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SUBJECT :- Progress Report No 13 - 12 BLG

Land Forces Sub Comm A.G.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
G/Trg/2/A

7 Jan 1/6

G-3 Trg (Pr) CHQ

Attached herewith for your info is a copy of Progress Report No 13 from 12 BLG to Central Military Schools.

WLM/ell

Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Program Report No 12 - 'M' BL & TR

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
G/PRY/2A

10 Dec 45

G(TRY) GNR., OUT

The following additional notes are made on Progress Report No 12.

PARA 1

1. Difficulties at CROCHIGNOLA have now to a large extent been overcome. RAC has agreed to Italian entry to the barracks prior to final agreement between Italian Government and AMIC.

2. Plans for changing over from HQ PICENO DIV to Central Schools are being produced to meet the changed needs under the new org.

PARA 3

3. Correspondence is at present passing between this HQ and GNR. It is hoped that the outcome will be satisfactory and that sports eqpt will be made available for purchase by Italian Army.

PARA 5 B

4. It has been decided that it is better to site the Engr School temporarily at CROCHIGNOLA than to go farther afield. The ideal site (PIEROLATA) is only a few miles from CROCHIGNOLA and it is hoped that this will be freed to the Italian Army in due course.

PARA 12(b)

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PARA 15(e) (iii)

7. The Gas Plant is being evacuated. The question is being examined of allowing COMBATIA (for the possible part of the Centre) to utilize a small part of the funds.

PARA 15(b)

8. It is hoped that the necessary impetus to hygiene will continue to be given by V.I.P. from GHQ.

WIM/ell

Wm Lt Col
Major General.
R. M. I. A.

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Subject :- Progress Report No. 11.

"F" BRITISH LIAISON & TRG UNIT,
R.T.C. I.C.P.

Ref: C/45/895.

15 Nov 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
ROLL.

Ref G/TMG/2/A, para 1.

1. The numbers of instructors required are given in the report.

The situation is however better than was previously thought as many of the students posted here as Instructors for T.T.C.'s have been found to possess qualifications making them more suitable for training as Instructors to meet the expansion of the centre than Instructors for the T.T.C.'s. As the numbers sent for training for the latter are more than we originally asked for they can well be spared.

For example, up to the moment 13 NCOs with suitable qualifications for the Mechanics School have been found. 50 for the Artillery School and 40 for the Genio. There may be others when all are selected.

It is still believed however that some trouble will be found in producing sufficient Signal and Mechanic School Instructors.

It has been proposed that if necessary, some Artillery Officers who are surplus in the Army may have to be transferred to the Genio (Collegamenti).

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It will mean that

- (a) All Senior Officers are trained at S.I.V.A.
- (b) Platoon Commanders at Infantry School.
- (c) Senior NCOs at No. 2 Regiment.
- (d) Junior NCOs at No. 1 Regiment.

Internal.
File.
Float.

Major H. Staffs.
GSO II Reg A
Inf. Div.

"P" DISTRICT LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT, R.T.C. I.C.E.

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Subject: Progress Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME.

G/Trg/2/A.

7 Nov 45.

To: G-3 Trg (Br) G.H.Q.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Progress Report No.11
from 'P' British Liaison and Trg Unit attached R.T.C., I.C.F., CESANO.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

WLM/rja

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Subject: Progress Report No. 11.

LARRY FORBES SUB COM., A.C. (1001A)

6/17/62/2/A

7 Nov 65

TO : Mr. B.L. & T.H. GOSWAMI

1. Will you please send details of the difficulties you are experiencing re instructors for specialist schools.

2. EAFU have been written to concerning the non arrival of 17 officer students for the 2nd P.T. course.

3. It is suggested that you approach the Italian Comd at R.F.C. with regard to students for Vah Nacha courses. Copies of your letter and subsequent replies should be fed to us in order that we may press the matter.

P. & M. School

4. It is hoped very shortly to give you firm instructions on the new location for this school.

Instructional British

5. The great shortage of personnel makes it unlikely that Mr Dantes would be made available. This HQ will investigate the possibilities.

Sports Kit

6. A letter has been sent to AFHQ on this subject.

Drill Square

2. Will have been written to concerning the arrival of 17 Italian students for the 2nd P.E. course.

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Infrastructure Division

5. The great shortage of personnel makes it unlikely that Dr Dastis would be made available. This HQ will investigate the possibilities.

Sports Kit

6. A letter has been sent to ADHQ on this subject.

Drill Square

7. It is hoped that an issue of 11'x11' can be made in the near future. In the meantime the square should be prepared and made under Italian arrangements. It is suggested that R.T.C. put up a project immediately to H of W.

2-00

Major D'Alaruel

8. Decisions are now being reached concerning this barracks, and it is hoped to get work started very soon.

Printing Press

9. H of W will be approached immediately regarding the provision of a printing press.

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

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Subject: Progress Report - 'F' British Liaison and Trg Unit.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME.
G/Trg/2/A.

Nov 45.

To: H.Q., R.A.A.C.

Herewith please find one copy of Progress Report No. 11 dealing
with the activities of the R.T.C., I.C.F. during the month of October '45.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

WIM/tja

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Subject: Progress Report No. 9 from 1st AL and TU, Cesano.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

ROME.
G/Trg/2/A.

17 Sept 45.

To: G-3 TFG (Br) A.F.H.Q.

