

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

ACC

10000112011729

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

10000112011729

X 509

Italian Army Line School

June 1944 - Mar 1945

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

24

Subject: Telegraphist School of Francavilla Fontana

Land Force Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
/23/7

// Mar 1945

To: Ministry of War

Reference your 4/642 dated 2 Mar 45.

The issue of arms and ammunition to recruits passing through the Telegraphist School Francavilla Fontana is not approved as these men will not be required to perform duties necessitating their use.

RAC/10

R. A. Curties

R. A. CURTIES, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy:

SOII Sigs
3(AS)

4018

78.5020

Subject:- Training.

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

X509

13 Feb 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. There is at the moment at Scuola Telegrafisti, a soldier who is a radio mechanic.
2. Please arrange to have this man sent immediately to the Italian Signal School at ECCERA, for training as Radiomentatori.
3. Full details of this soldier can be obtained from FRANCAVILLA.


W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Scuola Telegrafisti, FRANCAVILLA FONTANA.
Capt. THOMAS, Italian Signal School (who will
please arrange to test this man on
arrival and give such disposal
instructions as are applicable).

X508

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

SCUOLA TELEGRAFISTI PER
COMANDO

N. 34/13 di prot.

Pr. cavilla P., 25 Gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Segnalazione di militari radionotatore.

AL SIGNOR MAGGIORE CALVELEY
presso H.Q.M.M.I.A.

A. C. M. S.

Comunico che presso questa Scuola è presente un militare, ottimo radionotatore, che ha già lavorato presso le fabbriche di apparecchi radio italiane.

Nel contempo si informa la S.V. che in data 23 gennaio 1945 sono stati trasferiti al 73° Comando Italiano Collegamenti, N. 45 allievi guardafili idonei.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA SCUOLA
(Ten. Michele Mariella)

Gen. G. B. B. B.

4016

785020

SCUOLA TELEGRAFISTI PER A.A.

COMANDO

N. 109/B di pret.

Francavilla Fontana, 10/I/1945

Oggetto: Allievi guardafili idonei da avviare al 173° Comando Italiano Coll. -

AL 173° COMANDO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTI - P.M. 3400 -

e per conoscenza.

AL COMANDO ITALIANO GENIO PRESSO 2° DISTRICT - B.A.R.I. -AL SIGNOR MAGGIORE CALVELEY - H.Q.M.M.I.A. - R.O.M.A. -

Presso questa Scuola sono disponibili N. 70 allievi guardafili idonei per sezioni di linee telefoniche.

Conforme quanto disposte dal Signor Magg. Calveley, nella sua ispezione a questa Scuola in data 31 dicembre, codesto Comando é pregato voler provvedere ad inviare gli automezzi necessari per il trasporto dei militari da Francavilla a codesta sede.



IL COMANDANTE DELLA SCUOLA
(Ten. Michele Mariella)

M. Mariella

translati fu Syrah neate.

R. 25/1/45

785020

and Lewis

25 23 9 46==

SIGNAL ROMA=====

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

CLASSIFICATION:

PRECEDENCE:

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FROM:

REFERENCE No.:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN:

— SERVIZIO ALLE VIVI ONESTA SCUOLA TELEGRAPH —

— **CONTO DI RENDIMENTO CENTOSSESSANTA IDONEI PER**

COMMANDI ITALIANI COLLEGAMENTI TEENTE MARI ELAIAZ.

2. 16.38

Mr. Warrant

REQUANTUM

0828

785020

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

(P/1772

P. 24 NOV 1944 14.30
IL CAPITANO ADDETTO
Comandi 200
Mm. Hermann

HEADQUARTERS
24 NOV 1944

Desiring to combine various plans
arrival of students at school
I beg you to arrange for urgent movement
of 160 German messengers for Italian Rpt.
HQs. Lt.

P/1772 29

24/11/7

DATE and Time of RECEIPT: TR 1 0RE 13 30 DA CLAUDILI

Distribution: RCV, UNO NALIN 1330241144

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: Mov. of Italian Tps.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District
C.M.F.

Ref: MF 107/II

16 Aug 44

To: Movements East Italy

Copy to: M.M.I.A. ✓

M.M.I.A.	SD
FILE REF	1
Date	16 Aug 44

1. Please arrange the move of 60 Italian ORs of 204 Nista Genio Coy from TRANI to FRANCAVILLA FONTANA, pupils for Signal School at the latter town.

C. F. MURCELL

(C.F. MURCELL)
Maj G.S.

40 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

Subject: Line Training School.

Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)
HQ AGC R O M E
/ Apr. 44.

