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for period 1 - 31 May 1946.

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1 June 1946.

GENERAL.

The training of the initial intake of recruits from CMC, at the Artillery, Engineer, Signal and Motorisation Schools has progressed during the month. It was apparent that the standard of accommodation and welfare facilities at CMC was much higher than it has been possible to attain at the Schools and for the first few days the recruits at the Engineer and Artillery Schools showed great dissatisfaction at existing facilities.

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A great effort has been made on the part of School Commanders to provide "precious" for their men. In all cases buildings have been allocated for their use and suitable commodities obtained for re-sale but there is an urgent need for furniture of all types. Little further progress can be made in providing welfare amenities for the troops until a substantial monetary grant is made for welfare purposes.

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2. Armoured Car School.

Excellent progress has been made during the month on constructional work of their barracks.

By 1 August 1946 all A.C. work should have been completed. Arrangements have been made for the training of "Stagiond" mechanics with the Centro Studio Rome.

The second full course with instruction in tactics will commence on 24 June. It will be attended by a total of 20 officers & 40 NCOs, consisting of 10 officers and 20 NCOs, from the Cavalry and 10 officers & 20 NCOs, of the Carabinieri.

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School of Artillery.

The release of equipment which was obtained a few days ago will greatly improve the training facilities for the recruits.

After a few days the recruits settled down to training and have shown keenness and good progress. They are being trained with the exception of one battery at Bracciano.

There is an urgent need for facilities to equip the 'spaccio' both at Bracciano and at the Duke d'Aosta barracks Civitavecchia.

In addition to recruit training a course has been held for regimental instructors and reserve instructors for the school. It was concluded on 28 May with the following results:

	Commenced course	Finished course	Passed	Failed or Unclassified
Officers	25 pdr. 2	13	12	-
	6 pdr.	16	16	-
NCOs.	25 pdr.	21	18	3
	6 pdr.	32	29	3

The R.S.O's course run under British Instruction was completed during the month. All nine students were passed out as suitable instructors for the School of Artillery.

It is intended to hold the second course in the series for Regimental Instructors for newly formed Artillery units in the second half of June.

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As a result of the disturbances Col. De Matteis was relieved of his Command and was replaced by Lt. Col. V. Silvestri.

Training has been on a limited scale on account of the lack of adequate training materials. For instructional purposes the recruits are split into 8 training companies - with 2 companies taking the same subject simultaneously.

The results after two weeks training are as follows :

Cmps.	Int'act.	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below average	Total
1	Field works	15	45	50	15	5	130
2	& Defence	-	16	50	77	42	185

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Boys. Subject. Excellent. Very good. Good. Average. Below average. Total

3	27	65	75	15	182
4	7	53	60	4	160
5	-	-	9	-	114
6	2	3	15	40	150
7	8	16	32	12	230
8	12	42	60	3	233
Total					1358

5. School of Signal.

Considerable progress is now being made in the constructional work of the barracks. The classrooms are nearing completion and should be ready for use by mid June.

Training of recruits was commenced on 15 May and the details of numbers under the training are as follows :

Course	No. of Students	Duration in Months
W/T Operators	440	4
Electricians	85	4
Radio Mechanics	65	6
Instrument Mechanics	45	4
Line Operators	135	4
Switchboard Operators	145	2
Linesmen	380	2
Dispatch Riders	105	2
Artillery Signallers.	560	3
Total	1960	

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The standard of training will now be greatly improved by the release and receipt of all stores demanded on the interim stores indent.

During the month sports kit to the value of 20,000 lire was purchased by the School from HQ. E.F.I. Naples. This has proved an immense asset and is helping considerably the welfare of the troops.

6. Infantry School.

This School has benefited greatly by the move of the Comando Scuole from Casano to Rome. In addition to the use of extra accommodation it is now able to function as a completely independent School.

Training activity during the month has been confined to the running of internal courses to increase the number of instructors, where necessary and in all cases a detailed preparation of exercises and ammunition has been completed.

Shortage of transport and lack of petrol on account of the recent petrol strike has restricted training.

(a) Tactical Wing.

The tactical wing is not running a regular course but is preparing all the exercises, training aids etc, necessary for the running of future courses. The demonstration company has been brought up to strength and is undergo intensive training.

(b) Carrier Course.

To increase the number of instructors, a course was started on 6 May for 14 pupils but on account of the petrol shortage, the course was abandoned after the first week.

(c) Platoon Weapons.

The seventeen instructors have been running over the proposed programme with a view to improving their standard of instruction. The construction of ranges remains a matter of high priority.

(d) 3-in Mortar.

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7. Police School.

The Police School is now accommodated with the H.Q. Military Schools, in ROME.

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R.T.U.,	
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In view of the elections, no further course will be run until 1 July 1946.

8. P.T. School.

The School has now completed two of the three months courses. Within the limits of material available, training is quite satisfactory. Swimming training, forming part of the syllabus, had to be abandoned owing to transport difficulties. It is regretted that none of the sports kit and training material so desperately required has materialised. A suitable site for the P.T. School exists at Monte Sacro, which if it could be obtained, would cancel many of the disadvantages of the present School.

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9. School of Motorisation.

Good progress has been made in R.M. work, at this school and the only urgent outstanding item is the renovation of the canteen. The first driving course started on 16 May and is attended by 2,132 recruits, which is 539 more than was expected. A considerable number of the intake are able to drive already and it is anticipated that they will be teamed out before the scheduled 12 weeks has elapsed. The recruits are keen and are anxious to absorb mechanical knowledge which would be of use to them in civilian life. The standard of instructors is poor and many have been found totally unworkable. There is also a large deficiency of personnel on the permanent staff. This makes the enforcement of discipline amongst the recruits a difficult problem.

10. M.A.H. School.

On 17 May, 640 recruits had assembled at Cecchiagnola. It was then decided after a selection period that 400 would be retained at Cecchiagnola to attend a course for Section Mechanics, that approximately 100 would attend courses for Turners, Blacksmiths, Welders, Carpenters and Fitters at the Scuola Industriale Duc d'Aosta and that 140 would attend courses at the Centro Studio Via Lintaricchio in trades of Fitters, Electricians and Oil engine fuel pumps. The students in the latter two schools are being accommodated at the Caserma Regina Margherita - Viale Vittoria. Due to elections, tuition at these Schools will not commence before 8 June.

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3	Good.
12	Passed.
2	Failed.

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Nearly all the students arrived with clothing and equipment in a very poor state of repair and there were cases of lice and sores. It has now been decided that the Democracy courses will be held in Rome.

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(12)Administration.
Finance.

It was understood that the Italian Ministry of War would equip the permanent staff of the schools with summer clothing but this has not yet been done.

The lack of M.T. spares is a state which becomes more serious every day. No M.T. spares have been released except the 60 day maintenance packs from BOLAGM, which have proved inadequate to meet the demand for vehicle spares.

Forty two artillery trailers have been released and arrangements have been made for their collection. A quantity of signal stores have been collected from 557 E.O.D. by the School of Signals.

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Apart from disorders caused by the recruits on arrival, the standard of discipline has been satisfactory taking into account the rather unsuitable times, due to elections, in which the Italians are living. Conditions of Hygiene and Welfare are outlined in the general remarks to this report.

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Unchanged. As outlined in all previous reports, the main grounds for dissatisfaction remain :-

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Instr, 100	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr, RA	1	1	1	-	1	1
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War Diary	2	2	2	-	2	2
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APPENDIX "B"

To: 12 H.M.U. Progress Report
No. 10 Dated 1 June 1946

(A) Deficiencies in all Banks as against W.E. CM/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945
(As Amended)

(i) Officers.

RAA & QAC - HATCH.

(ii) Other Banks.

Storeman Tech (RMLE)
Miss Van A Plant "
Clerk Tech, "
Instructor, R.A.
Clerk AD, "
Instructor 6 per A/I
Instructor Carrier
Storeman R.E.
Clerk AD "
Clerks AD (Any Arm)
Veh Tech
Cook ACC
Interpreters

Sets.	Ops.	Ptes.	TOTAL
1	-	-	1
1	-	-	1
-	1	-	1
1	-	-	1
-	-	1	1
1	-	-	1
1	-	-	1
-	-	1	1
-	-	1	1
-	-	2	2
-	-	1 (1/OpL)	1
-	1	-	1
2	-	-	2
7	2	6	15

(B) Details of All Banks on Leave and when due to return.

(i) Officers.

LMOP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June 1946.

(ii) Other Banks.

LMAR - 1 C/OpL due to return 3 June 1946.
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(C) Details of all Banks due for leave in the immediate future.

(i) Due under LMAR, LMOP etc

(ii) Due under GAO 1132/45

(iii) Due for release A/S troops 32 & 33

(iv) Due for EXTENSION during JUNE

C.I.'s - 1
Officers - 3
C.I.'s - 5
Officers - 1
C.I.'s - 2
NIL

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GENERAL.

Although good progress has been made during the month, it is regretted that on the target date for commencement of advanced training the conditions of the Schools falls far below the standards desired and envisaged. This state can be attributed to two main causes :-

- (1) The excessive time taken to obtain financial consent for essential building projects.
 - (2) The shortage of equipment to cover even the most urgent and vital needs for training.
- Arrangements for the reception of the first batch of recruits are far advanced and emergency training programmes have been prepared. These programmes cover the period which would now appear inevitable between the arrival of recruits and the release of sufficient equipment to train them.

1. School of Tactics.

Constructional work has been progressing smoothly throughout the month. The permanent staff are now resident in the School but at present their quarters lack water, electric lighting and adequate latrines. In addition General Mattioli has obtained additional accommodation for married quarters. In order that more definite plans may be made for future courses it is absolutely imperative that a war establishment be approved by S.M.E. Until the W.B. is approved it is not possible to gather together the final cadre of instructors and give them the necessary instruction for their new task.

2. Armoured Car School.

The speed at which financial consent was gained, work was commenced, and the bulk of the major constructional work was completed at this School has been quite remarkable. It is anticipated that all work on the School will be completed in 2 - 3 months. A D.C.H. Course attended by 160 Carabinieri has just been completed with very satisfactory results.

