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AFHQ Q(AE)
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MMIA, Land Forces Sub Comm AC
'Q' No. 3 District.

Reference AFHQ 9193/Q(AE) dated 10 Dec 44.

1. Herewith at Appendix 'A' attached, progress report for week ending 17 Mar 45, for MANTOVA Group.

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J R Moore Hay
Lt Col,
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APPENDIX 'A'

WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT - NO.5 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(a) CONTROLLED STORES.

ITEM.	ESTABLISHMENT.	REQUIRED.	HELD.
Pistols .38	445	200	200
Rifles .303	5407	4570	4570
Thompson Sub Machine Gun	2560	2512	2512
Gmns Machine Brwn	500	322	322
Rifles sniper	24	20	20
PIAT's	178	80	80
Compasses Prismatic Mk: III	535	160	160
Watches GS Mk II	399	225	225
Watches stop (1/10 sec)	3	-	-
Watches stop (1/5 sec)	5	-	-
Binoculars Prismatic No.2 Mk II	318	125	125
" " No.3	19	-	-
Telescopes Sighting No.29 Mk: 1A	32	-	-
ONL Mortar 2"	140	35	25
ONL Mortar 3"	40	20	10
Pistol Signal No.1 Mk: III	66	48	48
Bicycles	156	-	-
Detector mine - Polish	41	20	20
OQF 6 pr 7/Mk	36	26	26
OQF 25 pr	32	12	12
OQF 17 pr	8	4	4
OQF 40 mm	12	6	6
Range finders No.13	2	-	-
" " No.2 Mk VII	6	4	-
Compasses Magnetic Planetable	3	-	-
Lighting sets 1 KW Mk I	3	-	-
Telescopes Stereoscopic No. 18 Mk I	1	-	-
Sights Dial No.7 Mk: II	40	20	20
Telescopes Auxiliary No.1 Mk I	1	-	-
" " No.2 Mk IA	1	-	-
Director No. 78 Mk IIA	20	15	8
Generating sets 2.75 EVA ATP	12	-	-
Stands Instrument No. 39			
W/T Stns No.18 (Carriers)	2	2	2
No.22/18 (Carriers)	1	1	1
No.22 (Trucks)	57	57 (No.11 in lieu)	57
W/T Sets No.18 (or 48)	104	104	104
No.19	14	14	14
Reception stns R 107	4	4	4
Reception stns R 109	4	4	4
Switchboards 10 line Mk I or II	20	26	26
Switchboards F & P 40 line	1	-	-

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CML Mortar 2"	40	20	10
CML Mortar 3"	66	48	48
Pistol Signal No.1 Mk. III	156	-	-
Bicycles	41	20	20
Detector mine - Polish	36	26	26
O/P 6 pr A/Tk	32	12	12
O/P 25 pr	8	4	4
O/P 17 pr	12	6	6
O/P 40 mm	2	-	-
Range finders No.13	6	4	-
" " No.2 Mk. VII	3	-	-
Compasses Magnetic Pianetable	3	-	-
Lighting sets 1 KW Mk. I	1	-	-
Telescopes Stereoscopic No. 18 Mk. I	40	20	20
Sights Dial No.7 Mk. II	1	-	-
Telescopes Auxiliary No.1 Mk. I	1	-	-
" " No.2 Mk. IA	20	15	8
Director No. 7B Mk. IIA	12	-	-
Generating sets 2.75 EVA ATP			
Stands Instrument No. 39	2	2	2
W/T Strs No.18 (Carriers)	1	1	1
No.22/18 (Carriers)	57	57 (No.11 in lieu)	57
No.22 (Truck)			
W/T Sets No.18 (or 48)	104	104	104
No.19	14	14	14
Reception strs R 107	4	4	4
Reception strs R 109	4	4	4
Switchboards 10 line Mk. I or II	20	26	26
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1	-	-
Test Frames 40 pr	1	1	1
Telephones Loudspeaking No.2 complete sets	8	-	-
Telephone sets D Mk. V	162	162	162
Telephone sets Mk. 8	30	30	30
Wavemeters (Class D No.1 complete strs	11	11	11
Frames D & F 10 Wire Mk. 1 sets	8	8	8
Pullerphones Mk. IV or IV*	40	40	40
Charging sets 4 KW (ATP) Egpt A	4	-	-
Charging sets 1260 No.1	7	23	23 ‖
Charging sets 300 watt Mk. I	57	57	57
Apparatus Cable Laying No.3	14	14	14
Apparatus Cable Laying No.6 (or 2)	36	36	36
Cable Layers Mechanical No.1	1	1	1
Barrows Drum (D) Mk. II	4	-	-

‖ Note in lieu of charging sets 4 KW (ATP) Egpt A 4.

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(b) 'A' VEHS.

ITEM	ESTABLISHMENT.	IN HAND.	IN ARR.
Carriers Universal	89	66	35
Carriers Mortar	48	32	16
Carriers LMGD	82	54	27
Cars Recce	17	6	6

(a) 'B' VEHS

Motor Cycles solo	370	354	112
15 cwt GS	201	206	6
15 cwt 4 x 4 Personnel	23	16	9
15 cwt Water Truck	25	25	-
15 cwt office	7	7	7
15 cwt 4 x 2 fitted for wireless	46	48	45
15 cwt Compressor	6	6	4
15 cwt KL Type	1	1	-
15 cwt Generator	1	1	1
Lorries 3 ton GS 4 x 2 (incl 4 office)	300	232	57
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Breakdown	2	2	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Shops	2	2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Battery charging	1	1	-
Lorries 3 ton battery storage	1	1	-
Lorries 3 ton Disinfector	1	1	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Cipher Office	1	1	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 TBV	1	-	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 Winch	6	6	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	39	39	-
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Bimed	12	12	12
Lorries 6 ton 6 x 4 Bimed	10	10	10
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Crane	1	-	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Breakdown 3 ton	11	5	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type I	1	1	1
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type A or X	1	1	1
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type P	1	-	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type D1	1	1	1
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type S	1	-	-
Tractors 6 x 4 Breakdown (2)	8	8	4
Tractors A/Tk (17 pr)	9	9	9
Tractors FA	48	44	20
Tractors LAA	12	27	27
Ambulances Light	18	18	-
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	73	16	6
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	25	1	1
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	14	14	-
Trailers Water	13	14	13
Trailers Arty	65	40	40
Trailers 10 cwt (2 wheeled) GS	1	1	1

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15 cwt 4x4 Type	1	1	1
15 cwt Generator	300	252	97
Lorries 3 ton GS 4 x 2 (incl 4 office)	2	2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Breakdown	2	2	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Wkgs	1	1	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Battery charging	1	1	1
Lorries 3 ton battery storage	1	1	1
Lorries 3 ton Disinfector	1	1	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Cipher Office	6	6	-
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 TMV	39	39	12 +
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 Winch	12	12	10
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	10	10	-
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Bimod	1	-	-
Lorries 6 ton 6 x 4 Bimod	11	5	1
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Crane	1	1	1
Lorries 6 x 4 Breakdown 3 ton	1	-	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type I	1	1	1
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type A or X	1	-	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type F	1	1	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type M	1	-	-
Lorries 6 x 4 Machinery Type S	8	8	4
Tractors 6 x 4 Breakdown (2)	9	9	9
Tractors A/Tk (17 pr)	48	44	20
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Tractors LAA	18	18	-
Ambulances Light	7	16	6
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	28	1	1
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	14	14	-
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	13	14	13
Trailers Water	65	40	40
Trailers Arty	1	1	1
Trailers 10 cwt (2 wheeled) GS	1	1	1
Trailer 15 cwt (2 wheeled) Machinery Gas Welding	12	12	-
Trailers GS 1 ton GS	3	2	1
Trailer 7½ ton (6 wheeled) LR			

+ Note. 3 ton 4 x 2 Stores issued in lieu.

2. CLOTHING. (Major Deficiencies).

Boots Ankle	9600 prs
Ground sheets or Capes A/C	9300

3. OTHER G 1098 STORES (Major Deficiencies)

Stores have begun to be drawn but it is too soon as yet to state major deficiencies.

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MMIA.

Reference your S/G/29/32/5 dated 5 Mar 45.

Para 2 (a) The position is not yet firm, as several changes have taken place in the last few days. A further report on this point will be forwarded shortly.

Para 4 (b) officers. A number of changes have been made in the Junior infantry The Group Commander keeps SHAPE informed of his wishes.

Para 11 Several infantry company commanders have been posted recently, but a number are still deficient, notably in 2/76, 3/76 and 3/11th bns.

Para 12 The bad characters referred to are untenchable riff-raff, worse than anything we find in the British army. A fair number of the worst have now left this Group.

Para 18 Lt-Col Howard is handing a copy of this note to MMIA.

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11 Mar 45.

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AFHQ., G III (Br) Training.
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PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 7 MAR 45.

1. ARTILLERY.

(a) 25 pr.
Progress satisfactory.

(b) 17 pr.
Progress satisfactory.

(c) 40 mm.
Progress satisfactory. All 12 detachments are now at EBOLI. At the end of their first days firing in an A. tk r 41 c both with stationery and moving targets, they were highly commended for their gun drill and the standard of laying was average.

(d) Driving & Maintenance.
The recent arrival of vehicles has brought driving instruction into full swing.

(e) Specialists.
Specialist training progresses but more reinforcements of specialist quality are required. The majority of signallers can now be considered as technically trained but much remains to be taught in practical application of their technique to the requirements of Artillery methods.

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2. ENGINEERS.

(a) General.

Training has continued according to programmes. The change of training area has proved an advantage, giving personnel more interest. With all personnel under cover, a higher standard of interior economy and administration can be expected and is being obtained in the case of 4 Field Coy, but 79 Field Coy and 3 Field Park Coy still have a great deal of leeway to make up.

(b) Weapon Training & General Military Training.

Firing on open range continues. Firing with PIAT has commenced. Care of arms in all units except 4 Field Coy is still poor.

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(c) Driving & Maintenance.

The Bn Driving School is now functioning. A short course for instructors has been completed, and the first batch of drivers are now being trained. Owing to the shortage of vehicles for this purpose, only 40 drivers and 20 motorcyclists can be trained at one time. This is insufficient, as this school has also to cater for the Signal Coy, and will be increased as more vehicles become available.

5. SIGNALS.

Progress of training of the Signal Coy is satisfactory and is due to be completed by 15 Mar. The company will then split into its platoons which will go to regiments and Group HQ for tactical training.

The technical training of Regimental Signallers has now been satisfactorily completed but they still require tactical training.

4. INFANTRY.

(a) Specialists.

(i) 3" Mortars. All Mortar Platoons have now been trained in basic handling and firing, and are now fully capable of carrying on their training independently when their C 1098 equipment arrives. Meanwhile training continues to be centralised at the Regimental Schools. On the ranges a high standard of shooting has now been attained.

(ii) 6 prs. 100% of A tk personnel have now been trained in basic gun drill. 50% of these have fired at EBOLI and have been doing an advanced course. The remaining 50% are firing at EBOLI on 6, 7 and 8 Mar. At this stage of training a great deal of time is being devoted to Bren-Attachment firing on the regimental ranges.

(iii) Carriers. Regimental Carrier Schools are now established at SALZA and AIRIANO respectively. After settling in and carrying out necessary maintenance a little time has been spent by 114 Regt in low gear driving and 7c Regt has progressed up to rough country work.

(iv) Signals. Training has now commenced under Bn arrangements. There are still some signallers to return from ALBANELLA.

(b) Officers.

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(b) Officers.

Officers have been fully occupied in platoon and company tactical training. Great keenness has been shown in general, but they are still lacking in tactical experience. The officer situation is still unsatisfactory, but has improved recently.

(c) Small Arms.

Range shooting with Rifle, Bren and TS.G is continuing on a large scale, and good results are being attained. 2" Mortar shooting has been difficult owing to shortage of 2" Mortars. Shooting with the PIAT continues. The care of arms while improving, still in some cases leaves much to be desired and all OC's have been asked to give their full attention to this matter. In addition to a number of dirty weapons, many have been found jarred with broken pull throughs etc.

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(d) Tactical Training.

Platoon training has progressed favourably, but difficulties are being encountered owing to the lack of competent company commanders and experienced platoon commanders. Demonstration platoons are being trained in each battalion. Night training has been most satisfactory. Generally both officers and men show great enthusiasm for tactical training, and fieldcraft is of a high standard. Commanders still need a considerable amount of training, especially in making appreciations, plans and in issuing concise orders. Some schemes are still most unrealistic.

5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply & Transport.

(i) Driving & Maintenance.

Both driving and the standard of maintenance of vehicles has improved during the past fortnight to a high degree. The RASC maintenance system is fully employed and adhered to.

(ii) Weapon Training.

Weapon training and the care of weapons is reaching a satisfactory state. It is estimated that by 17 Mar all ranks of the company will have fired rifle, TSMG and Bren LMG.

(b) Ordnance.

Progress is satisfactory. Apart from training of drivers 41 U and in the use of small arms it is now considered that the OFP can function reasonably well in an operational role.

(c) Medical.

Progress is satisfactory. All Regimental stretcher bearers are attending a four day course in the following subjects :-

Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.
Arrest of Hemorrhage.
Application of Splints.
Application of Bandages.
Various ways of carrying a wounded person.

All stretcher bearers will have attended the course by 2 Apr. Regimental nursing orderlies are attending courses at the 501 and 248 Field Hospitals.

(d) Mechanical Engineers.

Training is proceeding satisfactorily. Workshop and battalion armourers have been trained. Valuable experience is

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Training is proceeding satisfactorily. Workshop and battalion armourers have been trained. Valuable experience is being gained daily in the repair of the Group's British equipment.

(e) Provost.

All drivers and motor cyclists have been trained. Training is progressing satisfactorily in all provost duties and it is considered that the Provost Sections will shortly be fully trained.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS & TRADESMEN.

6. See Appendix 'A' attached.

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10. For Programme of Courses now running or envisaged see Appendix 'C' to Progress Report No. 5 and Appendix 'D' attached.

PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES.

11. The following difficulties have been largely overcome :-

(a) Bad living conditions.

(b) Lack of clothing and equipment.

12. The following difficulties remain :-

(a) Lack of specialists, especially drivers.

(b) A certain number of bad officers, including unit commanders. This being dealt with by AMLA and SACE, and the position is improving.

(c) Shortage of certain items of equipment including 2" Mortars.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.

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13. MEN MANAGEMENT.

(a) A number of officers are being sent on an Italian Army Welfare course.

(b) Living conditions continue to improve.

(c) Amenities are improving, including unit canteens, recreation rooms, and games. In some units the standard is still low.

(d) The question of Italian Army welfare and leave is being taken up with AMLA.

14. TRAINING OF DIV HQ.

A paper exercise is in progress.

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15. CONCLUSION.

Much remains to be done, and the Group is still far below the standard of an Allied formation, but with better conditions the rate of progress is improving.

C.H. Gadsden Maj
for Lt-Col.
GS.

In the Field.
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Attached :- Appendix 'A' - State of Training of Specialists & Tradesmen.
Appendix 'B' - Programme of Courses.
Annexure - Training - Infantry. (D&T only)

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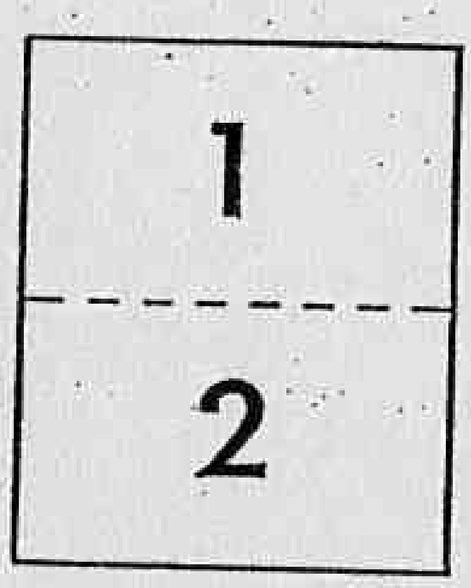

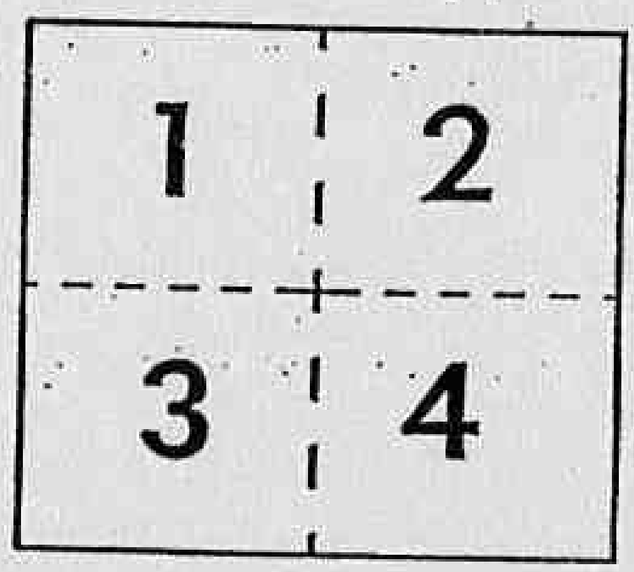

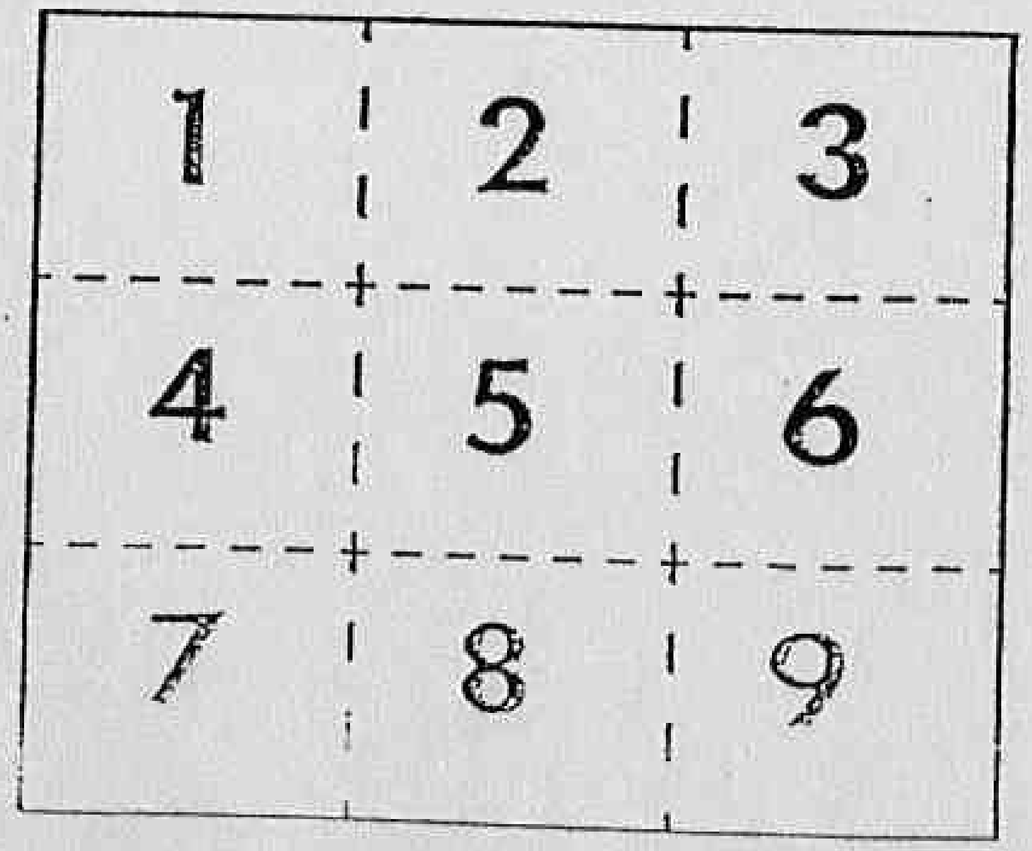

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State of Training of Tradesmen & Spec

