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SUBJECT : Personnel Depots.UNCLASSIFIEDLAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) R.O.M.E.
Tel: 43908 Date: 5/55
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24 Nov. 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reinforcement personnel remaining in 807 Transit Camp, RAVISCANINA, and 802 Reorganisation Centre, ORVIETO, will become ITI-ITI as from 30 November. Appendix A to SD/92/3 of 8 November refers. This personnel should be posted to units as soon as possible. Arrangements are being made for the early withdrawal of the British Cadres.
2. On passing from BR-ITI to ITI-ITI Category, personnel will retain BR-ITI clothing. In the event, however, of BR-ITI stocks being notably diminished by this process an adjustment of stocks at these Depots will be made in compensation.
3. The camp at RAVISCANINA is an Allied one and will revert to the Allies as soon as all Italian personnel have been posted. This will in any case be not later than 31 December.
4. Please state what use you wish to make of this site at ORVIETO or if you intend to close it down.
5. It is understood that you are making appropriate arrangements for holding temporarily unposted personnel at Territorial or District Headquarters and that this will obviate the need for any large reinforcement depots or for further uncontrolled influxes into CESANO. Please inform IAFIA of arrangements made.

Major General
M.E.I.A.

TO : 3 Depots
Br Cadre 802 Reorganisation Centre
Br Cadre 807 Transit Camp
10 B L U RALES
9 B L U BARI

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5. It is understood that you are making appropriate arrangements for holding temporarily unposted personnel at Territorial or District Headquarters and that this will obviate the need for any large reinforcement depots or for further uncontrolled influxes into GESSANO. Please inform IANLA of arrangements made.

Major General
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R.M.I.A.

TO : 3 District
Br Cadre 802 Reorganisation Centre
Br Cadre 807 Transit Camp
10 B L U NAPLES
9 B L U BARI
7 B L U FLORENCE

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FILE: 9/789/27
DATE: 1 JUN 24

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FROM: MMIA LO 54 AREA

TO : HQ MMIA

INFO: BR GADME INFO,
BR GADME 304 BK,
3 TERR HQ,
227 DIV LAGUNE DIST

RMP : CD 101

REF 10/11/80 OF 30 MAY (.)

- 1 (.) UNDERSTAND FROM OF BR CD// GADME 304 BK
THAT INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED MUST BE FOLLOWED (.)
- 2 (.) AN IMPROVED LAD SUBMITTED TO HQ ON 24/5/80
IN 10/5 OF 16 BR WAS SEVERE FORCED

SD DI DISTRIBUTION

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- 1 (.) UNDERSTAND FROM ON BL/07/ JAMES 480 TIME
 THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUSPECTED COURTESY (.)
 WOULD BE YOUR EARLY INFORMATION FROM THIS UNIT (.)
 2 (.) ON IMPROVED HAD GROUND TO ONE ON 08/540/1
 IN 08/06 ON 16 WAS THE REVENUE FORMED

3D DISTRIBUTION

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FILE: 9/17/91
DATE: 8 MAY 45

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : DISTHREE
 TO : 56 AREA - BRIT CADRE 630 BRD
 INFO : 56 AREA FOR DMT - MMIA - 605 REGT RA
 REF : GO 63

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REF OUR GO 39 OF 29 MAY (.) FIRST (.) UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
 DMT MAJOR KEWLEY AND MAJOR EDMONDS ATT 803 B R D FOR SUPERVISION
 TRG E T A 2 JUN (.) ONE FURTHER OFFR FOR TRG WILL BE MADE
 AVAILABLE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE (.) PENDING ARRIVAL THIRD OFFR
 CAPT BROWN 605 REGT RA WILL REMAIN ATT TO 803 B R D (.) SECOND (.)
 DMT ALSO ATT MAJOR WARD FOR SUPERVISION ADM E T A 4 JUN (.)
 INTENTION MAJOR WARD RELIEVE MAJOR GARRETT IN DUE COURSE

INTERNAL : FILE :

REF OUR GO 39 OF 29 MAY (.) FIRST (.) UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
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DATE: 4 JUN 45

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FROM : DISTHREE
TO : 56 AREA FOR DMF
INFO : BRI CADRE 803 BRD 605 REGT 615 REGT MIA
REF : GO 39

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SUBJECT IS ADDITIONAL BRIT PERSONNEL FOR 803 BRD (.) FIRST (.)
CAPT MILLS 615 REGT RA AND CAPT BROWN 615 REGT RA WILL RETURN TO
THEIR UNITS ON 3 JUN (.) URGENTLY REQUEST DMF ARRANGE FOR PROVISION
3 REPLACEMENT OFFICERS (ONE PER BN) TO ARRIVE IF POSSIBLE NOT LATER
THAN JUN 1 (.) SECOND (.) RETENTION OF 3 WOS WILL BE RECOMMENDED
O2E BY THIS HQ (.) THIRD (.) RETENTION 18 SJTS (ONE PER COY)
AUTHORISED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.) WITHDRAWAL BY O2E IN NEAR
FUTURE LIKELY

INTERNAL/ FILE:

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Training at BR-ITI Service BRDs.

