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SUBJECT: Progress Report.

'P' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/G/5/1139

5 August 45.

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To: D.M.T., A.F.H.Q. (2 copies)
H.Q., Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MALTA). (7 ")
H.Q., R.A.A.C. (3 ")

Herewith please find Progress Report No.8 for July 1945, in respect of R.T.C., I.C.F.

Colonel.
Commander 'P' British Liaison & Trg. Unit RTC ICF

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 8.

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

Ref : G/A.3/665.

1 Aug '45.

Herewith report for the month of July '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

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

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(c) No. 2 Regiment.

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

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(d) Infantry School.

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

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(ii) Engineer Training.

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

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

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(iii) Artillery Detachment

There has been continued progress during the month due largely to the quality of students which has improved. A batch of 22 officers (ex P.O.W) have shown enthusiasm and are the best officer material the Artillery barracks have had for some time. The 25 pr section shot last Thursday at the pocket range. The standard of shooting was good but slow. The response from the gun and also the accuracy of laying is good. Time and fire was fired over into [illegible] and practice Air Burst fixation and obtaining Observer Information. The 17 pr section continues to make good progress and instruction is sound. On 27 August they will shoot on the range at CIVITAVECCHIA. Due to an outbreak of [illegible] there was such good progress owing to the best of the Instructional Staff being away on leave. Laying appears to be the chief weakness and is receiving due attention.

(c) Schools.

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(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

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

In use	50
VOR in Workshops	12
VOR awaiting repair	38
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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

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

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

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

This section has been released by authority

(iii) The Weapon Training School continues to make good progress particularly in Methods of Instruction as all Instructors were taken through a short course during the last break. This School is developing well.

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Following courses were run :-

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

(ii) Signals School.

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

(iii) Engineer Training.

No special courses held.

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(iv) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No.3 now in progress.

Regimental Police Course No.3 now in progress.

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

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(a) Continued.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following Courses commenced on 16 July :-

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

No change in syllabus and duration of course.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

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

(vii) Artillery Training.

The following courses continued during the month :-

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

26 Signallers are under Conic instruction.

(viii) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

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

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

COURSE.	STUDENTS REQUESTED		ATTENDED.		ABSENCE ILLNESS RTU &c.		QUALIFIED as INSTRs. In A SCHOOL.		In A UNIT.		FAILED.	
	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs
ENG. TNG.												
(i) Rm.Cmds.	15	-	13	-	1	-	5	-	4	-	3	-
(ii) Gcr "	20	-	14	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	5	-
(iii) Fl. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	12	-	8	-
ADM. TNG.												

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ENG. WING.												
(i) Bn. Scouts.	15	-	13	-	1	-	5	-	4	-	3	-
(ii) Coy "	20	-	14	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	5	-
(iii) Pl. "	30	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	12	-	8	-
ARM. WING.												
(i) Instr. Courses	20	-	13	-	1	-	8	-	3	-	1	-
(ii) Jr. "	15	15	16	13	3	2	4	1	5	6	4	4
W.S. WING.												
(i) Pl. Weapons.	20	20	14	21	2	8	3	2	6	8	3	3
(ii) 3" Mortar.	10	10	9	11	3	1	3	1	2	7	1	2
(iii) 6 pr. A/T.	10	10	7	13	1	1	3	-	3	11	-	1
(iv) Sniper.	10	10	8	6	2	2	3	-	3	1	-	3

(c) Nos. Attending JUNE - JULY COURSE.

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

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From	Combat Group	- -	61
"	R.T.C.	- -	52
"	Other Centres.	- -	40
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(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

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

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

(ii) Provost School.
Mechanics School.
D & M. School.
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(11)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offs.	20 ORs	PONTECAGNANO.
(111)	Clerks RAOC.	3 Offs	11 ORs	PONTECAGNANO.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

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

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

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

(c) Reinforcements held at 30 June 45.

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

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of training equipment continues to be satisfactory. 2493

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

See Appendix 'B' attached.

(c) Details of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

Negligible.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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7. GENERAL.

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

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Training,
'F' British Liaison and Training Unit, RTC ICF.

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SUBJECT: Progress Reports

Land Forces Sub-Com, AC (MMIA)

G/Trg/2

13 Jul 45

TO : D.M.T.,
A.F.H.Q.

1. The attached progress report from 'F' HL & TU is forwarded for information.

2. Many points arising in this report were dealt with at the training conference attended by Lt-Col FEDDIE.

3. This HQ has the following comments to make:-

(a) The low figure of intakes will probably not rise in the immediate future. Intakes are likely all to be ex UE-ITI personnel.

(b) Additional premises have now been acquired for RTC at CIVITAVECCHIA.

(c) Course attendance is receiving great attention. Ministry of War have undertaken to ensure better standards both of attendance and suitability.

(d) The proposal re signals instructors (para I(f)(i)) is thought sound. Possibility of exchange will be investigated.

(e) The P.T. project has now been agreed.

J.M. Lt-Col

Major-General,
MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Progress Reports.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT, R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/6/4/919

4 July 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C. (MMIA).

Reference your letter G/Trg/2 dated 7 June 45.

Herewith please find 5 copies of Progress Report No.7 for the month of June, as requested in paragraph 5 of the above mentioned letter.

Colonel.
Commander 'F' British Liaison & Training Unit RTC ICF

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

'F' British Liaison and Training Unit
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref G/A.3/567

5 July '45.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMLA)

Herewith Appendix 'H' to our Progress Report No. 7 reference G/A.3/542 dated 1 July '45.

Colonel
Comd 'F' British Liaison & Training Unit.

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SCHEDULE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE '45.

Srl.	Description	Total Rec'd During Month	No.1 Regt.	No.2 Regt.	S.I.V.A.	D & M School.	Inf School.	Ar Sc
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(
	'B' Vehicles.							
1.	Carriers Lloyd	7		6			1	
	Q(AE) Controlled Stores.							
2.	Rifles .22	4			2		2	
3.	Pistols Signal 1-in	3	2	2			2	
4.	Chests Tool Filled, Dvr Mechs.	6				6		
5.	" " " Sheet Metal Workers	2				2		
6.	" " " Carpenters	3						
7.	Sights 3-in Mortar (new Type)	8		4	2		2	
8.	Wireless Remote Control	1						
9.	Drums Cable No 7	5						
10.	Buzzers Signal Training	2						
11.	Cable Electric W 110 Twisted, Miles	5						
12.	Apparatus Cable Laying	5					.5	
13.	Wireless Sets No 11	14						

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RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE '45.

No.1 Regt.	No.2 Regt.	S.I.V.A.	D & M School.	Inf School.	Arty School.	Sigs School.	152/153 L.A.D.	Remarks.
(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
6				1				
	2			2				
2	2			2	2			
			6					
			2					
						3		
4	2			2				
					1			
					5			
					2			
					5			
				5				
					14			

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SCHEDULE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE '45.

Srl.	Description	Total Rec'd During Month	No.1 Regt.	No.2 Regt.	C.I.V.A.	D & M School.	Inf School.	Arty Schoo
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
	'B' Vehicles.							
1.	Carriers Lloyd	7		6			1	
	Q(AE) Controlled Stores.							
2.	Rifles .22	4				2		2
3.	Pistols Signal 1-in	8	2	2			2	2
4.	Cheats Tool Filled, Dvr Mechs.	6				1		
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							1		
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							14		

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 7. SECRET.

Progress Report by CSO II (Training) for British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref G/B.L.T/542.

1 July '45.

Herewith report for the month of June '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The past month has again shown progress particularly in the standard of Instruction, nothing spectacular but a definite improvement and although Officers do not demand a sufficiently high standard, the experience gained over the past months is being put to good use. Training generally still lacks real efficiency, due largely to a number of small points but enthusiasm to improve and general interest on the part of Instructors is a noticeable feature particularly when they have taken the trouble really to understand their task fully.

(b) No 1 Regt.

For both Infantry Regiments the past month has been an abnormal one due to the small numbers of men available for training. This shortage is due mainly to considerable numbers being posted away as reinforcements, and in addition a number of guards for POW camps supplied from the Centre. As a result further reduction in numbers is expected this will give a welcome opportunity to concentrate on putting the barracks a little more in order and to prepare for the time when large numbers of recruits are again received. Training as it is, has not yet reached a high standard. Officers do not expect a sufficiently high standard of discipline and turnout and in consequence although Field Training progresses well, the cleanliness of individuals, guards, care of arms etc are still far from good. The main reason for this is that Senior Officers while working hard, are too kind hearted with their men and do not make proper use of their Junior Officers and NCOs as of

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Another factor, which applies equally throughout the Centre where training is being done in the open, is the excessive heat at present and the complete lack of shade, making training difficult for the larger part of the day even with the present readjusted morning and evening times of work.

There have been some improvements in Methods of Instruction and good all round progress, but this has not been a profitable month. Improvements have also been made to the Regimental Sports Ground and the Range.

(c) No 2 Regt.

Improvement here has been more marked but is only a relative improvement and the standard is still far from good. Constant changing of establishment does not help this Regiment, which has all the additional disadvantages of having the special Corps Recruits i.e. Grenadiers, Marines, Bersaglieri and Paratroopers etc, all of whom must be kept separate with their own Officers etc. The turnout and discipline of the Regiment has improved but will not be really good until better accommodation and facilities are provided, and a higher standard demanded.

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1. (c) Continued.

The Colonel has made big efforts to improve matters and with various competitions and better man management has greatly improved the spirit in his Regiment.

(d) Infantry School.

The School was closed for three weeks to carry out structurial improvements but re-opened on 18 June, the opening was marked with an inspection by the General, and as the time spent during alterations was not wasted the buildings now present an excellent example of what can be done, and are comparable with anything of its kind yet seen in Italy.

The students on the present course are of a rather lower standard than previous courses due to the smaller numbers of men to choose from and are nearly all selected privates as opposed to Junior NCOs. For these reasons the course will now be lengthened a week and a higher standard of drill, recreations and discipline be demanded.

(e) Infantry Specialist Training School.

The School also closed for structurial alterations and is now lacking in numbers to fill classes. It is hoped to make up these numbers from the next batch of recruits or alternatively Specialists could be taken direct from the Gruppi as the existing facilities are now excellent.

The Carrier Wing has again shown great improvement and now includes a small workshop, lecture and engine demonstration room.

Physical Training is at present suffering from shortage of equipment but this will be overcome when the projected PT and Games School is started. At present there is a great opportunity to start a PT and Games School and considerable thought and planning is now taking place to this end. The chief difficulty is obtaining sports equipment. The present opportunity to re-introduce sport and games into the Italian Army again brings this vexed question of obtaining footballs, sports gear etc to the forefront as one of the utmost importance.

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The Hygiene School has run three successful 7 day courses for Sanitary men, Cooks etc from the Centre and the result is already noticeable. This course is in addition to the Hygiene Course at SIVA and runs effectively.

(f) No 3 Regt.

(i) Signals School.

Now that the School has settled down at BRACCIANO it has been possible to improve and augment facilities for instruction. A second Morse practice room is nearing completion which will provide instruction for 20 - 30 pupils at a time. A "Tape-Machine" room of 20 machines is now in use which enables operators to check visually that their Morse characters are correctly sent.

There has been an all round improvement particularly in instruction and generally discipline is better.

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1. (f) (i) Continued.

Demobolisation of certain classes threatens to deprive the School of some good Instructors but it is hoped to overcome this by promoting certain suitable officers to keep them within the "age limit for rank".

Exchange of instructors with men from the Gruppi would be helpful, as many of the subaltern Instructors at present at the School have had no other opportunity to acquire Military bearing and a sense of discipline.

The School took part in the recent "GENIO" Day celabrations and produced most instructive and interesting display of Signal equipment and training.

(ii) Engineer Training.

The high light of Engineer Training at BRACCIANO took place on Sunday 24 June Patron Saints Day of the GENIO when a well organised and efficiently carried out programme of Training Demonstration showed just what can be done.

A considerable part of the training time has been taken up with foot drill and general practice for GENIO Day and as this has been greatly encouraged it is hoped will show the necessity and importance of basic training before commencing Engineer duties.

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(iii) Artillery Regt.

Progress is maintained and the quality of instruction sound. Progress has been particularly noticeable in the 17 pr and 40 mm sections. The 17 pr course shot three times during the month at CIVITAVECCHIA, drill was slow but is being speeded up. The 40 mm course shot at the sleeve at the School of Artillery Ranges on two occasions. The first occasion was disappointing and it was apparent that whilst the Gunners knew the Gun Drill, co-ordination was poor, due largely to lack of practice in laying, but arrangements have now been made for silent practice at the Ranges. For the second shoot the benefit of this Training was immediately noticeable.

The 25 pr section still remains disappointing, due largely to Instructors not demanding a sufficiently high standard. Shooting continues to show a marked improvement.

The Regiment recently held their annual "Artillery Day" and gave an excellant display of all types of Artillery Training, showing how well this can be done.

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1. Continued.

(g) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The Chain of Command has now passed to Comando di Scuola and the British Provost Officer is now only in an advisory capacity which shows a stage of progress very much to the good. No particular difficulties have arisen during the month and the School continues to function very satisfactorily.

It is understood that the Italian Ministry of War will now regard this School as the Depot for all Mobilised Carabinieri and will build up here a force against a small wastage in the Gruppi so that all Carabinieri going forward to the Gruppi will be properly trained. The commitments of the Provost Company continue to be heavy and their work is being well and effectively carried out.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The main difficulty here still is one of obtaining Instructors and suitable students. The Instructors who it was hoped would arrive from the disbanded Italian Training Schools have not materialised as yet. The War Ministry have again been approached but the outlook is far from satisfactory. At present there is not sufficient Instructors to train either Vehicle Mechanics or Driver Mechanics (see para 2 (a) (v).).

The students who do arrive are for the most part most unsuitable, in fact most have had no previous MT Training and it has again been stressed in the Joining Instructions for these courses that unless students arrive holding a signed certificate qualifying them for the course, instruction cannot commence. Students must already have reached the required standard of Technical knowledge as these are mainly conversion courses and any attempt to start training Vehicle Mechanics or Gun Fitters from scratch would

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A course for Unit MT Officers has just been started as an attempt to improve MT maintenance at this Centre.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

Training in Driving and Maintenance has been satisfactory and the School is running efficiently. The new CO has made many improvements and generally progress can be clearly seen in spite of the present condition of Class V vehicles.

The standard of pupils is not good. Far too many are lacking in mechanical aptitude which again indicates bad selection on the part of Units. This matter is being continually taken up with the Comando Scuola here.

Present state of vehicles	97 49 13
3 Ton efficient	13
VOR in workshops	29
VOR awaiting repair	10
BLR	101
	49
	52

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1. Continued.

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

(i) The third SIVA course is in progress at present and continues to make good progress. The start of the course was delayed one week due to students not arriving on time, also a general shortage in numbers of students from the Gruppi. However, this whole question has been taken up with both MMLA, the Ministry of War and the Gruppi and an arrangement made whereby all vacancies are allotted by the Comando Scuola here, from the recent correspondence it would appear that the main difficulties have been overcome and there should be no shortage of students for the future.

All courses at SIVA have now been increased to four weeks instead of three, this has been found necessary as so many students arrive with little knowledge of British Methods and Weapons and this extra time allows the necessary basic instruction.

A new course on "Man Management" is at present being planned to commence for the next session and will be run by the School of Administration (see appendix 'G') this will take Junior Officers and Senior Officers on a special course dealing with Man Management from every aspect and will instruct students to be capable themselves of instructing their own units.

(ii) The Tactical School continues to make good progress and with the additional Instructors selected from the last course is becoming well established. Programmes are well organised and are fully carried out. Students are enthusiastic in their interest and discussion is good.

(iii) The Weapon Training School is developing well. While still rather lacking in well polished instruction, progress continues and the standard of the student turned out is good and thoroughly capable as an Instructor.

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(iv) The School of Administration now planned to include Man Management as a special subject progresses well and includes visits to British and Italian establishments in ROME, also a day's training in MT maintenance at CESANO.

(v) The School of Hygiene suffers at present from lack of trained Instructors but this is being remedied and courses are proceeding well.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

The School reopened on 18 June. The following courses were commenced :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	25
6 pr Anti Tank Gun	40
Mortar 3-in	33
Pioneer	20
Carrier	30

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The shortage of students is entirely due to the small number of men at present available in the Infantry Regiments at this Centre.

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2. (a) Continued.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.
Additional students accepted for training during the mo.

(A)	Genio Operators Switchboard.	20
(B)	Artillery All Trades	21
(c)	Infantry. All Trades	28
		69

Courses completed during the month.

(A)	Genio	
	Operators Wireless.	38
	" Switchboard	9
	Linesmen	4
	Radio Mechanics	16
(B)	Infantry.	
	Operators Wireless.	16
	" Switchboard	8
		91

(iii) Engineer Training.

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(iv) Provost School.

Courses No 2 (Provost Training Course) finished on 30 June producing satisfactory results.

Course No 2 (Regimental Police) finished on 16 June, also producing satisfactory results.

(v) Mechanics School.

(A) The second Driver Mechanics Course was completed but as many had to pass the driving test, they were attached to the D & M School and were finally passed out on 30 June

Results as follows :- 2111

Passed 62
Failed 2 } 11 Failures.
Not classified 9 }

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2. (a) (v) Continued.

(B) Twelve Armourers were given a refresher course on British Small Arms for one week under the British Staff Sergeant Armourer. The students are making good progress and are eventually to be Unit Armourers at this Centre. At present they are examining all Small Arms in the Centre under the supervision of the Staff Sergeant. This course will continue for five weeks.

(C) The first Gun Fitters Course finished on 30 June and has produced 11 trained students. Although students are keen and hard working they need more experience and will have to work under supervision at their Units.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The second course of five weeks duration finished on 26 June. 197 pupils attended but this number was reduced to 161, due to compassionate leave, sickness and move of the Garibaldi Regiment. Of the 161 pupils, 111 passed as satisfactory drivers i/c, 50 failed.

(vii) Artillery Training.

The following courses continued during the month :-

25 pr		25 pr Specialists	17 pr	40 mm
Offrs	ORs	ORs	ORs	ORs.
50	10	18	38	45

A short refresher course of one week was also run for 100 Gunners going forward as reinforcements.

40 Signallers are under Genio Instruction (this is a 14 weeks course).

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

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(viii) SIV. All Arms Instructors School.

For course No 2 see this Report of May.
Course No 3 commenced on 25 June.

Tactical Wing.	Offrs	NCOs
Senior Officers and Coy Commanders	27	-
Junior Leaders	26	-
Weapon Training Wing.		
Platoon Weapons.	13	18
3-in Mortar	9	10
6 pr Anti Tank	7	12
Sniper	8	6
Administration Wing		
Junior Course	15	13
Senior Course	12	-
Hygiene Course (due 2 July)	20	11

Students made up as follows :-

Gruppi	68	2110
RTC ICF	69	
Service Battalions	28	
PROSINONE	10	
	176	

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2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

With an increase in numbers at the Infantry Regiments the following courses will take place :-

Junior Leaders Tactical and Pl Weapons Course	60 students	4 weeks.
Anti Tank 6 pr	40 "	4 "
3-in Mortar	40 "	4 "
Sniper	10 "	4 "
Mines Course	20 "	4 "

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(ii) Infantry Specialists Training.

Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr Anti Tank, Mines and Carriers.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

Courses for the existing instruction will continue in all branches until further reinforcements are available for training.

(v) Provost School.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

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(v) Provost School.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(vii) D & M School.

See appendix 'E' attached.

(viii) Artillery School.

Normal courses to proceed. Some additional courses for Instructors as required.

(ix) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix 'G' attached.
Fourth session of courses commences 4 August, assembles 2 August.

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2. Continued.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groupsattending courses during June.

(i) Provost School.

5 Officers 50 Cks.

(ii) Mechanics School.

MILTOVA	4
FRIULI	40
FOLGORE	12
	56

(iii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

Offrs and NCOs 69.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of Projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'E' attached.

(v) D & M School.

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(i) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'E' attached.

(v) D & M School.

See Appendix 'F' attached.

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix 'G' attached.

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

(i)	Ammunition Storemen.		10 ORs.
(ii)	Technical Storemen MT.	2 Offrs	17 ORs.
(iii)	General Procedure RAOC.	3 Offrs	15 ORs.

NOTE. All the above Courses were held at RAOC Training Depot, PONTECAGNANO.

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3. REINFORCEMENTS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending	2 June	-	46
"	9 "	-	120
"	16 "	-	106
"	23 "	-	130
"	30 "	-	194
			596

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 30.
Infantry	9	11	13	27	25
Artillery	4	44	27	55	41
Engineers (incl Sigs)	7	13	33	26	21
Other Arms	11	16	20	42	23
Total	31	84	93	150	110

(c) Reinforcements held at 30 June '45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	ABSENT				
			A Hospital	B S Leave	E AWOL	N T Other Causes	Total Absent.
Infantry	2,935	1,377	312	477	302	467	1,558
Artillery	778	393	18	245	21	101	385
Engineers	1,056	717	57	151	52	59	319
Other Arms	2,347	1,169	302	333	173	370	1,178
Total	7,096	3,656	689	1,206	548	997	3,440

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian).

(a) No 1 and 2 Depts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The progress of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Continues to improve. Satisfactory.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

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(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and steadily improving with experience. Much more confidence now being shown and some good attempts to use New Methods.

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4. Continued.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and steadily improving.

(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Very good.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors.	9
Driver Mechanic Instructors	18
Gun Fitters	1
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(ii) Standard of Instruction.

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(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The Instructional Staff have worked well despite changes in Officer personnel and have shown greater keenness than in previous courses. Owing to leave, sickness and demobilisation the present establishment is inadequate to provide one driver per vehicle and an amendment is being prepared with a view to increasing the strength authorised under WE C4/99/1.

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4. Continued.

(g) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Tactical Wing - 4 Officers
Weapon Training Wing. - 10 NCOs.
Administration wing. - The new Man Management Course complicates the present list of Instructors but new Instructors are being selected from existing courses and will be suitably briefed before the commencement.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Continues to improve and now concentrating on improving Methods and the use of the " New Methods of Instruction".

(h) Artillery School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the Month.

See Appendix 'H' attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

As all the main items of equipment have now been received, there are now no really outstanding items except the ones mentioned below :-

Item No.	
98	98 No 4 Pumping Set
	99 No 5 Pumping Set
	WX 1457 Plant Welding and Cutting HPO/A Lt Wt.
	WX 0495 Plant Welding Electric Single Operator Motor Driven 110 Volt DC.
	Stereoscopes for Interpreting Air Photographs.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regts.

There has been little or no improvement in the condition of the buildings. Very few men are at work and these buildings lag very far behind those in the rest of the Centre. In spite of the lack of help, both Regimental Commanders have done quite a lot to improve the barracks with very limited resources and at the cost of Regimental funds.

(ii) No 3 Regiment and Artillery Barracks.

There has been a very great improvement in the general condition of both these barracks. Work is proceeding steadily at the Artillery barracks and though not completed, the end can be visualised. In the Genio barracks the kitchen is an example of what such should be. The fact that this month has witnessed the "fiestas" of both these units has afforded an opportunity for a real attempt to be made to clean up the whole place with very marked results.

The main deficiencies are windows and doors. This is becoming serious as in order to provide some measure of ventilation in the present warm weather a great part of the brick filling of the window spaces has been removed and it is essential that proper arrangements are made before the wet falls due. In view of the extent of work involved, this necessity should be given a very high priority.

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(iii) Provost School.

Accommodation good.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

As has already been pointed out in previous reports the School are accommodated largely in requesitioned houses. Apart from the Tactical Wing none of the accommodation specially constructed is yet in use. The "Huts" are not completed and are without water. If the Schools are to function really well extra accommodation is necessary and any chance of expanding to take larger numbers of students will of necessity need extra accommodation. It is felt a great deal more could be done by Italian sources to help with the efficiency of the Schools in this way. 64
Accommodation is mainly bad.