Herewith a copy of Progress Report No. 9 dated 1 Sept 45.

This H.Q. has the following observations to make.

1. The very large number of units recently disbanded or undergoing changes of H.Q. has necessitated using Cesano more as a transit camp than a training centre.

This condition is now abating and it is hoped that training will no longer be disturbed.

2. A large number of instructors will be called from the ranks of the now transferred 1st Inf Regt. It is good policy to move them to Civittavecchia and leave them in peace from the movement of troops at Cesano.

3. The Comic School is opening up with refresher courses so the period of inactivity will be short.

4. The situation at the Mechanics School is still not satisfactory owing to the very bad material sent down on students. Steps have been taken to improve the situation.

5. Failures on courses. The names of officer failures have been obtained and reports on them will be checked for suitability for retention.

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for Major General
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to Major General
M. M. I. A. *hain*

Copy to: 'P' EL and TU, CESANO.

WLM/rjm

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SUBJECT :- Monthly Progress Reports.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: G/TKG/2
DATE: 15 JUN 45

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15/6
G/TKG (5)
'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref MTU/A.1/463

14 Jun 45

GSO II (Training)
LAND FORCES SUB COM (AC) MMIA.

Herewith details of the framework for the Monthly Report, at present submitted to DMT and will in future be submitted to MMIA.

HMK/raw

[Signature]
Maj
GS

9/10 *[Signature]* 2193

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SUBJECT :- Details of the framework for the Monthly Report.

1.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

- (a) No 1 Reception Regt, No 2 Trg Regt, (inf) and Infantry School.
- (b) No 3 Regt by Arms and Services.
- (c) Provost School.
- (d) Schools.

2.

COURSES.

- (a) Courses run during the month.
- (b) Courses projected for the next two months.
- (c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses.
- (d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(The above will be made with special reference to All Arms Instructors School, Signal School, etc.)

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

3.

NUMBERS HELD.

- (a) Weekly Intake.
- (b) Numbers sent forward weekly (by Arms)
- (c) Numbers of lifts held at end of month (by Arms).

4.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian).

- (a) Deficiencies against WE.
- (b) Standard of Instruction.

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5.

EQUIPMENT.

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(a) Detailed statement of Controlled Stores received during the month (by sub-units)
(b) Details of any deficiencies of outstanding urgency (to be shown as an Appendix).

6.

ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) Accommodation.
(b) Hygiene
(c) Welfare
(d) Morale.
GENERAL.

7.

X. Since stores come from Diet this para can
form subject spec. report by D 1700
X See X
ditto.

SUBJECT : Progress Reports.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/Trg/2

June 45

TO : "G" Training Unit to Italian Army

Copy to : "F" BLU HTO ICF

1. CM/1018/1 dated 11 May 45 is a revised W.E. for R.T.C. I.C.F.
2. In view of the imminent disbandment of "G" Training Unit, all future correspondence, reports etc should emanate from the office of "F" BLU and not "G" Training Unit as heretofore.
3. This HQ is now responsible for control and supervision of Training of Italian Army.
4. In consequence Progress reports previously addressed to DMT (copy to M.M.I.A.) will now be addressed to this HQ.
5. You are requested in future to forward 5 copies of Progress reports to this HQ who will if necessary pass a copy to D.M.T.

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

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SUBJECT: Policy for training

Land Forces Sub Com, A.G.
(MIA)

G/Inf/2

12 May 45

CC Br Cadre RASC
280 Italian D & M School

Your 66/S/2 of 8 May 45.

1. You are right in supposing that you now come directly under this HQ for policy, the rendering of reports and so on.
2. You will realize however that, simultaneously to though not consequent on this rearrangement, the cessation of hostilities has created an entirely new situation with regard to the needs of training. This is under consideration at the highest level and nothing useful could be achieved by giving you from this HQ a training directive or any detailed instructions at this stage.
3. You are instructed therefore to carry on for the present as nearly as possible as before, profiting by the reduction of pressure to put your house thoroughly in order and become prepared to accept any new directive as soon as it can be sent to you.

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MS
Major General
META

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Subject:-280 I.D.M

H. Q. M.M.I.A.
O.M.F.

Ref. 66/S/2 DATE: 11 MAY 45

1. With reference to D.M.T. A.F.H.Q. letter DMT/89/1/4/MT1 dated 5 May 45, could the responsibilities of O.C.Br Cadre in respect of the general conduct, training standards and vehicles of this school please be clarified.
2. In all previous correspondence O.C. this Cadre has been informed that he would be directly under D.M.T. on all matters appertaining to 280 I.D.M.S. and would look to them for instruction and training not connected with personal of British Cadre.
3. Since it now appears that this school is no longer a D.M.T. responsibility could a directive please be issued in respect of these duties and in addition what action may be expected in regard to the queries raised in this office letter 66/Det/23 dated 23 April 45.

8 - 5 - 45
CMF

O.C. Br Cadre R.A.S.O.
280 I.D.M.S.

Copy to O.R.A.S.O.

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SUBJECT : 280 I.D.M.B.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. •
(M.M.I.A)

G/Trg/2

DMT, AFHQ, OMF

10 May 45

Ref DMT/89/1/4/MT1 of 5 May. Your
para 2.

Instructions for the implementation of
the W.E. have been given.

CR/1116 GI(Br) Serial 1759 of 7 March
addressed to 3 District refers.

rw

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Major General
MMIA

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