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1. Present Position. The present position at BR-ITI Service BRDs (BRD - ORVITO, BRD - PAVISCANTIA, BRD - TRANI) is not satisfactory, from the BR point of view, for the following reasons :-

- (a) Very little basic trg of rfts is being done.
- (b) Not only is no specialised trg being done, but, what is of more immediate importance, no serious attempt is being made to allocate men to the type of work to which they are best suited.

The results of this have been that :-

- (a) Rfts have been posted to service units in an untrained or semi-trained state in so far as basic military trg is concerned.
- (b) Any trg for particular trades has had to be done with the units, after posting, on the apprenticeship system.
- (c) Men have been posted to units for work to which they were unsuited.
- (d) Best use has probably not been made of certain men who could be of value in other trades.

2. Factors. The main factors affecting the above are :-

- (a) The short time during which rfts have been retained at BRDs in the past - i.e. an average of 4 weeks (due to the relatively small number of rfts in relation to the authorised ceiling for Cat 3 type). It is understood to be unlikely that the period will be extended for some time yet.
- (b) Lack of weapons etc for basic trg and of suitable Italian instructors - Authority has now been given for the immediate issue of 1000 rifles, or carbines, with amm, to each of the 3 BRDs.
- (c) Time required for proper trade trg.
- (d) Lack of instructors and eqpt for trade testing and trg.
- (e) Lack of information on the part of staffs at BRDs as to the trades for which rfts are most required and the proportions in which they are required.
- (f) BRDs have "unofficial" Br trg teams (Oftrs and NCOs) attached (apart from Br Cadres), but it is understood that the personnel comprising these are liable to be removed at short notice.

3. Objects. The primary objects of the proposals which follow are to ensure that every man coming to a BRD :-

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- (a) The short time during which rfts have been retained at BHM in the past - i.e. an average of 4 weeks (due to the relatively small number of rfts in relation to the authorised ceiling for Cat 3 rfts) - It is understood to be unlikely that the period will be extended for some time yet.
- (b) Lack of weapons etc for basic trg and of suitable Italian instructors - Authority has now been given for the immediate issue of 1000 rifles, or carbines, with amm, to each of the 3 BRMs.
- (c) Time required for proper trade trg.
- (d) Lack of instructors and expt for trade testing and trg.
- (e) Lack of information on the part of staffs at BHM as to the trades for which rfts are most required and the proportions in which they are required.
- (f) BRMs have "unofficial" Br trg teams (Oftrs and NCOs) attached (apart from Br Cadres), but it is understood that the personnel comprising these are liable to be removed at short notice.

3. Objecta. The primary objects of the proposals which follow are to ensure that every man coming to a BRD :-

- (a) receives as much basic trg as possible whilst there and is therefore a better soldier when posted to his unit than has been the case up to now,
- (b) is, as the result of a test, earmarked for the class of work to which he is best suited.

4. Proposals.

(a) That service BRDs should be re-organized into :-

- (i) reception unit.
- (ii) basic trg unit.
- (iii) holding and despatching unit.

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(b) That these 3 units should carry out the following functions :-

- (i) Reception unit. Cloths and equip rfts, read examinations, inoculations etc, and pass on to the basic trg unit, 4 - 6 days after reporting.

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(11) Basic trg unit. Instruction in military discipline, hygiene, PT, foot and arm drill and field firing - not less than 1 1/2 days. This trg to be done by Italian instructors to be included in the permanent staffs of the BRDs. It is estimated that a trg staff of 50 (15 Oftrs and 35 NCOs) will be required for each BRD, calculated on the basis of there being 1000 men doing basic trg at any one time (the average number of rfts in each BRD being 5000). The members of these trg staffs will, after selection by the Ministry of War, first have to receive instruction from the Br trg teams attached to BRDs (7 - 10 days' course probably required). They will then work to a definite trg programme, prepared with the help of the Br trg teams (incl field firing), to cover the 14-day (or longer) period during which rfts are in the basic trg unit.