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6. Continued.

(b) Hygiene.

The improvement in Hygiene slowly continues. While the attitude of the majority of Italians still remains rather sceptical to what is considered a British obsession, it seems to have been appreciated that it is far less trouble to comply with the more obvious rules than to attempt to avoid them. There is a welcome absence of indiscriminate defecating which was such a notable feature in the early days of the Centre. Even the confirmed offender now takes the trouble to walk some considerable distance to avoid being seen and hence efforts are being concentrated on making it easier for him to utilise a properly constituted latrine than to seek seclusion. This improvement is largely to be attributed to the institution of the Hygiene Course and the insistance that even Senior Officers must regard this subject as an essential part of their training.

It has not yet been possible to persuade the Italians to replace the lids of latrines (where such exist) but thanks to the continued efforts of the attached Sergeant Majors, some improvement has been noticed.

In spite of the very hot and dry weather the fly menace has not assumed the proportions that were feared and this must in a large measure be attributed to the insistance on the use of proper latrines and of the disposal of all rubbish and tins.

Efforts will be continued and it is hoped that we may yet arrive at a standard which would not be a disgrace to a British Regiment.

Attention has been drawn to the fact that the Hygiene Section was not being put to its proper use and this is being remedied.

(c) Welfare.

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While the British standard of relations between Officers and men has in no possible sense been reached, the deadly apathy and lack of interest in the soldiers under their care appears to be less noticeable among the majority of Officers. This is particularly noticeable in No 2 Regiment which formerly lagged far behind others in this respect, but which under the command of Col TOSCHI has shown a marked improvement. Films and entertainments (the latter organised by the men themselves) are now a regular feature.

A very high percentage of the troops in the Centre have now had or are still on leave and this contact with their families has relieved a great deal of the uncertainty and discontent which prevailed prior to the cessation of hostilities.

It would be a factor of the greatest importance if the carriage of Italian mail between the South and North could be improved. It is axiomatic that the soldier loves writing and receiving letters and the Italian is no exception.

Every effort has been made by the Italian Command to facilitate the journeys of men going to and from ROME on short pass and this has had its effect, not only in the more cheerful outlook of the average soldier but in the reduction of incidents associated with getting 'lifts' on Route 2. It is only fair to add that the efforts of the CC.RR have been most praiseworthy in this respect.

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(d) Morale.

The paragraph on this subject written at the end of May applies even more forcibly . Morale is certainly no higher and the cause is identical. Uncertainty as to the future; lack of knowledge as to whether all the efforts put in by the permanent staff are going to bear fruit - whether even CESNO is to remain as a Training Centre all tend to breed some measure of discontent.

In this atmosphere credance is readily given to the most unreliable rumours and although every effort has been made to impress on all ranks that the future of the Italian Army and in fact the Nation depends on the efforts of the Italians themselves, there is an atmosphere of doubt which a clear cut directive from Higher Authority would very rapidly dispel. It is realised that political considerations make the immediate issue of such a statement highly improbable, but it would be of the greatest importance in maintaining the enthusiasm and energy of the Command and Staff.

7. GENERAL.

The importance of a definite policy has already been emphasised. The Senior Italian Officers have been informed that Higher Authority and the staff of the British Liaison and Training Unit have the vital necessity of a clear cut plan very definitely in their minds and that proposals to put this into effect have been prepared.

In the meantime training continues to improve particularly in quality if not in quantity and each month sees the introduction of extra aids and methods all leading to a better standard. The main problem now is becoming one of making the Italian Officers realise that the standard of efficiency and training they think is suitable is in fact far below the standard they can achieve by more careful organisation, proper periodical inspections and the rightful decentralisation of Command to their Juniors.

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IT.LL.N SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	
(a) Operators Wireless Course + ✓	60	22	17 Weeks	Operating instrument batteries Excercises
(b) Operators Line Course +	40	25	13 Weeks	Operating Instrument Excercises
" " " (Inf) +	40			
" " " (Arty) +	20			
(c) Switchboard Operators Course +	20	28	4 Weeks	E & M - Te Instrument UC 10 Line Operating
" " " (Inf) +	10			
" " " (Arty) +	10	3		
(d) Short Course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	7	4 Weeks	E & M - el Fullerphon Units, cal
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course +	20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge testing - tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	5	6 Weeks	Knowledge E & M - Telephone Typewriti

(Key):- + = A number already trained.

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t present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
22	17 Weeks	Operating procedure, E & M wireless theory, wireless instruments, 9, 19, 22 sets, faultfinding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
25	13 Weeks	Operating procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
28 3	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. F and F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
7	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Fullerphones, Switchboards. Test Set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line Testing and maintenance.
16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5	5 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to manuals in use. E & M. Electrical Testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging Engines. Map reading.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL ETC ICs' (Contin

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At Present under Training.	Duration of Course
(g) Regimental Operators (+) Course (Arty)	40	33	13 Weeks
(h) Regimental Operators (+) Course (Inf)	40	23	13 Weeks
(i) DRs Course (+)	25	17	4 Weeks

NOTE :- + = number already trained.

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ROYAL SIGNALS SCHOOL ARC ICS (Continued).

At Present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
33	13 Weeks	R & I. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, tests and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Avometers. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
23	13 Weeks	R & I. Operating, procedure R/T and signal office duties. Sigs security. Instruments R/T and W/T, telephones and Fullerphones. 10 Line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
17	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of RC. Map reading. Lineman duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous RC experience are selected for this Course).

Already trained.

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ENGINEER TRAINING.

Subject	Duration of Course	Outline of
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and l-shi[ng]; Geometry. constructing tren[ches], tackles, anchorages, derricks [and] Trucking, construction of Jeep [trestle]. Water supply equipment, use o[f]
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - dry and n[ormal] of br cribs, construction of [trestle]
(c) Mine Warfare.	2 Weeks	Course on Brit explosives, met[hods] mine charges, unexploded bomb[s] mines and recording discovered [mines] gap marking equipment, Engerfie[ld] road clearing drill, booby tr[aps]

This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

These courses will take place again as soon as reinforcements arrive for Training.

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Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sandbag walling, ...ld Geometry. constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Somerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local Timber for tracks. Water supply equipment, use of compressor.

Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span ...J improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.

Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and Enemy, laying mines and recording discarded mines, use of probders and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Number on Course		Duration of Course	Bri
	Offrs	NCOs.		
Pro course for CC. IR of Pro sections Italian Combat Groups.	5	50	5 Weeks	For CC.IR. Drill, PT, Hapreading, pro c and practice) veh classific parking, rd discipline and c of CC.IR within the Group. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv cam and parking of vehs in t

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n of Course | Brief Syllabus and Standard.

5 Weeks

For CC.RR.
Drill, PT, Mapreading, pro duties in the fd, MT trg, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of move during br, the functions of CC.RR within the Group.

For Full Ranks and Officers.
The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, cam and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Duration of Course	Brief
(a) Vehicle Mechanics	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, to eqpt of his unit, te and execute simple impr Class III.
(b) Driver Mechanics	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Tes practical knowledge of practical faultfinding, execute running repairs
(c) Gun Fitters.	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr simple sketches, mark a tools, simple soldering Must have working knowl repairs to breech mecha elevating and traversin Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good wksp e .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Class III.
(e) Maintennnce of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of

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IAN ENGINEERS SCHOOL, RTC IDF.

Appendix 'B' to G/A.3/542
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f Course	Brief Syllabus of course, and Standard.
s	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
s	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
p	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002-in, read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 Weeks). Must have working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25pr or 40mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 Weeks). Class III.
s	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III.

Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LORD carriers.

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending course	Duration of course	Outl
(a) D & M Students.	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibili detail of tasks 1 to
(b) D & M Students.	300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to
(c) D & M Students.	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running ...B 442, discipline o... vehicles, road accid... from ditches, soft p... of vehicle for compl... discipline, convoy pl... air attacks, anti ... precautions to be tak... load carrying convoys... of fire extinguishers... day and night convoy

The programme is based on the British Task system of maintenance, explaining the tas... carrying out the task. The course is divided into four platoons, two of the platoons doi... explanation. The organisation of the School allows for four to five pupils to each train... all class V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on...

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

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Training Weeks	Outline of Syllabus.
1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of tank system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving Instruction.
2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving Instruction.
3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instrs for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals-air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding means, fitting of anti skid chains precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy excercises.

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INFANTRY SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Capacity Offrs	Capacity NCOs	Duration.	Brief S
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers supporting arms and to c consider the training of
(b) Coy Commanders.	20		3 Weeks	To train officers in the supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers of Battle. To give the
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in
(c) 6pr Anti Tank Gun	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in snipers in their own uni
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit
(b) Hygiene.	10	10	3 Weeks	Unit Hygiene.
(c) Man Management.	15	-	12 Days	Two courses during each Officers. To train Offi that to not on Unit Instr

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L ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Appendix '2' to G/A.3/542.
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Duration.	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and consider the training of a Battalion.
3 Weeks	To train officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of Battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 3-in Mortar.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk Gun.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own units.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
3 Weeks	Unit Hygiene.
12 Days	Two courses during each AIV session. First of Junior Officers, latter Senior Officers. To train Officers in all Branches of Man Management and to enable them to act as Unit Instructors in this subject.

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'C' Training Unit to the Italian Army
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Ref BTU/A.1/429.

1 June 45.

DMT (2)

LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) M.I.L. Trg Branch. (3)
'F' SEN INTC ICF. (7)

Herewith report for the month of May 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) Although much still remains to be done the general progress of training continues to be satisfactory and shows improvement. The main interferances with training during the past month have been the tendency to general relaxation since the end of the war in Europe, increase in leave including the North part of Italy and the demobilisation of the men over 30 age group, the latter particularly affecting some of the more experienced Instructors. However, the standard of instruction shows considerable improvement and generally more is being done to make training more instructive and realistic. During the past month a considerable amount of training equipment and Italian Instructors have been loaned to the Garibaldi Regiment and the training arrangements for them arranged by DMT have been carried out on British weapons and equipment.

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The new Regimental Commander is gradually producing better results, but this Regiment appears to be burdened with some inefficient officers who, it is hoped, will be replaced. The standard reached at present is not so good as No 1 Regiment but shows recent progress and is improving.

(d) Infantry School.

This School is very satisfactory and has developed first rate instruction. A great amount of interest is shown by all students and the courses well organised and training efficiently laid on. The only course which suffered from badly chosen students was the Snipers Course.

(e) Infantry Specialist Training School.

The arrangements made for Specialist Training are now producing good results. All types of training have made good progress and re inforcements of all are available.

3-in Mortar Training. The previous weaknesses have been improved by a change of instructors, and training is satisfactory.

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1. (e) Continued.

Carriers. Now working well. Out of 69 men under training 67 were found to be satisfactory. Maintenance difficulties have been partly overcome by obtaining a further small supply of tools and the workshop is beginning to function well.

Anti Tank Gun. Proceeding satisfactorily and the students keen. A miniature range for scale shooting at present being constructed. Results from recent firing live ammunition were excellent.

Mines Course. Considerable interest being shown and a good standard of instruction. Recently a larger selection of mines have been obtained.

Physical Training. A PT course for Instructors now in progress. Much interest now being shown in PT - particularly since the "Tough Tactics" team gave a 2 hour demonstration to the whole Centre which was very well received.

Signals. The Signals Course commenced last month continues to make good progress.

Hygiene School. Due to unforeseen difficulties the Hygiene School for Unit OMs, MO cars and RMOs did not start until the beginning of June but the course is well arranged and under direct supervision of the Senior MO here. The supervising officer is keen and should do well.

(f) No 3 Regt.

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This School is well organised and efficiently run, progress has been maintained and a lot has been done to obtain practicality and the maximum use of lesson time. In this respect Officers have set a good example. A system of testing all intakes of recruits to the Centre has produced a number of suitable students for the School and although still not working to maximum capacity of 500, this can be adjusted as soon as accommodation becomes available. Numbers are still in one half of the Signal buildings.

(ii) Engineer Training.

Far more of the training is now being accepted by the Italian Staff though the standard of their instruction is not good. Practical Mine Training especially in the Specialist School is progressing but does not instil confidence in the students who are allowed to ignore safety precautions and will run away from a lighted charge. Lack of basic discipline accounts for the major criticism. A policy of giving preference to training an Artieri first as a soldier, and secondly as an Engineer has been instituted as opposed to the reverse which was necessary previously due to the urgent need for Sappers. 2 Org 3 and PT are receiving more attention and special lectures and schemes for Officers have been introduced.

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1. Continued.

(E) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The main problem is the difficulty of obtaining students at the right time, this is largely due to the Gruppi not releasing their students as we require them, but a pool of 50 Carabinieri has been formed fully equipped and trained and in future any group sending in Carabinieri for training can if necessary obtain replacements at once.

The Italian Provost Section are now fully trained and up to strength, carrying out their work at the Centre most efficiently. Lack of transport, with over 90% of the vehicles requiring attention makes both work and training difficult.

(ii) Mechanics School.

As reported last month considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable students for the various courses; in fact the result for the recent course assembled is very discouraging. (See para 2 (a), (v)). Of the numbers sent in by the Gruppi few only were suitable and no Vehicle Mechanics or Armourers are at present under training. When it is considered what a great deal of work and British equipment has been put into the preparation and organisation of this School, and the present results, the whole question has been taken up with MMI. and it is hoped this will be effective. In addition to this difficulty of obtaining students, recently the over 30 age group were demobilised, a large number of trained instructors have gone adding such complications that until further instructors can be found this School cannot function efficiently. As the Italian D & M School at TRANI recently closed all their Instructors under 30 will be made available but the outlook is not good, instructors must be found if the School is to work.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

Training continues to progress but has been greatly hampered by the acute shortage of vehicles and equipment. [illegible] vehicles have been certified BER and are

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(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

Training continues to progress but has been greatly hampered by the acute shortage of vehicles and equipment. Fifteen 3 Ton vehicles have been certified BER and are being evacuated. Of the remaining 86 vehicles 40 are VOR in workshops awaiting workshops attention. The balance of 46 vehicles is inadequate for the thorough training of the designed target of 400 pupils. Twenty five class V vehicles have now arrived from TRANI which will greatly alleviate the situation and will show a general improvement over the first course where an average of 20 vehicles a day only were available for road training. The question of a workshop for the Centre has continually been taken up with MELA and is now in progress of forming, this should help, as maintaining class V vehicles with Italian driving and the state of the roads here is a problem.

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

(i) The second course finishes this week end. Results are good and progress continues in every respect. The standard of instruction has improved including use of "The New Methods" and generally discussion and instruction are developing well.

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1. (h) Continued.

(ii) The Tactical School moved into its new premises for this Course and is now getting that exchange of ideas and experience so valued at CATC. The standard of instruction is improving with experience and students are most enthusiastic in their interest. A number of Senior Italian Officers have visited the School.

(iii) The Weapon Training School, having overcome its teething troubles has developed well and the standard of instruction continues to make progress. The School is being supervised by Sgt BARNES, who was at CATC.

(iv) The School of Administration is running two courses, one for Officers and one for Senior NCOs and an interesting syllabus has included visits to British Establishments in ROME. The third week of the course is spent on Hygiene as the School of Hygiene is still only partly functioning but it is hoped will start the full course next session.

(v) The School of Hygiene is being planned to take courses in General Hygiene also Water Duties. The Model Ground from CATC has been installed and for the next session it is hoped to run at least three courses. The Instructors have all been trained at CATC and are keen and enthusiastic.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

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(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. The course of 80 students has just been completed. Students were keen and the course successful.

(b) 3-in Mortar Course. Forty students just completed. This course suffered rather from lack of good Instructo but fair progress was made.

(c) 6pr Anti Tank Gun Course. Thirty students just completed. Very good results.

(d) Mines Course. Twenty students just completed. Very good results. The Mines Museum is well laid out.

(e) Snipers Course. Difficulty with the selection of students but this should be overcome in the future as a more thorough system of testing has been initiated.

(f) Physical Training Course. A short course for NCO Unit Instructors has produced good results.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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2. (a) Continued.

(iii) Engineer Training.

Due to the end of the war the course planned for Engineer Specialist Training with an intake from the Gruppi did not take place and is temporarily with-held. This course could be laid on if students are forth-coming.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 2 Provost Training Course did not commence until 28 May due to the delay in obtaining students. It is proceeding satisfactorily.

Course No 2 Regimental Police also commenced 28 May. In the meantime training of the pool and Carabinieri from this Centre has been well in hand.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following students commenced on 20 May - the delay in starting was due to the delay in students arriving.

	Capacity of School	At Present Attending.
Driver Mechanics	144	106
Armourers	8	NIL
Vehicle Mechanics	90	NIL
Gun Fitters	28	11

Of the 270 students who were ordered for these courses 167 duly arrived, 50 were returned to Unit after testing and a further 50 after 7 days working as unsuitable.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

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(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course due to finish on 5 May was extended for a further two weeks - due to students not having reached the required standard through lack of training vehicles. Of the 249 students attending, the final results were as follows :-

Passed as Drivers i/c	182
To continue on next course	17
Unsuitable	50
Total	249

Of the 182 who passed 41 have been posted to the strength as Instructors, 24 to the new No 3 GT Company (at present forming and being trained at this Centre), the balance to their Units here.

The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 200 students - this will be a five weeks course.

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2. (a) Continued.

(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

	Col/Maj	Capt/Lt	NCOs.
Tactical Wing.			
Senior Officers and Coy Cmds	6	23	
Junior Leaders		18	
Weapon Training Wing.			
Platoon Weapons		18	21
3-in Mortar		9	9
6pr A Tk		9	8
Snipers		5	7
Administration Wing.			
Senior	1	6	
Junior		15	12
	7	105	57

Returned to Unit - 4 Officers, 5 NCOs.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

The Infantry School has been closed for a break of 14 days in order to carry out structurial improvements and to re-organise. Commencing in the middle of the month the following will continue :-

Mines Tactical Course	80 students	3 Weeks.
Anti Tank 6 pr	40 "	3 "
3-in Mortar	40 "	3 "
Mines Course	20 "	3 "
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(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

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(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr, Signals, Carriers and Mines.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The courses projected for the Gruppi will be commenced as soon as conditions and accommodation are suitable.

(v) Provost School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

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2. (b) Continued.

(viii) SIVE All Arms Instructors School.

In order to give the Instructional Staff leave in the North of Italy, as the majority came from that area, SIVE will not re-open until 18 June. Also it has been found necessary to increase the duration of all courses to four weeks, so few students arrive with any real knowledge of British equipment or methods and extra time is required to start on a slightly lower level. Also, the extra time will give more instruction in administration, and improvement of general training.
See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses during May.

(i) Provost School.

10 Officers, 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

167 ORs arrived.
56 Remained under instruction.

(iii) SIVE All Arms Instructors School.

99 Officers and NCOs.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(ii) Mechanics School.

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(iii) STVL All Arms Instructors School.

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(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(vi) STVL All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

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2. Continued.

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

(i)	Hygiene Course.	6 Offrs		BENEVENTO
(ii)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offrs	16 ORs	PONTECAGNANO
(iii)	Photo Intelligence.	8 Offrs		S.SEVERO.
(iv)	Gun Fitters		12 ORs	SCAFATI

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 5 May	-	161
" " 12 "	-	1,155
" " 19 "	-	626
" " 26 "	-	157

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Infantry	18	196	150	543
Artillery	-	-	-	-
Engineers (LC Sigs)	-	-	33	44
Other Arms	-	-	-	19
Total	18	196	183	606

(c) Reinforcements held at 20 May 45.

(N.B. Strength figures are only available fortnightly from RTC).

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength

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Total	18	196	183	606

(c) Reinforcements held at 20 May 45.

(N.B. Strength figures are only available fortnightly from ETC).

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength
Infantry	5,504	3,569
Artillery	1,585	1,106
Engineers (Incl Sigs)	1,211	824
Other Arms	1,632	973
Totals.	9,932	6,472

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

(a) No 1 and 2 Regts.

(i) Deficiencies against ME.

The process of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and Improving.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against ME.

ME complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good, showing much improvement with experience and teaching new methods.

(c) Engineer Training.

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(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and improving.

(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Very good.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Of the following :-

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors	12
Driver Mechanic Instructors	21
Armourers	1
Gun Fitters	3
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Five (5) only are left now that the over age 30's group have been demobilised, but as stated earlier in this report it is hoped to find some Instructors from the School at TRINI.

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4. (e) Continued.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE is complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory. Many of the recently made Instructors still lack the full technical ability necessary.

(g) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Tactical Wing	4 Officers.
Weapon Training Wing	10 NCOs
Administration Wing	2 Officers.

These deficiencies can only be filled as suitable Instructors are found from the courses. A number will be forth-coming from the course finishing this week, and already the War Ministry have given an assurance that any Instructors we ask to be retained from the Gruppi will be allowed.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A general improvement over the last course as experience increases. Any tendency to lay the Law down too rigidly has been checked by the presence of the more experienced Officers from the Gruppi.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of training equipment remains very satisfactory. The Italian Training HQ now keep all records and demand for Stores to this office. Although the Italian Officers were carefully trained and helped by Captain SHETHURST (GSO III) before he left to take up his new appointment, they still have great difficulty in identifting stores and are rather confused in their ideas of keeping records.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the Month.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of Outstanding Urgency.

The main items of equipment having been received, there are no really outstanding items.

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6. REORGANISATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regiments.

Some improvements are still required to buildings, particularly to No 2 Regiment. After five months not one barrack room has a proper door or window.

(ii) No 3 Regiment.

(a) Sinesia School.

After again taking up the building problem thoroughly with the Italian HQ the Main School Block is almost finished and the accommodation building is going well. The whole place is still littered with sleeping Italian workmen and building materials.

(b) Engineer Training.

Accommodation improved.

(iii) Provost School.

The new block added has improved the previously cramped quarters.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

A considerable improvement over the first course. The huts originally intended for the 'A' Wing were not completed in time to commence the course but will now be used for the

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(5) Engineer Training.

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(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

A considerable improvement over the first course. The huts originally intended for the WT Wing were not completed in time to commence the course but will now be used for the Administration Company. WT Wing is well accommodated.

NOTE :- Since taking up the whole question of accommodation with the Italian War Ministry improvements have been made but there is still a lot of work on hand to be completed and their progress is appallingly slow.

(b) Hygiene.

Hygiene is slowly improving. The main trouble is that the Italian Senior Officers cannot see the importance of the subject, they pay lip service to hygiene infront of British Officers because they think it is what is expected of them but they do not believe in it as a prevention of disease and consequently few steps are taken to enforce hygiene rules laid down. An example is the Commander of No 1 Regiment who went to GHQ on a two day hygiene course and since his return has really put his knowledge into effect. As we now have two Hygiene Schools at this Centre, both well organised and teaching GHQ standards, these should eventually have effect.

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6. Continued.

(c) Welfare.

A system of investigation of the conditions of the families of soldiers in newly occupied territory was organised before the present leave policy was put into force. This gave relatively quick news of families and helped to keep morale up.

Once again, welfare education is still in the kindergarten stage in the Italian Army - no one really sees the necessity of Welfare except in as far as it affects the soldiers stomach (miglioramento rancio) or his genitals.

(d) Morale.

Morale is NOT as high as it was. This is due chiefly to the uncertainty of the future. A clear cut policy by the Allies showing exactly what the position of the Italian Army is to be, would, if it comes up to expectation, restore confidence in the future and increase morale.

7. GENERAL.

With the war in Europe over, the position of Training has of necessity been adjusted to lay more stress on the production of a well disciplined soldier even at the expence of spending less time on his Field Training. This would not be a difficult undertaking if the general constitution of the average Italian man called up had any bearing on either his will to be trained as a soldier, or his general interest in the New Italian Army. Unfortunately the average Italian man who comes to this Centre is not very interested in either nor can he be made to be.

