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Courses - Results - ^{let} Jacket

Ap. - Nov. 1945

TRANSLATION

From : M of War

To : MMIA

Ref : 3553/L/12

Dtd : 17 Nov 45

Subjec : Primary Training Course - Officers.In reply to letter No. G/TRE/10.7 dtd 7 Nov 45.

1.- It had been arranged, with the HQ "Piceno" Division that the 2nd Physical Training course should commence on the 4 November 45.

Afterwards, the said HQ requested that the assembly of personnel should be put forward to the 28 October, in order to be able to give the course more ~~xxxx~~ time than previously arranged (7 weeks instead of 6). Therefore the necessary instructions were issued on the 20 October.

2.- The course was reserved exclusively for personnel of the Territorial Infantry Brigades, in order not to draw too heavily upon the personnel availabilities of the Divisions, and was limited to 21 Officers and 27 NCO's, instead of 30 Officers and 30 NCO's, as originally requested by the C.A.C.F.I.C.

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4. In due course, even the said officers arrived; the "Poligore" and "Mantua" Divisions sent, respectively, 5 and 4 officers to bring their instructors W.E. up to strength, and the H.Q. "Piceno" Division sent to the course 6 Parachute NCO's; against this figure 7 officers, 3 NCO's (senior) and 3 junior NCO's were sent back to the corps of origin because considered unsuitable.

The course, therefore, is at present attended by :

- 24 Officers
- 28 Senior NCO's
- 9 Junior NCO's,
i.e. a total strength of 58, and therefore of a greater number than that which, it ^{had been} laid down, would attend the course. (58 instead of 48).

5.- The personnel were actually ordered to attend the course in an instruction at 10 Oct; the request to put forward the date of the commencement of the course was received by this SM from the HQ "Piceno" Division, on the morning of the 20 Oct, i.e. only 8 days before the date established for assembly.

Sgd. General Liuzzi.

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TO/FR.



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

N. 3553/L/12 di prot. Add.

P.M. 3800 , 17 novembre 1945.-
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OGGETTO: Corsi addestramento primario - ufficiali.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)
(Risp. foglio G/Trg/10.7 del 7 novembre 1945)

= R O M A =

1.- Il 2° corso di educazione fisica era stato concordato col Comando Divisione "PICENO" con inizio il 4 novembre scorso.

Lo stesso Comando, successivamente, richiese che l'affluenza del personale fosse anticipata al 28 ottobre allo scopo di poter disporre di un tempo maggiore del previsto (7 settimane anziché 6). Vennero pertanto impartite le disposizioni del caso il 20 ottobre.

2.- Il corso fu riservato esclusivamente al personale delle brigate di fanteria territoriale, e ciò per non gravare troppo sulle disponibilità di elementi delle Divisioni, e venne limitato a 21 ufficiali e 27 sottufficiali, anziché a 30 ufficiali e 30 sottufficiali corrispondenti alla richiesta iniziale del C.A.C.F.

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I.C.-

3.= Alla data del 28 ottobre erano affluiti a Cesano :

- 14 ufficiali
- 27 sottufficiali
- 9 graduati : questi ultimi inviati in più delle aliquote stabilite e di iniziativa di alcuni corpi

Non erano pertanto affluiti a tale data ²⁸²⁷ ~~2827~~ ufficiali in forza ad unità di sedi più lontane.

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4.= Successivamente, anche detti ufficiali sono regolarmente af-
finiti ; le Divisioni "FOIGORE" e "MANTOVA" hanno inviato ri-
spettivamente 5 e 4 ufficiali per completare i loro istru-
ti, ed il comando della divisione "PICENO" ha avviato al cor-
so 6 sottufficiali paracadutisti; per contro, 7 ufficiali, 5
sottufficiali e 3 graduati sono stati rinviiati ai corpi di
provenienza perchè ritenuti non idonei.

Pertanto, il corso è attualmente seguito da :

- 24 ufficiali
- 28 sottufficiali
- 6 graduati,

e cioè, in totale, da 58 elementi, e quindi da una aliquota
maggiore di quella di prevista affluenza (58 anzichè 48 fre-
quentatori).-

5.= Il personale era stato effettivamente comandato ai corsi con
ordine in data 16 ottobre; la richiesta di anticipare l'iniz-
zio del corso è pervenuta a questo S.M., telefonicamente, dal
Comando divisione "PICENO", il mattino del 20 ottobre e cioè
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zione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(G. Liuzzi)

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
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Subject: P.T. Course - Officers.

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

G/Tg/10/7.
7 Nov 45.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The second course at the P.T. School commenced on 29 October, 45. 30 officers and 30 NCOs were asked for.
2. On 1 November only 13 officers had arrived despite the fact that one month's notice of the joining date was given.
3. Will you please ensure that in future all officer candidates arrive to schedule, as late arrivals hamper the work of more punctual students.

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Major General
M. M. I. A. *lu*

Copy to: 'P' BL & TU.

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Translation

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from : M of W
to : MMIA

ref. 3142/1/12

18 October 1945

Subject: Personnel to attend training courses.

Yours G/Trg/23 and G/Trg/10/7 dated 5th and 9th inst. refer.

1) I had formerly on several occasions called the attention of the Combat Group Commandants to the serious inconveniences caused by them, in not sending personnel as ordered or in sending personnel not in possession of the necessary qualifications to CACRIC.

On several occasions I have taken disciplinary action against the officers concerned.

2) I have now requested Part: HQ Commanders to control directly the personnel who are to be chosen to attend these courses and I have also warned them that (apart from eventual disciplinary action), from time to time/officers and NCOs who proved to be unsuitable, at the end of the courses, State measures could be taken in view of their unsuitability to hold their rank.

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TO/fr. *Translate please G/Trg*

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

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N. 3142/L/12 di prot. Add.

P.M. 3800 18 ottobre 1945.

OGGETTO: Personale comandato alla frequenza dei corsi di addestramento.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)
(Risp. G/Trg/23 e G/Trg/10/7 del 5 e 9 corrente)

= R O M A =

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1.= Avevo già ripetutamente richiamato l'attenzione dei Comandanti dei Gruppi di combattimento sui gravi inconvenienti derivanti dal mancato invio ai corsi presso il C.A.C.F.I.C. del personale comandato o dall'invio di elementi sprovvisti dei requisiti necessari.

In varie circostanze ho anche preso provvedimenti disciplinari a carico dei responsabili.

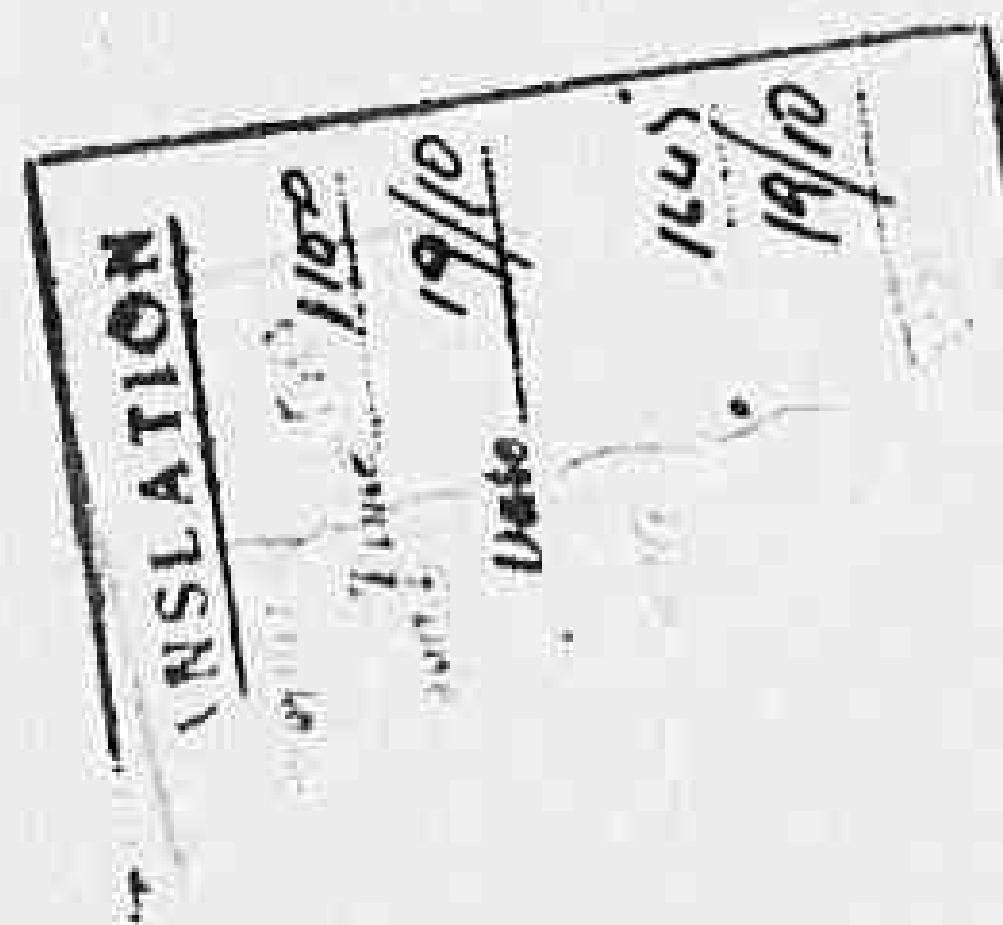
2.= Ho ora invitato i Comandanti militari territoriali ad esercitare diretta azione di controllo sulla scelta del personale da comandare ai corsi ed ho altresì preavvisato che, indipendentemente da eventuali sanzioni disciplinari, sarà di volta in volta esaminata la possibilità di adottare, nei confronti degli uffici

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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*A. Cadore*

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Subject: Courses - SIVA.

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

ROME.  
G/Trg/10/7.

9 Oct 45.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Attached is a list of officers who have recently failed on courses at S.I.V.A.
2. A serious view must be taken of officers who fill vacancies on courses and subsequently fail them.
3. Either the officer is unsuitable and should never have been selected by his unit or formation, or he has not worked hard enough.
4. You are requested to inform the Formation Comds concerned in the attached list that failures on courses are a slur on their Commands and a waste of money and effort.
5. Selection of candidates in future must be directed to produce 100 % passes.
6. All officers should know that some sort of disciplinary action will in future be taken if they fail courses.
7. Will you please forward your views on the best course of action.

*A.B.*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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List of Officers who failed the 4th SIVA Course.Bn Comds Tactical Course:

|       |        |     |       |         |                                                 |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Magg. | S.p.C. | ftr | FERRO | Alcardo | 517 Regt ftr Com.do<br>Italiano 212 - P.M. 181. |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|

Platoon Weapons Course.

|       |     |           |         |                                      |
|-------|-----|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sten. | ftr | GURRIERO  | Enzo    | 9 Bn Misto Div, Piceno.              |
| "     | "   | TOSCANO   | Erasmo  | 68 Regt ftr. Grup. Comb.<br>Legnano. |
| "     | "   | MELINA    | Mario   | 45 Regt S.I. Div Sabauda.            |
| "     | "   | TURCHETTI | Daniele | 22 Regt. ftr Grup. Comb.<br>Cremona. |

Platoon Comds Tactical Course.

|       |            |                       |                                                  |
|-------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| S.ten | RODI       | Giuseppe              | 114 Regt ftr Grup. Comb.<br>Mantova.             |
| "     | MARTUCCI   | Raffaele              | 235 Regt.ftr Div. Piceno                         |
| "     | GUCCIONE   | Ugo                   | 145 Regt.ftr S.I. Div<br>Sabauda.                |
| "     | DANIELE    | Nino                  | 336 Regt.ftr.Div Piceno.                         |
| "     | MIGLIORINI | Vittorio              | " " " " "                                        |
| "     | GENGA      | Nino                  | Regt. Paracadut. 'Nembo'<br>Grup. Comb. Folgore. |
| "     | BUCCI      | Del Giulio<br>Amelio. | 77 Regt/Genio Grup. Comb.<br>Cremona.            |

6 par Course.

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|-------|----------|---------|---------------------------|
| S.ten | MARSILLO | Antonio | 235 Regt.ftr. Div Piceno. |
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SUBJECT :- Results of SIVA Course.

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

Ref : G/G.19/820.

7 October '45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROE  
(per Major LINDLEY).

Reference your letter G/Trg/10/7 dated 25 September '45.

Herewith names of personnel who failed the 4th SIVA

course :

En Comdrs Tactical Course.

Magg. s.p.e. ftr

FERRO Aleardo

517 Rgt Ptr Com.do  
Italiano 212 - P.M.181.

Platoon Weapons Course.

Sten. ftr.

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CURRIERO

TOSCANO

MOLINA

TURCHETTI

Enzo 9 En Misto Div, Pieno.

Erasmus 68 Rgt Ptr. Grup. Comb. Legnano.

Mario 45 Rgt S.I. Div Sabauda.

Daniele 22 Rgt. Ptr. Grup Comb Grenona.

Platoon Comds Tactical Course.

Sten. ftr

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RODI

MARTUCCI

GIACCHIO

Giuseppe 114 Rgt ftr Grup Comb Mantova.