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3. School of Signals.

In the absence of Major D.R. SALSER, the duties of Instructor R. SIGS have been performed by Major M.A.J. HORTON. A detailed analysis of progress and course results is not yet available.

4. School of Artillery.

The Duke of Aosta Barracks, Civitavecchia has now been taken over by the Italian School of Artillery from the British School of Artillery. The condition in which the barracks were left by the British School of Artillery was unfortunately far below the standard to be expected, but the barracks are suitable and ample accommodation for the anti aircraft and anti tank branches. The barracks at BRACCIANO which have been improved throughout the month are now ready to receive recruits. There is, however, a shortage of accommodation stores and cook-house installations.

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School of Artillery (Cont'd)

Sufficient instructors to train the first intake of recruits are available. Commencing on 1 May 1944 a 4 week course will be held to train instructors for newly raised artillery units. In addition Officer reinforcements recently posted to the School of Artillery will attend to Form 4 Reserve of instructors at the School. It is estimated that 47 Officers and 45 NCOs will attend this course.

The R.E.O. course under British instruction is now in its fourth week. Owing to the shortage of instructors (British) it was found necessary to reduce the number of personnel attending this course to survey instructors on the strength of the School of Artillery after the first fortnight.

Owing to the non-availability of a British training team and lack of equipment it has been necessary to postpone indefinitely the 1.7 HMA course. It is not envisaged that the 5.5 medium course will commence before June. Results of courses are shown at Appendix "B".

5. Infantry School.

Training during the month has been restricted to short refresher courses for Officers and NCO instructors in bayonets, mines and demolition. The permanent staff and School moved to the Baile barracks at Civitavecchia on 1 April, leaving the Aurelia barracks as a recruit training Centre. Much has been done to combat the malaria problem and with the release of large anti-spraying liquids the position is now satisfactory. As the Aurelia barracks work has been done to improve the water system.

Training teams have been tracked near the Italian barracks, and owing to the non arrival of training equipment, an interim training programme has been given up for the first intake of recruits.

The training situation is serious. With the arrival of 2,000 recruits it will be hardly possible to keep both the Baile and Aurelia barracks supplied with weapons and other necessaries on the present scale of transport. There are only two 3-tonners in working order.

6. Infantry School.

Progress during the month has been rather disappointing. The general efficiency of the School is lowered by the following factors:

- (a) Failure by the Italians to provide the basic facilities for the School.
- (b) Failure by the Italians to supply the best Officer and NCO material available for instructors.
- (c) The tolerance by the Italians of a low standard of discipline, turnout and cleanliness.
- (d) The shortage of training equipment.
- (e) The complete lack of all spare parts.
- (f) The continued occupation by the Comando Scuole of buildings destined for and essential for the Infantry School.

An analysis of course results is shown in Appendix "A". The standard of Territorial NCOs was very low. This was due to :-

- (1) Poor quality and morale of students.

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7. Police School.

The School accommodation has been greatly improved and the training facilities are now adequate except for repairs necessary to the drill square. A course, now in its third week, is attended by 11 NCOs and 32 Carabinieri of the Territorial Elements and 13 WCOs and 58 Carabinieri of Territorial Legions. The standard of students is above average.

8. P.T. School.

Despite great difficulties due to the shortage of equipment and very limited facilities the high standard attained by this School has been maintained. A course, now in its fifth week is attended by 27 Officers, 44 WCOs and 9 Carabinieri. An British Instructor SM MADISON has been replaced by JIM STEVENSON.

9. School of Motorisation.

The P.E. work on this School has been disappointingly slow. This is not due to inefficiency of workmen employed but due to the insufficiency of numbers employed. Accommodation is available for one Battalion of the Scuola Autieri, but no work has yet been commenced on the School for Junior Officers, Cadet Officers and Potential WCOs. In addition, sufficient training material has been drawn to stock 8 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 Battalion. At the moment therefore, the School is ready to receive 800 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 800 remain at the CAFE until 1 June, when it is hoped that accommodation and training stores will be available for them. This would mean that the initial 800 recruits would finish their course on 31 July and the second course on 31 August. The School would then be ready to receive 1600 recruits on 1 September. It is not envisaged that accommodation will be available for Junior Officer, Cadet Officer or Potential WCOs course before July.

The number of Instructors posted to the School is insufficient to meet instructional requirements. The position to date at the Scuola Autieri is as follows :-

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
Officers	46	27	19
NCOs	80	48	32
The position with regard to vehicles (Load Carriers, various capacities) for driving training is as follows :			
	<u>Needed for Trg.</u>	<u>On Strength.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
	<u>W.E.</u>		
Lorries	258	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

Of the 172 Lorries and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Lorries and 18 M/Cs require major repairs.

2. School of Motorisation.

The R.E. work on this School has been disappointingly slow. This is not due to inefficiency of workmen employed but due to the insufficiency of numbers employed. Accommodation is available for one Battalion of the Scuola Autieri, but no work has yet been commenced on the School for Junior Officers, cadet Officers and Potential NCOs. In addition, sufficient training material has been drawn to stock 3 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 Battalion. At the moment therefore, the School is ready to receive 300 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 900 remain at the OAFS until 1 June, when it is hoped that accommodation and training stores will be available for them. This would mean that the initial 800 recruits would finish their course on 31 July and the second course on 31 August. The School would then be ready to receive 1600 recruits on 1 September. It is not envisaged that accommodation will be available for Junior Officer, Cadet Officer or Potential NCOs course before July.

The number of instructors posted to the School is insufficient to meet instructional requirements. The position to date at the Scuola Autieri is as follows :-

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Officers	46	27	19
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The position with regard to vehicles (Load Carriers, various capacities) for driving training is as follows :

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>On Strength.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
Loaders	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

Of the 172 Loaders and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Loaders and 18 M/Cs require major repairs.

There is also a large deficiency in personnel for the H.T. Company - the position is as follows :-

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>On Strength.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
Officers	22	10	12
NCOs	59	26	33
Or (Drivers & W/S personnel)	167	240	227
	528	276	252

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9. School of Motorisation (Cont'd).

The course for Officer and NCO Instructors was completed on 30 April 1946. No examination was held since the aim of the course was to ensure that a level standard of instruction would be maintained in future recruit courses and that all instructors were conversant with the latest methods of instruction. Approval has been received from the Ministry of War for a fortnight's P.O.L. course for 2 Officers and 4 NCOs. After the course they will act as instructors with the eventual aim of improving P.O.L. Depots and Regimental Petrol Points throughout the Italian Army.

10. I & L School.

Alterations and repairs to the Caserma Puzosolo (No. 1 Detention Barracks) commenced on 2 April. This work has proceeded very slowly and the repair of the water supply, electric light and power lines are being treated as top priority. On the arrival of the first intake 300 students will attend a driver mechanics course at Cecchiagnola. It is also proposed that 130 students be trained at the Centro Studi Riva Flaminia - Via Ponte Vecchio in the following trades :-

Engine Fitters,
Chassis and Assembly Fitters,
Vehicle and Plant (Electricians)
Oil Engine Fuel Pump Experts.

The remainder of the students will receive tuition at one or the other of the two industrial schools - Duc d'Aosta via Trento or Gallileo Via Gento Verdi. 30 to 40 students will be entered for in the following trades :-

Turners.
Welders.
Woodworkers.
Blacksmiths.
Sheet Metal Workers.

Although this can be but a temporary solution it is felt that the use of the industrial schools is satisfactory for the training of the initial intake until such times as the barracks are ready at Cecchiagnola. Preparation of 16 classrooms for teaching daily maintenance tasks and the Workshop for repairs and maintenance of School of Motorisation vehicles is progressing favourably.

S.M.O.A.

This School moved from the Sacile Barracks to the Duke of Aosta Barracks Civitavecchia during April. This caused the postponement of the inspection of the Artillery Equipment course which commences 1 May. The standard of students on the current armours course is very low indeed. Some of the students cannot even write and of the 52 who commenced the course only 6 are expected to qualify. The move to the Duke of Aosta Barracks brought to light the appalling standard of discipline in this school. As a result Colonel Pallas, Commandant of the School of Artillery has found it necessary to replace the entire administrative staff.

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Vehicle and Plant (Electricians)
Of Engine Fuel Repairs.

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two industrial schools - one at Aosta via Trento or Galliano Via Costa Verdi.
50 to 40 students will be entered for in the following trades :-

Turners,
Welders,
Woodworkers,
Blacksmiths,
Sheet Metal Workers.

Although this can be but a temporary solution it is felt that the use of the
industrial schools is satisfactory for the training of the initial intake until
such times as the barracks are ready at Cossigliuola.
Preparation of 16 classrooms for teaching daily maintenance tasks and the
workshop for repairs and maintenance of School of Motorisation vehicles is
progressing favourably.

S.M.O.A.

This School moved from the Sacile Barracks to the Duke of Aosta
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light the appalling standard of discipline in this School. As a result
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replace the entire administrative staff.

11. School of Administration and Welfare.

The second course for Medical Assistants was completed on 26 April
46. It has not been as satisfactory as the previous course in that insufficient
care has been taken in the collection of students. Out of 72 students, only
40 have managed to complete the course and it is anticipated that only 30 will
qualify in the examinations. Constructional work on the School has not yet
commenced but a survey has been carried out and work is expected to commence
very shortly. It is anticipated that the School will be ready for a full
intake by the 20 May.

The Welfare Centre requires funds and also a quantity of books to equip a
library.

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Ordinance.

There is still a large stock of clothing and accessories in the Italian Central Storehouse, but most of this consists of Winter clothing. There has been no change in the LT spares position which remains critical. Stores including guns, have been released to the Artillery School and have been collected from WPILES.

The arrival of 60 day maintenance packs is patiently awaited. It is understood that they are now at the CARE Bagram awaiting distribution. During April 65 vehicles and 12 H/Cs were repaired. Efficiencies in personnel at the end of April are as follows :-

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The standard of discipline has in general deteriorated during the last month. Instances of bad discipline have, however, been investigated thoroughly and steps taken to prevent a recurrence. In the case of S.M.U. it has been necessary to effect a complete change of administrative officers. Although Commanding Officers of schools are well aware of the importance of providing welfare facilities for their men and much has been done in this direction the stage has now been reached when the improvement of facilities depends entirely upon the availability of funds.