Serial	Tradesmen or Specialist	GROUP HQ				PROVOST				ARTILLERY				ENGINE	
		E	Trained	To be trained	Under training	E	Trained	To be trained	Under training	E	Trained	To be trained	Under training	E	Trained
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
1.	Ammunition Storemen									12	12				
2.	Armourers														
3.	Armourer Mech														
4.	Armament Artificer (Veh)													62	1
5.	Armament Artificer (Trls)														
6.	Blacksmiths													24	1
7.	Bricklayers & Masons													24	1
8.	Carpenters & Joiners													25	2
9.	Coach Trimmers														
10.	Clerks & Draughtsmen	29	29							14	14			40	9
11.	Drivers i/c	23	22	1		10	10			258	64	194	104	350	25
12.	Driver Mechs													48	1
13.	Driver Operators														
14.	Electricians									24		24	24		
15.	Fitters													6	
16.	Instrument Techs									15	2	13	16		
17.	Linesmen														
18.	Mechanics														
19.	Medical Orderlies													12	1
20.	Miners									15	7	12		36	2
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10			32	32			16	35	11	11	164	13
22.	Nursing Orderlies														
23.	Operators (Signals)														
24.	Painters														
25.	Plumbers : Pipe Fitters														
26.	Shoemakers														

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			ENGINEERS INCL FIELD PARK				SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL				ORDNANCE			
TRY	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(z)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
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15	49																					
10	5		12	10	2	1																
7	7		33	27	6																	
13	2		32	29	13	1																
											17	17			1	4				8	3	
26			20	19	1		2	2														
69	21	40	22	54	12	26	61	22	32	15	111	119	32	22	57	20	27		32	11	21	
12	39		15	7	8						17	12	5		1	1	2					
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6			11	8	2		11	11							2	1	1					
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ENGINEER		MEDICAL			ORDNANCE				TECHNICAL ENGINEERS				TOTALS				
Trained	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Training	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Training	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Training	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Training	Total
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
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													32	13	19		3
									7	6	1		7	6	1		4
									1	1			1		1		5
									4	3	1		19	22	11	1	6
													47	40	7		7
									1	1			21	20	1	1	8
									3	3			3		3		9
1	1				8	8							142	127			10
26	57	20	37		24	23		1					1058	507	423	128	11
	1	1			59	41	18	18					143	7	79	16	12
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1		1		2	1	1			18	6	12		49	31	18		14
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17					3	3	2		3	3	3		332	254	78	32	21
	20	20											20	20			22
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Serial	Tradesmen or Specialist	GROUP HQ				PROVOST				ARTILLERY				ENGINEER		
		WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)
27.	Sheet Metal Workers															
28.	Sanitary Personnel															
29.	Stretcher Bearers	2	2							2		2		126	87	
30.	Storemen	4	4													
31.	Telegraphists Tech															
32.	Turners															
33.	Vehicle Techs															
34.	Veterans															
35.	Welders															
36.	Carriers U Drivers									3		3		141	90	
37.	Carriers Lloyd Drivers													82	60	
38.	Geniometrist													14	7	
39.	Gun Pos 1									64	52		12			
40.	6 pr Gun Numbers +													180	180	
41.	3" Mortar Numbers +													120	120	
42.	Regimental Signallers +									311	277	34	30	335	335	
43.	Survey Personnel									68	18	50	52			
44.	Infantry Pioneers													80	53	
45.	Artificers RQ									5	2	3	3			

+ Are fully trained basically but require tactical training.

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	ENGINEERS EXCL FIELD PARK					SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL			ORDNANCE				TECHN
	Under Strength (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be trained (u)	Under Trng (v)	WE (w)	Trained (x)	To be trained (y)	Under Trng (z)	WE (n)	Trained (o)	To be trained (e)	Under Trng (d)	WE (c)	Trained (f)	To be trained (g)	Under Trng (h)	WE (i)	Trained (j)	To be trained (k)	Under Trng (l)	WE (m)
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

TRANSPORT		MEDICAL			ORDNANCE				LADs				TOTALS				
(c) Trained	(d) Under Trg	(e) WE	(f) Trained	(g) To be trained	(h) Under Trg	(i) WE	(j) Trained	(k) To be trained	(l) Under Trg	(m) WE	(n) Trained	(o) To be trained	(p) Under Trg	(q) WE	(r) Trained	(s) To be trained	(t) Under Trg	(u) Serial
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Appendix '3'

Ser	Subject	From	To	Location	No of students	Responsibility: Initial Arrangements	Responsibility: Tra
1.	Air Photo Interpretation	26 Feb	11 Mar	SAn SE7320	7	C II	Air P Inter Schoo
2.	Maintenance	18 Mar	14 Apr	EGLI	16	C II ?A	RATO

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dated 1 Mar 45.

Location	No of students	Responsibility		Object
		Initial Arrangements	Training	
SAN SEVERO	7	G II	Air photo Interpretation School	Train IO's
EBOLI	16	G II 1A	RATD	Training Driver Mechs

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SUBJECT:- Controlled Stores for MARKOVA GROUP.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

FEL.HQ.FREEDOM 127

AFHQ/9193/1/G(AS).

8 Mar 45.

H.Q.
No.3 District.

Reference 56 BLU 20 of 4 Mar 45.

1. It is observed that the 25 pr and associated stores released to you on 21 Feb 45 (sig FX 32354)(of 23 Feb) have not been included in the appendix to the letter.

2. The present position is summarised at appendix 'A' to this letter. The entitlement are as in AFHQ/6520/15/Q(AS) of 3 Mar 45.

3. The urgent releases of 25 pr, 2" mor, 3" mor, and Director No.7 (to cover eggts) have been made as requested by G30 II 56 BLU on liaison visit 5 March 45.

4. Subject to your confirmation of the acceptability of the balances detailed in coln (g) Appendix 'A' the qtys detailed will be released if available.

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J.J. PROUDFOOT, Capt.
for Major General, G-4(Br).

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G-3
DMT
56 BLU

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CONTROLLED STORES RELEASED TO BENTIVA ITALIAN COMBAT GP

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APPENDIX (A) to AFHQ/9193/1/Q(AB) dated 2 Mar 45.

ENTITLEMENT	ITEM	PRIMARY HOLDING	RELEASED 21 FEB 45	RELEASED 6 MAR 45	TOTAL RELEASED	BALANCE DEFICIENT
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
32	25 pdrs	8	4	8	20	12
8	17 pdrs	4	nil	-	4	4
36	6pdrs	15	11	-	26	10
12	40mm	6	nil	-	6	6
500	Bren	72	250	-	322	178
178(126 to be implemented)	PIAT	50	50	-	80	46
445	Pistols.38	nil	200	-	200	245
5407	Rifles.303	4570	nil	-	4570	837
2560	[illegible]	2512	nil	-	2512	48
64	Trailers No.27	nil	40	-	40	24
66	Pistols Sig	24	24	-	48	18
40	3 in Mortars	3	7	10	20	20
140	2 in Mortars	10	15	10	25	[illegible]
399	Watches GS	25	200	-	225	174
335	Compasses	10	150	-	160	175
318	Binos No.2	25	100	-	125	193
19	Binos No.5	nil	nil	-	-	19
41	Mine Dets Am	10	10	-	20	21
40	Sights Dial No.9	8	12	-	20	20
22	Directors No.7	8	nil	7	15	8

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140	2 in Mortars	10	15	10	25	115
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318	Binos No.2	25	100	-	125	193
19	Binos No.5	nil	nil	-	-	19
41	Mine Dets Am	10	10	-	20	21
40	Sights Dial No.9	8	12	-	20	20
20	Directors No.7	8	nil	7	15	5
6	Rangefinders No.2.1		3	-	4	2
2	Rangefinders No.13. Nil		nil	-	-	2
24	Rifles (T)	nil	20	-	20	4
1	Lighting Sets 1KW	nil	nil	-	-	1
12	Gen Sets. 2.75 KVA		nil	nil	-	12

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SUBJECT : Progress Report No. 5

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/32/5
5th March 45

TO : 56 B.L.U.

1. The following comments are made on your Progress Report No. 5 of 26 February :-

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J.F. Bobbs Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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56 BLU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 5

41 Publish Can we take action on para 12?

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26 Feb 45.

DMT.

Copy to :- MMIA
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AFHQ., G III (Br) Training.
RTC ICF.

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PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 22 FEB 45.

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(b) 17 pr.

These require more firing for gun numbers who have not already had that experience. It is thought that this Gruppo has not made much progress since firing at EBOLI 30 Jan - 1 Feb.

(c) 40 mm.

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2. ENGINEERS.

(a) Sapper Training.

Progress is fair. The most serious fault lies in the lack of organisation on the part of platoon officers and NCOs. The men are keen and providing they are in the picture they will work satisfactorily.

(b) Weapon Training and General Military Training.

All personnel have fired their weapons on the open range.

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3. SIGNALS.

The first series of courses for Regimental Signallers have been completed. The training of the Signal Coy is proceeding satisfactorily.

4. INFANTRY.

(a) Individual Training.

Progress is satisfactory, but has been slowed down owing to the arrival of untrained recruits. Individual and platoon training are now being carried out simultaneously.

(b) Collective Training.

In some battalions section training has been excellent. In others it has been hindered by a lack of capable officers. Platoon training is now in progress. Instruction is based mainly on Inf Training 1944. Part VIII, and on the Group Junior Leaders' Courses. In some battalions there are company commanders who have not enough knowledge to organize platoon training, and it is necessary to organize it on a battalion basis, with the help of demonstration platoons.

5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply and Transport.

(i) Driving and Maintenance.

Training of the remaining learner drivers is proceeding very slowly owing to the constant breaking down of the available training vehicles. The company however is fairly strong in qualified drivers (approx 85%) and these drivers have been used for the collection of vehicles ex British vehicle parks involving practice in long distance and convoy driving. Vehicle maintenance is showing signs of slight improvement and full instruction has been given to the company in RASC methods and system of vehicle maintenance.

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(ii) Weapon Training.

Proceeding satisfactorily since the last progress report, 100 ORs have fired Bren LMG, TS SMG and Rifle on the range.

(iii) Technical Training.

The supply system within the Group has been altered to give the Composite Platoon practice in the system of supply in the field. One Composite Platoon now functions as if located in an FMA the

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(b) Ordnance.

Training is proceeding satisfactorily.

(c) Medical.

(i) Water Duties.

A training team consisting of 10 NCOs and 1 Medical Officer has received instruction at the School of Hygiene, [illegible]. This team will be used to instruct Watermen and Drivers, when the vehicles are available.

(ii) The remainder of the training is proceeding satisfactorily.

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(d) Mechanical Engineers.
Training is proceeding satisfactorily.

(e) Provost.
Training is proceeding satisfactorily.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS & TRADESMEN.

6. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED.

7. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

8. NON SPECIALIST TRAINING.

(a) Artillery.
The amount of training still required will remain at 80% until AT is available.

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Dry Bailey Bridging	5%
Mine Warfare	5%
Fieldworks	40%
Demolitions	40%
Weapon Training	50%
Road and Track Construction	45%
Driving and Maintenance of Vehicles	95%
Water Supply	100%
Fieldcraft and Battle Drill	80%
Maintenance and Operation of British Field Plant	100%
Store Keeping	60%

40%

(c) Signals.

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(c) Signals.

Weapon Training	80%

(d) Infantry.

Platoon, Company and Battalion training.
Specialists advanced tactical training.

(e) Services.

(i) Supply and Transport

Field duties of ST Coy	80%
Weapon Training	40%

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(ii) Ordnance

Practice in receipt, issue and recognition of stores is still required.

Weapon Training	50%

(iii) Medical

Field duties of Medical Section & Hospitals	30%
Weapon Training	60%
Driving Instruction	85%

(iv) Mechanical Engineers

Weapon Training	50%

PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

9. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'B' to Progress Report No. 4. Serials 1 - 9 inclusive, & 11 - 14 inclusive and 17 & 18. See also Appendix 'B' attached. Serial 1.

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A programme of courses now running or arranged is attached at Appendix 'B'.

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12. BAD CHARACTERS.

Most units have a number of men, mostly new recruits, whose influence is actively harmful. It is hoped that these may be replaced in due course by trained men of good character from the RTC ICF.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.

13. MOVE OF ENGINEERS & INFANTRY.

The move from tented camps to villages has done much to improve living and training conditions, and to rouse morale. The new training areas are good. The move itself was a valuable experience, 5/76 Bn marched over 30 miles in a day and arrived in very good heart.

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14. QUALITY OF UNITS.

A small number of units are below standard. This is mainly traceable to poor commanding officers. In most cases these have now been replaced by better men, and an improvement has begun.

15. INTERIOR ECONOMY.

In some units this is still poor. In others it is comparable with that of Allied units in similar living conditions.

16. MORALE.

A minority of men see no point in fighting. Others are worried about their families in the NORTH, and take no interest in anything else. The majority are in good heart, and appear to be quite ready to fight.

17. FUTURE PLANS.

The Group has received the majority of its British clothing, and is to be completely equipped by 31 Mar. 15 Apr is thought to be a suitable date for moving to a forward training area.

18. MAN MANAGEMENT.

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(e) When questioned, men usually know the name of their platoon commander, and state that they speak to him nearly every day.

(f) Shower baths have been constructed in most units.

Debit :-

(a) The officers do not do much constructive planning for their men's welfare. If things are bad they are apt to remain bad.

(b) There is no evidence that officers think of their men when they themselves are tired.

(c) There is reason to think that when a man has a difficult or complex personal problem, the officer is apt to shelve it. An Italian soldier once stated that the only way to get anything done was to complain to a British officer.

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(d) Many officers appear to make up for their poor man management by neglecting to enforce discipline.

(e) Officers sometimes smoke on parade and do not always wear equipment when their men are wearing it.

Action by HLU :-

(a) Example. The constant preoccupation of British officers with the welfare of the men must be an object lesson to officers and men alike.

(b) Instruction. Officers constantly refer to man management, both in formal lectures and in casual conversation with Italian officers.

(c) Written note. A note on man management by a British officer has been issued to the Division.

In the Field.
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Attached :- Appendix 'A' - State of Training of Specialists & Tradesmen.
Appendix 'B' - Progress of Courses.

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Serial (a)	Tradesmen or Specialist (b)	GROUP HQ (c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	TROOPS (g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	ARTILLERY (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
1.	Ammunition Storeman									12		12			
2.	Armourers													62	1
3.	Armourer Mechanics														
4.	Armament Artificer (Veh)														
5.	Armament Artificer (Wpns)													24	1
6.	Blacksmiths													21	1
7.	Bricklayers & Masons													25	2
8.	Carpenters & Joiners														
9.	Coach Painters									14	14			40	2
10.	Clerks & Draughtsmen	23	23												
11.	Drivers i/c	23	22	1		10	6	4		258	64	194	20	350	25
12.	Driver Mechs													18	1
13.	Driver Operators									24		24	2		
14.	Electricians													5	
15.	Fitters									15	3	12	16		
16.	Instrument Mechs														
17.	Linesmen														
18.	Mechanics													12	1
19.	Medical Orderlies									19	7	12		26	2
20.	Miners														
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10			32	32			46	35	11		164	13
22.	Nursing Orderlies														
23.	Operators														
24.	Painters														
25.	Plumbers & Pipe Fitters														
26.	Shoemakers														

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& Specialists

	ENGINEER [illegible]								SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL				ORDN	
Under Trg (n)	WE (o)	Trained (p)	To be trained (q)	Under Trg (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be trained (u)	Under Trg (v)	WE (w)	Trained (x)	To be trained (y)	Under Trg (z)	WE (a)	Trained (b)	To be trained (c)	Under Trg (d)	WE (e)	Trained (f)	To be trained (g)	Under Trg (h)	WE (i)	
													6	6								
												1										
	62	15	49																			
	24	15	8		12	12																
	24	17	7		32	29	8	2														
	25	23	2		92	36	15	4														
	40	96			20	19	1		2	2			17	17			4	4			8	
20	350	253	97		96	32	34		61	22	39		141	130	11	11	57	20	37		38	
	18	12	20		15	10	5						17	10	7		4	1	3			
24																						
	6	6			11	9	2		11	11							1		1		2	
16					21	15	6										2	1	1			
									15	6	9											
									43	43												
	12	11	1										3	1	2							
	36	22	13		3	2			1	1												
					24	24																
	134	131	32		30	11	19		22	18	4		17	11	6	17					5	
																	20	20				
									129	62	67	67										
					12	5	7	1														
					10	5	5															
					2	2			1	1			1	1								

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TRANSPORT		MEDICAL			ORDNANCE				TECHNICAL ENGINEERS				IADs		TOTALS			
Trained (b)	Under Trg (c)	WE (e)	Trained (f)	To be trained (g)	Under Trg (h)	WE (i)	Trained (j)	To be trained (k)	Under Trg (l)	WE (m)	Trained (n)	To be trained (o)	Under Trg (p)	WE (q)	Trained (r)	To be trained (s)	Under Trg (t)	(u)
														18	6	12		1
										4	4			4	4			2
														62	13	49		3
										7	4	3		7	4	3		4
										1		1		1		1		5
										4	3	1		40	31	9		6
														57	2	13	2	7
										4	4			81	59	18	4	8
										3		3		3		3		9
		4	4			8	8			0	8			142	137	1		10
1	11	57	20	37		58	4	34		24	23		1	1058	576	482	32	11
7		4	1	2						59	41	18	18	143	74	69	18	12
														24		24	24	13
		1		1		2		2		18	6	12		49	32	17		14
		2	1	1						25	20	5		64	39	25	16	15
										2	1	1		17	7	10		16
														43	43			17
2														15	12	3		18
														59	34	25		19
														24	24			20
6	17					5	3	2		6	1	5		332	252	60	17	21
		20	20											20	20			22
														129	62	67	67	23
										2	2			14	7	7	1	24
														10	5	5		25
														4	4			26

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
		GROUP HQ													
Serial	Tradesman or Specialist	VR	Infantry	Machine Gun	Engineers	Signals	Medical	Supply & Transport	Ordnance	Veterinary	Remounts	Labour	Provost	Prisoners of War	Attached
27.	Sheet Metal Workers														
28.	Sanitary Personnel														
29.	Stretcher Bearers	2	2							2		2		126	0
30.	Storemen	4	4												
31.	Telephonists/Clerks														
32.	Farriers														
33.	Vehicles														
34.	Watermen														
35.	Others														
36.	Carriers II Drivers									2		2		111	3
37.	Carriers Lloyd Drivers													82	6
38.	Gentlemen													12	
39.	Gun Numbers 1									4	20	12	4		
40.	6 pr Gun Numbers +													100	12
41.	2" Mortar Numbers +													120	12
42.	Range and Signallers +									311	202	109	100	335	22
43.	Survey Personnel									68	10	50	50		
44.	Infantry Pioneers													60	5
45.	Artificers										2	2	2		

+ Are fully trained basically but require tactical training.

