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Opened Ap 7, 1945. Closed Jan 7, 1946

Ap 1945. Jan 1946

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SUBJECT :- Accommodation and LocationsLand Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(...I.S.)
ROSE
G/Trg/24

7 Jan 46

Ministry of War

1. As a result of discussion between the Director MIA and Gen. CAPORELLA it can now be said that locations of the undermentioned Schools will be as shown in the lists below :-

(a) Finally Settled

HQ Military Schools
Infantry School
NCO School
Artillery School
Signal School
Armourers and Gun Fitters School
Police School
Physical Training School
Welfare and Services School
Cooperation School

Location

CUSANO
CESANO
CESANO
BRUGLIANO
CECCIGHNUOLA
CECCIGHNUOLA
CESANO
CESANO
RIETI
CIVITAVECCHIA

(b) Temporarily Settled

Engineer School

CIVITAVECCHIA
(later PIAZZOLA)

2. Will you please confirm these locations.

3. The location of the remaining Schools under Motorisation will be settled when exact details exist of the Schools to be operated. It is however assumed that CECCIGHNUOLA and the Centro Studi in ROSE will accommodate whatever is decided.

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Infantry School
 NCO School
 Artillery School
 Signal School
 Armourers and Gun Fitters School
 Police School
 Physical Training School
 Welfare and Service School
 Cooperation School

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 RINFI
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Copy to :- 12 BUU to Central Military Schools

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for Major-General.
 R. B. I. A.

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SUBJECT :- Location for Schools

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

G/TG/24

7 Jan 46

12 BOD to Central Military Schools

Ref your letter AQ/13/817 of 3 Jan 46.

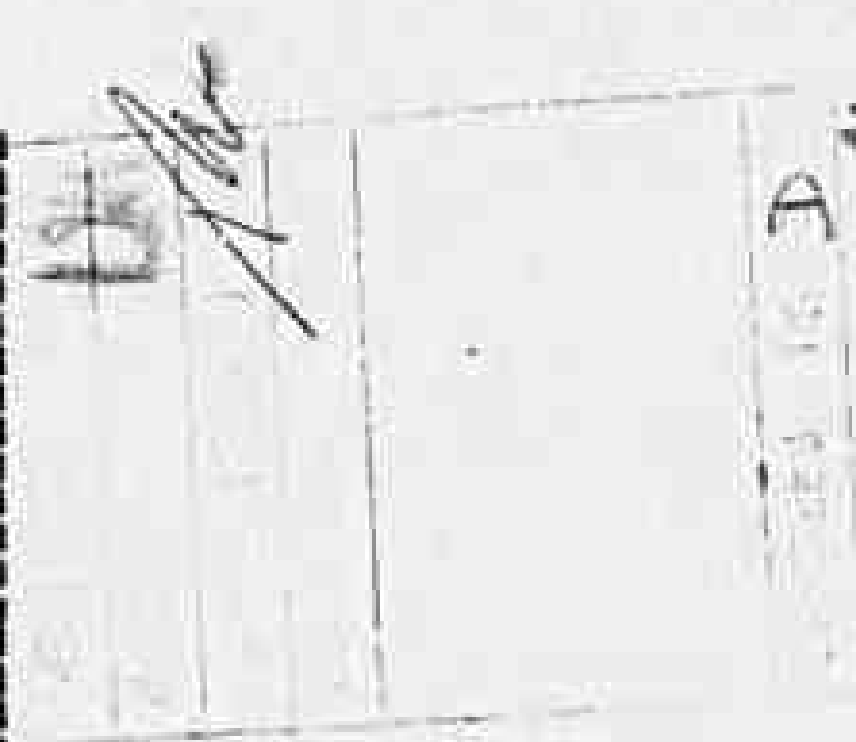
1. All agreed, but Cooperation School could go to CIVILAVICHIA in addition to Engr school.
2. The move of the Cooperation School can only be said to depend on move of Engr School if barracks at CIVILAVICHIA are in so bad repair that out of three, only one is habitable.
3. AURELIA is in good condition. So also is SACRE. ABRUZZI is habitable though not in very good repair.
4. It is now understood however that a ruling has gone out from SACRE on this subject.
5. Please advise this HQ if it varies radically from the agreement reached between Col PLEIKY and Gen RONCO, and as detailed in your letter under ref.

WJ/c11

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

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SUBJECT: Location of Schools.



12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: AQ/137817

3 Jan. 46

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (ITALIA).

Reference conference held by Colonel Pidsley, **DS.D.**,
O.B.F., M.C. at H.Q. 12 B.L.U. on 29 Dec. 45, herewith decisions
reached by General Ronco and forwarded by him in greater detail to
S.M.R.E.

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| 1. Infantry School | - | CESANO | |
| Artillery School. | - | BRACCIANO | |
| Signal School. | - | CECCHIGNUOLA. | 242 5/1/46 |
| 2. Field Engineering School. | | CIVITAVECCHIA (Temporarily) | |
| 3. Mechanisation School.
(including E. & M.
from CIVITAVECCHIA). | - | CECCHIGNUOLA. | |
| 4. Administration School. | | RIETI. | |
| 5. Co-operation School
(SIVA). | - | MANZIANA. | (Until August, then take over
barracks being temporarily used
by Engineers). |
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S.M.R.E.

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M. R. Davis 3530

Major D.W.R.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Resignation of BMU's.

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4/19/24.
12/12

DAIRY FORCES SUB COM. A.S. (STEN)

SD/13/2

13 Dec 45

TO : Distribution Lists 'A' & 'B'

With effect from 15 Nov 45, the 12 & 13 in distribution lists
 MMU, for the 12 & 13 in distribution lists (SD/13/2-1 (SD/13/2-1
 3068) dated 4 Dec 45 refers) and will be replaced by distribution
 MMU Distribution Lists as "12 MMU".

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Internal:

Distribution List 'A'

GSO I (Ing)

GSO II (Schule)

GSO II (Ing)

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Subject: Civilian Industry at JAPAN.

see 6/2-9/2A of 15 Dec.

see 6/2-9/2A of 15 Dec.

LEVI FORCES Sub-Commission (C.S.)
R.O.M.
1.152

10 December 1945

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reports received indicate that the firm HANSON COMPANY is operating in a part of 23300 Camp.

2. This is not desirable because the whole camp should be a military area.

3. Please inform this H.C. whether or not the entire military area is now under your jurisdiction.

4. If it is, then please state whether or not the above named firm has been authorized by you to proceed with its 'production'.