The main grounds for dissatisfaction have been outlined in detail in previous reports. They are:

- There has been a great feeling of dis appointment that British soldiers which has been realised has not been released in time to train the first intake of recruits. This can only be temporary and this feeling will disappear when the contingent arrives.

Colonel.

A progress report has been received from S.D.II R.Sigs. M.H.I.A. too late to be included in the general report. It is forwarded as Appendix 'G'.

Distribution.

	General Report	Appendices.						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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Cond 12 MW	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO II	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
(Schools)								
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(Pre & Post War)								
Instr. III	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. IIIA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. R. Signs	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
War Diary	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2
Fleet	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
File	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2

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MEMA	7	24	7	10	3	10	10	7
Comd 12 BDU	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO II								
(Schools)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO III								
(Atty & Inf Reg)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. RM	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. MA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. H. Sig	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
War Navy	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2
Fleet	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Isle	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2

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RESULTS OF COURSES - APRIL 1946

1. School of Artillery.

OFFICERS	Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed
25 pr	16	19	16
<u>NOOs</u>			
25 pr	35	35	32
Specialists	15	15	15
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14
40 mm	16	16	16

2. Infantry School

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27
CAR NOOs	355	6	73	231
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41
Territorial NOOs	230	7	22	47

3. Signals School.

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good
<u>No. 3 Potential Signals</u>				
Instructors. - OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5
Wireless - N.C.Os.	26	-	6	10
Line. - N.C.Os.	35	3	6	9
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	10	4	3	3
Infantry Signaller - NOOs.	16	2	4	5

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RESULTS OF COURSES - APRIL 1946APPENDIX "A"To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report
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OFFICERS	Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed	Failed or Disqualified.
25 pr	16	19	16	3
<u>NCOs</u>				
25 pr	35	35	32	3
Specialists	15	15	15	-
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14	-
40 mm	16	16	16	-

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed	Failed
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27	8	-
CAR NCOs	35	6	7	23	40	8
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41	4	-
Territorial NCOs	230	7	22	47	72	-

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed.	Failed.
No. 3 Potential Signals						
Instructors. - OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5	4	1
Wireless - R.C.Os.	26	-	6	10	5	5
Line. - R.C.Os.	35	3	6	9	11	6
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	19	4	3	3	-	-
Infantry Signaller - NCOs.	16	2	4	5	3	2

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APPENDIX 'B'

To: 12 B.I.U. Progress Report
No. 17 Dated 1 May 1946.

(A) Detachments in all ranks as against W.D. 04/1040/1 dated 1 June 1945
(As amended)

(a) Officers - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II's	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
Arm Art (Veh) (RESE)	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech "	-	1	-	-	1
Elem Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor RA	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor 6 pdr A/T	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman (RE)	-	-	1	-	1
Clerk AD "	-	-	1	-	1
Clonks GD (Arm Arm)	-	-	2	-	2
Cook AGC	-	2	1	-	3
Interpreter	-	-	-	-	-
	1	8	1	4	14

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due for return.

(i) Officers.

LMOP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June '46.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LMOP - 1 E/Cpl due to return 3 June '46.
" 2 Ptes " 3 June '46.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in immediate future.

(i) Due under LMOP, LMOP etc.

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(ii) Due under GHO 1252/45

Officers 3
GHA 5

APPENDIX "G"

To: 12 B.I.U. Progress Report No. 17

Dated 4 May 1946.

Progress Report for Signal School by SO II R. Sigs, INIA.

1. Review Progress Report in respect of the Italian Signal Training Centre for the month of April 46.

(a) General.

Owing to the pressure of work in other directions I have been able to pay only three visits to the above School during April, but I have maintained throughout close liaison with the Commander, Col. MAFFUCCI, and during the period 25/28 April he and I, together with Major GILBERTI, visited the British School of Signals, GWT, at PADUA. This visit proved to be highly instructive and enjoyable. The British School is expecting to close down within the next six months and its Commander has promised that, when it goes up, he will hand over to the Italian School all his home-made items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

(b) British Personnel.

Corporal WERTON, ex 70 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as HQ Instructor R. Sigs, 12 B.I.U. On 30 April I installed him at Gocchignuolo, where he will be accommodated and goes with 24 Coy RASC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yards from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor R. Sigs he will occupy himself by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

(c) Notes.

The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 30 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely well planned.

(d) Courses.

No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and the Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and HQs duly finished on the 20 April. Results of these courses are given in Appendix "A".

(e) Stores.

The release of the Interim Controlled Signal Stores requirements was received from G.H.Q. GWT on 20 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian Officer, 10 Italian ORs, and Col. WERTON left for Porto Cervo on 2 May. This party will draw the stores from 3 000 Depot 557 MOD and will then accompany them by rail to Magliana Ostiense Station, the nearest to Cecognuolo. 50 Wireless Stations, No. 48, complete,

over to the Italian School all his home-made items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

(c) British Personnel.

Colonel WERTON, ex 73 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as NCO Instructor R.Sigs, 47 P.I.U. On 30 April I installed him at Ceccagnuolo, where he will be accommodated and mess with 24 Pz Coy H&SC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yards from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor R. Sigs he will occupy himself by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

(e) Works.

The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 30 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely well planned.

(d) Courses.

No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and the Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs duly finished on the 28 April. Results of these courses are given in Appendix "A".

(e) Stores.

The release of the interim Controlled Signal Stores requirements was received from G HQ C&S on 29 April. A party consisting of 4 Italian Officers, 10 Italian ORs, and Col. WERTON left for Porto Cervo on 2 May. This party will draw the stores from 3 Sub Depot 597 ZOD and will then accompany them by rail to Cagliari Outcensor Station, the nearest to Ceccagnuolo. 50 Wireless Stations, No. 48, complete, were added by me to the original interim list, prepared by Col. SKEWER, as it has since been ascertained from HQ that this type of set will be available to the Italian Interim Army, and a proportion has been included in my Controlled Signal Stores demand for the latter.

(f) Reg Establishment.

I have recently reviewed the W.E. of the School, and on of the opinion that it should be scrapped and entirely re-written. I have put this opinion forward to the G-4 (Training) who agrees. As the recruit training is due to commence very shortly, however, I have arranged to put forward to the Ministry of War certain essential amendments which I have agreed with Col. MAWUSO and which are as follows :-

- (1) The deletion from HQ of the Officer with Administrative functions and the substitution of an Administrative Office consisting of 5 Officers, 7 NCOs and 6 ORs.
- (2) The increasing of the Training Office from 2 Officers, 3 NCOs, and 3 ORs to 6 Officers, 4 NCOs and 3 ORs.
- (3) The insertion of a Stores and Workshops organisation consisting of 2 Officers, 7 NCOs and 13 ORs.

12 A.L.U. Progress Report of Italian Central Military Schools
For Period 1 - 31 March 1946.

Ref: C/A.3/1071

1 April 1946.

GENERAL.

Although good progress has been made by many Schools, the main problem remains the delay in construction and completion of Barrack buildings due entirely to financial reasons. A Memorandum by Colonel L.N. Mackay CBE, Commander 12 R.L.U. is attached as Appendix 'A' to this Report.

Detailed equipment staff tables have been prepared showing requirements for all Schools in respect of weapons, ammunition etc for period April - December 1946.

1. School of Tactics.

With the exception of a short course of instruction in British tactical training, instructional and administrative methods attended by six Colonels, the month under review has been spent in planning and organising the School of Tactics at its new location at CIVINAVECCHIA. General Matteoli has devoted much energy and enthusiasm towards the formation of the School.

Progress has been retarded by :-

- (a) The failure of building materials to arrive.
 - (b) The failure of S.M.R.E. to produce a W.E. for the School.
- Provided that the project is approved from the financial view point it is hoped that the School will be ready to operate on 1 June 1946.

2. Armoured Car School.

The course which commenced in February was concluded in the early days of the month. The School has now moved to a new location at FOR DI QUINTO and is passing through a phase of reorganisation. The release of a further 16 Staffheads and 5 Drivers has greatly increased training facilities.

3. School of Artillery.

The series of instructors courses which have been held during the past months are now nearing completion.

A further series of instructors courses, of 5 weeks duration, commenced on 10 March 1946.

The course is divided into two parts, the first three weeks being devoted to instruction in equipment, Artillery theory, and in technical and tactical use of instruments whilst the remaining fortnight is devoted to practical instruction in the field and instruction in "Methods of Instruction".

The numbers under instruction are as follows

Officers ECOs	25th	17th & 6th	40th
	Instructors	Instructors	Instructors
	18	-	9081
	50	24	24

At the conclusion of the review of courses on 10 April 1946 the following

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3. School of Artillery.

The series of instructors courses which have been held during the past months are now nearing completion.

A further series of instructors courses, of 5 weeks duration, commenced on 10 March 1946.

The course is divided into two parts, the first three weeks being devoted to instruction in equipment, Artillery theory, and in technical and tactical use of instruments whilst the remaining fortnight is devoted to practical instruction in the field and instruction in "Methods of Instruction".

The numbers under instruction are as follows

	25pr	17pr & 6pr	40 pr
	Instructors	Instructors	Instructors
Officers	18	-	-
NGOs	50	21	24

At the conclusion of this series of courses on 10 April 1946 the following courses will be run under British supervision.

- (a) 430 Instructors course.
- (b) 114 Instructors Course.
- (c) 5.5 Red Instructors Course.

The repair of the Genio Barracks at BRACCIANO has progressed smoothly throughout the month and all work will be completed by 1 May 1946. An application has been submitted for the transfer of the Duke of Aosta Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA from the British School of Artillery to the Italian School of Artillery on 15 April 1946. This would provide ample accommodation for the recruit training centre.

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3. School of Artillery (Cont'd).

Accounts of courses completed on 10 March 1946 are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report. Reference should be made to the outstanding work of Major HOW, R.A., whose enthusiasm and energy has contributed greatly to the progress of the School and rendered the task of his successor Major ALKEMER R.A. considerably easier.