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	ENGRS & E.C. FIELD PARK				SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL				ORDNANCE				SCH...	
Under Trg (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be trained (u)	Under Trg (v)	WE (w)	Trained (x)	To be trained (y)	Under Trg (z)	WE (a)	Trained (b)	To be trained (c)	Under Trg (d)	WE (e)	Trained (f)	To be trained (g)	Under Trg (h)	WE (i)	Trained (j)	To be trained (k)	Under Trg (l)	WE (m)	Trained (n)
	1	1																			4	
													52	52								
	4	4											110	90	20							
									10	10							28	18	10	10	24	1
																					3	
	1	1																			3	
	11	8	3		5		5										3		3		36	3
	8	8																				
	2	1	1																		4	
30																						
30																						
115																						

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…ORT	MEDICAL				ORDNANCE				MECHANICAL ENGINEERS & LAD'S				TOTALS				
Under Trg (d)	WE (e)	Trained (f)	To be trained (g)	Under Trg (h)	WE (i)	Trained (j)	To be trained (k)	Under Trg (l)	WE (m)	Trained (n)	To be trained (o)	Under Trg (p)	WE (q)	Trained (r)	To be trained (s)	Under Trg (t)	(u)
									4	2	2		5	3	2		27
	52	52											52	52			28
	110	90	20										244	131	113		29
					28	18	10	10	24	10	14		66	42	24		30
									3		3		3		3		31
									3	3			4	4			32
					3		3		36	34	2		55	42	13		33
													8	8			34
									4	2	2		6	3	3		35
													144	90	54	30	36
													82	60	22	30	37
													14	7	7		38
													64	20	44	44	39
													180	180			40
													120	120			41
													646	422	224	224	42
													68	18	50	50	43
													60	53	7		44
													5	2	3	3	45

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PROGRAM OF COURSES

Course No. (a)	Subject (b)	From (c)	To (d)	Location (e)	No of Students (f)	Personnel Trg Initial Arrangements (g)	Personnel Trg Trg Inst (h)
1.	Intelligence	17 Feb	22 Feb	LOZZANIT	10	G II	A Trg Gp
2.	"	23 Feb	3 Mar	"	14	"	"
3.	Maintenance Vehs. RA	15 Feb continuous. Each course 2 days		Gp Area	12	RA & QM	ST Co
4.	Snipers	26 Feb	17 Mar	BENEVENTO	2	G II	CATC
5.	3" Mortar	26 Feb	17 Mar	"	4	"	CATC
6.	Six pounder	26 Feb	17 Mar	EBOLI	6	"	CATC
7.	Observation of Fire.	12 Mar	14 Mar	EBOLI		SO RA	RATC
8.	Minor Tactics	26 Feb	17 Mar	BENEVENTO	4	G II	CATC
9.	Air Photo Interpretation	26 Feb	11 Mar	SAN SEVERO	7	G II	Air Photo Interpretation School
10.	Repair & Maintenance of Weapons	1 Feb	1 Mar	Gp Area	12	SO REME	REME Trg Increment
11.	Hygiene & Sanitation	10 Mar	17 Mar	BENEVENTO	6	G II	CATC
12.	Field Sanitation	17 Mar	24 Mar	"	3	G II	CATC

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FEDERATO OF ORDERS

	Location (e)	No of Students (f)	Responsibility Initial Arrangements (g)	Training (h)	Object (i)
	POZZUOLI	10	G II	A Tng Det	Train Unit I.Os.
	"	1/4	"	"	"
	Gp Area	12	2A & QMG	Bn Coy	Teach officers of Army Regt maintenance
	BENEVENTO	2	G II	CMTC	Train Junior Instructors
	"	1/2	"	CMTC	Train Instructors
	"	6	"	RATC	"
	EBOLI		SO IBT	RATC	OF officers
	EBOLI				
	BENEVENTO	4	G II	CMTC	Train Junior Leaders
	SAN SEVERO	7	G II	Air Photo Interpretation School	Train IO
	Gp Area	12	SO REME	REME Trg Increment	Train Unit & Wksp Armourers
	BENEVENTO	6	G II	CMTC	Train Unit IOs & Senior Regtl officers
	"	3	G II	CMTC	Train Junior Regtl Officers

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AFHQ G&S

Tel:11667

MT/55/12/MT

19 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Progress Report.

HQ 15 Army Group
MTLA

1. Seventh Progress Report in respect of MANOVA Combat Group.

2. MANOVA are beginning to receive G 1058 equipment and many of the problems mentioned in the report of this group will thus be solved.

We seem to have DMT copy as well.
Send to them.
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Brig.
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(a) [illegible]

Steady progress has been made in the [illegible] Laying and Specialist work. Laying tests have not yet begun but good results are expected. The arrival of 320 recruits, many of the completely untrained, to the Depot on 22 Jan has temporarily split training into two parties.

(b) Firing Practice at R.M.A.

(i) 17 pr. On 30 and 31 Jan and 1 Feb 304 full scale rounds were fired as well as some sub-calibre firing from breech.

Detachments gained confidence in the gun and how to handle it quickly to carry out an in-target, sub-calibre being most useful in this respect. The standard of laying was almost uniformly good. Valuable experience was gained in speeding the gun into action and in ammunition during and after firing. 5 officers and 40 O/Rs were practised.

(ii) 40 pr. 29 and 31 Jan and 5 Feb 41 Sherman Tk at. 394
30 Jan and 6 Feb 4 Ac Regiment Tortuna.

A total of [illegible] rounds fired.

The standard of gunnery, all guns control and flare [illegible] and results [illegible] was very satisfactory, considering the [illegible] conditions of the run.

7 officers and 40 O/Rs were practised.

(iii) Gun Ammunition. It will not be realised that unless the ammunition is thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible after firing, even after a short period, any misfire becomes very much overcome.

(c) General.

Within the Regt confidence does not lack, though 20 new officers and many new NCOs to be started from scratch.

The issue of boots, clothing and small arms; the higher degree of training now practised and the knowledge that some at least of the Regt have fired their guns - all these factors have added greatly to the diminution of difficulties.

2. ENGINEERS.

(a) Sapper Training.

All personnel including a few newly arrived reinforcements have now done a weeks course in elementary Bailey bridging, and a start has been made with more advanced programs including methods of launching on restricted sites, construction of piers etc. Training in Field Works, including defence and demolitions continues, the latest mines including use of British Electrical methods of firing and testing circuits. Practical work on track and road construction has been limited by lack of transport.

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(b) Tactical Training.

Section training is in full swing. The recently completed Junior Leaders Course has had a great effect on training and it is now more practical and more problems per training are brought.

(c) Specialists.

Some 6 pr Detachments have shot their ranges at RAOU. Laying and gunnery was fair but maintenance poor. All gun crews have gained experience in gun confidence. The systems for established drills were shown and approved by the Gun. 430 rds were fired.

5 officers and 40 ORs were practiced.

(d) Officer Training.

The following specific training has been done by officers :-

(i) Subalterns — 2 Troops on Assault.
(ii) Coy Cmdr — 2 Troops on Assaults.
(iii) Each Sqt — 1 Assl each on Defensive Fire and Tactical.
(iv) Phase battle — Of practice Depth and Re Hqs in start lines.
(v) All officers — Re-Org, Inst cadres and D/T procedure.

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5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply and Transport.

(i) Driving and Maintenance.

Driver training in the 57 Coy is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily. Twenty drivers have qualified in this past fortnight. In the Regimental School of Driving approximately fifty drivers have qualified. Further to this, one officer and twenty-five other ranks completed an instructors course in Dec at the [redacted], and a very satisfactory report has been received.

A definite improvement in vehicle maintenance has taken place.

(ii) Weapon Training.

Continues satisfactorily.

(iii) Technical Training.

The two Composite Platoons continue to gain experience from their normal routine duties of maintaining the Combat Group.

(b) Ordnance.

Personnel continue to gain practical experience from the receipt and issue of stores.

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(c) Medical.

Training in hygiene and first aid is proceeding satisfactorily. No instructors are available to teach anti-malaria precautions.

(d) Mechanical Engineers.

With the arrival of a mobile Armourers Shop a start has been made on the training of armourers. Driving instruction and weapon training are proceeding satisfactorily.

(e) Provost.

Instruction has been given in Military Security by two Field Security NCOs who are attached to the Area. Training in traffic control will be in shortly under a British C.M.P. Instructor.

6. GENERAL.

(a) In spite of bad weather progress in all types of training has been reasonably satisfactory. The infantry are moving [illegible] and it is thought that this will do much to raise efficiency and morale.

(b) The training of senior officers is carried out by means of discussions and demonstrations. The Knowsley School, G.H.Q. gave a valuable day's instruction in camouflage and air photography to 40 officers.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING IN SPECIALIST ESTABLISHMENTS.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - [illegible] TO BE OVERCOME.

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8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT TRAINING.

(a) Artillery.

The amount of training still required will consist of

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(b) [illegible] and training of personnel [illegible] by means of discussions and demonstrations. The Amphibious School, [illegible] gave a valuable day's instruction in camouflage and air photography to 40 officers.

PART II - STATION ESTABLISHMENT AND SPECIALIST TRAINING.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

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PART III - EVALUATION OF TRAINING AS IT AFFECTED.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST DIVISIONAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery.

The amount of training still required will remain at 30% until AT is available.

Failure to enable this major problem for a [illegible] Arty Regt is serious and the two months already lost will not be caught up during 1945.

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Day Tasks, Training	65%
Mine Warfare	65%
Fieldworks	50%
Demolitions	50%
Bridges Training	50%
Road and Track Construction	55%

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Store Keeping	
Driving and Maintenance of Vehicles	75%
Water Supply	100%
Fieldcraft and Battle Drill	100%
Maintenance and Operation of British Field Plant	25%
	100%

(c) Signals.

Weapon Training 90%

(d) Infantry.

Platoon, Company and Battalion training.

(e) Services.

(i) Supply & Transport.

Specialist tradesmen	20%
Field duties of [illegible] Coy	100%
Weapon Training	50%

(ii) Ordnance.

Practice in receipt, issue and recognition of stores is still required.

Weapon Training 50%

(iii) Medical.

Field hygiene in units; water duties; the deployment of the Medical Section and the setting up of hospitals and dressing stations in the field. Driving [illegible] and use of ambulances in the field.

(iv) R.E.

Weapon Training 90 %

(v) Provost.

Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

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PART IV – COURSES AND [illegible]

10. COURSES OO [illegible].

(ii) Ordnance.

[illegible] is needed, [illegible] of stores is still required.

Report pending 30.

(iii) Medical.

Field hygiene training; water [illegible]; the deployment of the Medical Section and the section as it is now [illegible] stations in the field. Advice [illegible] of ambulances in the field.

(iv) R.E.

Report Pending 30 [illegible]

(v) Provost.

Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

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PART IV - COURSES AND EXERCISES (V. INCL 1 (d) above).

10. COURSES OF INSTR.

See Appendix 'A' to Reference Report No. 2. dated 1 Jan 45.

Training Pers. Difference. 1 Off short and 2 Offs at ASCOB.

11. GENERAL.

Any details of courses now running or which it is intended at Appendix 'B'.

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PART V. - SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

12. With the hand over of Sights Dial No. 9 to the RHG ICP there is now a shortage which is handicapping training. Release of Sights Dial No. 9 and Clinos Field for the 25 pr guns at present held against G 1098 is requested.

13. Tools for the maintenance of vehicles and carriers are still required but some items are being received. Releases of equipment have not kept pace with the progress of training. The Group is now ready to receive a substantial part of G 1098, and an early release would greatly improve efficiency. Vehicles are the most pressing need.

14. A number of untrained recruits have placed a heavy burden on units.

Lt-Col.
CO.

To Sheffield.
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Attached :- Appendix 'A' - Strength of Training of Specialists (Trades)
Appendix 'B' - Programme of Courses.

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State of Training of Specialists :: Th

Central	Tradesmen or Specialist	ENGINEER				SIGNAL				ARTILLERY				INFANTRY		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)
1.	Ammunition Storesmen									12	12					
2.	Armourers															
3.	Armourers Corporals													9	13	
4.	Armament Artificer (Veh)															
5.	Armament Artificers (Wpns)															
6.	Blacksmiths													20	19	
7.	Bricklayers & Masons													8	17	
8.	Carpenters & Joiners													20	25	
9.	Coach Painters															
10.	Clerks, Draughtsmen	22	22							14	14			10	2	
11.	Drivers i/c	2	2			12	6	1		25	3	13		30	22	
12.	Driver Mechs													1	12	
13.	Driver Operators									21	2	2		2	6	
14.	Electricians															
15.	Fitters									16	3	12				
16.	Instrument Mechs															
17.	Linesmen															
18.	Mechanics													12	13	
19.	Medical Orderlies									12	7	12		2	2	
20.	Miners															
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10			32	32			14	12	27		101	55	
22.	Nursing Orderlies															
23.	Operators															
24.	Painters															
25.	Plumbers & Pipe Fitters															
26.	Shoemakers															

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

TRANSPORT		MEDICAL				OFFICE				S.A.L.				TOTALS			
To be trained	Under tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under tr.
(c)	(d)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
														18	3	14	12
										4	3			4	4		
														3	13	49	
										7	14	5					
										1		1		1		3	
										1	2	1			2	11	1
														17	2	21	2
										7	4			4	2	18	4
										3		3		3		3	
		4	6			2	8			5	8			112	201	7	
14	39	57	20	57		54	8	24		24	9	15	15	1000	21	942	95
7		4	1	3						52	22	27		143	92	60	
														21		24	24
		1		1		2		2		1	2	13		15	2	22	
		2	1	1						22	13	9		4	26	33	
										2		2			2	11	
														15	15		
8														15	12	3	
														59	24	25	
														21	21		
6	17					5	3	2		3	3	3		332	196	136	
		20	20											20	20		
														129	32	67	
										2	2			14	10	4	1
														18	5	12	1
														4	4		

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PROGRAMME OF COURSES.

Serial No. (a)	Subject (b)	From (c)	To (d)	Location (e)	No. of Students (f)	Initial Accommodation (g)	Accommodation Provided (h)
1.	Recruit Driving School	Continuous		Go A er.	30	DROST	Do Dept of Transport
2.	Services Driving Sch	Continuous		"	20	"	"
3.	Unit Drivers	27 Jan	20 Jan	"	24	"	"
	" "	23 Jan	30 Jan	"	24		
	" "	31 Jan	1 Feb	"	24	"	"
4.	Sig	25 Jan	22 Feb	Oakleigh Govt.	10	30	Dept of Transport
5.	Courier Driving (2nd Course)	1 Feb	21 Feb	"	30	3 II Trg	Dept of Transport
6.	Assault Pioneers (2nd Course)	5 Feb	14 Feb	Camp	30	60 22	Do
7.	5" Mortar (3rd Course)	5 Feb	18 Feb	Op Area	107	3 III Trg	Do
8.	6 pr A Tk Gun (3rd Course)	5 Feb	18 Feb	"	70	"	"
9.	Minor Tactics (2nd Course)	21 Jan	12 Feb	"	42	"	"
10.	Repair and Maintenance of Tanyons	1 Feb	1 Mar	"	12	9 HQ 3	9 Dept of Transport 3 Interned
11.	Driving & Maintenance	4 Feb	18 Feb	"	45	"	Do
12.	Military Security	30 Jan	5 Feb	"		6 II	Dept of Social
	" "	5 Feb	10 Feb	"		3 II	"
	" "	12 Feb	17 Feb	"		6 II	"
13.	" "	9 Feb	19 Feb	Oakleigh	4	6 II	6 Army Education

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PROGRAM OF COURSES.

Location (e)	No of Students (f)	Responsibility for Initial Arrangements (g)	Training (h)	Object (i)
Gp Area	50	DACAT	Co Int Gp	Train drivers for rough transport
"	20	Ldr	"	Train drivers for service tpt.
"	24	Int Gp	"	Train int & artillery personnel
"	24	"	"	" " "
"	24	"	"	" " "
Gp Area Sattva	10	50 Int	Ctr for Int Training Forces	Train instructors
"	50	2 II Trg	Centre for Allied	Train carrier & Jeep drivers
Gp Area	50	50 Int	Int	Train Pioneer Assault Sections
Gp Area	107	2 II Trg	Centre for Allied	Train 3rd order detachments
"	70	"	"	Train 2 per day Drvs
"	42	"	"	Train Junior Leaders
"	12	50 Int	52 A Trg Increment Centre for Allied	Train Unit & Workshop personnel
"	45	"	"	Train Workshop Personnel in Indyid. Mintenance
"	"	2 II	52 Recon Gnl	Train Crewmbrs & Ln Sv Units
"	"	2 II	"	" " "
"	"	2 II	"	" " "
Gp Area	4	2 II	52 Tpt & Recon Centre	Train personnel of 52 Section

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Serial No.	Subject	Copy To	Loc Stm	No of Statements	Incoming Info Furnished
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
14.	Intelligence	3 Inf	15 Inf Op. Div.	16	2 FI
15.	Subversion	9 FI	17		2 FI
16.	Civil Sanitation	17 FI	4	2	2 FI
17.	Signals	22 FI	25 Sig. Con. Bn.	305	30 FI
18.	Surgeon	22 Inf	25 Inf	21	30 FI

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56 LAA BRIGADE REPORT NO. 1

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Copy to :- HQ LA.
AHQ., G III Ops. (Belgium)
AHQ., G III (Air) Training.
RTC ICT.

PART I - GENERAL REPORT TO 6 JAN 45.

1. ACTIVITIES.

(a) Training.

Steady progress has been made in the 25 pr Regts in Gun Drill, Layout and Specialist work. Layout tasks have not yet begun but good results are expected. The arrival of 320 recruits, many of them completely untrained, to the unit on 22 Jan has temporarily split training into two portion.

(b) Firing Practice at NCTI.

(i) 17 pr. On 30 and 31 Jan and 1 Feb 361 shell scale rounds were fired as well as some sub-calibre ammunition.

Detachments soon established in the new and had learned quickly to operate on the sub-calibre being most useful in this respect. The standard of layout was almost uniformly good. Valuable experience was gained in preparing the gun for action and in maintenance during and after firing. 5 accidents and 4 GIs were practised.

(ii) 40 pr. 29 and 31 Jan and 1 Feb at Stiffkey Target. 384
30 Jan and 2 Feb at Stationary Targets.

A total of 576 rounds were fired.

The control of ammunition and fire control was shown over to and carried out by personnel trained in maintenance, ammunition supply, stoppages and misfiring of the gun.

7 accidents and GIs were practised.

(iii) Gun Maintenance. It did not seem to be realised that guns must be boiled out and thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible after firing, even after 48 hrs. Any initial reluctance was soon overcome.

(c) General.

(c) Training.

Steady progress has been made in the 25 pr Regt in Gun Drill, Laying and Specialist work. Layer tests have not yet been run but good results are expected. The arrival of 220 recruits, many of the completely untrained, to the regt on 22 Jan has temporarily split training into two parties.

(b) Firing Practice at S.M.A.I.

(i) 17 pr. On 30 and 31 Jan and 1 Feb 161 full scale rounds were fired as well as some sub-calibre ammunition.

Detachments gained confidence in the gun and how to control quickly to correct on to target, sub-calibre being most useful in this respect. The standard of 3 gun rounds shoot uniformly good. Valuable experience was gained in preparing the gun for action and in maintenance during and after firing. 5 officers and 40 ORs were provided.

(ii) 25 pr. 23 Jan 37 Jan and 3 Feb 44 Sheets Target. 384
30 Jan and 2 Feb 4 Stationary Targets.

A total of 97 rounds were fired.

The standard of gunnery and fire control was above average and considerable ammunition was gained in maintenance, ammunition supply, stoppages and re-loading of the gun.

7 officers and 60 ORs were provided.