To: SMRE
IX CORPS
MMIA DO 2 District

Reference previous request for Lt. De TROIA to become Commandante of the Italian Line Training School at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA. This Officer is now not available owing to Allied demands.

Please therefore arrange for Lt. MARIELLA to remain at the School as Commandant.

[Signature]
Major Gen.
Commanding.

4012

C. M.I.L. L.O.
HQ 2 District

48-2

1. The School was inspected on 21 July by Major Edmund S.O.R. Sigs. II, HQ MMIA, and Major MORRELL MMIA Lc HQ 2 District.
2. It was considered that as far as tuition and training were concerned progress was satisfactory. 60 pupils are ready for employment almost immediately. It would be possible to improve, however, if certain handicaps were to be eliminated.
3. (a) The School has no vehicle of any sort. As the pupils must walk from barracks to training ground each day, a distance of 1 mile, much time is wasted which could be employed on training. The supply of a 3 ton lorry for this purpose and also for the transport of training equipment would overcome this difficulty.
- (b) The School is also in need of a ration vehicle both for the drawing of rations and for the distribution of the meal. The supply of a motor-tricycle would overcome this difficulty.
- (c) The O.C. the School needs a motor-cycle for himself in order to get round the various classes.
4. As the School has M.S.F. 1 August become autonomous, the O.C. is in need of a NCO with knowledge of administration to do all his admin. work for him. The O.C. has NOT the time to do it himself.

5. The free issue of 5 cigarettes per man per day is dis-

(b) The School is also in need of a ration vehicle both for the drawing of rations and for the distribution of the meal. The supply of a motor-tricycle would overcome this difficulty.

(c) The C.O. the School needs a motor-cycle for himself in order to get round the various classes.

4. At the School has M.E.F. 1 August become autonomous, the C.O. is in need of a NCO with knowledge of administration to do all his admin. work for him. The C.O. has not been able to do it himself.

5. The free issue of 5 cigarettes per man per day is distributed quite regularly but personnel are unable to buy the 5 extra per day to which they are entitled.

6. The Garrison Commander of MANACATILLA has disapproved of the fact that the School personnel are allowed out in khaki dress which are being worn as shorts. By this practice battle dress trousers are being saved and the men are able to work better in the heat as they have more freedom of movement.

You are therefore instructed to carry out the following

7. immediately: -

- a) Supply one 2 ton lorry for movement of personnel and equipment.
- b) Supply one motor-tricycle for rations.
- c) Supply one motor-cycle for the use of the C.O.
- d) Post a suitable NCO to the School for administration.
- e) Instruct the HQ concerned to make available on repayment the 5 cigarettes per day entitlement.
- f) Allow School pupils to be dressed as at present.
- g) Immediately submit clothing indent through normal channels for the 50 pupils passing out shortly.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

1 - 2 -

8. It is requested that you inform this office of
action taken.

C. F. Murcell
(C.F. MURCELL)
Maj G.S.

4010

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

SUBJECT: Training of Italian Linemen

Main Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

28-5X15

8 July 44

Army Sub Commission,
MIA
REQUIRE (RESCUE) ✓

Ref the proposal for the training of 600 Linemen under
SMRE arrangements.

It is requested that you give this HQ details of the
expected output from the Training School. Detailed information
would be appreciated as to the number of students who will become
available on specific days.

Boyley

Major-General,
Chief Signal Officer.

JH/BG

17 July 1944

4864

785020

REPORT ON INSPECTION TO ITALIAN LINE SCHOOL AT
FRANCAVILLA FONTANA BY Lt. COL. MORIARTY and
Maj FLEMING.

On arrival at FRANCAVILLA we were met by Capt ROSSI (Commander of the Italian Telegrafisti Coys at BARI who is holding a watching brief on the school on our behalf), the school commanders Lt. MARIELLA and 2/Lt SCHERANI. MASCHERONI

Capt. ROSSI had the students on parade divided up into two parts (a) those who by reason of being due for demobilisation, extended leave, physically unfit, too old or mentally incapable of becoming good linemen and (b) those who were worth training.

(a) party numbered 70

(b) party numbered 50

DRESS.

Only those students remaining at the school were inspected.
The result was appalling !

- | | |
|--------|---|
| (i) | 20 were in some sort of civilian clothes. |
| (ii) | 10 in very poor uniform |
| (iii) | 30 in rags and tatters. |
| (iv) | 13 were barefooted. |
| (v) | 35 had useless footwear |
| (vi) | 3 had fair boots. |
| (vii) | 4 had no blankets at all. |
| (viii) | 43 had only one blanket. |
| (ix) | 3 had two blankets. |
| (x) | 23 had palliasses 27 without. |
| (xi) | 29 had waterbottles 21 without. |
| (xii) | 22 had messstins 28 without. |
| (xiii) | 3 had cups 47 without. |
| (xiv) | 9 had spoons 41 without |

DRESS.