4. Engineer School.

No courses have been held during the month but time has been spent in the organisation of barracks and preparation of fieldwork, bridging and demolition sites in readiness for the recruit training programme. The School is situated in a malarial area and steps are now in progress to reduce the danger of high incidence of malaria. The danger could be still further reduced by :-

- (a) The issue of spraying liquids and pumps.
- (b) A further processing of barracks with DDT.

Major CHAPMAN, R.E. has now replaced Major LARINGTON R.E. as S.O. R.E.

5. Signal School.

With the exception of the building of partition walls for the class rooms, little structural work has been carried out on the barracks.

The S.E. has been finally approved and although the strength is 60 less than was demanded, should prove adequate.

Ten 19 sets have been loaned by the Armoured Car School which has relieved temporarily the shortage of sets for instructional purposes but the shortage of wireless vehicles still renders the holding of mobile schemes difficult.

Two courses which commenced on 21 January 1946 were concluded in the early days of the month. Results are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

The entire potential signal instructors course and a wireless course for Infantry Signal Officers and WOCs, both of six weeks duration commenced on 11 March 1946. The following personnel are under instruction :-

	Officers	WOCs	Total.
No.3 Signal Instructors Course	22	70	92
No.4 Infantry Signals Course	10	19	29

Programmes have been prepared for recruits courses in May and approval obtained for the three months Infantry and Artillery Signallers courses.

6. Infantry School.

The courses for Instructors for C.A.Bs and for Territorial Officers are now in their fifth week. Preparations have commenced for the new Infantry School organisation.

The transformation is being made in the following stages :-

- (a) The appointment of Commanders of wings and the implementation of

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With the exception of the building of permanent rooms, little structural work has been carried out on the barracks. The V.E. has been finally approved and although the strength is 60 less than was demanded, should prove adequate.

Item 19 sets have been loaned by the Armoured Car School which has relieved temporarily the shortage of sets for instructional purposes but the shortage of wireless vehicles still renders the holding of mobile schemes difficult. The courses which commenced on 24 January 1946 were concluded in the early days of the month. Results are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

The third potential signal instructors course and a wireless course for Infantry Signal Officers and NCOs, both of six weeks duration commenced on 11 March 1946. The following personnel are under instruction:-

	Officers	NCOs	Total
20.3 Signal Instructors Course	22	70	92
20.4 Infantry Signals Course	10	19	29

Programmes have been prepared for recruits courses in May and approval obtained for the three months Infantry and Artillery signallers courses.

6. Infantry School.

The courses for Instructors for CARs and for Territorial Officers are now in their fifth week. Preparations have commenced for the new Infantry School organisation.

The transformation is being made in the following stages:-

- (a) The appointment of Commanders of wings and the implementation of the Establishment. This stage will be completed by 20 April.
- (b) The preparation of training programmes and a detailed analysis of lessons to be taught. This stage will be completed by 6 April.
- (c) The training of a large number of new instructors required for the School. Provided that new weapons are forthcoming it is hoped that this stage will be completed in all branches, i.e. MG and 4.2-in mortar by the beginning of July.

7. Police School.

The 7th course for Military Police finished on 23 March with the following results.

Very Good.	2 Students.
Good.	12 "
Fair.	86 "
Failed.	10 "

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7. Police School (Cont'd).

The standard of students in this course was below average.

The Carabinieri School accommodation has been improved by the addition of three quarters of the old hospital.

8. P.T. School.

The 3rd P.T. Course of eight weeks duration was concluded on 9th March 1946. Of an initial total of 56 students, 15 were returned to their units as being unsuitable to make instructors or through sickness. The results of the 40 officers, 24 NCOs and 2 Carabinieri who concluded the course are as follows :-

Students suitable as School Instructors	NIL.
Very good regimental instructors	3
Good "	19
Average "	11
Unsuitable	8

Since the course ended a refresher course has been run for School Instructors in preparation for the three months course commencing 1 April 1946.

Emphasis has been made in previous reports on the vital necessity of the P.T. School receiving the consideration which is its due in the curriculum of training in the Italian Army. There is still a tendency to regard this School as a "dead" of the British Army, whereas it should be a corner stone in the plan of reconstruction now being developed. Inadequate buildings and equipment and lack of enthusiasm in high quarters make the task of the permanent staff even more difficult than necessary.

9. School of Motorisation.

The need for early commencement of R.E. work at this School cannot be over emphasised. There now remain five weeks until the arrival of recruits. Officer Instructors for the School are arriving and the present strength is 42.

Training material (component parts of vehicles) and wall diagrams are being drawn, though the amounts to date are insufficient to meet instructional requirements.

The following courses are being held :-

- (a) Instructors course of 4 weeks duration which commenced on 5 March and is attended by 35 Officers and 109 NCOs. The aim of the course is to ensure that the future instructors of the School of Motorisation maintain uniformity in M instruction and are conversant with the latest methods of instruction.
- (b) A short D & K Course for 30 drivers who have been posted to the School as drivers but are not in possession of Military driving licences.

The results of No. 7 D & M Course which ended on 1st March 1946 are shown in Appendix 'E' to this report.

Since the course ended a refresher course has been run for School Instructors in preparation for the three months course commencing 1 April 1946.

Analysis has been made in previous reports on the vital necessity of the P.T. School receiving the consideration which is its due in the curriculum of training in the Italian Army. There is still a tendency to regard this School as a 'don't' of the British Army, whereas it should be a corner stone in the edifice of reconstruction now being developed. Inadequate buildings and equipment and lack of enthusiasm in high quarters make the task of the permanent staff even more difficult than necessary.

9. School of Motorisation.

The need for early commencement of P.E. work at this School cannot be over emphasised. There now remain five weeks until the arrival of recruits. Officer Instructors for the School are arriving and the present strength is 42.

Training material (component parts of vehicles) and wall diagrams are being drawn, though the amounts to date are insufficient to meet instructional requirements.

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10. E & M School.

Preparation for the move of the vehicle repair centre to the School of Motorisation have progressed and it will move to GEOCHICHUOLA during the first few days of this month. Some training models and wall charts have been obtained.

In the event of the Artillery Recruit Training Centre being established at the Duke of Aosta barracks CIVITAVECCHIA, it is proposed to move the School of Armoury from the Sacile barracks where it is at present located into the Duke of Aosta barracks and thus releasing the Sacile barracks to the School of Engineers.

Results of courses which concluded on 30 March 1946 at the motorisation repair centre are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

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11. School of Administration and Welfare.

A course for Medical Orderlies and assistants was commenced during the month. The object of the course is to provide OARS with the necessary number of medical orderlies and assistants to meet their requirements. Repairs to the barracks are progressing slowly. These consist of :-

- (a) The partitioning of certain rooms to form small class rooms.
- (b) The provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers.

12. Administration.

(a) Quarantine Services.

Stocks of summer clothing held in the Italian storehouses, in particular at CIVITAVECCHIA and BRACCIANO are definitely insufficient to maintain Units on the summer scale of clothing. The Captain QM's view the position with great concern as the prospects of satisfaction in this direction are very remote, especially as the clothing will be drawn from Italian sources and will consist mainly of cleaned part worn clothing withdrawn last year.

Collection has been arranged from NAPLES of gun stores for the School of Artillery and two of the 17pr gun barrels have been returned to the Return Gun Park, NAPLES.

The situation regarding M.T. spares particularly tyres, remains serious.

(b) R.E.M.E.

The 60 day Maintenance packs promised in Jan 1946 have not yet materialised. In spite of the difficulties of supply of spares the production curve shows a marked rise - 83 vehicles and 7 m/cs. Movement of the workshop to ROME has been rumoured but beyond enquiries as to the composition of an augmented L.A.D. for servicing the vehicles at CESANO, nothing definite has arisen.

During March 16 vehicles and m/cs have been passed back to A.O.R.N. Workshops at BOLOGNA.

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No noticeable change from conditions outlined in Progress Report No. 15 for February 1946.

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Grounds for dissatisfaction exist for two main reasons :-

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The difficulties in finance for Italian Officers was outlined in detail in Progress Report No. 15. Little can be added except to point out that if conditions are not improved, the standard of efficiency of instructors will deteriorate rapidly.

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Colonel.
Cmdr. 12 British Infantry Bnlt for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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GSC II							
(Schools)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
GSC III							
(Ing & Inf)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. IE	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr RA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr R.Sigs	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
War Diary	2	2	2	2	-	2	2
Float	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
File	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	2	-	2	2

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DELAY IN COMPLETION OF BARRACK BUILDINGS.

During the month I have made a visit (in some cases more than one) to all the Scuole comprising the Scuole Centrali Militari. With the possible exception of Civitavecchia, where the Contractors are working busily and considerable progress has been made, the standard is deplorable. The Italian military authorities have, in every case, prepared an estimate and detailed memoranda of their requirements. Genio Militare prepared financial estimates of the cost of the work involved. Up to this point there can be no criticism or suggestion of negligence on the part of either the personnel of Comando Scuole or Genio Militare. But virtually nothing has been done. The position caused me considerable alarm at the beginning of the month and I visited General Cortelezza and consequently Signor Brozio, Minister of War, and endeavored to impress upon them both, that unless funds were made available to implement essential work, the position on the 1st of May (when the Schools were supposed to start) would be a serious one. Both General Cortelezza and the Minister were co-operative, but there was only one answer. The Italian Government has not yet authorized the funds to meet the cost of the contracts. In spite of promises and a certain amount of optimistic thinking the position is virtually the same at the end of the month. The work has not yet started. Without being defeatist, it can be said quite definitely that the essential buildings will not be in the condition which we hoped, by the 1st May. This fact must be accepted and I have therefore impressed on the Italian Commanders of all the Schools that this unfortunate situation must not allow them in any way either to lose hope or slacken their efforts. They must improvise.