(iii) Gun Maintenance. It did not seem to be realised that guns must be boiled out and thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible after firing, even when in action. Any initial reluctance was soon overcome.

(c) General.

Unit confidence does not lack, though 22 new officers and many new NCOs have to be started from scratch.

The issue of boots, clothing and small arms; the higher degree of weapon maintenance now practised and the knowledge that once at least of the unit have fired their guns - all these factors have raised morale to the elimination of difficulties.

2. ENGINEERS.

(a) Combat Training.

All personnel excluding a few newly arrived reinforcements have now done a weeks course in elementary Bailey bridging, and a start has been made with more advanced projects including methods of launching on restricted sites, construction of piers etc. Training in Fieldworks, and Warfare and Demolitions continues, the last named now including use of British Electrical system of firing and testing circuits. Practical work on track and road construction has been limited by lack of transport.

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(b) Weapon Training and General Military Training.

Approximately 50% of personnel have now fired their weapons on 30x and 200x ranges. Progress in general military training is slow.

3. SIGNALS.

Instructors are now available as the course at [illegible] has been completed. the majority of signallers within the Group are now undergoing training at various signal schools. (See Appendix 'C' attached, Serials 17 and 18).

Progress to date is satisfactory.

4. INFANTRY.

(a) Small Arms.

Bren, Rifle and other small arms instruction continues and the arrival of British NCOs has had a good effect on the results. Judged by British standards the state of proficiency is about 50%.

(b) Tactical Training.

Section training is in full swing. The recently completed Junior Leaders Course has had a good effect on training and it is now more practical and more modern principles are taught.

(c) Specialists.

Some 6 or detachments have shot full shoots at [illegible]. Light and gun drill was fair but ammunition poor. All gun crews have gained experience in gun sufficiency. The reasons for established drills were shown and explained to the men. 400 rds were fired.

5 officers and 40 ORs were provided.

(d) Officer Training.

The following specialist training has been done by officers :-

(i)	Substantive	2 [illegible] in Reliance.
(ii)	Coy Cdrs	2 [illegible] in Reliance.
(iii)	Each Unit	1 [illegible] each at Bn and Coy and Bn level.
(iv)	Phase Battle	Substantive Capt and Bn HQ in staff [illegible] Phase.
(v)	All officers	[illegible] in Tactics and T/T procedure.

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5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply and Transport.

(i) Driving and Maintenance.

Driver training in the ST Coy is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily. Twenty drivers have qualified in this unit

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Section [illegible] Junior Leaders Course has had a good effect on training and it is now more practical and more modern principles are taught.

(c) Specialists.

Some 6 or detachments have shot full shoots at RAOU. Light anti-aircraft gun drill was fair but ammo shoot poor. All gun crews have gained confidence in gun confidence. The reasons for established drills were shown and explained by the team. 430 rds were fired. 5 officers and 40 ORs were practised.

(d) Officer Training.

The following special training has been done by officers :-

(i)	Battalions	2 [illegible] Defence.
(ii)	Coy Cdrs	2 [illegible] Defence.
(iii)	Mech Sect	1 [illegible] on defence at Coy and Pn level.
(iv)	Phone battle	(to practice [illegible] and Bde in staff duties.
(v)	All officers	by reading instruction and S/I procedure.

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5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply and Transport.

(i) Driving and Maintenance.

Driver training in the ST Coy is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily. Twenty drivers have qualified in this past fortnight. In the Regimental School of Driving approximately fifty drivers have qualified. Further to this, one officer and twenty-five other ranks completed an instructors course in D [illegible] at the [illegible] WOLA., and a very satisfactory report has been received.

A definite improvement in vehicle maintenance has taken place.

(ii) Weapon Training.

Continues satisfactorily.

(iii) Technical Training.

The two Composite Platoons continue to gain experience from their normal routine duties of maintaining the Combat Group.

(b) Ordnance.

Personnel continue to gain practical experience from the receipt and issue of stores.

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(c) Medical.

Training in hygiene and first aid is proceeding satisfactorily. No instructors are available to teach anti-malaria precautions.

(d) Mechanical Engineers.

With the arrival of a Mobile Armourers Shop a start has been made on the training of armourers. Driving instruction and weapon training are proceeding satisfactorily.

(e) Provost.

Instruction has been given in Military Security by two Field Security NCOs who are attached to the Group. Training in traffic control will begin shortly under a British C&P instructor.

6. GENERAL.

(a) In spite of bad weather progress in all types of training has been reasonably satisfactory. The infantry are moving in to covered accomodation, and it is thought that this will do much to raise efficiency and morale.

(b) The training of senior officers is continuing by means of discussions and demonstrations. The Camouflage School, C.T.C gave a valuable day's instruction in camouflage and air photography to 40 officers.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALIST UNITS.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

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PART III - DATA FOR FUTURE ACTION REQUIRED.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery.

The amount of training still required till remain at 60% [illegible]

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PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALIST & TECHNICAL.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

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PART III - REASONS FOR SHORTAGE IN OF ORGANIZED.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST ESSENTIAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery.

The amount of training still required will remain at 80% until it is available.

Failure to train this major portion of a mechanized Army Regt is serious and the two months already lost will not be caught up during 1945.

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Dry Gap Filling	65%
Mine Warfare	65%
Fieldworks	80%
Demolitions	50%
Weapon Training	65%
Road and Track Construction	55%

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Store Keeping
Driving and Maintenance of Vehicles 70%
Water Supply 10%
Fieldcraft and Battle Drill 100%
Maintenance and Operation of Bulton Field Plant 100%

(c) Signals.

Weapon Training 90%

(2) Infantry.

Platoon, Company and Battalion training.

(c) Services.

(i) Supply & Transport.

Specialist Training
Field duties of Sup Coy 20%
Weapon Training 100%
50%

(ii) Ordnance.

Practice in records, issue and receipt of stores in field required.

Weapon Training 50%

(iii) Medical.

Field hygiene in units; water duties: the deployment of the medical service and the setting up of hospitals and forward stations in the field. Driving of and repair of ambulances in the field.

(iv) R.E.

Weapon Training 50% 381

(v) Provost.

Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

PART IV - COURSES AND SCHOOLS IN THE U.K.

10. COURSES ON LEAVE.

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(iii) Gunnery.

Practice in recognition and recognition of enemy is still required. 50%

(iii) Medical.

Field hygiene in units; water duties; the deployment of the medical section and the setting up of hospitals and dressing stations in the field. Duties of M.O. and use of ambulances in the field.

(iv) R.E.

Demolitions 50 %

(v) Provost.

Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

PART IV - COURSES AND SCHEMES TO BE CONDUCTED.

10. COURSES TO BE HELD.

See Appendix 'A' to Progress Report No. 2, dated 1st Jan 45.

Driving, Map Reading, etc. 1 officer and 24 ORs at HASTED.

11. GENERAL.

A programme of courses and exercises to be attended at Appendix 'B'.

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PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES.

12. With the hand over of Sights Dial No. 9 to the RIC ICE there is now a shortage which is handicapping training. Release of Sights Dial No. 9 and Clinos Field for the eight 25 pr guns at present held against G 1098 is requested.

13. Tools for the maintenance of vehicles and carriers are still required but some items are being received. Releases of equipment have not kept pace with the progress of training. The Group is now ready to receive a substantial part of G 1098, and an early release would greatly improve efficiency. Vehicles are the most pressing need.

14. An influx of untrained recruits has placed a heavy burden on units.

In the field.
14/6/40

Lt-Col.
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Attached :- Appendix 'A' - Strength of Regiments on Scale Mats & Training.
Appendix 'B' - Programme of Courses.

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State of Training of Specialists & Trades

		GROUP HQ				SIGNAL				ARTILLERY				ENGINEER			
	Trademen or Specialist																
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
1.	Ammition Storemen										12		12				
2.	Armourers																
3.	Armourers echelon														22	12	
4.	Armoured Artificer (Tel)																
5.	Armoured Artificer (Rle)																
6.	Blacks & the														2	14	
7.	Bricklayers & masons														2	17	
8.	Carpenters & Joiners														2	25	
9.	Coach Painters																
10.	Clerks & Draughtsmen	22	22								14	14			40	32	
11.	Drivers i/c	23	22	1		12	5	1			258	3	12		390	42	13
12.	Driver echs														13	1	
13.	Drivers Dom Store										21		21		21		
14.	Electricians														2	5	
15.	Fitters										15	2	13				
16.	Instrument echs																
17.	Linemen																
18.	Mechanics																
19.	Medical Orderlies										19	7	12		3	2	1
20.	Miners																
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10			2	2				1	19	27		12	2	1
22.	Nursing Orderlies																
23.	Operators																
24.	Printers																
25.	Riggers & Rope Makers																
26.	Shoemakers																

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cialists & Tradesmen

	INFANTRY				ENGINEERS INCL FIELD PARK				SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL				ORDNANCE	
	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained
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	52	13	39																			
	21	13	8		12	10	2	1														
	2?	17	7		22	20	7	2														
	25	23	2		32	[illegible]	1	4														
	40	36			20	13	7		2	2			14	10			4	4			2	
	350	200	120	30	52	35	21		31	22	39		141	127	14	39	57	20	57		38	
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	12	11	1										3	1	2							
	21	32	15		2	2			1	1												
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	16	23	39		30	13	17		22	10	12		17	11	6	17					5	
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					13	5	13	1														
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Appendix 'A' to 56 Progress Report No. 4
dated 9 Dec 45

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

SUPPORT					HOSPITAL					QUARTERS					AREAS					TOTALS				
Shell	Piles	Fill	Roads	Walks	Shell	Piles	Fill	Roads	Walks	Shell	Piles	Fill	Roads	Walks	Shell	Piles	Fill	Roads	Walks	Shell	Piles	Fill	Roads	Walks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)					
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	4	4			3												11	20	7					
11	20	57	20	37	28	4	36			21	2		12				100	51	42	15				
7	4									5	2	7					112	2						
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	1				2		2			10	2	15					4	2						
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17					5	2	2			3	2	2					232	19	156					
	20	20															2	20						
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																	4	4						

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Serial (a)	Tradesman or Specialist (b)	GROUP II TE (c)	Trained (d)	To be trained (e)	Under Trg (f)	ENGINEER TE (g)	Trained (h)	To be trained (i)	Under Trg (j)	ARTILLERY TE (k)	Trained (l)	To be trained (m)	Under Trg (n)	INFANTRY TE (o)	Trained (p)
27.	Sheet Metal Workers														
28.	Sanitary Personnel														
29.	Stretcher Bearers	2	2							2		2		126	9[illegible]
30.	Storemen	[illegible]	[illegible]												
31.	Telecomms Tech														
32.	Turners														
33.	Vehicle Mechs														
34.	Watermen														
35.	Welders														
36.	Carriers U Drivers									2		2		111	[illegible]
37.	Carriers Lloyd Drivers													32	[illegible]
38.	Goniometrist													14	[illegible]
39.	Gun Pos 4									64	20	16	14		
40.	2 pr Atk Numbers													180	111
41.	3" Mortar Numbers													120	9[illegible]
42.	Regimental Signallers									311	40	271	202	232	20[illegible]
43.	Survey Personnel									[illegible]	2[illegible]	12	31		
44.	Infantry Pioneers													60	22
45.	Artificers RA									5	2	3	2		

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Serial No. (a)	Subject (b)	From (c)	To (d)	Location (e)	No of Students (f)	Initial Arrangements (g)	Responsibility for Instruction (h)
1.	Regtl Driving School	Continuous		Operations	50	MAST	
2.	Service Driving Sch	Continuous		"	20	"	
3.	Unit Training	27 Jan	28 Jan	"	21	"	
	" "	29 Jan	30 Jan	"	21	"	
	" "	31 Jan	1 Feb	"	21	"	
4.	6 pr	25 Jan	22 Feb	Operations Section	10	GO [illegible]	
5.	Carrier Driving (2nd Course)	1 Feb	21 Feb	"	30	G II [illegible]	
6.	Assault Pioneers (2nd Course)	5 Feb	14 Feb	"	30	GO HQ	
7.	3" Mortar (3rd Course)	5 Feb	16 Feb	Ops Area	107	G II Tr	
8.	6 pr A tk Gun (3rd Course)	5 Feb	16 Feb	"	70	"	
9.	Minor Tactics (2nd Course)	31 Jan	15 Feb	"	42	"	"
10.	Repair and Maintenance of Weapons	1 Feb	1 Mar	"	12	GO HQ S	
11.	Driving & Maintenance	4 Feb	18 Feb	"	45	"	Instruction Orderly Officer
12.	Military Security	30 Jan	3 Feb	"		G II	Regtl
	" "	5 Feb	10 Feb	"		G II	"
	" "	12 Feb	17 Feb	"		G II	"
13.		9 Feb	19 Feb	Ops Area	4	G II	Regtl School

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PROGRAM OF COURSES.

To (d)	Location (e)	No of Students (f)	Initiated	Responsibility: Army/Army Air Forces (g)	Responsibility: Branch (h)	Object (i)
[illegible]	Camp Carson	50	DADST			Train drivers for vert transport
[illegible]	"	20	DADST			Train drivers for service bn.
20 Jan	"	21	DADST			Train tank and tank dest personnel
20 Jan	"	21	"			" " " "
1 Feb	"	21	"			" " " "
22 Feb	Camp Swift	10	30 [illegible]			Train instructors
21 Feb	"	30	G II Div			Train Quartermaster Field drivers
14 Feb	Camp Polk	30	SO [illegible]			Training Armored Assault Sections
15 Feb	Camp Carson	107	G II Div			Train QM Truck Detachments
18 Feb	"	70	"			Train Truck Drivers
12 Feb	"	42	"			Train Junior Leaders
1 Mar	"	12	SO [illegible]			Train Unit Training Officers
18 Feb	"	45	"	Transportation Corps (WD)		Train QM Ships Personnel in Inland Waterways
3 Feb	"	[illegible]	G III	[illegible] Person nel		Train Personnel in TD Units
10 Feb	"	[illegible]	G II			" " "
17 Feb	"	[illegible]	G II			" " "
19 Feb	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] School		Train personnel of TD Section

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Serial No. (a)	Subject (b)	From (c)	To (d)	Location (e)	Classification (f)	Responsibility for Improvements (g)	Remarks (h)
14.	Intelligence	5 Feb	15 Feb	Op. Area	46		Report
15.	Sig. and Communication	10	17				
16.	Field Communication	17	24				
17.	Signals	22 Jan	25 Feb	Op. Area	245		
18.	Signals	22 Jan	25 Feb		241		

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(a)	To (b)	Location (c)	Station (d)	Individual Movements (e)	Duties (f)	Object (g)
Feb	16 Feb	Sp. Ocean	16	4 II	Cadet Gp. [illegible]	Train IO's and personnel at I Ocean
"	17	"	"	4 II	4 II	Depot Unit Ds [illegible]
"	24	"	"	4 II	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan	25 Feb	Atlantic	305	50 Cdts	50 Cdts Gp [illegible]	[illegible]
Jan	25 Feb	"	211	50 Cdts	"	[illegible]

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

94 Sub Area

3 District
ZONIA

56 BLU
20 Q
14 Feb 45

Reference your AG 80 dated 12 Jan and our 2/3 Q dated 29 Jan.

1. The 429 and 519 Italian Field Hospitals (200 Beds) are still not completely mobilised.

Deficiencies are shown at Appendix 'A' attached.

2. These Hospitals are now under orders to move on or after 19 Feb 45.

In The Field,
JRM/ajw

J R Moorehead
Lt Col,
AG.

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429 Field Hospital.

9(AE) Controlled Stores.

15 cwt GS 4 x 2	1.
Lighting Sets 4 KW Mk I	1.
Generating sets LISTER WATSON 4 KW	1.

Other Major Items.

Blankets - red or blue	200.
Mattresses spring	200.
Sheets hospital	1200.

219 Field Hospital.

9(AE) Controlled Stores.

Lighting sets 4 KW Mk I	1.
Generating sets LISTER WATSON 4 KW	1.

Other major Items.

Blankets - red or blue	200.
Sheets hospital	1200.
Mattresses spring	200.

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Subject:- Progress Report

29/32/5

56 HLU
20 Q
7 Feb 45.

AFHQ G-3 (Org 4)
Q(AE)
DMT
MMLA. Land Forces Sub Commission AG
'Q' 3 District

Reference AFHQ 9193/Q(AE) dated 10 Dec 44 and our 20 Q dated 20 Jan 45.

1. As at 24 Jan 45 there is the following change from our report for week ending 13 Jan 45.

Under 1(b)

ITEM	ENTITLEMENT	RELEASED	BALANCE
Cape 4 str 4 x 2	24	1	1

Under 2 CLOTHING (Major Deficiencies)

Delete :-	Anklets web	3500
	Blouses 1940 patt	3300
	Trousers 1940 patt	1300

J C Morrell Maj 370
+ Lt Col.
GS.

In The Field.
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PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 21 JAN 45

1. ARTILLERY.

Considerable progress has been made in certain Batteries both in gun drill and laying. 25 pr guns have been stripped down for instruction. Snow and rain have impeded gun drill, driving instruction and sub-calibre firing. The Driving School has passed out 77 drivers as efficient in a period of 13 days, six of which were useless through snow.

2. ENGINEERS.

Progress of training since 7 Jan 45 has been retarded by adverse weather conditions and it has only been possible to do one normal weeks training during this period.

Sapper Training

This consisted of Dry Bailey Bridging, Mine Warfare, Field-works, Demolitions, Road and Track Construction which proceeded as far as weather conditions permitted. Training in the last named has not been very effective owing to lack of transport for materials and so little practical work has been carried out.

Weapon Training and General Military Training.

Preliminary instruction has commenced in Rifle and Bayonet, Bren, Thompson Sub-machine Carbine and PIAT. Some general military training including physical training and route marching has also been carried out.

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This continues to progress. The standard is as yet rather low, but some improvement can be detected. Men are becoming familiar with British weapons, instructors are not as yet really good due to lack of experience, but cadres for them have been and are being run in the Regiments and Battalions. The main weaknesses in this subject are:-

(i) Officers are not instructing.
(ii) Squads still too large though situation improving.
(iii) Lack of Brens for instruction, the situation is improving.

(b) Specialist Training.
(i) General. This is in every way satisfactory in so far as initial training under direct supervision is concerned.

(ii) [illegible]orters. Insufficient mortars makes redrilling and advanced handling difficult. No carriers are available as yet for teaching advance and tactical handling.

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(iii) 6 pr. Shortage of towing vehicles confines training to drills and technical instruction, with tactical handling taught mostly by lecture.

(iv) Carriers. The Group School is doing excellent work under really keen Italian officers. The training of the large numbers of drivers needed in the Group is bound to be slow as there are insufficient carriers. At this date we have a good reserve of instructors with no carriers on which they can instruct.

(c) Tactics.

(i) Training is as yet in the section training stage.

(ii) Tactical training is emphasising the offensive defensive battle, patrols, counter attacks, raids and move out by night.

(d) Map Reading.

A very low standard apertains at this date. Energetic action is being taken and classes are being run nightly at all levels.

Attached at Annexure 'A' is a report on the training of 11/4 Infantry Regt.

5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply and Transport.

(i) Higher Training.

A cloth model exercise has been held for the Q staff of the Group HQ and Heads of Services in which the administrative layout of the Group was discussed and British methods explained.

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(ii) Driving and Maintenance.

Snow has somewhat curtailed driver training but the ST Driver School has produced 14 trained drivers during the period and the Regimental Driving School has passed out 67 drivers during its stay with the Artillery Regt i.e. from 4 Jan - 20 Jan and has now moved to 11/4 Infantry Regt.