Only those students remaining at the school were inspected.
The result was appalling !

- (i) 20 were in some sort of civilian clothes.
- (ii) 10 in very poor uniform
- (iii) 30 in rags and tatters.
- (iv) 13 were barefooted.
- (v) 35 had useless footwear
- (vi) 3 had fair boots.
- (vii) 4 had no blankets at all.
- (viii) 43 had only one blanket.
- (ix) 3 had two blankets.
- (x) 23 had palliasses 27 without.
- (xi) 29 had waterbottles 21 without.
- (xii) 22 had messtins 28 without.
- (xiii) 3 had cups 47 without.
- (xiv) 9 had spoons 41 without
- (xv) 1 had a fork 49 without.

KITCHEN

Kitchen was hopelessly inadequate. No knives, forks, ladles etc.
Only one small rotten preparation table. From 8 large dixies issued by
IX Corps, 6 leaked.
No axe for chopping wood, no brooms, brushes, swabs, soap, floor cloths
or disinfectants.

They are cooking with utensils borrowed from 112 Gp. Marconisti
through whom they also draw rations. Staff 1 cook, 3 orderlies. Require
further 3 orderlies.

OFFICE.

No office equipment at all.

TRANSPORT

NIL. One motor tricycle borrowed from 112 Coy. Required one
3-ton truck.

ANTI-MALARIAL

No mosquito nets at all.

The programme for the school has not yet been received by the
Instructors. Has been prepared since 25 of last month.

Sheet 2.GENERAL REMARKS.

It was obvious from the inspection that the instructors were good, keen and intelligent, they had done everything in their power to make the best of a very bad job. The barracks were clean; broken-off benches being used to sweep the floor. Latrines and ablutions benches clean and improvements being carried out. The kitchen was as good as it could be. Technical stores, good and well stacked.

In conclusion everything that had been done by the men on the spot was extremely praiseworthy on the other hand IX Corps had failed in their part lamentably producing a prize M.F.U.

Returning from FRANCAVILLA we called at the S.M.R.E. and saw Col. QUERCA who summoned Lt. Col RE and Maj ROSSI and gave instructions for clothing to be sent to the school that afternoon, for the school to be brought up to strength immediately and for an officer to inspect the men before they are assigned to the school. Also for the remainder of the items to be put right.

Col. QUERCA in the absence of Gen OXILIA telephoned IX Corps and took, in our hearing, an extremely strong line with them.

To wind up this matter Lt Col MORIARTY and myself are going to IX Corps tomorrow.

7 July 1944.

tvS.5.

W. L. ...
Major.
S.O.B. Sigs.

4007

Col. QUERCA in the absence of Gen OXILIA telephoned IX Corps and took, in our hearing, an extremely strong line with them.

To wind up this matter Lt Col MORIARTY and myself are going to IX Corps tomorrow.

7 July 1944.

tv5.5.

at 4:45

*I think the Comd has come to 4007 f
L2000. I think I should sign
a letter to Moriarty of this per
sonally -*

*(as reference to above 4 questions the
instances where other (other
the situation is very good, has not
done much)*

*(the reference to administration of the
- great improvement -*

*(the reference to M.G. - 1st Lt. 1944
C.G. 1/1*

(M.G.)

H. L. L. L.

Major.
S.O.R Sigs.

4007 f

0830

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

or a little more (if you're not sure)
 just stick to the facts and
 don't let them get from you
 if they have left you
 What do you think?

DL
 8 Jul

CG-

Suggest me get rid of him along with
 the other General if the MW does
 not cut him off.

Da/c

+

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

CG-

Suggest we get rid of him along with
 the other General if the NW does
 not cut him off.

(R) 9/6

OK. We'll play as at-X

A.B.

9/6

Subject:- Line Training School

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMTA)
IEQUILIE (IECCE)
X 24
4 Jul 44

S M R E

The following points arise out of Maj Fleming's visit to Francavilla Pontana.

- a) The school is to be entirely dependent on the Comando Genio at Francavilla.
- b) The Chief Engineer to have direct access to this HQ by telephone or message.
- c) Capt ROSSI, CC Telegrafisti Coys at BARI to have complete freedom of access to the School.

Will you please issue the necessary instructions.

