Laying Practice<br>(10) | Revision.      | Revision.            | -----HALF DAY-----          |            |



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DE: DEPOT ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS (FIELD)  
Squad 'B' (Other Ranks)  
1st Week.

Duration: 6 weeks.  
Asst Instrs: Sgt H.G. Roberts.  
L/Sgt R. Youngs.

|                  |                      |                                 |                             |                             |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1030             | 1100 - 1200          | 1200 - 1300                     | 1415 - 1515                 | 1515 - 1615.                |
| ent(1)           | Equipment (2).       | Gun Drill (1)                   | British Grid System.        | Maps(Practical)             |
| ill (2)          | Equipment (4).       | Gun Drill (3)                   | (1) Director Work           | (2)                         |
| -----            | (1) Artillery Boards | (2) Gun Drill (4)               | Equipment (5)               |                             |
| argets----       | Gun Drill (5)        | Equipment (6)                   | Directors/<br>Gun Drill (6) | Gun Drill/<br>Directors (3) |
| ill (7)          | (3) Artillery Boards | (4) Directors/<br>Gun Drill (8) | Gun Drill/<br>Directors(4)  |                             |
| Practice<br>(10) | Revision.            | Revision.                       | -----HALF DAY-----          |                             |



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SUBJECT: Battery Staff Course

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/C/29/10/8  
27 Jan 48

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR  
for Ufficio Addestramento, SMRE

The attached report from O.C. RA Training Team GERRETO  
SANNITA on the 25 pdr Specialists Course 11 Dec to 10 Jan is for-  
warded for information.

WS

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

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Subject :- Artillery Training.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.  
(M.V.I.A.)

S/C/29/10/B.  
2-3 January, 45.  
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To :- Ministry of War.

The attached report on the 25-pdr Specialist Course which finished at CERRETO SANNITA on 10 January, and the 40 mm A.A. courses, is forwarded for information of S.M.R.S.



Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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Battery Staff Course.

Students Reports.

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|          |                   |     |                                                                                           |
|----------|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S. Ten   | LAMPUCEANI Bruno  | "B" | Considered technically capable of carrying out the duties of C.P.O.                       |
| S. Ten   | DOMIBALLIA Sergio | "A" | -do-                                                                                      |
| S. Ten   | AREVAT Franco     | "B" | -do-                                                                                      |
| Serg. M. | RUSTICI Pietro    | "A" | Technically very sound.                                                                   |
| Serg. M. | QUERCOLI Bruno    | "C" |                                                                                           |
| Serg.    | FURIO Aldo        | "B" | Elderly, recommended for employment as an Assistant Instructor.                           |
| Serg.    | MANILI Antonio    | "F" | Sick for major part of course. Would possibly not have obtained anything better than "C". |
| Cap.     | FANTUZZI Guerrino | "B" | Considered capable of carrying out the technical duties of CPOA 1                         |

"A" = Above average of his rank  
 "B" = Average  
 "C" = Below Average  
 "F" = Failed.

Battery Staff Course.

Students Reports.

PICHO.

|         |                     |     |                                                                                              |
|---------|---------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S. Ten. | VITUCCI Paolo       | "B" | Technically capable of carrying out duties of CPO, but often careless.                       |
| S. Ten. | FAZI Luigi          | "C" | C.P.O. standard only.                                                                        |
| S. Ten. | NICORA Mario        |     | Owing to sickness, attended for first two weeks only.                                        |
| Serg.   | TORCHETTI Francesco | "F" | Tried hard, but needs more instruction before employment within the Battery as a Specialist. |
| Serg.   | MARTINELLI Vincenzo | "F" |                                                                                              |
| Cap. M. | TORREY Giovanni     |     |                                                                                              |



Cap. FANTUZZI Guerrino "B" Considered capable of carrying out the technical duties of CPOA 1

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Battery Staff Course.

Students Reports.

PICENO.

|         |                     |     |                                                                                                             |
|---------|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S. Ten. | VITUCCI Paolo       | "B" | Technically capable of carrying out duties of CPO, but often careless.                                      |
| S. Ten. | PAZI Luigi          | "C" | G.P.O. standard only.                                                                                       |
| S. Ten. | NICORA Mario        |     | Owing to sickness, attended for first two weeks only.                                                       |
| Sarg.   | TORCHETTI Francesco | "F" | Tried hard, but needs more instruction before employment within the Battery as a Specialist.                |
| Sarg.   | MARTINELLI Vincenzo | "F" |                                                                                                             |
| Cap. M. | TOMASI Giuseppe     | "C" | Worked hard, needs more instruction. Considered technically capable of carrying out the duties of a CPOA 11 |
| S. Ten  | DELLA VEDOVA Ledino | "C" | G.P.O. standard only.                                                                                       |

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MMIA

RA Training Team

SS 592

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REFERENCE YOUR 026 OF 18 JAN (\*) FOLLOWING NUMBERS DETAILED FOR COURSES  
COMMENCING 22 JAN (\*) 25 PDR 6 OFFRS 24 ORs 17 PDR 2 OFFRS 2 ORs 40 mm  
3 OFFRS 4 ORs (\*) SMRE STATE NO MORE AVAILABLE AS INSTRUCTORS WHO HAVE  
ALREADY DONE COURSES ARE REQUIRED *with groups*

IMPORTANT

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*Double mg*



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10 Training Team B.A.  
(f Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

309

19 Jan 45., 3/105.

GSC 11 R.A.  
52, 53, 56 British Liaison Units,  
MOIA (for FIGNO).

Office Addesamento, if they think fit  
Copy to: MOIA for transmission to Offadestramento.

The last course for Specialists being rather longer than our previous courses it is possible to give a rough indication of the standard reached by the students. I therefore enclose for your information and for passing on to the Regt Comd if you wish the report on the students of your Division.

R.A.Dch.

Field.

Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding 10 Trg Team B.A. (for Italian Forces)

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Battery Staff Course.

Students Reports.

PICENO.

|         |                     |     |                                                                                                             |
|---------|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S./run. | VITUCCI Paolo       | "B" | Technically capable of carrying out duties of GPC, but often careless.                                      |
| S.Ten.  | FAZI Luigi          | "C" | G.P.C. standard only.                                                                                       |
| S.Ten.  | NIGORA Mario        |     | Owing to sickness, attended for first two weeks only.                                                       |
| Serg.   | TORCHETTI Francesco | "F" | Tried hard, but needs more instruction before employment within the Battery as a Specialist.                |
| Serg.   | MARTINELLI Vincenzo | "F" |                                                                                                             |
| Cap.M.  | TOMASI Giuseppe     | "C" | Worked hard, needs more instruction. Considered technically capable of carrying out the duties of a GPCA 11 |
| S.Ten   | DELLA VEDOVA Ledino | "C" | G.P.C. standard only.                                                                                       |

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Royal Artillery Training Memorandum No. 5.

A 25 pr Specialist Course which commenced on the 11th December finished on the 10th January 45. Students from the following Italian Regts attended :-

|          | <u>Officers.</u> | <u>C.R.'s.</u> |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| FOLGORE  | 3                | 3              |
| LEGHARIO | 4                | 4              |
| MANICOVA | 4                | 4              |
| PICENO   | 3                | 3              |

The Course was a comprehensive one and should give students a fair knowledge, of the technical and anti specialist side of a 25 pr Battery. The quality of the students was a little disappointing.

There were two 40 mm A.A. Courses lasting one week each for Detachment Commanders and Nos 1 students were drawn from the following Italian Regts :

|          | <u>Course 11 - 16 Dec.</u> | <u>Course 18 - 23 Dec.</u> |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FOLGORE  | 6                          | 6                          |
| LEGHARIO | 14                         | 16                         |
| MANICOVA | 6                          | 6                          |
| PICENO   | 26                         | 28                         |

There were no Anti Tank Courses run during December but the Anti Tank I.G. with the assistant instructors spent two periods, each of three days with the MANICOVA 17 pr battery and Infantry 6 prs.

I hope to begin courses to train instructors for the Reinforcement Training Depot on the 22nd of this month. Courses will be of the following duration :-

|       |          |
|-------|----------|
| 25 pr | 6 weeks  |
| 17 pr | 4 weeks  |
| 40 mm | 5 weeks. |

Field.  
17 Jan 45.

Commanding 10 Tys Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)  
Lt Col, G.S.

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the technical and specialist side of a 100 pr Battery. The quality of the students was a little disappointing.

There were two 40 mm A.A. Courses lasting one week each for Detachment "Minutemen" and Nos 1 students were drawn from the following Italian Regts :

|         | Course 11 - 16 Dec. | Course 18 - 23 Dec. |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| BOLOGNA | 6                   | 6                   |
| LEGHANO | 14                  | -                   |
| MANTOVA | -                   | 16                  |
| PICENO  | 6                   | 6                   |
|         | <u>26</u>           | <u>28</u>           |

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Field.