(iii) Technical Training.

Cloth model discussions have been held for all officers and senior NCOs in ST duties in the field. As a result it appears that all officers and senior NCOs now have a grasp of British methods.

(iv) Weapon Training.

Weapon training is progressing in the rifle and TS.G.

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Cloth model discussions have been held for all officers and senior NCOs in ST duties in the field. As a result it appears that all officers and senior NCOs now have a grasp of British methods.

(iv) Weapon Training.

Weapon training is progressing in the rifle and T&G.

(b) Ordnance.

Technical training has been devoted to practical work on equipment being received and issued at the OTP. All personnel have now reached a state of proficiency in Rifle and T&G to merit range practice.

(c) Medical.

Most personnel are employed owing to increased numbers of sick. Training has been devoted to hygiene. The standard of technical training in the Medical Section itself is high. Hygiene Sgt from 3 District has visited all units and has found the standard of unit hygiene very low. In order to rectify this a series of two day hygiene courses for other ranks of all units and sub units of the Group has been started.

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(d) Mechanical Engineers.

The only technical training taking place at present is practical work in repairing vehicles. Weapon training has now reached a sufficient standard to be able to fire on the ranges.

(e) Provost.

Training in route signing, motor cycle and vehicle driving is being undertaken. Except in route signing it is considered that the Provost Sections are trained.

6. GENERAL.

In spite of very bad weather there has been steady progress in all branches of training. The Italian officers have been encouraged by the arrival of reinforcements, and by a report that Combat Group CREMONA have made a good start in battle.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - PLANS OF PROGRAMME TO BE CARRIED OUT.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

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9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery 80%

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Bailey Bridging	80%
Mine Warfare	75%
Fieldworks	65%
Demolitions	65%

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PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

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9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery 80%

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Bailey Bridging	80%
Mine Warfare	75%
Fieldworks	65%
Demolitions	65%
Weapon Training	90%
Road and Track Construction	65%
Storekeeping	85%
Driving and Maintenance of British Vehicles	100%
Water Supply	100%
Fieldcraft and Battledrill	100%
Maintenance and Operation of British Field Fleet	100%

(c) Signals

Driving and Maintenance	100%
Weapon Training	100%

(d) Infantry

Instructor Training	15%
Individual Training	40%

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(e) Supply and Transport.

Field duties of 3rd Coy	80%
Weapon Training	50%

(f) Ordnance.

Practice in receipt and issue of stores is required.

Weapon Training	50%

(g) Medical.

Field Hygiene in units; water duties; the deployment of the Medical Section and the setting up of hospitals and dressing stations in the field. Driving of 3 ton and use of ambulances in the field.

(h) R.E.

Weapon Training	50%

(i) Provost.

Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 Bde Progress Report No. 1 dated 29 Dec 44.

Serial 5	Signal School NOORDWIJK	9 officers	136 ORs
" 11	2nd 3" Mortar Course		40 ORs
" 12	2nd 6 pr Course		72 ORs
" 13	Carrier Course		60 ORs
" 15	31 drivers have been trained since the last report.		

11. GENERAL.

(a) The numerous courses of instruction which have been organised in the Group are on the whole, proving their value. The Junior Leaders' Course is now running well, and the Signal School has made a good start.

(b) For details of courses see Appendix 'A' to 56 Bde Progress Report

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PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 ELU Progress Report No. 1 dated 29 Dec 44.

Serial 3	Signal School NOCERA	9 offrs	156 ORs
" 11	2nd 3" Mortar Course		40 ORs
" 12	2nd 6 pr Course		72 ORs
" 13	Carrier Course		60 ORs
" 15	31 drivers have been trained since the last report.		

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PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES.

12. The difficulties experienced are in general as detailed in previous reports but the position with regard to LMGs, clothing and tools for the maintenance of guns has improved considerably.

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PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

13. COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA. EXERCISE NO.2.

This was a cloth model discussion dealing with the siting and organization of Main and Rear Combat Group HQ. The officers taking part were very interested, but were altogether unable to keep to the agenda.

14. Personnel of GFP would derive great benefit if they could be attached to British Ordnance Depots for short periods for instruction in the recognition of items in the make up of complete equipments.

15. A two day visit by a British medical officer to inspect the training of the Medical Section would be of value.

In the Field.
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Lt-Col.
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Attached :- Appendix 'A' State of Specialist Training Courses
Appendix 'B'
Annexure 1 Report on 114 Inf Regt.
Annexure 2 Exercise No. 2.

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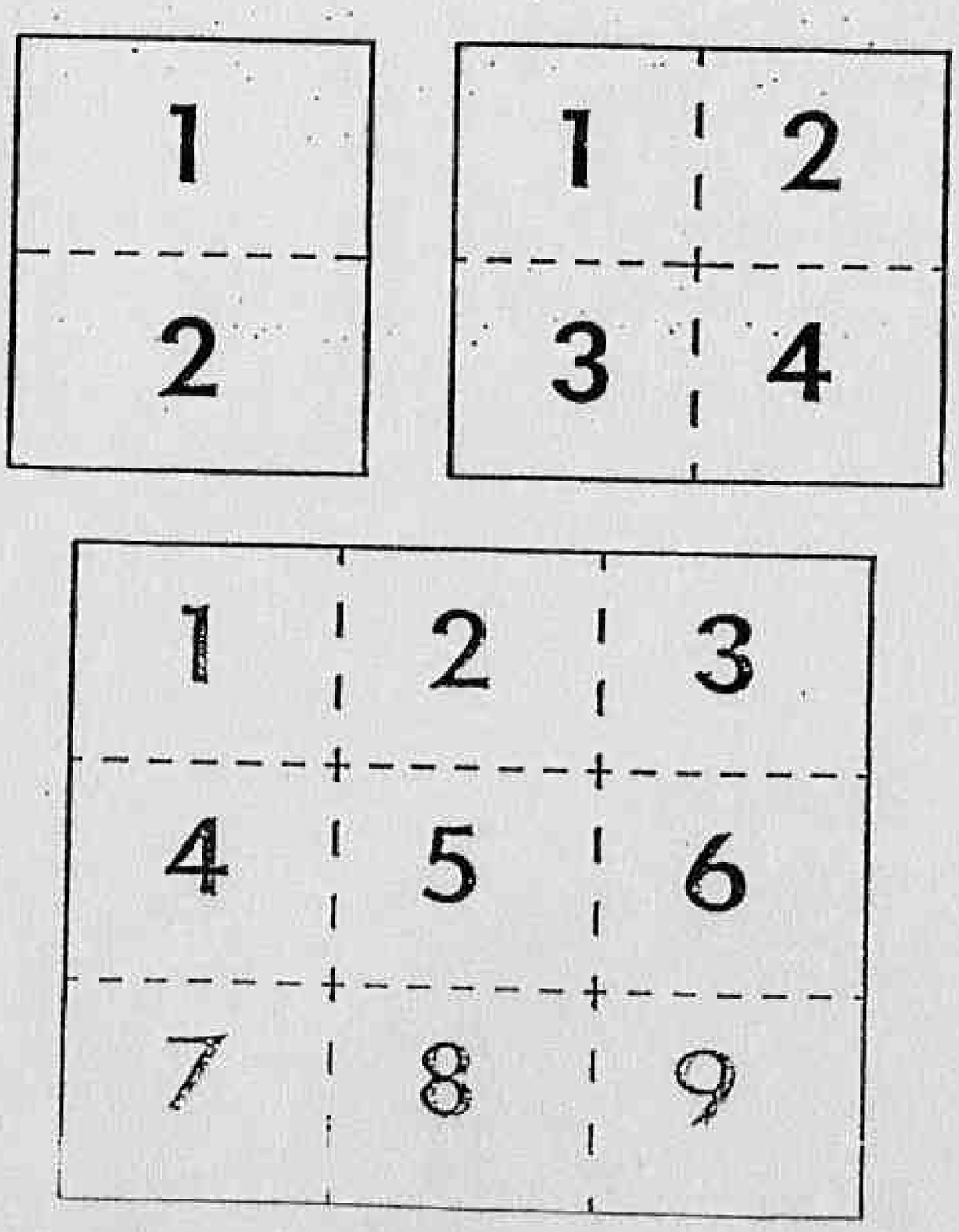

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Serial	Tradesmen or specialist	GROUP III					FORCE		
		WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	
1.	Ammunition Storemen								
2.	Armourers								
3.	Armourer Mechanics								
4.	Armament Artificer (Vehs)								
5.	Armament Artificer (Wpns)								
6.	Blacksmiths								
7.	Bricklayers & Masons								
8.	Carpenters & Joiners								
9.	Coach Painters								
10.	Clerks & Draughtsmen	29	29						
11.	Drivers i/c	23	22	1		10	6	1	
12.	Driver Mechs								
13.	Driver Operators								
14.	Electricians								
15.	Fitters								
16.	Instrument Mechs								
17.	Linoscan								
18.	Mechanics								
19.	Medical Orderlies								
20.	Miners								
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10			32	32		
22.	Nursing Orderlies								
23.	Operators								
24.	Painters								
25.	Plumbers & Pipe Fitters								
26.	Shoemakers								

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ARTILLERY							INFANTRY				ENGINEERS (INCL FIELD		
rained	To be trained	Under Trg	TE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	TE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	TE	Trained	To be trained
(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)
			12		12								
							62	13	49				
							24	9	15		12	9	3
							24	15	9		33	19	14
							25	19	6		52	18	34
			14	14			40	96			20	11	9
6	4		24	30	20	30	350	179	171		96	25	71
							40	12	36		15	5	10
			21		21	21							
							6	5	1		11	7	4
			19	2	12						21	5	16
							12	7	5				
							36	22	14		3	3	
			19	1	12						24	24	
32			46	19	27		164	89	75		30	10	20
											12	5	7
											18	4	14
											2	2	

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State of Training of Specialists and Tradesmen

ENGINEERS INCL FITTED PLYX			SIGNALS			SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL			
Trained (t)	To be trained (u)	Under Trg (v)	WE (w)	Trained (x)	To be trained (y)	Under Trg (z)	WE (a)	Trained (b)	To be trained (c)	Under Trg (d)	WE (e)	Trained (f)	
							6	3	3				
9	3	1											
19	14												
18	24	4											
11	9		2	2			17	17			1	1	
25	71		61	22	32		141	107	34	56	37	11	
5	10						17	5	12		4		
7	4		11	10	1						1		
5	15										2		
			15	5	10								
			45	13									
3			1	1			3		3				
24													
10	20		22	10	12		17		17	17			
											20	20	
			129	62	67								
5	7	1											
4	14												
2			1	1			1	1					

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	MEDICAL				ORDNANCE				ENGINEERS			
Under Trg (d)	WE (e)	Trained (f)	To be trained (g)	Under Trg (h)	WE (i)	Trained (j)	To be Trained (k)	Under Trg (l)	WE (m)	Trained (n)	To be trained (o)	Under Trg (p)
									1	4		
									7	5	4	
									1		1	
									4	2	1	
										2	2	
											2	
	4	4			8	8			6	8		
56	27	11	46		28	4	34		24	9	15	
	4		4						32	22	17	
	1		1		2		2		15	2	12	
	2		2						25	19	9	
									2			
17	20	20			5		5		6	3	3	
									3	2		

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Appendix 'A' to 56 [illegible]
dated 27 [illegible]

...ined	Under Trg	MECHANICAL ENGINEERS & LADs WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	TOTALS WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	Remarks
	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)
						18	3	15		
		4	4			4	4			
						62	13	49		
		7	3	4		7	3	4		
		1		1		1		1		
		4	3	1		40	21	19	1	
						57	34	23		
		[illegible]	2	2		81	39	42	4	
		3		3		3		3		
		8	8			142	199	9		57 Surplus
		24	9	15		1058	435	623	86	
		55	23	37		143	44	99		+ 20 required by Arty. Nos
						24		24	24	
		18	2	16		49	24	25		
		25	16	9		64	24	40		[illegible] Gun Fitters & I/c [illegible]
		9	9			17	7	10		
						43	13			
						15	7	8		
						59	33	26		
						24	21			
		6	3	3		332	173	159		
						20	20			
						129	62	67		
		2	2			14	7	7	1	
						18	4	14		
						4	4			

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Regulars: LOs To be trained (o)	Regulars: LOs Under Trg (p)	TOTALS WE (q)	TOTALS Trained (r)	TOTALS To be trained (s)	TOTALS Under trg (t)	Remarks (u)	Serial (v)
		18	3	15			1.
		4	4				2.
		62	43	19			3.
1		7	3	4			4.
1		1		1			5.
1		40	21	19	1		6.
		27	4	23			7.
2		61	39	18	4		8.
2		3		3			9.
		142	109	2		7 surplus	10.
15		1058	435	623	86		11.
2		113	14	99		+ 20 required by Brty. Not on WE	12.
		21		21	21		13.
10		49	24	25			14.
6		61	21	40		2 surplus to 1/c Hqrs Pnnte	15.
		17	7	10			16.
		13	1	12			17.
		15	7	8			18.
		59	33	26			19.
		21	21				20.
2		332	173	159			21.
		20	20				22.
		129	62	67			23.
		14	7	7	1		24.
		18	4	14			25.
		4	4				26.

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Serial	Tradesmen or Specialist	GROUP [illegible]				PROVOST			
		All	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	All	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
27.	Sheet Metal Workers								
28.	Sanitary Personnel								
29.	Stretcher Bearers	2	2						
30.	Storeman	1	4						
31.	Telecoms Mech								
32.	Turners								
33.	Vehicle Mechs								
34.	Wiremen								
35.	Welders								
36.	Carriers U. Drivers								
37.	Carriers L.Lord.Drivers								
38.	Goniometrist								
39.	Gun Nos 1.								
40.	3" Mortar Numbers								
41.	6 pr Gun Numbers								
42.	Horizontal Signallers								
43.	Survey Personnel								
44.	Infantry Pioneers								
45.	Artificers 2.								

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ARTILLERY							INFANTRY						ENGINEERS [illegible]			
ed	To be trained (i)	Under Tr (j)	WE (k)	Trained (l)	To be trained (m)	Under Tr (n)	WE (o)	Trained (p)	To be trained (q)	Under Tr (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be trained (u)			
											1					
		2		2			126	35	91		4	1				
											1	1				
											11	4				
											6	7				
											2					
		3		3			141	60	81	60						
							82	60	22	60						
							14	6	8							
		64	20	44	44											
							120	52	68	40						
							180	80	100	72						
		311	38	273	126		335	30	305							
		68	26	42	34											
							60	23	37							
		5	2	3	3											

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	ENGINEER EQUIPMENT REPAIR			SIGNALS			SUPPLY & TRANSPORT			ITAM	
	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	WE	Train
e)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(z)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(o)	(p)
1		1											
4	4											126	3
								10	10				
1	1												
3	4	7		5		5							
5	7	1											
2		2										141	6
												82	6
												14	
												120	5
												180	8
												335	3
												60	2

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...ORY Under Trg. (d)	...LITARY We (o)	...trained (p)	To be trained (q)	Under Trg. (r)	...E We (s)	...ENGINEER BRIGADE BLK ...trained (t)	To be trained (u)	Under Trg. (v)	We (w)	Trained (x)	To be trained (y)	Under Trg. (z)
					1		1					
	126	35	91		4	4						
					1	1						
					11	4	7		5		5	
					8	7	1					
					2		2					
	141	60	81	60								
	82	60	22	60								
	14	6	8									
	120	52	68	40								
	180	80	100	72								
	335	30	305									
	60	23	37									

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...LS	SUPPLY ... TRAINEES							
To be trained (a)	Under Trg (a)	To be Trained (b)		To be trained (c)	Under Trg (d)	Labels (e)		Serial (f)
								27.
								28.
								29.
		10	10					30.
								31.
								32.
								33.
								34.
								35.
								36.
								37.
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								41.
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								43.
								44.
								45.

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Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Strength Offrs	Strength OR	Remarks
1.	Signals	ALTAVILLA & MONTE FUSCO	22 Jan	25 Feb	4	381	To rejoin Sig
2.	Inf Pioneers	CAPUA	5 Feb	12 Feb		30	Tra sco
3.	Signals	With each Regiment	22 Jan	25 Feb		211	Tra Re

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Section	From	To	Students Wacs	Students Ofs	Object
VIII E Russo	22 Jan	25 Feb		364	To train Signal Coy and majority of Reinforcement Signallers
CAFUM	5 Feb	12 Feb		30	Train reminder of Inf Pioneer sections
h Arch ont	22 Jan	25 Feb		211	Train reminder of Reinforcement Signallers

Annexure '1'

REPORT ON TRAINING 114 REGT.
Up to Week Ending 19 Jan 45.

1. INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this report is to show in general terms the state of training within the Regt. in amplification of the progress report submitted by the Regt. Commander. The training of drivers, wireless operators and pioneers is not included, as the responsibility for this training has been undertaken by the MAU. The report itself is set down under the following paras and the detail of instructors found at Appendix 'A' attached.

Para 2. Attitude towards training.
3. Training completed by rifle coys.
4. Training completed by support coys.
5. Training of officers and NCOs.
6. Training of specialists.
7. Training of instructors.
8. Forecast of training.

2. ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRAINING.

(a) Regt. Commander.

The Regt. Commander fully understands the task in front of him, and is determined to ensure that a firm foundation is laid. He prefers to continue individual training until he is certain he has sufficient instructors for section and platoon training, maintaining that it is merely a waste of time to attempt to advance without adequate instructors. He understands that platoons must be ready to undertake platoon field firing exercises by the 7th of next month and I have every confidence that this state of proficiency will be attained. The Regt Commander has a very firm hold on the Battalion Commanders who all conform to his views.

(b) Junior Officers.

Junior officers are beginning to improve and it is now the exception rather than the rule to see junior officers standing about while a Cpl instructs the platoon.

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(c) Other Ranks.

Other ranks appear to show the utmost keenness considering the appalling weather conditions and the poor clothing and also the morale does not appear to have suffered much as the result of the recent rain and snow.

3. TRAINING COMPLETED BY RIFLE COYS.

(a) General.

The training during the current week has been severely handicapped owing to the weather. Two wet days were followed by a dry day in

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2. ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRAINING.

(a) Regt. Commander.

The Regt. Commander fully understands the task in front of him, and is determined to ensure that a firm foundation is laid. He prefers to continue individual training until he is certain he has sufficient instructors for section and platoon training, maintaining that it is merely a waste of time to attempt to advance without adequate instructors. He understands that platoons must be ready to undertake platoon field firing exercises by the 7th of next month and I have every confidence that this state of proficiency will be attained. The Regt Commander has a very firm hold on the Battalion Commanders who all conform to his views.

(b) Junior Officers.

Junior officers are beginning to improve and it is now the exception rather than the rule to see junior officers standing about while a Cpl instructs the platoon.

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(c) Other Ranks.

Other ranks appear to show the utmost keenness considering the appalling weather conditions and the poor clothing and also the morale does not appear to have suffered much as the result of the recent rain and snow.

3. TRAINING CONDUCTED BY BRIGADE COYS.

(a) General.

The training during the current week has been severely handicapped owing to the weather. Two wet days were followed by a dry day in which all Battalions seized the opportunity to dry blankets and clothes, but the fine spell gave way to two more days of rain and then snow. As a result a considerable number of the periods were held in tents, and it can be safely assumed that not much value was derived therefrom. However there has been ample physical training and marching and a degree of proficiency is being reached in the rifle and T.S.M.C., but more training is required in the mortar and the PIAT. Owing to the lack of supplies of brens, grenades and mines, the training in these subjects has hardly been started. Individual fieldcraft is progressing favourably but night work has not yet been attempted. Firing is behind hand and the Regt Commander has been asked to press this forward so that the ranges will never be out of use.

