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SUBJECT: School of Air Support - U.K.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING

AFHQ, CMT

Tel: 11667

DATE/10/4/45

29 Apr 45.

HQ 15 Army Group {50}
HQ 1st & 2nd ML (G) {15}

Reference DME/10/3/45 dated 15 Apr 45.

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4. COURSES

- (a) Details of the different types of courses which are held, together with the duration of each course are given at Appx 'A'.
- (b) Dates of courses are as stated in DIT/10/3/MT1 dated 20 Apr 45.

5. ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES

- (a) The allotment of vacancies is as stated in DIT/10/3/MT1 dated 20 Apr 45.
- (b) Nominal rolls giving the following information will be forwarded to reach D.M.T. at least 14 days before the ⁸³²⁵⁸ starts

.... / (i) Personal

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- (i) Personal Number
- (ii) Rank
- (iii) Name
- (iv) Unit or appointment
- (v) Personal weight
- (vi) Name, relationship and address of next of kin.
- (vii) Number of days leave granted, if any.
- (viii) Whether return urgently required for operational duties.

- (c) Amendments to nominal rolls, including the refusal of vacancies will be signalled to D.R.F. as early as possible.

6. LOCATIONS

- (a) Address - The School of Air Support,
R.A.F. Station,
OLD SARUM,
WILTS.
- (b) Telephone number - SALISBURY 2451
- (c) Railway Station - SALISBURY (Southern Railway).

7. JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Officers nominated to attend a course will report to No 1 Officers' Mess by 1900 hours on the day of assembly. Detailed instructions regarding mess bills and general messing arrangements will be issued to students on arrival.
- (b) On arrival at Salisbury Station, officers arriving by train will report to the R.A.F.C., who will arrange for transport to be provided from R.A.F.C. to the R.A.F., Old Sarum. Only in cases where the R.A.F. cannot provide transport will officers be able to reclaim their taxi fares.

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8. ACCOMMODATION

- (a) Officers attending courses will be accommodated in the officers' mess. Camp equipment and bedding is not required; towels and soap will be brought.
- (b) Officers who wish to live out will apply for ³²³⁸3238 accommodation from the Commandant, School of Air Support, R.F.C., Old Sarum, as soon as possible after receiving notification of their nomination to attend their courses.
Officers living out will lunch in No 1 Officers' Mess and will pay for this meal. They will not receive any allowances other than ration allowance at the lower rate.

9. DRESS

Officers may wear either service dress or battledress.

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10. DOCUMENTS

Officers attending courses will be conversant with the subject matter of Army/Air Pamphlets Nos. 1 and 2 and others when issued. No other publications or map cases are required. Notebooks and pencils, including china-graph pencils, will be brought.

11. BATHING

Bathing is provided by the School.

12. RECREATION

Facilities exist for squash racquets; sports kit is available at the officers' mess.

13. LEAVE

Leave may be granted in U.K. at the discretion of formation commands and will not exceed 24 days. Where leave is granted, the number of days leave will be stated in the nominal roll called for in para 5 (b) above.

14. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- (a) Students will report to D.F.T., R.P.L.S 9 days before the course starts, to collect air tickets.
- (b) Students will report to HQ 6 at War Office on arrival in U.K.
- (c) Return air travel will only be granted to officers urgently required for operational duties. Where return air passage is required, a statement to this effect will be made in the nominal roll called for in para 5 (b) above.
- (d) Officers granted leave in UK at the end of the course or not urgently required for operations will return by sea.
- (e) Students will apply to HQ 6 War Office for details of return air/Sea passages.
- (f) On return to R.P.L.S students will report to HQ 3 Transit Camp for onward routing to their units.

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Appendix 'A' to DMT/10/4/MT1
dated 29 Apr 45.

Details of Courses at the School of Air Support U.K.

1. Combined Offensive Support and Transport Support Wings.

Senior Course

A six day course for officers of the relative rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and above to cover the doctrine laid down in current Army/Air Pamphlets and the doctrine of offensive and transport support agreed upon after the publication of such pamphlets.

2. Offensive Support Wing

(a) Staff Course

A six day course for staff officers of the relative rank of Major or Captain to cover current doctrine of offensive support in greater detail than the senior course.

(b) Junior Course

A six day course explaining the practical aspect of air support in the forward areas for regimental officers of the relative rank of Major, Captain or Lieutenant. After attending this course officers should, on return to their units, be used as instructors.

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AFHQ, CMF

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20 Apr 45.

HQ 15 Army Group (50)
 HQ LF & ML (G) (15)

1. Further to DET/10/3/MT1 dated 15 Apr 45. Courses as at appx 'A' will be run at the School of Army Air Support U.K.

2. Vacancies are allotted to CMF on each course as follows:-

15 Army Group	-	3
--LF & ML (G)	-	1

3. Nominal rolls of students selected to attend will reach this Directorate at least 14 days before the course starts. Nominal rolls for Staff Course No 7 at the Offensive Support Wing starting May 20 should be signalled to D.M.T. before 4 May.

4. Students will report to D.M.T. in NAPLES 9 days before the course starts, for onward routing to U.K.

5. Further details of joining instructions will be signalled when received, or passed verbally to students on arrival in NAPLES. Air travel is being arranged both ways.

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Appendix 'A' to
DMT/10/3/NT1 of 20 Apr 45.

SUMMARY OF COURSES AT SCHOOL OF AIR SUPPORT U.K.