Raffaele 235 Rgt.ftr. Div Pieno.

105 Rgt.ftr.S.I. Div. Salento

Herewith names of personnel who failed the 4th ALVA

course :

En Comd's Tactical Course.

Magg. s.p.e. ftr FERRO Aleardo 517 Rgt ftr Comdo  
Italiano 212 - P.M. 181.

Platoon Weapons Course.

|            |                    |                                  |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sten. ftr. | CURRERO Enzo       | 9 Bn Misto Div, Picens.          |
| " "        | TOSCANO Erasmo     | 68 Rgt ftr. Grup. Comb. Legnano. |
| " "        | MOLINA Mario       | 45 Rgt S.I. Div Sabauda.         |
| " "        | TURCHIETTI Daniele | 22 Rgt. ftr. Grup Comb Cremona.  |

Platoon Comd's Tactical Course.

|           |                 |                                                                 |                                  |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sten. ftr | ROPI            | Giuseppe                                                        | 114 Rgt ftr Grup Comb Mantova.   |
| " "       | MARTUCCI        | Raffaele                                                        | 235 Rgt. ftr. Div Picens.        |
| " "       | GUCCIONE        | Ugo                                                             | 145 Rgt. ftr. S.I. Div. Sabauda. |
| " "       | DANIELI         | Nino.                                                           | 336 Rgt. ftr. Div Picens.        |
| " "       | INGLIORI        | Vittorio                                                        | " " " "                          |
| " "       | CHICA           | Nino                                                            | Rgt Paracadut. Membr' Grup. Comp |
| " "       | BUCCI Dei Cidli | 77 Rgt <sup>Poligone</sup> <del>2821</del> Grup. Comb. Cremona. |                                  |
|           | Amelio.         |                                                                 |                                  |

6 per Course.

Sten. MARULLO Antonio 235 Rgt, ftr. Div Picens.

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Major GSO II,  
Trg & Inf Trg,  
British Liaison &  
Training Unit RTO ICF.

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

ROME.

G/Trg/10/7.

5 Oct 45.

To: 'F' British Liaison and Trg Unit, CESANO.  
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Reference this H.Q. letter of even ref dated 25 Sept 45.

May the complete figures be forwarded to this office  
as soon as possible please.

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for Major General  
M. M. I. A. *man*

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

G/Trg/10/7

23 Sept 45.

To: 'F' British Liaison and Trg Unit, CEBANO.

Reference this HQ letter of 17 Sept 45 and your reply G/15/786 of 21 Sept 45.

1. The figures you give do not tally with the figures in the Progress Report (as quoted in my a/m letter).
2. Please forward your complete figures.

*Ben*  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A. *Paris*

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21 September 1945.

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Reference M.M.I.A. G/TG/10/7 dated 17 September 1945.

Herewith names of Officers and N.C.Os, who failed S.I.V.A.

Course:

### Battalion Commanders Course.

-Magg. S.P.E. Ptr. VITO Ileano - 571 Sgt. Ptr. Comando Italiano 212 - P.M. 181 =

### Platoon Weapons Course.

|          |      |                                                                    |
|----------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -S.Ten.  | Ftr. | CUERRIERO Enzo - IX Btg. Misto Div. "Piseno" = P.M. 92 =.          |
| -"       | "    | TOSCANO Erasmo - 68 Rgt. Ftr. Gruppo Comb. Legnano = P.M. 155 =.   |
| -"       | "    | NOLINA Mario - 45 Rgt. S.I. Div. Sabauda = P.M. 30 =.              |
| -"       | "    | TURCHETTI Daniele - 22 Rgt. Ftr. Gruppo Comb. Cremona = P.M. 64 =. |
| -S.Magg. |      | CALNARILE Giuseppe - Campo Add. Att. Div. "Piseno" = P.M. 92 =.    |

## Slippers Course.

-S. Magg. MARIANI Luigi - Rgt. Parac. Membo - Gruppo Comb. Folgore=P.M. 146=.

-Sergente PETRALIA Salvatore - 336 Rgt, Par. Div. "Piceno" = P.M. 92 =.

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Here with names of Officers and N.C.Os. who failed S.I.V.A.

Course.

Battalion Commanders Course.

-Magg. S.P.E. Ptr. NITRO Illeardo - 571 Rgt. Ptr. Comando Italiano 212 - P.M. 181 =.

Platoon Weapons Course.

-S.Ten. Ptr. GUERRIERO Enzo - IX Btg. Misto Div. "Piceno" = P.M. 92 =.  
- " " " TOSCARIO Erasmo - 68 Rgt. Ptr. Gruppo Comb. Legnano = P.M. 155 =.  
- " " " MOLINA Mario - 45 Rgt. S.I. Div. Sabauda = P.M. 30 =.  
- " " " TURCHETTI Daniele - 22 Rgt. Ptr. Gruppo Comb. Cremona = P.M. 64 =.  
-S.Magg. CANUARELLI Giuseppe - Campo Add. Att. Div. "Piceno" = P.M. 92 =.

Snipers Course.

-S.Magg. MARIANI Luigi - Rgt. Parac. Nembo - Gruppo Comb. Folgore = P.M. 146 =.  
-Sergente PETRALIA Salvatore - 336 Rgt. Ptr. Div. "Piceno" = P.M. 92 =.

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Colonel,  
Comd. 'P' British Liaison &  
Training Unit RMU IGP.

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Subject: Results of Courses - Officers.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)

ROME.

G/Trg/10/7

7 Sept 45.

To: 1st British Liaison and Trg Unit, GERSANO.

1. Will you please forward to this office the names of the 13 officers who failed the S.I.V.A. courses finishing on 1 Sept.

2. Your Summary in Progress Report No.9 gives data as follows:

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P.I. Wing

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3. Please also show the unit and firm of the officer concerned.

Copy to: MDY OF WAR.

*H. H. H. H.*  
to Major General. *Wain*  
M. M. I. A.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO  
SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

MMIA - G/Trg

FILE: G/Trg/12

DATE: 8 MAY

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROMA  
(rif. G/Trg. 12 del 30/4/45).

O G G E T T O : Rapporto sul corso 1B informa-  
tori fotografici.-

Si restituisce la versione inglese  
della relazione sul corso 1B informatori fo-  
tografici, tenuto in S. Severo dal 15 marzo al  
6 aprile c.a.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- G. Liuzzi -

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REPORT ON

INTERPRETATION COURSE NO. IB

FOR ITALIAN OFFICERS

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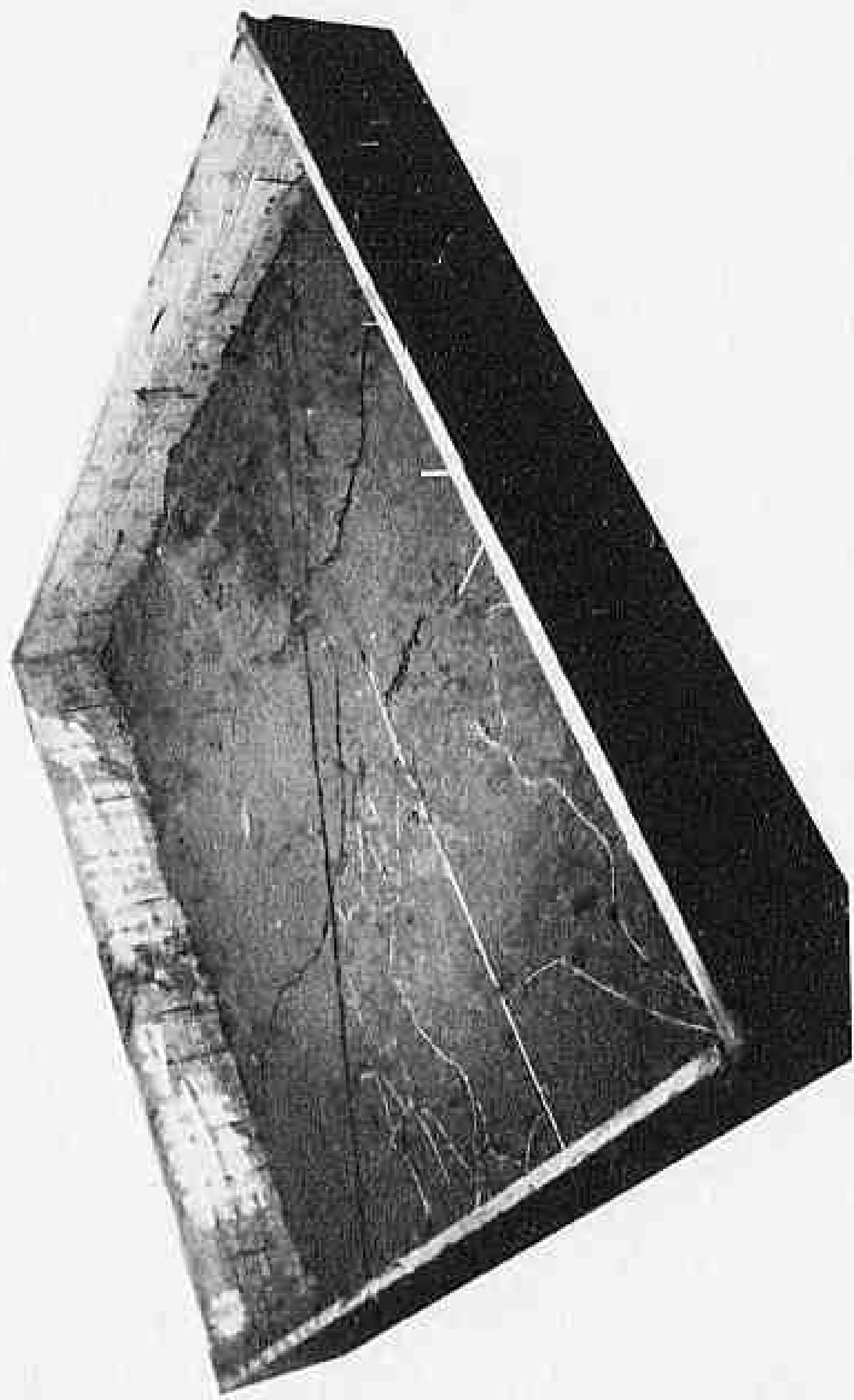
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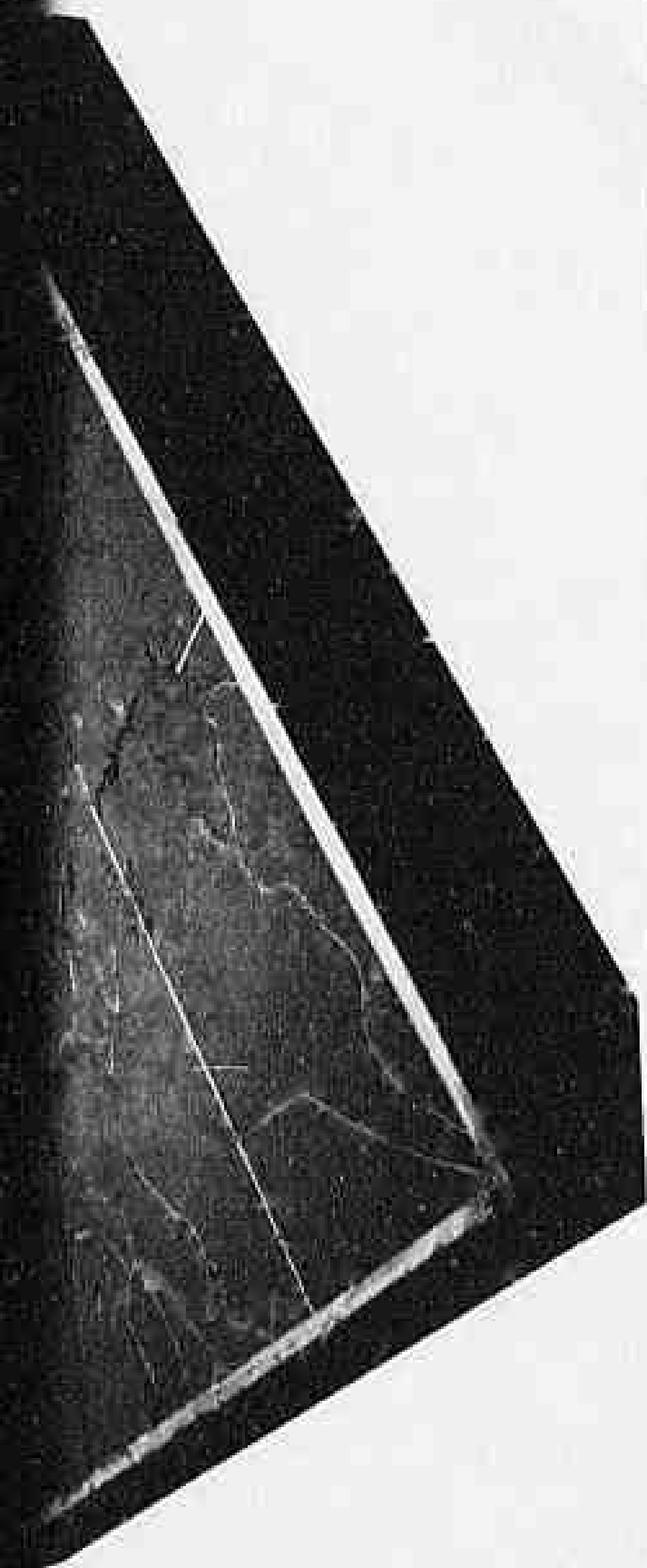