(b) Bren Guns.

The state of training in the bren gun is particularly serious and if these cannot be made available soon, the training of the Regt will suffer considerably. One bren gun in a Battalion is almost useless. (*)

(*) This has since been remedied.

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(c) Progress.

It is estimated that the training is about a week behind schedule, but given good weather, time should be made up in the next two weeks. (See para 7 below)

(d) Progress Reports.

Progress reports and parade states are being kept at all levels. In the absence of the platoon officer this should still be kept by the platoon sergeant, and facilitates the work of the training increment officers in arriving at the true state of training. Platoon reports are easily checked against the personnel on the ground.

4. TRAINING CONDUCTED BY SUPPORT COYS.

A large proportion of the members of the support coys are attending courses run by the Div and the Regt, and the remainder have had one period daily for maintenance, and have otherwise received much the same type of training as in the rifle coys.

5. TRAINING OF OFFICERS AND NCOs.

(a) Officers.

(i) The majority of the Battalion Commanders and Coy Commanders have attended courses either in tactics or weapon training at [redacted]. The W.T. courses have proved invaluable and the students have spoken highly of the quality of the instruction by the British NCOs. They are not however so happy about the tactical courses as the language difficulty was not overcome and a lot of the value of the instruction was lost.

(ii) The Regt Commander held a T.E.W.T. for Battalion Commanders and Coy Commanders on 13 Jan 45, which is to be broken down for Platoon Commanders on 20 Jan 45.

(b) NCOs.

(i) Specialist NCOs are being trained in Div and Regt Schools which are running smoothly.

(ii) A regt cadre is being run for NCOs in platoon weapons and 20 more NCO instructors should be ready to pass on the knowledge thus gained by 20 Jan 45.

(iii) A map reading and compass course is to be started within the regt during the next few days.

(c) Junior Leaders Course.

9 officers and 12 sergeants are attending the course which commenced on 15 Jan 45, and should derive considerable value therefrom.

6. TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS WITHIN THE REGT.

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6. TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS WITHIN THE REGT.

(a) Anti-tank Gun.

A course for 40 students has just been completed. For the last few days the weather has made any form of training in the open impossible and the work has consisted mostly of lectures, with the result that students are backward in important subjects like Gun Drill and Gun-handling. Maintenance of equipment has suffered, this was partly due to lack of oil, grease etc, which has since been rectified. Throughout the course there were insufficient instructors but the best men from each of the ... platoons represented are undergoing a further six days of instruction on the present course, partly as a refresher and partly to practise them in the technique of instruction. This has been made possible by the return of instructors from extra-divisional courses, which is enabling the regt to train more than the 20 students originally decided upon.

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(b) Carriers.

25 drivers are being trained in the Regt School, the details of which are beyond the parochial nature of this report.

(c) Mortars.

The first course has been completed and has been run efficiently both administratively and from the point of view of the instruction, and the standard of handling attained would compare favourably with many British Detachments. The lack of 61098 stores has been a handicap; these have been indented for. The fact that there was only one Mortar available was a further handicap, but two additional Mortars have now arrived. The course started with 24 students, 22 of whom completed the course. So that with the nucleus of personnel trained by other sources this has provided each Battalion with a trained Mortar Platoon officer and each detachment with a trained NCO commander. The next course will include 4 officers which will provide 100% reserves of Mortar Platoon commanders for the regt.

7. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS.

This training is the most encouraging aspect of the training within the regt. The quality of the instruction is reasonably good, but has had the handicap of the lack of instructors enforcing the necessity for large squads. The instructors under training are receiving a very good grounding and the numbers will almost immediately reach ample proportions. Details at Appx 'A' attached.

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(a) Week ending 20 Jan 45. Junior officers study theory of platoon tactics.
NCOs undergo a course in section tactics.
ORs individual training.

(b) Week ending 27 Jan 45. Junior officers study the theory of platoon tactics.
NCOs train their sections in section training.

(c) Week ending 3 Feb 45. Platoon training.

(d) 7 Feb 45. Platoon field firing, platoon test schemes.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO REPORT OF MOVE 114 INFANTRY REGT.

TACTICS		PLATOON WEAPONS		CARRIERS		MORTARS 3"	
Trained	Undergoing Training	Trained	Undergoing Training	Trained	Undergoing Training	Trained	Undergoing Training
OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO	OFFS NCO
7 -	9 12	14 41	13 33	3 3	- 4	7 14	4

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APPENDIX 'A' TO REPORT ON EXERCISE 114 ENDEAVOUR REGT.

3"	GUNNERS		MORTARS 3"		ANTI-TANK GUNS	
Undergoing Training	Trained	Undergoing Training	Trained	Undergoing Training	Trained	Undergoing Training
OFFRS NCO	OFFRS NCO	OFFRS NCO	OFFRS NCO	OFFRS NCO	OFFRS NCO	OFFRS NCO
15 33	3 3	- 4	7 14	4 6	3 10	4 12

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ject:- Progress Report.

MMIA.

Ref your S/G/29/32 dated 30 Nov 44 and our 29 dated 12 Jan 45.

1. It is pointed out that though the figures for Specialists on posted strength is high, ~~this~~ these figures do not in fact show the number of trained Specialists in the Group.

2. The greater proportion of these Specialists present with this group are either only half trained or are personnel in Specialists Units:- viz Sigs Coy of Engineer Bn, who have been earmarked for special tasks.

3. For this reason these figures will show important differences with the Training Progress Report submitted separately by the 'G' Branch of this Unit.

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Lt Col.
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SECT I - MILITARY PROGRESS TO 7 JAN 45

1. ARTILLERY.

Progress has been achieved in Gun Drill, Laying, Survey and Horse. Instruction in Field Guns has been confined to maintenance and that chiefly on wet days.

Each Gruppo (Bty) runs its own courses for Specialists and Elementary Signals.

2. ENGINEERS.

Progress in training in all Infantry Dry Gapping, Mine Warfare, Bridging, Demolitions, Field and Road Construction is "Fair". Training of Tradesmen in Specialists has been limited by lack of facilities, but a certain amount is being achieved with the equipment and material available. There will be greater scope as further special equipment commences to arrive.

3. SIGNALS.

Personnel and Training.

Deficiencies of Linesmen and Instrument Mechs still exists in the Signal Coy. It is imperative that these deficiencies be made up as soon as possible as training is not to be seriously held up.

The present course at MOGLIA finishes on 11 Jan and intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal personnel) will commence on 17 Jan and be continued for one month.

Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

4. INFANTRY.

Training in Battalions is progressing. If this is not yet entirely satisfactory the reason would appear to be the difficulties encountered in mixing the senior Italian Officers and Normal British methods.

The housing of all ranks leaves little to be desired. The issue of certain warm and rain clothing has had good effect on morale generally.

Battalions are concentrating on small arms training, inspections and elementary instruction in Fd Fortn. Fortnl exercises are being confined to the Fd Level, but Coy problems are being studied every day.

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Soldiers, Conditions, Equipment etc. Construction is "fair". Training of Tradesmen was impossible to any level of skill by lack of facilities, but a certain amount is being achieved with the equipment and material available. There will be great scope for skilled tradesmen when equipment commences to arrive.

3. [illegible].

Personnel and Training.

Deficiencies of officers and Instrument techs still exists in the Signal Coy. It is imperative that these deficiencies be made up as soon as possible if training is not to be seriously held up.

The present course at NOCERA finishes on 11 Jan and intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal personnel) will commence on 17 Jan and be continued for one month.

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4. [illegible].

Training in Battalions is progressing. If this is not yet entirely satisfactory the reason would appear to be the difficulties encountered in making the senior Italian Officers understand British methods.

The housing of all ranks leaves little to be desired. The issue of certain new and warm clothing has had good effect on morale generally.

Battalions are concentrating on small arms training, inspections and elementary instruction in Fl tactics. Functional exercises are being confined to the Fl level, but Coy problems are being studied every day.

Squads are at present large and sometimes unwieldly. This is due to a short supply of really good instructors. This situation will improve when back to work.

5. [illegible].

(a) [illegible]

(i) Driving and Maintenance.

Driver training is progressing satisfactorily, in both the Autieri School and the Conduttori School. It is estimated that by 13 Jan the Supply and Transport Coy will have one transport platoon

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complete in drivers(Autieri). The Conduttori School will complete their tour of instruction at 155 Artillery Regt. on 13 Jan and it is estimated that the Regt. will have at least six fully trained drivers per Gruppo(Bty).

(ii) Maintenance Role.

The training of composite Pls is partly achieved by carrying out normal maintenance routine. The following duties are being satisfactorily executed:-

(a) Receipt of blankets from DADOS and issues to all Gruppo units by No.2 Composite Pl.

(b) Unloading and collection of supplies at railhead.

(c) Receipt, maintenance and issuing of rations to all Gruppo units by No.1 Composite Pl.

(d) Operation and maintenance of POL supply point for all Gruppo vehicles.

(b) Ordnance

Training in the recognition of British stores and the Receipt and Issue procedure continues. A series of lectures have been given on the organization and activity of an Ordnance Field Park, and the channels of supply from the Base Ordnance Depot to the troops.

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6. GENERAL

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PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN

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7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING

See Appendix 'A' attached.

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9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery. 99%

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Bailey Bridging	85%
Mine Warfare	80%
Fieldworks	70%
Demolitions	70%
Weapon Training	100%
Road and Track Construction	70%
Driving and maintenance of Vehicles	100%
Water Supply	100%
Fieldcraft and Battledrill	100%
Maintenance and Operation of British Field Plant	100%

(c) Signals.

Driving and Maintenance	100%
Weapon Training	100%

(d) Infantry.

Instructor training	50%
Individual training	50%

Range firing, Motars and 6pdr.
TEWTS, signal exercises and administrative exercises for Staff Officers.

(e) Barrack. [illegible]

Training in Field duties of ST Coy.	100%
Weapon Training	100%

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PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 MIU Progress Report dated 29 Dec 44.

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(c) Sappers.

Driving and Maintenance	100%
Weapon Training	100%

(d) Infantry.

Instructor training	30%
Individual training	90%

Range firing. Platoon and Sqdn.
TEWTS, signal exercises and administrative exercises for Staff Officers.

(e) Services.

Training in Field duties of ST Coy.	100%
Weapon Training	100%

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PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 ELU Progress Report dated 29 Dec 44.

Serial	1.	25 pdr Specialist	4offrs. 4 ORs
"	11.	3" Mortar	12 ORs
"	12.	6 pdr.	12 ORs

50 half trained drivers have been classified as fully trained.

11. GENERAL.

(a) Courses of instruction in the Division are proceeding satisfactorily, with the exception of the Junior Leader's Course. This made a false start, the Italian instructors were not up to standard, and the administrative arrangements broke down. It has been found necessary to suspend the course for a few days and to rearrange it completely.

(b) For details of courses see Appendix 'A' to 56 ELU Progress Report No. 1 dated 29 Dec 44. and Appendix 'B' attached.

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PART V - SPECIAL TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

12. APPLIANCES.

(a) Shortage of gun sights.

(b) Complete lack of gun tools.

(c) Lack of supervision by senior officers due to the immense amount of paper with which they have to cope each day.

(d) Shortage of reinforcements.

13. STORES.

(a) Clothing.

To date the position regarding clothing has been poor and training suffers as a result, since most of the training consists of outdoor work which cannot be carried out in inclement weather, and provision of gloves, sodwrack, boundsheets is considered essential.

(b) Transport.

The scope of training will be enlarged when some transport is available for training purposes. At present all available transport is tied up in unit administration and works within the Group.

(c) Technical Pamphlets.

The existing pamphlets in Italian on Fire Warfare and Bailey Bridging are inaccurately translated. It is understood that new and more comprehensive translations are being prepared and it is requested that they be provided in the immediate future.

14. SIGNALS.

A further release of Switchboards (UC) 10 Line is required. The seven held at present are insufficient for training.

15. ARMOURY.

Cold, wet and lack of suitable clothes in which to train.
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16. SERVICES.

Driving and maintenance - shortage of vehicles and poor condition of vehicles in use. Autieri School have 2 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 2 - Class V
Conduttieri School have 3 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 2 - Class V

17. GENERAL.

(a) Italian Instructors.

The majority of Italian Officers and NCOs are poor instructors, and there is a great deal of talk and not much action. The effect on a squad when its British instructor takes over is electrical.

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(b) Weather Conditions.

Rain and snow are seriously hindering training, especially as a great part of the Gruppo is in bivouacs.

(c) Shortage of Personnel.

The Gruppo is short of about 1600 men.

(d) Drivers.

Over 1000 are required. Intensive training is being carried out in the Division, but the problem cannot be solved with present resources.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.

18. ASSISTANCE FROM C.M.C. AND I.N.T.D.

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(b) Four senior officers have attended courses at the C.M.C. as spectators.

(c) On 8th and 9th Jan the C.M.C. gave mine and booby trap demonstrations.

19. COMBAT GROUP, MOVAL. EXERCISE NO. 1. 35

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20. TRAINING STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

The majority of items from FULCORE have been received. Equipment [illegible] is awaited. Principal items still required are:-

L.M.Gs.

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L.Gs.
Transport.
Vehicle and Gun Tools.

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Attached :- Appendix 'A' State of Training of Specialists and Tradesmen Courses.
Appendix 'B' Courses.

Annexure (to D.T.Only)
1. Part vi to 56 BLU Trg Ins No 2
2. Part vii " " " "
3. Part iii " " " "
4. 56 BLU Trg Ins No. 3
5. 56 BLU Trg Ins No.4
6. 56 BLU Sigs Trg Ins
7. Points discussed with Col.Comd 114 Regt.
8. Combat Group. MANTOVA, Exercise No. 1.

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State of Training of Specialists and Tradesmen.
Note. (a) In some cases figures are incomplete
(b) Figures are not yet available for some administrative units.

Serial:	Tradesman or Specialist	ARTILLERY WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Tg	WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Tg	SIG WE	Tr
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	
1.	Artificers (R/)	5	2	3	3						
2.	Armoure Mech										
3.	Black Smiths.					12	9	3	-		
4.	Bricklayers.					33	19	14	4		
5.	Butchers.										
6.	Carpenters.					52	18	34	4		
7.	Clerks.										
8.	Drivers Wheeled Vehicles	261	10	251	30	134	23	111	-	81	
9.	Drivers Carriers U	3	-	3	-						
10.	Drivers Carriers Lloyd										
11.	Driver Mechs					14	3	11			
12.	Driver Operators	24	-	24	-						
13.	Electricians					11	7	4	-		
14.	Electrical Sigs									11	
15.	Exchange Ops									15	
16.	Engine Fitters i/c and Pumps					17	5	12	-		
17.	Engine Hand					2	1	1			
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Appendix 'A' to
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STGL COY				INFANTRY								ST COY			
[illegible]	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	WE
(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)
												5
				62	13	49	-					62
				24	9	15	-					36
												33
								1	1	-	-	1
				20	12	13	-					32
				40	96	-	-	18	15	3	-	58
81	-	81	-	250	179	171	-	163	93	70	30	869
				144	16	128	40					147
				82	10	72	40					82
				48	17	31	-	15	-	15		62
												24
				6	4	2	-					17
11	10	1	3									11
15	15	-	-									15
												17
												2
				14	6	8	-					14

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ST COY						TOTALS				
To be Trained (q)	Under Trg (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be Trained (u)	Under Trg (v)	WE (w)	Trained (x)	To be Trained (y)	Under Trg (z)	Remarks (a.1)
						5	2	3	2	
49	-					62	13	49	-	
15	-					36	18	18	-	
						23	19	15	4	
		1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	
18	-					82	30	52	1	
-	-	18	15	3	-	58	111	3	-	To complete to WE
171	-	163	93	70	30	869	305	564	60	
128	40					147	16	131	40	
72	40					82	10	72	40	
31	-	15	-	15		62	20	42	-	
						24	-	24	-	
2	-					17	11	6	-	
						11	10	1	3	
						15	15	-	-	
						17	5	12	-	
						2	1	1	-	
8	-					14	6	8	-	

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Serial	Tradesman or Specialist	ARTILLERY WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	ENGINEERS WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	SIG WE
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
19.	Gun Fitters	16	3	13	16					
20.	Instrument Mech									15
21.	Linesman									20
22.	Mason									
23.	Motor Mech					11	6	5	-	
24.	Mechanics									
25.	Motor Cyclists	46	23	23	-	30	10	20		22
26.	Medical Orderlies									
27.	Miners					24	23	1		
28.	Operators Cipher									8
29.	Operators Line									28
30.	Operators W/T									73
31.	Painters & Decorts.					12	5	7	1	
32.	Plumbers					10	4	6		
33.	Regtl Signallers	394	30	364	110					
34.	Sheet Metal Wkrs					1	-	1	-	
35.	Storemen									
36.	Watermen					8	5	3		
37.	Welder Acetylene					1	-	1		
38.	Welder Electric					1	-	1		
39.	Nos 1 on Guns	64	21	43	43					
40.	Survey	68	4	64	38					
41.	3" Mortarmen									
42.	3 pr Gun crews									
43.	Inf Pioneers									
44.	Stretcher Brs.									

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SIGNALS						INFANTRY					
To be Trained (i)	Under Trg (j)	WE (k)	Trained (l)	To be Trained (m)	Under Trg. (n)	WE (o)	Trained (p)	To be Trained (q)	Under Tr (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be Trained (u)
		15	5	10	-							
		43	43	-		24	15	9	-			
5	-					12	4	8	-			
						164	89	75	-			
20		22	10	12	-	36	9	27	-			
1												-
		8	-	8	-						-	
		28	17	11	17							
		78	30	48	30							
7	1											
6												
						333	30	305	30			
1	-											
										10	10	-
3												
1												
1												
						120	25	95	18			
						160	15	145	80			
						37	11	26	-			
						12	-	12	-			

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To be Trained (q)	Under Tr (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be Trained (u)	Under Tr (v)	WE (w)	Trained (x)	To be Trained (y)	Under Tr (z)
						16	3	13	16
						15	5	10	-
9	-					24	15	9	-
					-	16	10	6	-
8	-				-	12	4	8	-
75	-				-	282	132	150	-
27	-				-	36	9	27	-
					-	24	23	1	-
				-	-	45	45	-	-
			-		-	3	-	3	-
		-				28	17	11	17
						78	50	48	30
						12	5	7	1
					-	10	4	6	-
505	30					729	60	669	110
						1	-	1	-
		10	10	-	-	10	10	-	-
						8	5	3	-
						1	-	1	-
						1	-	1	-
						64	21	43	43
						68	4	64	38
95	16					120	25	95	48
15	80					180	15	165	80
26	-					37	11	26	-
12	-					126	-	126	-

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Appendix 'B' to 56 BMH Training Progress Report.
dated 15 Jan 45.

COURSES

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students Offrs	Students ORs
1	Driving	[illegible]	6 Jan	27 Jan	1	24

Object :- To train instructors in driving, routine maintenance and convoy discipline.

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PART I. General state of organisation by arms.