5. If it is not, you are requested to take steps to bring the whole camp under your control without delay and report attention to this H.C.

[Signature]
C.S. HANSON, Major,
for Major General,
M.H.I.C.

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G. M. FILLIS, Major,
For Major General,
H. H. I. S.

Copy to: "P" BL & 12,
Industry & Commerce sub-Commission A.D. (for Dr. J. J. J. J.) 3528
Returned: 6 1 (1971)

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Notes on Recommendations on and Training at R.T.C. I.C.I. CHANNO.

THE HONORARY LIAISON AND TRAINING IS
R.T.C., I.C.I.

Ref : G/A.1/623

19 November 1945.

1. Organisation.

The Centre is modelled on the Divisional organisation and was based on the old 'PIONEER' Division. Broadly speaking each arm of the service, with the exception of Transport, ran both a Depot for recruits and a School for instructors and Commanders. Infantry and M.F. was centered on CESANO and other arms on REACOMINO. (See Appendix 'A'.) It was originally intended that recruits of all arms should pass through the Reception Regiment and receive 4 months basic training, but this never proved possible. As a result of experience and changed circumstances the organisation as in Appendix 'B' is in force, though establishments in general have not been changed.

2. History of Centre.

The Centre started in January 1943. At that time, while the structure of most branches was complete, almost all were without doors, windows and fittings of all types.

Infantry training started at CESANO in February but was of a most unsatisfactory nature until the end of March, as the equipment and clothing was insufficient to deal with the large numbers of men present in the Centre and the instructors in most cases knew nothing about the weapons and tactics they were supposed to instruct in.

Until the end of March only the Signal and Artillery training was anything approaching satisfactory. Both these Schools were formed from existing Signals Schools, for Signals at NOCERA and Artillery run by No. 10 Training Team, R.A.

The Instructors School, Police School, and Mechanics School all opened in April. The lateness in starting was in all cases due to non-availability of accommodation and instructors. In general, however, the Centre was not able to produce satisfactory training results before the war finished, though a large number of men received elementary training.

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With the finish of the war, improvement was gradual during June and July, but at the end of the latter month demobilisation began to seriously effect the efficiency of the Centre. Particularly in technical arms of the the services the instructors demobilised were impossible to replace. Moreover the closing of various Centres and the big demands by the Combat Groups for replacements gave this Centre in August and the beginning of September the nature of a Transit Camp and brought training, except at the Instructors School almost to a standstill.

October saw the start of the planning for the future training layout of the Centre, and the Centre undertook to try to produce 3,000 Instructors for ³²⁷ Training Centres by the end of the year.

3. Present Training Progress.

The Instructors School, the Infantry School and the two Infantry Regiments are concerned with the production of Instructors for Territorial Training Centres.

150 Senior Officers are under training at the Instructors School.

198 Platoon Commanders at Infantry School.

1,306 Senior M.C.O.s are under training at the 2nd Regiment.

956 Junior M.C.O.s at the 1st Regiment.

TOTAL 2,850 Already trained.

This training is very rushed and in the case of those under training at the 2nd Regiment is being interfered with by the failure to complete the schedule the contract on the building.

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In some cases these are in the process of moving in while others are training more instructors to meet future requirements.

4. Description of Schools and Regiments.

Instructor School. Situated at MANZIANA, is organized on the lines of the C.A.T.C., BENTON. Courses run are as follows.

1. Tactical (3) for Senior Officers, Company Commanders and Junior Leaders.
2. Weapon Training School for Officers and N.C.Os in all Infantry Weapons.
3. Administration School. Covering the Administration and Hygiene and Men Management.

The School normally has about 200 students. The training area at MANZIANA is excellent but accommodation is almost entirely requisitioned and is not good. Moreover, it will not allow for expansion. The School will change its form under the new Training scheme and will not remain in MANZIANA.

Artillery School. Situated at BRACCIANO. This School teaches both instructors and recruits in 40mm, 25 pdr, and 17 pdr Anti Tank. Will remain at BRACCIANO but will take over accommodation at present occupied by Engineers and Signallers.

The situation as regards ranges is satisfactory and barracks are in good condition.

Engineer School. Situated at present at BRACCIANO. Trains recruits and instructors in Field Works, Bailey Bridging, Mines and Demolitions, Water Duties and Road Construction. No Wet Bridging and Assault Crossing is training is attempted at the moment. This School is due to move but the final location is not definitely fixed.

The present site is adequate for present needs but is not sufficiently large for the expansion required, and training facilities are limited.

Signals School. Situated at BRACCIANO and is capable of instructing up to 400 students, on the various equipments contained in British Infantry Divisions. This School is in the process of moving to new barracks at CECIGNUOLA. The Artillery School moving in vacated barracks.

D & M School. Was at GESSANO but has recently moved to CECIGNUOLA, where the accommodation is far more satisfactory.

When all vehicles are on the road, can train up to 400 pupils in Driving and Maintenance. This School has suffered in the past by having unreliable vehicles and very poor accommodation.

E & M School. Situated at CIVITAVECCHIA where it has been for about one month. Teaches Fitters, Electrical Mechanics, Driver Mechanic, Gun Fitters

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Infantry School. Situated at CESANO and designed to train ³⁵²⁶ and Infantry Specialist reinforcements. Original capacity was 400 but has been expanded and can now deal with double that number. A Physical Training School has been added. The principle difficulty is that it is still officially an old establishment. This School will expand to include most of the CESANO Area. In general the CESANO area is very suitable for training, but accommodation is not all complete yet and living conditions for Officers and Men are not attractive.

Police School. CESANO. Capacity 150 students. Courses are run for Provost Officers and men, and Regimental Police. This School suffers from very poor accommodation, and will be moving.

No. 1 Infantry Regiment. Situated at CIVITAVECCHIA. Normally trains recruits but at the moment is training Junior N.C.Os. Maximum number of men able to be trained 1,200. Both Barracks and Training Area are very adequate. Is due to be disbanded under future organization of Training Centre,

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No. 2 Infantry Regiment. Normally trains Recruits but at the moment is training General N.C.O.s. Maximum Capacity of Regiment 2,500. At the moment the barracks accommodation is only half completed.

5. General State of Progress.

Accommodation troubles which have been one of the principle difficulties should be solved by the end of 1945. Training Equipment is generally satisfactory for normal purposes. While there are a number of improvised rifle ranges, a considerable amount of work is still required on these to be up to the standard of a peace time Centre.

Facilities for games and sports are still very remote, but it is difficult at the moment to find men and materials to do this work.