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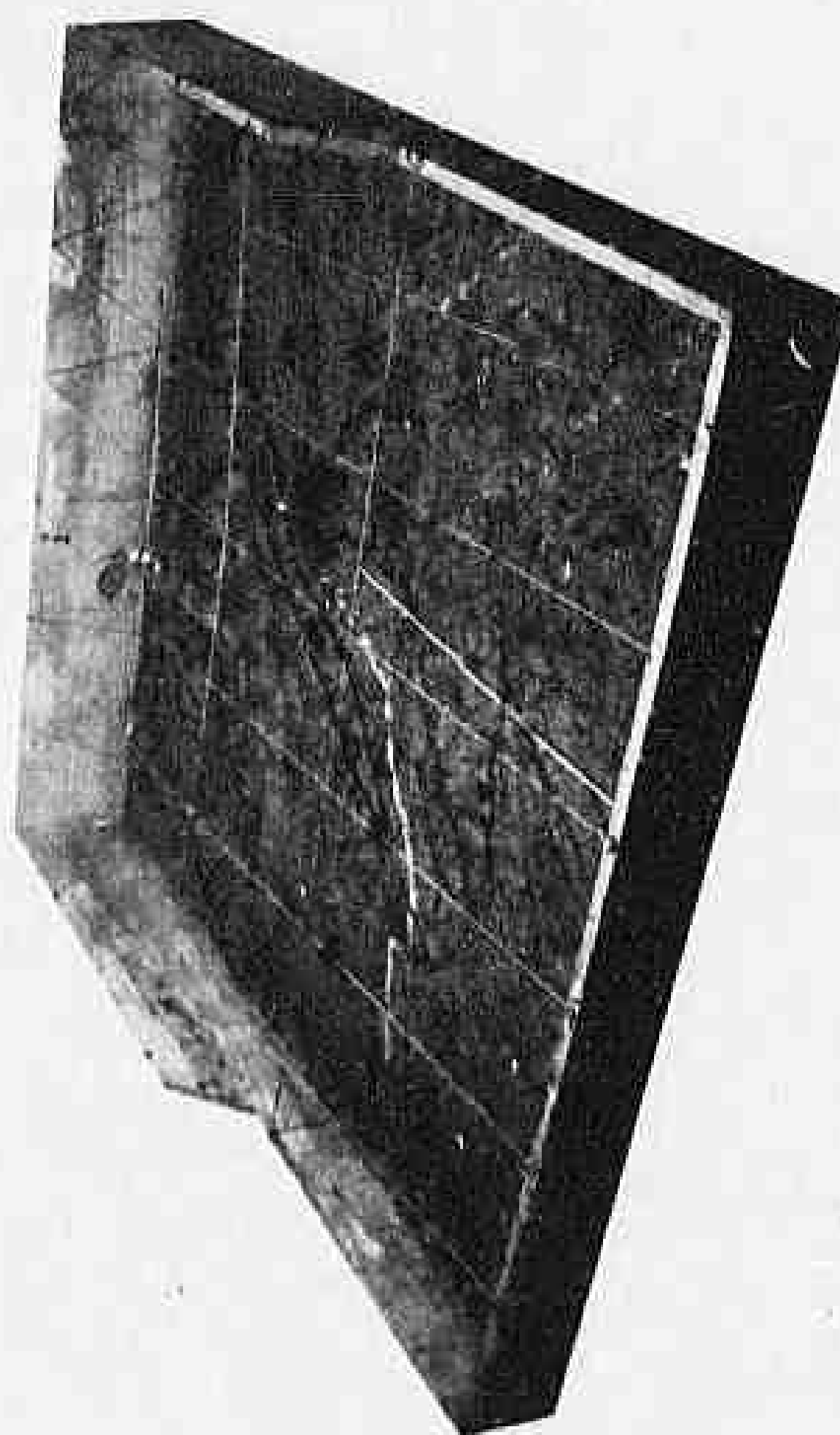


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**SYNDICATE I**



**SYNDICATE II**

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PHOTO INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL  
M. A. I. U. (WEST)  
HQ. 335 P.R. Wing, C.M.F.

10th April 1945

To:- G-2, A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

Subject:- Report on 1st Long Italian Course.

1. The first Course for the training of Italian Officers as Army Photo Interpreters was held at the above School between Thursday 15th March and Friday 6th April 1945, inclusive (i.e. 3 weeks and 2 days). The Course is given the number 1B. In the School records, the general plan of the Course was to use, as a basis, the syllabus of the present series of Short Courses, and to follow this with further instruction, particularly in the interpretation of documents.

2. A copy of the time-table for the Course is attached to this report. The total number of hours of instruction was 111. An analysis of subject-matter and time devoted to each form of instruction will be found in Tables I and II below:-

Table I

| SUBJECT GROUP                      | HOURS OF INSTRUCTION | % OF TOTAL TIME |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Orientation                        | 3                    | 2.7             |
| General Technical Subjects         | 62½                  | 55.9            |
| Techniques of Photo Reconnaissance | 2                    | 1.8             |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Organization                      | 3                    | 2.7             |
| General Technical Subjects        | 6½                   | 5.9             |
| Mechanics of Photo Reconnaissance | 2                    | 1.8             |
| Photo Intelligence Practices:     |                      |                 |
| a) General                        | 27                   | 24.3            |
| b) Topographical                  | 23½                  | 21.2            |
| c) Defences                       | 45                   | 44.1            |
|                                   |                      | 89.6            |

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Table II

| INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD        | HOURS OF INSTRUCTION | % OF TOTAL TIME |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Lectures and Demonstrations | 56½                  | 50.9            |
| Discussions                 | 7½                   | 6.7             |
| Practical Exercises         | 44½                  | 40.1            |
| Visits                      | 2½                   | 2.3             |

3. Twelve Officers reported for the Course. At the end of a fortnight six of these were returned to their units as being unsuitable for further training as photo interpreters. At the same time 3 Officers reported to the School who had been recommended for further training after attending Course IA. (the 1st Short Course for Italian Officers). This made a class of 9 for the last week's work, which included a 2-day Interpretation Exercise. A list of these 9 Officers and their formations will be found in Appendix 'A'. In order to complete the records, Appendix 'B' sets out the names and formations of the 6 Officers who were returned to their units.

4. Appendix 'C' sets out the marks obtained by the 9 Officers in the various Exercises, all of which were marked and graded in the usual manner.

5. The class did a modelling Exercise at the end of the 2nd week (i.e. before the unsuitable students had been dispatched). Two syndicates were formed. The resulting models showed promise, but were very incomplete. Photos of the 2 models are enclosed.

6. The instructors are satisfied that all the 9 Officers have the temperament and basic ability necessary for a photo interpreter, and it is thought that given further training and operational experience there is no reason why they should not become efficient interpreters. The Course has done no more than give basic training, and it is strongly recommended that considerable experience alongside British or American interpreters is essential before the Italian Officers are allowed to undertake independent interpretation for formations of the Italian Army.

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7. At the end of the Course the 9 Officers were allocated for further training as follows:-

To 5th Army Photo  
Intelligence Centre.

Capt. MONTONE  
Ten. BENVENUTI

To M.A.I.U. (West)  
8th Army Detachment.

Capt. AIELLO  
Capt. CONSOLAZIONE  
Capt. LAFOLLA  
Capt. PETRONE  
Ten. DIANO  
S/Ten. CHIARAMONTI  
S/Ten. CINELLI

The O.S. these units were given an outline of the various Officers' abilities, temperament etc., so far as the instructors were able to judge them.

8. For your information, it is put on record that Capt. CONSOLAZIONE (of the students who have so far attended the Italian Course) is the best fitted for any position of higher authority which may later require consideration. He is, as it happens, the senior Officer of the 9, 35 years old, has a working knowledge of English, and should not only make a good interpreter, but has a temperament and manner which can be relied upon to avoid friction and to get good work out of others.

9. Administrative difficulties were encountered as on the 1st Short Course, and the many day-by-day problems of the students occupied a considerable part of the instructors' time. It is re-emphasised that the services of a Liaison/Administrative Officer, with executive authority, would greatly assist the smooth-running of this series of Courses. The spirit of this class was quite satisfactory. Once again the instructors were greatly assisted by the linguistic interpreters, Ten. RAPONI and S/Ten. BATTISTA, who carried out their duties with skill and courtesy.

*Alfred Forrest*

ALFRED FORREST,  
Major, Int. Corps,  
Chief Instructor.

Copies to: G-3 (Training), A.E.H.Q.  
(Attn: Lt-Col HAYDON).  
G.S.I., Eighth Army.  
D.M.I., C.M.F.  
G.S.I. (a) 5, 15 Army Group.  
C.O., M.A.I.U. (West)

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LIST OF STUDENTS  
Course No. 1B. - Long - Italian  
15th March - 6th April 1945

APPENDIX 'A'

| RANK   | NAME             | ORGANIZATION                                  |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Capt.  | AIELLO, A.       | Direzione Artiglieria, ROMA                   |
| Ten.   | BENVENUTO, E.    | 192 Regg. Art. "PICENO".                      |
| Ten.   | BIANCO, V.       | Parco Mobile A.G.A., Gruppo Combat. "MANTOVA" |
| S/Ten. | CHIARAMONTI, P.  | 35 Regg. Artiglieria "FRIULI".                |
| S/Ten. | CINELLI, D.      | Gruppo di Combat. "MANTOVA", 110 Regg.        |
| Capt.  | CONSOLAZIONE, A. | Comdo Gruppo di Combat. "CREMONA".            |
| Capt.  | LAPOLLA, I.      | Distretto Militare di Chieti.                 |
| Capt.  | MONTRONE, N.     | 503 Compagnia Nebbiogeni.                     |
| Sept.  | PETRONE, S.      | 73 Compagnia Artieri - Gruppo "MANTOVA".      |

APPENDIX 'B'

| RANK   | NAME          | ORGANIZATION                                     |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| S/Ten. | BELLARINI, S. | 87 F.T.R., 10 Compagnia. Gruppo Combat. "FRIULI" |
| S/Ten. | D'ANGELO, F.  | 80 Compagnia, Teleradio Gruppo Combat. "FRIULI"  |
| Capt.  | DIEZ, M.      | 235 Regg. Raccolta e Smistamento, F.M. 92.       |
| Capt.  | DI PIETRO, V. | 236 Regg. Fant. "CERAMO".                        |
| Capt.  | COLIMENE, A.  | 547 Fanteria.                                    |
| Ten.   | V. NICOLA, F. | 6 Regg. S.I. - F.M. 72.                          |

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 HQ. M.A.I.U. (West) C/o HQ. 336 P. R. Wing, R.A.F., C.E.F.

No. 1B Photo Intelligence Course  
For Officers of the Italian Army  
 15th March -- 7th April 1945

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

FIRST WEEK:- 15th Mar - 17th Mar.

| DATE    | SES-<br>SION | ITEM       | TYPE OF<br>LESSON | SUBJECT                                                | INSTRUCTOR |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Thurs.  | AM           |            |                   | Opening Remarks<br>Issue of instruments                |            |
| 15 Mar. |              |            | L                 | Security, and Role of Photo<br>Intelligence in War     |            |
|         |              |            | DE                | Aircraft and Cameras                                   |            |
|         | PM           | (40<br>(39 | L                 | Types of Photos, Titling,<br>Scales                    |            |
| Friday  | AM           | 37         | L                 | Stereoscopy                                            |            |
|         |              |            | DE                | Stereo Practice (cont'd)                               |            |
| 16 Mar  | PM           | 37         | DE                | Stereo Practice (cont'd)<br>Mosaics and Gridded Photos |            |
| Sat.    | AM           | 35         | DE<br>V           | Practice in Sealing<br>Visit to Photo Lab.             |            |
| 17 Mar. | PM           | 35<br>37   | DE<br>E           | Practice in Measuring<br>Contouring Exercise           |            |

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HQ. N.A.L.U. (West)

C/o HQ. 336 P. A. Wing, R.A.F., C.M.F.