This fact, together with the so often reported weakness of their Officers and inefficiency of their NCOs goes to make basic discipline far below standard and until a higher standard of discipline is demanded and enforced by the Italian HQ progress will not be really effective. At this stage it has again been suggested that an exchange of Instructors with the French should

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However, training continues to make good progress and show improvement, and during the last month considerable headway has been made in every respect.

It is hoped that at an early date some clear cut policy about the future of this Centre will be forth coming and will enable us to review once again the whole Training Programme and adjust to fit the new conditions.

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ITALIAN SIGNAL SCHOOL, MID EAST.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	
(a) Operators Wireless Course +	60	59	17 Weeks	Operation instrumen batteri Exercis
(b) Operators Line Course +	40	28	13 Weeks	Operatin Instrume Exercis
" " " (Inf')+	40	11		
" " " (Arty)+	20	19		
(c) Switchboard Operators Course +	20	10	4 Weeks	R & M - Instrume UC 10 L Operati
" " " (Inf)	10	7		
" " " (Arty)	10	5		
(d) Short course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	5	4 Weeks	R & M - Philcorp Units,
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course +	20	16	17 Weeks	Knowled testing tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowled R & M. Telepho Map rea

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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GUNS SCHOOL, HMS NE.

Appendix "J" to HTU letter
HTU/L.1/429 dated 1 June 45

At present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
59	17 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, wireless instruments, 9, 19, 22, sets, faultfinding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Exercises. Periodical Testing.
28 11 19	13 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises. Periodical Testing.
10 7 5	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. F and F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
5	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Fullerphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of training manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of manuals applicable to manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

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RANGAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RFC IOF (Continued)

	Name of Course	No of Students	At Present under Training	Duration of Course	
(g)	Regimental Operators+ Course (Arty)	40	21	13 Weeks	E & I Secur and t and t Wave laying
(h)	Regimental Operators + Course (Inf)	40	16	13 Weeks	E & I Sig Pulle 18 m
(i)	DRs Course +	25	10	4 Weeks	DR du Lines (non for t

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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SIGNALS SCHOOL, REC ICF (Continued)

At Present under Training	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
21	13 Weeks	I & II. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, tests and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, part. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
16	13 Weeks	I & II. Operating, procedure R/T and Signal Office duties. Sig: security. Instruments L/T and W/T, telephones and Fullerphones. 10 Line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of MC. Map reading. Lineman duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous MC experience are selected for this course).

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MIGHTER TRAINING.

Subject	Duration of Course	C
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of too... Al Geometry... and tactics... Scarfield... timber for...
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks	Elementary... use of br...
(c) Mine Warfare.	2 Weeks	Course on ... Beehives, m... Enemy, layi... and detecto... and recce,

This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

So far, no Engineers have left the Centre as reinforcements (the Gruppi do not need them).

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R.E.M.G.

Appendix "C" to BMU letter
BMU/A.1/42 Dated 1 June 45.

Course	Outline Syllabus.
	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sandbag walling, Mil Geometry, constructing trenches, bridges, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Barrfield Trading, construction of Jeep Trucks, use of local timber for trades, water supply equipment, use of compressor.
	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RAJ improvised br use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
Senior Instructors.	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and Enemy, laying mines and recording discarded mines, use of probers and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield lapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

reinforcements (the Gruppi do not need them). The intake of recruits was only 55 during May.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Number on Course		Duration of Course	
	Offrs	ORs		
Pro course for CC. RR of pro sections Italian Combat Groups.	5	50	5 Weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, Maproading, and practice) veh cla parking, rd discipline of CC.RR. within the G For Full Ranks and Off The above, together wi com and parking of veh

2003

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

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BTU/A.1/429 Dated 1 June 45

e Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
5 Weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, Map reading, pro duties in the fd, MT training, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of move during br, the functions of CC.RR. within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, com and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

2004

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Duration of Course.	Brief Syll
(a) Vehicle Mechanics.	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, th to eqpt of his unit, test and execute simple improv Class III
(b) Driver Mechanics.	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test practical knowledge of ge practical faultfinding, r execute running repairs.
(c) Gun Fitters	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr w simple sketches, mark acc tools, simple soldering o Must have working knowled repairs to breach mechani elevating and traversing Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good wksp exp .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in M Class III
(e) Maintenance of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of U

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CS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Appendix "E" to BTU letter
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	Brief Syllabus of course, and standard
	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III
	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002 - in read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks). Must have working knowledge of 6, 17, or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breach mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III
	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD carriers.

2006

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration.	Cu
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, ex detail of tasks 1 to 7. Dr
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB
(c) D & M Students.	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repair AB 412, discipline on the ro vehicles, road accidents, Tr from ditches, soft ground et of vehicle for complete insp discipline, convoy platoon s air attacks, anti gas defenc precautions to be taken when load carrying convoys, carry of fire extinguishers, fire day and night convoy exercis

The programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the task in de carrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing explanation. The organisation of the School allows four to five pupils to each training vehic class V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehi

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) MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Appendix "F" to EFU Letter EFU/A.1/429 Dated 1 June 45.

m. Outline of Syllabus.

Week — Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving instruction.

Week — Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.

Week — Tasks 1 to 8.
Week — Tasks 9 to 16.
Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instrs for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding means, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

maintenance, explaining the task in detail and finally supervision of the driver ur platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work and the other two theoretical to five pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. The vehicles are all me mean additional pupil on each vehicle.

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S.I.V.A.

ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Capacity. Offrs	NCOs	Duration.	Brief
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers arms and to consider the training of a Battalion.
(b) Company Commanders	20		3 Weeks	To train Officers in the supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders.	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers of battle. To give the
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in
(c) 6 pr Anti Tank Gun.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in snipers in their own un
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	30	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Un
(b) Hygiene	10	10	3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discip

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Appendix "G" to BTU Letter
BTU/A.1/429 Dated 1 JUNE 45.

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S INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Duration.	Brief Syllabus and standard.
3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
2 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk Gun.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own unit.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipline.

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MMIA-'G'
FILE: G/TRG/2
DATE: 21 MAY

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Royal Artillery Training Memorandum No. 7.

Since my last report considerable advances have been made in the construction of buildings and lecture rooms which are now nearing completion. This has made possible the proper display of dismantled equipments. A tented camp has been established in MACCIANO to house some additional Artillery reinforcements who had originally been at CESANO. Since training can be carried on within the camp, pressure on the accommodation at the barracks is relieved.

Courses outlined in my letter 1/802 of 17 March continued until the 17 April when the arrival of additional reinforcements made an expansion of training possible. During the last month the following are the figures for purely Artillery Instruction.

Other Ranks.

25 pr Specialists	34
Gun Nos.	148
17 pr Gun Nos.	39
40 mm Gun Nos.	37
	258.

Officers.

25 pr	29
17 pr	6
40 mm	7
	42.

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Had the war in Europe continued it had been intended to expand the courses on final completion of the lecture rooms to give courses to Officers and NCO's from the Gruppi. Since the future policy is not clear these plans are in suspense.

P A Bal.

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

Field.
20 May 45.

DISTRIBUTION.

Arty Sect(Br) A.F.H.Q.	1
M.A.I.A.	1
"F" BLU (3) 2 for attention Major King.	
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MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 5784/2
DATE: 7 MAY 5

SUBJECT: Progress Reports

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
ANIB, CMF

Tel: 11667

MMT/89/1/4/MT1

5 May 45.

HQ M.M.I.A.

Copy to:
280 Italian D & M School
c/o H. 5th Area

66/pet/23 dated 28 Apr 45

1. The attached report is forwarded since this School is now responsible to you.

2. It is presumed that you have sought authority to implement the M.E. (G.4/757/1).

3. 280 I. D. & M. S. is requested to forward all similar reports to HE M.M.I.A.

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Corrigendum 5 Jan 46

Brig.
D.M.T.

Subject:- Report on Progress of Work.

Ref: 66/Det/23[illegible]

D. M. T. (BRITISH)
Rcd 1 MAY 1945
Date 29/1/4

Directorate of Military Training
A.F.H.Q. C. M. F.

1. Reference your DMT29/1/4/MTI dated 17th March 45 herewith report on course No 1 held at this school from 28th March - 29th April 45.

(a) Number of students on the Course)
(b) Grading of students finishing Course) The attached summary of Training report. refers.

(c) Opening date of next Course: 2nd May 45.

(d) Alterations to Syllabus of Course : Nil.

(e) Points on Administration worthy of note.

Certain deficiencies still exist in personnel of British Cadre RASC in particular Administration Clerks. Every assistance however is being given by CRASC 12 General Transport Column and these deficiencies are expected to be completed in the near future.

(f) Points concerning Italian Staff: Satisfactory.

(g) Difficulties Re Equipment : All vehicles for Driving Instruction have now been brought up to scale. The deficiency in M/C's is being attended to by CRASC.

L.A.D. attached to 280 I.D.M.S. Numerous problems are foreseen in respect of this L.A.D. and the main queries are emmerated hereunder.

1. No machine vehicle is held on W/E of L.A.D. In view of this where and how will repairs be carried out.?

2. Who will be responsible for the indenting accounting and issue of M.T. stores (including controlled Stores) for the L.A.D. ?

3. On the W/E of the L.A.D. one welder (Italian) is allowed. At present no special equipment list for this formation has been issued. It is presumed in view of the above Italian tradesman that a welding plant will be included in the [illegible]

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4. It is understood that only vehicles of the British Cadre will be affiliated to an RASC W/S. Repairs and W/S Inspections of all other vehicles will be carried out by the L.A.D. As this L.A.D. is entirely an Italian Unit who will be responsible for the correct W/S procedure in respect of the compilation of

A.F. 810
A.B. 406 (W/S and Section Instructions)
A.B. 412 ect. ect. all of which will have to be completed in Italian.

5. It is presumed that the function of personnel of British Cadre is to supervise and assist in the training of students only who are attending a course of driving and maintenance instruction, and for the O. C. Cadre to supervise the School generally.

The present W/E does not allow for the training of Italian Permanent Staff in W/S procedure and documentation which would entail an M T storeman, clerk and interpreter.

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(h) Other Points. It is the opinion of O.C. Cadre that more than 4 students per vehicle for instructional purposes is not a practicable proposition. With daily W/S and Section Inspections and V.O.R's the average vehicle availability is 40%. Could therefore your approval please be given for 160 students per Course and not 200.

2. Plea e find attached

1. Driving Certificat e Issued to all successfull Students.

2. Copies of the Monthly training Programme.

3. Copy of letter to Italian O.C.

28th April 1945
C. M. F.

O. C. Br Cadre RASC
280 I.D.M.S.

Enclosures

Copy to C.R.A.S.C.
" " War Diary (2)

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280 SCUOLA AUTIERI

Rank: Name:
Grado: Nome:

Unit:
Unita:

The A/M attended a course of instruction at this
Il suddetto ha frequentato il corso di istruzione presso questa

School from to
Scuola dal al

Result of driving Test: Failed / Passed and classified A. B. C. (1)
Risultato all'esame di guida: Bocciato / Promosso e classificato

Result of maintenance Test: Good. Fair. Poor.
Risultato all'esame di teoria: Buono Sufficiente Scarso

REMARKS
NOTE

Date
Data

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O. C. BRITISH CADRE
280 I. D. M. S.

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Signature of driver
firma del conduttore

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280 ITALIAN DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
280 SCUOLA AUTIERI

Ril. .....

(1) Class "A" denotes: Good all round driver
Punto significa: ottimo conduttore

Class "B" denotes: Fair driver - Requires additional experience
Punto significa: Buon conduttore abbisognevole di ulteriore pratica

Class "C" denotes: Capable of taking over a vehicle on simple routes
Requires more experience
In buoni condizioni di viabilità
Abbisognevole di più esperienza

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SUMMARY OF TRAINING

Course No. ...1... Date 28 March - 29 April 45

WEEK	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL	REMARKS.
DRIVING	24	30	36	36	126	Each student
TANK SYSTEM	6	6	6	6	24	Received approx
MAINTENANCE	6	3	4	3	16	35 HRS driving during
LECTURES	12	9	2	2	25	Course
MISCELLANEOUS	=	=	=	1	1	
TOTAL (Hrs)	48	48	48	48	192	

No of Students at commencement of Course ...100.....
" " " " T. T. ....9.....
" " class "A" Drivers ....7.....
" " " "B" " ....34.....
" " " "C" " ....51.....
* Other Persons ....6.....
TOTAL 100

*Retained as D.I.'s 4 - Hospital 1 - Further Instruction 1
No OF STUDENTS TO COMPLETE COURSE ..85....

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" " G.H.Q. (3)
" " ITALIAN Gov. (2)
" " WAR DIARY (3)
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DATE ...29.4.1945.....

Capt. R.A.S.C.
O.C. British Cadre
200 I.B.M.S.

2019

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SUMMARY OF TRAINING

Course No. .1. .. Dat 28. March. 28. Apl. 45

WEEK	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL	REMARKS.
DRIVING	24	30	36	36	126 *	Each student Received approx 35 HRS driving during Course
TASK SYSTEM	6	6	6	6	24	
MAINTENANCE	6	3	4	3	16	
LECTURES	12	9	2	2	25	
MISCELLANEOUS	M	=	=	1	1	
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" " WAR DIARY (2)
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DATE ..29/4/1945.....

Capt. R.A.S.C.
O.C. British Cadre
280 I.T.D.M.S.

2020

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Subject :- Progress Report.

Ref. 66/DET/9

C.C. Italian Wing
230 I.D.M.S.

A Progress report will be rendered weekly to C.C. British Cadre, this [redacted] will be submitted at the conclusion of each week, every Saturday.
Commencing Saturday 21st Apl 45.
Included in this report will be shown :-

1. Duty on Route
   (a) No of students tested.
   (b) Grading of the a/m students
   (c) General Progress & Remarks.
2. Task & Maint. Instruction
   (a) General Progress & Comments.
   (b) Final results of Maint. Test on fourth week.

The compilation of these reports will be completed by the Italian Chief Instructor and assistant.

21.4.45
C.I.F

C.C. Br. Cadre RAOC
230 I.D.M.S.

Copy to D. M. T.

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D. M. T.

TRAINING PROGRAM

23-28 April 1945 — Fourth Week

Day	Sec.	0800 0900	0900 1000	1000 1100	1100 1200	1330 1430	1430 1530	1530 1630	1630 1730
Mon.	1-2	Convoy Driving Route 5				Task	Driving Route 3		
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3			Convoy Driving Route 5			
Tue.	1-2	Convoy Driving Route 6				Task	Driving Route 2	Maint.	
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 2	Maint		Convoy Driving Route 6			
Wed.	1-2	Driving TEST Route 2				Task	Driving Route 3		
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3			Driving TEST Route 2			
Thu. ø	1-2	Convoy Driving Route 7				Task	Driving Route 3	Lec. 14/15	
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3	Lecture 14/15		Convoy Drving Route 7			
Fri. ø	1-2	Con voy Driving Route 8				Task	Drving Route 3		
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3			Convoy Driving Route 8			
Sat.	1-2	Driving Route 3		Task		Maint	Maint. TEST	Interior Economy	Lec. 16
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3			Lec. 16	Maint.	Maint. TEST	Interior Economy

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Thu. 9	1-2	Convoy Driving Route 7		Task	Convoy Drving Route 7		
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3	Lectur 14/15			
Frf. Ø	1-2	Con voy Driving Route 8			Task	Drving Route 3	
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3		Convoy Driving Route 8		
Sat.	1-2	Driving Route 3		Task	Maint	Maint. TEST	Interior Economy	Lec.16
	3-4	Task	Driving Route 3		Lec.16	Maint.	Maint. TEST	Interior Economy

x DAILY MORNING AND AFTERNOON WORKING PARADE.

D.O.L.	SECT. 1	1630-1700	SECT. 6
	" 2	1700-1730	" 7
	" 3	1100-1130	" 8
	" 4	1130-1300	" 9
	" 5		" 10

Ø LOAD CARRYING BY SECTIONS.

19.4.1945
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D. M. T.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

16th April 1945 — Third week

Day	Sec.	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700
		x	0900	1000	1100	1200	x	1400	1500	1600	1700
Mon.	1-2	Task	Driving Route 3				Convoy Driving Route 5				
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 5					Task	Driving Route 3			
Tue.	1-2	Task	Driving Route 4		Maint.		Convoy Driving Route 6				
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 6					Task	Driving Route 4		Maint.	
Wed.	1-2	Task	Lect 12		Maint.	Lec.13	Driving Test Route 2				
	3-4	Driving Test Route 2					Task	Lect.12	Maint.	Lec.13	
Thu.	1-2	Task	Driving Route 4		Maint.		Convoy Driving Route 7				
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 7					Task	Driving Route 4		Maint.	
Fri.	1-2	Task	Driving Route 3				Convoy Driving Route 8				
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 8					Task	Driving Route 3			
Sat.	1-2	Task	Driving Route 4		Maint.		Convoy Driving Route 9				
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 9					Task	Driving Route 4		Maint.	

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Thu.	1-2	Task ¦ Driving Route 4 ¦ Maint.	Convoy Driving Route 7
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 7	Task ¦ Driving Route 4 ¦ Maint.
Fri.	1-2	Task ¦ Driving Route 8	Convoy Driving Route 8
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 8	Task ¦ Driving Route 8
Sat.	1-2	Task ¦ Driving Route 4 ¦ Maint.	Convoy Driving Route 9
	3-4	Convoy Driving Route 9	Task ¦ Driving Route 4 ¦ Maint.

x DAILY MORNING AND AFTERNOON WORKING PARADE.

P.O.L. SECT. 1 0800-0830 hrs SECT. 6
" 2 0830-0900 " " 7
" 3 1330-1400 " " 8
" 4 1400-1430 " " 9
" 5 " 10

12.4.45

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
O.C. BRITISH CADRE
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D. M. T.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

9-14 April 1945

Second Week

Day	Sec.	0800 0830	0830 0930	0930 1030	1030 1200	1330 1400 x	1400 1500	1500 1600	1600 1730
Mon.	1-2	Driving Route 2				Lect.x	Task	Driving Route 4	
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Driving Route 4		Driving Route 2			
Tue.	1-2	Driving Route 2				Lect.x	Task	Lect.9	Maint.
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Lect.9	Maint.	Driving Route 2			
Wed.	1-2	Driving TEST Route 2				Lect.x	Task	Driving Route 4	
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Driving R. 4		Driving TEST Route 2			
Thu.	1+2	Driving Route 2				Lect.x	Task	Lect.10	Maint.
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Lect.10	Maint.	Driving Route 2			
Fri.	1-2	Driving Route 2				Lect.x	Task	Driving Route 4	
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Drivin g R. 4		Driving Route 2			
Sat.	1-2	Driving Route 2				Lect.x	Task	Lect. 11/14	Maint.
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Lect. 11/14	Maint.	Driving Route 2			

x DAILY MORNING AND AFTERNOON SCHEDULE.

P.O.L. SECT. | 1330/1400 hrs SECT. 6

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Wed.	1-2	Driving TEST Route 2		Lect.x	Task	Driving Route 4
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Driving R. 4	Driving TEST Route 2	
Thu.	1+2	Driving Route 2			Lect.x	Task	Lect.10	Maint.
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Lect.10	Maint.	Driving Route 2		
Fri.	1-2	Driving Route 2			Lect.x	Task	Driving Route 4	
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Drivin g R. 4	Driving Route 2			
Sat.	1-2	Driving Route 2			Lect.x	Task	Lect. 11/14	Maint.
	3-4	Lect.x	Task	Lect. 11/14	Maint.	Driving Route 2		

x DAILY MORNING AND AFTERNOON MARCHING PARADE.

R.O.L. SECT. 1 2 3 4 5 1330/1400 hrs SECT. 6 7 8 9 10
" " " " " 1400/1430 " " " " "
" " " " " 0800/0830 " " " " "
" " " " " 0830/0900 " " " " "

[signature]
A.T. R.A.S.C.
O.C. BRITISH CAMP
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(c) Infantry Specialist Training School.

Under suitably organised arrangements, Specialist Training in Anti Tank gun, 3-in Mortar and Carriers is proceeding well. The 6 pr anti 7-in Mortar Course first completed produced approximately only 60% of the students who completed the course owing to postings and non-availability, however the standard produced was satisfactory and the shooting good. The Italian is very keen on this type of work, and shooting is well up to British standards.

Carrier Instruction is now on a firm footing. The arrival of the British Officer Instructor and the Sergeants has overcome the main problems, and there are now sufficient drivers trained for proper instruction to be carried out daily. The needs of Wy, and also for the Schools at least to have their own vehicles. The main difficulty now is the repair and maintenance of the vehicles, as all the Carriers arrived in a poor state of repair, and the establishment allows no organisation for repair, also at present there is a shortage of tools and batteries. The mechanical improvement in Establishment now being allotted will overcome a lot of these troubles.

Instruction in Signals to some 25 students is proceeding - eventually these students will be sent to Signals School, unless they are required as reinforcements in the meantime.

A Pigeon Section. Instructors course was recently run with 25 students, under the British Army.

The Pigeon School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in about 7 days time.

(f) No 5 Depot.

In the past, due to thoroughly bad administration, training has often been seriously delayed, the Depot until December was changed only in April, but with little improvement in general condition. It has now been recommended that this Depot under be divided into 2 Units, a British Officer will now be allotted to advise and supervise the administration, which at present is

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overcome a lot of these troubles.

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A Physical Training Instructors course was recently run with 35 students, under the British APTC.

The Hygiene School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in about 7 days time.

(2) No 5 Dept.

In the past, due to thoroughly bad administration, training has often been seriously delayed, the Regimental Commander has changed early in April, but with little improvement in general conditions. It has now been recommended that this Commander be changed and in addition, a Field Officer will now be allotted to advise and supervise the administration, which is present in the below standard.

(i) Signals School.

The School moved up from Mopita on April 26, and training is now proceeding in the Naval school at Kabooma. It was hoped to fill the school to capacity, i.e. (300 students), but due to certain difficulties, only 230 are undergoing training at present. However, it is still hoped to reach the required number in enough before the end of the month. Discipline has been made but the general complaint of the inefficiency of officers takes much credit of the school. Removal of certain officers due to inefficiency has been recommended.

(ii) Engineer Training.

Bridge building has been made during the last month. The Italian staff are doing well. Here themselves, and in general effort to improve the training ground, and produce more interesting training is proceeding well. The general complaint of a bad percentage of attendance of training prevails, also the usual complaint against the young officers and NCOs, that little effort is made to enforce discipline. However, there is a noticeable improvement in training, and trained reinforcements are now available.

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(c) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General Progress in training is satisfactory and proceeding well. The Provost Training Course duly commenced on 9 April and the course for Regimental Police on 16 April, so that shortly, reinforcements will be ready for posting. The general tone of the School is good and a high standard of discipline and turnout most noticeable. Among recent improvements, an out door gymnasium has been completed.

The Italian Provost Sections employed at the Centre are almost up to strength, and doing useful work.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The training of 80 Driver Mechanics duly commenced on 11 April, and the other courses of the School are now proceeding. All sections of the School are completed after much good improvisation, and the larger part of the Controlled Stores have been received. The buildings have been neatly well equipped, mostly by improvisation, and good accommodation for the School completed.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding students for the first course from this Centre, particularly as most of the course need students with some basic knowledge in their subject, and the School then merely needs to teach conversion to the new British methods and types of vehicles, however, it is hoped the intake from the Depot receiving on 5 May will produce suitable material. Another difficulty is the fact that there is no Corps of Mechanics as such in the Italian Army. Also the age limit of 30 years for posting to Forces under the new conditions

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 200 students duly commenced on 9 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V

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(111) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 200 students duly commenced on 6 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V vehicles received, the following gives the present state :-

Vehicles in Workshops	37
(Part to B and part home)	
Vehicles awaiting Workshop Repair	20
Balance available for training	16
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The proposed War Establishment provides for an increased number of Class I vehicles, also first aid cars and TCs, to conduct the driver's course in addition to supervision of convoy training. Also at present, no there is no C Party at the Centre, vehicles for School Administration have to be taken from the already depleted numbers of training vehicles.