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Major GSO II,
Trg & Inf Trg,
'P' British Liaison &
Training Unit RMC IOT.

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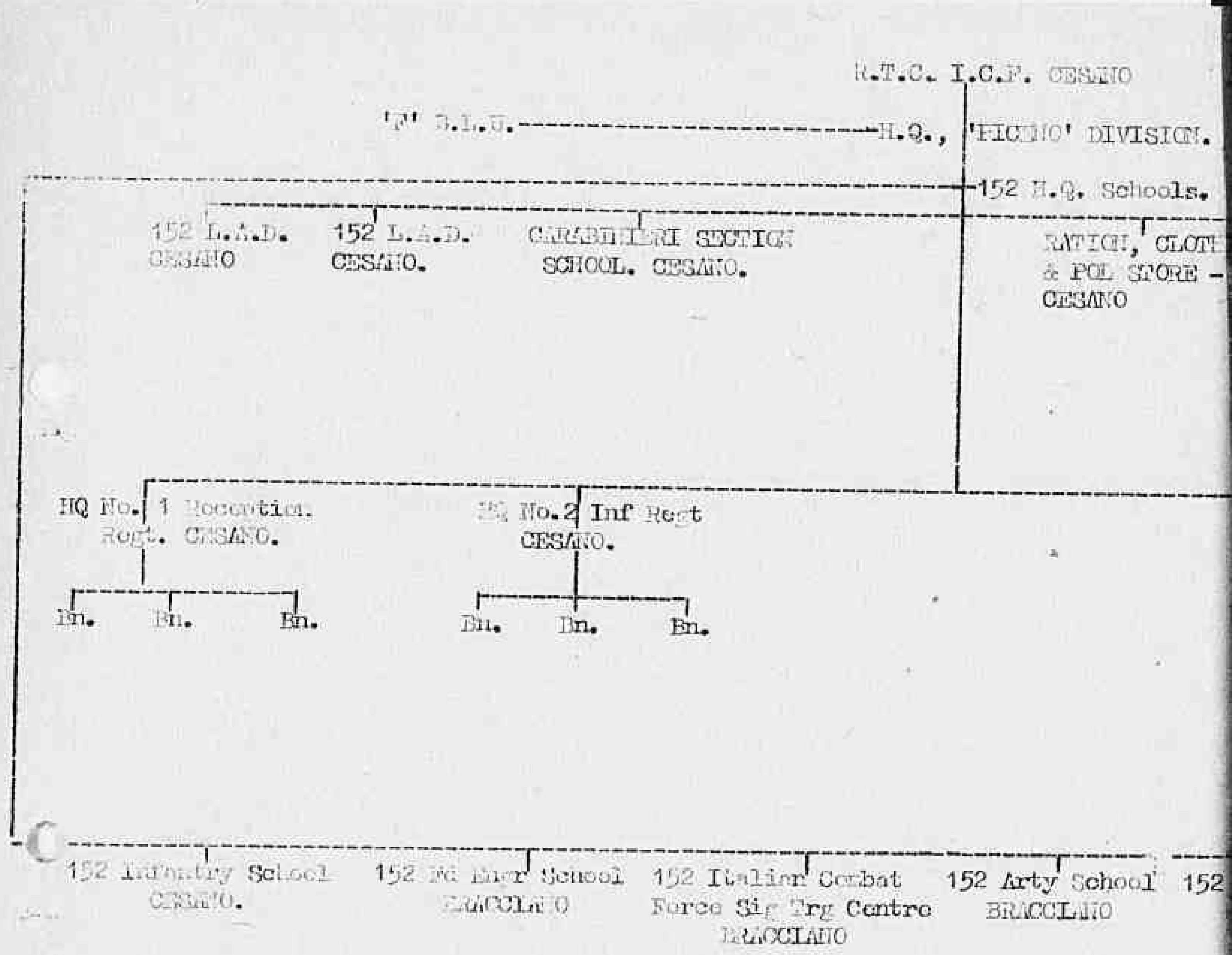
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Major GSO II,
Trg & Inf Trg,
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R.T.G. I.C.F. CESANO

APPENDIX 'A'

ORIGINAL LAYOUT

CEILING 7,500.

H.Q., 'FICENO' DIVISION.

152 H.Q. Schools.

RAPEL, CLOTHING
& POL STORE -
CESANO319 M BAKERY
CESANO.152 M
SECTION -
CESANO.

HYGIENE

62 M HOSPITAL
CESANO.1500 M TET
CESANO.Hq No.3 Composite Rfts Regt.
BRACCLANO.

Mixed Rfts Bn.

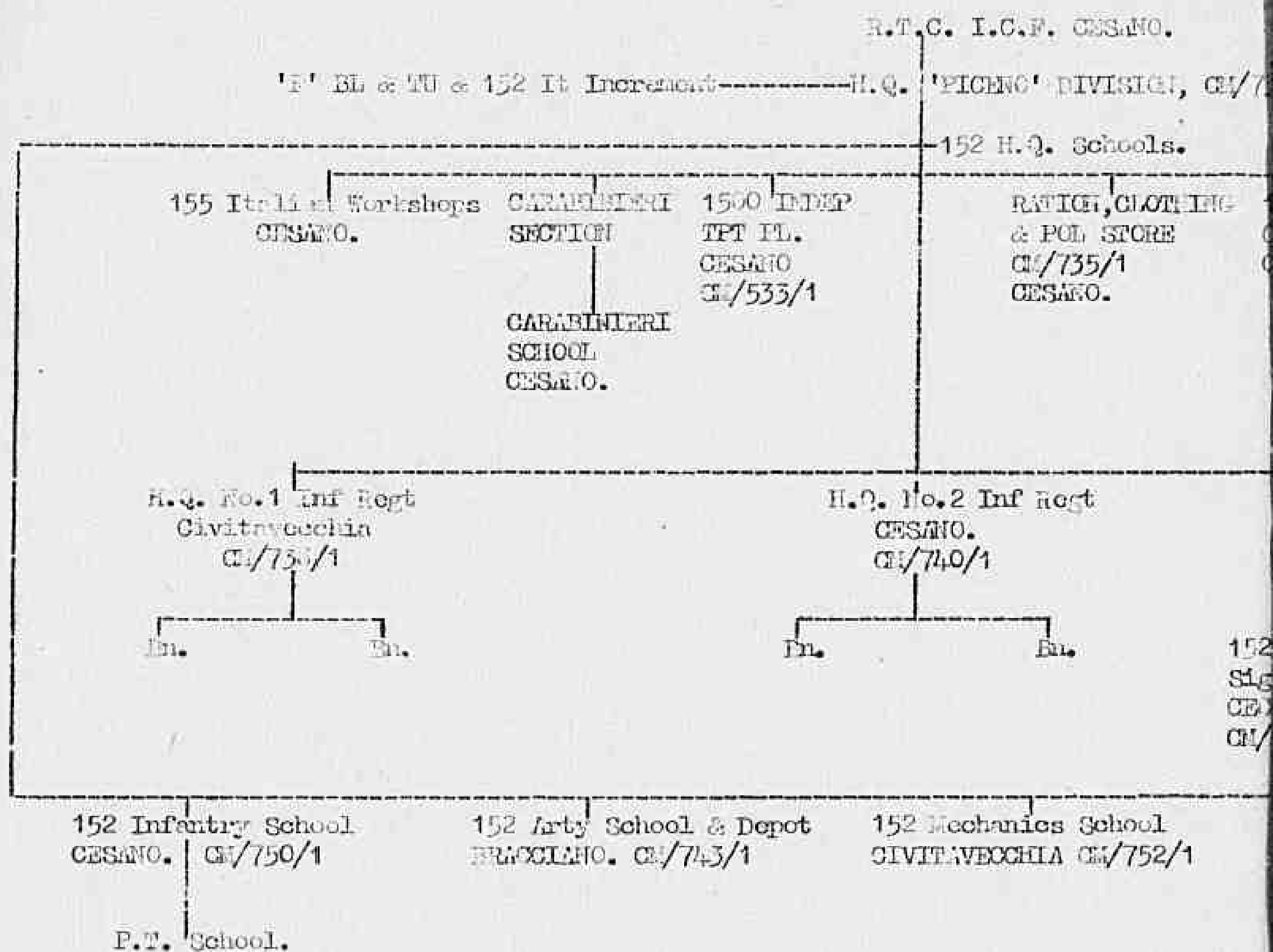
Engrs Rft Bn.