Will you please also arrange that Lt MARELLA is replaced by 2/Lt DE TROYA who has been made available for the School from 82I Cp Telegrafisti.

gsh

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

Subject: - Personnel at IX Reggimento del Genio

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MILIA)
LEGATE (LEOCE)
SD/8
Jul 44

S M R E

All Signal personnel at present at IX Reggimento del Genio will go to the Italian Line School at FRANGAVILLA FONTANA as soon as it is ready to receive them for training as linemen to fill Serial 1119.

gsh

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

4005

0843

785020

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

SEGRETO

P. M. 151 - li 25 giugno 1914

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
(A.S.C.)

LEQUIE

N. 4845 di Prot. / Mob.

OGGETTO: Addestramento personale addetto ai collegamenti tele-
fonici.-

Con riferimento al foglio di codesta sottocommissione
N. 24 in data 10 c.m. - lettera f - si trasmette, allegato, il
programma per il corso di addestramento del personale in ogget-
to.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Orsilia)

G. Orsilia
4845

785020

PROGRAMMA PER LA SCUOLA TELEGRAFISTISettimane di corso: 6.

Giorni lavorativi in una settimana cinque e mezzo (ossia tolta una domenica e mezza giornata feriale per il bagno, barbiere, pagamento decade, pulizia armi ecc.).

Ore disponibili nel corso: $(5 \cdot 8) + 4 = 44$ in una settimana;
 $44 \cdot 8 = 352$ ore in tutto il corso.

Ripartizione delle ore:1) Costruzione di linee aeree permanenti

a) escavazione di cuche per pali ed ere- zione di pali.....	ore	10
b) montaggio di bracci e mensole.....	"	12
c) tiranti e prese di fissaggio.....	"	12
d) congiunzioni.....	"	15
e) isolatori e perni.....	"	10
f) avvolgimento di filo agli isolatori.....	"	8
g) arresto dei fili all'isolatore.....	"	2
h) doppio arresto dei fili su doppio isolatore.	"	10
i) metodo di avvolgere a mano il filo.....	"	8
l) tensione e modo di regolare il filo.....	"	8
m) trasposizione delle linee (eliminazione del l'induzione).....	"	10

111

60

2) Teoria della costruzione di linee permanenti...

785020

1) Costruzione di linee aeree permanenti

a) escavazione di buche per pali ed ere- zione di pali.....Ore	10
b) montaggio di bracci e mensole....."	12
c) tiranti e prese di fissaggio....."	12
d) congiunzioni....."	15
e) isolatori e perni....."	10
f) avvolgimento di filo agli isolatori....."	8
g) arresto dei fili all'isolatore....."	8
h) doppio arresto dei fili su doppio isolatore....."	10
i) metodo di avvolgere a mano il filo....."	8
l) tensione e modo di regolare il filo....."	8
m) tracciatura delle linee (eliminazione del l'induzione)....."	10

111
60

2) Teoria della costruzione di linee permanenti... 40

3) Costruzione di breve tratto di linea su cavo campale includendo raccordi e uso di cavo con pale per effettuare temporanee riparazioni su tracciati di linee permanenti....."	60
4) Manutenzione di linee aeree permanenti....."	51
5) Ricerca di guasti e riparazioni di linee aeree permanenti....."	70

352



Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

Subject:- Reinforcements for C.I.L.

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MSTA)
LEJULLE (LEOCE)
X 24
17 Jun 44

SMRE

Please disband 106 Telegrafisti Coy, 225 and 226 Mista
Genie Signal personnel and supply 50 Signal reinforcements to CIL.
The remaining personnel should be sent to 51 Corps to be trained
as lineamen.

gsh

[Signature]
Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

subject:- Training of Italian Line personnel

Army Sub Commission ACC
 Main HQ (MILA)
 LEQUILLE (LEOCE)
 X 24
10 Jun 44

SMRE

Following conversation yesterday Maj VERONI - Maj FLEMING and subsequent telephone conversation regarding the formation of a line school to train 600 linemen, it was agreed that:-

- a) The line school should be established at FRANCAVILLA PONTANA under 51 Corps.
- b) One officer and six NCOs be withdrawn from 820/1 Telegrafisti Coy and one officer and six NCOs be found by SMRE to act as instructors.
- c) Stores for this job be found from Allied sources.
- d) The course to last EIGHT weeks.
- e) Two courses for 120 men to run concurrently. 120 men start the course and at the end of four weeks another 120 men report to start the second course so that at the end of the first course the school will be producing 120 trained men per month.
- f) SMRE will submit training programme.

gah

[Signature]
 Maj Gen
 Army Sub Comm ACC

4001

0 8 4 8

C 5 4 8