No. 1B Photo Intelligence Course  
for Officers of the Italian Army  
 15th March -- 7th April 1945

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SECOND WEEK:- 19th - 24th March

| DATE    | SESSION | ITEM | TYPE OF LESSON | SUBJECT                                                                       | INSTRUCTOR |
|---------|---------|------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mond.   | AM      | 15   | L              | Elementary Photo Reading.                                                     |            |
|         | PM      |      | L              | Methods of Pinpointing Interest Photos.                                       |            |
| 19 Mar. |         | 42   |                |                                                                               |            |
| Tues.   | AM      | 32   | E              | Photo Coverage, & Plotting Exercise.                                          |            |
| 20 Mar. | PM      | 25   | DE             | Defences I                                                                    |            |
| Wed.    | AM      | 33   | E              | Terrain Exercise.                                                             |            |
| 21 Mar. | PM      | 38   | V              | Ground Check of Terrain Exercise.                                             |            |
| Thur.   | AM      | 14   | E              | Elementary Interpretation Exercise                                            |            |
| 22 Mar. | PM      | 12   | L              | Conventional signs. Defence Overprints, Going Maps, etc. Return of Exercises. |            |
| Fri.    | AM      | 34   | L              | Models Preparation for Modelling Exercise                                     |            |
| 23 Mar. |         |      | E              | Modelling Exercise                                                            |            |
|         | PM      | 34   | E              | Modelling Exercise (cont'd)                                                   |            |
| Sat.    | AM      | 34   | E              | Modelling Exercise (cont'd)                                                   |            |
|         | PM      | 5    | L              | Butted Camps, Stores, Dumps.                                                  |            |
| 24 Mar. |         |      | L              | Discussion of Modelling Exercise.                                             |            |

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 HQ. W.A.I.U. (West) C/o HQ. 336 P. R. Wing, R.A.F., C.M.F.

No. 18 Photo Intelligence Course  
for Officers of the Italian Army  
 16th March -- 7th April 1945

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

THIRD WEEK:- 26th - 31st March.

| DATE    | SES-<br>SION | ITEM | TYPE OF<br>LESSON | SUBJECT                                 |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Mon.    | AM           | 12   | L                 | Conventional Signs, Defence Overprints. |
|         |              | 30   | E                 | Pinpointing Exercise.                   |
| 26 Mar. | PM           | 33   | L                 | Roads and Bridges.                      |
|         |              |      |                   | Return of Exercises.                    |
| Tues.   | AM           | 22   | L                 | Defences II (a).                        |
|         |              |      |                   | Return of Exercises.                    |
| 27 Mar. | PM           | 26   | E                 | Pinpointing and Plotting Oblique        |
|         |              |      |                   | Cover on Mosaic.                        |
|         |              | 10   | L                 | Communications.                         |
| Wed.    | AM           | 32A  | E                 | Plotting Exercise (2).                  |
|         |              |      | L                 | Defences II (b).                        |
| 28 Mar. | PM           | 43   | LE                | Gridded Photos.                         |
| Thur.   | AM           | 18   | L                 | Defences II (Flak).                     |
|         |              |      |                   | Interest Talk - "The Interpreter        |
|         |              |      |                   | at Div".                                |
| 29 Mar. | PM           | 41   | LE                | Radar.                                  |
| Fri.    | AM           | 27A  | E                 | Photo & Other Int. Sources Exercise.    |
|         | PM           |      | L                 | Reports and Report Writing.             |
| 30 Mar. |              |      |                   | Return of Exercises.                    |
| Sat.    | AM           | 25   | LE                | Defences I (b).                         |
|         |              |      |                   | Preparation for Road Report.            |
| 31 Mar. | PM           | 33   | E                 | Road Report - Exercise.                 |

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L - Lecture, E - Exercise, LE - Lecture & Examples.

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 HQ. M.A.I.U. (West) C/o HQ. 336 P. R. Wing, R.A.F., C.M.F.

No. 1B Photo Intelligence Course  
for Officers of the Italian Army  
 15th March -- 7th April 1946

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

FOURTH WEEK:- 2nd - 7th April.

| DATE           | SES-<br>SION | ITEM | TYPE OF<br>LESSON | SUBJECT                                                                |
|----------------|--------------|------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon.           | AM           | 20   | LE                | Industry.<br>Organization of P.I. in C.M.F.                            |
| 2 Apr.         | PM           | 44   | L                 | Measurement of heights.<br>Preparation for Interpretation<br>Exercise. |
| Tues.          | AM           | 9    | E                 | Interpretation Exercise.                                               |
| 3 Apr.         | PM           | 9    | E                 | Interpretation Exercise (cont'd).                                      |
| Wed.           | AM           | 9    | E                 | Interpretation Exercise (cont'd).                                      |
| 4 Apr.         | PM           | 9    | E                 | Interpretation Exercise (cont'd).                                      |
| Thur.          | AM           | 1    | LE                | Airfields.<br>Ordering of Photo Cover.                                 |
| 5 Apr.         | PM           | 38A  | E                 | Terrain Exercise II.                                                   |
| Fri.           | AM           | 38A  | V                 | Ground Check of Terrain II.                                            |
| 6 Apr.         | PM           |      | L                 | Return of Exercises.<br>Limitations of Air Photos.<br>Closing Remarks. |
| Sat.<br>7 Apr. | AM           |      |                   | Dispersal.                                                             |

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MMIA - G. Trg

FILE: C/Trg/12

DATE: 3<sup>6</sup>/45

SUBJECT Courses Results - Italian Gun Fitters.

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

Ref BTU/A/A3/330

2 May 45.

RTC ICF.

Training Branch MMIA.

Attached herewith results of the recent course at  
School of E & ME, together with examination results.

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C O P Y

Subject :- COURSES - Italian Gun Fitters.

Ref: SEAE/21

To :- D.M.E., AFHQ., C.M.F.

From :- Comdt: School of E & M E.  
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24 Apr 45.

1. Course No.11 for the a/m has been completed.  
No great difficulty was experienced in connection with the language.
2. The instruction was mainly of a practical nature, and the examination at the end of the course wholly practical.  
Practical instruction was given on the following equipments, and the students were given ample time and opportunity in handling all the equipments -

Q.Q.F. 6 pdr  
Q.Q.F. 17 pdr

Q.Q.F. 25 pdr  
O.B.L. 4.5"/5.5".

1. The standard of ability of these personnel was in general poor. Results of examination are attached.
3. Personnel were of Units of the formation Divisione 'PICENO'.

(Signed) F. ELLIOT, Major,  
Commandant, The School of Elect and Mech Engineering.

C.M.F.  
FE/EK-BNo 11 ITALIAN GUN FITTERS COURSE.EXAMINATION AND COURSE RESULTS.

The undermentioned pass the course :-

marks obtained.

| Rank     | Name        | marks obtained. |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|
| Cap Magg | BUCELLO U   | 77              |
| " "      | CUOCU F     | 74              |
| Cap      | CASTELLI V  | 83              |
| " "      | TANCHIO L   | 72              |
| Art:     | BUTTI L     | 90              |
|          | FRANCESCO A | 85              |

3.

Personnel were of Units of the formation Divisione 'PICENO'.

(Signed)

F. ELLIOT, Major,  
Commandant, The School of Elect and Mech Engineering.

C.M.F.  
FE/WK-B

EXAMINATION AND COURSE RESULTS.  
NO 11 ITALIAN GUN FITTERS COURSE.

The undermentioned pass the course :-

8 marks obtained.

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name</u>                                                            |    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Cap Magg    | BUCELLO U                                                              | 77 |
| " "         | CUCCU F                                                                | 74 |
| Cap         | CASTELLI V                                                             | 83 |
| " "         | TANCHIO L                                                              | 72 |
| Art:        | BUTTI L                                                                | 90 |
| " "         | FERRERO A                                                              | 85 |
| " "         | TOMAI A                                                                | 80 |
| Fante       | MANDOLI G                                                              | 67 |
| " "         | PAPA S                                                                 | 78 |
| " "         | FRANCESCHINI F                                                         | 72 |
| VOLUNT      | TREZZA A                                                               | 74 |
| Art         | SABATINI M was transferred to No 12 Course on discharge from hospital. |    |

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SUBJECT : Courses - Vehicle MechanicsLand Forces Sub Com A.C.  
(MMIA)

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TO : "F" BLU

3 May 45

Herewith Results of Course No 3 - Vehicle Mechanics  
held at E & ME School, SCAFATI, 1 - 28 April 45.

|       |              |                    |   |                    |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| S/M   | PULLI L      | - 235 Reggt: Fant: | - | Passed             |
| "     | SFORZA U     | - -do-             | - | "                  |
| Serg: | PASI G       | - 152 Reggt: Art:  | - | "                  |
| "     | BORROMEO F   | - -do-             | - | "                  |
| "     | PALETTA L    | - 4 Reggt:         | - | "                  |
| C/M   | POSTINGHEL P | - 235 Reggt: Fant: | - | "                  |
| "     | MAESTRINI A  | - 336 Reggt: Fant: | - | "                  |
| Sold: | MORELLI S    | - -do-             | - | " (ex No.2 Course) |
| Sold: | LAERA F      | - 235 Reggt: Fant: | - | Failed             |
| Sold: | PETRILLI A   | - 4 Reggt:         | - | "                  |

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*Aug.*  
Major General  
2804 M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- COURSES - Italian Vehicle Mechanics. Ref: SMIE/21. 15

To :- D.M.E., A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

From :- Comdt: School of E & M E, C.M.F.

MMIA-G

FILE: C.F.R. 12

DATE: 2 MAY

30 Apr 45.

1. No.3 Course for the a/u was completed on 28 Apr 45 - syllabus of Course is attached.

2. This Course is the last of its kind for Italian Military.

3. Personnel were of units of the formation Divisions 'PICINNO'.

4. Results of Course as shown -

|       |              |   |                 |   |                     |
|-------|--------------|---|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| S/M   | PULLI L      | - | 235 Regt: Fant: | - | PASSED              |
| "     | SFORZA U     | - | -do-            | - | "                   |
| Serg: | PASI G       | - | 152 Regt: Art:  | - | "                   |
| "     | BORROMEO F   | - | -do-            | - | "                   |
| "     | PALETTA L    | - | 4 Regt:         | - | "                   |
| C/M   | POSTINGHEL P | - | 235 Regt: Fant: | - | "                   |
| "     | MAESTRINI A  | - | 336 Regt: ant:  | - | "                   |
| Sold: | MORILLI S    | - | -do-            | - | " (ex No.2 Course). |
| Sold: | IACCA F      | - | 235 Regt: Fant: | - | FAILED              |
| Sold: | PETRILLI A   | - | 4 Regt:         | - | "                   |

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|        |              |            |   |   |                     |
|--------|--------------|------------|---|---|---------------------|
| SERGE: | SPONZA U     | -do-       | - | - | "                   |
| "      | PASI G       | -          | - | - | "                   |
| "      | BORRONEO F   | -do-       | - | - | "                   |
| C/M    | PALETTA L    | 4 Reggt:   | - | - | "                   |
| "      | POSTINGHEL P | 235 Reggt: | - | - | "                   |
| Sold:  | MAESTRINI A  | 336 Reggt: | - | - | "                   |
|        | MORELLI S    | -do-       | - | - | " (ex No.2 Course). |

|       |            |   |   |   |        |
|-------|------------|---|---|---|--------|
| Sold: | LAKRA F    | - | - | - | FAILED |
| Sold: | PETRIOLI A | - | - | - | "      |

*L. Costa*

Major,  
Commandant, The School of Elect and Mech Engineering.

C.M.F.  
FR/FK-B.

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SUBJECT : Result of Course - Photo Intelligence

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

G/Trg/12

TO : Ministry of War

30 Apr 45

1. Attached is Report on Interpretation Course  
No. 1b for Italian Officers at the Photo Intelligence  
School, S SEVERO, 15 March - 5 April.

2. Please return the Report when you have  
extracted the information you require.

*Myfawell*

for Major General  
M.A.I.A.

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Subject :- Interpretation Course - Reports.

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FILE:

DATE:

28 APR 45

25 Apr 45

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Copy to :- DMT. (DMT/55/13/MT1 of 14 Apr refers)

The attached report on Interpretation Course No. 1B for Italian officers 15 Mar - 15 Apr is forwarded for your information and retention.

In the Field.  
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Lt-Col.  
GS.

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SUBJECT : No.1 Italian Army C. Course, CATO.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.I.  
(M.S.I.A.).

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DET AFHQ.

Apr 45

Ref your DET/150/6/ST2 of 22 Apr 45.

1. As the policy regarding CW training in the Italian Army is again coming under review, further action in connection with the Report on the above course at CATO is being withheld pending a final decision.

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*Th. S. ...*  
Major General  
M.S.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Results of Courses - Gun Fitters.Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).

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26 APR 45

"F" BLU

1. Herewith results of Course No.10 - Gun Fitters, held at E & ME School, SCARATI.

2. The instruction was mainly of a practical nature and the examination at the end of the course was wholly practical.

3. Instruction was given on the following equipment :

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| 6 pr A tk  | 25 pr QQP            |
| 17 pr A tk | 4.5 in mm 5.5 in OBL |

No.10 ITALIAN GUN FITTERS COURSE EXAMINATION AND COURSE RESULTS

The undermentioned personnel passed the course -

| Rank | Name | % marks obtained |
|------|------|------------------|
|------|------|------------------|

|             |             |    |
|-------------|-------------|----|
| SERG: MAGG: | MAGNANTE V  | 82 |
| " "         | SPERANDIO G | 84 |
| " "         | PACIA F     | 70 |
| Sergente    | DE SIMONE C | 81 |
| " "         | PENITENTI E | 75 |
| " "         | BOSCHINI L  | 80 |
| Cap: MAGG:  | RONCORONI M | 84 |
| Caporale    | BAREERINI G | 87 |
| Fante       | MUNGIANI V  | 84 |

6 pr A tk 25 pr 200  
17 pr A tk 4.5 in and 5.5 in OPL

No. 10 ITALIAN GUN FITTERS COURSE EXAMINATION AND COURSE RESULTS

The undermentioned personnel passed the course -

% marks obtained

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name</u>    |    |
|-------------|----------------|----|
| Serg: Magg: | MAGNANTE V     | 82 |
| " "         | SPERANDIO G    | 84 |
| " "         | PACIA F        | 70 |
| Sergente    | DE SIMONE C    | 81 |
| " "         | PENITENTI E    | 75 |
| " "         | BOSCHINI L     | 80 |
| Cap: Magg:  | ROMCORONI M    | 84 |
| Caporale    | BARBERINI G    | 87 |
| Fante       | MUNGIANI V     | 84 |
| " "         | PATANE S       | 81 |
| " "         | POSATI Q       | 83 |
| " "         | MILONE L       | 85 |
| " "         | DI BENEDETTO F | 71 |

Ø Sgt BOSCHINI was transferred from No. 9 Course on discharge from Hospital.