17 Jan 45.

Commanding 10 Trg Team B.A. (for Italian Forces)

Lt Col, G.S.

#### DISTRIBUTION.

MAIA.  
MAIA (for PICENO REGT)  
GSO 1 52, 53, 56 REGS.  
R.A. A.F.H.Q.  
DET A.F.H.Q.  
S.A. A.A.I.

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MMIA

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MINISTRY OF WAR

MMIA LO RTC ICF. RA TRAINING TEAM

SS 586

RESTRICTED

DETAIL ONE LORRY 3 TON 4 X 2 ON FROM RTC ICF WITH DRIVER TO REPORT EARLIEST  
TO SERVICES PLATOON ARTILLERY SCHOOL CERRETO SANVITA (.) LORRY WILL GO  
AGAINST EVENTUAL WP OF ARTILLERY SCHOOL (.) URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR RATION  
DUTIES

IMPORTANT

S/C/29/10/8

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Subject :- Courses for 6-pdr instructors.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

2/3/23/10/8.

21 January, 45.

To :- D.M.I.A.

copy to British Training Unit.  
M.M.I.A. LG RTG IOY.  
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1. The following has been received from O.C. B.A. Training Team.  
and is passed to you for action.

"We should be glad to run a special course for 6-pdr instructors for the ICFRTB as soon as the 17-pdr course is over. We could begin it one week after the termination of the 17-pdr course and we could take about the same number of students. Distribution between officers and N.C.O.'s should reflect that of the training we for 6-pdrs. Would the DMT like us to do this?"

2. January The 17-pdr course referred to is due to end on the 17th. February.

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

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26/10  
8/Sec. 19/1  
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3004  
10/13  
LRT V MEDY NR558 QVR 3  
FROM DNT 56 AREA 181722A  
TO RET TRG CENTRE ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE  
INFO 56 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (MIA)  
BT  
DNT/917 .RESTRICTED . PLEASE STATE WHEN YOU WILL BE IN A POSITION  
TO COLLECT TRAINING GUNS FROM 56 BLU . FOLLOWING EQUIPMENTS  
AVAILABLE . 6 PR A/T QTY 15 17 PR A/T QTY 4 42 MM AA QTY 6  
25 PR QTY 8 ALSO ONE 3 TON LORRY LOAD OF TRG STORES INCLUDED  
COMPASSES BINOCULARS WATCHES ETC  
THI 1720  
SENT NR 558 1913 CS B K  
NR 558 RECD 181913 A PJB KK  
Copy to Maj Gelardi  
for action



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## RAAC MESSAGE FORM

|                                              |                                                  |          |                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| CALL<br><u>1</u>                             | CIRCUIT No.<br>NR                                | PRIORITY | TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS<br><u>29/10/82</u> |
| SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY |                                                  |          |                                              |
| FROM (A)<br><u>10 Training Team RA</u>       | DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN<br><u>190945</u>             |          |                                              |
| TO (FOR ACTION)<br><u>MMIA</u>               | <u>Dear</u>                                      |          |                                              |
| TO (FOR INFORMATION)<br><u>S/Sec.</u>        | <u>19/1</u>                                      |          |                                              |
| (REF. No.)<br><u>0 27</u>                    | (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)<br><u>Confidential</u> |          |                                              |

For Col. PIDSLEY @ Following disconting message received from So BLU intended for Lt. Col. DEHN @ GS 678 Ref. instructions issued by SMRE direct to FRUIT ICG Subject concerns anti equipment @ No extracts or information delivered on this subject have so far been received by the BLU which is the proper channel for such communications. Please signal immediately full relevant detail pending receipt of which Gp HQ have been instructed to take no action with SMRE @ Maximum Confidential. Right of such message would be two weeks NOT six @ Message was @ Please explain to BLU that HQ have

## LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE  
 ORIGINATING SECTION:  
 A. G. AUTHENTICATION:  
 ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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## RAAC MESSAGE FORM

|                                              |                   |                           |                           |                            |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| CALL<br>(2)                                  | CIRCUIT No.<br>NR | PRIORITY                  | TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS |                            |
| SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY |                   |                           |                           |                            |
| FROM (A)                                     |                   |                           |                           | DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN        |
| TO (FOR ACTION)                              |                   |                           |                           |                            |
| TO (FOR INFORMATION)                         |                   |                           |                           | MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS<br>GR |
| (REF. No.)                                   |                   | (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) |                           |                            |

NO communications direct with it on course  
 ste. Presume course referred to assist (?)  
 instructions at ICF RTD not for GROPPC  
 GSO 1's action may delay start of course  
 Phase clarify situation. NO action has  
 been taken by us

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Army Form C-212B MESSAGE FORM.

|                             |     |                      |                       |                            |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| CALL<br>AND<br>INSTRUCTIONS | IN  | <b>CIPHER SECRET</b> | No. of Groups<br>G.R. | Office Date Stamp<br>(117) |
|                             | OUT |                      |                       |                            |

29/10/18 1911

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO MMIA

|                       |                            |            |                                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| FROM RA Training Team | Originator's Number<br>026 | Date<br>18 | In Reply to Number<br>SS 546 of 13 Jan |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|

|           |         |          |          |                                    |                    |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| NO        | figures | yet      | received | for                                | students           |
| attending | week    | course @ | Please   | confirm                            | that               |
| Students  | will    | be       | arriving | 25 - 6 dph<br>17 - 3 dph<br>40 - 3 | DA 24<br>DA 2<br>4 |

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's instructions  
Degree of priority  
**IMPORTANT**

Time of origin  
1730

Signed

Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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Message sent 22 Jan 2018

T.H.I. 190850

I.O.R.



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10 Training Team, Royal Artillery  
(for Italian Forces)

C. M. P.

29/10/45

16 Jan 45

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M. M. I. L.

Thank you for your signal SS560. I will postpone my visit until next week. I will let you know the day I shall be coming. I am thinking of going on to SIENA afterwards to get some idea of how the Italians are doing and whether we ought to change our training plans at all.

I have received a copy of your signal SS 547 to DWT. I hope that there will be some responsible officer at the IGRED to take over the equipment. It consists not only of guns which are easy to take over, but also of a number of gun stores comprising numerous small parts which want carefully entering into some kind of a ledger.

I enclose two copies of a W.E. which I have got out for the Artillery Regiment. I do not know what your view on the matter is. It seems late to change the establishment now, especially as they are just going into action and will have many worries. On the other hand unless the establishment is changed they will not be mobile. You might like to send on a copy for consideration by the War Office. I have attached a translation. The translation of the various functions has been done with care. One of the troubles about the last establishment is the fact that the SIGRE translated the terms so carelessly that it is not clear to the regiments what the various soldiers are meant to do. For instance 'Numerari' cannoni does not mean 'gun numbers (who are 'serventi') but 'metallic currencies made out of guns'. Since 'Driver Operator' was translated 'Autista-operatore' the regiments have thought that they were some kind of motor-mechanic. I enclose also two copies of a memorandum which we have just issued, defining briefly the functions of the various officers.

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I understand that there is some question of Maltese Artillery Officers being sent over as interpreters for the artillery here. I do not know what your plans are for these officers, but I think that it should be realized that a knowledge of Italian does not necessarily imply a knowledge of military Italian and that these officers should first be attached for a brief period to an English artillery headquarters to get conversant with the English terms (They are all Coast Defence Gunners) and then possibly be attached to this unit for a week so that we can make the most of them.



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I should be interested to see any instructions and plans for the Interpreters School which you are planning in case we can help from the artillery point of view. Artillery translation is one of the most difficult and ~~the~~ most important parts of interpretation.

I should be grateful if Lt G PIRZIO BIROLI could again be attached to this headquarters as interpreter. It will be remembered that we released him at great inconvenience to go to SERE. He is now I understand not with SERE but employed in the MIL. In view of the circumstances I feel that we have a very definite claim on his services.

We would be glad to run a special course for 6 pr instructors for the ICPRD as soon as our 17pr course is over. We could begin it one week after the termination of the 17 pr course and we could take about the same number of students. Distribution between officers and N.C.s should reflect that of the training W.E. for 6prs. Would the D.M.T. like us to do this.

R A  
Lt Colonel  
commanding 10 Training Team R. A.



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RA TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

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SS 546

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR 023 OF 8 JANUARY AND 3/105 OF 7 JANUARY (.) EXACT FIGURES OF  
OFFICERS AND NCO'S ARRIVING 21 JANUARY FOR COURSES COMMENCING 22 JANUARY FOLLOW  
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE FROM MINISTRY (.) CONFIRMED TO SMRE THAT THESE COURSES  
WILL TAKE PLACE GERRETO SANBITA.

W Pidsley Colonel.