If the second course, due to commence on 6 May and taking for granted, is to be any success, either better quality vehicles will have to be made available, or an increased number of Class I vehicles allotted.

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

(i) The School has now completed one course in each Wing and the results are well up to expectations, in fact better than we expected for a first course.

A considerable amount of energy and enthusiasm on the part of all Instructors has helped to launch this Centre successfully in what must difficult conditions. Lack of transport - the whole School has been run on never more than four 3Ton trucks and four 15cwt trucks. Accommodation difficulties - none of the Schools or accomodation for students are in their originally allotted buildings, and considerable improvisation was needed at short notice, due to Contractors not finishing their work to time.

(ii) During this break between courses a regrouping is taking place in order to centralise the Wings. This arrangement will make use of the buildings now completed which together with certain alterations to WS will make the whole set-up more workable and easier to administer.

(iii) The School of Administration planned to open for the next course has been declared to follow the equivalent at CHTO, but only two courses within the School, one for officers and one for Senior NCOs.

(iv) The School of Hygiene also planned should commence during the month of May but has been somewhat delayed due to the Battalion HQ from this Centre who was assisting in the planning, being posted away - however, at least a Unit Hygiene course will be arranged. It is hoped to send someone down to MEDITERRANEO to discuss possibilities with CI Hygiene School at CHTO as it is felt a complete School of Hygiene must be properly planned by the Medical Staff.

(v) Generally SIVA is a successful undertaking, lacking transport and the right accommodation, the latter is being corrected.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the Month.

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(v) Generally SIVA is a successful undertaking, lacking transport and the right accommodation, the latter is being corrected.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the Month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. The young officers course (also post graduate), and a further course of 20 students, 36 Army the MAKERERE Division, is now proceeding.

(b) 3-in Mortar Course. 30 students commenced the course, but owing to posting and unsuitability, only 6(?) completed. A high standard was reached.

(c) 6pr Anti Tank Course. 30 students commenced, 6(?) finished. Good standard, and results of firing very good.

(d) Mines Course. Instructors were trained at the Engineers Training Battalion, and have just completed their first course of 20 students, with good results.

(e) Snipers. Owing to shortage of equipment, now received, did not start well, but 8 students have been trained so far.

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c. (a) (i) (Continued)

(f) Physical Training Course. A Physical Training Instructors course of 25 young officer students under the British APTC Instructors has produced good results and a pool of Instructors made available.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses outside normal routine training, but it is planned to start the first intake from Gruppi towards the end of May, when Instructors will be available.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 1 (Provost Training Course) commenced 9 April, and students are now in their third week of training.
Course No 1 (Regimental Police) commenced 16 April, and students are now in their second week of training.

(v) Mechanics School.

The Driver Mechanics Course commenced on 11 April with 80 students.
All potential Instructors for the other courses have been under test and instruction, ready for the complete course starting 6 May.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course of 200 pupils commenced on 8 April.
During the week 22 - 28 April, a subsidiary course for 25 Carabinieri was run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.

(vii) SETA All Arms Instructors School.

The following courses of 3 weeks have been completed.

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April 8 - 29.			
Weapon Training Wing	Platoon Weapons	39	students.
	3-in Mortar	13	"
	6 pr	17	"
Tactical School	Junior Leaders	26	"
April 16 - May 4.			
Tactical School	Senior Officers	20	"
	Company Commanders	25	"

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

At present restricted by the number of men available in the Centre for courses, but it is proposed to run the courses at full numbers.

Minor Tactical Course	30	students	3 weeks.
A Tk 6pr	40	"	3 "
3-in Mortar	40	"	3 "
Mines Course	20	"	3 "
Snipers Course	10	"	3 "

These courses will continue.

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2. (b) (Continued).

(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

The existing arrangements will continue, producing trained reinforcements every three weeks. Depending on suitable men being available for training.

3-in Mortar.
6 pr A Tk
Gunners.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.
It is hoped to increase the number on accommodation becomes available.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The following courses for the Bruyni are projected to commence 20 May. Duration 2 weeks.

Officers Refresher (Man Management organisation of work, Record's etc).
Officers and NCOs Trolley Elementary.

Officers and Senior NCOs Mine Warfare.

(v) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) RNZA All Arms Instructors School.

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Officers and NCOs Valley elementary.

Officers and Senior NCOs Mine Warfare.

(v) Recruit School.

Recruit Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 4. " " "D".

(vi) Technical School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) RCEME All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Failures from Combined Groups attending Courses during April.

Nil.

(d) Syllabus and programmes of new Journal courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(ii) Unknown Heading.

See Appendix "I" attached.

(iii) Recruit School.

See Appendix "J" attached.

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(d) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "B" attached.

(v) Driving Maintenance School.

See Appendix "B" attached.

(vi) RAF All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(e) Number of Personnel from MED attending courses at British or Allied Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Vehicle Mechanics	10 Offrs	5 ORs
(ii)	Motor Cycles	10 Offrs	5 ORs
(iii)	Gun Fitters		24 ORs
(iv)	Photo Intelligence	8 Offrs	

3. WOMENS MED.

(a) Weekly Intake

Week ending:	7 April	-
	14 April	-
	21 April	-
	28 April	-

(b) Ages Recruited.

Age:	Age 17	Age 18	Age 19	Age 20

(iii) Gun Fitters

(iv) Radio Intelligence & Other R.Corps.

3. Sickness Rate.

(a) Weekly Basis

Week ending:		
7 April	-	105
14 April	-	561
21 April	-	182
28 April	-	401

(b) Age Description.

Arm	Age 7	Age 14	Age 21	Age 28
Inf	247	608	206	792
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	45	7	15	25
Other Arms	45	80	22	101
Total	346	842	245	921

(c) Rate per 1000 at 28 Apr 45.

Arm	Postal Strength	Daily Strength.
Inf	4970	5303
Arty	977	787
Engrs (incl Sigs)	890	700
Other Arms	2185	1028
Total	9035	7818

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4 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

An amended War Establishment is at present in course of preparation, and this includes slight increases in Instructional Staff. In most cases, where these are recommended, it is understood there should be no difficulty in filling them.

(a) No 1 and 2 Depts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Although a shortage of first class Instructors, numbers on establishment are filled and the worst Instructors gradually replaced as courses proceed.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and progressively improving.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

W.E. almost complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A study of daily activity has shown that most Instructors fail due to ignorance of the basic principles of teaching methods - this is being corrected and a system of Lecturing Memoranda introduced to give a weekly Summary of technical instruction and faults to be corrected.

Generally speaking instruction is satisfactory and improving.

(c) Engineer Training.

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No deficiencies but Officer Instructors have a habit of changing, which makes progress difficult.

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(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

No deficiencies but Officer Instructors have a habit of changing, which makes progress difficult.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction is improving but NCOs and Officers still lack any planning or effort.

It is interesting to note that the British Instructor NCOs make a point of saying that the men are interested in their training, whereas officers and NCOs take all opportunities to avoid learning. The standard of instruction however continues to improve slowly.

(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Nil.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Well up to standard.

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4. (Continued)

(c) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

(a) Forty six Instructors, who are at present being trained and can eventually be found.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving with experience.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Medical Officer	1 (Posted but not yet arrived).
Platoon Sergts	1
L Sgt Instructors	4
Drivers i/c	8
Motor Cyclists	1
Driver Instructors	38

The deficiency of 38 Driver Instructors will be made up from pupils who pass as suitable at the end of the current course.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good, though handicapped on the practical side by the shortage of vehicles, tools and equipment for maintenance. All unsatisfactory Instructors are being replaced.

(g) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WTS Officers NIL NCOs 10

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(c) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WTS Officers	NIL	NCOs	10
Tac School	" 4	"	NIL
Adm "	" 2	"	NIL

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The Training, both practical and theoretical has closely followed the British methods used at CMH and for the first course the standard of Instruction has been good. In the Tactical School discussions have been well organised and run, and the standard is high. Any Instructors who have not made the grade on this Course will be changed.

The Demonstration Company have done some very good work and are keen and unusually smart troops.

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5. TRADES EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of April was satisfactory. All major items indented for on DAQ/60/4/Tr.1 of 2 Feb have now been received with the exception of items 115 and 116 - Welding Plants. These plants are needed urgently in order to rehabilitate the welding of non ferrous wire, although the welders tools have been received.

The majority of the Kitbuns Tools and Tools and Spare parts mentioned in the last report have now been received.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the month.

See Appendix "H" attached.
Included in the Appendix are many items not necessarily required during April, issued over by 10 Training Unit RA. Most of the items appearing under column (a) Artillery School are from this source.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

See Appendix "I" attached.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Parts.

Nothing to report since last month.

(ii) No 3 Sqdn.

(a) Signals School.

Three Married Blocks have been taken over at PAGOMANO all of which are still being renovated and will not be completed for a few weeks.

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(c) Details of Defalcation of Outstanding Urgency.

See Appendix "I" attached.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Depts.

Nothing to report since last month.

(ii) No 3 Dept.

(a) Signals School.

Three Barrack Blocks have been taken over at MACCLESFIELD all of which are still being renovated and will not be completed for a few weeks.

Eventually when the main School Block is finished, the whole School will be centralised in one Block. At present there is sufficient accommodation for the number on courses (350) but the ceiling of 500 students cannot be reached until the main block is completed, thus releasing room for accommodation.

(b) Engineer Training.

With the slightly decreased numbers, overcrowding is not so bad as last month, and there is a definite improvement.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School now has a complete block of buildings with a central parade ground and is well accommodated.

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6. (a) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

No difficulties. School well laid out and accommodation for students in tents.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SUVA All Arms Instructors School.

The Contractors are slow but have again given a definite promise to have all buildings ready for the course assembling. Once the Schools are in the right buildings, accommodation will be good.

NOTE :- During the month there was a complete review of Civilian Contracts by the Italian Ministry of War. There is an acoute shortage of glass for windows, wood and the usual electric light fittings.

(b) Hygiene.

There is a considerable improvement in hygiene. Water supply is now almost completed at the Centre.

It is hoped that the number of Instructors already trained at CMTC and the courses about to commence at the Centre will do a lot to improve the Italian complete disregard of prevention of disease. The urgency of this matter is kept continually in front of Italian Staff, who are beginning to take action to some effect.

Billets are on the whole much cleaner, and with the warmer weather are being better ventilated. The general cleanliness in the whole Centre presents a cleaner picture than previously, and much has been done to clean the place up.

(c) Welfare.

Little to report since last months report. The same arrangements

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(c) Welfare.

Little to report since last months report. The same arrangements exist and continue and this problem is receiving due consideration. A Gymkhana held on 1 May for all ranks of the Centre was most successful, and prizes to the value of £10,000 were given by the Italian Welfare funds.

(d) Morale.

There has been a notable improvement during the month in the Military bearing of all ranks of the Centre. This will be increased by the addition of 68 personally selected officers derived from ex POW sources in EGYPT. Some Officers and the majority of the NCOs are still too diffident and either through lack of interest and insufficient confidence fail to exert their authority and check offences.

Much remains to be done, but given sufficient time it is confidently hoped that the Centre will become a sound Military organisation.

There has been no political incident during the month, due perhaps to the reduction of partisans in the Centre.

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7. GENERAL.

The past month has again shown progress and improvement in every respect. The general tone of training at the whole Centre improves week by week and it can be safely said that the present standard is a fair one and far better than was anticipated.

The general bearing of the Italian Soldiers and their discipline have in turn improved a lot, this is particularly noticeable when moving round the Centre as a good state of orderliness prevails, there is far more saluting and work is better organised.

The weak link is still the inefficiency of a large number of their Officers and the general desire on their part to take the minimum amount of command, this is made very apparent by a few Officers of outstanding ability. However they continue to learn our ways and methods and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staff is a sure way of removing these difficulties.

We have recently reviewed the War Establishment for the whole Centre and at present a Committee of British and Italian Senior Officers are preparing the recommended establishment considering both sides, and when adopted this will do much to produce better administration and the smoother working of training.

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WAGGA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, REF 1/2.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	Duration of Course	
(a) Operators Wireless Course	40	17 weeks	Operation Instrum Lectures Exercis
(b) Operators Line Course	40	13 weeks	Operation Instruc Exercis
" " " (Inf)	40		
" " " (Arty)	20		
(c) Switchboard Operators Course +	20	4 weeks	S & H - Instruc 10 to 10 Li Operation
" " " (Inf)	10		
" " " (Arty)	10		
(d) Short Course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	4 weeks	S & H - Fullerph Units, C
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course.	20	17 weeks	Knowled testing Units.
(f) Electrician Signal + Course	5 - 10	8 weeks	Knowled S & H. Telephon Exp read

NOTE :- + = A minor signal trade.

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Appendix "A" to RTU letter
RTU/A/29/333 Dated 1 May 45.

AL SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC No 2.

Brief Syllabus.

Duration of Course

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	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, Wireless Instruments, -9, 19,22 set, fault finding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Exercises. Periodical Testing.
	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises Periodical Testing.
	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones D3 and F and line. Switchboard SB 10 Line. P & P. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phrograms.
30	4 weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - Telephones Telephones, Switchboard. Test Set. Superimposing Units, Cable laying Drill. Line testing and maintenance.
	17 weeks	Knowledge of training manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
10	8 weeks	Knowledge of manuals applicable to manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

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ame of Course	Max No of Students	Duration of Course	
;) Regimental Operators Course (Arty)	40	13 weeks	E & M. Oper security. I and maintenan and test set, Wavemeters. laying.
.) Regimental Operators Course (Inf)	40	13 weeks	E & M. Oper Sigs security Fullerphones. 18 and 48.
.) DRs Course.	+ 25	4 weeks	DR duties. Linesman duti (Men who clai selected for

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal security. Instruments - setting up and operating, test and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, part. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and Sigs Office duties. Sigs security. Instruments L/T and V/T, Telephones and Fullerphones. 10 line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
4 weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of IC. Map-reading. Linesman duties. Telephones. (Men who claim to have had previous IC experience are selected for this course).

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ENGINEER TRAINING

Subject	Duration of Course	
(a) Fieldworks	3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashi constructing trenches, drainag derricks and sheers, wire fenc Jeep Trucks, use of local timb of compressor.
(b) Bridging	3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - dry and ni br cribs, construction of timb
(c) Mine Warfare	2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, met charges, unexploded bombs, min discarding mines, use of prod minefield gapping drill and re

This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

The first three parties will have completed training on 30 April, and produced 100 t

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ENGINEER TRADES

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f Course	Outline Syllabus.
	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sneding walling, Fd Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Somerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RSJ improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
eers Instructors.	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Bedhives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and enemy, laying mines and recording discording mines, use of prodders and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, HTC ICT.

Name of Course	Vacancies Offrs	Vacancies ORs	Duration of Course	
Pre course for CC,RE of pre secs Italian Combat Gps.	5	50	5 weeks	For CC,RE Drill, FT (expt, tac tfc circu crs, and c within the For Full C Who above and contac recs, adv

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OL, USC ICF.

Duration of Course

ader of Syllabus and Standard

5 weeks

For GS.DL.
Drill, ET, ay,ocedure, pro duties in the fd, in bty, TO, (eqpt, use and practice) vol classification, control of the circuits, sch staging and posting, ac discipline and org, and control of ser funds by, the direction of GS.DL within the Gp.

For Full Duties and Officers.
The above, together with adv instr in treatment, duties and control of ET, ass and parade of vehs in bty, fd, dir sky, adv probs in discipline.

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TRADES TRAINING SCHOOL, RMC ICP.

me of Course	Vacancies Offrs	Vacancies Ors	Duration of Course	
) VEHICLE MECHANICS	90		6 weeks	Test of Mech aptitud adjustments to opt o electrical faults and ...ent of normal ... Class III.
) DRIVER MECHANICS	144		4 weeks	Must be a driver. T... practical knowledge o... practical fault find... execute routine repai...
c) GUN FITTERS	28		6 weeks	Must have previous ex... read simple sketches,... sharpening tools, sim...
d) ARMOURERS	8		2 weeks	Must have a working k... minor repairs to brec... sighting, elevating ... Class III.
e) MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSAL AND TRACKED CARRIERS	6		1 week	Must have a good wor... rifles, .38 Pistol, ... gun. Class III. Maint and adjustment

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ECHNICAL SCHOOL RTC IOP.

ation of Course	Brief Syllabus of Course, and Standard.
6 weeks	Test of Mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, repairs and adjustments to dept of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical fault finding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
6 weeks	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002 -in, read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
	Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanism, buffer and recuperator system, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks Class III.
2 weeks	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 Pistol, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT and Thompson gun. Class III.
	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LOAD carriers.
1 week	

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration	
a) D & T Students	300	1st week	Drivers responsibi engine, details of
b) D & T Students	300	2nd week	Details of tasks 8
c) D & T Students	300	3rd week 4th week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Faultfinding, ma Tickets, AB 412, d for military vehic recovery of vehicl of petrol and oil, camouflage, corro controlled duties, gas defence, anti precautions to be carrying and load and difficulties, u of vehicle repair

The programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the task in deta carrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons do explanation. The organisation of the school allows 4 - 5 pupils to each training vehicle a V and in poor technical condition, thus many in the mean additional pupils on each vehicle. workshops undergoing repairs. 15 YOT awaiting and workshop repairs and 20 awaiting longer

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DRIVER MECHANICS SCHOOL.

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Duration	Outline of Syllabus.
1st week	Driver responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 - 7. Driving instruction.
2nd week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AP 406. Driving instruction.
3rd week 4th week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs & driver must and effect, Work Tickets, AP 442, discipline on the road, movement rules, special inst for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon organisation duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skid equipment, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

...e of maintenance, explaining the task in detail and fully supervision of the driver ...p into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work and the other two theoretical ...ons 4 - 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. The vehicles are all alwa... ...two additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 March, of 75 vehicles held 10 were in ...orth workshop repairs and 20 awaiting longer workshop repairs.

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

n of Course	Vacancies Offrs	NCOs	Duration	B
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 weeks	To train Senior battalion with of a Brigade Co Battalion.
(b) Coy Commanders	20		3 weeks	To train Officer with supporting
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 weeks	To train Junior under conditions which to train
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons	20	20	3 weeks	To train Instru of the platoon
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instru 3-in Mortar.
(c) 6pr A Tk Gun	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instru the 6pr A Tk gu
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instru of training Sni
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration			3 weeks	To train Office of war includin
(b) Hygiene			3 weeks	

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L ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Duration	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
3 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
3 weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Coy with supporting arms.
3 weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a Pln under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk gun.
3 weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training Snipers in their own Unit.
3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including Unit hygiene and discipline.
3 weeks	

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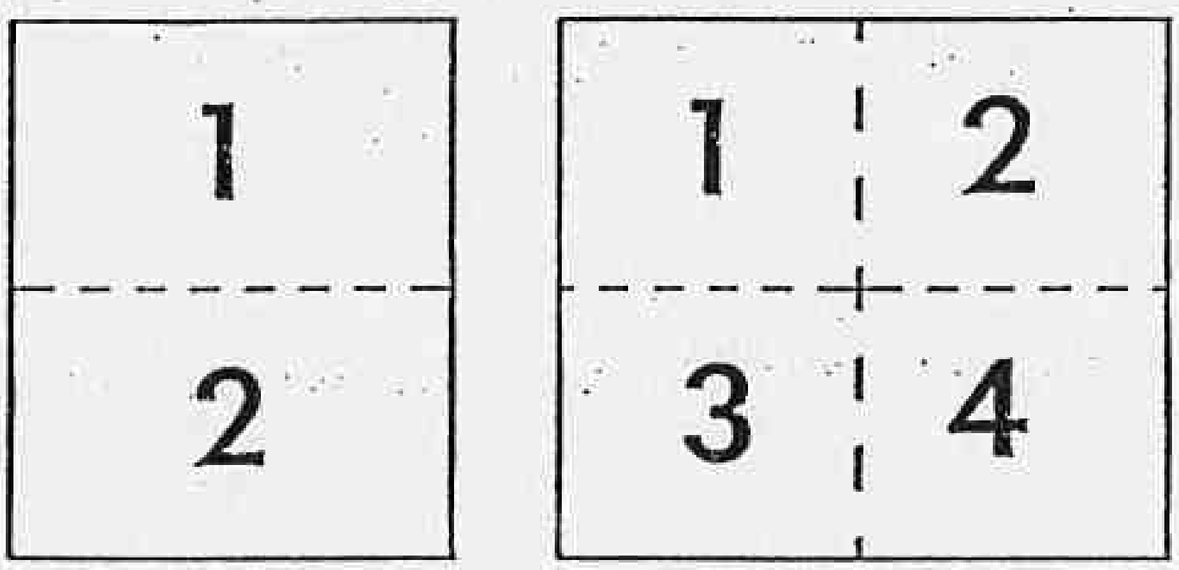

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
61	Lamps DEER with Tripods	5				
62	Training Sets WT	4				
63	Waste Tool Filled (Ea)	2				
64	Batteries Sec Part 6 V	70		17		
65	Batteries 12 V	19		19		
66	Lamps Signalling Daylight Short Range	2	2			
67	Instrument Testing Avometers Universal	1				
68	Instruments Testing Avominors Universal	2				
69	Wireless Remote Control No 1	4				
70	Drums Cable No 5	11				
71	" " No 7	3				

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	4			
			11	
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Serial (a)	Description (b)	Total Received During March (c)	No 2 Sqdn (d)	No 3 Sqdn (e)	Prov Bhoal (f)	Tpt Sqn (g)
	"A" Vehicles.					
1.	Carriers Universal Tkn Ranging	9	6			
	"B" Vehicles.					
2.	Cars 2 str 4 x 2 Utility	1				
3.	15cwt Trucks 4 x 2 GS	2				2
4.	15cwt Truck W/T	6				
5.	15cwt/30cwt Lorries	6				
6.	15cwt/30cwt Lorries (Tkn Ranging)	1				
	"C"(AE) Controlled Stores.					
7.	Binocular No 2	2				
8.	Binoculars No 2	23				
9.	Mine Detectors American	20				
10.	Mine detectors Polish No 3 or 4	3				
11.	QF Gun DP	4				
12.	Rangefinders No 2 Mk VII	4				
13.	Sights Dial No 7 Mk II	4				
14.	" " No 9 Mk I	12				
15.	Telescopes Sighting No 2 Mk IV	22				
16.	" " Mk V	1				
17.	" Field Mk VI	3				
18.	Telescopes Sighting No 18	1				
19.	" " No 22 (Mk IIa)					
20.	" " No 28 Mk II	44.				
21.	" " No 28 Mk III					
22.	" " No 29 Mk I					
23.	" " No 44 Mk II	3				
24.	Directors No 7	1				
25.	" No 6a	1				

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SCHEDULE OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 45.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

	Regt	Bn	Trng Sch	Tact School	S & M School	Mech School	Inf School	Arty School	Engr
	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)	
2							3		
6							2		
1							2		
							15		
							4		
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2							60		
2							20		
							1		
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							28		
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"Appendix "H"

School	Inf School	Arty School	Engr School	Sigs School	Remarks
(k)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)
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6 1					
	2 23				
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	4 4				
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2	10				
	1				
	3				
	1				
	28				
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
26	Stands Instrument No 14	4				
27	Stands Instrument No 27	3				
28	" " No 17a	8				
29	" " No 39	4				
30	Barrels Army No 3 Mk I	4				
31	Trailers Army No 27 Mk I	10				
32	Cases 25 pr Dr	6				
33	Cases 17 pr	4				
34	Cases 40 mm	4				
35	Telescopes Scout Regt	2				2
36	5-in Mortar Barrels Dr	4				
37	Bailey Bridge - Sets	1				
	Signal Stores.					
38	Cable Electric DS Single, mile	55	5	7		5
39	" " DS " "	2		2		
40	" " #110 " "	2		2		
41	Apparatus Cable Laying No 2	30	4	4		4
42	" " " No 3	5				
43	Batteries Dry	4	2			
44	Fuses HF 40 Mins Set	1				
45	Pullerphones	6	2	2		
46	Switchboards B C 10 Line	5	1	1		
47	" " F F 40 Line	1				
48	Telephones D Mk V	64	6	12		10
49	Test Sets Part No 2	2				
50	Wireless Sets No 18 or 43	65	16			9
51	" " No 19	14		2		
52	" " No 21	17		3		
53	" " No 22	16		5		
54	Charging Sets 300W	7				
55	" " 1260 W	4	1	1		
56	Converter DL 'C' or 'D'	10		2		
57	Telephones Hand Powered	14	6			8
58	Avometers Universal	1				
59	Avometers	2				
60	Poles Tele Wood Light 17'	30				

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5	1			5	15			15
4				3				15 5
					2			1
					2 2			1 1
10	4				32			2
9	4				5 5 9 2 1 2			4 10 5 6 4 1 6
8								1 2 30

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		9		10	
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DETAILS OF DEFICIENCIES OF OUTSTANDING URGENCY.