I am glad to say that, with the possible exception of Colonel Matteis, Commanding the Scuole Autieri, the response of the Commanders of the Schools has been most satisfactory. All of them have prepared interim plans to enable the Schools to operate under adverse conditions which are now inevitable. None of them have lost heart and I am confident that although we shall not attain the ideal for which we hoped, training will be able to commence and, to a large extent, the welfare factor, on which the Director has made so much emphasis, will not be neglected. Provisional Spaccio's and welfare facilities have been organized and every effort has been made to provide the maximum possible comfort under existing conditions to improve the living conditions of the men. I am glad to say the response of the military officers concerned, although deploring the inaction of the Italian Government, is, to say the least, most fortunate. As an indication to the clarity of thought and thoroughness with which the Colonels are dealing with their problems, I attach a memorandum written by Col. Mancuso on the conditions at Cocciniglia, and from personal observation I am satisfied that there is not one word of overstatement in what he says. None the less, he is not allowing himself to be defeated and the Schools for which he is responsible will start on the 1st May.

Enclosure with Appendix 'A'
to: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
Dated 1 April 1946.

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI GENIO
COMANDO

WJ.02/66/Res.

Rome 13, 10 March 1946.

Subject :- Signal School - Barracks at Cecchiagnola - Arrangements.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE GENERAL CHIEF, THE CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

OSCARO DI ROME.

At the moment when the recruits will flow in for the Advanced Training by this School is getting near, I think it necessary to put things clear about the situation of the School with regard to the necessary accommodation and the training premises.

1. Up to this date - 10 March - of all the works foreseen to give a simple but reasonable settlement to this School nothing has been done - not a single nail has been driven and not a single brick laid. Nothing has changed from the original conditions except for a very few works done by some workmen of the Direzione Lavori for the accommodation of the permanent staff.

2. Of all the following works planned :

To transform the stables into school-rooms -	amounting to L. 8,000,000
Fixtures for the school rooms -	2,100,000
10 Buildings, Barracks A & B etc -	17,000,000
General service building -	
(Kitchens, Baths, Washing rooms etc) -	11,000,000
To make or repair the fixtures for all the Buildings -	
Water supply and hygienic installation -	15,000,000
TOTAL -	1,100,000
	<u>L. 54,200,000</u>

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3. As I know something about this kind of work and about the difficulties to carry them on I can easily foresee that on the 1st May the situation will be about the following :

When the recruits will arrive, only a few class rooms will be ready, yet without doors or windows - the expenditure for same not having been paid, as yet - and besides :

(a) fairly good accommodation - as already ascertained by General Renzo - for 750 men;

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- (a) fairly good accommodation - as already ascertained by General Ronco - for 750 men;
- (b) Lodgings for some 2,300 - no doors, no windows, no light;
- (c) Hygienic installations very poor and such that may lead to dangerous epidemics: draining system needing badly to be repaired;
- (d) Water supply needing to be repaired and improved to satisfy the necessities of about 3,000 men, especially in summer;
- (e) Kitchens available - field kitchens - for 600 units only, that could be made sufficient for 900 units at the utmost, while the units to be fed are 3,000.

This is the situation as it actually is and as it will remain for a long time still if exceptional measures will not be taken.

General Ronco will agree that this situation is not such as to favourably impress the new Recruits who from the start should receive the impression that everything has been conveniently prepared for them in a military fashion.

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Now, even if decent accommodation must be put off for the moment owing to particular reasons, even if the question of the Kitchens can be temporarily solved by using Field Kitchens, if available, even if provisionally I will try my best to provide for the electric light (switches, bulbs etc must be bought anyhow) nothing can be done to solve, in the same way the problem of the missing windows, doors, draining system and water supply.

According to my opinion it is necessary therefore, that the authority should be immediately given for the following expenditures:

Fixtures for the school rooms	Amounting to L. 2,100,000
Repairs and new fixtures for all the remaining buildings	15,000,000
Water supply and Hygienic Installations	<u>1,100,000</u>
	L. 18,200,000

Expenditures for all the remaining could be deferred to the next financial year, or considering it is an exceptional measure - it is not really exceptional at all - authority could be given for the works to be started and payment of same postponed until the next financial year.

I am sure that the Contractors would agree to a deferred payment.

I consider it my duty to inform General Rado of the above because it is necessary that - if he will consider it convenient - the real situation of the Schools should be taken up on a higher level.

The Colonel Commandant,
(S. MANOUCU)

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To:

RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.					
1. School of Artillery.	OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	33	Passed
	25 pr	43	43	33	35
	17 & 6 pr	18	18		18
	40 uni	8	8		8
	<u>NCOs.</u>				
	25 pr	71	70		70
	17 & 6 pr	23	23		15
	40 uni	14	14		14
2. Signal School.	No. 2 Sigs Instr Course	<u>Officers.</u>	13 Passed	2 Failed.	
		<u>NCOs.</u>	Very Good.	Good.	Average.
			3	7	14
	No. 1 Course for CC.RR	Officers	2	4	3
	Wireless Operators.	NCOs.	6	11	5
		Carabinieri	1	16	34
3. School of Motorisation.	No. 5 D & M Course	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course.		
		of Course.	of Course.		
		394	359		

RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

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OFFICERS

Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course
25 pr	43
17 & 6 pr	18
40 pr	8

Passed	Unclassified Sur Officers	Failed.
35	8	-
18	-	-
8	-	-

NCOs.

25 pr	71
17 & 6 pr	23
40 pr	14

70	70
23	15
14	14

1	8	-
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No. 2 Sigs Instr Course

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Officers	3	7	14	17	10
NCOs.	2	4	3	-	2
Carabinieri	6	11	5	-	4
	1	16	34	-	9

No. 1 Course for CO. RR
Wireless Operators.

No. 6 D & R Course

Total at Commencement of Course.	Total at end of Course.	Passed.	Failed.
394	359	264	95

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4.	E & M School.	Course.	Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	
		Veh Mech	Officer	11	1	
			NCOs	7	7	
			ORs	24	24	
		Elect (v)	ORs	9	9	
		Dvr Mechs	NCOs	15	15	
			ORs	152	148	14
		Turners	ORs	6	6	
		Fitters (Gen)	ORs	19	19	1
		Elect (House)	ORs	12	12	

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APPENDIX 'B' (Continued).

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Veh Mech	Officer	11	1	-	-
	NCOs	7	7	7	-
	ORs	24	24	22	2
Elect (v)	ORs	9	9	9	-
Dev Mech	NCOs	15	15	15	-
	ORs	152	148	141	7
Turners	ORs	6	6	4	2
Pitters (Gen)	ORs	19	19	17	2
Elect (House)	ORs	12	12	9	3

APPENDIX 'G'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. GA/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945
 (As amended)

(i) Officers - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II's	Srts	Cpls	Pter	TOTAL
Arm Art (Veh) (RIME)	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech "	-	1	-	-	1
Elec Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech "	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman (RF)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	-	1	1
Instr Op W/T (R. Sigs)	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	-	1	1
Cook AGC	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	-	2	-	-	2
TOTALS	1	6	1	3	11

(B) Details of all Ranks on leave and when due for return.

(i) Officers.

LEAP - 1 officer due to return 7 April 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LEAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 19 April 1946.

(C) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

(i) Due under LEAP, LILCP etc

Officers	1
GRs	3

(ii) Due under GRC 1352/45

Officers	3
GRs	5

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Progress Report by C.S.O. II Training, 12 British Liaison Unit
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5 March 1946.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of February 1946.

1. GENERAL.

Most of the Schools are now in the final location, but the delay in moving of establishments and clarification of functions of the Schools has hindered the re-organisation. Financial considerations have delayed or caused to be abandoned much of the constructional work required if the Centre is to be ready to receive the intakes from the C.A.Rs.

It cannot be said that there has been any great improvement in discipline, standards of instruction or general efficiency of the Centre. On the other hand there is a welcome increase in the amount of initiative taken by the Italian Headquarters and School Commanders.

2. INFANTRY TRAINING.

The disbandment of the two Infantry Regiments (236 and 336) of the old 'Piemonte' division is now complete with the exception of small rear parties. The Infantry School has taken over the accommodation of the old 336 Regiment. The planning for the Infantry School can now go ahead. The programmes for the course in July are being prepared and instructors selected.

The Infantry School runs a second course for instructors for C.A.R. (for results see Appendix 'A'). The standard of instruction showed signs that the instructors are getting better. This is due to insufficient break between the courses. A further course for C.A.R. instructors and a course for officers from territorial commands starts in the first week of March (See Appendix 'B'). At the risk of repetition, the outstanding requirements of the Infantry School are:-

- (a) The construction of permanent ranges. (Plans have been submitted separately).
- (b) The construction of drill squares and repair of roads in the Camp.
- (c) Translation of Training Pamphlets on A.M.G. and 4.2-in Mortar.

3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The current course finishes on the 9th March '46. 39 of the students remain, about 25 of whom should become useful physical training instructors. The P.T.S. School has made excellent progress in the last month. A certain amount of fresh training material has arrived (none from British sources). Considerable progress has been made in improving the outdoor facilities.

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4. ARTILLERY SCHOOL.

Training of Instructors for the intake of Artillery Recruits intake continues. This has been satisfactory in all branches except for the 17 pr ICCs, who were handicapped by the fact that only 1 gun was available for training.

The principle handicaps to training are :-

- (a) The difficulty in arranging planes for target towing.
- (b) Difficulties in repairing the moving target apparatus for A/T shooting, for which a welding set is essential.
- (c) Some form of L.A.D. is required if guns are to be kept efficient also for the production of local training aids.

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ARTILLERY SCHOOL (Cont'd)

Details of future courses are shown in Appendix, but in addition all instructors already trained in Artillery subjects will undergo a three weeks course dealing with the following subjects.

- (i) General elementary training of the recruit.
- (ii) Physical Training.
- (iii) Unit administration.
- (iv) Maintenance of Equipment.

5. SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION.

The course commenced on 15th January '46 finished on 28th February. Details of the results, however, are not yet to hand. The course appeared to run fairly efficiently and the Commandant of the School, Colonel NEWMAN, appears a most energetic Officer.

A new establishment was submitted to the Ministry of War and it is hoped the School will be organised as follows :-

- (a) 1 Company to train 60 Junior Officers on a 6 month Course.
- (b) 2 Battalions each to train 800 recruit drivers on a three month D & M Course.
- (c) 1 Company for 50 Cadet Officers and 50 NCOs.
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For training purposes the chief need is for sectioned parts, models and diagrams as the original material held by the D & M School is quite insufficient. The state of accommodation is giving cause for anxiety as while there is now sufficient space, repairs have not yet started.