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Subject :- Artillery Training.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.O.  
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/10/B. —

13 January, 45.  
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To :- Ministry of War.

1. It is planned that the Royal Artillery Training Team shall stay at CERRETO SANNITA for the duration of the three courses for R.T.C. instructors commencing 22 January. The longest of these (for 25-pdr instructors) finishes on 3 March.

2. Meanwhile arrangements are being made to send to the R.T.C. I.C.F. one British Artillery Captain and two sergeants to assist the Italian instructors in training artillery reinforcements. The Italian instructors should be officers and men who have already done courses at CERRETO SANNITA.

*W. P. D. L.*  
—  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

to Training Team R.A.  
(for Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

7 Jan 45. 5/105.

MALIA

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery, A.F.H.Q.  
Directorate of Military Training, A.F.H.Q.

I have not yet heard the decisions of the recent conference but I have made up my mind that whatever decisions are made it will not be possible for us to move to the new area for the next course because the area would not be ready in time. Would you therefore please ask for the Italian Students to be sent here for the next course. If the students could be got here in time I could begin this course on Wednesday 17 Jan, but perhaps we had better stick to the old date previously suggested and begin at 0830 hours Monday 22 Jan. The students should arrive at least on the day before. Kindly signal to me as soon as you can the number of students coming and the distribution between Officers and men.

To enable us to get on straight away organising the training of Reinforcements for the Depot which is obviously of very great importance now that the Divisions are moving up into the line and for which specially trained instructors will not be available until the end of the next course, I have asked AFHQ to loan me one Captain and two Sergeants whom I will send up to CESARO. The Capt would bring with him very detailed training instructions which we are preparing here. Please ask the General Staff to send a minimum of Officers and NCO's who have attended courses here to carry on the training. These I imagine would have to be drawn from the PICOPO students.

I have had for sometime a Lieut Colonel and a Major, both called CMTI, attached to my Headquarters. I'm little afraid that the General Staff may think that by virtue of their long attachment here they are the ideal people to supervise training in the Depot. The Lieut Colonel though able has not been young enough in mind really to assimilate our methods. He is a caricature of the I.C. type which is most professorial and incapable of the most elementary disciplinary organisation. The Major is too stupid and has not grasped our ideas despite the fact that he has been here 3 months. It may be necessary to employ these people in the early stages when we have no other trained instructors but I think it will be most unfortunate if they were given permanent places on the Establishment unless their deficiencies were balanced by Officers having in a marked degree the opposite qualities. I mention this in case their names come up to you since you might be able to make a tactful intervention at an early stage.

DMT and 53 BLU are very anxious to pass on their training guns to the Depot. Would you kindly inform them as soon as there is any Gunner section sufficiently organised to take over the stores. DMT suggested that I take over the equipment, but I pointed out that we have not the tractors to pull it, sufficient space to store it or any area where we could park as many guns. Possibly VOLKOFF might take it up with them when they move forward.

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R.A. Deha

Field.  
Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)



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ARMY FORM C2135 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 35/09

Call

Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

10 Training Team RA for ITALIAN press

081800

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

-Message Instructions- -GB-

Originator's No.  
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Have NOT heard results @ But do NOT believe

Time allows more before next courses @ Propose to start next courses CERCE TO  
 please have students report 21st Jan for 22nd Jan and notify me earliest  
 number of vacancies accepted and distribution between officers and men @  
 better follows.

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BY ANY MEANS {EXCEPT} WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-  
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODEORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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RA AFHQ

041200

For Action

TO

MMIA for DOBBS

(W) For Information (INFO)

-Message Instructions- -OR-

Originator's No.

RAD 1

Please telephone ASHTON at FEDERAL 27 whether

25 pms with LEGNANO have muzzle breaks on NATO

Ref. to request for calibration facilities

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BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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*Jw*

MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin.

23 1801 A

From : NMIA  
To(Action) : R.A. Training Team.  
Ref No : SS 496

*29/10/B.*

Security *Restricted*  
Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Your 3/106 of 18 Dec ref move to COLLEFERRO (\*) Would  
like you to recce ~~at~~ and discuss with me earliest possible  
and advise ETA (\*) Meanwhile arty rfts will be held at  
CESANO

Precedence Important

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Authenticated *W. P. S. S.*

*Colonel*

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(Italian Forces)  
C.A.F.

18 Dec 44. 3/105.

MMIA.

Ref S/G/29/2 dated 14 Dec 44

I find on reading through my 3/105 dated 8 Dec 44 that I do not state clearly the proportion of officers to NCO's on the Depot Instructors Courses. These should bear roughly the same proportion as they have in the W.E. i.e. One officer to each four NCO Instructors.

Owing to Christmas and the Italian New Year the present course for Specialists will have to continue four more days into the next week and will therefore finish on Thursday 11 Jan 45.

Can you yet give me any indication when you plan moving the Depot and if COLLE-FERRO is fixed for the Artillery Wing. You will appreciate that I am most anxious to reconnoitre my own accommodation before the 1,000 Italian Artillerymen descend.

I am examining the possibility of taking into use forthwith at the Depot of the English Equipment released by LEGNANO, but I am afraid that the absence of Instructors will delay this.

I am considering going up to ROME sometime after 1 January to talk the Depot over with you more in detail.

*Reg. Debs.*

*OK I want to see him*

Field.

*R.A. Dehn*  
Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces)

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29/12/44  
29/12/44  
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SUBJECT: Italian Artillery Pieces for Training Purposes

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/G/29/2  
14 Dec 44

TO : R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces)

1. The Italian Artillery equipment which LEGNANO Group has been using for basic training of gunners is being handed over to Direzione Artiglieria, NAPLES, on the move of the Group to BRACCIANO.

2. This equipment will be available for training at the Artillery Wing of the Reinforcement Depot if required.

  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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RESTRICTEDSubject: Courses - Italian Gun Fitters.Land Forces Sub-Gen. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)3/3/29/10/B  
21 Dec., 14.To: - Ministry of War for S.M.M.E.  
copy to M.M.I.A. L.O. R.T.C. I.C.F.

- Below are shown the results of the course now completed at the School of E and M.E. SGAFATI, for Gun Fitters of the PIGNO Group.
- Please arrange for these men to be posted to Reinforcement Training Centre, I.C.F., if not required immediately to make up other Groups.

*Pm*  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

No. 6 Italian Gun Fitters Course.Examination and Course results.

The undermentioned passed the course -

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>% marks obtained</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Sgt         | VIGNETTO    | 84                      |
| Cpl         | NICCO       | 70                      |
| Cpl         | BERGOLUOVO  | 76                      |
| Sgt         | BERGOLUOVO  | 64                      |
| Art         | ALIVIERI    | 70                      |
| Cpl         | QADNER      | 90                      |
| Art         | FORNANI     | 68                      |
| Art         | DI GIUSEPPE | 86                      |
| Art         | REBA        | 80                      |
| Art         | PERELLI     | 68                      |

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The u/n FAILED the course -

|     |           |    |
|-----|-----------|----|
| Art | MINGALEDI | 36 |
| Art | OGGIANTI  | 48 |



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Subject: Courses - Italian Gun Fitters. Telephone: ROME ARMAZIATA  
Military, Met. 24.

To: D.M.R., A.P.H.S. Ref: SMR/21.  
From: Comdt., School of R. & M. R. 16 Dec. 4/2

2/10/8

1. Course No. 6 for the 4/2, has been completed. No great difficulty was experienced in connection with the language.
2. The instruction was mainly of a practical nature, and the examination at the end of each course wholly practical. Practical instruction was given on the following equipment, and the students were given ample time and opportunity in handling all the equipments:-

|        |             |              |              |
|--------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| O.Q.M. | 6-yr.       | <i>8/Sec</i> | <i>27/12</i> |
| "      | 25-yr.      |              |              |
| "      | 17-yr.      |              |              |
| O.B.L. | 4.5" - 5.5" |              |              |

3. The standard of ability of these men is fairly good. Results of examinations are attached.
4. As no nominal roll has been received at this school, the units and/or formations of these personnel are not known.

*L. Collet*  
Major.  
Commandant, School of Klout, a Mechanical Engineering.

G.M.F.  
R/G.R.

Examination and Course Results.

The undermentioned passed the Course:-

| Rank | Name         | Score |
|------|--------------|-------|
| 1st  | PIRELLA, A.  | 84    |
| 2nd  | REDO, E.     | 70    |
| 3rd  | DEBIOCHI, V. | 76    |
| 4th  | REDOCHI, G.  | 84    |
| 5th  | ALIVERTI, N. | 70    |
| 6th  | COLETTI, U.  | 90    |
| 7th  | REDOCHI, B.  | 60    |
| 8th  | REDOCHI, B.  | 60    |

*2/83*  
A. Redo, of Klout, 2/83



6.3.1. 4.58 - 5.59.