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Major General  
H.M.I.A.

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Ref: SEME/21.

27 APR 1945

Subject: COMBATS - Italian Gun Fitters.

To: D.M.M., A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

From: Comdt: School of M &amp; H.R.

10 Apr 45.

1. Course No. 10 for the 4/1 has been completed. No great difficulty was experienced in connection with the language.

2. The instruction was mainly of a practical nature and the examination at the end of the course wholly practical. Practical instruction was given on the following equipments, and the students were given ample time and opportunity in handling all the equipment -

Q.Q.F. 6 pdr  
Q.Q.F. 17 pdr

Q.Q.F. 25 pdr  
C.B.I. 4.5"/5.5".

The standard of ability of these men was fairly good. Results of examinations are attached.

3. Personnel were of units of the Education Division 'FIGINO'.

C.M.F.  
FE/TK-R.

Comment: The School of Art & Mech Engineering, Major,

# EXAMINATION AND COURSE RESULTS

The undermentioned personnel passed the course -

| Rank      | Name         | Points obtained |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Sgt. Maj. | MACNATE V    | 82              |
| "         | "            | 84              |
| "         | SERRADUOIO G |                 |

of examinations are attached.

3. Personnel were of units of the Formation Divisione 'Pio NO'.

*Collect*

C. I. I.  
FE/PK-B.

Consistent, the school of Pilot & Mech Engineering.

NO. 10 ITALIAN GEN. STAFFS COURSE

EXAMINATION AND COURSE RESULTS

The undermentioned personnel passed the course -

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name</u>     | <u>Number obtained</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Serg: Mag:  | MACCHIONE V     | 62                     |
| "           | SERRADICIO G    | 64                     |
| "           | PACIA F         | 70                     |
| Sergeant    | DE SERRAVALLO C | 81                     |
| "           | PENNELLI F      | 75                     |
| "           | BOSCHETTI L     | 60                     |
| Cap: Mag:   | RONCORONI R     | 34                     |
| Caporale    | BARBERIS G      | 87                     |
| Parte       | MACCHIONI V     | 84                     |
| "           | PACIA S         | 31                     |
| "           | POZZI Q         | 63                     |
| "           | MILONE L        | 65                     |
| "           | DI FERRETTI F   | 71                     |

Set BOSCHETTI was transferred from No. 9 Course on discharge from Hospital.

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By Para 6. of Report on NO. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course, dated 14 Apr: 45, from CW School, CATC.

1. Personnel of Combat Gps are issued with standard AEs which have apparently received no instruction so far in how to use it. It is understood that this instruction is to be given (hence the formation of the Gas Tig Team referred to below), but the Italian Senior Officers concerned are apparently not yet aware of this.

2. If this Tig is to be done throughout Combat Gps, it's obvious that the Tig Team, based on Cesano, can't cope, consisting as it does of 1 OFP & 2 ORs who have not yet been appointed (see also para 4. below).

3. If this Tig is considered to be of sufficient importance, a Gas School could be formed at Cesano as suggested by CATC; but, unless firm directions are given them, the Combat Gps will probably find it difficult just now to produce one Gas OFP per Bn.

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3. If this Tq is considered to be of sufficient importance, a Gas School could be formed at Cesano as suggested by CMTC; but, unless firm directions are given them, the Combat Gps, with probably first it difficult just now to produce <sup>as students</sup> the Gas OFR per Ben and one Gas NCO per Coy and those produced are unlikely to be suitable, judging from the majority of OFRs sent to Coy sent on the CMTC Course.

If, however, these difficulties can be overcome, it would probably be simplest to run further courses at the CMTC, as suggested in para 6(b) of their report. The 3<sup>rd</sup> possibility is that a Mobile Tq Team should be sent from the CMTC to each Gp in turn, but this again would depend ~~on the success~~ on a clear direction being first issued to Gp Comds.

4. It's unlikely that the Italian Gas Tq Team (based on Cesano), the WE for which has recently been approved as MMSA, will be ready to function for some time yet, especially as only one of the prospective instructors for this Team sent from Cesano on the CMTC course is suitable. ~~With~~

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SUBJECT: No 1 Italian Army C.W. Course CMTC

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ, CMF

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Reference attached Report on the above course at CMTC. The following comments are made:-

- (i) Presumably you will consider the advisability of setting up a C.W. School at R.T.C., I.C.F. The ruling factor would appear to be one of manpower, and at this stage of the war it is doubtful whether it is justified.
- (ii) Will you please notify this Directorate should you require any of the facilities offered by CMTC in paras 6 (b), 6 (c) and 6 (d) of the attached report.
- (iii) The policy for C.W. Training in the Italian Army has been laid down in AFHQ Directive A.P. 250 dated 15 Mar 45.

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Subject: No. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course

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The following report is submitted on No. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course which concluded on Thursday 12 Apr 45.

1. The Course as a whole has not completely attained its object in that it has not produced 25 first class Italian Gas instructors, for which it was designed. This is the consequence of obvious indisposition in the choice of some of the students and much of the instructors and students time was wasted in efforts to make Gas instructors of some Officers and NCOs who were obviously unfitted to take the Course. Some students were unable to qualify owing to absence because of sickness. Final results are attached at Appx A.

2. Very great satisfaction is felt in the work of the Interpreter Officers with one exception, Capt Odetti who is unqualified to act as an interpreter owing to his very limited knowledge of English. A report on each Interpreter is attached at Appx B.

3. It has been found that the pamphlet produced by IRLA containing translated extracts from "Gas Training 1942" is an unsatisfactory document. Many of the technical terms used in the British pamphlet have not been understood and much of the text, in the opinion of the Interpreters, has been badly translated.

4. It was found that the students had no previous knowledge of gas, equipment or protection and did not understand our methods of instruction. After the initial stages most became very interested both in the subject matter and in the instruction.

5. Practically all the students expressed the view that there was undoubtedly a great requirement for training the Gruppi in the use and care of the equipment which had been issued and in the elementary principles of protection against Gas. The men had received absolutely no training in this subject and would therefore be quite helpless if Gas Warfare should start. There was however considerable doubt as to whether this training would be allowed by their Senior Officers. Repeated requests were made as to whether outside pressure could not be brought to bear to ensure that at least the bare minimum of training could be carried out.

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6. In view of the above, the following recommendations are made:

(a) A small Gas School should be formed in the Italian Training Centre with the object of training one Gas Officer per Bn and one Gas NCO per Coy. Students must be carefully selected if full value is to be derived from the Course. Probably only 2 or 3 Courses would be required. The greatest confidence is expressed in recommending Capt Georgi (see remarks, appx B) to command the School and be responsible for running the Courses. The remaining instructors, say 5, could be drawn from the best students of the Course held at this School, while assistance in the initial stages could be given by instructors from this School as far as other commitments will allow.

(b) Failing the above, further Courses should be run at this School until the full scale of qualified Gas Officers and NCOs for each Gruppo is reached.

- (c) As a further alternative, a Mobile Training Team be sent from this School to a suitable location or to each Gruppo in turn to train the necessary instructors.
- (d) A five day Course be arranged at this School as soon as possible for Senior Officers. It is considered that 1 Senior Officer per Bn should attend. Further courses could be run as necessary.
- (e) Capt Georgi should be given the task of revising the Italian Gas Pamphlet, the additional precis given to students by this School to be incorporated in the revised addition. It would be desirable for him to work in close liaison with this School while engaged on this work.
- (f) For any further Italian Courses held at this School the same Interpreter Officers be used with the exception of Capt Odetti as they have gained good knowledge in the fundamentals of the subject.
- (g) Orders be issued to the Gruppo insisting on every man receiving that minimum instruction in gas necessary to ensure that he can be made responsible for his own protection. It is felt that the minimum Standard of training that can be accepted is covered by the following 4 headings
  - (i) Care and use of Personal AG Eqpt
  - (ii) Protection to be obtained against Gas
  - (iii) Protection to be obtained against spray
  - (iv) Gas Alarm System and Gas Duties of Sentries

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- (ii) Protection to be obtained against Gas
- (iii) Protection to be obtained against Spray
- (iv) Gas Alarm System and Gas Duties of Sentries

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Appendix "A"Report on Students - No. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course

| Rank   | Name            | Regt        | Gruppo  | Instructional<br>Ability | Knowledge | Final<br>Grading | Application | Remarks                                                                                                            |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Capt   | Trifogli, F.    | 87 Inf Regt | Friuli  | A                        | A         | A                | A           | The Senior Student on the Course and a first class Officer. Will be an excellent and conscientious Gas Instructor. |
| Cap    | Pacini, L.      | 88 Inf Regt | "       | A                        | B         | B                | B           | Serious minded and trustworthy. Adequate knowledge.                                                                |
| Cap    | Voltattorni, L. | 35 Inf Regt | "       | B                        | B         | B                | B           | Tried but is of very average ability. Just about an average Gas Offr.                                              |
| Cap    | Candida, P.     | 22 Inf Regt | Cremona | B                        | B         | B                | B           | Made no great effort but is no fool. Has ability if he wishes it.                                                  |
| Ten    | Merendino, G.   | 24 Inf Regt | "       | B                        | C         | B                | B           | Very slow in learning and did not grasp a good deal. Should not be given responsibility of training a Unit.        |
| S. Ten | Carrabelli, E.  | 7 Regt Arty | "       | B                        | B         | B                | B           | Rather better than his                                                                                             |

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|        |                 |               |         |       |                                                                                                                |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|---------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cap    | Pacini, L.      | 88 Inf Regt   | "       | A B B | excellent and conscientious Gas Instructor.                                                                    |
| Cap    | Voltattorni, L. | 35 Inf Regt   | "       | B B B | Serious minded and trustworthy. Adequate knowledge.                                                            |
| Cap    | Candida, P.     | 22 Inf Regt   | Cremona | B B B | Tried but is of very average ability. Just about an average Gas Offr.                                          |
| Ten    | Merendino, G.   | 24 Inf Regt   | "       | B C B | Made no great effort but is no fool. Has ability if he wishes it.                                              |
| S. Ten | Carrabelli, E.  | 7 Regt Arty   | "       | B B B | Very slow in learning and did not grasp a good deal. Should not be given responsibility of training a Unit.    |
| Ten    | Bracci, G.      | 11 Regt Arty  | Legnano | A A A | Rather better than his grading indicates. Should do good work in his Unit.                                     |
| S. Ten | Donati, E.      | Spec Bn Inf   | "       | B B B | Intelligent and keen. Speaks English well. Has acquired much knowledge and should do well.                     |
| S. Ten | Orlandi, A.     | 68 Inf Regt   | "       | B B B | Very average type - not fond of work. Just about adequate.                                                     |
| S. Ten | Tarantini, A.   | 155 Regt Arty | Mantova | B B B | Better type of Officer. Serious minded and applied himself industriously. Should make a good Unit Gas Officer. |
| S. Ten | Tarantini, A.   | 155 Regt Arty | Mantova | B B B | Quiet and without personality. Adequate.                                                                       |

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| Rank  | Name           | Regt                    | Gruppo  | Final Grading         |           |             | Remarks                                                                                                                                    |
|-------|----------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       |                |                         |         | Instructional Ability | Knowledge | Application |                                                                                                                                            |
| S.Ten | Moruzzi, C.    | 4 Group Arty            | Mantova | B                     | C         | B           | Self effacing. Would not be very successful as a Unit Gas Offr. Could not grasp main points.                                               |
| S.Ten | Certò, A.      | 76 Inf Regt             | "       | -                     | -         | -           | Sick practically whole Course.                                                                                                             |
| S.Ten | Chimenti, G.   | 114 Inf Regt            | "       | -                     | -         | -           | Thoroughly bad type who was found drunk first morning, failed his first exam, was absent for his second exam and was returned to his Unit. |
| S.Ten | Guidi, M.      | Regt Arty               | Folgore | B                     | B         | A           | Quiet intelligent young Offr who worked hard and learned a lot.                                                                            |
| S.Ten | Polgrosi, T.   | Para Tp Regt<br>"Menbo" | "       | A                     | B         | A           | Has personality and command. Applied himself, learned and should be capable.                                                               |
| S.Ten | Stroppa, M.    | Regt San Marco          | "       | B                     | B         | B           | Pleasant but somewhat irresponsible young officer. Should be quite adequate.                                                               |
| S.Ten | Pizzutelli, C. | 152 Arty Regt           | Piceno  | B                     | B         | A           | Good worker, enthusiastic and intelligent, quite competent.                                                                                |
| S.Ten | Nazzaro, M.    | 255 Inf Regt            | "       | B                     | B         | B           | Very quiet young Officer who could have worked and achieved much more than he did. Was AWL 3 days, alleged sickness.                       |
| S.Ten | Bevilacqua, A. | 336 Inf Regt            | "       | B                     | B         | B           | Rather nervous as Instructor                                                                                                               |