Mech Engrs Rft Coy.

Arm Combat
Prq Centre
BCLANO152 Arty School
BRACCLANO152 D & H School
CESANO.152 Mechanics School
CESANO.152 Instructors School
BENZILMA.

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R.T.C. I.C.F. CESANO.

H.Q. 'PICENO' DIVISION, CM/754/1

152 H.Q. Schools.

1500 INDEP
TPT FL.
CESANO
CM/535/1RATIONS, CLOTHING
& POL STORE
CM/735/1
CESANO.152 I.A.D.
CM/540/1
CESANO.319 FD BAKERY
CESANO CM/597/1152 FD HYGIENE
SECTION
CESANO82 FD HOSPITAL
CESANO.H.Q. No. 2 Inf Regt
CESANO.
CM/740/1H.Q. No. 3 Regt
BRACCANO

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152 Combat Force
Sig Trg Centre
CERCHIETUOLA
CM/747/1152 Pd Eng School & Depot
BRACCANO
CM/746/1& Depot
3/1152 Mechanics School
CIVITAVECCHIA CM/752/1152 D & M School
CERCHIETUOLA
CM/991/1152 Constructors School
(All Arms) MINZERA.
CM/751/1

APPENDIX 'A'

PRESENT LAYOUT
CHIEF 11,200.

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Subject: Monthly Bulletin -
Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons)

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

G/Trg/24.
30 Nov 45.

To: 'F' BL & TU, CESANO.

1. Herewith a copy of the Monthly Bulletin No. 19 - Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons) for your information.
2. Please return to this H.Q. not later than 30 Dec 45.

WLN/t3a

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Bulletins.

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

Ref:- AQ/15/640

24 November 45.

TO: H.Q.
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(I.M.I.A.)

1. Reference your letters C/Trg/24 dated 16 and 19 Nov 45, herewith please find Monthly Bulletins - Inf Heavy Weapons School No. 25 and Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons) No. 20 - returned to you as requested.

for Bulletins

Due for 9/11/10/11

S. G. Thompson
Colonel.
Comd. 15' British Liaison &
Training Unit RCT ICF.

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1. Reference your letters C/Try/21 dated 15 and 19 Nov 49, and find Monthly Bulletin - Inf Heavy Weapons School No. 25 and Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons) No. 20 - returned to you as requested.

for Bulletin

See file 9/104/10/1

Sgt. [Signature]

C. Colonel.
Comd. 1st British Liaison & Training Unit RUC IOP.

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Subject : Chemical Factory CASANO

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ROME
9/162

26. Nov 45.

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 224537/44 dated 22 Nov 45.

It is noted that the dismantling and transfer of the machinery at the above Factory is proceeding.

The difficulties inherent in dealing with contaminated material are appreciated but adequate clothing and de-contamination stores have been provided and it is urged that the work be expedited in order that the buildings may be available before the expiration of the three months period you estimate as needed.

May this HQ be informed monthly commencing 1 Dec progress to date as under.

- (a). the tonnage despatched by rail.
- (b). the number of employees engaged on the work.
- (c). the buildings which have been cleared.

RAC
R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Industry Sub Comm. A.C. (Attention Mr. Dorkovich)

✓ G (Eng) inf.

12-ELU Casano - Report requested as indicated above
to reach MMIA 1 Dec.

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SUBJECT : 152 Italian Signal Training Centre.

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

AS/8

24 Nov 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

It is understood that the 152 Italian Signal Training Centre at BUCCHIGLIANO has been made responsible for the maintenance of lines in Grosseto and Casano area.

This I consider is a bad policy, and I would recommend that the order be amended to making the School responsible for providing line parties to assist in maintenance of lines whenever they are able to do so, without interfering with their normal training programme.

It should be clearly understood that

- i. This is not a definite commitment, but depends upon availability of personnel.
- ii. That if personnel are provided the Centre is ~~not~~ responsible for providing N.C.O. to supervise the work.

Mr. [Signature]
B.G. SELL, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : M.M.I.A.
C(Trg).✓

*This is a School, and as such
should have no responsibility
at all*

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Subject:- CESANO - Roads.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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MINISTRY OF WAR.

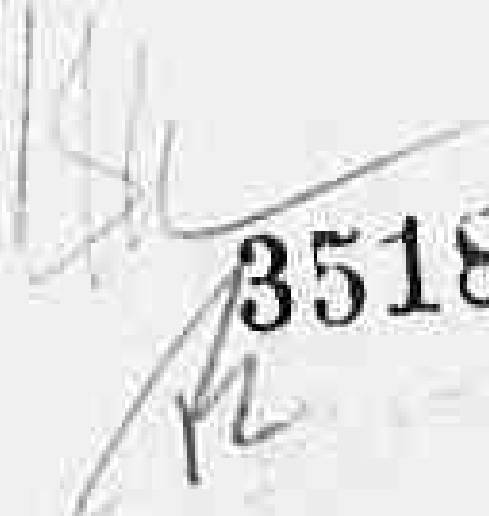
23 Nov 45.