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*L. Collet*

Commandant, School of Fleet & Mechanical Engineering.

G.I.R.  
M/G.R.

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The undermentioned passed the Course:-

| Rank. | Name.       | Points obtained. |
|-------|-------------|------------------|
| Sgt.  | FIMENITO,   | 84               |
| Cpl.  | RICCO,      | 70               |
| Cpl.  | BERNARDINO, | 76               |
| Sgt.  | ROSENBERG,  | 84               |
| Art.  | ALIVANT,    | 70               |
| Cpl.  | CHENET,     | 93               |
| Art.  | FRANCO,     | 88               |
| "     | DI CUNEO,   | 86               |
| "     | BIRO,       | 80               |
| "     | PERRELLI,   | 88               |

The 4/2. FAILED the Course:-

|      |           |    |
|------|-----------|----|
| Art. | MERLANDI, | 72 |
| "    | COCCINI,  | 72 |

Copies to:- M.M.I.A.  
War Diary.



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MMIA

RA TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

~~RE: 56 BLU~~ 56 BLU. 56 Area for DMT.

SS 486

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56 BLU request all possible artillery courses  
especially for Command Post Specialists (.)  
Suggest you contact 56 BLU direct at SAN GIORGIO  
with a view to future plans

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*Handwritten signature*



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RA Training Team (Italian Forces)

SS 484

RESTRICTED

Reference your I/800 of 15 December (.). Your service detachment becomes part of RTC ICF and will be equipped accordingly with clothing and vehicles as soon as this can be organized (.). At present all questions of reinforcement training are in melting pot (.). Our S/C/29/10/A of 15 December refers.

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IMPORTANT

W. P. D. S. L. E. Y. Colonel



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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

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MILIA.

10/B 15 Dec 44.

1+/800.

See Sec 18/12

1. The Maintenance detachment has now changed over and the LEGNANO personnel have been replaced by those of the Depot. They have however no transport which is essential to them for maintaining the students and themselves, especially as the Depot, to which they have to go at least once a month for pay is a certain distance away. May instructions please be given that FOLCORE who are now drawing new vehicles hand over from their old Italian (or British) vehicles

1 3 ton (or equivalent)  
1 15 cwt (or equivalent)  
1 M/C

to the detachment commander. The Depot would have to send one D.R. and one Driver as the detachment at present only has one.

2. Is it possible to obtain Battle Dress of any sort for the 34 men of the detachment. They are dressed at present in shabby Green and NOT a credit to my school. They will want shirts etc as well. I am sure you will be able to help me out for this small number.

3. I am rather worried about the fact that no training appears to be going on at all in the Artillery Wing of the Depot (Regto dei Complementi). I am sending some one over to have a look. I am most disappointed that despite the promise of the Ispettorato that the guns which were to have been handed over by Col BRUNELLI to TEANO had not yet arrived five days ago. They were you will remember Italian Equipments with associated stores so that the soldiers hand could be kept in while waiting at the Depot. I feel that the Italian Authorities might have taken more interest and sent down of their own accord some equipment (any sort, nationality) to keep the soldiers from demoralization in the swamps. I will send you a report when my special mission returns.

Should we arrange for these guns (which are now in Artillery Directorate V/4) to be sent to CESANO until Collefero - R.A. Dehn

Field.

Lt Col. G. F. J.  
Commanding R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces)



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BICKNER 11

TO : C.C. R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces)  
Copy D.M.T.

Reference your O 17 of 12 December and 3/105 of 8 December the following are the latest developments affecting Artillery Training.

1. PICARD

It has now been decided not to make a sixth Group of the PICARO Division. Most of the rank and-file remaining to it are to be converted into muleteers, and the remainder will be sent to the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force, either as permanent staff or as reinforcements.

Officers and men who have done courses on British material are of course reserved for the Groups or for the R.T.C.

2. R.T.C. I.C.P.

The Reinforcement Training Centre, I.C.F. is to be established now at CESANO (North of NOVE near Lake BRACCIANO). The area reserved for the centre will eventually spread to include BRACCIANO into which LEGNANO have now moved and is designed to become a kind of Italian ALPERSHOT. It is expected that LEGNANO will move forward mid-January. The Centre will enter in all, for some 7500 reinforcements and will be commanded by a General. Reinforcements from TEAM are being moved to CESANO in the next week or so.

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It is felt that eventually the Artillery Wing might move to CIVITAVECCHIA so that the Italians would have a large area from the sea to BRACCIANO reserved for training their own army. Your views on this would be appreciated.

4.

FUTURE COURSES

SARE will choose officers and WCO's for the courses you suggest in your 3/105 of 8 December, and expect to have their minds by Jan 1st. What proportion were you considering between officers and WCO's?

Cel. FERRARI thinks the periods for 17 Feb and 40 of courses a little short and suggests 4 and 3 weeks respectively especially in view of the fact that very full training is required for permanent instructors at the Centre.



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4. FUTURE COURSES (CONTD)

Training of reinforcements at COLLETERO (apart from instructors) should begin at COLLETERO early in January, so it will be necessary for training of instructors and of reinforcements to go on concurrently, at any rate until March. There are of course trained instructors on which to draw (unless you wanted some of these to do the new course from 15 Jan as well), and the PICENO men will be available.

5. Is it possible for Lt. Col. DENN to come to RUM to discuss these questions in the near future? Alternatively, Col. PROSLEY will try to visit him on his next trip South.

*W. P. Pickney* Colonel  
Major General  
U.S.A.

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MESSAGE FORM

From : NMIA  
To : CENOTRAC

Date 755 Time 13 A

SS 469

RESTRICTED

Further to SS 441 of 6th December (.) ETA Col RAVAGLI noon 14th December

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authenticating  
Officer

[Signature]  
for Col Pindley AOD

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ARTV Grades to commence 22 January

|                |    |   | Signature | Other |
|----------------|----|---|-----------|-------|
| Grade - 25 Feb | 40 | 6 | 24        | 10    |
| Grade - 30 Feb | 30 | 2 | 2         | 26    |
| Grade - AA     | 24 | 3 | 4         | 17    |

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## Partito Fascista Repubblicano

### FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Roma, li ..... 1943-XXI

Il Camerata .....

Paternità ..... Maternità .....

Data e luogo di nascita .....

Residente a ..... Via ..... n. ....

Telefono ..... professione .....

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

p. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO  
(GINO BARDI)

Firma .....

Domicilio .....



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Royal Artillery Training Team,  
(Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

8 Dec 44.

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MEMO.

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery A.A.I.  
Headquarters Royal Artillery A.F.H.Q.  
Directorate of Military Training A.F.H.Q.

About one week after the end of the current course starting on Monday 15th January 1945, I should like to begin a series of courses for the instructors who are going to train instructors at the Reinforcements Depot. Since the instructors so trained will have to constitute a kind of School of Artillery the 25 pr course will have to last 6 weeks instead of 3. The Anti-Tank course will last 3 weeks and the Anti-Aircraft course only 2 weeks. I suggest that about 40 students attend 25 pr course, 30 the Anti-Tank course and 24 the Anti-Aircraft course. We do not wish to train quite as many instructors as this, but if we take the larger numbers we shall be able to make a choice at the end of the course.

How soon do you think the War Office will be able to choose the potential instructors and have them ready for the courses?

The date at which the next course begins will inevitably depend on my own movements, so I think you should give the War Office a date to be ready by and not a fixed zero hour.

We have not yet got the translated Maintenance Manuals for the 25 pr, 17 pr and 40 mm. guns. These have now been outstanding four months and are absolute top priority. I hope you will be able to assure that the War Office press has sufficient electricity at its disposal to print them right away.

Field.

R.A. Dehn  
Lt. Col, C.F.S.  
Commanding R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces).

\* The proofs have just arrived in my hands, so it is O.K.



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LRKE V MEDY SRL305  
FROM RA TRAINING TEAM( ITALIAN FORCES) 101700  
TO M M I A  
QQX GR18 BT  
217. RESTRICTED. FOR DOBBS. PLEASE ASK REPRESENTATIVE ARTY 12 DEC 1944  
P I C E N O REPORT NY HQ ANY TIME TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TFC  
BT  
THI 121310  
GENT 1// SWLW AR TNX K  
RECD 1440A J O E E

HEADQUARTERS



Royal Artillery Training Team,  
(Italian Forces)

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C.M.F.

3 Dec 44

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Headquarters Royal Artillery,  
A.A.I.

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery, A.A.I.,  
MIA.

I understand from Army Section A.P.H.9 that you would like to have a list of all publications etc issued to the Italians.

BRITISH ARTILLERY MANUALS.

Ref MIA Letter S/V/29/1 dated 25 Aug 44 to your HQ, and my letter to MIA 1/107/15 dated 7 Oct 44, copy to you.