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| S.Ten       | Pizzutelli, C.  | 152 Arty Regt           | Piceno  | B B A | Good worker, enthusiastic and intelligent, quite competent.                                                                                                      |
| S.Ten       | Nazzaro, M.     | 235 Inf Regt            | "       | B B B | Very quiet young Officer who could have worked and achieved much more than he did. Was AWL 3 days, alleged sickness.                                             |
| S.Ten       | Devillacqua, A. | 336 Inf Regt            | "       | B B B | Rather nervous as Instructor but has right ideas. With effort should be O.K.                                                                                     |
| S.Ten       | Poma, I.        | School & Replacement Bn | "       | A A A | Enthusiastic, intelligent young Officer with good manner. Inclined to be erratic but with experience should make first class Instructor.                         |
| Serg<br>Mag | Abbate, G.      | 152 Regt Arty           | "       | C F B | Quite incapable of absorbing the Course and should never have been sent.                                                                                         |
| Serg        | Bosio, N.       | 336 Inf Regt            | "       | B C B | <del>21992</del> <sup>21992</sup> picked up practical work and could possibly used as an assistant instructor under close supervision on practical periods only. |

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| Rank | Name         | Regt         | Gruppo | Final Grading |         |           | Remarks                                                                                            |
|------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      |              |              |        | Instructional | Ability | Knowledge |                                                                                                    |
| Serg | Cavaleri, L. | 235 Inf Regt | Piceno | B             | C       | B         | Best of the Sjts but even so not very good. With close supervision could possibly be used in Unit. |
| Serg | Zangheri, N. | 235 Inf Regt | "      | -             | -       | -         | Sick for most of Course                                                                            |
| Serg | Luceri, A.   | 1 Inf Regt   | "      | -             | -       | -         | Sick for most of Course                                                                            |

Note: The 5 most successful students were :

Cap Trifogli  
 Ten Bracci  
 S.Ten Poma  
 S.Ten Polgrossi  
 S.Ten Pizzutelli

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Appendix "B"Report on Interpreter Officers who attended No.1 Italian Chemical Warfare Course1. Capt Flugli d'Aspermont

This Officer was the Senior Interpreter and by his example had a very good effect on the Course. His linguistic abilities are academic rather than colloquial and he was invaluable in translating precis and documents. Every satisfaction is expressed with his work.

2. Capt Georgi

This Officer was quite outstanding. His intelligence, alertness, bearing and enthusiasm were of the very highest order. He is an absolutely first class interpreter and it is desired to place on record great appreciation for his invaluable assistance in the preparation and presentation of the course. Capt Georgi is a Chemist by profession, was a Gas Officer in the old Italian Army and was on the Staff. He has acquired a very considerable knowledge of this subject and it is strongly felt that with the dearth of suitable Gas Officers with the Italian Forces, his abilities would be wasted if he were not directed into this particular channel.

3. Capt Odetti

Did his best but is useless as an Interpreter.

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5. S. Ten. Bert

A very keen intelligent young Officer who is an excellent interpreter. Unfortunately he was absent for nearly a week of the course through sickness.

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| Rank    | Name            | Unit                    | Group   | Grading  |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Capt    | Pacini, L.      | 88 Inf Regt             | Friuli  | ABB      |
| Capt    | Voltattorni, L. | 35 Regt Arty            | "       | BBB      |
| Capt    | Trifogli, F.    | 87 Inf Regt             | "       | AAA      |
| Capt    | Candida, P.     | 22 Inf Regt             | Cremona | BBB      |
| Lt      | Merendino, G.   | 21 Inf Regt             | "       | BCB      |
| 2/Lt    | Carrabelli, E.  | 7 Regt Arty             | "       | BBB      |
| Lt      | Bracci, G.      | 14 Regt Arty            | Legnano | AAA      |
| 2/Lt    | Donati, E.      | Legnano (Spec Bn) Inf   | "       | BBB      |
| 2/Lt    | Orlandi, A.     | 68 Inf Regt             | "       | BBA      |
| 2/Lt    | Tarantini, A.   | 155 Regt Arty           | Mantova | BBB      |
| 2/Lt    | Maruzzi, C.     | 4 Comp Arty             | "       | BCB      |
| 2/Lt    | Certo, A.       | 76 Inf Regt             | "       | Hospital |
| 2/Lt    | Ghimenti, G.    | 144 Inf Regt            | "       | R.T.U.   |
| 2/Lt    | Guido, M.       | Regt Arty               | Folgore | BBA      |
| 2/Lt    | Polgrossi, T.   | Para Regt "Nembo"       | "       | ABA      |
| 2/Lt    | Stroppa, M.     | Regt San Marco          | "       | BBB      |
| 2/Lt    | Pizzutelli, C.  | 152 Regt Arty           | Piceno  | BBA      |
| 2/Lt    | Nazzaro, A.     | 235 Inf Regt            | "       | BBB      |
| 2/Lt    | Bevilacqua, A.  | 336 Regt Inf Div        | "       | BBB      |
| 2/Lt    | Poma, I.        | School & Replacement Bn | "       | AAA      |
| Sjt-Maj | Abbate, G.      | 152 Regt Arty           | "       | CBF      |
| Sjt     | Bozio, N.       | 336 Inf Regt            | "       | BCB      |
| Sjt     | Cavaleri, L.    | 235 Inf Regt            | "       | BCB      |
| Sjt     | Zangheri, N.    | 235 Inf Regt            | "       | Hospital |
| Sjt     | Luceri, A.      | 1 Inf Regt              | "       | Hospital |

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| 2/Lt    | Tarantini, A.  | 155 Regt Arty     | "       | BOB    | Hospital |
| 2/Lt    | Moruzzi, C.    | 4 Comp Arty       | "       | R.T.U. |          |
| 2/Lt    | Certo, A.      | 76 Inf Regt       | "       | BBA    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Chimenti, G.   | 114 Inf Regt      | Folgore | ABA    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Guido, M.      | Regt Arty         | "       | BBB    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Polgrossi, T.  | Para Regt "Membo" | "       | BBA    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Stroppa, M.    | Regt San Marco    | Piceno  | BBB    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Pizzutelli, G. | 152 Regt Arty     | "       | BBB    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Nazzaro, A.    | 235 Inf Regt      | "       | BBB    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Bevilacqua, A. | 336 Regt Inf Div  | "       | AAA    |          |
| 2/Lt    | Poma, I.       | School & Replace- | "       | CFB    |          |
|         |                | ment Bn           | "       | BOB    | Hospital |
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| Sjt     | Cavaleri, L.   | 235 Inf Regt      | "       |        |          |
| Sjt     | Zangheri, N.   | 235 Inf Regt      | "       |        |          |
| Sjt     | Luceri, A.     | 1 Inf Regt        | "       |        |          |

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Further to our letter G/Tra/12 dated 18 Apr 45.

1. Attached are Individual Reports on Students attending Anti Gas Course, OMC, BARRINGTON from 26 Mar 45 to 12 Apr 45.

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Major General  
M.A.I.A.

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Subject : Course Reports.

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Herewith copies of Individual Course Reports on students who attended Course Serial No: A/DM/ITALIAN/1 - DRIVER MECHANICS, held at this Depot for period 19 Mar - 14 Apr 45. Please forward one copy to Regt concerned.

Key to classification is attached.

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DRIVER MECHANICS.  
COURSE REPORT.

| Number    | Rank  | Name           | Unit              | Pres.Trade | Bench Fitting | Fault Finding | Pract Test | %  | Grade |      |
|-----------|-------|----------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|----|-------|------|
| 9242      | L/Cpl | CARIBONI, G.   | 155 Mtn Arty Regt | Driver IC  | 85            | 100           | 90         | 92 | 'A'   | An d |
| 13795     | Dvr   | HERTACCIN, S.  | "                 | Driver IC  | 75            | 70            | 70         | 72 | 'C'   | A fa |
| 22696     | Gnr   | CHINET, I.     | "                 | Driver IC  | 85            | 70            | 85         | 80 | 'B'   | A ve |
| 9964      | Gnr   | GEMOVESE, A.   | "                 | Driver IC  | 55            | 72            | 75         | 67 | 'C'   | Just |
| 66/10     | Gnr   | LIOMI, R.      | "                 | Driver IC  | 65            | 80            | 80         | 75 | 'B'   | A go |
| 9044/dia  | Cpl   | DE POLI, E.    | "                 | Driver IC  | 70            | 75            | 85         | 77 | 'B'   | Thor |
| 9214      | Dvr   | RUSSO, R.      | "                 | Driver IC  | -             | -             | -          | -  | -     | Retu |
| 1916      | Dvr   | SIMOLA, S.     | "                 | Driver IC  | 60            | 70            | 70         | 67 | 'C'   | Just |
| 15854     | Gnr   | FRANCHI, A.    | "                 | Driver IC  | 65            | 80            | 85         | 77 | 'B'   | A go |
| 23233     | Dvr   | RIQUERA, N.    | "                 | Driver IC  | 65            | 90            | 90         | 82 | 'B'   | Very |
| 497       | L/Cpl | CORDEOLI, L.   | "                 | Driver IC  | 70            | 70            | 90         | 77 | 'B'   | Thor |
| 850       | Dvr   | MASINI, E.     | "                 | Driver IC  | 55            | 75            | 75         | 68 | 'C'   | Just |
| 3404      | Cpl   | MELCHIORRE, V. | "                 | Driver IC  | 55            | 80            | 80         | 72 | 'C'   | A go |
| Sgt Major |       | RUGIERO, F.    | "                 | Driver IC  | 65            | 70            | 75         | 70 | 'C'   | Tri  |
|           | Gnr   | PARROTTINI, M. | "                 | Driver IC  | 65            | 95            | 90         | 83 | 'B'   | A go |
|           | Gnr   | GUZZO, C.      | "                 | Driver IC  | 70            | 70            | 70         | 70 | 'C'   | Just |

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DRIVER MECHANICS.  
COURSE REPORT.

19 Mar - 14 Apr 45.

| Bench<br>Fitting | Fault<br>Finding | Fract<br>Test | %  | Grade | Remarks                                                               |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|----|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 85               | 100              | 90            | 92 | 'A'   | An excellent result. This man should be a valuable asset to his Regt. |
| 75               | 70               | 70            | 72 | 'C'   | A fair Driver Mech, but is rather over confident.                     |
| 85               | 70               | 85            | 80 | 'B'   | A very good worker.                                                   |
| 55               | 72               | 75            | 67 | 'C'   | Just up to Driver Mech standard.                                      |
| 65               | 80               | 80            | 75 | 'B'   | A good worker.                                                        |
| 70               | 75               | 85            | 77 | 'B'   | Thorough and pains-taking.                                            |
| -                | -                | -             | -  | -     | Returned to his Unit as unsatisfactory.                               |
| 60               | 70               | 70            | 67 | 'C'   | Just up to Driver Mech standard.                                      |
| 65               | 80               | 85            | 77 | 'B'   | A good worker.                                                        |
| 65               | 90               | 90            | 82 | 'B'   | Very good worker.                                                     |
| 70               | 70               | 90            | 77 | 'B'   | Thorough and pains-taking in his work.                                |
| 55               | 75               | 75            | 68 | 'C'   | Just up to Driver Mech standard.                                      |
| 55               | 80               | 80            | 72 | 'C'   | A good worker.                                                        |
| 65               | 70               | 75            | 70 | 'C'   | Tried hard (was away 3 days sick).                                    |
| 65               | 95               | 90            | 83 | 'B'   | A good worker.                                                        |
| 70               | 70               | 70            | 70 | 'C'   | Just up to Driver Mech standard.                                      |

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REPORT : Results of Courses - Anti Gas

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.  
(MIA)

9/7/43

TO : Ministry of War

1/9 April 43

1. Attached Appendix "A" is Report on Students who attended Anti - Gas Course at SATC, BARRABETO, 26 March to 12 April.
2. Attached Appendix "B" is Report on Interpreters of the above course.

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Appendix "B"Report on Interpreter Officers who attended No. 1 Italian Chemical Warfare Course1. Capt. Flugi d'Asserment.

This Officer was the Senior Interpreter and by his example had a very good effect on the Course. His linguistic abilities are academic rather than colloquial and he was invaluable in translating precis and documents. Every satisfaction is expressed with his work.