1. Reference is made to the proposed road constructions and repairs in CESANO.
2. With effect from the 15 Nov, the Italian authorities assumed full responsibility for all road repairs in ITALY. A copy of A.P.H.Q. letter 6320/3/Q(Maint) dated 19 Oct which refers is attached. From this it will be seen that the Military bitumen allocated for road maintenance up to the 31 Dec 45 is available on demand to the Genio Civile. After the 31 Dec provision of bitumen is a civil responsibility, and stocks in British Army depots are only adequate for current British commitments.
3. Consequently action to improve roads in CESANO and to construct parade grounds etc now has to be taken by you in conjunction with the Italian authorities concerned.


C.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- G (Trg) -----
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CEX/BA


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S.M.A. S.A.P.

377220P:-- Termination of Military Responsibility 8320/3/Q(MHAB)
For Highway Maintenance.

ATTN: MESSAGE ROOM 29012 Oct 45

TO :-- HQ Allied Commission

1. You are notified that with effect from the 15th Nov, the British Military Authorities can no longer take any responsibility for either supervising or assisting with the maintenance of roads in Italian Govt territory.

2. In consequence, on the 15th Nov, the following action will be taken by British Military Comds concerned:

- (a) British RE teams at present supervising road maintenance will be withdrawn.
- (b) WD vehicles at present on loan to the Italian Civil Authorities for road maintenance, will remain on loan to the appropriate civil authority, but the RASG maintenance teams will be withdrawn.
- (c) WD engineer plant at present on loan to contractors, etc, engaged on road maintenance, will be withdrawn. In any case where alternative civil plant is not immediately available, the local CMA will be authorised to extend the loan up to 31 Dec 45.
- (d) Bitumen held as Military stocks and allocated for road maintenance up to 31 Dec, will be released to the Genio Civile monthly on demand. After the 31st Dec, no bitumen will be available from Military sources.

- (b) WD vehicles at present on loan to the Italian Civil Authorities for road maintenance, will remain on loan to the appropriate civil authority, but the RMSS maintenance teams will be withdrawn.
- (c) The engineer plant at present on loan to contractors, etc, engaged on road maintenance, will be withdrawn. In any case where alternative civil plant is not immediately available, the local GMR will be authorised to extend the loan up to 31 Dec 45.
- (d) Bitumen held as Military stocks and allocated for road maintenance up to 31 Dec, will be released to the Genio Civile monthly on demand. After the 31st Dec, no bitumen will be available from Military sources.

3. It is requested that you notify the Italian Govt of the above arrangements. In addition, it is requested that you inform them that the roads listed in AFHQ letter AG 611/631 A(Maint)-0 dated 25 July 45 Appendix "A" are of MILITARY importance and must be maintained in an efficient state of repair. These roads include the majority of main trunk roads and are therefore possible of even greater importance to the civil economy.

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4. In addition to roads listed in above quoted letter, the HQ of Districts and Areas will, from time to time, indicate to the local Genio Civile, certain other roads which are of local Military importance, requiring a high priority for maintenance. It is requested that the Italian Govt be asked to issue the necessary instructions to ensure that the Genio Civile take appropriate action on receipt of these requests. In addition the instructions to the Genio Civile should cover the question of providing the local Military with advance information of any intention to close any road.

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Distribution as over.

R.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier,
for Major General,
MGA

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 HQ 13 Corps
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Subject: Monthly Bulletin -
Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G/Trg/24.

19 Nov 45.

To: 'P' BL & TU, CESANO.

1. Herewith a copy of the Monthly Bulletin No. 20 - Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons) for your information.
2. Please return to this H.Q. not later than 19 Dec 45.


Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Bulletin -
Inf Heavy Weapons School.

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

ROME.
G/Tre/24.

16 Nov 45.

To: 'F' EL & TU, CESANO.

1. Herewith a copy of the Monthly Bulletin No. 25 - Infantry Heavy Weapons School for your information.
2. Please return to this H.Q. not later than 15 Dec 45.

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Major General
M. N. I. A.

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Subject: Printing Press - R.T.C., I.C.F.

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

C/Trg/24.

7 Nov 45.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Application has been made by 'P' BL and TU for the provision of a small printing press for use by the H. . of the R.T.C, I.C.F.
2. This H.Q. considers that a press would greatly facilitate the work of the Staff at GSS/TO and recommends that it should be provided.
3. Will you please consider the matter and inform us of your views in due course.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 'P' BL & TU.

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SUBJECT : IRTC CESANO

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

A #14
Oct. 45 .

TO : Ministry of War

1. No further personnel will be sent to IRTC CESANO from any source except special drafts sent deliberately for training purposes as agreed between the Ministry of War and M.M.I.A.
2. H.Q. IRTC will therefore be authorised to refuse to accept individuals arriving at the Centre without proper authority.
3. In this way IRTC CESANO now becomes a Training Centre only, and once the present surplus is posted away the only personnel left in the centre, apart from the permanent staff, will be personnel undergoing some course of definite duration.

Major General

To Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
XIII Corps
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SUBJECT : Engineer Works Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(...H.I.A.)
2/86

9 Oct 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Italian Reinforcement Training Centre.

1. The organisation and progress of training at this centre has in the past been, and is still being, hampered by the non-completion of certain essential works.

The difficulties confronting the Military Works Services have largely been due to

- (a) shortages of material and transport
- (b) delay in placing contracts
- (c) work commenced and subsequently discontinued owing to change of programme
- (d) delay in the preparation of plans and specifications, and in their approval, and in the final signing of contracts.

2. It is realised that difficulties under 1 (a) above may always arise, but these may be minimised by careful forethought and organisation of work.

Difficulties under the remaining heads might be greatly eased by

- (a) treating all matters concerning the Training Centre as urgent
- (b) simplifying the accepted procedure between the Territorial Command HQ and the Ministry of War.
- (c) ensuring that, once work is commenced on a building, no alteration in plan, or change of priorities, is allowed to hinder the completion of the work.

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To this end it should be laid down that instructions issued to the contractors should come only from HQLE Territorial Command, and that there should be no interference with the contractors on the part of any other military authority.