Serial	Unit	W.E.		Posted Strength		Str wit
		Officers	OR's	Officers	OR's	Offi
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g
1.	Headquarters	31	119	32	119	31
2.	76 Infantry Regt (incl LAD)	114	2584	79	2139	7
3.	114 Infantry Regt (incl LAD)	114	2584	102	2326	7
4.	155 Artillery Regt (incl LAD)	93	1457	102	1360	8
5.	104 Engineer Bn (incl LAD)	25	831	33	726	2
6.	104 Medical Sec	14	237	12	89	1
7.	248 Field Hospital	6	44	6	42	
8.	501 Field Hospital	6	44	5	42	
9.	104 Supply and Transport Coy	13	294	19	257	17
10.	104 Ordnance Field Park	4	69	4	69	
11.	Mech Engineers Wksps	6	168	2	101	
12.	Mech Engineer Platoon	1	39	1	31	
13.	99 Carabinieri Section	1	50	1	54	
14.	151 Carabinieri Section.	1	50	1	52	
	Total	429	8570	399	7407	328

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Posted Strength

Strength Present with Unit +

Columns (e) and (f) as a % of columns (c) and (d)

W.E. Officers (c)	W.E. OR's (d)	Posted Strength Officers (e)	Posted Strength OR's (f)	Strength Present with Unit Officers (g)	Strength Present with Unit OR's (h)	(i)	(j)
31	119	32	119	31	119	102%	100%
114	2584	79	2139	74	1617	69,30%	82,85%
114	2584	102	2326	70	1625	90%	80%
93	1457	102	1360	82	923	107%	85%
25	831	33	726	23	497	132%	85%
14	237	12	89	12	76	85%	38%
6	44	6	42	5	37	100%	95%
6	44	5	42	5	37	83%	95%
13	294	19	257	17	244	145%	87%
4	69	4	69	4	52	100%	100%
6	168	2	101	2	90	33%	60%
1	39	1	31	1	31	100%	80%
1	50	1	54	1	43	100%	100%
1	50	1	52	1	49	100%	99%
429	8570	399	7407	328	5440	93%	88%

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+ This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on leave and AWOL

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PART I General state of (nisation by arms of Auxilliary) its attached "KAHUVA" Group.

Serial	Unit	W.E.		Posted Strength		Strength p with unit	
		Officers	O.R's	Officers	O.R's	Officers	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1	3 Field Park Company	5	129	5	160	4	
2	331 Field Hospital	7	58	7	53	6	
3	58 Combat Gp Transit Camp	6	105	7	112	7	
4	318 Field Bakery	1	50	1	36	1	
5	318 Carabinieri Section	1	50	1	50	1	
6							
	Total	20	392	21	411	19	

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W.F.		Posted Strength		Strength present with unit		Columns (e) and (f) as a % of columns (e) and (d)	
Officers (c)	O.R's (d)	Officers (e)	O.R's (f)	Officers (g)	O.R's (h)	Officers (i)	O.R's (j)
5	129	5	160	4	149	100%	124%
7	98	7	53	6	42	100%	90%
6	105	7	112	7	112	117%	105%
1	50	1	36	1	36	100%	72%
1	50	1	50	1	49	100%	100%
20	392	21	411	19	388	-	-

+ This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on leave and AWOL.

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PART II Tradesmen and Specialists

Serial Number	Type of Personnel	WE	Personnel held on posted Strength	Deficiencies of Personnel
1.	Drivers	68	55	13
2.	Smiths	4	1	3
3.	Bricklayers	3	1	2
4.	Draughtsmen	1	1	-
5.	Motor Mechanics			
6.	Electricians	3	2	1
7.	Pump Operators	1	1	-
8.	Sappers			
9.	Artists	2	2	-
10.	Plumbers	2	-	2
11.	Driver Mechanics			
12.	Boatmen			
13.	Motor Cyclists	26	24	2
14.	Telephone Engineers			
15.	Radio Mechanics			
16.	Linesmen			
17.	W/T Operators			
18.	Telegraphists			
19.	Exchange Operators			
20.	Cipher Operators			
21.	Director Operators			
22.	Telephonists	3	2	1
23.	Tracked Vehicle Drivers	1	1	-
24.	Armourers			
25.	Armourer Mechanics			
26.	Carpenters			
27.	Mechanics	12	10	2
28.	Signallers			
29.	Engineers			
30.	Artificers			
31.	Medical Orderlies	2	1	1

PART II Specialists and Tradesmen

Serial Number	Type of Personnel	WE	Personnel Held on Posted Strength	Deficiencies of Personnel
1.	Drivers	1041	759	282
2.	Smiths	38	20	18
3.	Bricklayers	56	46	10
4.	Draughtsmen	11	10	1
5.	Motor Mechanics	17	11	6
6.	Electricians	40	18	~~22~~
7.	Pump Operators			
8.	Sappers	24	23	1
9.	Artists			
10.	Plumbers	6	1	5
11.	Driver Mechanics	109	57	52
12.	Boatmen	8	7	1
13.	Motor Cyclists	295	227	68
14.	Telephone Engineers &			
15.	Radio Mechanics &	2	1	1
16.	Linesmen &	43	44	~~1~~
17.	W/T Operators &	76	43	33
18.	Telegraphists &	268	80	188
19.	Exchange Operators &	39	35	4
20.	Cipher Operators &	13	13	-
21.	Director Operators	81	60	21
22.	Telephonists	94	93	1
23.	Tracked vehicle drivers	218	70	148
24.	Armourers	6	6	-
25.	Armourer Mechanics	70	15	55
26.	Carpenters	80	46	34
27.	Mechanics	51	32	19
28.	Signallers X	449	333	~~116~~ X
29.	Engineers	140	140	-
30.	Artificers	13	10	3
31.	Medical Orderlies	86	72	14

X Unit Signallers of Arty & Inf Regts irrespective of trades eg. W/T Operators Linesmen etc.

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13.	Motor Cyclists	295	227	68
14.	Telephone Engineers &			
15.	Radio Mechanics &	2	1	1
16.	Linesmen &	43	44	-
17.	W/T Operators &	76	43	33
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29 Dec 44.

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PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 27 DEC.

1. ARTILLERY.

Tactical Training.

A paper scheme started 18 Dec when Regiment Commander received orders to recce for relief of a Division in the line (PIETRADAFUSI Area) by MANTOVA GRUPPO. This will be developed down to Battery TENTS, recces for night occupation and, later, LP tasks, MF tasks and calls for OP fire.

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2. Technical Training.

Is most urgently needed on MT and Fitter side. Gun drill and laying is progressing. Specialists require Artillery boards. Signal classes at present have home made buzzers for Morse but will shortly get some British equipment. The 17 pr battery are making a range for Bren attachment firing.

3.- ENGINEERS.

Courses.

The first weeks training was concluded on 22 Dec 44 and consisted of the following four courses:

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One section of one platoon of 3 Field Park company.

(b) Bailey Bridging - Elementary. Six day course.

One platoon 78 Artieri company (Field company)

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A paper scheme started for Recce Mon Regiment Commander received orders to recce for relief of a Division in the line (PIETRADAFUSI Area) by MANTOVA GRUPPO. This will be developed down to Battery TEWTS, recces for night occupation and, later, DF tasks, HF tasks and calls for CB fire.

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One platoon 79 Artieri company (Field company)
One section of 2 platoon of 3 Field Park company.

(c) Field works and Road work. Five day course.

Two platoon 79 Artieri Company.
Two sections Two platoon of 3 Field Park company.

(d) Mine Warfare. Six day course.

Two platoon 4 Artieri company.
Two section One platoon of 3 Field Park company.

Instruction was carried out entirely by Italian personnel. A simple night exercise was carried out in (b) and (d), neither of which was of much value owing to failure of instructors to make conditions realistic.

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Generally, instructors are keen, but fail to make the most of the material at their disposal, and tend to keep their students too crowded. The standard attained leaves much to be desired, but it is hoped to correct many of the mistakes made during this past week, in the present week.

4. SIGNALS.

The Signal school at NOCERA continues. A sufficient release of signal equipment has been made to enable training to begin in the GRUPPO when the course ends.

5. INFANTRY.

Courses.

(a) Weapon training school - ALTAVILLA.

The course was completed on 23 Dec. The school has trained 50 officers 105 OR's in platoon weapons and 20 officers and 31 OR's in 3" Mortar.

The above numbers should be capable of instructing within their units.

(b) Carrier School.

The first course was completed on 23 Dec. 5 officers 20 OR's attended.

Results:- Officers 3 passed 2 need further instruction.
OR's 10 passed 8 need further instruction
2 failed.

6. UNIT TRAINING.

A certain amount of training has been carried out in units, with Italian instructors and equipment.

7. SERVICES.

At Appendix 'A' is a list of courses of instruction for personnel of the Services. (Serials 9 - 10 and 15.)

A limited amount of training is being carried out in administrative units as far as their other duties permit.

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officers and 31 OR's [illegible] order.

The above numbers should be capable of instructing within their units.

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The first course was completed on 25 Dec. 5 officers 20 OR's attended.

Results:- Officers 3 passed 2 need further instruction.
OR's 10 passed 8 need further instruction
2 failed.

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See Appendix 'B'.
Figures for other types of specialists and tradesman are not yet available.

PART III. Balance of programme to be completed.

(a) Specialist training - see Appendix 'B'.

(b) Non-specialist individual training 95%.

(c) Tactical training 95%.

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PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' (Serials 2 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 8 -9 - 10)

PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.

8. DRIVERS.

1021 drivers require to be trained. It is hoped that the arrival of trained drivers from RTD ICF will substantially reduce this figure, as the number of vehicles available for driving instruction (7) is inadequate. 56 BLU Training Instruction No.3, which states this problem in greater detail, is being issued shortly.

9. CAVALRY PERSONNEL.

With reserves over 400 require to be trained. The resources available in the GRUPPO are inadequate for the solution of this problem. A separate report on this subject is being made to the DMT.

10. 3 INCH MORTAR.

Three Mortars are at present held in the GRUPPO. Six each are expected from 52 and 53 BLU. These are very urgently required.

11. INTERPRETERS.

The present position is as follows:-

	WE.	On Strength.	Surplus.	Deficient.
BLU	2 British Sergeants.	Nil	-	2
Italian Incrument	1 officer (English speaking)	Nil	-	1
	2 Italian Corporals	1 (a)	-	1
GRUPPO	2 Italian officers	3	1	1 (b)

(a) This Italian soldier speaks poor colloquial English only.

(b) Two of these officers speak fair English, but are unable to translate military documents. The third (ORSINI), is almost valueless as an interpreter.

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9. CAPABLE PERSONNEL.

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Training is severely handicapped by this shortage of interpreters.

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12. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Little training of tradesmen can be carried out until British REME personnel are available as instructors.

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PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.

13. BRITISH PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING.

(a) The Training Detachment now consists of 5 Majors, The GSO II and the remaining Major have not yet been posted.

(b) Artillery. The following have been attached from Artillery School C.I.R.E.T.O:-

1 B.Q.M.S.

R.A.T.D
1 B.Q.M.S
6 Sergeants
4 Privates.

(c) Royal Engineers.

R.E.T.D
2 Sergeants
1 Corporal.

(d) Infantry. O.C. have promised six N.C.O instructors from K.O.I.L.I in the next few days.

14. ISSUE OF SMALL ARMS.

An adequate issue of T.S.M.G's and rifles has been received.

15. MISCELLANEOUS.

Future plans for training are outlined in 56 B.L.U's training instruction No.1 (already issued) and in No. 2 and 3 (in preparation).

In The Field.
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Lt Col,
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NARA, Date 2023

PROGRAMME OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students		Responsibility		Object	Remarks
					OFFRS	OR's	Initial Arrange-ments.	Training		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
1	25pr Specialists	Derreto Sannita	11 Dec	6 Jan	4	4	80 RA	RA Cdn Tech. Pnl. Forces	Train cond Post specialists.	
2	"	-do-	18 Dec	23 Dec		16	80 RA	--do--	Train gun teams	
3	Signals	Nocera	12 Dec	10 Jan	9	136	80 Sigs	Signal school Nocera.	Train sigs of Sig coy: Provide instructors for Arty & Inf.	
4	Platoon weapons	Alta Villa	7 Dec	25 Dec	50	105	Gruppo	Gruppo	Provide instructors for Inf Bns	
5	3" Mortar course	Alta Villa	7 Dec	25 Dec	20	31	Gruppo	Gruppo	Provide instructors for Inf Bns & 3" Mortar coys	
6	Inf Pioneer	Capua	17 Dec	30 Dec		15	G II	SE	Train Inf pioneer assault sections.	
7	-do-	-do-	To be notified			15	G II	SE	--do--	
8	Carrier driving	White house 745745	2 Dec	22 Dec	5	20	G II	Instructors obtained from CMTC	Train driving Instructors for inf mortar coys	
9	DID storemen		10 Dec	20 Dec	1	14	DA & QMG	60 DID	Train storemen issuers & clerks in composite platoon	

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
10	Ord duties	Pentocagnano	3 Dec	17 Dec	1	35	DAA & QMG	227 BOD No2 sub depot	Train unit & OFP staff men & clerks in Ord duties.	
11	Mortar	Inf Regt Areas	1 Jan	6 Jan		12	G II Trg	G II Trg	Train PBO's of dets	
			8 Jan	13 Jan		12				
			15 Jan	20 Jan		12				
			22 Jan	27 Jan		12				
12	6 pr	--do--	--do--			20	-do-	-do-	-do-	
13	Carrier course	White House	1 Jan	13 Jan		50	-do-	-do-	Train carrier drivers	
			15 Jan	27 Jan		50				
14	Junior Leaders	San Giorgio	7 Jan	20 Jan		42	-do-	-do-	Inculcate Fr. drills and methods	
			21 Jan	3 Feb		42				
15	Driving & maint.	San Giorgio	1 Jan	continuous		52	DAA & QMG	Gruppo	Train expert tradesman drivers	

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APPENDIX 'B' TO 56 BLU TRAINING PROGRESS REPORT No.1

STATE OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS.

Serial No. (a)	Type of Specialist or Tradesmn. (b)	WE (c)	Number Trained (d)	Number under training. (e)	Deficiency as compared with WE (f)
1.	Carrier drivers	286	13	38	273
2.	Drivers	1372	351	252	1021
3	Signal Company.				
	Despatch Riders	22	16	-	6
	Vehicle mechs	5	5	-	-
	Electricians Sigs	6	4	-	2
	Instrument mechs:	15	5	-	10
	Linesmen	43	43	-	-
	Operators Wireless	78	43	36	35
	Operators line	28	28	-	-
	Switchboard ops.	15	15	-	-
	Cipher operators:	8	8	-	-
4.	Infantry.				
	Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators Wireless	182	40	23	142
	Operators line	124	63	14	56
5.	ARTILLERY.				
	Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators wireless	210	29	24	181
	Operators				

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Electricians Sigs	6	4	-	2	
Instrument mechs	15	5	-	10	
Linesmen	43	43	-	-	
Operators Wireless	78	43	36	35	
Operators line	28	28	-	-	
Switchboard ops.	15	15	-	-	
Cipher operators	8	8	-	-	
4. Infantry.					
Regimental Signallers.					
Operators Wireless	182	40	23	142	
Operators line	124	63	14	56	
5. ARTILLERY.					
Regimental Signallers.					
Operators wireless	210	29	24	181	
Operators line	114	54	14	60	

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orders to recce for [illegible] by MANTOVA GRUPPO. This will be developed down to Battery TEWTS, recces for night occupation and, later, DF tasks, HF tasks and calls for CB fire.

All firing on local ranges will be preceded by a recce and proper occupation of OP and gun positions.

2. Technical Training.

In most urgently needed on HF and fitter side. Gun drill and laying in progressing. Specialists require Artillery boards. Signal classes at present have home made buzzers for morse but will shortly get some British equipment. The 17 pr battery are making a range for Bren attachment firing.

3. ENGINEERS.

Courses.

The first weeks training was concluded on 22 Dec 44 and consisted of the following four courses:

(a) Demolitions - four day course.

One platoon 4 Artieri company (Field coy)
One section of one platoon of 3 Field Park company.

(b) Bailey Bridging - Elementary. Six day course.

One platoon 79 Artieri company (Field company)
One section of 2 platoon of 3 Field Park company.

(c) Field works and Road works. Five day course.

Two platoon 79 Artieri Company.
Two sections Two platoon of 3 Field Park company.

(d) Mine Warfare. Six day course.

Two platoon 4 Artieri company.
Two section One platoon of 3 Field Park company.

Instruction was carried out entirely by Italian personnel. A simple night exercise was carried out in (b) and (d), neither of which was of much value owing to failure of instructors to make conditions realistic.

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Generally, instructors are keen, but fail to make the most of the material at their disposal, and tend to keep their students too crowded. The standard attained leaves much to be desired, but it is hoped to correct many of the mistakes made during this past week, in the present week.

4. SIGNALS.

The Signal school at ROCCA continues. A sufficient release of signal equipment has been made to enable training to begin in the GRUPPO when the course ends.

5. INFANTRY.

Courses.

(a) Weapon training school - ALTAVILLA.

The course was completed on 23 Dec. The school has trained 50 officers 105 OR's in platoon weapons and 20 officers and 31 OR's in 3" Morter.

The above numbers should be capable of instructing within their units.

(b) Carrier School.

The first course was completed on 23 Dec. 5 officers 20 OR's attended.

Results:- Officers 3 passed 2 need further instruction.
OR's 10 passed 8 need further instruction
2 failed.

6. UNIT TRAINING.

A certain amount of training has been carried out in units, with Italian instructors and equipment.

7. SERVICES.

At Appendix 'A' is a list of courses of instruction for personnel of the Services. (Serials 9 - 10 and 15.)

A limited amount of training is being carried out in administrative units as far as their other duties permit.

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The first course was completed on 25 Dec. 5 officers 20 OR's attended.

Results:- Officers 3 passed 2 need further instruction.
OR's 10 passed 8 need further instruction
2 failed.

6. UNIT TRAINING.

A certain amount of training has been carried out in units, with Italian instructors and equipment.

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PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS.

See Appendix 'B'.
Figures for other types of specialists and tradesmen are not yet available.

PART III. Balance of programme to be completed.

(a) Specialist training - see Appendix 'B'.

(b) Non-specialist individual training 95%.

(c) Tactical training 5%.

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PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'I' (Serials 2 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 8 -9 - 10)

PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.

8. DRIVERS.

1021 drivers require to be trained. It is hoped that the arrival of trained drivers from RTD ICF will substantially reduce this figure, as the number of vehicles available for driving instruction (7) is inadequate. 56 BLU Training Instruction No.3, which states this problem in greater detail, is being issued shortly.

9. CARRIER PERSONNEL.

With reserves over 400 require to be trained. The resources available in the GRUPPO are inadequate for the solution of this problem. A separate report on this subject is being made to the DMT.

10. 3 INCH MORTAR.

Three Mortars are at present held in the GRUPPO. Six each are expected from 52 and 53 BLU. These are very urgently required.

11. INTERPRETERS.

The present position is as follows:-

	No.	On Strength.	Surplus.	Deficient.
BLU	2 British Sergeants.	Nil	-	2
Italian Increment	1 officer (English speaking)	Nil	-	1
	2 Italian Corporals	1 (a)	-	1
GRUPPO	2 Italian officers	3	1	1 (b)

(a) This Italian soldier speaks poor colloquial English only.

(b) Two of these officers speak fair English, but are unable to translate military documents. The third (ORSINI), is almost valueless as an interpreter.

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in greater detail, is being [illegible].

9. GUNNER PERSONNEL.

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Three Mortars are at present held in the GRUPPO. Six each are expected from 52 and 53 BLU. These are very urgently required.

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Training is severely handicapped by this shortage of interpreters.

12. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Little training of tradesmen can be carried out until British REME personnel are available as instructors.

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PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.