Two future courses are projected.

- (i) An M.T. Instructors course which will be a refresher course for the 30 Officers and 1,150 NCOs of the old D & M School, starting 5th March.
- (ii) A P.O.L. Course initially for all arms in Unit Petrol Storage. Later courses being for Automobilitia Officers in Bulk Storage. These courses will be held at a Petrol Depot in RMSE.

6. SIGNALS SCHOOL.

Of the 181 students under training at the beginning of the month, 171 remain with a fortnight to go. The 10 students who have departed, coming from the potential instructors course. The progress of the remainder is satisfactory. Training has been impeded by the temporary shortage of 19 sets (owing to the Armoured course) and by shortage of instructors.

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As with other Schools at ORUENICUOLA, the repair of the barracks is going ahead very slowly.

7. D & M School.

It appears probable that this School will be split into two parts. The vehicle part moving to the School of Motorisation, the Armaments part remaining at BACILE barracks.

At the moment the following are under training.

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Of the 181 students under training at the beginning of the month, 171 remain with a fortnight to go. The 10 students who have departed, coming from the potential instructors course. The progress of the remainder is satisfactory.

Training has been impeded by the temporary shortage of 19 sets (owing to the Armoured course) and by shortage of wireless vehicles, which have made mobile schemes difficult.

As with other Schools at CROCHIGNUOLA, the repair of the barracks is going ahead very slowly.

7. D & M School.

It appears probable that this School will be split into two parts. The Vehicle part moving to the School of Motorisation, the Armaments part remaining at SACHLE barracks.

At the moment the following are under training.

Driver Mechanics	-	172
Vehicle Mechanics	-	42
General Fitters	-	19
House Electricians	-	9
Turners	-	3
TOTAL	-	243

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7. M.M.I. School (Continued).

While the layout of the School and the facilities are quite good, the shortages of instructors as mentioned in previous Progress Reports remains and little effort to fill vacancies is apparent. Moreover, while the numbers under training for Vehicle Maintenance and repairs is satisfactory, the other responsibilities appear to be neglected.

8. ENGINEER SCHOOL.

Has been mainly occupied in the transfer of its stores and equipment to AURIELLA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA, a task which is now complete.

Supervision of this School has been impossible owing to the lack of a SO. RN during the last month.

A course for Junior NCOs is in progress.

9. ARMOURD CAR COURSE.

After a shaky start this course appears to be going very well.

Sufficient equipment has arrived, and owing to the enthusiasm of the R.A.C. Trainee Team, the remaining difficulties are being overcome.

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The syllabus of the course to be run at the School is as follows :-

Services Course.

- (a) Unit administration and Accounts.
- (b) Care and Maintenance of Stores, arms, ammunition etc.
- (c) Supplies in general composition of rations improvements.
- (d) Organisation of functions of Messes, cookhouses etc.
- (e) Accommodation General Camp sites, permanent sites.
- (f) Hygiene, Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases, Unit Infirmaries, Medical Orderlies, Prophylactic Stations.
- (g) Welfare of personnel, discipline, relations between army ranks and duties toward same.
- (h) Maintenance of Vehicles.

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SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE (Cont'd).

The above courses, for Junior Officers of all arms, total 30 ($\frac{1}{3}$ Captains, $\frac{2}{3}$ Subalterns), 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

Hygiene Course.

- (a) Hygiene Installations, permanent and occasional.
- (b) Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases.
- (c) Precautions to be followed for the good health of soldiers.
- (d) Food composition of rations, effects in varied climatic conditions.
- (e) Welfare discipline, relations between Medical and Regimental Officers, Medical adviser to Commanding Officers.
- (f) Organisation of Infirmarys, Medical inspection rooms, First Aid.
- (g) P.T., Sports and Games.
- (h) Duties of a Medical Officer.
- (i) Training of Medical Assistants.

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Care and Welfare of Soldiers.

- (a) Unit administration, Scope of Allowances and Grants.
- (b) Clothing, equipment, accommodation and maintenance.
- (c) Supplies, Rations, composition cooking.
- (d) Hygiene.
- (e) Control of personnel, discipline, rewards, leave etc.
- (f) Welfare and assistance organisations.
- (g) Canteens administration.
- (h) Organisation of Theatres, Cinemas, Clubs, Libraries and Schools.
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- (iii) Course for Storekeeper.
- (iv) Course for Stenographers.
- (v) Course for relief Draughtsmen.

The programme for the above courses is being revised. Each course will consist of 30 NCOs.

Other courses for the Senior Regimental Officers will also be introduced as and when the situation permits.

Some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining certain accommodation and R.E. supplies but the situation is expected to improve shortly, finance being the chief factor preventing certain work being effected.

The first course and transfer from SIVE to RIETI will take place at the beginning of March.

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13. INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL - SIVA.

The School is running a short course for Infantry Generals from Territorial Commands, in the nature of an orientation course and also a course for Junior Medical Officers. After this the School disbanded, a part forming the Co-operation School at CIVITAVECCHIA.

A certain amount of progress has already been made towards this. The Commandant, General MATTEOLI has been appointed and is collecting his staff. Expenditure on barracks has been authorized.

A syllabus is being prepared but there is a big need of materials covering formation training.

Results of the 2nd Course for Officers of C.A.Rs is given in Appendix 'A'.

14. ADMINISTRATION OF CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.(a) Accommodation.

As already pointed out, difficulty is being experienced in starting new building projects owing to lack of money. Those already started are in most cases nearly completed.

(b) R.E.M.E. Matters.

Lack of spare parts is holding up the repair of vehicles and to a lesser extent shortage of skilled tradesmen, however there is a slight improvement in the number of vehicles repaired in the last month.

Four of the MVR vehicles have been evacuated to A.O.R.E. BOLOGNA but another 16 are still awaiting evacuation.

Repairs of small arms are also held up by lack of spares and also by the lack of interest by Italian Commanders in the state of weapons.

(c) Discipline.

A rather marked drop in standard during the last month caused probably by the unsettlement occasioned by the move of Schools and disbandment of Units. It is thought this is only temporary.

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The Italians are making a big drive on this at the moment and the Senior Medical Officer conducts effective inspections of all Units. A water shortage has fortunately been averted by the recent rains.

(e) Welfare.

Games and sports are now being well organized. The conditions of living of permanent staffs in places like CESANO is far from satisfactory. Absence of furniture, books, and other recreational facilities which means that Officers and NCOs go to ROME as far as their money will allow them.

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(f) Morale.

The dissatisfaction of Officers and NCOs with conditions in the army continues and many Officers are leaving the centre owing to financial difficulties. The comparative table given in Appendix 'C' shows why a married Officer will prefer to be stationed in ROME where he can live with his family, and gets more 'cost of living' allowance, rather than at this Centre where he gets less allowance and can find no accommodation. The Artillery School has already lost four of its best Officers.

The remedy might be the introduction of Instructors Pay, or that married families can draw army rations on repayment. At the moment, however, to be posted to the Central Military Schools contains many disadvantages and no apparent benefits.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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+Results of Courses for T.T.Cs as at Appendix 'A' attached.

+Course in progress and Future Courses as on 28 February 1946. - as at Appendix 'B' attached.

Comparative Pay Table " " " 'C' "

++Staff List of 12 B.L.U. " " " 'D' "

+++Staff List of Italian Officers " " " 'E' "

Lieut-Col and above

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GSO II (Schools)	(1)
S.O. R.Stgs	(1)
Pile	
Fleet	
Sparos	(2)

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RESULTS OF COURSES FOR T.T.C's.

COURSE	Excellent.	V. Good	Good
2nd Course for Bn Comds at CAR's held at SIVA	6	7	20
2nd Course for Coy Comds at CAR's	-	-	10
2nd Course for Pl. Comds at CAR's held at Infantry School	9	35	50
2nd Course for NCO Instructors for CAR's held at 336 Regt			10
2nd Course for Junior NCOs (Graduate) Instra for CAR's held at 336 Regt	1	17	103
Hygiene Course	5	16	24

ARTILLERY SCHOOL RESULTS

COURSE	
25 pr Officer Instructors	
17 & 6 pr Officer Instructors	
40 mm Officer Instructors	
25 pr NCO Instructors	
17 & 6 pr NCO Instructors	
40 mm NCO Instructors	

APPENDIX 'A'RESULTS OF COURSES FOR T.T.C.'s.To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report
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	Excellent.	V. Good	Good	Sufficient	Failed	No Results	Total.
IVa	6	7	20	-	-	-	33
Infantry School	-	-	10	8	1	1	20
held at 336 Regt	9	35	50	9	-	1	104
for CAR's held at 336 Regt	1	17	103	64	109	-	294
	5	16	21	10	11	10	75

	Passed	Failed	No Results	Total
	14	-	1	15
	18	-	-	18
	8	-	1	9
	69	2	-	71
	15	8	-	23
	14	-	-	14

COURSE IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE COURSE AS ON 28 FEBRUARY '46.

Course in Progress

School	Course	Start	End	Offrs	NCOs	OR's	Total	Future Course
S.I.V.A.								
Infantry School	Armoured Car	7/2	?	25	46	-	71	Generals Territorial Divs Medical Officers
Engineers	Student NCO's	1/2	1/1	-	70	-	70	3rd C.A.R. Territorial Offrs
Artillery	Physical Training	25/2	18/3	24	55	-	79	
	Recruit Training	25/2	18/3	22	55	-	77	NCO Instructors
	Administration	25/2	18/3	-	91	-	91	
	Workshops	25/2	18/3	-	9	-	9	
Signals	CC.RR W/T Arm'd Car	17/2	7/3	11	26	61	98	Infantry W/T Instructors
Motorisation School.	CC.RR Instructors	15/1	28/2	16	15	-	31	
	Drivers	15/1	28/2	-	9	370	379	
S.M.O.A.	CC.RR Driver Mechs	23/1	30/3	-	-	172	172	
	" Fitters etc	15/1	30/3	12	9	55	76	
P.T. School	Instructors	14/1	9/3	18	21	-	39	Instructors
Military Police	CC.RR Mil Police	25/2	24/3	13	114	-	127	

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APPENDIX 'B'

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Future Courses.