3. Much stress is laid on the satisfactory completion of this Centre, as on its smooth running and efficiency depend to a large extent the morale and efficiency of the Italian Army and the keenness of the recruit to learn and work.

It is therefore requested that instructions, based on what is written above, be issued to all concerned, and that all outstanding work be put in hand in an efficient and businesslike manner without delay.

Copy to : 'E' B.L.T.U.

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Major General,
HQIA.

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Subject: State of Roads - CEM.

1st Lt. George (Jab) Condon, A.C.
(H. H. A. A.)
G/Reg/2.

13 Aug 45.

To: D.M.2. A.F.H.Q.

Your REG/2/127 dated 8 Aug 45 refers.

1. This is no less stated than yourselves at the appalling state of the approach roads to the H.Q. 107.
2. Representations to R.A.A.C. (under whose command the H.Q. is) have not in the past produced quick results.
3. The whole problem was recently represented strongly to R.A.A.C. who made the work a responsibility of No. 101. CEM.
4. R.A.A.C. have now started to supply bitumen and it is hoped that the road will have a tarmac surface for the whole of its length by 15 Sept.

H. H. A. A.
Major General. *main*
HQA.

REG/2/32

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SUBJECT : State of Roads - CESANO

D.M.T. A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

Tel : 16872

DMT/88/MT1

8 Aug 45

—HQ Land Forces Sub Commission

A.C. (MIA).

COPY to : 'F' EL & TU, R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref 'F' EL & TU Progress Report No 8 dated 1 Aug 45,
para 6.

1. This Directorate is particularly interested in the state of the roads at CESANO as the training of the R.T.C. in general, D & M training in particular, and the state of training vehicles are all thereby affected.

2. It is therefore alarming to read the statement in para 6 of the report. It is sincerely hoped that it is not proved true.

3. There must presumably have been an excellent reason for putting repairs of this nature in hand, but it is difficult to see, and the net result would appear to be eventually to put an increasing number of vehicles off the road.

4. The position of training vehicles at CESANO is already serious. Of the hundred vehicles held by the D & M School only 50 are runners: D & M instruction at the Provost School has ceased for lack of training transport. As it is most unlikely that any of this transport will be replaced, it is logical to assume that, even although repair facilities are improved, D & M training will be progressively curtailed unless there is a drastic and permanent improvement in the state of the roads.

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L. Reddie Hall
S.N. 3510
SHOSAMITH,
Brigadier.

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Droptail Queueing

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SUBJECT : Diagramatic Layout - RTC ICF

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(MMIA)

G/Tre/24

TO : DMT

/s/ May 45

Herewith Diagramatic layout of the RTC
ICF as organised within the present authorised W Es.

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Major General

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Subject: - Italian Officers - Postings.

MMIA-'G'

FILE: 2/15/24

DATE 28 APR 1945

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
A 306.

April, 45.

To : - Ministry of War.

1. On the Staff of R.T.C. I.C.F. CESANO there are a number of Italian officers surplus to W.E.

They will be dealt with immediately in one of the followingsways.

- (a) Classified as available for reinforcement and held on reinforcement strength.
- (b) Posted to other suitable employment.
- (c) Demobilized.

One of the above courses will be followed irrespective as to whether the officer is a Regular or on the Reserve.

2. It should be borne in mind that 63 Italian officers are being repatriated from M.E., who on arrival will be posted to the Staff at CESANO.

3. The establishment of officers for reinforcement should be kept up to strength and these officers will take place in all training schemes arranged for O.R's.

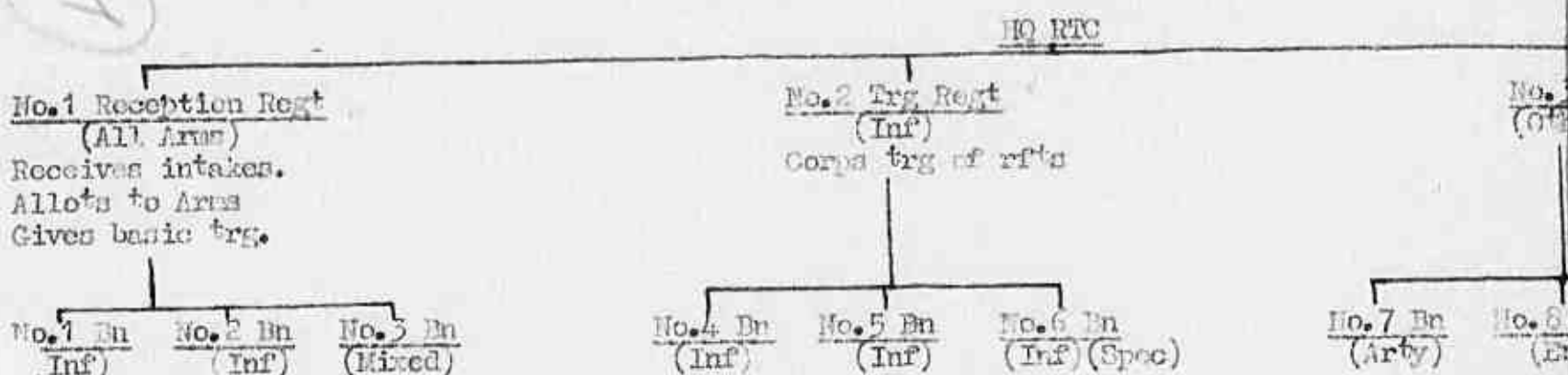
W. D. Kelly
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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ORGANISATION AT RTC, CESANOSCHOOLS WING

<u>INFANTRY SCHOOL</u>	<u>D & M SCHOOL</u>	<u>MECH SCHOOL</u>	<u>INF SCHOOL</u>	<u>ARTY SCHOOL</u>
1. Tac Wing (a) Senr Offrs (b) Coy Comds (c) Junr Leaders	(All Arms) MAJ ANDREWS (Cesano)	(All Arms) MAJ HILTON (Cesano)	(Specialists) MAJ PRICE (Cesano)	LT-COL DEHN (Bracciano)
2. Weapon Trg Wing (a) Pl Weapons (b) 3-in Mortar (c) 6-pr (d) Snipers				
Adm Wing (a) Adm (b) Hygiene				
MAJ HUNTINGDON (Manziana)				
			<u>CC. RE WING</u> CAPT G. EYON (Cesano) Duty Section Trg Section Holding Section Prevost School	

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ORGANISATION AT RTC, CESSANOHQ RTCNo. 2 Trg Regt

(Inf)