Translated by S.M.R.E.

Artillery Training Volume III

- Pamphlet 2. Preparation for Opening of Fire.  
" 5. Employment of Base Ejection Smoke.  
" 6. Programme Shoots (Barrages and Concentrations).  
" 7. Calibration.  
" 12. Concentrations of Observed Fire.

Translated but still in the Press.

Maintenance Manuals for 25 pr, 17 pr, 6 pr, 40 mm.  
Handbooks for above - ONLY certain selected plates  
and sections.  
Gun Drill 40 mm.

ITALIAN PUBLICATIONS by S.M.R.E.

25 pr Range Table in Italian form with 1:25,000 trajectory  
charts.

Norme per l'addestramento dei reggimenti di artiglieria  
divisionale coi nuovi materiali inglesi.  
(Basic principles for training of divisional Artillery in  
the new English equipment).

Cannoni Da 25 Libbre (da 88 mm)

Servizio del Pessco - Principali norme per la preparazione del  
tiro.

(25 pr Gun Drill and Basic principles for preparation of Fire).  
A provisional publication based on notes taken at our Courses.

It was not shown to us before publication and I have subsequently issued an  
Italian Amendment putting certain points of Gun Drill right, so that effectively each  
No 1 will have an Italian Gun Drill right, so that effectively each



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## R.A. TRAINING TEAM.

### In English and Italian.

|                                                 |       |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|
| British Method                                  | No 1. | Deployment of the Field Batteries.     |
| "                                               | " 2.  | Fire Plan.                             |
| "                                               | " 3.  | Observation I.                         |
| "                                               | " 4.  | Observation II.                        |
| "                                               | " 5.  | Talking over from a Battery in Action. |
| "                                               | " 6.  | Note on English Supply Organisation.   |
| "                                               | " 7.  | Bombing and Shelling Reports.          |
| "                                               | " 8.  | Air Burst Ranging Chart.               |
| Specimen Orders for Engagement of Targets (AA). |       |                                        |

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In Italian only.

Nota Introduttiva alle operazioni per la Manutenzione del Pezzo  
Controcureo da 40 mm (40 mm Maintenance Task Tables).  
Verifiche del Congegno di Puntamento del Pezzo da 25 Libbre (Sight Testing).  
Istruzioni per l'uso del Conoscimento Inglese No 7 e 6A. (Instructions for  
use of Directors 7 and 6A).  
Organizzazione dell' Artiglieria Inglese. (Notes on a lecture given by me  
to Senior Officers Course).  
Dati Informativi (Staff and Equipment Tables, Weights, Rates of Fire and  
Metric Conversion Tables for Artillery Equipments - Senior Officers Course).  
Tiro Anticarro Condotta di Fuoco (Fire Control A Tk).  
Artiglieria Anticarro (A Tk Tactics and Deployment).  
British Method No 9 Artiglieria Anticarro Teoria del Cursore (Lead)  
Anti Tank Principles of Lead.  
Lubrificazione (Lubrication 17 pr and 6 pr).  
Rettifica della linea di mira (Zeroing A Tk).  
Manuale per la Manutenzione Pezzo 25 Libbre (Buffer and Recuperator  
System 25 pr Charging and Filling).

Various flysheets issued to students only on sequence of laying, recording  
Zero lines etc.

Since I understand that previous copies of British Method have miscarried I  
enclose a complete series of all these in English.

Field.

R.A. Dehn

Commanding R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces).  
Lt Col, G.S.



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QVR 1

FROM 77 53 3LJ 021500A

TO H M IA - RA TRG TEAM.

CCZ GR15 BT....

FOLGORE ARTILLERY REGIMENT WILL ACCEPT SIX VACANCIES EACH

COURSE MENTIONED IN RATTG RA TRG MEMO N04

BT TMI:- 030945A

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NR03 NR 033135 1212A RWC AT

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Via Action

TO

M M I A

(W) For Information (INFO)

R A Training Team (Italian Forces)

Originator's No.

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30 JUL A

From : HQIA

To (For Action): R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces)

To (For Info) : Ministry of War  
50 51 52 53 54 BLUs  
INT ADMAF  
R.A. AFHQ  
R.A. AAI

Ref No : SS 423

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Reference Training Memorandum No 4 (\*) SURE accept 3 officers

3 ORs vacancies 25-pdr specialists courses and 6 vacancies each AA  
course on behalf of PICMG (\*) Assure remaining vacancies will be  
allotted as signalled by BLUs after consultation with Groups (+)  
Please arrange BLUs direct (\*) 54 BLU CN 4 of 23 also refers

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R.A. AAI

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3 ORs vacancies 25-pdr specialists courses and 6 vacancies each AA  
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FROM 54 BLU 28NFT  
TO HQ MMIA

RPTD RA TRGTEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)  
GR24 BT

CH4 . IN REPLY TO NR RA TRG MEMO 4 OF 26 NOV 44 MANTOVA REQUEST  
VACANCIES SPECIALIST COURSE 4 OFF 4 ORS . A A COURSES 8 ORS EACH 0//  
COURSE . COULD SEND MORE IF PERMITTED  
BT 1203

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FROM 54 ELU 28 NET

TO HQ MIA

RTD RA TRGTEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

CH 4 (.) In reply to NR RA Trg Memo 4 of 26 Nov 44  
MANTOVA request vacancies specialist course 4 Off 4 CRs (.)  
A A Courses 8 CRs each course (.) Could send more if permitted.

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FROM 54 HLU 28 HFT  
TO HQ MIA

RETD RA TIGHTEN (ITALIAN FORCES)

CH 4 (.) In reply to MR RA Trg Memo 4 of 26 Nov 44  
SANTOVA request vacancies specialist course 4 off 4 GRs (.)  
A A Courses 8 GRs each course (.) Could send more if permitted.

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FROM 52 BLU ~~TOP SECRET~~ 2/10/3 46/29  
TO CMMIA / into RA training team (ITALIAN forces) 576

RA 1/29

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Ref RA training memo number 4 0 8/Sec  
29/11

25 pr. Specialist Course 4 officers 4 ORs 0

AA Course 11-16 December 14 ORs 0

AA Course 18-23 December mil

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R.A. Trs Memorandum No. 4.

1. The Senior Officers Course which lasted 6 days finished yesterday 25 Nov 44. It was attended by two Regt Commanders and would have been attended by two more but for unavoidable last minute difficulties. The second in Command of the FOLGORE Division was also present. The

2. Students were distributed as follows :-

|          | ARTILLERY | INFANTRY |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| FRIULI   | 5         | 2        |
| FOLGORE  | 6         | 2        |
| LEGNANO  | 12        | 3        |
| PICENO   | 4         | 4        |
| MANTOVA  | 4         | 4        |
| SMRE etc | 4         | 4        |

of which half were of the rank of Lt Col or above.

3. The course was very concentrated but seems despite this and its technical nature to have been appreciated by the commanders. As a result all regiments represented have decided that certain modifications in the allotment of duties to bring the Italian WE more into line with the British are necessary. The Italians had been endeavouring to make the "Batteria" of four guns not the Battery of eight the Administrative Unit. The change will free for tactical duties about 4 officers per battery. It is very satisfactory that the suggestions for the change should have come spontaneously from the Regiments themselves and shows that they have understood the basic principle on which we are operating. I shall be sending a further memorandum on the necessary change to MIA so that it can be sent through the channels to the SMRE for promulgation. The necessary changes are being discussed and coordinated and will be ready shortly.

4. The Administrative Squad which has been feeding students and guarding the guns has been provided by LEGNANO. It seems to me to be unfair that this burden should continue and Lt Colonel Conti an Artillery Staff Officer of the Inspectorate of Artillery SMRE is asking the General to arrange for Artillery personnel from the Reinforcement Depot to perform the duties, which is more satisfactory from every point of view.

5. As soon as the Reinforcement Depot is rather more in constitution I think we should run a course to train the permanent staff.



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5. As soon as the Reinforcement Depot is rather more in constitution I think we should run a course to train the Instructors for their permanent training wing. We could take the same number of students as on the previous courses. Yes.

6. At the moment I should like to run a course for 25 pr Specialists (CPOs Assistants, CPOs Assistants, Observation Post Assistants). In passing on the instruction to the SMRE please explain carefully that the Specialists are the MCOs or Soldati Scolti who assist the CPOs and GPOs (Ufficiati alla linea dei Pezzi) and Observing Officer in the technical duties of fire control (Artillery Boards etc). The course would last four weeks and Junior Officers such as ACPO's and Troop Leaders (to assist GPO's) would benefit as well.

I should like to run a one week course for AA Detachment Commanders and Nos 1. Those who have already attended a course here should NOT be sent. They will receive instruction in Theory of Flight, Tendencies of Deflections, Gun Drill, Mechanism and Maintenance etc.