Start	End	Offrs	NCOs	OR's	Total	Course	Start	End	Offrs	NCOs	OR's	Total
						Generals Territorial Divs	4/3	14/3	11	-	-	11
						Medical Officers	4/3	23/3	30	-	-	30
2	?	25	46	-	71	3rd C.A.R.	4/3	15/4	100	300	-	400
						Territorial Offrs	4/3	15/4	80	220	-	300
2	1/4	-	70	-	70							
2	18/3	24	55	-	79	NCO Instructors	11/3	20/4	-	80	-	80
2	18/3	22	55	-	77							
2	18/3	-	91	-	91							
2	18/3	-	9	-	9							
2	7/3	11	26	61	98	Infantry W/T Instructors	1/3	?	10	20	-	30
1	28/2	16	15	-	31							
1	28/2	-	9	370	379							
1	30/3	-	-	172	172							
1	30/3	12	9	55	76							
1	9/3	18	21	-	39	Instructors	1/4	30/5	40	40	-	80
2	24/3	13	114	-	127							

COMPARATIVE PAY TABLE.

RANK	Married or Single	Basic Pay Per Month	Extra Pay (Ind Mil)	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Garovita)		Totals per Month
				ROME	BRACCIANO	
MAJOR	S	5575	1402	2145	1430	9122
- do -	M	5575	1885	3646	2431	11106
CAPTAIN	S	4966	1208	2145	1430	8319
- do -	M	4966	1557	3646	2431	10169
W.O.	S	2661	571	2145	1430	5384
- do -	M	2661	742	3646	2431	7049
S/SGT.	S	2085	300	2145	1430	4530
- do -	M	2085	465	3646	2431	6196

COMPARATIVE PAY TABLE.APPENDIX 'C'

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y	Extra Pay (Ind Mil)	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Carovita)		Totals per Month		Difference ROME / BRACCLIANO
		ROME	BRACCLIANO	ROME	BRACCLIANO	
	1402 1885	2145 3646	1430 2431	9122 11106	8407 9891	715 1215
	1208 1557	2145 3646	1430 2431	8319 10169	7604 8954	715 1215
	571 742	2145 3646	1430 2431	5384 7049	4669 5834	715 1215
	300 465	2145 3646	1430 2431	4530 6196	3815 4981	715 1215

APPENDIX 'C'

To: 12 B.I.U. Progress Report
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(A)

Deficiencies in all Ranks as against W.E. CM/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945.

(i) Officers

Major	Total
1	1

RC Wing.

Instructor RE (Major) ++

++ IS Authority received for posting of Major RE but this Officer (A/Capt W.E. CLARKE (260260) RE) has not yet joined for duty.

(ii) Other Ranks.

WO II	Sets	Cpls	Ptes	Total
-	-	-	1	1
1	-	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	1
-	-	-	1	1
-	1	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	1
-	-	-	3	3
-	-	1	-	1
2	4	2	6	14

Storeman Tech RACC
Arm Art (Veh) RE
Storeman Tech RE
Elec Veh and Plant RE
Veh Mech RE
MSI RE
Storeman RE
Clock CD RE
Inst Op W/T R.Sigs
Instr GRP
Clerks GD Any Arm
Cook ACC

TOTALS

(iii) Details of all ranks on leave and when due for return.

(i) Officers

LIAP 1 Officer due to return 7 April 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIAP 1 Cpl due to return 18 March 1946.

(iii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

(i) Due under LIAP, LILOP etc ORS 1

(ii) Due under GRC 1352/45 ORS 4
ORS 5

Progress Report by G.S.O.II Training, 12 British Liaison Unit
for the Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref: C/A.3/574

1 February 1946.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of January 1946.

GENERAL.

Owing to the Christmas break the majority of Schools did not re-open until the middle of January. This allows little time to judge the extent of the improvement, if any.

The principal hindrances to training and the smooth running of the Centre are:-

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 - (b) The continual late arrival of students on courses.
 - (c) The uncertainty as to the future, in that some School Commanders and staff are uncertain of their appointments, their future tasks and the accommodation at their disposal.
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At the moment there are 107 Officers and 716 WO2s under training as instructors for C.A.Rs. The course if of 6 weeks and started on 10 January '46.

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In spite of this the School does give quite good instruction. The standard is about that of an average British Divisional School. It being so up to an Army School standard, the break referred to is essential.

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The most important constructions required are both matters that have been referred to before but are absolutely essential for an Infantry School.

- (a) The building of Drill Squares, and the repair of roads in the Camp. A contract is supposed to have been laid but is being held up by the War Ministry.
- (b) The construction of permanent classification and battle practice ranges. Present ranges are only improvised and are not suitable for what will be the Weapons Training School of the Italian Army.

2. DIVISIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

This School is at present running a course for 45 pupils. Considering the lack of facilities and equipment it runs very well, largely due to the efforts of the A.P.T.C. personnel attached to the School.

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3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL. (Cont'd).

It is considered that while the Italian C.O. shows little drive or initiative, (it is hoped he will be changed shortly) unless the S.H.R.F. have a staff officer to interest himself in Physical Training and Sports, little can be achieved either at the School or in Units.

Sports and Physical Training seem to occupy far too small a place in the training (and in many respects) Welfare set-up.

Every effort must be made to impress on the Italians the importance of this School. It is of the first importance in the training of the new Army and not only are more adequate facilities for training essential, but all ranks should be impressed with its vital importance in the overall training scheme.

A number of manuals were sent for translation over three months ago. These are still not completed.

The Italians, it appears, wish to teach both equitation and pistol shooting. (as part of the Pentathlon) in addition to other Gymnastic subjects. 12 horses have been sent which will come in useful for other purposes.

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(e) Transport.

Vehicles are on the whole in very bad condition and with terribly bad tyres. The addition of one bus has been a great help, but even this is unreliable owing to bad tyres, as a result of which one of the most important day's training was missed, i.e. visit to an establishment in Rome.

(f) Discipline.

The discipline and saluting of the Permanent Staff is really very good, though their turn-out is leaving a lot to be desired, this is probably due to shortage of clothing.

The Baraccaamenti is well kept and very clean.

It is very noticeable among the students that Officers will not bother to pull men up if they are idle or fail to salute.

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S.I.V.A. (Cont'd).

(a) New Locations.

A visit to Abruzzi Barracks, CIVILAVAZZILLA which is to be the new location of SIVA revealed that work being done on there is going extremely slowly.

(b) General Progress.

During the month of January the School of Artillery has been training Officers and NCOs for Instructional duties in 25 pr, 17 pr, 6 pr and 40 pr. These courses have made normal satisfactory progress and it is estimated 70 - 80% of the students will qualify as instructors.

The School has been unable to carry out its normal duties as a School of Artillery during the period. It is felt that the sooner the organization of the School of Artillery and the C.A.R. can be finally separated the better, so that the School can revert to normal Artillery Instruction.

Details of present Courses.

- (a) Duration of courses 6 weeks.
- (b) Courses commenced 14 January '46.
- (c) All courses are divided into two parts :-
 - (i) The first four weeks - for instruction in equipment, in Artillery theory, and in the technical and tactical use of the equipments.
 - (ii) The last two weeks - for practical instruction in the field, for instruction in the "Methods of Instruction" and for testing the students' ability as an Instructor (including Lectures).

Numbers under Instruction.

Course	25 pr Instructors	17 pr & 6 pr Instructors	40 pr Instructors
Officers	43 (3 Senior Officers)	19	6
NCOs	71	35	14

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Numbers under Instruction.

Course	25 yr Instructors	1729 & 60r Instructors	43 in Instructors
Officers	43 (6 Senior Officers)	19	3
3990	71	35	14

In order to produce Instructors for the 60r Troop at the 365th, 4th Officers and 12 NCOs were switched from the 40th course to the 1729 course and for course on 23 January '46.

Factors detracting from the value of the course.

The main factor detracting from the value of the course is the scarcity of certain much-needed technical stores. In particular 7 Artillery Boards, 12 Directors and 7 Dialights are on indent. Thus the students are forced to work 5 or 4 to an instrument which can only give useful instruction to 2 students.

Future Courses.

The present courses finish on 23 February. No other courses will be commenced this month. It is believed a course for 4th - 50th 1946 instructors may begin about March.

Administration.

The administration of the Artillery school is in general very satisfactory, although small detachments are apt to be neglected. The following matters however, need attention.

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ARTILLERY TRAINING (Cont'd).

- (A) Fire precautions, as the water at BRACCIANO is turned off for 13 out of 24 hours there is grave risk in the case of fire. The shortage of water also affects bathing arrangements.
- (B) The storage of ammunition leaves much to be desired at present. Either tarpaulins or proper bays should be provided as much is rusty.

GENERAL TRAINING.

(a) General Progress.

Progress has been made during the month with the rehabilitation of the barracks and many rooms are now complete with floors and windows. The Central Administrative block has now been occupied and all the offices of the H.Q. of the School are now contained in the one building.

The School now has a new Commandant - Col. MANCUSO who assumed command on 12 January '46. The former Commandant, Lieut-Col. de MONTMARS is now in charge of training at the School.

In view of the expected intake of 2,500 students during the four month period commencing April '46, efforts have been made to obtain additional accommodation.

A new block about 100 yards South of the present Administrative Offices has been released and efforts are being made to put it in order as rapidly as possible.

(b) Courses.

No courses were in progress during the beginning of the month. Two courses, were however, commenced on 21 January '46. One is a course for Potential Signals Instructors and the second is a course for training Carabinieri as wireless instructors.

At present sufficient trained instructors and sufficient stores are available to meet the needs of the School. Considerably more will, however, be required if the School is to train 2,500 Signallers in a four month period. Steps are well in hand to cope with the provision and training of the necessary instructors, while the technical stores have been demanded by the School authorities.

(c) Future Courses.