In addition to the above, Italian PT instructors to be produced from amongst the rfts at each BRD, these being trained by APTC instructors (attached to each BRD for 14 days) and remaining as part of the permanent staffs of the BRD. Estimated that 10 instructors will be required per BRD.

(12) Holding and despatching unit.

(1) Testing of each man with a view to his being placed into one of the following main groups :-

- A. Dvr's i/c.
- B. Motor-cyclists.
- C. Motor mechanics.
- D. Electricians.
- E. { Instrument Mechanics }
 { Operators (Radio/Lane) }
 { Linemen }
- F. { Carpenters and Joiners }
 { Painters and Decorators }
 { Masons }
- G. Storemen and Clerks.
- H. Pioneers and General Duty.

All testing to be done by the permanent (Italian) staff at each BRD, under the supervision of the Br Oftr and trg team (except that, in the case of men provisionally earmarked for group E, the practical test will be carried out as stated below)

All rfts will first go before Boards of 2 or 3 Oftrs

- A. Dvr's i/a.
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- E. { Instrument Mechanics }
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 { Masons }
- G. Stewards and Clerks.
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All testing to be done by the permanent (Italian) staff at each BDE, under the supervision of the Dr Casiro and the team (except that, in the case of men provisionally earmarked for Group E, the practical test will be carried out as stated below).

All rfts will first go before Boards of 2 or 3 Officers (several such Boards may sit concurrently at one BDE) and will, as a result, be placed into one of the above groups, those not considered suitable for groups A - F being automatically placed in group H. Those placed in groups A - E will then be put through elementary practical tests and will be retained in their respective groups only if they pass such further tests. The tests for groups A - D to be carried out by specially appointed teams (Italian) consisting of 12 Officers and 6 NCOs, who will also be part of the permanent staff of each BDE. Details as to the composition of such teams and eqpt required by them in order to carry out such tests will be submitted if the plan is agreed to in principle.

The testing of men provisionally earmarked by the Board for group E to be carried out by, or under the supervision of, a Sigs rep of MIA, who will visit BDEs from time to time for this purpose (and bring any necessary eqpt with him).

* and also will also be suitable for the staff below.

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*Done by Sigs rep of MIA
 to be carried out by Sigs rep of MIA
 who will visit BDEs from time to time
 for this purpose*

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(2) Giving men finally passed for groups A - D some elementary trade trg pending posting, this being done by the same teams as referred to above. Therefore, eqpt provided will have to be sufficient to cover such trg although it is unlikely that much trg of this kind will be possible unless the period for the retention of rfts at HEDs is extended.

Those found suitable for trg under group E to be sent to Sigs school for further trg (up to 4 months) as soon as there are vacancies for them.

It will not be possible to give further trg to those men placed in groups F - H, but these will, as at present, learn their trades after posting to units.

- (c) Having regard to the above, that all service units supplied with rfts from the above HEDs be permitted to hold a little more than authorized WE (counting against rft ceiling).

30 Apr 45
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W. H. K.
Maj
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MEMORANDUM

TO : Col "A"
Ol Trg

Gl(SD) (for information)

Ref G/Trg/1 of 22 April.

1. The following, as I see it, are the relevant main FACTORS in respect of Service B.R.D's :-

- (a) Trg and "A" aspect (provision of reinforcements) are very closely related.
- (b) In view of the authorised coiling and the relatively small number of reinforcements, personnel at service B.R.D's cannot remain there very long - perhaps an average of 4 weeks or so.
- (c) First things first - a man must be made first into a soldier with a knowledge of how to comport and look after himself (hygiene). Trade trg must come second.
- (d) Full and proper trade trg is a matter of months, which we have not time for. Therefore, this must be done in service units on the "apprenticeship" system.

2. Therefore the SOLUTION is :-

- (a) Organize service B.R.D's into :-
reception unit
basic trg unit
holding and despatching unit
- (b) (i) The holding and despatching unit will receive basically trained men and trade test them by wide trade groups e.g. building, electrical, mechanical, labour, etc.
- (ii) Having been tested and earmarked for a trade group, men will be given what trade trg is possible in the holding and despatching unit. Some equipment will thus be necessary for both trade testing and trade trg. Testing

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(ii) Having been tested and earmarked for a trade group, men will be given what trade trg is possible in the holding and despatching unit. Some equipment will thus be necessary for both trade testing and trade trg. Testing and instructional staff from outside, NOT CESAMO.