2. Capt. Georgi

This Officer was quite outstanding. His intelligence, alertness, bearing and enthusiasm were of the very highest order. He is an absolutely first class interpreter and it is desired to place on record great appreciation for his invaluable assistance in the preparation and presentation of the course. Capt Georgi is a Chemist by profession, was a Gas Officer in the old Italian Army and was on the Staff. He has acquired a very considerable knowledge of this subject and it is strongly felt that with the dearth of suitable Gas Officers with the Italian Forces, his abilities would be wasted if he were not directed into this particular channel.

3. Capt. Odetti

Did his best but is useless as an Interpreter.

4. Ten. Principe

A very good interpreter but was not disposed to exert himself. He has however acquired considerable knowledge of the subject during his attachment to the School.

5. S. Ten. Bert

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SUBJECT :- Results of Courses - Italian Personnel -  
ICE Report.

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TO : IS ARMY GROUP  
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18 April 45

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Attached at Appendix "A" is report on students  
who attended the special course in Anti Gun Warfare  
at the GATO, BANGKOK, 26 March to 12 April.

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SUBJECT: Italy/In Course - 17 Sch 1.

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FILE: 4/29/12

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HQ GH Trg Centre,

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16 Apr 45

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Enclosed herewith is a report on No 1 I taken  
Army Chemical Warfare Course which terminated on 12 Apr 45.

I have no comments to add.

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W. Danielson  
J. Com

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Chief GH Trg Centre.

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Also enclosed are individual report forms.

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Subject: No. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course

G-1 School

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Ref G 12-107 (2)

1-4 Apr 45

The following report is submitted on No. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course which concluded on Thursday 12 Apr 45.

1. The Course as a whole has not completely attained its object in that it has not produced 25 first class Italian Gas instructors, for which it was designed. This is the consequence of obvious discrimination in the choice of some of the students and much of the instructors and students time was wasted in efforts to make Gas instructors of some Officers and NCOs who were obviously unfitted to take the Course. Some students were unable to qualify owing to absence because of sickness. Final results are attached at Annex A.
2. Very great satisfaction is felt in the work of the Interpreter Officers with one exception, Capt Odetti who is unqualified to act as an interpreter owing to his very limited knowledge of English. A report on each Interpreter is attached at Annex B.
3. It has been found that the pamphlet produced by WFA containing translated extracts from "Gas Training 1942" is an unsatisfactory document. Many of the technical terms used in the British pamphlet have not been understood and much of the text, in the opinion of the Interpreters, has been badly translated.
4. It was found that the students had no previous knowledge of Gas, equipment or protection and did not understand our methods of instruction. After the initial stages most became very interested both in the subject matter and in the instruction.
5. Practically all the students expressed the view that there was undoubtedly a great requirement for training the Gruppi in the use and care of the equipment which had been issued and in the elementary principles of protection against Gas. The men had received absolutely no training in this subject and would therefore be quite helpless if Gas warfare should start. There was however considerable doubt as to whether

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very limited knowledge of English. A report on each interpreter is attached at Appendix B.

3. It has been found that the pamphlet produced by ILLA containing translated extracts from "Gas Training 1942" is an unsatisfactory document. Many of the technical terms used in the British pamphlet have not been understood and much of the text, in the opinion of the interpreters, has been badly translated.

4. It was found that the students had no previous knowledge of gas, equipment or protection and did not understand our methods of instruction. After the initial stages most became very interested both in the subject matter and in the instruction.

5. Practically all the students expressed the view that there was undoubtedly a great requirement for training the Gruppo in the use and care of the equipment which had been issued and in the elementary principles of protection against gas. The men had received absolutely no training in this subject and would therefore be quite helpless if gas warfare should start. There was however considerable doubt as to whether this training would be allowed by their senior officers. Reported requests were made as to whether outside pressure could not be brought to bear to ensure that at least the bare minimum of training could be carried out.

6. In view of the above, the following recommendations are made:

(a) A small Gas School should be formed in the Italian Training Centre with the object of training one Gas Officer per Bn and one Gas NCO per Coy. Students must be carefully selected if full value is to be derived from the course. Probably only 2 or 3 Courses could be required. The greatest confidence is expressed in recommending Capt. General (see remarks, page 2) to command the school and be responsible for running the Courses. **2782** Remaining instructors, say 5, could be drawn from the best students of the Courses held at this school, while assistance in the initial stages could be given by instructors from this school as far as other commitments will allow.

(b) Pending the above, further Courses should be run at this school until the full scale of qualified Gas Officers and NCOs for each Gruppo is reached.

- (c) As a further alternative, a Mobile Training Team be sent from this school to a suitable location or to each Gruppo in turn to train the necessary instructors.
- (d) A five day course be arranged at this school as soon as possible for Senior Officers. It is considered that 1 Senior Officer per Bn should attend. Further courses could be run as necessary.
- (e) Capt George should be given the task of revising the Italian Gas Pamphlet, the additional pricing given to students by this school to be incorporated in the revised edition. It would be desirable for him to work in close liaison with this school while engaged on this work.
- (f) For any further Italian Courses held at this school the same Interpreter Officers be used with the exception of Capt Adetti as they have gained good knowledge in the fundamentals of the subject.
- (g) Orders be issued to the Gruppo insisting on every man receiving that minimum instruction in gas necessary to ensure that he can be made responsible for his own protection. It is felt that the minimum standard of training that can be accepted is covered by the following 4 readings
- (i) Gas and use of personal M. Det
  - (ii) Protection to be obtained against Gas
  - (iii) Protection to be obtained against spray
  - (iv) Gas alarm system and Gas duties of sentries

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Appendix 'A'Report on Students - No. 1 Italian Army Chemical Warfare Course

| Rank   | Name          | Regt        | Group   | Final Grading         |           |             | Remarks                                                                                                            |
|--------|---------------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |               |             |         | Instructional Ability | Knowledge | Application |                                                                                                                    |
| Cap    | Trifogli, P.  | 57 Inf Regt | Prinli  | A                     | A         | A           | The Senior Student on the Course and a First class Officer. Will be an excellent and conscientious Gas Instructor. |
| Cap    | Macini, L.    | 88 Inf Regt | "       | A                     | B         | B           | Serious minded and trustworthy. Adequate knowledge.                                                                |
| Cap    | Volattoni, L. | 35 Inf Regt | "       | B                     | B         | B           | Tried but is of very average ability. Just about an average Gas Ofcr.                                              |
| Cap    | Candide, P.   | 22 Inf Regt | Unknown | B                     | B         | B           | Made no great effort but is no fool. Has ability if he wishes it.                                                  |
| Ten    | Corradino, G. | 24 Inf Regt | "       | B                     | C         | B           | Very slow in learning and did not resp a good deal. Should not be given responsibility of training a Unit.         |
| S. Ten | Carabelli, E. | 7 Regt Arty | "       | B                     | B         | B           | Rather better than his                                                                                             |

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|--------|-------------------|---------------|---------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cap    | Facini, L.        | 88 Inf Regt   | "       | A B B | Serious minded and trustworthy. Adequate knowledge.                                                            |
| Cap    | Vallattornini, L. | 55 Inf Regt   | "       | B B B | Tried out in of very average ability. Just about an average Gas Officer.                                       |
| Cap    | Candida, F.       | 22 Inf Regt   | Oranoro | B B B | Made no great effort but is no fool. Has ability if he wishes it.                                              |
| Ten    | Merandino, G.     | 24 Inf Regt   | "       | B C B | Very slow in learning and did not reap a good deal. Should not be given responsibility of training a Unit.     |
| S. Ten | Carrabollini, E.  | 7 Regt Arty   | "       | B B B | Rather better than his grading indicates. Should do good work in his Unit.                                     |
| Ten    | Bracci, G.        | 11 Regt Arty  | Legnano | A A A | Intelligent and keen. Speaks English well. Has acquired much knowledge and should do well.                     |
| S. Ten | Donati, E.        | Spec Bn Inf   | "       | B B B | Very average type - not found <b>2780</b> . Just about adequate.                                               |
| S. Ten | Orlandi, A.       | 63 Inf Regt   | "       | B B A | Better type of Officer. Serious minded and applied himself industriously. Should make a good Unit Gas Officer. |
| S. Ten | Tarantini, A.     | 155 Regt Arty | Montova | B B B | Quiet and without personality. Adequate.                                                                       |



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|----------|----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S. Ten   | Guidi, A.      | Regt. Arty              | Polgors | B B A | and was returned to his Unit. Quiet intelligent young officer who worked hard and learned a lot.                                          |
| S. Ten   | Polgrossi, F.  | Para Tp Regt "Hembo"    | "       | A B A | Has personality and command. Applied himself, learned and should be capable.                                                              |
| S. Ten   | Stroppe, H.    | Regt San Marco          | "       | B B B | Pleasant but somewhat irresponsible young officer. Should be quite adequate.                                                              |
| S. Ten   | Pizzutelli, C. | 152 Arty Regt           | Ploeno  | B B A | Good worker, enthusiastic and intelligent, quite competent.                                                                               |
| S. Ten   | Nazzaro, M.    | 235 Inf Regt            | "       | B B B | Very quiet young officer who could have worked and achieved much more than he did. Was AWL 3 days, alleged sickness.                      |
| S. Ten   | Devilacqua, A. | 336 Inf Regt            | "       | B B B | Rather nervous as instructor but has right ideas. With effort should be O.K.                                                              |
| S. Ten   | Poma, I.       | School & Replacement Bn | "       | A A A | Enthusiastic intelligent young officer with good manner. Inclined to be erratic but with experience should make first class instructor.   |
| Serg Maj | Abbate, G.     | 152 Regt Arty           | "       | C F B | quite incapable of absorbing the course and should never have been sent.                                                                  |
| Serg     | Bosio, H.      | 336 Inf Regt            | "       | B C B | Very slow, picked up practical work and could possibly used as an assistant instructor under close supervision on practical periods only. |

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| Rank | Name         | Regt         | Gruppo  | Instructional<br>Ability | Knowledge | Application | Final<br>Grading | Remarks                                                                                            |
|------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Serg | Cavaleri, L. | 255 Inf Regt | Picerno | B                        | C         | B           |                  | Best of the Sfts but even as not very good. With close supervision could possibly be used in Unit. |
| Serg | Langheri, H. | 255 Inf Regt | "       | -                        | -         | -           |                  | Sick for most of course                                                                            |
| Serg | Inoeri, A.   | 1 Inf Regt   | "       | -                        | -         | -           |                  | Sick for most of course                                                                            |

Note: The 5 most successful students were:

Cap Trifogli  
 Ten Bracon  
 S. Ten Poma  
 S. Ten Polgrosso  
 S. Ten Pissatelli  
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Note: The 5 most successful students were:

Cap Trifogli

Ten Ilacqua

S.Ten Poma

S.Ten Polgrosso

S.Ten Piantelli

(Verona)

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Appendix "B"Report on Interpreter Officers who attended No. 1 Italian Section Warfare Course1. Capt. Luigi D'Esposito

This officer was the Senior Interpreter and by his example had a very good effect in the course. His linguistic abilities are academic rather than colloquial and he was invaluable in translating proofs and documents. Every satisfaction is expressed with his work.

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This officer was quite outstanding. His intelligence, address, bearing and enthusiasm were of the very highest order. He is an absolutely first class interpreter and it is desired to place on record great appreciation for his invaluable assistance in the preparation and presentation of the course. Capt. Georgi is a Chemist by profession, was a Gas Officer in the old Italian Army and was on the staff. He has acquired a very considerable knowledge of this subject and it is strongly felt that with the death of suitable Gas Officers with the Italian Forces, his abilities would be wasted if he were not directed into this particular channel.

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4. Gen. Principe

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4. Ten. Principe

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5. S. Ten. Mart

A very keen intelligent young officer who is an excellent interpreter. Unfortunately he was absent for nearly a week of the course to 27th Division.

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'A' = Above average.

'B' = Fair - below average.

'C' = Average.

'D' = Poor.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

d.P/fa UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO  
SEZ. ADDESTRAMENTO

P.M. 3800,11 aprile 1945

n°1357/A.14/Add.di prot.

OGGETTO: rapporto sul primo corso fotografi informatori.

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(rif. G/trg/del 30/3 c.a.)

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Si restituisce la versione inglese della relazione sul primo corso fotografi informatori per ufficiali italiani, tenuto in S. Severo dal 27 febbraio al 10 marzo c.a.



S.M.I. GENERALE ADDETTO

- G. Liuzzi -

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REPORT ON No: 1. A.