DMT/88/4/MT.1 2 Feb Ref	Description	Quantity.
46	Fitters RE Tools	1
47	Electricians Tools	1
50	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
51	Fd Forge Hvy	1
56	"S" Tanks	3
57	Tarpaulin 30-ft x 30-ft	1
98	No 4 Pumping Set Complete	1
99	No 5 Pumping Set Complete	1
115	Plant Welding and cutting HP	1
116	Plant welding electric	1
122	Cable electric D VIII twisted miles	5
133	Ladders FT	2
143	Wireless Sets No 11	15
150	Charging Sets 4KW or substitute	1
154	Avominors	2

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133	Ladders FT	2
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150	Charging Sets 4KW or substitute	1
154	Avominors	2

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GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Orbat)

GSO 3 (I)

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Will Last Officer to see
all return reports
G3 (Info) for inclusion in Daily Intelligence Report

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 1 Trg 12
DATE: 1 MAY 45

SECRET.

Subject: Gruppo LEGNANO - Points noted during the Training Period & the First Month of Active Operations in the Line.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
19 Apr 45.

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To: Land Forces Sub Com AC (MMIA).

Copy to: HQ FIFTH Army (Brit Inc).
HQ 1 District.
DMT AFHQ.
HQ 56 BLU.

The following report has been compiled as it is felt that some of the points may be of value to the BLUs and Training Teams with those Italian Units still undergoing training.

The following Appendices are attached to the report:

Appendix 'A' - Report from GII (Trg).
" 'B' - Trg Majors' consolidated report.
" 'C' - Signals report.
" 'D' - Artillery report.
" 'E' - Trg Majors report on a take-over in the line.

As the Gruppo is heavily involved in active operations, it is regretted that time does not permit to condense these more thoroughly and under suitable headings.

Though the report is based on criticism, it is intended to be constructive, and to bring out the main difficulties that this BLU has been up against, in order that others may benefit thereby.

Lessons learnt from experience in training and in the field.

1. Decentralising. The biggest obstacle with which we have been confronted throughout, is the complete lack of decentralising on all levels both during training and in active operations, and the reluctance to attempt to adopt any such innovation. Even in a move under peace conditions the advance party is not delegated the authority of allotting rooms to the various members of the staff etc, as this requires the approval and sanction of the highest authority. In battle, detailed orders for a coy raid are written at Regt HQs, thereby de-

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Furthermore it is unwise to accept the decisions of heads of departments for these are frequently over-ruled by higher authority: not only is this unfortunate in that it breeds lack of confidence in the individual himself, but it is impossible to arrive at any definite decisions without first going to the very top.

The effect of an otherwise very efficient 'I' branch is completely nullified by this failure to appreciate the importance of decentralisation. Though sitreps are required by Corps HQs at certain definite hours, the time factor is completely disregarded in order that they may be vetted by higher authority prior to despatch; worse still sitreps are held up in order to attach detailed information obtained from POW, or the account of some coy raid etc which can well be forwarded under separate cover at a later date.

2. Administration. They show a definite inability to adapt themselves to the needs of improvisation etc, eg: to meet the shortage of TCVs etc: this is chiefly due to a reluctance to compile a 'basic' scheme to meet any such eventuality. 'A' matters are liable to be ignored when the Gruppo is actively engaged. Disciplinary matters such as police proseeutions, replacement of casualties etc, go by the board and ultimately forgotten until the arrival of a reminder from the BLU. All instructions must normally be confirmed in writing if due consideration is to be given to them.

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3. Morale. The morale of the troops is unbelievably high and they have undoubted courage: they are elated however even minor successes, due no doubt to their highly emotional character, but there is a very real desire to kill as many Germans as possible. Casualties do not appear to have an adverse effect on morale, though considerable emotion is shown over the losses. Very senior officers see fit to expose themselves to quite unnecessary dangers but laudable as this may be the Gruppo can ill afford to lose them. Tradition plays a strong part in their army, and this is not always appreciated by other nations.

4. Discipline. MT discipline is still appalling: even though it has shown a marked improvement it has a long way yet to go. Probably the worst feature is the number of civilians who are given lifts in government transport in fwd areas: this is a cause of acute anxiety to the FSS as almost every enemy agent admits to having reached his destination by this means: stringent orders issued by their own higher authority are of no avail as the Carabinieri make no effort to curtail it.

Of the breaches of MT discipline, the following are the most notable:

(i) Excessive speed
(ii) Failure to control traffic when halted
(iii) Failure to draw into the side of the road when halted
(iv) Traffic blocks caused by halting vehicles at unauthorised places.

5. Provost. The total absence of any equivalent to the Div Pro Coy is a real major problem: this was appreciated in the early steges of training but great difficulty was experienced in getting British Provost personnel to carry out the training. When they did arrive however, what they achieved in the short time available prior to moving to an operational area was beyond my highest expectations. Their duties included advise and instruction on the following items:-

(i) Reorganisation of the Carabinieri and an uplift to their general status and morale.
(ii) Instruction in police duties as opposed to the normal "guard" duties of the Carabinieri.
(iii) Instruction in Route marking and Sign construction.
(iv) Instruction in the principles of road discipline.

In order to impart this instruction the allocation of an additional interpreter is highly desirable.

As no Italian DAPM is provided on the WE of a Gruppo it is essential that a British Provost WO or senior NCO with experience in a division in active operations is attached to the Gruppo whilst they are in the line; and it is essential that he be provided with a jeep (and if possible a driver) without which his value is nullified. No other vehicle is of the slightest use in an [illegible] operating in at the moment, and an ME solo is use-

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(iv) Traffic [illegible]

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Italian officers, both senior and junior, must be taught to respect and obey the of the Carabinieri in the execution of their duty: at the present time they are openly disregarded, and they are quite incapable of taking disciplinary action of any description.

I consider the Provost-Carabinieri problem to be one of the highest priority, as a move without the assistance of British Provost personnel would be chaotic. Units must understand that they must implicitly obey all the instructions in a movement order eg. Time past a post etc.

6. Over-expenditure of Ammunition. Certain restrictions on the expenditure of ammunition, principally 25 pr and 3" mortar, have been imposed on all British units, but though stringent orders to this effect have been issued both by British and Italian authorities it has been quite impossible to curtail the expenditure within the Gruppo even within reasonable grounds; particularly in the case of 3" mortar ammunition. It cannot be impressed upon them that the amn is not available in the country, and that if they expend their allocation in the early days of the allotted period for non-essential purposes, they will have to go without any in the later half of the allotted period when it may be most required.

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The characteristic love of noise is greatly responsible for this attitude, in the same way that all exhausts on vehicles are opened to produce the maximum noise effect.

Furthermore the normal 1st and 2nd line does not meet with their approval and they demand a full double 1st and 2nd line holding. Their returns of expenditure are sometimes over-stated with a view to building up a reserve in this manner.

7. MT for British Incs etc. Training Majors, Maltese Liaison officers and BOWOs cannot perform their duties unless they are made fully mobile. MCs solo are of little value in view of the terrain, and the stores and equipment which they are required to convey. Normally a jeep is the only means of tpt which is of any use, and these cannot be made available from BLU sources. BOWOs must virtually live with the Regts and Bns that they serve; particularly is this so during the equipping period.

8. Maltese Liaison Officers. It is made very clear that Gruppi would like to be independant of British authority and advise from an operational aspect, and they are therefore inclined to resent the retention of the trg majors in any capacity other than friends, though as such they would be very sorry to lose them. They contend that they only require officers for liaison purposes which can be more adequately performed by Maltese Liaison officers who can speak the language. I cannot however agree with this: these Maltese officers have not been selected for their tactical or operational knowledge and are only qualified to act as interpreters and liaison officers. They need officers specially selected for their tactical and operational experience to assist them with their administrative and operational difficulties which arise through their unfamiliarity with British equipment and methods.

I consider therefore that they need both Trg Majors, and Liaison officers who can speak Italian.

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Prostitutes in fwd areas present a further problem to the FSS: in nearly all cases these are women imported from outside the area whose credulity from a security aspect has not been previously investigated.

11. Sappers. There is nothing but praise for the work of the Genio. Their ability at road maintenance and mine-lifting is above the average, and their bridging capabilities are excellent. They have done everything that they have been asked to do, and there are often more volunteers than are required for work of a particularly dangerous nature.

12. Weapons. The Italians are very fond of machine guns, chiefly probably from the morale aspect because they make a noise: the same applies to mortars. They would like some MGs included in the WE (which can be conveyed in the carriers) and an increase in the number of mortars. They have accustomed themselves rapidly to our weapons, though over-zealousness in loading the 25 pr has already been the cause of two serious and fatal accidents.

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13. Rations. With regard to rations the paragraph on this subject at Appx 'E' is self explanatory. It must be accepted that pasta to the Italian is as porridge to the Highlander. The Echelon system of supply is well understood thanks to the untiring efforts of the Trg Team in this respect.

14. Nomenclature of British 'Liaison' Unit. Any difficulty that is experienced with regard to relations between the BLU and the Gruppo is in my opinion entirely due to the inclusion of the word 'Liaison' in the title. To the Gruppo the word 'liaison' precludes direct criticism from the BLU which consequently meets with resentment. Though the function of a BLU has been defined by 5th Army as a staff one and not that of 'command' it will be appreciated that occasions arise when a BLU must dictate the course of action. Though this is clear to us, it is not clear to the Gruppo and I consider that we need support in this direction.

15. Conclusion. The performance of the Gruppo in action is worthy of the highest praise. They have many difficulties to overcome, strange weapons and equipment, a modification of existing tactics to suit these changes and by no means least a foreign language; but despite all these difficulties they have already more than proved themselves a thoroughly efficient combat unit, and worthy to fight alongside the victorious force to which they are proud to belong.

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APPENDIX 'A'

REPORT BY GII (TRG)

1. Leadership Training.

Due to the small size of the Trg Increment right from the start, we concentrated all our efforts on the training of commanders; in particular junior officers. The quite impressive conduct of the Group in the line so far, has proved the value of this.

The junior leader training took the form of :-

(a) Simple TEWTS conducted by training increment officers. These were later run as exercises with tps by the Italian officers themselves.

(b) Evening sand-models or very short lectures to junior officers. Such subjects as: (i) Man management,
(ii) Bn machinery of comd,
(iii) How to write and set an exercise,
(iv) Battle discipline & NCOs duties in def,
(v) Bn tpt Echs,
(vi) Fire control,
(vii) Field administration.

In addition, the subjects underlined were made lessons common to every single exercise.

Whilst "paper" is undesirable, I found that it backed up the arguments of the Trg Majors, to write short precis and trg directives to the Group for distribution to bns, on important aspects of trg. These were "received from 8 Army" in order to mollify the senior officers, who had their own ideas.

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APPENDIX 'B'

TRAINING MAJORS' CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

1. The object of this team was not to teach tactics but to modify Italian tactics to suit British weapons and organisation, as in most cases Italian comds were regular officers with many years experience both academic and in war.

2. It was found that the attitude of friendly co-operation should be encouraged, and it paid dividends to occasionally invite COs and Regt comds to the trg team mess, otherwise our suggestions would have been rather resented by senior Italian officers.

3. It was found that apart from trg, the team had the additional task of trying to explain away the deplorable lack of equipment and tpt, this seriously affecting the prestige of the British. For example, the Italians were taught the theory of British supply and administration and its efficiency, but in effect it was not until they were in action that they were fully equipped. Examples of this were :-

(a) When the bns reached the standard of coy trg they still had only seven LMGs each.

(b) The first three months of trg, during which no bn had more than six Brit vehicles, led to great difficuly in trg drivers; the result being that now the standard of driving is deplorable and that of maint practically nil.

(c) Throughout the cold winter there was a great deficiency of clothing, and it was not possible for units to parade in uniform, consequently they looked a 'rag time' army, which seriously affected morale.

4. Training. All ranks were very keen and willing to learn. The Italian system of training lacks:

(a) Careful preparation: - There were no set trg programmes and the CO gave orders for the next day's trg on the previous evening, leaving no time for recce or preparation; with the result that much trg time was wasted in demonstrations being prepared. This was remedied.

(b) Decentralisation - Comds on all levels would allow their subordinates no initiative in conducting trg, but tried to do everything themselves; ie. they preferred to do pl exercises with the entire bn watching and the regt comd conducting, rather than allowing all pl comds to conduct their own exercises individually thereby exercising all men at the same time. In action, comds find they are forced to decentralise and rely on their sub-

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5. Control of fire. The Italians love noise and always want to fire, very often expending ammn unnecessarily. This tendency was revealed in trg and emphasis was laid on strict fire discipline.

6. Defence. This div had not a clue on reverse slope posns and wanted to site all def posns with a long field of fire on fwd slopes. It was difficult to change their ideas but they now realise the necessity. The outgoing unit had occupied many houses as FDLs, and it was gratifying to see that when the Italians took over, they avoided these houses and immediately dug well sited weapon pits.

7. Hygiene. In trg it was a standard joke that Brit officers always wanted to expect latrines and refuse pits with the result that now, hygiene in the field is of a high standard. This is important on account of the coming hot weather and danger to health.

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APPENDIX 'B'
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8. Conduct. Comds appear to feel it necessary to show their bravery by taking unnecessary risks. Regt comds regularly visit forward sec posts thereby needlessly exposing themselves and feel it cowardly to get their heads down.

9. Supply system. The old Italian supply system was completely different to ours, they are now using our ech system with good results because much attention was paid to teaching this in trg.

10. Wireless. The Italian tendency is to blather for hours on the wireless - this must be stopped in trg.

11. Shellreps and Mortreps. It is difficult to bring home the importance of these reports. We gave insufficient attention to this during trg, and are feeling the results now.

12. In conclusion, we feel that the bns have settled down to active service conditions setisfactorily.

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APPENDIX 'C'

SIGNALS REPORT

1. Owing to the taking over of a section of the line which had been static and had more or less retained its positions for some time, there was an already well-established system of Signal communications to take over. In general this presented no great problems and was achieved reasonably satisfactorily, with the exception however of lines, particularly at battalion level.

The difficulties, such as there were, arose mainly from the fact that this was an American sector, and that there is a very wide divergence in scales of equipment as between an American battalion, and an Italian battalion, equipped sparingly even by British standards.

The American line lay-out made provision for exactly TEN times the number of telephones held by the Italian battalions.
The latter figure was soon admitted to be much too low and the four battalions in the line now hold for the special requirements of this sector over THREE times their official entitlement.
But even so, it will be seen that there remained a considerable disproportion, reflected also in the size and arrangement of switchboards, and it took a little time to sort this matter out.

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APPENDIX 'D'

ARTILLERY REPORT

1. Training was adversely affected by lack of Br equipment, and in operations the poor quality of some of the equipment issued has been quickly noted.

2. The move forward into battle positions was well carried out in spite of inadequate transport and the Gruppi soon settled down; some points noted by training officers are attached at Annexure 'A' Action has been taken to remedy them.

3. No Counter Mortar Organisation existed in Legnano Gruppo when it came into the line. C.M.O. with assistant and necessary equipment has been provided by Arty Regtl Comd.
Counter Mortar Action is now working satisfactorily.

4. Liaison with all flanking and higher formations has been good; this has been due to the energy and willingness on the part of Regtl Comd and his officers. There was no opportunity to practice liaison during training and the necessity for it was overlooked.

5. Air O.P. In the type of terrain occupied by the Gruppo shooting by means of air obs was invaluable. American Arty air observers were able to fill this gap and a plane has now been made available to the Arty Regt by the Americans. It is suggested that the Air O.P. should be brought into future Arty training.

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(a) Technical Q - Ufficiale al Materiale

(b) Rations and Clothing Q - Ufficiale di Vettovag - liamento.

Due to having three types of gun in the Arty Regt the Technical Q (a) above should be given early opportunity to acquaint himself with all gun stores.

7. Tradesmen Arty Gruppo are well off for men compared to Br organisation, but the standard of skill of tradesmen is low. Tradesmen are keen and respond to training. There are no Armourer sgts on the Arty Gruppo organisation, but training of armourers should not be overlooked.

8. In conclusion , 11 Arty Regt are efficient well organised and extremely keen in action. Both officers and men have responded well to suggestions for improvements in their training and operations.

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(signed) C L ACKERLEY Major RCRA

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ANNEXURE 'A' TO
APPENDIX 'D'

SOME POINTS NOTED BY RA TRAINING OFFICERS

The following points have been noticed by the RA Training officers during the final days of their attachment to the 25 pr Gruppi :-

Serial.	Item.	Gruppo.	Details.	Suggested action.
1	Passage of Infm	All	The passing of infm back to RHQ and to neighbouring CPs is weak.	Incoming infm from OPs to be regulated as follows:- (a) Important op infm: at once. (b) Normal infm in the form of a sitrep twice daily. (c) Shellreps as they occur. (d) X ray shell/mortrep at once.
	"	"	Sitreps fwd from Div Arty (Amer) sources have been passed onto Gruppo OPs untranslated.	A daily co-ordinated sitrep (Regtl) "I" - sent out once daily.
	"	"	Tps do not appear to be well informed about the war in Italy or allied sectors; Situ maps covering remdr of Italian fr are not maint at OPs.	Small scale maps of Italian front should be obtained and kept up at each OP for infm of all ranks.
2	Camouflage	"	Tents - 180lbs & Bivy are not well cam - some OP tents are very conspicious.	(a) Temp improvements with aid of mud & water paint, natural branches etc. (b) Indent for cam wash paint for tents, addnl veh or gun nets & scrim.
3.	Protection.	III & IV.	Very few slit trenches dug: these are esp necessary in the vic of gun posns.	(a) In this quiet sector the vital need for digging at earliest possible moment is not realised. (b) Slits for gun amn not in trailers should always be prepared.

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4.	Small arms Practice.	I	Indiscriminate use of SA and grenades has been noted. 2 ces were caused in this Gruppo thru' careless practice shooting.	More supervision of SA firing.

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ANNEXURE 'A' TO
APPENDIX 'D' (CONTD)

Serial.	Item.	Gruppo.	Details.	Suggested action.
5	Veh Discipline.	III & IV.	The No of vehs allowed to remain on or nr the gun posn is excessive. In the III Gruppo a No of vehs are parked nose to tail on 1 track, des- of leading veh would block remainder.	(a) RHQ should detail the max No of vehs to be retained on or near any Gr posn, say :- CP vehs 3 plus additional Tractor FA 1, 15 cwt M 1, BCs veh 1: remdr of vehs to be sent to WLs.
6	Shell reps	All	Enemy rds have fallen within area of gun posns. CPs have not reported them.	RHQ cannot stress too highly the importance of shell reps from all possible sources.
7	Administration.	All	Lack of forethought in indenting on 'Q' for essential maint stores, ie: Buffer oil, SA cleaning gear.	Gruppo adm officers should keep 'Q' informed of all likely requirements as early as possible.
8.	Salvage	All	Amn salvage should not be allowed to accumulate.	This is a 'Q' responsibility and a Regt detail of lorried to remove expended cartridge cases weekly should be instituted.

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APPENDIX 'E'

REPORT BY A TRAINING MAJOR ON THE
ACTUAL TAKE-OVER OF A BN IN THE LINE.

1. Move from concentration area to reserve bn posns.

This was well organised and carried out smoothly with a minimum of noise. Take-over had been completed by 2359 hrs of 19/20 Mar. Discipline in the reserve area was good, and movt by day at a minimum. Liaison was maintained with fwd bns and with tps on wither flank.

2. Move from reserve posns to 2nd Bn 362 Inf Regt posns in the line.

This again was well organised and ran quite smoothly. All guides were where they were wanted. March discipline was good and noise kept to a minimum. Morale appeared high and the CO shook hands with every man as he passed by him on his way up, and wished him luck. The Americans were most impressed.

On reaching the American bn posns the hand-over took place very quickly and smoothly, and had been completed by about 0930 hrs on 21 Mar. Three men of the Italian Bn were slightly wounded by an enemy mortar conc on their pl area, during the take-over; otherwise it was quite eventless.

To date the behaviour of the bn has been good and the Americans said they were very well impressed by the discipline of the Italian tps.

On the night of 22 Mar, the two NCOs per American coy, who had been left in the posns to assist the Italians to settle down, were withdrawn. Their reports on the pls in the fwd localities were most gratifying. They reported that the men were in good spirits, that the discipline in the posns was good that they had settled down very quickly and were behaving themselves very well. To date, fire discipline has been good, latrines are being used and wpns are being cleaned and inspected. Reliefs, duty rosters etc. are being maintained and stand-to's have been observed.

The bn CO is inclined to use his 3" mortars a little too lavishly against uncertain targets, but this is being discouraged. The three American OPs in this area were manned by extremely intelligent American ptes, and difficulty is being experienced in replacing these with anything like as intelligent Italian personnel. These OPs are most important since they are able to call down by arty and 4.2 mortar fire and the Americans had a very efficient but rather elaborate system of callin g for fire onto Bosche mortars, movt etc.

The 3" mortars have shaped up very well so far and the new base plate seems to stand up to the extra charge very well. Firing is being done both by day and night. Harassing tasks being laid on. No patrolling except inter-unit def patrols have yet been laid on, but the CO intends to

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In summing up the bn's first three days in the line, I feel that I should say that its behaviour, in view of its short spell of trg, has been even better than I had expected, and I thought that they would be good.

3. Ration report.

The problem of feeding the two fwd coys of this bn, who have also two carrier sec with them, is a difficult one. Movt by day is impossible, and by night is limited owing to their very close proximity to the enemy - some places less than 200 yds. The mule carry is one of about three kilometres over very difficult country and takes about one and a half hours to get to the Bn HQ.

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APPENDIX 'E'
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Hot food is brought to mule point from 'A' Ech which is some six kilometres back on a difficult road. By the time it reached the bn by about eight o'clock it is almost cold. Owing to the present moonlight nights it is not possible to take the food to the fwd coys until 0330 hrs when it is a little darker. By then the food is completely cold. In view of the facts that Italian tps have seen and eaten some of the American compo rations which the Americans were receiving here, the arrival of cold cooked food once a day in the fwd posns is bound to cause a set-back to the morale. For example, last night, owing to moonlight and hvy enemy mortar fire during the whole night, no-one was able to reach one of the fwd pls at all and are therefore without food to-day. However, it is hoped to be able to reach them to-night.