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To allow for the change over of Administration detachment etc these courses could not begin before Monday 11 Dec 44. We would pause two days over Christmas.

Numbers should be as follows :-

| Specialists Course<br>(25 pr) | From   | To     | Officers | O.Rs. |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
|                               | 11 Dec | 8 Jan  | 12       | 12    |
| A.A. Course                   | 11 Dec | 16 Dec | -        | 24    |
|                               | 18 Dec | 23 Dec | -        | 24    |

\* If this figure is too high 7 or 14 are suitable numbers. Students should arrive here on the Sunday before the Monday at which the course begins.

Will CSOs 11 RA at BLU's please inform MMIA direct by Important Signal copy to me the vacancies they require on these courses.

I should require two extra Interpreters for the period of the courses - Italian NCO Interpreters would be satisfactory.

Field.  
26 Nov 44.

R.A. Det

Commanding R.A. Tro Team (Italian Forces)  
Lt Col, G.S.

# DISTRIBUTION.

MMIA.....  
50, 51, 52, 53, 54, BLU  
RA AFHQ  
DMT AFHQ  
RA AAI.

1st Lt  
3rd Lt  
3rd Lt



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Field.  
26 Nov 44.

*R.A. Dehn*

Commanding R.A. The Team (Italian Forces)  
Lt Col, G.S.

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MMIA.....  
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DMT AFHQ  
RA AAI.

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| <i>off</i>        | <i>2nd MS</i> |
| <i>4</i>          | <i>14</i>     |
| <i>Platons</i>    | <i>8</i>      |
| <i>Subs</i>       | <i>6</i>      |
| <i>PICARD</i>     | <i>3</i>      |



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*190311* MESSAGE FORM

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| TO                                                                     | (W) For Information (INFO) |                     |                                     |
|                                                                        | <i>HQ MIA</i>              |                     |                                     |
|                                                                        | <i>51 BLU CMF</i>          |                     |                                     |
| Originator's No. <i>DMT/181.</i>                                       |                            |                     |                                     |
| RESTRICTED (.) REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL DATED 13 NOV SUBJECT RA TRG TEAM  |                            |                     |                                     |
| ITALIAN FORCES (.) AGREED DECISION MUST REST WITH OC 51 BLU (.) COURSE |                            |                     |                                     |
| SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER COMMITMENTS BUT THINK CREMONA SHOULD   |                            |                     |                                     |
| SEND AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE                                       |                            |                     |                                     |

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*21 NOV 1944*  
*A. C.*

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*Inform RATT by letter & leave it to 51 BLU*



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FROM DMT ADNAP

191200

TO HQ MMIA

INFO 51 BLU CMF

DMT/181

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Ref your signal dated 13 Nov subject RA Trg Team Italian  
forces (.) Agreed decision must rest with CC 51 BLU (.) Course  
should NOT interfere with other commitments but think Cremona  
should send at least 1 representative

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WIA

No. 10 Publications Depot

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SS 354

Please forward as soon as possible to this HQ 12  
copies of Artillery Training Pamphlet No 24 AIN OFF.

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Procedure : Routine  
(Organization) } (S4D) W ADSLEY  
(Authentication) } CG 2402



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| For Action M M 1 A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |                                                                                              | 8/Sec.                           |                                              |
| TO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (W) For Information (INFO) | 16 Nov                                                                                       | -Message Instructions- 151" -OR- |                                              |
| Originator's No. GS 552 Inspectors of Artillery S M A E on visited                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |                                                                                              |                                  |                                              |
| to 35 Arty regt yesterday stated that 25 pr. maintenance manual has been translated 6 weeks ago but he was unable to get at print and distribute to units. This publication is urgently required. Request is being taken to expedite its arrival here. |                            |                                                                                              |                                  |                                              |
| THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            | IF LIKELY TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT BY CIPHER |                                  | ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY |
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FROM (A) *MMIA*

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

*15/1205*

OFFICE DATE STAMP

*29/10/3.*

For Action

TO *50 BLV*

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

*SS 333*

*Detached & Please ensure that officers for*

*captivity cases being looking and entering into details & for charged. History*

*before now in Rome & return CARRITO SANATHA evening 17 &*

*Report very time afterwards*

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15 Nov. 8/Sec  
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LROF V LRLC NR 19

FROM 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 130946 A

TO LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A. C. (MMIA)

QQX GR 13 BT

FMQ DBC/13/44 (.) 52 B L U WILL SEND 8 STUDENTS ON R. A. COURSE  
COMMENCING 20 NOV. ----- BT

SENT NR 19 EJ 2325 B K

RD NR (19) \* D LON \* 2325 BB

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA  
TO (Action): D.M.T.  
(Info) : RA Training Team (Italian Forces)  
51 BLU

13 1701 A

SS 313

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Reference our S/G/29/10 of 31 October (.) 6 vacancies on this course subsequently offered each FRIULI and CREMONA in view of delay in move (.) FRIULI accepted (.) CC 51 BLU requests surrender of vacancies allotted on grounds that CREMONA artillery officers will be on field training, course too technical for infantry officers and rather theoretical for present needs (.) Please signal 51 BLU info MMIA, RA Training Team whether you approve this request

PRECEDENCE.. IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

W. Pidsley. Colonel.

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For Action

M. M. I. A ✓

M. M. I. A  
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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

R. A. Trg. Team

18 Nov

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

954 Ref your SS 284 please note I am NOT  
describing or sending officers to this course. Reason one  
course too theoretical. Two NOT suitable for infantry officers  
three my army officers regard for field work NOT theoretical  
during that period. My G 5/4 of 9 Nov refers

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Subject : RA Training Team Courses.

51 British Liaison Unit  
C M F

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To :-

HQ Land Forces Subcommittee AC (MILA)

RA Training Team (Italian Forces) C M F

12 Nov 11/11

Ref RA Trg Team letter 3/100 of 3 Nov addressed to you and copy to me herewith my views on the proposed course.

1. All Cremona Arty Officers will be required for Field work during the period suggested.
2. I consider the course too technical for infantry officers. My own Arty can teach them the necessary points within the Gruppo.
3. There would appear to be rather a lack of practical work in the programme.

In short - desirable as the course may be for other Gruppi commencing their training - I do NOT consider the suggested course quite of the type we require here.

BW. Mellart

Lieut. Colonel  
General Staff

Field,  
9 Nov 44  
BWC/CE

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TO info R A Training Team (W) For information (INFO) ITALIAN FORCES

Originator's No. 4/305 Ref R A Training Team 3/100 dated 30 NOV 44

following 7 officers FRIDAY Group will attend D Army Regimental Commander plus two (2500) officers who are Anti Tank Officers Total 4

In addition one Staff Officer from Group HQ plus vice commandant

of each unit. Total 37

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(W) For Information (INFO)

info R A Training Team

ITALIAN FORCES

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

4/305 Ref R A Training Team 3/100 dated

3<sup>rd</sup> NOV. HQ following 7 officers FRUIT Group will attend @ Arty. Regimental Commander plus two (officers) officers plus one Ant Tank Officer total 11. Two @ Infantry one staff officer from group HQ plus vice commander of each unit. Report 3.

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MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin.

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From: MMIA

TO R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces) 50 51 52 53 54 BLUs  
Ministry of War

To(Info) R.A. A.F.H.Q. R.A. AAI

SS 284

CONFIDENTIAL\*

Reference RATT 3/100 of 3 Nov (\*) MMIA S/G/29/10 of 31 October not to  
all (\*) Following officers will report CERRETO SANNITA by midday 19 Nov  
(\*) 4 Gunner officers 2 infantry staff officers each FRIULI and CREMONA (\*)  
6 Gunner officers 2 infantry staff officers each LEGNANO FOLGORE MANTOVA  
PICENO (\*) 4 officers for Reinforcement Depot (\*) Above confirmed with  
SOUTHBY today for FRIULI (\*) CREMONA please confirm that officers can be  
spared as course strongly recommended and move delayed longer than anticipated

Precedence IMPORTANT.

Authenticated

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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

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3 Nov 44. 3/100.

Copy to:-  
Headquarters Royal Artillery AFHQ,  
Directorate of Military Training AFHQ,  
Headquarters Royal Artillery AAI:

11/10  
11/10

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Ref your SS 240 of 30 Oct para 7.

You mention the trg of instructors for a Reinforcement Trg Depot for Italian Gunners and suggest that the numbers held there would be about 900. Some provision will have to be made for Artillery Equipment to train these soldiers and I think R.A. AFHQ and DMT should be consulted on this point in view of the difficulty we have had in obtaining the absolute minimum for trg the Gruppi - let alone reinforcements.

R.A. Dmt

Field.

Commanding R.A. Trg Team (Italian Forces)  
Lt Col G.S.  
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✓



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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)

C.M.F.