PHOTO INTELLIGENCE COURSE

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

27TH FEBRUARY - 10TH MARCH 1945

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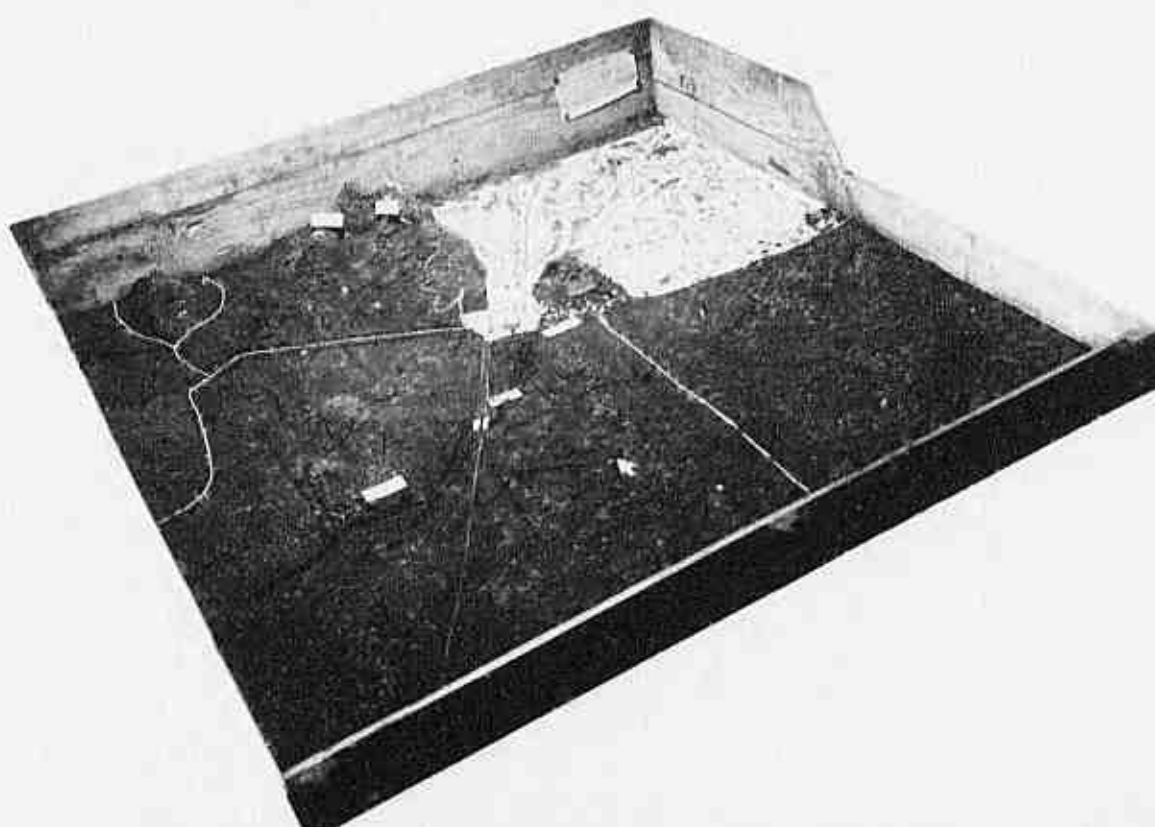
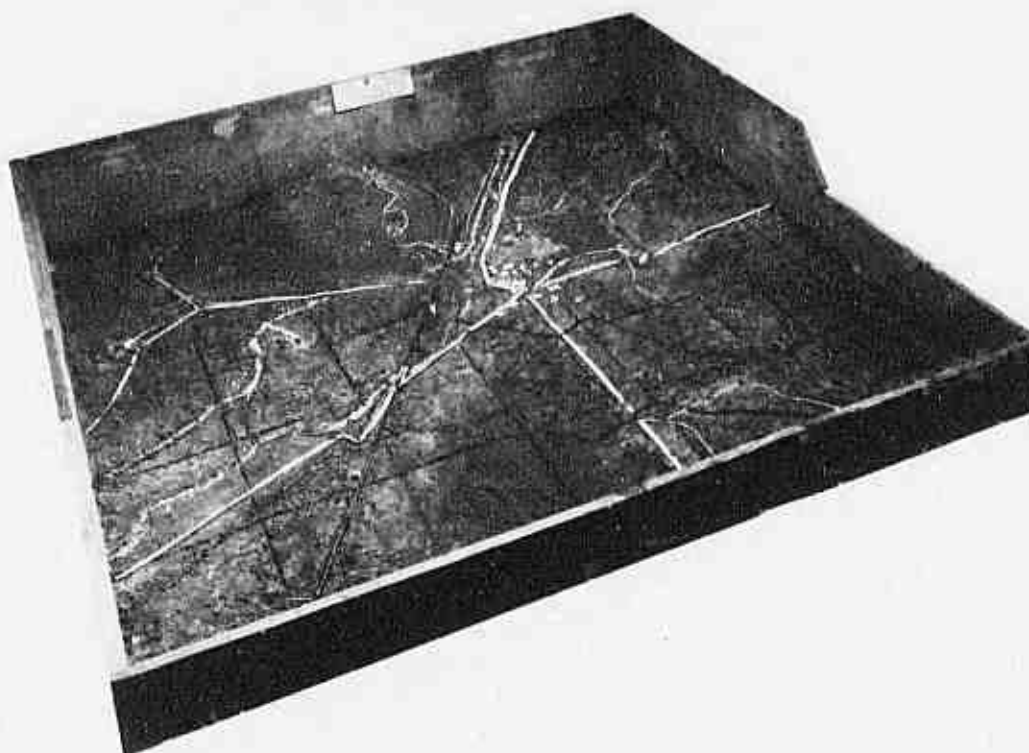
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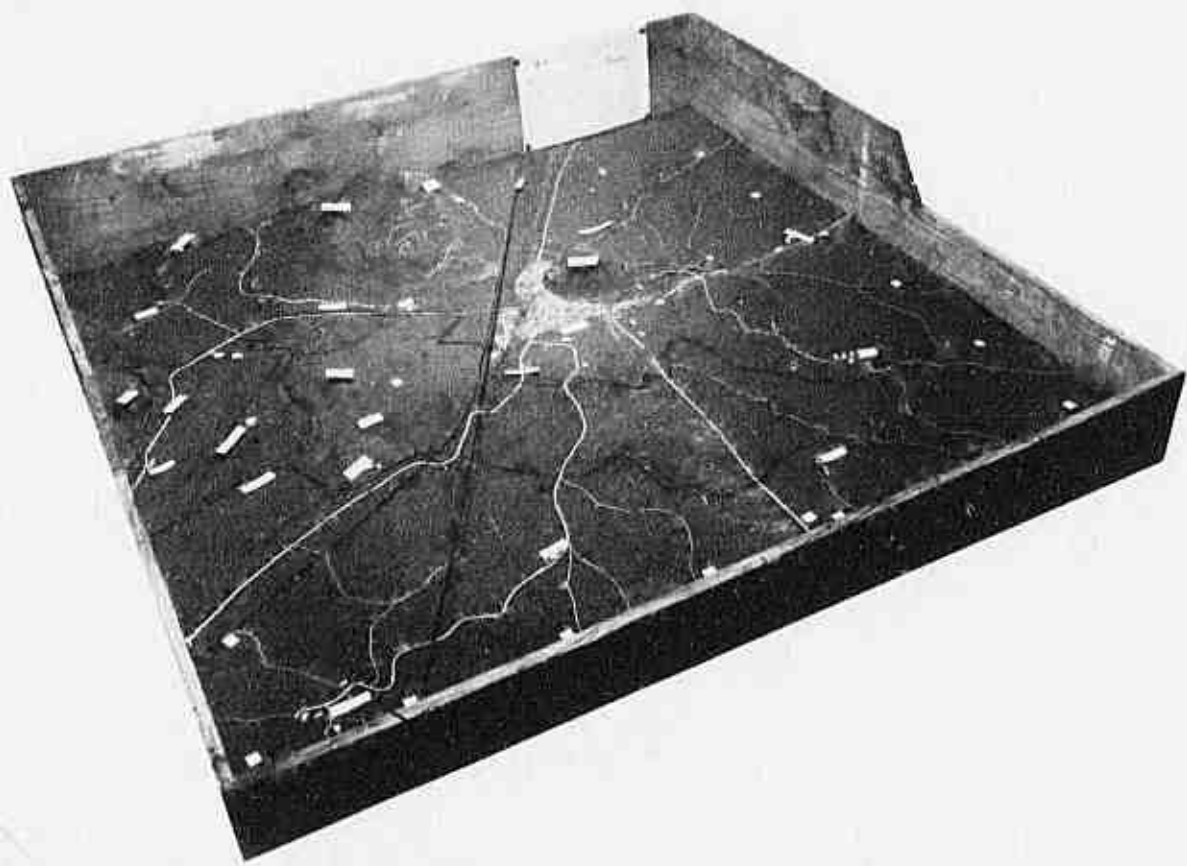


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PHOTO INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL  
H.A.I.U. (WEST)  
HQ. 336 P.R. Wing, R.A.F., C.M.F.

11 March 1945

To:- G-2, A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

Subject:- Report on 1st Short Italian Course.

1. The 1st Course of the series of Photo Intelligence Courses for Italian Army Officers was held at the above School from 27th February to 10th March 1945, inclusive. This Course (which is given the number 1A) was of an informative nature only, and designed on the same lines as the present series of Short Courses for Officers and A.C.Os. of the Ground Forces of the Allied Nations in C.M.F. The Course will however be followed by a Course for the training of full-time Army Photo Interpreters, and this begins on 15th March 1945.

2. Apart from one or two matters where the question of Security arose, and some inevitable adjustments necessitated by the language difficulty, the existing Time-Table used for the present series of Short Courses was used for the 1st Italian Course. The total number of hours of instruction was 62. The tables of analysis of subject-matter and time devoted to each form of instruction will be found in Tables I and II below:-

Table I

| SUBJECT GROUP                     | HOURS OF INSTRUCTION | % OF TOTAL TIME |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Organization                      | 3                    | 4.8             |
| General Technical Subjects        | 10½                  | 17.0            |
| Mechanics of Photo Reconnaissance | 1½                   | 2.4             |
| Photo Intelligence Practice       | 47                   | 75.8            |

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Table II

| INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD        | HOURS OF INSTRUCTION | % OF TOTAL TIME |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Lectures and Demonstrations | 29½                  | 48              |
| Discussions                 | 4½                   | 7               |
| Practical Exercise          | 25½                  | 41              |
| Visits                      | 2½                   | 4               |

Note:- A comparison with the Tables of Analysis of the British-American series of Short Courses (set out in Report on Course No: 11 of that series) will show:-

(a) For Security reasons, less time has been devoted to the Mechanics of Photo Reconnaissance, and the Organization of Photo Intelligence. Visits to 336 Wing Ops. Room and Photo Labs. are excluded.

(b) Slightly more hours are necessary for the Lectures and Demonstrations, and also for Discussions (e.g. on return of Exercises etc.).

(c) The total number of hours of instruction is the same, i.e. 62, and although the Italian Course lasts 2 days longer, the students are given an entirely free day on the Sunday and are not brought back for any evening sessions.

3. A copy of the Schedule of Classes is attached to this Report.

4. The total number of 16 Officers attended the Course. A list of the Officers and their formations will be found in Appendix A.

5. The class was divided into 3 syndicates of 5 Officers for a Modelling Exercise. The Models reached a very satisfactory standard. Photos of the Models are enclosed.

6. Two English-speaking Italian Officers (Ten. RAPOSI and S/Ten. BATTISTA) were attached to the School 2 days before the beginning of the Course, and translated the numerous papers and documents required for the instruction and for the general running of the Course. They acted as interpreters throughout the 12 days of instruction, and also in connection with the administrative arrangements for messes, billeting etc.

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It is put on record that Ten. RAPONI and S/Ten. BATTISTA have carried out their difficult and sometimes harassing duties with exemplary skill and courtesy.

7. The 8 Exercises were graded in the manner adopted in the British-American Courses. The marking of papers was of necessity a somewhat laborious task, but the Instructors are satisfied that the system works fairly. A full list of marks, positions in class, and grades obtained by the Officers, will be found in Appendix B. As in the British-American Courses, the students were told their grades but not their actual marks.

8. In the discussions before the setting up of these Courses for Italian Officers it was thought advisable that the Instructors should mention any Officer on the Short Courses whom they consider suitable for further training as a full-time Army Photo Interpreter. Accordingly the Instructors have given considerable care to this question, and suggest that in their opinion the undermentioned Officers have the necessary ability and temperament for this purpose:-

1. Capt. CONSOLAZIONE
2. S/Ten. CIMELLI
3. S/Ten. CHIARAMONTI

(This last-named Officer did not finish in the first two or three places in the Class, but showed a progressively competent grasp of the subject, and seems to have the correct temperament for the job).

It is pointed out that of course no mention of this side of the matter has been mentioned to any Officer on the Course, and it may well be that their operational work prevents their pursuing Photo Interpretation as an Army career.

9. Administrative difficulties of many kinds presented themselves before and during the Course. It is most emphatically recommended that the efficient conduct of Courses for Italian Officers requires the constant services and presence of a Liaison Officer. While the Instructors naturally did all in their power to overcome administration problems, it will be realised that it is not their province and may tend to interfere with the instructional side of the work catering for 2 simultaneous classes. It is further put on record that, faced with these problems, the Instructors received no help, or appreciation of the difficulties, from the local Italian Garrison Commander. It is however emphasised that with the exception of administration problems, this first experiment in the instruction of non-English-speaking Officers was considered

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quite successful. Except for one Italian Officer who took several opportunities of being unpleasant, the relations between the Instructors and the students were happy, and the diligence and achievement of the students were commendable.

*Alfred Forrest*

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Major, Int. Corps,  
Chief Instructor.

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