I consider that some 250 of the bn can be fed with ordinary rations, cooked, but do not consider that it is practicable to supply hot food to the remainder, without causing unnecessary casualties.

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POINTS ARISING ON G.O.C'S VISIT TO CADET SCHOOL AT BECCE ON 14 APR 45

Met by: The Commandant, Col. Roberto BELARDINI

1. INSTRUCTION

Allocation of periods between lectures and Practical Periods requires alteration.

Lectures appear to be taken up entirely by talking by the lecturers and the Cadets do not join in and answer questions.

Sand Models are rudimentary.

G.O.C. promised to get the School some demonstration models of British equipment if these are available, e.g. 25 pdr, 6 pdr, Bren, Mortar etc. (D.P. only).

2. CLOTHING

Commandant asked for socks and underclothing for the Cadets. They have one set of underclothing and no socks (they use footcloths).

Maj. Gen. BORSELLI, BARI Territorial Comd, also asked for these for the Cadets. He stated that they only have one pair of boots each and requested that they should be given a second pair. Can we stretch a point?

3. CLEANLINESS AND POLISH OF EQUIPMENT

Rather grubby.

4. LA PATRIA

"LA PATRIA" is not printed in BARI yet and the Cadets do not see it.

5. GENERAL

This is no doubt a good example of a pre-war Italian School. It is all on the surface and completely academic. The whole basis of training is wrong. It is all theoretical. There is little or no character trg and the

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G.(TAC) To note - Resp. WP
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POINTS ARISING ON G.O.C'S VISIT TO
CADET SCHOOL AT BRUCE ON 14 APR 45

Met by: The Commandant, Col. Roberto BELARDINI

1. INSTRUCTION

Allocation of periods between lectures and Practical Periods requires alteration.

Lectures appear to be taken up entirely by talking by the lecturers and the Cadets do not join in and answer questions.

Sand Models are rudimentary.

G.O.C. promised to get the School some demonstration models of British equipment if these are available, e.g. 25 pdr, 6 pdr, Bren, Mortar etc. (D.P. only).

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PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 7 APRIL 1945

1. ARTILLERY.

(a) 25 pr.

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5 Battery fired 200 rds on to a small target area near their billets on 4 and 5 Apr. The second day showed marked improvement but more practice is needed to produce a response of normal speed. 3 Capts and 6 subalterns observed. Throughout all the shoots it has been found that first attempts lack faith and common sense checks; but once the Italians have found that the magic works they are keen and accurate and cut out a surprising amount of their chatter. Without British supervision the common sense check is not dependable.

(b) 17 pr.

Training mostly confined to the despatch of sub-sections to occupy and live on a gunsite for 24 hrs.

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(c) 40 Lt.

Gunners after 3 weeks at School of AA EBOLI have received the following report :- All detachments have proved to be efficient at drill and have obtained a good standard of smartness. The care and maintenance of equipment has improved and is now generally satisfactory. All detachments have shown confidence in firing and have obtained satisfactory results both at Gun and Eye shooting control. Atk drill was good and reactions were quick. A promising workmanlike bty. A good standard has been attained, well up to the standard of units at practice camp. If the present standard is kept up the unit should, as far as its actual gunnery is concerned, prove satisfactory in operational shooting.

(d) Specialists.

Specialists appear to be better grounded in the book than in practical application. Practice will remedy this.

It is considered that the artillery regt could fulfill its normal role in static warfare.

2. ENGINEERS.

(a) Progress of Training.

Coys are now fairly well equipped with special equipment and vehicles. Equipment and vehicles have been allocated to pls. Training has consisted chiefly of use of technical equipment, practice loading of vehicles and training of personnel in small convoy runs. Drivers to fill WE's have been initially trained at the Battalion Driving School and their further training is now the responsibility of the O's C coys.

3. SIGNALS.

Regimental Signallers.

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Applied signal training is continuing within regts.

Two HQ and Signal exercises have now been held and the following main points have been noted :-

(i) The organisation and functioning of signal offices needs much practice. This is a complete innovation for the Italian Army.

(ii) Signal officers at Regimental HQ's do not completely understand their position as signals advisers to the Regtl Comds.

(iii) Liaison between staff and signals is poor.

(iv) Many technical points require improvement, i.e. Line laying, Leading into signal offices, correct supervision of wireless nets.

It is thought that further intensive training of staff and signals will be required before the Group is ready for battle.

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4. INFANTRY.

(a) 6 pr.

All numbers are basically trained and have fired full charge. The drill behind the gun is good. Lloyd carrier drivers are still a problem however this is being overcome, but the low standard of training of drivers is likely to slow down tactical training. It is considered the six pr coys and pls will function adequately in battle.

(b) 3" Mortars.

A high standard of basic training has been reached and tactical training is progressing satisfactorily. Firing results have been generally good. The morter coys and pls are fit to do their job in battle.

(c) Regimental Signallers.

An adequate but not very high standard has been reached, much practice is still required in all forms of signal work.

(d) Carrier Universal.

Tactical training has begun. However much remains to be done, drivers require much more experience especially in cross country work and in moving their carriers expertly and quietly about a battle field. Maintenance is not up to standard.

(e) Assault Pioneers.

Well trained in mine laying and lifting and handling of explosives but little has been done in other aspects of the assault pioneers work.

(f) Drivers IC.

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(g) Officers.

Officer training is fairly satisfactory but a large amount still remains to be done in the more technical subjects such as map reading, minewarfare, use of air photos, supervision of vehicle maintenance etc. Also most officers need practice in the practical application of their training i.e. in handling their commands.

(h) Tactical.

Bn training is beginning. Coy training was on the whole satisfactory. Considerable attention must be paid to night work of which the Italian soldier has little experience.

(i) General.

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It is considered that with a further short period of training the infantry will be ready for war with the exception of one bn which has sufferred under a bad commander. This commander has now been changed and it is hoped the bn will pick up rapidly.

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5. SUPPLY & TRANSPORT.

(a) Composite Platoons.

Normal duties. Coy exercises in the field, Supply, Petrol and Ammunition points established during exercises.

(b) Driving and Maintenance.

Since the last Progress Report the WE of the Coy has been increased by 3 x 3 ton 4 x 2 GS per Transport Pl and 5 motor cycles solo per pl. These vehicles have been drawn by the Coy. Also an increase in WE has been made of 5 drivers IC per transport pl and 5 drivers IC per RDL. No driver reinforcements have yet been posted to the coy. Of the 122 drivers on strength, 25 are still in the training state, but it is considered that within 10 days these learners should be efficient enough to take over vehicles.

Convoy exercises have been held within the coy and the standard achieved is reasonably good. The standard of maintenance is satisfactory.

It is considered that the coy is capable of carrying out its war role, although the driver situation needs very careful watching.

Equipping of the coy is up to scale and there are no major deficiencies. Practice of deployment of the coy as a whole and of its defence when deployed, is needed.

6. ORDNANCE.

It is considered that the Ordnance Fd Pk can fulfill its role in battle.

7. MEDICAL.

The Medical Section is fully capable of fulfilling its war role but owing to deficiencies of personnel, cannot remain in action for a long period.

8. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

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9. PROVOST.

Are fully trained and carry out their duties well.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF TRADESMEN & SPECIALISTS.

10. See Appendix 'A' attached.

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PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED.

11. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

12. NON SPECIALIST TRAINING.

(a) Artillery.

Deployment of the regt and handling of MT.

(b) Engineers.

General Military Training	45%
Sapper Training	40%
Maintenance & Operation of vehicles & Fd Plant	55%

(c) Signals.

Deployment of signal resources of the Group, organisation of signal offices.

(d) Infantry.

Battalion training.
Gas training.
Handling of MT.

(e) Supply & Transport.

Specialist Tradesman	20%
Field duties	20%
Weapon Training	20%

(f) Ordnance.

Weapon Training	50%

(g) Medical.

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Battalion training.
Gas training.
Handling of MT.

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Field duties	20%
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(f) Ordnance.

Weapon Training	50%

(g) Medical.

Deployment of medical resources of the Group.

(h) Mechanical Engineers.

Weapon Training	50%

13. GENERAL.

The three outstanding needs of the Group are :-

(i) An improved standard of driving and maintenance.

(ii) Practice for staff and signals in their duties in the field. At present Div HQ is more advanced than the Regimental HQ's.

(iii) Experience for all units in living and working in battle conditions.

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The above sub-para (i) is the subject of constant attention by British and Italian officers. It is a big problem, and will take time to overcome. It is hoped to deal with (ii) and (iii) by holding a continuous exercise in the PADOVA area.

PART IV - COURSES & SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

14. See Appx 'B' to 56 BLU Progress Report No. 7 dated 26 Mar 45 - Serials 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Lt-Col.
GS.

In the Field.
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Attached :- Appendix 'A' - State of Specialists & Tradesmen.
Annexure 1 - Exercise No. 4. (D.F only)
Annexure 2 - 56 ELU Progress Report No. 7. (1 District only)

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State of Trades or Occupations & Specialists

Serial (a)	Trades or Specialists (b)	GROUP IV. (c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	LOWEST (h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	ARTISAN (l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
1.	Ammunition Workers									12	12				
2.	Armourers													62	
3.	Armourer Mechs														
4.	Armament Artificer (Veh)														
5.	Armament Artificer (Ord'ce)													21	
6.	Blacksmiths													21	
7.	Bricklayers & Masons													23	
8.	Carpenters & Joiners														
9.	Coach Trimmers									16	16			12	
10.	Clerks & Draughtsmen	29	29				10	10		250	139	100	62	356	
11.	Drivers MT	23	22											45	
12.	Driver Mechs									24	12	12	9	6	
13.	Driver Operators													6	
14.	Electricians									16	3	12	10		
15.	Fitters														
16.	Instrument Mechs														
17.	Linemen													12	
18.	Mechanics									12	12			23	
19.	Medical Orderlies														
20.	Miners									46	38	8	8	104	
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10				32	32							
22.	Nursing Orderlies														
23.	Operators (Signals)														
24.	Painters														
25.	Plumbers & Pipe Fitters														
26.	Shoemakers														

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Specialists

ARTILLERY			INFANTRY				ENGINEERS INCL MIXED PARK				SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL		
(l)	To be trained (m)	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)
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42																					
			62	13	49																
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SPECIAL ENGINEERS

& TRANSPORT		VEHICLE				OTHERWISE													
(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	
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Serial (a)	Federation or Specialists (b)	GROUP HQ WE (c)	Attached (d)	Attached to Engineers (e)	Attached to Signals (f)	PROVOST WE (g)	Attached (h)	Attached to Engineers (i)	Attached to Signals (j)	ATTACHED WE (k)	Attached (l)	Attached to Engineers (m)	Attached to Signals (n)
27.	Sheet Metal Workers												
28.	Sanitary Personnel										2	2	
29.	Stretcher Bearers	2	2										
30.	Storeman	1	1										
31.	Wireless Mech												
32.	Turners												
33.	Vehicle Mech												
34.	Watchman												
35.	Welders										2	2	
36.	Cyclists & Drivers												
37.	Cyclists Lloyd Drivers												
38.	Goniometrist										31	31	
39.	Gun Pos 1												
40.	2" Gun Numbers 1 +												
41.	3" Mortar Numbers 1 +										244	232	58
42.	Regimental Signallers +										68	68	
43.	Survey Personnel												
44.	Infantry Pioneers										5	2	3
45.	Artificers RA												

+ Are fully trained basically but require tactical training.

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Gunners 1st Gruppo fired 675 rds at EBOLI on 12, 13 and 14 Mar. Improvement was remarkable and by the third day response to fire orders achieved normal speed. The four HO's and twelve Centaine of 2[illegible] pr Gruppi did observation of fire with varied but improving success.

(b) 17 pr.

Gunners fired 300 rds at EBOLI 13 and 21 Mar. This Gruppo now has 19 NCO's capable of doing number 1 and 36 proficient layers (more than 4 per detachment) mostly of high quality.

(c) AQ AA.

Gunners have been at School of AA, EBOLI for three weeks, during which they have only fired 300 rds at sleeve targets and 200 rds A/A. Sleeve towing aircraft seldom turned up when ordered. Main Gruppo has its 12 NCO's, 12 Nos 1 and 36 proficient layers (50% above 70).

(d) Specialists.

The timing has so far shown specialists to be soundly grounded but slow in execution.

2. ENGINEERS.

(a) General.

With the arrival of substantial quantities of technical equipment and vehicles, a change during the past two weeks has been in organization of ops and training of drivers.

(b) Sapper Training.

Training in elementary dry bridging, knc warfare, demolitions, roadcraft and fieldcraft has continued. Difficulty is still experienced in persuading officers that once their men have learned to do a particular type of wor , they must continue training in the same sub-unit until the need of efficiency has been attained.

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(c) Women Training & General Military Training.

Firing of all weapons has continued, each coy being allotted the open range for two days per week. The standard of care of arms is improving.

(d) Driving and Maintenance of Vehicles.

The Battalion Driving School is functioning satisfactorily. There are now 2 vehicles allotted for training and the driver situation is in hand. By 31 Mar sufficient drivers will be trained to fill establishment. Training will continue to prepare as many spare drivers as possible.

3. SIGNALS.

Intensive training of the Signal Coy has now finished. A "drive" on interior economy has been held preparatory to the pls going out to join their regts.

4. INFANTRY.

(a) Specialists.

All specialists are basically trained with the exception of Carrier Drivers and Drivers MC. Training is designed to complete this by 15 Apr.
Advanced training of Mortar and 6 pr detachments continues.
Tactical training of Carrier Pls is due to begin on 26 Mar.

(b) Officers.

Map reading, compass, SMEAC and R/T are being studied.
The detailed organisation of bns and fms is studied periodically in order to instruct all officers in the value of the fms they fight in.

(c) Tactics.

Training progresses. British methods are studied and practised (though in some cases with reluctance).
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Pl and Coy training is now finished. A high standard of fieldcraft has been reached and pl tactics are, in the main, satisfactory. Coy training was in places disappointing but energetic steps have been taken to put faults right.
Bn training commences 26 Jan 45.

(d) Small Arms.

There has recently been a marked improvement in interest in small arms. Shooting and maintenance has greatly advanced.

5. SUPPLY & TRANSPORT.

(a) Composite Platoons.

Both pls are carrying out their normal duties and receiving practice in handling and recognition of supplies, [illegible] 2018.
Supply point and Bulk Breaking point are still functioning satisfactorily.

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6. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Progress is satisfactory but there is still a serious shortage of certain types of tradesmen.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS & TRADESMEN.

9. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - NATURE OF PROGRAMME TO BE CONSIDERED.

10. It is hoped to carry out the following before 15 Apr 47 :-

(a) Skeleton exercises for Headquarters, Signals and Service Units.

(b) Simple battalion exercises.

(c) Further discussions to settle points of organisation and battle procedure.

11. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

12. NON SPECIALIST TRAINING.

(a) Engineers.

Elementary Dry Gapping Drill
Mine Warfare

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Fieldworks	25%
Demolitions	30%
Weapon Training	25%
Road & Track Construction	20%
Driving and Maintenance of Vehicles	50%
Water Supply	100%
Fieldcraft and Battledrill	70%
Maintenance and Operation of British Field Plant	80%
Store Keeping	40%

(b) Signals.

Tactical employment of signals.

(c) Infantry.

Battalion training.

(d) Supply & Transport.

Specialist Tradesmen	20%
Field duties of ST Coy	50%
Weapon Training	50%

(e) Ordnance.

Weapon Training	50%

(f) Medical.

FD duties of Fd Sec & Fd Hosps	25%
Weapon Training	40%

(g) Mechanical Engineers.

Weapon Training	50%

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	Field duties of Sec Coy Weapon Training	50%
(e)	Ordnance.	
	Weapon Training	50%
(f)	Medical.	
	Fd duties of Asst Sec & Fd Hosps Weapon Training	25% 40%
(g)	Mechanical Engineers.	
	Weapon Training	50%

PART IV - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES.

13. KEY PERSONNEL.

The outstanding difficulty is the deficiency or poor quality of certain key personnel. The driver position has improved, but is still serious.

14. TACTICAL METHODS.

Italian infantry are apt to lie down and do nothing for long periods in the middle of an attack. Great difficulty is experienced in curing them of this fatal habit.

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18. SENIOR OFFICERS.

One Inf Regtl, and one Sp Corps are being replaced on grounds of inefficiency.

19. TRAINING OF SERVICE PERSONNEL.

A very successful exercise has been held to train Main Group HQ and Service units in their duties in the field.

PART VI - COURSES & SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

20 See Appendix 'B' to Progress Report No. 5. Serials 1, 2, 4 - 9, 11, 12.

Also Appendix 'D' to Progress Report No. 5. Serial 1.

A Programme of Courses now running or envisaged is attached at Appendix 'B'.

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

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State of Training of Trades or Specialists

Serial No.	Trades or Specialist	GROUP III			GROUP IV													
		WE	Qualified	Partly Qualified	Under Training	WE	Qualified	Partly Qualified	Under Training	WE	Qualified	Partly Qualified	Under Training	WE	Qualified	Partly Qualified	Under Training	WE
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
1.	Assistant Storeman													12	12			
2.	Armourers																	32
3.	Armourer Techs																	
4.	Armament Artificer (Veh)																	
5.	Armament Artificer (Sp)																	20
6.	Blacksmiths																	5
7.	Bricklayers & Masons																	32
8.	Carpenters & Joiners																	
9.	Coach Painters													12	12			12
10.	Clerks & Translators	29	29											258	11	132	142	220
11.	Drivers K	25	22			10	10											10
12.	Driver Mech													24		21	24	
13.	Driver Operators																	2
14.	Electricians													16	2	12	13	
15.	Fitters																	
16.	Instrument Techs																	
17.	Linemen																	12
18.	Loaders													19	7	12		20
19.	Medical Orderlies																	
20.	Miners													30	28	11	31	13
21.	Motor Cyclists	10	10			32	32											
22.	Nursing Orderlies																	
23.	Operators (Simuls)																	
24.	Painters																	
25.	Plumbers & Pipe Fitters																	
26.	Shoemakers																	

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[illegible] Specialists

ARTILLERY			INFANTRY				ENGINEERS INCL FIELD [illegible]				SIGNALS				SUPPLY & TRANSPORT				MEDICAL		
Trained (l)	To be trained (m)	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)
12															6	6					
			2	15	49																
			22	21	3		13	10	2	1											
			24	21			22	27	6	1											
			25	25			52	39	13	2											
17			120	96			20	20			2	2			17	17			4	4	
119	139	1[illegible]	252	259	91	91	96	72	24	24	61	49	12	14	141	119	22	22	57	42	15
			48	15	33		15	7	8	8					17	13	4		4	1	5
	29	24																	1		4
			2	6			11	8	3		11	11							2	1	1
3	13	13					21	17	1												
											15	6	9								
											13	13									
															3	1	2				
			12	11	1																
7	12		36	36			2	3			1	1									
							21	21													
33	11	11	134	131	32	32	30	26	4	4	22	20	2	2	17	13	4	4	20	20	
											129	110	19								
							12	5	2												
							13	6	4												
							2	2			1	1			1	1					

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TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

	INFANTRY				ORDNANCE										TOTALS				
	WE	Engineer	Medical	Chemical	Other	WE	Signal	Ord & Maint	Chemical	Other	WE	Engineer	Ord & Maint	Chemical	Other				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
1																10	10		1
2																14	14		2
3												14				62	12	48	2
4																7	6	1	4
5												7	6	1		1		1	5
6												1		1		1			6
7												1	1			42	31	9	7
8												4	1	1		37	31	5	8
9																21	20	1	9
10												4	4			31	29	2	10
11												2	2			3	3		11
12												8	8			142	138	4	12
13	4	4				8	8					25	25	1	1	1	1		13
14	57	42	15	12	30	25	13					24	23	1		1,0	741	317	14
15												52	41	10	1	1	77	33	15
16	4	1	2													28		28	16
17												10	6	12		15	51	10	17
18	1		1	1	2	3						22	20	1		31	41	2	18
19	2	1	1									2	1	1		17	7	10	19
20																2	1		20
21																10	12	2	21
22																52	47	12	22
23																24	24		23
24												5	3	2	2	6	3	3	24
25	20	20														20	20		25
26																122	110	12	26
27												2	2			12	11	1	27
28																10	6	4	28
29																2	1	1	29
30																4	4		30

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Serial (a)	Trade or Specialist (b)	WP (c)	Assigned (d)	Not Assigned (e)	Total (f)	WP (g)	Assigned (h)	Not Assigned (i)	Total (j)	WP (k)	Assigned (l)	Not Assigned (m)	Total (n)
		GROUP IV				FORWARD				ATTACHED			
27.	Steel and Timber												
28.	Semitrack Personnel										2		2
29.	Stretcher Bearers	2	2										
30.	Storeman	1	1										
31.	Waterman (Cook)												
32.	Tinsmith												
33.	Vehicle Mechanic												
34.	Veterinary												
35.	Welders										2		2
36.	Barbers & Dressers												
37.	Carriers Ldr & Driver												
38.	Semitrack									10	12		12
39.	Gun No. 1												
40.	6 pr Gun Detach +												
41.	3" Mortar Numbers +									31	27		27
42.	Recd Cat 1 Signallers +									20	10		20
43.	Survey Personnel												
44.	Infantry Pioneers										2		2
45.	Artificers R.												

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PROGRAMME OF COURSES

Ser	Subject	Fro	To	Location	No of Students	Remarks Initial Responsible
1.	Vehicle Maintenance	18 Jan	14 Apr	Ex Std	16	G II [illegible]
2.	Mine Warfare Field Engineers	12 Jan	24 Apr	Group Adm	32	SO IR
3.	" "	26 Jan	31 Mar	" "	32	"
4.	Gas Warfare	26 Jan	12 Apr	[illegible]	4	G II

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PROGRESS OF COURSES

Location	No of Students	Responsibility Initial Responsibility	Training	Object
BOLT	16	3 TI RC	BLTD	Train Driver Techs
Troop Area	52	50 RE	MONTOYA Sept 44	Train Threshy Pioneers
" "	35	"	"	" " "
[illegible]	3	3 TI	CSTC	Train Instructors in Use of Explos.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 6.

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MMI - 'G'
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DATE:

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27 Mar 45

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TRAINING TO BE CARRIED OUT TO 10 APRIL.

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1. FORECAST.

Combat Group ANVIL will probably move from its present location about 15 Apr. The present phase of training will therefore end about 10 Apr, and training as follows should be carried out by that date.

2. TRAINING OF DRIVERS.

(a) The highest priority should be given to the production of drivers of all types to 100% on WE by 10 Apr. This includes drivers of Carriers Lloyd, Carriers Universal, wheeled vehicles and motor cycles.

(b) Whenever possible, Class 5 vehicles should be used for the first few hours of instruction.

3. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

This should continue in the intervals between collective training exercises. Constant repetition of elementary lessons is necessary to maintain and improve the standard. This includes the training of specialists.

4. COLLECTIVE TRAINING.

In the case of infantry, this will include simple battalion exercises. Repetition of platoon and company training will be carried out as time permits.

5. CONVOY EXERCISES AND LOADING PRACTICE.

Every unit must be able to load and move its WE by 10 Apr. Load tables should be prepared, and test loading should be carried out. Each unit should carry out not less than two runs of two hours or more, and the unit

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5. CONVOY EXERCISES AND LOADING PARTIES.

Every unit must be able to load and move its MT by 10 Apr. Load tables should be prepared, and test loading should be carried out. Each unit should carry out not less than two runs of two hours or more, and the unit transport officers, drivers and traffic control personnel should be thoroughly tested in convoy discipline.

6. RT TRAINING.

Every officer whose duties may require him to use RT in operations should be proficient in RT procedure by 10 Apr.