3 Nov 44. 3/100.

Headquarters Royal Artillery AAI.

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery AFHQ

Directorate of Military Training AFHQ (My letter 3/100/13 of 13 Oct refers and your letter 124/AFHQ of 26 Oct)

MMIA (My letter 3/100/13 of 13 Oct and your signal 33 240 of 30 Oct refers)

Training of Gruppi di Combattimento.

I understand from a signal from MMIA that the present policy is that LAGNANO and POLIGNO will not be required until the end of December and I presume the issue of their war scale of equipment will be delayed an equivalent period. This means that for approximately two months all the artillery equipment which they will have for training four or five batteries is

3 D.P.Guns, which work fire - and associated stores

4 Artillery Boards

3 Directors

No Directors for POLIGNO are yet available.

I wrote to MM to point out that the original distinctive trig scale was only practical if war scale was issued shortly afterwards; it never envisaged the present delay. I suggested that 25% of war scale be issued as soon as possible. MM asked OAF if they could issue this. OAF have replied to MM (AFHQ/9105/241 dated 12 Oct 44) that "The training scale was agreed with you and the phased programme for release of equipment with AAI. It is not now possible to change the plan".

I feel you should know this in case there is anything you can do to relieve the rather humiliating position. You might be able to release additional guns, artillery boards or a director or two from your own reserves.

PICENO and MANTONA students finish the course on Saturday 11 Nov. I hope that some provision has been made for a trig scale for them and I will try and see MM about it next week.

O.C. 6 Bn 2 GRD who had as a great personal favour lent me directors and artillery boards to enable me to carry on, is being asked for the equipment now and it will have to go back to him in a day or so. Without this loan the two courses run here would not have been possible and it is



8 D.P.Guns, which won't fire - and associated stores  
4 Artillery Boards  
5 Directors

No Directors for POLICONE are yet available.

I wrote to DIT to point out that the original diminutive trg scale was only practical if war scale was issued shortly afterwards; it never envisaged the present delay. I suggested that 90% of war scale be issued as soon as possible. DIT asked OAE if they could issue this. OAE have replied to DIT (AFHQ/PLGS/OAE dated 19 Oct 44) that "The training scale was agreed with you and the phased programme for release of equipment with AAI. It is not now possible to change the plan."

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Field.

R A Doh

Commanding R.A. Trg Bde (Italian Forces)  
Lt Col. G.S.

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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

AMIA

3 NOV 44. 3/100.

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery AFHQ,  
Directorate of Military Training AFHQ,  
Headquarters Royal Artillery AAF,  
GSO 1 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 British Liaison Units.

Ref your Signals No SS 240 of 30 Oct and SS 251 of 1 Nov.

The following are the particulars of the course for senior officers which I should like to run.

1. OBJECT.

To give the more senior officers an introduction to British methods - dealing briefly and in as practical a manner as possible with

- a) British procedures necessitated by the particular quality of the Equipments with which they have been issued
- b) common faults in deployment drill and maintenance so that they can supervise the trg in their units.
- c) those subjects which were omitted from the courses for junior officers, but which especially concern the senior officers e.g. fire plan etc.

2. VACANCIES.

A maximum of 50 Officer Students can be instructed - approximately 8 vacancies can be given to each Gruppo - Officers chosen should be performing the functions of say regt 2 i.e. battery comds or battery 2 i.e. Two of the eight chosen should be infantry officers. These should not necessarily be chosen from A/Tk Coys but should be say one good Infantry G Staff Officer and one 2 i.e. of a Bdo (Regt) who can pass on the infantry aspect of the gospel to the Infantry.

3. DURATION & LOCATION.

One week starting 0830 Monday 20 Nov 44 finishing 1800 Saturday 25 Nov. Students should be in CERRETO SANITA E 4798 NW of BENEVENTO by lunch time 19 Nov and can leave in the morning of 26 Nov.

4. ROUTE.

BENEVENTO ROUTE E 5000



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A maximum of 50 Officer Students can be instructed - approximately 8 vacancies can be given to each Gruppo - Officers chosen should be performing the functions of say regt 2 i.c. battery comds or battery i.c. Two of the eight chosen should be infantry officers. These should not necessarily be chosen from A/Tk Coys but should be say one good Infantry G Staff Officer and one 2 i.c. of a Bde (Regt) who can pass on the infantry aspect of the gospel to the Infantry.

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4. ROUTE.

BENEVENTO - PONTE H 5690 - TELESSE H 4491 - S SALVATORE H 4293.  
Bridges are down on most of the other roads.

5. PROGRAMME.

*John H. Yaman*  
The draft programme is attached to this letter. Students will however be divided into two groups to make classes smaller in the final programmes.

I note that students from FRIULI and CREMONA will not be available. I realise that they will have other commitments but feel that if they can spare even three officers per Gruppo it will be helpful to them. Would GSOSI FRIULI and CREMONA please communicate their views direct to MWLA copy to me to save time.

53 British Liaison Unit can send eight students; will 52 British Liaison Unit please inform MWLA direct if they can send similar numbers.

*R.A. Dean*  
Lt Col G.S.  
Commanding R.A. Trg Team (Italian Forces)

*Field.*



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MESSAGE FOR

From : MMIA  
To (For action) : RA Training Team Italian Forces.  
To (For info) : RA AFHQ  
RA AAI  
52 BLU  
53 BLU  
DMT

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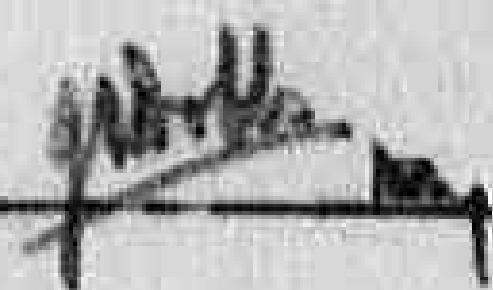
SS 251

CONFIDENTIAL

Your 3/100 of 26 Oct received after our SS 240 of 30 Oct had left (.). As far as it concerns MMIA agree your proposal for Senior Officers Course of one week from Nov 19 approx (\*) FRIULI and CREMONA officers not available but could arrange for these vacancies to be allotted to officers required for Reinforcement Depot (\*) Will instruct SMRE to alert personnel accordingly (\*) Await your final confirmation and request you contact 52 and 53 BLUs first to ensure that candidates can be spared (\*) PICENO and MANTOVA officers are available (\*) Agree ADMINISTRATION paragraph and will act accordingly (\*) Our instructions to SMRE follow by fax post copy DMT for information

Precedence IMPORTANT.

Authenticating  
Officer



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SUBJECT: Artillery Training

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/C/29/10  
21 Oct 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

(For Ufficio Addestramento SARE)

1. It is proposed, subject to final confirmation, to hold a general refection of the R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces) under the direction of the R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces) from 20-25 November inclusive, candidates reporting on 19 November.

STUDENTS

The course is intended for officers of the rank of Captain or above, preferably Battery Commanders, 2 i/c's, Adjutants and Staff Officers. These will be selected as follows:

From FOLGORE, LIGNANO  
MANTOVA, PICENO

From REINFORCEMENTS  
REGIMENT OF SARE

6 Gunner Officers  
2 Infantry Staff Officers  
12 Gunner Officers  
4 Infantry Staff Officers

TOTAL

SUBJECTS

43 Officers

3. Four days of the six would be devoted to Field Gunnery, one to Lectures would be given in time, not in actual days of course. Post (with a demonstration by a prepared squad from the Command Tent, New Methods, Maintenance of Equipment etc.

ADMINISTRATION

- (a) The Italian Services platoon will remain until the end of the course.  
(b) The following four interpreters will be required. The remainder will be withdrawn by SARE as soon as the present course finishes on 11 November.



The course is intended for officers of the rank of Captain or above, preferably Battery Commanders, 2 i/c's, Adjutants and Staff Officers. These will be selected as follows:

From POLDORE, LEBANO  
MANGOVA, PICENO  
From REINFORCEMENTS  
REGIMENT OF SARE

5 Gunner Officers  
2 Infantry Staff Officers

12 Gunner Officers  
4 Infantry Staff Officers

TOTAL 43 Officers

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### 4. ADMINISTRATION

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Maj. LAZZONI (25 pdr)  
Lt. CALANI (25 pdr)  
Capt. CASA GRANDE (A/Tk)  
Capt. PALMISANI (AA)

5. You will please make the necessary arrangements as indicated above.

(Distribution on reverse)

Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: D&T  
R.A. Training Team Italian Forces (Please signal final confirmation  
as per para 1)  
R.A. AFHQ  
R.A. RAI  
52 EU, 53 EU  
54 EU, 55 EU (at MILA)



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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)  
C.A.F.