(c) Trade trg to be done mainly with service units, on the apprenticeship system - the service units being permitted to hold a little more than authorized W.E. (counting against reinforcement ceiling) to allow for this.

(d) Make arrangements as above, as an initial "cockshy." We can alter when we find, in practice, how it works e.g. how long we require for the basic trg, how long reinforcements stay on the average, and thus, how much time we have for actual trade trg as opposed to trade testing.

3. Write LETTERS TO A.F.H. (D.M.I.) on the lines of the above :-

(a) explaining our views and reasons.

(b) producing a concrete proposal

(c) asking for the matter to be treated as IMMEDIATE.

4. Write a letter to AFHQ (G3 Org.) requesting permission to cancel all gas training.

4. I think GAS TRG is a pure waste of time. Originally it was not contemplated for Combat Gps.

25 April 45

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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FROM : MMIA

TO : OC BRIT CADRE 802 BASE RPT DEPOT

REF : G/TRG/105

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LT COL SCOTT GSO I TRG WILL VISIT 802 BRD 1400 HRS

2 MAY (.) WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU IF POSSIBLE

Precedence

Authenticated

Internal : File G/Trg/27

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SUBJECT: Visit to 803 Base Reinforcement Depot, RAVISCANINA
ON 19 APR 45.

TO : GSO I (Trg), MELA

21 Apr 45

1. Set-up of Camp. The camp, originally made by the South Africans, is placed on gently sloping ground with the VOLTURA river on one side and the MILETTO range at the back. The camp is a first-class one with plenty of open spaces, and permanent huts exist for cockhouses, stores, showers etc., the men sleeping in tents.
2. Move from APRAGOLA. Two Bns have already moved to RAVISCANINA and the third Bn will be moving shortly.
3. Object of Depot. To provide rfts for 209 and 227 Ade Divs (BR - ITI). In addition, two BR - ITI Gd Bns for 1 Dist (total personnel 1500) are to be formed in the near future from personnel at the Depot.
4. Strength. Strength of Depot at APRAGOLA on 11 Apr 45 was 6000. All of these, except 500 for Naples Transit Centre, are to be moved to RAVISCANINA. The estimated holding on 1 May 45 is 4900.
5. Future Intake. 1000 Sardinians due 5 May 45.
6. Organisation. Col Pidaley said that he would consider the possible reorganisation of rfts at the Depot and he suggested that it might be found most convenient to have a Reception Bn, 3 Trg Bns and a Holding Bn. This would however depend on the anticipated intake, as to which further information was awaited, and the estimated requirements of the formations for which rfts were provided by the Depot.
7. British Personnel at Depot. Consist of :-
 - (a) 803 Br Cadre :-
 - Major Garrett
 - Capt Anderson
 - LT
 - RMC Lt (Non-Med) for Hygiene.
 - Q (WO) and ORs.
 - (b) Attached trg team :-
 - 3 Cpts (1 per Bn)
 - 3 PSAs (1 per Bn)

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- (a) 803 Br Cadre :-
 Major Garrett
 Capt Anderson
 Lt
 RMC Lt (Non-med) for Hygiene.
 QM (W) and ORs.

- (b) Attached trg team :-
 3 Cpts (1 per Bn)
 3 RMAs (1 per Bn)
 18 Spts (1 per Coy - 6 Coys per Bn)

N.B. There is no official British Trg increment with the Depot, the personnel of the trg team being liable to re-call to their units at any moment.

8. Training.

- (a) Present Position. No trg was done at ARMACOLA. Rfts sent to this Depot were equipped and then posted to units, ~~2590~~ after approximately one month at the Depot. These rfts ~~3590~~ had to do all their trg, both basic and specialist, with the units to which they were posted.
- (b) Queries. With a view to reorganising trg at RAVISCANIMA, it is suggested that answers are first required to the following queries :-
- (i) Is it required that specialist trg shall be given to the rfts at RAVISCANIMA as well as basic trg?
 - (ii) If the answer to (i) is Yes, what are the types of specialist trg required? (209 and 227 Adm Divs consist mainly of Engineer, Sigs, Pioneer, S & T (incl Pack Tpt in 209 Div only) and Ordnance (227 Div only) units).
 - (iii) In what proportions will the various types of specialists be required?