Corps trg of rifle

No. 3 Trg Regt

(Other Arms)

No. 4 Holding Regt

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Bn No. 5 Bn No. 6 Bn
) (Inf) (Inf)(Spec)

No. 7 Bn No. 8 Bn No. 9 Bn
 (Arty) (Eng) (Gen)

SCHOOLS WING

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>INF SCHOOL</u>	<u>ARTY SCHOOL</u>	<u>ENG SCHOOL</u>	<u>SIGS SCHOOL</u>
(All Arms)	(Specialists)			
MAJ HENRY	MAJ PRICE	LT-COL DEHN	MAJ BLAXLAND	MAJ THOMAS
(Cesano)	(Cesano)	(Bracciano)	(Bracciano)	(Bracciano)

CC. RE WING

CAPT G. HUNN
 (Cesano)

Duty Section
 Trg Section
 Holding Section

Provost School

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SUBJECT :- No. 1000-1000 - 1000 1000

Waf MEAD Km - MMIA - 'G' / 24

FILE: 9/24/24

DATE: 17 APR '34

G/27/24

FOR: 1000-1000-1000
REF: 1000-1000-1000

14 Apr 45

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Attached at Appendix 'A' is a list showing titles of Units of 1000 1000 in Italian and English as authorized by 1000 and agreed by the Ministero della Guerra. Please ensure that only these designations are used in all orders and correspondence.

[Signature]
Maj RA
MA & QM

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ENCLOSURE - 10

Serial No (a)	War Establishment No (b)	British Title (c)
1	CE/734/1	Headquarters Reinforcements Training Centre
2	CE/735/1	Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store
3	CE/736/1	An Italian Field Hygiene Section
4	CE/737/1	Headquarters CCR Company
5	CE/738/1	Headquarters A Reception Regiment
6	CE/739/1	Battalion Headquarters A Reception Regiment
7	CE/740/1	Headquarters An Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment
8	CE/741/1	Battalion Headquarters An Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment
9	CE/742/1	Headquarters A Composite Reinforcement Regiment
10	CE/743/1	An Artillery Reinforcements Depot and School
11	CE/744/1	Headquarters A Mixed Reinforcement Battalion
12	CE/745/1	Headquarters An Engineer Reinforcement Battalion
13	CE/746/1	A Field Engineering School
14	CE/747/1	Signals Training Centre
15	CE/748/1	Headquarters A Mechanical Engineers Reinforcement Company
16	CE/749/1	Headquarters Training Schools
17	CE/750/1	An Infantry School
18	CE/751/1	An Instructors School (All Arms)
19	CE/752/1	A Mechanics School
20	CE/753/1	British Liaison Unit for the Reinforcement Training Centre
21	CE/754/1	British Training Instrument for the Reinforcement Training Centre
22	CE/510/1	'B' Training Team RA

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 Annex 'A' to 'F' BEO
 ETC JET Letter
 10/13/521 Dated
 14 Apr 45

Title (e)	Italian Title (e)
Training Centre Clothing Store Section Regiment Reception Regiment Reinforcement Training Regiment Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment Reinforcement Regiment Depot and School Reinforcement Battalion Reinforcement Battalion	Centro Addestramento Complementi - Comando Magazzini Vivere Vestiario e Lubrificanti Sezione Igiene Italiane Comando Compagnia CKEH Reggimento Raccolta e Smistamento - Comando Battaglione Raccolta e Smistamento - Comando Reggimento Addestramento Complementi Fanteria - Comando Battaglione Addestramento Complementi Fanteria - Comando Reggimento Misto Complementi - Comando Deposito Complementi e Scuola di Artiglieria Battaglione Misto Complementi - Comando Battaglione Complementi Genio - Comando Scuola Artieri Centro Addestramento Collegamenti Compagnia Complementi Meccanici Genio - Comando Scuola Addestramento - Comando Scuola Applicazione di Fanteria Scuola Addestramento Istruttori (per tutte le Armi) Scuola Meccanici
Engineers Reinforcement Company (Arms) Reinforcement Training Centre for the Reinforcement Training Centre	Nucleo Istruttivo di Collegamento per il Centro Addestramento Complementi Nucleo Istruttivo di Addestramento per il Centro Addestramento Complementi Nucleo Addestramento '2' Artiglieria Britannica

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E. Smith

G/12/24

15 APR 1956

NOTED TO

101 BUL BPC ICF
10/1/1/296

12 Apr 45

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In preparing this Memorandum, no attempt has been made to place offers in any order of seniority. Such consideration cannot be taken into account in a Centre of this nature.

In the absence of Lt-Col L.R. NICKER PA, MAJ H.W. KEIF FOREMERS will assume Control of the Brit personnel in the Centre.

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SUBJECT :- Duties

15 APR 45

'F' BLU IPTC ICF
Ref AQ/1/1/296

12 Apr 45

ALL OFFICERS AND SERGS

1. It is probably known that application has been made for a revised WE combining the functions of the BLU and WFI in a single Unit. This proposal is now under consideration and it is anticipated that it is likely to be sealed down and in any case there will be some considerable delay before it is authorized.

2. Hence it is deemed advisable to set out as briefly as possible the intends set up which has been agreed with the DIT to enable try to proceed as smoothly as possible.

3. Staff

A Try Branch is now in process of being formed. When complete it is anticipated it will consist of the following Officers :-

GSO I	-	Lt-Col SCOTT
GSO II	-	Maj H.W. KING
GSO III	-	Maj HUNTER or
		Maj MEAD-KING
GSO IV	-	Capt G.R. SMITHurst
GSO V	-	Capt A.V. GRASSET

Of these Maj KING and Capt SMITHURST will be att to 'F' BLU as WFI resident representatives but will not be incl in the WE of 'F' BLU or 'H' BFI.

'F' BLU
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Comd	-	Lt-Col L.H. MACKAY RA
DIA & QMB	-	Maj A.M.G. GELARDI RA
Staff Capt	-	Capt E.S. HOARE RA
DAIS	-	Maj M.W. JENNIFY MAOC
DAIME	-	Maj C.H.G. HILTON RIME
DAIST	-	Maj E.Y. ANDREWS RASC
att Camp Comd	-	Lt L.M. ROBERTS WILTS

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 Maj MEAD-KING
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 or 'H' DTI.