EWIA

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery AFHQ,  
Headquarters Royal Artillery AAL.

26 Oct 44. 1/107.

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I should be grateful for your views on the following.

During the course of the year several Artillery publications of one sort or another reach units. They comprise briefly :-

- a) Pamphlets on technical subjects
- b) Amendments to above
- c) Royal Artillery CME Information Letter - approximately at monthly intervals
- d) Instructions on modifications of equipment to be carried out by 1st, 2nd or 3rd line workshops.

If these various circulars are sent direct to units they have all to be translated within the Gruppo and each text is effectively translated six times causing considerable work as well as lack of uniformity. The Royal Artillery CME Information Letter for instance is usually some 60 duplicated pages and not only would take a considerable time to translate, but also time and equipment for duplicating and distributing. Admittedly large sections of these circulars would not need to be produced because they refer either to :-

- d) Equipment not in Italian hands

ii) British Administration (e.g. payment of gunner specialists etc) but even when this is taken into account many pages remain.  
I would suggest that the following policy be adopted for all new publications :-

i) That one copy of all new Artillery publications be sent to the Ufficio Addestramento at the Italian War Office.

ii) That a small technical interpreters staff under a competent Italian Staff Officer decide what should be translated.

iii) That the Ufficio Addestramento be responsible for issuing Italian versions of the important modifications down to units.

iv) That it be pointed out to the Ufficio Addestramento that speed



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I suggest that this might start forthwith to enable this unit to form an impression of how it works in practice.

I am aware that modifications to weapons and procedures are not solely an Artillery matter and that the problem will already have received your attention in the case of other arms. I should therefore be grateful for any instructions or views you are able to give.

Field.

R.A. ~~Adm.~~ Lt Col, G.S.  
Commanding P.A. Trg Team (Italian Forces)



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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

MMIA

26 Oct 44. 13/100.

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery AFHQ,  
Headquarters Royal Artillery AAI.

Senior Officers Courses.

As you will be aware the last of the regt instructors courses finishes on Saturday 11 Nov 44. I then propose to spend a week getting round the Gruppo to carry on the training in the Div Areas which we are able to cover less effectively whilst we actually have a course going on. I then propose running a 'Senior Officers Course' for Bty Comds and 2 i.c.'s.

DURATION.

In order to make this course practical from the regt point of view it will last only one week. I do not think sufficient senior officers could be spared for a longer period.

STUDENTS.

We could teach about 50 students. I suggest each Gruppo send 6 Gunner Officers and two Infantry Staff Officers. They should be of the rank of Capt or above and should preferably be Battery Comds, 2 i.c.'s, Adjutants etc., or above.

SUBJECTS.

Four days of the six would be devoted to field gunnery, one to A.A. one to A/Tk. This distribution would be in time not in actual days of course. Lectures would be given on the Fire Plan - Organisation of Command Post (with a demonstration by a prepared squad from the POLGORE) Deployment - New Methods - Maintenance of Equipment etc. As much as possible would be done by demonstration, a squad being borrowed from the POLGORE to do the demonstrating, and every attempt would be made to draw the students attention to the special points to be looked for in training and inspections by Bty Comds.

ADMINISTRATION.

- a) The present Italian adm unit would have to remain here.
- b) We should require the services of four of the interpreters:-

Major LAZZONI (25 pr)  
Lt GAIANI



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Major LAZZONI (25 pr)  
Lt GAIANI  
Capt CASA GRANDE (A/Tk)  
Capt PALMISANI (AA)

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now with us.

- c) I think that the remaining interpreters might be posted away of them the only one who is any good is

2/Lieut BENVENUTI (AA)

the others really scarcely speak English though they have been useful on the course, having mastered most of the technical terms in the first course,

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File 268

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FROM: MMLA

TO : RA Training Team (Italian Forces)

Info: 52, 53, 54 BLU

SS 240

SECRET

1. Understand you can run course 19 Nov to 12 Dec (.) Please  
let us have your recommendations for vacancies, relevant factors  
are as follows (.) 2. Present policy is that FOLCORE and LEGNANO  
will not be required before end December so they could send officers  
if desired (.) <sup>3.</sup> MANTOVA to move shortly into Training area PIGENO  
being split up for internal security duties until end of year (.)  
4. PIGENO specialists and candidates for courses are reserved and  
will be concentrated with group HQ CERIGNOLA area (.) 5. PIGENO  
and MANTOVA specialists may be used to reinforce other groups (.)  
6. According to information here 5 officers and 6 NCO's from both  
PIGENO and MANTOVA are now Artillery instructors with other groups  
and will be available for own units (.) 7. Requirements of instructors  
for Reinforcement Training Depot which should hold 900 gunner  
reinforcements should be considered (.) 8. For 52 53 BLUS please  
signal views reference para 2

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FROM MEMPHIS

Life Ministry of Dev. for African Adaptation 5/1/82

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| to           | British      | standards   |
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FROM

50 B44

**Originator's Number**

2153

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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In Reply, Mr. Stumbe:

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RESTRICTED @ Existing pre-war ITALIAN safety regulations for Artillery range  
entail employment 80 men as sentries and VEDETTE @ This necessitates  
cessation of all training for one whole battery whilst finding VEDETTE @  
According to war time BRITISH practice 12 sentries ample @ Request immediate  
authority for GSO1 and GSO2 (RA) to assume responsibility for reducing  
safety precautions at discretion @ This course acceptable to Gp. Comd. who consider

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precautions excessive but stated that time to obtain authority for reduction from SMRE would also be incalculable.

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| Age Group | Percentage (%) |
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| 18-24     | 75             |
| 25-34     | 70             |
| 35-44     | 65             |
| 45-54     | 60             |
| 55-64     | 55             |
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SUBJECT: Translation of Artillery Manuals

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY  
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File No. S/G/29/10

13 Oct 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

The following publications are sent to you for translation:

1. Arty Trg Vol IV Pt 1 A.A. Gunnery Pamphlet No. 84  
to be translated complete less one paragraph  
crossed out in blue.
2. Gun Drill for 40 mm A.A.  
to be translated complete less all paragraphs  
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3. Handbook for G.F. 40 mm  
ONLY reproduction of plates and figures with  
blue ticks. NO translation of the text.
4. Handbook of 25 pr.  
The following plates and figures only to be  
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Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italia Forces)  
G.M.F.

TO ACCOMPANY BOOKS

Military Sub Commission,  
A.C.C. C.M.F.

6 Oct 44. 1/107/4.

Artillery Manuals.

Reference your immediate signal SS 140 dated 4 Oct 44.  
A number of the most important pamphlets etc., were given to the SMRE for translation. This was about two months ago and NONE of them are yet in the hands of the troops. It would be appreciated if the first before other work is undertaken.

I am however forwarding to you under separate cover a number of the publications requested. Those passages crossed out should not be translated. In the case of the Gun Drill for the 40 mm A.A. this applies to nearly 2/3 of the book. In the case of the Handbooks, reproduction of those plates at the end and in the body of the text which are marked with a blue tick would be appreciated.

Would you please indicate to the SMRE that when I recommend the translation of a part only of a manual it is done with forethought and because I consider the remaining portion either useless or misleading. In one case in order to save time I asked for only the last page of a pamphlet to be translated; whilst in the War Office I saw in draft the translation of the whole pamphlet. This is a great waste of time when we are anxiously waiting early issues of these books. It also means the embodiment in Italian manuals of out of date sections of our own. I do not think at this stage that there is any need for the translation of the 17 pr & 40 mm Range Tables. These, unlike the 25 pr tables are in adequate supply and can easily be understood by any intelligent person without knowledge of English. Furthermore Range Tables for weapons of this nature are very rarely used.

Provided that the Maintenance Manuals are translated, there is no need to translate the HANDBOOKS. Though as I have said above the plates would be useful. All the useful portions are already in the maintenance manuals. The handbook is merely a description in words of a portion of the gun and is in effect a kind of literary parlour game to amuse some and Ordnance WOs in quiet evenings.

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" Assembled on the pin are a plain washer, abutment washer, two brake shoes, a plain washer, a Thackeray spring washer, and a washer, the whole being rotated."



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is bye and large suitable only for incantation at Melanesian Islanders religious festivals and just wont go into a sensitive language like Italian. However, once all the other essential books are translated I will send them for translation the Stately British Handbooks with all their amendments, choiceful of nonsense for technophrenic dolts..... With tape pins, pawl springs..... Oil seats.....bell cranks..... Circlips, camclures and long guide bolts!

Field.

R A <sup>2</sup> <sup>40</sup>  
Commanding R A Trg Team (Italian Forces)



Royal Artillery Training Team  
(Italian Forces)  
C.M.F.

Military Sub Commission, 2  
A.C.G. C.M.F.

7 Oct 44. 1/107/15.

Artillery Manuals.

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