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- (iv) How soon are the personnel of the 3 Bde now at the Depot likely to go?
- (v) What will be the future intake at the Depot, apart from the 1000 Sardinians referred to in para 5 above?
- (vi) How long is it expected that these future intakes will, on an average, remain at the Depot before being posted to units?
- (vii) Will it be the function of the Depot to provide rifle for the 2 new Cd Bde referred to in para 3 above, as well as for 209 and 227 Divs?

(v) Organisation of trg.

- (1) Basic trg. This will presumably consist mainly of improvement of physical fitness, foot and arms drill and care and use of the rifle.

The first necessity will be to produce Italian instrs, of whom it is suggested that there should be at least one offr and one NCO (Sgt) per Coy. These instrs should be part of the permanent Italian staff of the Depot. It is thought that the RTC, CESAMO might be able to supply suitable instrs, provided that there are no insuperable difficulties in the way of transferring offrs and NCOs from a Combat Group Depot to a Service Trg Depot for this purpose. If it is not possible to supply instrs from CESAMO, they will have to be found from offrs and NCOs at present at RAVISCIANA, although these are unlikely to be as good and they would first have to undergo a special instructors' course at Cesana (7 - 10 days).

As soon as the Italian instrs are ready to function, they will give basic trg to all personnel at the Depot in accordance with a definite programme prepared with the help of the British trg team referred to in para 7 above. This trg should include the actual firing of rifles on a range to be laid out near to the camp.

- (2) Specialist trg. The type of trg to be given will depend on the answer to para 2(b)(1) above.

It will presumably be necessary to start internal schools at RAVISCIANA, Italian instructors for these schools being selected from offrs and NCOs now at the Depot (assuming that suitable offrs and NCOs are available) and being first sent to CESAMO for trg as instrs in their special branches (3 weeks' courses probably necessary).

It will be essential for all trg arriving at the depot to be placed, as soon as possible, into various

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(14) Specialist trg. The type of trg to be given will depend on the answer to para 8(b)(4) above.

It will presumably be necessary to start internal schools at RAVISCANINA, the instrs/instructors for these schools being selected from offrs and NCOs now at the Depot (assuming that suitable offrs and NCOs are available) and being first sent to CESAMO for trg as instrs in their special branches (3 weeks' courses probably necessary).

It will be essential for all types arriving at the Depot to be placed, as soon as possible, into various categories according to the type of trg to which they are best fitted. Those considered suitable for specialist trg will then start their specialist trg at the beginning of their second week at the Depot.

It is intended that specialist trainees shall be put through a simple Trade Test at the end of their trg.

(2) Additional queries (Specialist and Anti Gas Trg). 13550 wing additional queries arise in connection with specialist and anti gas trg :-

(4) Is any special trg for mechanics required, apart from trg in driving and maintenance? (There appear to be no HMLE type units in 209 and 227 Divs).

(14) Is it correctly presumed that rfts for Pack Tpt units in 209 Div have their special trg at the Italian Pack Rule Trg Centre? If so, do these rfts first pass through RAVISCANINA or do they go straight to the Pack Rule Trg Centre? If not, will RAVISCANINA have to include pack tpt in the types of specialist trg given?

(14) Is it the policy that rfts at RAVISCANINA shall receive anti-gas trg whilst there? (If so, are they equipped there with AC expt?)

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(e) Time available for trg. 4 weeks is obviously not enough, even for most elementary trg. If, however, it is found impossible to extend the time beyond this, the general plan would seem to be to give one week's basic trg (this week also being taken up with clothing and equipping, squadding and placing into categories for specialist trg), followed by 3 weeks' specialist trg for those selected for it.

(f) Organisation of trg Bns. Consideration might be given to re-organising the trg Bns according to the type of trg being done - e.g., No. 1 Bn might have one coy of drivers and signallers, one coy of engineers and two coys of pioneers and general duty men. An organisation on these lines would probably facilitate specialist trg.

(g) P.T. Arrangements are being made for an APTC instr to be attached to the Depot in order to run a 14 days' Cadra Course for, say, one Italian per coy.

9. Trg. Equipment. None is held at present, although it is understood that 1000 rifles (presumably to be kept as a pool at the Depot) are being released. Ann will also be obtained.

Requirements of all other trg equipment will depend on the answer to para 8(b)(ii) above. But steps to obtain MF and tools etc. for the trg of drivers, should be taken as soon as possible in view of inevitable delays in obtaining these (and the probable necessity for revision of the WF).

The primary need, however, is to get some basic trg going at the earliest possible moment.

W. Headling

Major.
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