7. ARMY FIRE OVER OUR F. ARMY.

Arrangements are being made by C II (Trg) and 30 BA for infantry to be given experience of advancing under cover of Army fire.

8. At Appendix 'A' is a programme of training exercises which have been arranged by HQ. Combat Group ALDERSHOT and 56 BDE.

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9. TRAINING OF UNIT Q.M.'S.

Arrangements are being made by Group HQ and DALGOAS 56 BDU to hold a short course for unit Quartermasters in their duties in the field.

10. OTHER TRAINING.

Training will not be confined to the subjects named in this instruction. Other training will be carried out at the discretion of Regtl and unit cmdrs.

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Result of Exercise "27 Mar" - 10 Corps

Ref Map ITALY 1:100,000 Sheet 17

Serial	Date	Time	Place	Particulars	Personnel taking part
a	b	c	d	e	f
1.	27 Mar	0830 to 1730	Combat Group Area	Visit of HM Prince Umberto di Savoia	All units
2.	28 Mar	1130	HQ. Combat Group.	Discussion :- (a) Composition of Unit 'A' & 'B' Sqn (b) Composition of Unit R. O. P & T Sqn.	Unit Representatives :- Cp HQ. Regtl HQ's Unit HQ's 56 Bde.
3.	30-31 Mar		H 827363	Deployment Exercise :- Main. Group HQ. Rear. Group HQ. Ldg Regt HQ. Engr Bn HQ. Sig Sqn Cpt. Int Recn Regt & Main HQ's.	HQ. Personnel. Signals
4.	31 Mar	1615	H 315307	Demonstration - Amph. Unit and Port Unit Exer.	All Units

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Appendix 'J' to 56 AGH Tpt Instr No 6.

Ref LEROS - 27 and - 32 - GR 45.

Ref Key ITALY 1: 100,000 Sheet 17

Particulars	Personnel taking part	Authorities responsible	Remarks
a	b	c	d
(a) Duke of Savoia.	All units	Group HQ. C.T. 56 AGH	See 56 AGH. 15 G dated 23 Mar (Not to all)
(b) Unit 'A' & 'B' Sch (c) Unit R. C. P. C. T Cos.	Divs representing :- Gp HQ. Engr units. Unit HQ's 56 AGH.	Group HQ. C TT. 56 AGH	See 56 AGH. 15 G dated 23 Mar. (Not to all)
(a) :- Group HQ. Group HQ. Unit HQ. Col. Cos. All Inter-Coln HQ's.	HQ. Personnel. Signals	Group HQ. C TT. 56 AGH.	All typewill clear airfield by 1200 hrs
(a) Key, Inf and Tank Wire Power.	50 O Sigmn	Group HQ C TT. 56 AGH C.R.C.	(a) All concd to be represented. (b) Details will be issued later.

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Serial a	Date b	Time c	Place d	Particulars e	Personnel to Attend f
5.	2 Apr	1430 to 1630	Camp	Lecture - Characteristics and Employment of Tanks	50 Officers & NCO's Inf
6.	6/7 Apr		To be notified later	HQ and Signal Exercise	HQ and Sig Coy all units.
7.	9 Apr	1100 to 1300	To be notified later	Patrol Demonstration	Inf Officers
8.	9 Apr	1000 to 1600	N 627863	Deployment Exercise - Move to HQ and Service units.	

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Particulars a	Personnel taking part f	Authorities Responsible g	Remarks h
ure - Characteristics and Employment of Tanks	50 Officers Army & Inf	Group HQ G II. 5G BDE. CATC.	Lecture by Major WADE.
n Signal Exercise	HQ and Sigs. 11 units.	Group HQ G II. 5G BDE	Details later.
ol Demonstration	Inf Officers	Group HQ G II. 5G BDE CATC	Provisional. Details later.
oyment Exercise - Rear Gp HQ Service units.		Group HQ DAQ.	Details later.

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'C' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref MTU/39/43

5. Apr 45.

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RAAC
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMTA)
'F' HQ MTU ICF.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of March 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The general progress of training is satisfactory. Until trained instructors are available the standard of instruction will continue to be unsatisfactory, but a lot is being done to train instructors and in time, as they become available, so the general standard will improve.

(b) No 1 Regt.

The general standard of discipline and turnout have improved. The training programme is being well carried out but training generally is still too formal and rigid and more introduction of the 'Battle School' spirit would make training more interesting and instructive, instead of, as at present, when there are too many barrack square and sitting down periods. However, the regiment is progressing, and training is being well prepared.

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(c) No 2 Regt.

Since the last report considerable progress has been made but progress is still slow. This Regiment has been troubled with large numbers of Undisciplined Partisans, but there is a marked improvement both as regards discipline and general turnout, although this has taken up too much of the Senior Officers time and prevents them putting their full energies into organising efficient training. The appointment of a Training Officer has made a distinct improvement but the normal faults of an Italian Training are still present with the large squad, and only the Senior Officers doing anything.

The disturbing factor is the Infantry Specialist training which is only just starting, due largely to shortage of instructors, but also to lack of appreciation and interest on the part of Regimental Commanders. Proposals have been made, also slight internal adjustments of organisation which it is hoped will produce results during the next month.

(d) Infantry School.

The Infantry School functions efficiently provided they are on subjects where the Officer Instructors have been to British Schools of Instruction. The tactical instruction is sound and specialist weapons instruction is improving. This School is being well run and will produce good results.

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(c) No 5 Dist.

(i) Signals School.

Classes at the Signal School, [illegible] are now in their eighth week of training and fairly satisfactory progress is being made. DR Training, which was lagging behind the rest of the courses, is now making good progress since the receipt of ten MCs.

The School will move up to this Centre on 18 April. Good accommodation is being completed at BRACKLINO next to the Engineer School.

(ii) Engineer Training.

Only recruit training is being undertaken at present and this is making satisfactory progress in spite of the shortage of good Italian Instructors. There have been many administrative difficulties to overcome, particularly feeding arrangements and generally bad discipline, but this situation is improving and progress is showing. The training of Infantry Pioneer Training Instructors is working smoothly and includes a mine museum, minefields and suitable equipment.

(2) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

The Provost School is now ready and complete, waiting only for the Italian Training Staff. The Italian Headquarters have reported the instructors are already on the way so the School should be starting up within a few days.

155 Italian Provost Section CD.SR (WS 09/524/1).

To strength less 2 men. The Section is fully equipped and working very satisfactorily.

193 Italian Provost Section CD.SR (WS 09/524/1).

To strength less 3 men. Fully equipped and working most efficiently. This section was commended by Field Marshall

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155 Italian Provost Section CC.RR (WB CS/524/1).

To strength less 2 men. The Section is fully equipped and working very satisfactorily.

198 Italian Provost Section CC.RR (WB CS/524/1).

To strength less 3 men. Fully equipped and working most efficiently. This section was commended by Field Marshall ALEXANDER on his visit.

349 Provost Section CC.RR (WB CS/524/1).

Just arrival at this Centre. They will form the first students for the Provost School, and until the instructors arrive alternative instructors are being arranged.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The Mechanics School will be ready to commence training on 8 April. The Italian Instructors have all been trained and are quite competent to commence instruction. The delay in starting is caused by buildings for administration still to be completed, but in the meantime a considerable amount is being done to improve training facilities and much equipment has been improvised. The British RASC instructors establishment is complete.

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(f) Schools (Continued).

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The School opens on 8 April having an intake of 300 trainees. Instructors have been trained and will have reached the required standard. Constructional work, which was holding up this course, will be sufficiently advanced to start on this date.

(g) [illegible] (All Arms Instructors School).

(i) It was originally hoped to commence the first course at the beginning of April, but owing entirely to slow progress on the part of the Contractors, the opening dates have been postponed. This extra time will also allow the various Wings further time to tie up their instruction. Work on all buildings is progressing well with the additional help from Italian Engineers from [illegible].

(ii) The JLW and WTI courses commencing 8 April will be accommodated in makeshift premises and not in all the buildings finally to be allotted to them.

(iii) SO and JNCO of the Tactical Wing will commence on 15 April.

(iv) The Administration Wing and Hygiene Wing will not be opened until early in May, when the other Wings have been launched. Time is needed to arrange the accommodation and the advice of the CMTC is being sought for the organisation, staff and detailed equipment for the Hygiene Section. Major [illegible] will visit CMTC on Wednesday 4 April 45.

2. COURSES

(a) Courses Run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. A hundred students on paper but owing to sickness and other reasons, all students did not complete the Course. Being the first course, left much room for improvement in instruction, but in on satisfactory lines. A further course of 40

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be allotted to them.

(iii) SC and CMOC of the Tactical Wing will commence on 15 April.

(iv) The Administration Wing and Hygiene Wing will not be opened until early in May, when the other Wings have been launched. Time is needed to arrange the accumulation and the advice of the CMFC is being sought for the organisation, staff and detailed equipment for the Hygiene Section. Major BURTENSHAW will visit CMFC on Wednesday 4 April 45.

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(b) A 3-in Mortar Course with 20 students provided excellent instruction. Shortage of Signal Equipment and late arrival of carriers produced difficulties but the course went well.

(c) 6 pr Course of 20 students. Drill was good and all students have fired, including firing against moving targets with good results.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses have yet started for intake from the Gruppi, due to shortage of trained instructors, but it is hoped to start this intake in about six weeks.

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2. (a) Courses run during the month (Continued).

(iv) Provost School.

Regimental Police course for Arty personnel 10 ORs were trained. Traffic Control course for the squad on DOVIDEN of the Camp 20 ORs were trained.

(v) Mechanics School.

No courses run.

(iv) Driving and Maintenance School.

For the purpose of training and selecting potential driving instructors for the School, the initial 14 days D & M course was completed and 55 drivers passed out as suitable. 75 driver instructors will be ready for the first four weeks course.

(vii) GIVA All Arms Instructors School.

No course run.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

During April the existing courses will continue. In addition, a Snipers Course of 6 students to produce instructors for the Snipers School commencing in May. Also to provide instructors for the 2nd Regiment.

Carriers. A small carrier course is running at present, but instruction is poor and will not be efficient until the British Instructional Staff of 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants arrive. Six men are sent weekly to the Mechanics School for training, but the present difficulties cannot be overcome until the whole of the instruction is on a firm footing. At present, the output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected before the end of May, unless the British staff arriving can speed this up.

The 3-in Mortar Course will take 30 students. The A Tk 6 pr Course 30 students. The Tactical Course a further 40 young

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Carriers. A small carrier course is running at present, but instruction is poor and will not be efficient until the British Instructional Staff of 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants arrive. Six men are sent weekly to the Mechanical School for training, but the present difficulties cannot be overcome until the whole of the instruction is on a firm footing. At present, the output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected before the end of May, unless the British staff arriving can speed this up.

The 3-in Mortar Course will take 30 students. The 2 in 6 pr Course 30 students. The Tactical Course a further 40 young officers and 60 NCOs. Mine Warfare 20 students.

During May the Infantry School will function to capacity as intended in the War Establishment.

(ii) No 2 Regiment Specialist School.

Starting on 5 April and will train 30 A Tk personnel and 30 3-in Mortar personnel by the end of the month. In addition the Carrier Course should produce sufficient drivers to man all carriers at this Centre.

Pioneer Training will be confined to the production of sufficient instructors to fill requirements at the beginning of May also of instructing a number of Regimental Officers to be capable of instructing in elementary Mine Warfare.

A short Hygiene Course of one week will commence on the 5 April and continue. This course will deal with unit hygiene and will train unit Sanitary men.

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(b) Courses projected for the next two months (Continued).

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

As soon as the recruits training can carry on without British supervision a special course will be run for officers the programme of which is not yet available. It is hoped to start Engineer Training for an intake from the Gruppi in about six weeks. For programme of present course see Appendix "C".

(v) Provost School.

319 Italian Provost Section will have 51 students to complete the course. See Appendix "D". 5 Officers and 30 students from the Combat Groups are scheduled to commence this course immediately after this first course is finished.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

Courses projected for April and May are as follows :-

Date of Assembly	Course.	
3 April	Junior Leaders Tactical Wing.	
8 April	Platoon Weapons.	Weapon Training Wing.
8 April	3-in Mortar	
8 April	6pr A Tk	
8 April	Snipers	
15 April.	SQ & SUCC TAC WING.	
15 May	All the above and in addition :-	

immediately after this first course is finished.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SEATO All Arms Instructors School.

Courses projected for April and May are as follows :-

Date of Assembly	Course.
8 April	Junior Leaders Tactical Wing.
8 April	Platoon Weapons. }
8 April	3-in Mortar } Weapon Training
8 April	6pr A Tk } Wing.
8 April	Snipers }
15 April.	SG & Supp Tac Wing.
15 May	All the above and in addition :- School of Administration. School of Hygiene.

Detailed syllabus. See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses.

(i) Infantry School. NIL.

(ii) No 2 Regt Specialist School. NIL.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(iv) Engineers Training. NIL.

(v) Provost School.

During May the 5 Officers and 50 students mentioned in para (b) (v).

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2. (c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses (Continued).

(vi) Mechanics School. HQ

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

100 from MAIFORCE Div on 6 April.
400 from Groups on 6 May.

(viii) MIVA All Arms Instructors School.

In order that the organisation may be kept as simple as possible in the opening stages, the first course of each Wing will be made up of students from this Centre. The Second course will be made up as follows :-
Commencing 13 May.

Course	Total	HQ	MAIFORCE	15 Army
J.I.W.	36	6	6	24
[illegible])	35	5	10	20
[illegible])	40	10	10	20
3" Mortar	20	5	5	10
6pr A Tk	20	5	5	10
Snipers	20	5	5	10
Administration	30	7	8	15
Hygiene	20	5	5	10
	221	48	54	119

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

2" Guns	40	10	10	20
3-in Mortar	20	5	5	10
6pr A Tk	20	5	5	10
Snipers	20	5	5	10
Administration	30	7	8	15
Hygiene	20	5	5	10
	224	48	54	119

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "B" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(iv) Driving Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(v) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(vi). MECHANICS SCHOOL.

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2. (Continued).

(e) Number of personnel from RTC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	RE Sanitation and Anti Malaria.	8 Offrs		RETURNED.
(ii)	Hygiene and Sanitation	6 "		"
(iii)	Anti Gas	9 "		"
(iv)	Vehicle Mechanics		10 ORs	NGAPALI
(v)	Gun Fitters		24 ORs	"
(vi)	Lecturers and Storeman (Rations)	1 "	4 ORs	ROME
(vii)	Photo Interpretation.	3 "		S.SERVICE.

3. STUDENTS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 3 Mar	-	1685
10 Mar	-	195
17 Mar	-	508
24 Mar	-	335
31 Mar	-	536

(b) Offrs Despatched.

Nom	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	660
Arty	-	-	-	-	-

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(vii) Photo Interpretation. 5 " S.SEVERN.

3. [illegible] Hill.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 3 Mar	-	1605
10 Mar	-	195
17 Mar	-	508
24 Mar	-	555
31 Mar	-	536

(b) Gifts Despatched.

Arm	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	660
Arty	-	-	-	-	-
Engrs	-	-	-	-	-
Other Arms	168	64	-	22	274
	168	64	-	422	934

(c) Gifts held at 31 Mar 45.

Arm	Postal Str	Parcels Str.
Inf	7859	4208
Arty	727	592
Engrs	1170	840
Other Arms	1389	649
	11,145	6,289.

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (ITALIAN).

(a) No 1 and 2 Depts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Theoretically no deficiencies but instructors in Signals, Pioneers and Carriers are still under training. It is hoped that by the end of April all instructors will be available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Improving, still not up to standard, but will be satisfactory by the end of April.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Deficiencies in Specialist Instructors to complete WE are being found by [illegible] but the deficiency figure is small. Up to date details are not available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical instruction is fairly good but supervision other than by British staff is poor. The Italian Staff is inclined to inconsistent except under close British supervision.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete except for one Major who is on his way.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Standard of instruction is passable with NCOs and improving with experience, but bad in respect of officers. It is hoped to improve the officers by running their special course.

(d) Depot School.

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Deficiencies in Specialist Instructors to complete WE are being found by [illegible] but the deficiency figure is small. Up to date details are not available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical instruction is fairly good but supervision other than by British staff is poor. The Italian Staff is inclined to inconsistent except under close British supervision.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete except for one Major who is on his way.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Standard of instruction is passable with NCOs and improving with experience, but bad in respect of officers. It is hoped to improve the officers by running their special course.

(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

No Italian Instructors have arrived yet.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Does not apply.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

29 Vehicle Mechanics - these are to be found from trainees entering the School.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Up to the standard of Army tradesmen tests.

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4. [redacted] (ITALIAN) (Continued).

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Chief Instructor (Captain). 1
Subalterns 3

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Progressing well, the instruction should be of a good standard.

(g) [redacted] All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

There has been difficulty in finding sufficient instructors to fill the WE particularly as a large number of the instructors trained at CSTC were already instructing at [redacted]. This has now been rearranged and the few deficiencies filled with officers considered suitable to instruct with the intention of training them as the courses progress.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction should be good as the best of the CSTC trained instructors are at present working on their syllabus. There has been the same difficulty in getting them going but the outlook is most favourable. The demonstration company are good troops and keen.

5. [redacted].

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of March has generally been satisfactory. At the outset, difficulty was experienced in collecting vehicles, but this was overcome by transferring vehicles to [redacted]. The only really outstanding items are Fitters Tools, and Tools and Spare Parts of all descriptions for the Mechanics School.

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

instructors trained at that date already [illegible] at CMTC. This has now been rearranged and the few deficiencies filled with officers considered suitable to instruct with the intention of training them as the courses progress.

(d) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction should be good as the best of the CMTC trained instructors are at present working on their syllabus. There has been the same difficulty in getting them going but the outlook is most favourable. The demonstration company are good troops and keen.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of March has generally been satisfactory. At the outset, difficulty was experienced in collecting vehicles, but this was overcome by transferring releasees to [illegible]. The only really outstanding items are Fitters Tools, and Tools and Spare Parts of all descriptions for the Mechanics School.

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

See Appendix "H" attached.

(c) Details of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

See Appendix "I" attached.

6. ACCOMMODATION.

(a) Accomodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Depts.

The accomodation is good basically but with the lack of doors, and with the windows being half bricked up, conditions are far from good. Further huts are required for classrooms and dining-halls, and if the Centre is to be compared with the corresponding British Establishment, the provision of extra accomodation and considerable improvement to existing buildings is urgent.

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6. ADMINISTRATION (Continued).

(ii) No 3 Dept.

(a) Single.

The accomodation at BUCCIANO when finished will be good and arrangements are proceeding to move up the School complete on 10 April.

(b) Engineer Training.

At BUCCIANO the present overcrowding is being gradually improved by the provision of some beds and eventually tentage. Feeding has been the worst problem but arrangements are in hand to improve the present cook-house.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School has received its fair share of the accomodation available, and although rather cramped has no real accomodation problem. Further accomodation has been asked for to improve the situation. During the period of waiting the buildings have been improved and arranged most efficiently.

(iv) Mechanics School.

Accomodation is being completed and will be good. At present 9% completed for instructors and 10% completed for students, tents will be used if not finished in time. The School is really well laid out and well decorated.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

Accomodation will be sufficiently completed and adequate for the first course. Accomodation is good.

(vi) GHQ All Arms Instructors School.

The Schools buildings have been all allotted and now it is a question of speeding up the Contractors. Everything is being done to assist them. The attached sketch shows system of accomodation.

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accommodation available, and although Butler Cowper has no real accommodation problem. Further accommodation has been asked for to improve the situation. During the period of writing the buildings have been approved and arranged most efficiently.

(iv) Mechanics School.

Accomodation is being completed and will be good. At present 95% completed for instructors and 10% completed for students, beds will be used if not finished in time. The School is really well laid out and well decorated.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

Accomodation will be sufficiently completed and adequate for the first course. Accomodation is good.

(vi) CIV All Arms Instructors School.

The Schools buildings have been all allotted and now it is a question of speeding up the Contractors. Everything is being done to assist them. The attached sketch shows system of accomodation.

(b) Hygiene.

General hygiene shows some improvement. With the attachment of 4 MI and 5 AGC majors, it has been possible to keep much closer supervision. There is still a contentment of indiscriminate defaecation which can be checked only by general discipline. Cook-houses as yet are rather primitive but plans are afoot to carry out improvements continuously. Billets are on the whole clean and ventilated but most windows in the main buildings are partly blocked up. Considerable improvement will have to be carried out before the hot weather arrives. The methods of disposal of refuse and introduction of hygienic latrines are all part of the programme which is developing day by day. A short weeks course for unit sanitary men will start early in April and provide additional help in the drive to make the Centre more hygienic.

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6. ADMINISTRATION (Continued).

(c) Welfare.

(i) This problem is now receiving the due consideration and a general effort is being made. There is an Italian Welfare Officer appointed and although he complains they are unable to carry out a welfare programme on anything like the scale of the British, the following arrangements are in operation.

(ii) CINEMA.

Theatres plans are in preparation for an open air theatre to accomodate 2,000. Throughout the month instrumental and vocal concerts have been given to an average attendance of 400.

Cinemas. There is a cinema operating at present and shows are given every evening. An additional cinema is under construction.

Canteens. Each Bn has a canteen.

Rest Rooms. The two Regiments are organising rest rooms, Education etc.

(iii) ENTERTAINMENT.

Arrangements are being made to use the civilian theatre.

(iv) RECREATION.

An officers club is planned and nearing completion, this will be staffed by the Italian Red Cross. There is a good local cinema, also used for training films.

(v) Newspapers.

2,500 copies of 'La Patria' are distributed daily. 1,500 copies of 'Stella' weekly and over 4,000 books have been distributed.

(vi) Sports.

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Rest Rooms. The two Regiments are organising rest rooms, libraries etc.

(iii) BILLIARDS.

Arrangements are being made to use the civilian theatre.

(iv) RECREATION.

An officers club is planned and nearing completion, this will be staffed by the Italian Red Cross. There is a good local cinema, also used for touring films.

(v) Newspapers.

2,500 copies of 'La Patria' are distributed daily. 1,500 copies of 'Italia' weekly and over 4,000 books have been distributed.

(vi) Sports.

Sports gear is only leaking. Football and sports grounds are under construction.

(f) Morale.

The introduction of British Battle Dress and Equipment has played a large part in the uplift in morale, which continues to improve as shown by the outward signs, such as saluting, personal cleanliness etc. Morale is not good and the resultant laxity of discipline and sloppy attitude to hard training on the part of the individual soldier makes the job of the British Staff an up-hill one. However, a lot more has been achieved and morale shows a marked improvement, particularly now the individual soldiers life is becoming more interesting. It is felt a lot more can be done by the Junior Officers to build up the morale, particularly in applying man management which is being taught and stressed on every available opportunity.

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7. GENERAL.

Generally it can be said that the past month has shown a considerable improvement in many respects. Morale is better, discipline is better, and the cycle of training is beginning to turn. However, there are many deficiencies. Unless training is kept right to the fore part in the minds of the Italian Officers, any excuse is accepted as a chance to miss it. Feasts, holidays, wet weather, too many fatigues, anything is accepted as a chance to let the men off, with the result that unless this matter is carefully controlled, no progress are not completed. The Senior Officers will not delegate responsibility and do not understand the benefits of decentralisation, but more and more thought is being given to these matters and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staffs is producing the good results. So far as the individual soldier is concerned, this ego needs building up, and until he has more confidence in himself and his officers, training is bound to suffer through his lack of interest. However, progress continues and each day sees improvement. Recently General RUSSO, the Italian Officer Commanding, wrote a letter to his Regimental Commanders framed as definate and direct lines impressing the need for discipline and the rooting out of inefficient officers. A copy of this letter has been seen and it reflects credibility on the genuine effort now being made by the Italian Officers to produce results.