'P' BLU
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Cond - Lt-Col L.H. MACKAY RA
 DIA & QM - Maj A.M.G. GELARDI RA
 Staff Capt - Capt E.S. HOARE RA
 DAING - Maj M.W. JEFFERY BAOC
 DAIDE - Maj C.H.C. HILTON RME
 DAIST - Maj E.Y. ANDREWS RASC
 att Camp Cond - Lt L.M. ROBERTS WILTS
 Assistant - TCM McKEACHIE D.

'H' BLU
 5.

GSO II (Schools) - Maj E. HUNTINGDON KINGS
 GSO II (Inf) - Maj W.L. PRICE N STAFFS
 GSO II RE - Maj J.C. BLAXLAND RE
 GSO III RE - Capt E.G. Le TOOG RE
 GSO II RGS - Maj J.W. SWININGTON RGS
 PRO - Capt C.T.R. GORDON PRO

Att

RA - Lt-Col R.A. DEHN RA and
 RE - No 10 RA TRG Team
 Lt E.A. CLANCE RE

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Maj H.W.O.L. H. H. H.

Assistant to GSO II (Schools)

MAINTAIN

Maj CRIDBLE

- CIO Servizio Bn ORSANO

Maj EVANS

- CIO Adm Trg No 1 Regt
Assistant BSM MAISON

Maj EDWARDS

- CIO Adm Trg No 2 Regt
Assistant BSM MAJOR

Maj KEWLEY

- CIO Adm Trg No 3 Regt
Assistant BSM BAKER

ADM TRG

7.

A Conference is being held at 0900 hrs on 13 Apr 45 to explain and discuss the duties included in the expression Adm Trg. A copy of the Agenda is att at Appx 'A'. It is anticipated that further Maj's may arrive. In this event they will be allocated as follows on the priority given :-

- A - Fmn of Rft Holding Regt.
- B - Assistant to Maj W.L. PRICE GSO II (Inf) Trg.
- C - Assistant to Maj T. LEAHY CARIBAUDI Regt.
- D - Second Assistant to Maj W.L. PRICE, each Maj then being responsible for one Regt.

RFT HOLDING REGT

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Approval for the fmn of this Regt which is virtually 3312 not been officially obtained, but is approved in principle. It is the intention to est this GRU at TREVIGNANO in the Camp at present occupied by the Recruits Reception Regt and to transfer the latter to tents or buildings when available at CESANO. This transfer depends on the availability of tents and it is probable as an interim measure that one of the Bn Camp Areas at TREVIGNANO will have to be surrendered by the Reception Regt and handed over to the Rft Holding Regt. Thus for a short time both Regts - i.e. Reception and Rft Holding Regt may be located at TREVIGNANO.

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AS/EX 'A' to
 'M' HMC ICF
 Letter AG/1/1/296
 Dated 12 Apr 45

ADM TRG

The object of all that the HMC ICF is to make the Italian Army a self contained unit capable of independent action.

In organizing the Campi and the HMC, some British officers have been superimposed on and in some cases have replaced accepted Italian methods. The welding together of the two systems is the prime duty of all officers associated with the HMC, but at all times it must be borne in mind that we are advisors and not executives.

Teach Trg in all arms is now well in hand, but this is being very seriously hampered by the difficulty the Italians are experiencing in assimilating that Trg Org which has been tried out and found essential in the British Army is of vital importance if the whole machine is to work smoothly.

I consider Trg in detail to be of equal importance to Teach Trg, particularly in the Centre which is the basic foundation of the whole of the Italian Combat Force.

It should not require a very long period for the Italian Staff to assimilate the essentials of proper Arm and to put them into practice, hence it is hoped that by the time the Officers and WOs detailed for this type of Trg are ready to be released after the end of the War, the whole Arm of the Centre will be on a sound basis and their services can be readily dispensed with.

The duties of the Arm Wing will be very similar to those of the 2IC and RM in a British Inf Bn or Army Regt, although it must again be emphasised that these duties are advisory and not executive.

The following subjects will be studied and every effort will be made to set a properly organized system in each category :-

- (a) Documentation
- (b) Returns

These must tally with facts and steps must be taken to institute physical checks to ensure they are correct :-

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The duties of the 1st Wing will be very similar to those of the 210 and 1st in a Unit in an Army Regt, although it must again be emphasised that these duties are advisory and not executive.

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- (a) Documentation
- (b) Returns
- (c) Those must tally with facts and steps must be taken to institute physical checks to ensure they are correct :-
 - (i) Selection of suitable sites for going and to Group.
 - (ii) Hygiene and health - Sanitary conditions !!
 - (d) Goodhouse cleanliness and paint.
 - (e) Care of ICI :-

Task System of paint

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AB 406

Work tickets

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- (f) painting of Vets and the signs
- (g) Working of Uniform
- (h) Welfare condition :-

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Appx 'A' to
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Dated 12 Apr 45
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- (j) Leave Passes, Day Passes and Liberty Trucks
- (k) Gr. of Fatigues
- (l) Man Management
- (m) Veh Discipline
- (n) Turnout of Gds
- (o) Duties of Ordinary Offr
- (p) VD
- (q) Care and Custody of Arms
- (t) Accounting for POL, etc etc.

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SUBJECT: Special Categories.

'F' BLU. IRTC. ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Ref: AQ/1/1/268

8 April 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (M.M.I.A.).

1. Herewith please find report by G.II, B.T.U., on the Special Categories for special types of Infantry.
2. I think this solution meets the case adequately.

[Signature]

Lieut-Col. R.A.

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SUBJECT: Special Categories.

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

Ref: BTU/A7/25

7 Apr. 45.

DAA & QMG 'F' BLU IRTC ICF.

In accordance with instructions contained in Memorandum reference AQ/1/1/227 dated 4 April 45, herewith my views on the question of Special Categories.

1. At present the Special Categories mentioned i.e. Granatieri, Bersaglieri, Alpini, Paracadutisti and San Marco, are isolated throughout their period of training and are all part of No.3 Battalion of No.2 Regt. In each case they constitute a Company or Platoon, and any odd numbers in excess or short of a sub unit go to make up another sub unit in the next platoon or Company, thus keeping them together.

2. In view of the numbers of Special Categories at present held by the Gruppi, it is difficult at this stage to lay down any definite establishment for them within No.3 Battalion, as the numbers we hold here may vary from time to time. However, they are kept isolated at present.

3. So far as training is concerned, the present arrangement is preferable, as they will be far more amenable to training kept together than split up throughout the Regiments.

4. If it is to be considered organising the CRU with some sub units holding Special Categories, it is felt as mentioned in your notes, that the time spent in the CRU should not be sufficient to warrant this arrangement.

(Sgd) H.W. King.

Major.
GS

HWK/raw.

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