13. BRITISH PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING.

(a) The Training Detachment now consists of 5 Majors. The CSO II and the remaining Major have not yet been posted.

(b) Artillery. The following have been attached from Artillery school (MHOW):-

1 BQMS.

RAEC
1 BQMS
6 Sergeants
4 Privates.

(c) Royal Engineers.

REME
2 Sergeants
1 Corporal.

(d) Infantry. GOC have provided six NCO instructors from KOLH in the next few days.

14. ISSUE OF SMALL ARMS.

An adequate issue of EM's and rifles has been received.

15. MISCELLANEOUS.

Future plans for training are outlined in 56 BLU's training instruction No.1 (already issued) and in No. 2 and 3 (in preparation).

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PROGRAMME OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students OFFRS	Students OR's	Responsibility Initial Arrange-ments.	Responsibility Training	Object	Remarks
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
1	25pr Specialists	Cerreto Sannita	11 Dec	6 Jan	4	4	80 Bde	Bde Dep Tech Intl.Force	Train cond Post specialists.	
2	do	-do-	16 Dec	23 Dec		16	80 Bde	--do--	Train gun teams	
3	Signals	Nocera	12 Dec	10 Jan	9	156	80 Sigs	Signal school Nocera.	Train sigs of Bn coys; provide instructors for Arty & Inf.	
4	Platoon weapons	Alta Villa	7 Dec	25 Dec	50	105	Gruppo	Gruppo	Provide instructors for Inf Bn	
5	3"Mortar course	Alta Villa	7 Dec	23 Dec	20	31	Gruppo	Gruppo	Provide instructors for Inf Bns 3" mortar coys	
6	Inf Pioneer	Capua	17 Dec	30 Dec		15	G II	3 Bde	Train Inf pioneer assault sections.	
7	-do-	-do-	To be notified			15	G II	3 Bde	--do--	
8	Carrier driving	White house 745745	2 Dec	22 Dec	5	20	G II	Instructors obtained from GHQ	Train driving Instructors for inf mortar coys	
9	DID storemen		10 Dec	20 Dec	1	14	DA & QMG	60 DID	Train storemen issuers & clerks in composite platoon	

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APPENDIX "C" to 56 ELU PROGRESS REPORT No.1 DATED 29 DEC 44.

PROGRAMME OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject.	Location.	From	To	Students Offrs	Students OR's	Bus establit Initial arrivals	Bus establit Training	Object	Remarks
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
10	Ord duties	Pontecagnano	3 Dec	17 Dec	1	55	[illegible]	527 MCO No2 sub depot	Train unit & CWP stg_anon & clerks in Ord duties.	
11	Mortar	Inf Regt Areas	1 Jan	6 Jan		12	G II Trg	G II Trg	Train MCO's of duts	
			6 Jan	13 Jan		12				
			15 Jan	20 Jan		12				
			22 Jan	27 Jan		12				
12	6 pr	--do--	--do--			20	-do-	-do-	-do-	
13	Carrier course	White House	1 Jan	13 Jan		50	-do-	-do-	Train carrier drivers	
			15 Jan	27 Jan		50				
14	Junior Leaders	San Giorgio	7 Jan	20 Jan		42	-do-	-do-	Inculcate Br. drills and methods	
			21 Jan	3 Feb		42				
15	Driving & maint.	San Giorgio	1 Jan	continuous		52	DAA & QMG	Gruppo	Train expert tradesmen drivers	

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APPENDIX 'B' TO 56 FLU TRAINING PROGRESS REPORT No.1

STATE OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS.

Serial No. (a)	Type of Specialist or Tradesman. (b)	WE (c)	Number Trained (d)	Number under training. (e)	Deficiency as compared with WE (f)
1.	Carrier drivers	286	13	30	273
2.	Drivers	1372	351	252	1021
3	Signal Company.				
	Despatch Riders	22	16	-	6
	Vehicle mechs	5	5	-	-
	Electricians Sigs	6	4	-	2
	Instrument mechs	15	5	-	10
	Linesmen	43	43	-	-
	Operators Wireless	70	43	36	35
	Operators line	28	28	-	-
	Switchboard ops.	15	15	-	-
	Cipher operators	8	8	-	-
4.	Infantry.				
	Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators Wireless	182	40	23	142
	Operators line	124	68	14	56
5.	ARTILLERY.				
	Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators				

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	Electricians Sigs	6	4	-	2
	Instrument Mechs.	15	5	-	10
	Linesmen	43	43	-	-
	Operators Wireless	79	43	36	35
	Operators line	28	28	-	-
	Switchboard ops.	15	15	-	-
	Cipher operators	8	8	-	-
4.	Infantry.				
	Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators Wireless	182	40	23	142
	Operators line	124	68	14	56
5.	ARTILLERY.				
	Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators wireless	210	29	24	181
	Operators line	114	54	14	60

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report Training - Week ended 16 Dec 44.

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16 Dec 44.

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1. Carrier School.

First course will be completed on 22 Dec. The CMTC are recalling their instructors on 23 Dec. It will not be possible to continue the school unless other instructors are obtained. Without this school the carrier driving training of the division will be seriously hampered owing to lack of instructors within units.

2. Infantry Weapon Training School.

The course for 110 students on platoon weapons and 50 on the 3" Mortar continues satisfactorily except that the 3" Mortar course is handicapped by having only three 3" Mortars available for instruction.

3. Artillery.

Drill purpose guns have become available and have been distributed as

Two 25 pdrs to each Fd Bty
Two 17 pdrs to each A/Tk Tp
Three 40 mm to each AA Tp

Gun Drill and maintenance instruction have been started.
Two two hour periods for Officers have been held consisting of lectures and discussions on the 25 pdr Range Tables and Correction of the Moment.
Four Officers and four ORs are on an Artillery Specialists Course and sixteen ORs are on an AA course.

4. Engineers.

Course commenced on 16 Dec 44 as follows :

1. Demolitions 4 day course
2. Mine Warfare 6 day course
3. Field Engineering 5 day course (incl road works)
4. Bailey Bridging 6 day course

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Each course is for 50 men and is being run by Italian Officers and NCO's who have previously attended courses at SME CAPUA.

5. Signals.

61 Operating personnel of Signal Coy
40 Infantry Signall[illegible]

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5. Signals.

61 Operating personnel of Signal Coy
40 Infantry Signallers
40 Artillery Signallers
are at present at the Signal School NOCERA. The course finishes on 10 Jan 45 and until that date when the above personnel will become available as instructors little training can be carried out. However morse is being taught within the Signal Coy and some instruction has been given in elementary signalling within the Artillery Regt.

6. Driving and Maintenance.
Little progress has been made owing to the lack of instructors and vehicles. This should be remedied in the near future with the release of drivers from RTD ICF.

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GENERAL STATE OF ORGANISATION OF MANTOVA

COMBAT GROUP BY ARMS

a UNIT	b OFFICERS	c Strength	d Percentage strength Hqrs	e Anticipated date of completion	f Any special difficulties	g Assistance if in connection AFHQ and AAI concerned
H.Q. Group	28	43. 31. 170	70			
76th Inf Regt	117	584. 98. 2150	85			
114th Inf Regt	87	584. 63. 2411	94			
185th Arty Regt	73	433. 66. 980	66			
164th Engr Bn & Sigs	23	797 29. 645	81			
164th Med Sect	14	237 13. 88	40			
248th Field Hosp	6	44. 6. 43	98			
581st Field Hosp	6	44. 6 43	98			
164th Sig Coy	15	394. 14. 132	36			
Mantova	OFP	4' 69. 3. 72	103			
Mantova Track Compn.	67	279. 4. 109	838			

Note corrections
1 infantry
2 Arty
3. Engineers

Total 1428 8418 374. 6843. 81

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Part II. Specialists & Tradesmen

Type of personnel a	U. E. b	Members trained & held c.	Deficiencies d	Action taken to remedy deficiencies	Anticipated date of completion f
Drivers	1237	558	679		
Smiths	38	20	18		
Bricklayers	60	40	20		
Dumpsmen	21	17	4		
Motor Mechs	171	53	118		
Electricians	35	32	3		
Pump Ops	14	8	6		
Sappers	24	20	4		
Plumbers	8	2	6		
Dvr Mechs	138	20	118		
M/cs Fitters	277	175	102		
Radio Engrs	17	11	6		
W/Operators	502	152	350		
Telegraphists	39	30	9		
Exchange Ops	95	71	24		
Despatch Riders	162	146	16		
Telephonists	129	88	41		
Armourers					

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a	b	c	d	e	f
Carpenters	82	40	42		
Mechanics	61	31	30		
Signallers	127	95	32		
Engineers					
Med Orderlies	96	78	18		
Gen duties	?		11		
Gardeners	8	2	6		
Sheetmetal workers	4	3	1		
Stretcherbearers	?		11		
Instrument Makers	16	6	10		
Storemen	?		13		
Miners	12	11	1		
Masons	56	20	36		
Instrument Examiners	13	9	4		
Clerks	?		16		
Telegraphists Medics	3	0	3		
Signallers (Flag)	?		4		
Gun fitters	30	26	4		
Painters	12	9	3		
Government Coolies	?		8		
			7		

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SPECCHIO SPECIALIZZATI IN DEFICIENZA AI REPARTI DEL GRUPPO COMBATTIM
ALLA DATA DEL 1° NOVEMBRE 1944

Denominazione Specializzazione	76° ftr.	114° ftr.	155° Art.	104° btg. Genio	104^ sez.San. 248 e 301 Osp.Camp	104^ cp. trasf.e rif.	Off.Mob. Gruppo Como.	
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Armaioli	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Autocarreggio (auto)	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	
Collegamenti (Capi sq.)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Contabilità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Maggiorita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Marconisti	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	
Meccanici	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Meccanici armaioli	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Operai di batteria	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Sott.Autieri Comandanti nucleo autieri riserva	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	

COMANDO - GRUPPO di COMB.TI "LEGNANO" - MANTOVA

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CIALIZZATI IN DEFICIENZA AI REPARTI DEL GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
ALLA DATA DEL 1° NOVEMBRE 1944

114° ftr.	155° Art.	104° btg. Genio	104^ Sez.San. 248 e 301 Osp.Camp	104^ cp. trasf.e rif.	Off.Mob. Gruppo Comb.	Pl.Off. per cp. tr.e rm.	Off.Mob. per ftr. art. e Genio	Totali
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	12
-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
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COMANDO - GRUPPO "MANTOVA" - COMBATTIMENTO

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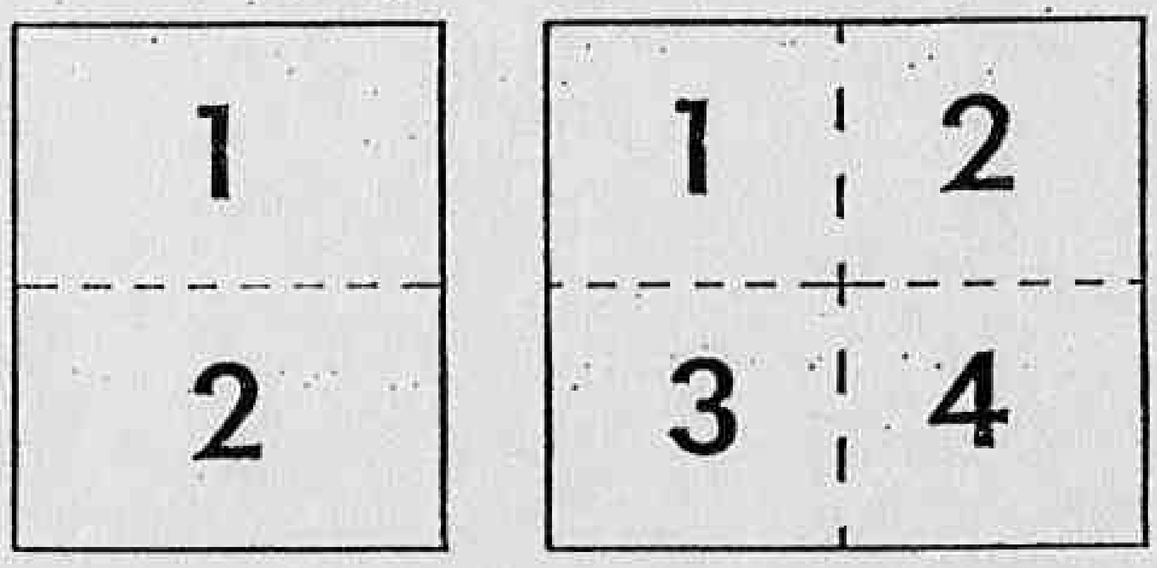

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SITUAZIONE FORZA DEI REPARTI DEL GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
"MANTOVA" ALLA DATA DELL'8/12/1944

REPARTI	ORGANICO		ESISTENZA				ESUBERANZA			
			Ufficiali			Sottuf. e truppa	Ufficiali			Sottuf. e truppa
	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali e truppa	superiori.	capitani	subalterni		superiori	capitani	subalterni	
Comando e Quartiere Generale Gruppo Comb."Mantova"	32	115	6	11	14	170	-	-	1	55
76° reggimento fanteria	117	2584	6	13	79	2150	-	-	-	-
114°reggimento fanteria	117	2584	6	16	81	2411	-	-	-	52
155°reggimento artiglieria	93	1433	8	9	49	980	-	-	-	-
104° btg. misto genio	30	930	-	3	26	645	-	-	2	23
104^ sezione sanità	14	237	-	4	9	88	-	-	-	2
248° ospedale da campo	6	44	-	1	5	43	-	-	-	-
501° ospedale da campo	6	44	-	1	5	43	-	-	-	-
104° reparto tr.e rif.	13	294	-	6	8	132	-	-	2	-
104° deposito mobile	4	69	1	-	3	72	-	-	-	3
Officina Mobile per Gr.Comb.	6	168	-	1	2	90	-	-	-	-
Plotone officina per cp. trasporti e rif.	1	39	-	1	-	29	-	-	-	-
Officina Mob.leg.ftr.	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officina Mob.leg.Art.	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officina Mob.leg.genio	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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SITUAZIONE FORZA DEI REPARTI DEL GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA" ALLA DATA DELL'8/12/1944

	ORGANICO		ESISTENZA				ESUBERANZA				DEFICIENZA			
			Ufficiali			Sottuff. e truppa	Ufficiali			Sottuff. e truppa	Ufficiali			Sottuff. e truppa
	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali e truppa	superiori.	capitani	subalterni		superiori	capitani	subalterni		superiori	capitani	subalterni	
Generale														
	32	115	6	11	14	170	-	-	1	55	2	-	-	-
ia	117	2584	6	13	79	2130	-	-	-	-	2	10	7	434
a	117	2584	6	16	81	2411	-	-	-	52	1	7	6	225
eria	93	1433	8	9	49	980	-	-	-	-	1	10	16	453
	30	930	-	3	26	645	-	-	2	23	1	2	-	308
	14	237	-	4	9	88	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	153
o	6	44	-	1	5	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
o	6	44	-	1	5	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	13	294	-	6	8	132	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	162
	4	69	1	-	3	72	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
r.Comb.	6	168	-	1	2	90	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	78
cp.	1	39	-	1	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
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Officina Mob.leg.Ftr.	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officina Mob.leg.Art.	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officina Mob.leg.genio	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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SPECCHIO SPECIALIZZATI IN [illegible] AI REPARTI DEL GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO ALLA DATA DEL 1° NOVEMBRE 1944

Truppa	76° ftr.		114°ftr.		155°Art.		104 [illegible]		104°San. 248 e 501 C.C.		104 op. tr.e fil.		Off.Mob. per Com. Gruppo	
	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.
Autieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	107	-	-
Autieri meccanici	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Aggiustatori mont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Apparecchiat.tel.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add.distrib.viveri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Attendenti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Barcaioli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carpentieri	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centralinisti	-	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conduttori	27	70	28	126	-	186	-	81	-	42	-	-	-	-
Conduttori meco.	-	22	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Contabilità	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Contab.conduttori	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuochi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Dattilografi	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disegnatori	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elettricisti	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	9
Fabri	-	8	-	9	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falegnami	2	6	4	4	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fullerphone	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goniometristi	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laminatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Magazzinieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marconisti	30	33	39	41	-	168	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meccanici	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meccanici armaioli	3	12	7	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meccanici conduttori	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	18	-	22
Minatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motoristi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Muratori	8	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Muratori e cement.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operai artieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	33	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operai artificieri	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Porta feriti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	-	-	-	-
Radiomontatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saldatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sanità	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scritturali	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	-	4	-	3
Segnalat.con band.	-	11	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serventi pezzi 6 los.	-	-	17	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec.mascheramento	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staffette su moto	-	19	1	20	-	26	-	19	-	-	-	13	-	3
Telefonisti	-	-	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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ftr.	114°ftr.		155°Art.		104 [illegible]		104°San. 248 e 501 C.C.		104 cp. tr.e rif.		Off.Mob. per Com. Gruppo		Pl.Off. per cp. tr.e rif.		Officina Mobile		Totale
Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	Grad.	Sold.	
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1	–	3	–	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19
7	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9
10	28	126	–	166	–	81	–	42	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	560
22	–	9	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35
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3	–	3	–	–	–	6	–	1	–	–	–	9	–	2	–	6	30
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6	4	4	–	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	33
4	3	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15
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11	6	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21
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19	1	20	–	26	–	19	–	–	–	13	–	3	–	1	–	–	102
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Operai artieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	35	-	-	-	-	-
Operai artificieri	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Porta feriti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	-	-	-
Radiomontatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Saldatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Sanità	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scritturali	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	-	4	-
Segnalat.con band.	-	11	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serventi pezzi 6 lbs.	-	-	17	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec.mascheramento	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Staffette su moto	-	19	1	20	-	26	-	19	-	-	-	13	-
Telefonisti	-	-	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telefon.conduttori	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tubisti,piombisti lattonieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Verniciatori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Infermieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-
Mitraglieri	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Addetti alle telecomunicazioni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meccanici radio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tromb.portalettere	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Specializz.tiro	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operai batteria	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capi-pezzo	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marconisti artisti	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec.trasmissioni	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add.serv.muniz.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Macchinisti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

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COMANDO - GRUPPO di COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"

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54 BLD.
G 1.
9 Dec 44.

Subject:- Progress Report Training.
Week ended Sat 9 Dec 44.

File WP

To:- M.M.I.A. Rome.
D.M.T. Naples.

1. MANTOVA Grp completed their arrival in the SAN GIORGIO area on 5 Dec, since when it has seldom stopped raining.

2. Carrier School. Training of 25 students is progressing remarkably considering that few of them could even drive an 'A' Vehicle.

3. Inf Wpns Trg Schl. Course for 110 students in Fl Wpns and for 50 in 3" Mortar started on 7 Dec on well organised lines from the Italian side. British assistance has provided 70 rifles, 12 TSMG, 12 Brens and 6 PIATS. CMTC have provided the invaluable loan of two D.P. 3" Mortars without which the 3" Mortar course could not well have started. Confinement to Barracks of some of the PICENO students through lack of boots has been remedied today. The directing Staff (Col. CARPITELLO) is handicapped by having no transport for its own recces other than the Italian lorries which maintain the school.

4. Arty. Some marching drills, map reading and lectures have been held. It is hoped to get some D.P. guns from LEGNANO Grp on 13 Dec.

5. Engineers. Nothing fresh to report.

6. Driving and Maint. Nine lorries were drawn today and these will be used to start a school within the Group.

7. The issue yesterday and today of boots and clothing will make training possible within all units.

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Hetherley Maj for
Lt-Col.
GSO I.
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