1. Combined Offensive Support and Transport Support Wings.

(a) <u>Senior Officers.</u>	No 5	10 Jun	-	16 Jun
	No 6	22 Jul	-	28 Jul

2. Offensive Support Wing.

(a) <u>Staff Course.</u>	No 7	20 May	-	26 May
	No 8	17 Jun	-	23 Jun
	No 9	1 Jul	-	7 Jul
	No 10	29 Jul	-	4 Aug
	No 11	12 Aug	-	18 Aug
<u>Junior Offrs.</u>	No 8	27 May	-	2 Jun
	No 9	24 Jun	-	30 Jun
	No 10	8 Jul	-	14 Jul
	No 11	5 Aug	-	11 Aug
	No 12	19 Aug	-	25 Aug

3. Transport Support Wing.

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No 9	1	Jul	-	7	Jul
No 10	29	Jul	-	4	Aug
No 11	12	Aug	-	18	Aug
No 8	27	May	-	2	Jun
No 9	24	Jun	-	30	Jun
No 10	8	Jul	-	14	Jul
No 11	5	Aug	-	11	Aug
No 12	19	Aug	-	25	Aug

Junior Offrs.

3. Transport Support Wing.

(a) <u>Intermediate Course.</u>	No 7	27	May	-	9	Jun
	No 8	17	Jun	-	30	Jun
	No 9	1	Jul	-	14	Jul
	No 10	29	Jul	-	11	Aug
	No 11	12	Aug	-	25	Aug

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Tel: 16950

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29 Mar 43.

HQ 15 Army Group
Comd. Lt. Gen. G. G. G.

1. Co-operation.

(a) One of the main lessons of the present war has been the necessity for close co-operation between land, sea and air forces, both in the field and during training. Co-operation in the field has now become an established fact, but it has been apparent for some time that further liaison is necessary during training between Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force.

(b) Recently, therefore, steps have been taken by the three services to set up certain schools and establishments in which which will ensure that the necessary liaison along similar lines is maintained connected with Air Support which are common to them all.

2. Air Support.

The term "Air Support" now includes all forms of aid given by Air Forces in Naval and Army. Air Support is divided into two types:-

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(b) Air Transport Support.

The movement of troops and equipment (including airborne forces) by air, maintenance of formations by air etc.

These forms will be taken into the forthwith.

3. Future Policy.

The future policy of Army/Air training will be as follows:-

(a) All formation commanders and staffs must understand the characteristics, use and limitations of both Offensive and Air Transport Support, and must be conversant with the current procedures employed. It is essential that all formation and fighting unit commanders should understand how and when to use for offensive support and should be prepared at any time to make full use of such support. The measure of success achieved will depend to a large extent on the initiative displayed in air matters, and the knowledge of Offensive Support within the formation or unit.

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- (b) All formation commanders and commanders of FlG, Fl and Infantry Units must understand the tasks, capacities and limitations of the Royal Air Force, and the characteristics of Aircraft employed.
- (c) All officers must understand the broad tactical organization and methods of the Royal Air Force.
- (d) Where contact with the Fleet Air Arm is likely, formation commanders will ensure that the policy outlined in sub-para (b) and (c) above is applied to a similar knowledge of the Fleet Air Arm.
- (e) All ranks must understand the methods of ground-to-air recognition and identification and the value of the aids employed in those methods, as a means of helping our Air Force, and an insurance against accidental attack from our own aircraft.
- (f) Any formation or unit should be prepared to move by air. It is essential, therefore, that in addition to formation commanders and staffs being familiar with the procedure of Air Transport Support, all officers and an increasing proportion of Warrant Officers and senior NCOs should understand the problems involved in the transportation of personnel and items of equipment in aircraft/gliners, e.g. dismantling (if called for), storage, loading, lashing, unloading and reassembly of equipment and stores. Certain technicians must also understand the detailed modifications of equipment for loading in aircraft/gliners.
- (g) Any formation should be prepared to be maintained by air whether it has been committed to battle by land, sea or air. All officers should have a working knowledge of the procedure of maintenance by air. Further all staff officers and service officers concerned should understand the detailed procedure of Maintenance by air.

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- (a) School of Air Support.
- (b) The Training Wing Army Airborne Transport Development Centre.
- (c) RASC Air Training Centre.

Full details of these schools will be forwarded when received from War Office. AOs covering the courses of instruction will be issued shortly.

It is not intended to establish further ATW Schools to implement this policy, but to make use of the facilities existing in UK by requesting an allotment of vacancies for formations in CAF. The policy set out in para 3 above will be incorporated in the curriculum of relevant courses at all schools in CAF.

Short courses should continue to be run by Air Corps as and when operations permit.

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5. Pamphlets.

(a) The present series of Army/Air Operations Pamphlets is out of date, and it has been decided to revise them on the following lines:-

- Pamphlet No 1 - Air Support General
- No 2 - Offensive Support
- No 3 - Air Reconnaissance
- No 4 - The Employment of Airborne and Air Transported Forces
- + No 5 - Supply and Maintenance by Air

✓ Includes photographs.

+ Will be issued at a later date, and until then the pamphlet "Responsibility, Procedure and Ground Organisation for Supply and Maintenance of Army Formations by Air" will remain in force.

(b) Advance copies of Pamphlets will be forwarded as soon as they are received.

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for *Budgarden*
Lieut-General,
Chief of Staff.

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HQ TRMD CMT
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HQ Depot & Trn Estab C/P CMT
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