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TRAINING SIGNALS SCHOOL NCC ICF (Cont'd)

Name of course.	No of Students.	Duration of course.	R
(g) Regimental Operators course. (Army).	87	13 weeks	L & M. Ope... Instruments ... Telephones and ... W/T sets 19, ... maintenance o...
(h) Regimental Operators course. (Infantry)	129	13 weeks	L & M. Ope... Line security. ... Telephones. ... sets 18 and 38.
(i) DRs course.	11	4 weeks	Qualifica... Lancement auto... (Men who alre... are selected...

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NAVAL SIGNAL SCHOOL REG ICF (Cont'd)

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Duration of course.	Detail Syllabus.
13 weeks	R & E. Operating procedure R/T & W/T. Signal security. Instruments - setting up and operating. Test and maintenance. Telephones and Switchboards. Loop and toad set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11, & 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries. Line layin g.
13 weeks	R & E. Operating procedure W/T & Sig. office duties. Sig. security. Instruments R/T & W/T. Telephones and Switchboards. R/T sets 19 and 46. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
4 weeks	Air Position. Maintenance of W/C. Map reading. Liaison duties. Switchboard. (Men who claim to have had previous W/C experience are selected for this course).

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TRAINING SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC AGF

Name of course.	No of Students.	Duration of course.	
(a) Operators Wireless course.	50	17 weeks	Operating, Instrument Batteries Exercises.
(b) Operators Line course.	27	13 weeks	Operating, Instrument Exercises.
(c) Switchboard Operators course.	6	4 weeks	L & M - Te Instrument 10 10 line Operating
(d) Short courses for Linesmen.	9	4 weeks	L & M - cl Multiphone Cable Layi
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course.	19	17 weeks	Knowledge Testing - tools.
(f) Electrician Signals course.	5	8 weeks	Knowledge Electrical Manipulati

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, BARI ICP

Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus.
17 weeks	Operating, procedure, R & T wireless theory, Wireless Instruments, - 9, 19, 22 set, fault finding and maintenance, Batteries and charging. Exercises. Periodical testing.
13 weeks	Operating, procedure, R & T elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises. Periodical testing.
4 weeks	R & T - Telephones, Indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones 25 & F and line. Switchboard 10 line. P & T. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and chronograms.
4 weeks	R & T - elementary principles. Instruments - Telephones, Interphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing units Cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
17 weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, R & T. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
6 weeks	Knowledge of manuals applicable to apparatus in use. R & T. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charting exercise. Map reading.

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Date of Course	Vacancies Officers	NCOs	Duration	Brief syllabus
1. Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the battalion with supporting arms in the problems of a brigade group. The training of a battalion group. To train Officers in command of a company with supporting arms. To train Junior Officers and NCOs under conditions as near as may be which to train.
(b) Coy Commanders	20		3 Weeks	
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 Weeks	
2. Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons	20	20	3 Weeks	To train instructors in the handling of the platoon weapons. To train instructors in the handling of the 3-in Mortar. To train instructors in the handling of the 6 pr Anti-Tk Gun. To train Instructors in the principles of training and the syllabus of training.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	
(c) 6 pr Anti-Tk Gun	10	10	3 Weeks	
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	
3. Administration.				
(a) General Administration.			3 Weeks	To train Officers in the principles of administration.
(b) Hygiene			3 Weeks.	

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ertion	Brief syllabus and Standard.
Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a brigade commander and to consider the training of a battalion.
Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an infantry company with supporting arms.
Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a Platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basic knowledge to train their own platoons.
Weeks	To train instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 3-in mortar.
Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6 pr A Tk Gun.
Weeks	To train instructors in the art of sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own units.
Weeks	To train Officers in unit administration under all conditions of war including unit hygiene and discipline.
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DRIVERS AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration	Outline of S
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, ex detail of tasks 1 - 7.
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, 13
(c) D & M Students	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Scaffolding, running repair AB 412, discipline on the ro military vehicles, road acci of vehicles from ditches, m oil, preparation of vehicle and convoy discipline, conv convoy signals - air attack of anti skid chains, precau troop carrying and load com and inflammables, use of fir repair service, day and nig

The programme is based on the British unit system of maintenance, explaining the tasks in d out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing pract explanation. The organisation of the School allows 4 to 5 pupils to each trading vehicle a V and in four mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle vehicles undergoing repairs. 15 VCR awaiting small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting long

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Figure 1

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Outline of Syllabus.

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Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 - 7. Driving instruction.

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Details of tasks 8 - 16, AB 1,06. Driving instruction.

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...Week

Tasks 1 - 8
Tasks 9 - 16
Qualifying, running regulns, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 1,12, discipline on the road, moves & rules, special instructions for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing of vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding mats, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

...ction of maintenance, explaining the tasks in detail and finally supervision of the driver carrying ... four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work and the other two theoretical ... allows 4 to 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. The vehicles are all class ... in time some additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 March, of 75 vehicles held 10 were in ...ing small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting longer workshop repairs.

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL RTO ICF

Name of course.	Vehicles. Offrs.	Ors	Duration of course.	Brief Syll
(a) VEHICLE MECHANICS.		90	6 weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory o ept of his unit, test and adju ensure to simple improvised repa Class III.
(b) DRIVER MECHANICS.		1½	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mec knowledge of gear box, transfer fault finding, road mech drawin repairs. Class II.
(c) GUN FITTERS.		23	6 weeks	Must have previous engr wksp ex simple sketch, work accurately, simple soldering operations. Must have a working knowledge o repairs to breech mechanisms, b elevating and traversing gears Class III.
(d) ARMOURERS.		8	2 weeks.	Must have a good wksp experienc .38 pistol, bren, 2-in mortar, Class III.
(e) MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSAL AND LLOYD CARRIERS.		6	1 week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERS

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ITALIAN PRISONERS SCHOOL AND ICF

ration of course.	Brief Syllabus of course, and Standard.
weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, repairs & adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, serve and maint of accumulators. Class III.
weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential, practical fault finding, read mech drawing, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II.
weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience. Tested to work to .002-in, read simple sketch, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
	Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
weeks.	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifle, .38 pistol, bren, 2-in mortar, 3-in mortar, STEN and Thompson gun. Class III.
week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LORRY carriers.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, FTC ICF.

Name of course.	Vacancies.		Duration of course.	Prerequisites.
	Offs	ORs		
Pre course for CORK of pre seas Italian Combat Gps.	5	50	5 weeks	Air Corps Drill, PT, (eqpt, uni to classifi arg, and co within the
				For Drill pu The above, and control now, are no

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Appendix "D" to HTL/09/18
Dated 3 April 45.

PROVOST SCHOOL, PTO ICF.

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Location of Course. Brief Syllabus and Time Table.

15 weeks

For OCTR
Drill, PT, saluting, pro duties in the fd, AT tr, MG, (sept, use and operation) von classifications, method of the circuit, veh staging and parking, MP discipline and org, and control of mov during AT, the functions of OCTR within the Co.

For all ranks and officers.
The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, care and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, MP notes on discipline.

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ENGINEER TRAINING

Subject	Duration of Course	Outline
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of tools, knot fd geometry, constr and tackles, anchor Bowerfield Tracking timber for tracks.
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - br, use of kr cribs
(c) Mine Warfare	2 Weeks	Course on Brit explo Beehives, mined cha enemy, laying mines prodders and detect drill and reece, re
This course also for Infantry Pioneers Instructors		

Weekly intake is theoretically 55 but to date there have been two intakes of 200 and 10

The first three parties will have completed training by 30 April, and will produce appr

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ENGINEER TRAINING

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Course	Outline Syllabus
	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sandbag walling, fd geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Overfield Tracking, construction of jeep tracks, use of local timber for tracks. Water supply eqpt, use of compressor.
	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RSJ improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
Sappers Instructors	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Demolitions, mined charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and enemy, laying mines and recording, disarming mines, use of probers and detectors, gap marking eqpt, minefield mapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

To date there have been two intakes of 200 and 100 respectively.

leted training by 30 April, and will produce approximately 75 trained sappers.

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INTAKE

Trade	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Operators, Wireless	25	-	50	-	25
Operators, Line	27	-	-	27	-
Switchboards Ops	4	-	8	4	4
Linesmen	-	-	9	9	9
Mis	11	-	11	-	11
Instrument Technicians	16	3	-	-	15
Electricians, Sigs	5	-	5	-	5
Inf Sigs.					
Regtl Opns (Inf)	49	-	98	49	49
Regtl Linesmen (Inf)	-	-	22	22	22
Switchboard Ops (Inf)	9	-	9	9	9
Arty Sigs					
Regtl Opns (Arty)	30	-	60	30	30
Regtl Linesmen (Arty)	-	-	18	18	18
Regtl Switchboard Opns (Arty)	9	-	9	9	9
TOTALS	185	3	299	177	204

NOTE :- (a) No intake during March owing to accumulation dis

(b) No intake of Linesmen (for Signals, Arty and Inf)

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PROPOSED INTAKE AND OUTPUT OF TRADESMEN TO END

Trade	Feb	Mar	INTAKE Apr	May	June
Operators, Wireless	25	-	50	-	25
Operators, Line	27	-	-	27	-
Switchboards Ops	4	-	8	4	4
Linesmen	-	-	9	9	9
Dlrs	11	-	11	-	11
Instrument Mechanics	16	3	-	-	13
Electricians, Sigs	5	-	5	-	5
Inf Sigs.					
Regtl Opns (Inf)	49	-	98	49	49
Regtl Linesmen(Inf)	-	-	22	22	22
Switchboard Ops (Inf)	9	-	9	9	9
Arty Sigs					
Regtl Opns (Arty)	30	-	60	30	30
Regtl Linesmen (Arty)	-	-	18	18	18
Regtl Switchboard Opns (Arty)	9	-	9	9	9
TOTALS	185	3	299	177	204

NOTE :- (a) No intake during March owing to accomodation difficu

(b) No intake of Linesmen (for Signals, Arty and Inf) dur

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...AND OUTPUT OF LINGUISTS TO ITALIAN SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRES. Appendix "B" to HQ/39/18
Dated 3 April 45.

June	OUTPUT at END of each month. Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
25	-	-	-	25	-
4	-	-	24	-	-
9	-	-	6	3	-
11	-	-	8	8	-
13	-	10	-	10	-
5	-	-	-	18	-
	-	4	-	4	-
49	-	-	45	-	90
22	-	-	20	20	20
9	8	-	8	8	8
30	-	-	27	-	54
18	-	-	16	16	16
9	8	-	8	8	8
204	19	14	162	118	207

...ding to accomodation difficulties.

... (for Signals, Arty and Inf) during Feb on instructions from HQ1A

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Schedule of

Serial (a)	Feb. (b)	Description. (c)	Total Received During Month (d)	No 1 Regt (e)	No 2 Regt (f)	No 3 Regt (g)	Proved School (h)
1.	1.	Carriers Universal	23	7			
2.	2.	Carriers 3" Mortar	16	6			
3.	3.	Carriers Universal Mcn Runners	1				
4.	4.	Carriers Lloyd	8				
5.	6.	15 cwt Trucks 4 x 2 GS	3				3
6.	7.	3 Ton Carriers 4 x 2 GS	4				15
7.	8.	M.C Solo	34				
8.	11.	15 cwt/3 Ton Carriers FORD	3				
9.	12.	15 cwt/3 Ton Carriers DODGE	2				
10.	14.	" " " " HUMBER	6				
11.	15.	" " " " Non Runners	11				
12.	-	3 Ton Winch	1				
13.	-	15 cwt Compressor	1				
14.	-	Tractors LAA	10				
15.	17.	Rifles No 4	24				
16.	18.	Bren LMG	17				
19.	19.	TMC	83				40
18.	20.	STAT	37	24	24		
19.	21	Pistol Signal	4				
20.	22.	Binoculars No 2.	75				
21.	23.	Compasses Prismatic	45				
22.	24.	Mortars 2"	42	10	25		
23.	25.	Mortars 3"	7		3		
24.	26.	Mine Detectors American.	2		2		
25.	27.	Mine Detectors Polish No 3 & 4	7		3		
26.	28.	Watches GS.	9				
27.	29.	QMF Spr Complete	7		6		
28.	30.	QMF Spr (DP)	27				
29.	31.	Rubber Holder No 2 Mk II	2		1		
30.	32.	Rifles Telescopic	57				
31.	33.	Pistol Revolver .38	23	12	3		
32.	34.	Binoculars Prismatic No 5	3				
33.	52.	Block	1				
34.	63.	Sledges Hammer	6				
35.	64.	Handspikes	6				
36.	78.	Dialen Sight 18" Mk II	6				
37.	88.	Lewis Aiming MG Mk II	2		2		

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Schedule of Controlled Stores received during the month of March 45.

Distribution to sub-units.

	No 2 Regt	No 3 Instr	Invest School	Instrs School Wpn Trg School	Instrs School Tac School	D & M School	Mech School	Infantry School	Artillery School	
	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(jc)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	
	7				3			8		
	6			6			1	3		
				5				3		
			3		3	1				
	4		15				3			
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	40		8		8					
	21			3	6					
								12	2	
				8	31				24	
				14	25				9	
	25			4	3					
	3			4						
	2							4		
	3									
					3				6	
	6			1	5					
	1			1						
								10		
				27						
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	4				2			3		

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APPENDIX 'H' TO P-U/DP/18
DATED 3 APRIL 45

ing the month of March 45.

	Mech School (m)	Infantry School (n)	Artillery School (o)	Engineers School (q)	Signal School (r)	Reception Cpnt (s)
		8				
		3				
	1					
		5				
					12	
	3					
	2					
	6					
	11					
				1		
				1		
		10				
					17	
					27	
		2	2			
	12	24				
		9				
	4					
		6				
	10					
		3				
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				6		
				6		
		6				
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30.	32.	Rifles Telescopic	57		
31.	33.	Pistol Revolver .38	23	12	3
32.	34.	Binoculars Prismatic No 5	3		
33.	52.	Block	1		
34.	63.	Sledge Hammer	6		
35.	64.	Handspikes	6		
36.	78.	Dulen Sight 18" Mk II	6		
37.	86.	Laums Aiming MG Mk II	9		
38.	89.	Telescopes Sighting No 22 Mk I	6		
39.	91.	Exploders Dynamo Mk VII	5		
40.	92.	Test Sets Demolition.	2		
41.	93.	Camouflet Light	1		
42.	95.	Field Levels	4		
43.	96.	Tapes Measuring 100 ft	7		
44.	97.	Augers Earth 9"	1		
45.	101.	Pump Contract or Lift	1		
46.	102.	Hose Armoured Lengths	6		
47.	103.	Hose Delivery Lengths	18		
48.	104.	Tripods Iron	74	30	30
49.	106.	Sight Correctional Mk V	6		
50.	107.	Sights Checking Layers 40 mm	6		
51.	108.	Watches Stop 1/10 second	3		
52.	109.	Machine Sawing Petrol Driven	1		
53.	110.	Concrete Breaker Pneumatic	1		
54.	111.	Light Picks Pneumatic	2		
55.	112.	Rock Drills Pneumatic	2		
56.	115.	Steel Borer Pneumatic	1		
57.	117.	Engine Stands Various	6		
58.	125.	Stay Wire Kit Wales	1		
59.	130.	Frames D & F 10 Wire (sets)	2		
60.	132.	Fullerphones	14		
61.	134.	Superposing Units	4		
62.	138.	Telephones D Mk V	34		
63.	139.	Telephones L	4		
64.	155.	Instruments Testing No 1	4		
65.	162.	Cable Electric M Mk II yds	400		
66.	168.	Bailey Bridge Gridlage Loads	3		
67.	169.	20 Ton Re Cable with Clamps	12		
68.	182.	Thermometers Survey	5		
69.	-	Bailey Bridge (56 SH)	1 set		
70.	-	Directors No 7	1		
71.	-	Instruments Drawing HE	2		
72.	-	Exchange 6 Line	1		
73.	-	Heliographs	2		
74.	-	Lucas Lamps	2		
75.	-	Cable Mk V Reels	1		
76.	-	Cable Layer	1		
77.	-	Chests Tools Armourers	4		

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Appendix "I" to BTG/D9/18.
Para 2 (c)

Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

1. Signal School.

Cable W1 D.VIII Single, miles	2
Cable W1 D.VIII Twisted, miles	5
Reels, cable, No 1	47
Apparatus Cable laying, (No 2 or 6)	17
" " " (No 3)	1
Ladders, FT	2
Wireless Sets No 11	15
" " " 18 or 46	55
" " " 21	5
Charging Sets 1250 v	1
" " 4 KW	1
Belts Lineman	28
Drops Pliers	48
Pliers Sidecutting 7", Pairs	48
Poles, Tele, wood, light, 17 ft	20
Pins, earth	32
Pipes earth,	6
Lamps DSER (with stand)	3
Banners, Signal Training	30
Training Sets W/T	4

2. Mech School.

RA 20201.	Tool Kits Arm Arts GS	1
RA 20221.	Tool Kits Veh Mechs & Arms Vehs - Basic	42
RA 20210.	Tool Kits Aer Mechs GS	44
RA 20214.	Tool Kits Electricians Basic	2
RA 20216.	Tool Kits Electricians MT and GS Supplementary	2
RA 20234.	Tool Kits Fitters GS Basic	17
RA 20235	Tool Kits Fitters Supplementary	17
RA 20251	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Basic	2
RA 20252	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Supplementary	2
RA 19513	Vices Bench (4" Jaw)	118
	Jacks 2-3 Ton	10

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	Large DSR (with stand)	3
	Dumcers, Signal Training	30
	Training Sets W/T	4

2. Mech School.

FA 20201.	Tool Kits Arm Arts GS	1
FA 20221.	Tool Kits Veh Mechs & Arms Vehs - Basic	42
FA 20210.	Tool Kits Dvr Mechs GS	44
FA 20214.	Tool Kits Electricians Basic	2
FA 20216.	Tool Kits Electricians MT and GS Supplementary	2
FA 20224.	Tool Kits Fitters GS Basic	17
FA 20225	Tool.Kits Fitters Supplementary	17
FA 20251	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Basic	2
FA 20252	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Supplementary	2
FA 19513	Vices Bench (4" Jaw)	116
	Jacks 2-½ Ton	10
FA 10015	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
FA 20264	Tool Kits Welders acet & elect	2
FA 15825	Plates Surface 36" x 24"	1
FA 15876	Gauge Surface Universal No2 & Base 12" x 18" Spindle	1
FA 14570	Indicator Dial Test	1
SHC H. 3	8 cwt Pulley Blocks	2
SHC H. 3	2 ton Pulley Blocks	1
MK 0025	Benches Portable 7 feet	59
MK/0017	Forge Portable 26" x 20" with hand and electric fan 110 v DC	1
WW/0457	Plant Welding and cutting HP O/A (Lightweight)	1
WW/0495	Plant Welding electric, single operator, motor driven 110 v DC	1
LW6.MT2	Engine Stands Various (if available)	6
LW6.MT2	Axle Stands various (if available)	12
LW6/MT2	53732 Gauges Camber and front axle aligning	1
WW0454	Avometers Universal	1
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	Batteries Sec Port 6v 125 AH	20

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Subject : Reports.

LO/G/3.
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G/Trg/4/1

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
H.Q. M.M.I.A. (Special Branch)
ROME.

Herewith, for information, a report on 2nd Bn. 68th Inf.Regt. of Legnano Gruppo, compiled by the British Training Officer allotted to the Battalion.

Major,
M.M.I.A. L.O.

29 March 45.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: G/TRG/4/1
DATE: 2/2

SECRET. 26 Mar '45

Report by Major S.G.PEAK ('G' Training Increment attached to 52 MLU) on the take-over of II Bn 68 Inf Regt, LEGNANO Combat Group, from 2nd Bn 362 Inf Regt 91 US Div in the line on the night of 20/21 Mar 45.

Move from concentration area to reserve Bn posns.

This was well organised and carried out smoothly with a minimum of noise. Take-over had been completed by 2359 hrs of 19/20 Mar. Discipline in the reserve area was good, and movement by day at a minimum. Liaison was maintained with forward bns and with tps on either flank.

Move from reserve posns to 2nd Bn 362 Inf Regt posns in the line.

This again was well organised and ran quite smoothly. All guides were where they were wanted. March discipline was good and noise kept to a minimum. Morale appeared high and the CO shook hands with every man as he passed by him on his way up, and wished him luck. The Americans were most impressed.

On reaching the American Bn posns the hand-over took place very quickly and smoothly, and had been completed by about 0030 hrs on 21 Mar. Three men of the Italian Bn were slightly wounded by an enemy mortar concentration on their pl area, during the take-over; otherwise it was quite eventless.

To date the behaviour of the Bn has been good and the Americans said they were very well impressed by the discipline of the Italian tps.

On the night of 22 Mar, the two MLOs per American Coy, who had been left in the posns to assist the Italians to settle down, were withdrawn. Their reports on the pls in the forward localities were most gratifying. They reported that the men were in good spirits, that their discipline in the posns was good and that they had settled down very quickly and were behaving themselves very well. To date, fire discipline has been good, latrines are being used, and weapons [redacted] are being cleaned and inspected. Reliefs, duty rosters etc are being maintained and stand-to's have been observed.

The Bn CO is inclined to use his 3" mortars a little too lavishly against uncertain targets, but this is being discouraged. The three American OPs in this area were manned by extremely intelligent American privates, and difficulty is being experienced in replacing these with anything like as intelligent Italian personnel. These OPs are most important since they are able to call down by artillery and 4.2 mortar

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On rending, the American CO points the hand-over took place very quickly and smoothly, and had been completed by about 0930 hrs on 21 Mar. Three men of the Italian CO were slightly wounded by an enemy mortar concentration on their gl area, during the take-over; otherwise it was quite carefree.

To date the behaviour of the Bn has been good and the Americans said they were very well impressed by the discipline of the Italian Bn.

On the night of 22 Mar, the two ADCs per American Coy, who had been left in the posns to assist the Italians to settle down, were withdrawn. Their reports on the gls in the forward localities were most gratifying. They reported that the men were in good spirits, that their discipline in the posns was good and that they had settled down very quickly and were behaving themselves very well. To date, fire discipline has been good, latrines are being used, and weapons [redacted] are being cleaned and inspected. Reliefs, duty rosters etc are being maintained and standards have been observed.

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The 3" mortars have shaped up very well so far and the new base plate seems to stand up to the extra charge very well. Firing is being done both by day and night. Harassing tasks being laid on. No patrolling, except inter unit defensive patrols have yet been laid on, but the CO intends to start offensive patrolling very soon. Co-operation between American supporting weapons and the Bn has been very good.

In summing up the Bn's first three days in the line, I feel that I should say that its behaviour, in view of its short spell of training, has been even better than I had expected, and I thought that they would be good.

Ration Report.

The problem of feeding the two forward coys of this Bn, who have also two carrier sections with them, is a difficult one. Movement by day is impossible, and by night is limited owing to their very close proximity to the enemy - in some places less than 200 yds. The mule carry is one of about three kilometres over very difficult country and takes about one and a half hours to get to the R. Pt.

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Hot food is brought to mule point from 'A' Echelon which is some six kilometres back on a difficult road. By the time it reaches the Bn at about eight o'clock it is almost cold. Owing to the present moonlight nights, it is not possible to take the food to the forward coys until 0330 hrs, when it is a little darker. By then the food is completely cold. In view of the facts that the Italian troops have seen and eaten some of the American compo rations which the Americans were receiving here, the arrival of cold cooked food once a day in the forward positions is bound to cause a set-back to the morale. For example, last night, owing to moonlight and heavy enemy mortar fire during the whole night, no-one was able to reach one of the forward pls at all and they are therefore without food today. However, it is hoped to be able to reach them to-night.

I consider that some 250 of the Bn can be fed with ordinary rations, cooked, but do not consider that it is practicable to supply hot food to the remainder, without causing unnecessary casualties.