Proposed syllabi of courses for the training of the April intake have been submitted by the School Authorities to the Comando Scuola Centrale Militari together with a strong representation that the eight weeks technical training proposed by the Scuola Centrale Militari would not be sufficient for certain signal trades.

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(d) Administration.

The School appears to have settled down fairly quickly and successfully in its new accommodation. The majority of the personnel appreciate the quality of the accommodation and are attempting to make the administration of the School worthy of its surroundings. In particular the Company Stores and the Technical Store are very well kept.

The possibility of finding accommodation for the families of the permanent staff is one feature which is occupying the minds of all the married men. There are several blocks of flats in GENOVA which are at present occupied by displaced persons. Investigations are proceeding to ascertain whether there is any possibility of any of the flats becoming available in the near future.

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SIGNAL TRAINING (cont'd).(c) Personnel under Training January 1946.Personnel under training 1 January 1946INTL.Personnel joined during the month.CG. PR. W/T Course.Officers
WOs and NCOs10
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84Potential Instructors Course.Officers
WOs
NCOs and Privates10
25
62
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Numbers under Training.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Total</u>
Driver Mechs	172
Vehicle Mechs	42
General Fitters	19
House Electricians	9
Turners	6
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(c) Shortage of Equipment and Instructors.

While ample equipment is available and the layout of the School good, there is still a big shortage of Instructors (see below). This is causing difficulty and detracting from the value of the courses now being held.

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>W.S. Held.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
	Driver Mechs	1	1
	Motor Mechs	1	1
	Armourer and	1	1
	Gun Fitter		
	W/Shop Officer.	1	1
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	Driver Mechs	1	1	-
	Motor Mechs	1	1	-
	Armourer and Gun Fitter	1	-	1
	W/Shop Officer.	1	1	-
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Senior NCOs.	Driver Mechs	25	9	16
	Electricians	4	1	3
	" (House)	3	1	2
	Vehicle Mechs	16	1	15
	General Fitters	3	2	1
	Armourers	2	2	-
	Workshop	1	1	-

(d) Administration.

Satisfactory.

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POLICE SCHOOL.

At present is running a motor cyclist course which is in the second week. Results to date are :-

Satisfactory	34
Backward	14
Total	<u>48</u>

At the moment the Police School is far from satisfactory. The accommodation is very poor and the main reason for it being at CESMO appears to be so that A.I. Schools has a number of reliable soldiers in the case of an incident. It is felt that unless the School is moved away from the I.I. that it will continue to serve the functions of the Divisional C.I.S. then to be an independent School.

The standard of instruction and general appearance of the School has dropped considerably since the British Provost Officer (Captain GORDON) left the C.I.S.

2. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE (RACED).

The British Unit R.A.C.T.D. vacated RICH on disbandment on the 12 January '45. In order to ensure an efficient hand-over taking place an advance party was sent by the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari on the 20 Dec 45. At the present time the detachment numbers 14 Officers and 62 C.Rs., commanded by Major SILVESTRI. A quantity of accommodation stores were handed over by RACED as per list attached.

The buildings actually taken over are the main barracks (surrounded by a high stone wall, with only one entrance) and a large villa situated on the main army-entrance road and approximately half-a-mile from the barracks. The latter was used as a Welfare Centre by RACED and is in first-class condition. Arrangements were made in December for the majority of the buildings, e.g. curtaining, pictures, and paintings, to remain in the building on financial repayment by the Italian authorities. The intention will be to use this building as an exhibition building in due course.

Many alterations have been made by RACED during the time they occupied the barracks, hence only very minor R.A. works need to be carried out, e.g. a limited amount of plumbing and whitewashing etc. The barracks will accommodate up to 1,000 men so that there will be plenty of accommodation for the number of students expected (500 - 600). Adequate canteens, ablutions and showers exist for both Officers, NCOs and C.Rs. Representations have been made by C.I.S. detachments for 9 skilled soldiers (5 bricklayers, 2 carpenters, 1 electrician, 1 plumber) to Comando Scuole Centrali Militari, but they have not reported for duty as yet.

It is anticipated that the first courses will commence approximately 1 March but no definite decision has yet been reached.

The main problem at the present moment is with regard to the implementation of the suggested War Establishment. The suggested establishment is

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9. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE (RWMI).

The British Unit R.A.C.T.D. vacated RWMI on disbandment on the 12 January '46. In order to ensure an efficient hand-over taking place an advice party was sent by the Comando Scuola Centrale Militari on the 23 Dec 45. At the present time the detachment numbers 11 Officers and 62 O.Rs., commanded by Major SILVESTRI. A quantity of accommodation stores were handed over by RACED as per list attached.

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The main problem at the present moment is with regard to the ²³implantation of the suggested War Establishment. The suggested establishment is 23 per Ministry of War consists of some Officers 16, NCOs 14, and O.Rs 30. The C.O. maintains this is insufficient for a Unit which is some 70 kilometres from RWMI and therefore must be a self-contained unit. A new proposal which has been put forward shows an increase of Officers 4, NCOs 5 and O.Rs 33. The increase of Officers was requested as the 16 officers proposed are all instructors and consequently no officers are available for regimental duties such as parades, pay etc. Also it is most essential for a unit of this kind to have a Medical Officer and at least two O.R. medical orderlies on establishment, and it is the intention to establish a small hospital in the barracks to save unnecessary evacuation of casualties to RWMI. More stores will also be required to keep up the standard of the various stores to be used for demonstrational purposes.

It is considered that the position as to exactly what the School is intended to teach should be clarified and a syllabus made out accordingly as at the present time some doubt appears to exist on this point.

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

A five weeks D & M course at the Scuola Autieri, which commenced on 15 January '46 is at present running with 416 pupils in attendance.

There is a shortage of instructors at the moment, though it is not such as to detract seriously the value of the course:

Grade	Present Strength	Required Strength	Deficiencies.
Officer Instructors	9	13	4
NCO "	10	34	24

To effect the deficiency of NCO instructors 8 NCO instructors have since been posted.

Twenty vehicles, of 30 requested, have been received by Scuola Autieri, and there are now sufficient vehicles to provide driving training on a scale of 40 pupils to 1 vehicle. This is not ideal but is a great improvement.

Efficiency is being experienced in obtaining further spare parts required for instructional purposes.

A great deal of R.M. work still needs to be completed such as reconditioning cooking equipment efficient (at present there are only 5 soyer stoves) mending doors, windows, latrines, ablutions and fitting showers, and glass rooms need improvements too.

The implementation of the W.E. of the School of Motorisation, of which the D & M School will become a part, is being commenced. Col RIZZI Automobolistica Corps, has been already appointed Comdt. The syllabus of the 3 weeks Recruit D & M Course is ready, and the Commandant is working on the organization of the School. Further courses, such as Officers cadet, potential NCOs courses, etc are being organized and syllabi will be drawn up. More R.M. work will be necessary for the further accommodation required when the School of Motorisation is fully functioning.

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ENGINEER SCHOOL.

During the past month this has been supervised direct from M.M.I.A. by SO. RE.

At the moment the following courses are running.

(a) Course for Instructors for advanced training of Recruits.

17 Officers	}	5 weeks.
41 NCOs		

(b) Mine clearance Course.

300 Total - 3 weeks.

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The Engineers are expected to move to AURELIA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA
between 1st and 15th of February.

Future Courses.

Other than an Armoured Car course which is due to start at
CASAJO on 7 February '46, exact dates of future courses are not yet to hand.

12. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

R.E.M.E. 155 Platoon Workshops.

(a) Progress Made.

Vehicle repairs have been held up by the switch over of drawings
stores from English sources to drawings from Italian sources.
Applications for spare parts to Italian Ministry of War show
that stocks are not yet available, but are on the way, many
vehicles are still held in workshop, repaired but awaiting
small parts such as Spark Plugs. Repairs turnover is still
hampered by shortage of skilled tradesmen (see sub-para (c))

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14. 1st Platoon Workshops (Cont'd).Vehicle Turnover for January 1946.

Date	Volvo	Opel
30 Dec 45 - 6 Jan 46	16	1
7 Jan 46 - 14 Jan 46	15	3
15 Jan 46 - 22 Jan 46	14	3
23 Jan 46 - 30 Jan 46	12	2
Total	52	13

(b) Turnover under Training.

Due to the shortage of skilled tradesmen, who are to be trained by the Germans, the plan seems to be working well so far.

(c) Requirements.

The difficulty during the last month has been the shortage of materials, and the 'one-way' traffic. All L.M.V. vehicles to be used in the workshops are not yet functioning, and therefore still a few vehicles in the workshop have been used. The workshop had it been known that they were to be passed on to the Germans.

The shortage is still a big drawback to any attempts at greater production figures. The figures of deficiencies in personnel are as follows. With a shortage of them assembling larger proportions in the future, due to a number of the workshop personnel being due for release from the military service.

Grade	Personnel deficiencies	Total	Deficient
Assembled in machine	22	9	16
Assembled in machine	20	13	7
Electrician	6	2	4
Assembled in machine	2	-	2
Electrician	1	-	1

15. 2nd Platoon Workshops.General.

The change over from British to Italian control is as shown in detail below, in its most difficult period. Not only for the workshop, but also for the workshop, there is a great need of space, in most of the training equipment has been used for a year without a break.

And, with the recommendation of schools, it is essential that the equipment lists be prepared for each school. It should be noted that the D.M.V. Training Series. It is the preparation of these lists that is of great importance that they

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new coin collecting material, and the balance sheet was
balancing all S.I.R. materials to the high standards in 1945.
The Italian coinage in 1945. When Italian coinage
are not yet functioning, are there are still a few million in
the coinage which were S.I.R. and would not have been
accepted had it been known that they were to be passed on to
Italy.

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greater production of coins. The figures of individual in
personnel are as follows. With a shortage of them as in 1945,
preparation in the future, due to a shortage of the material
personnel being due for release from the military service.

Grade	Personnel deficiencies		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Administrative	22	2	16
Technical	25	13	7
Administrative	6	2	4
Administrative	2	-	2
Administrative	14	3	1

ADMINISTRATIVE

General

The change over from Italian to Italian currency is, as given in
detail below, in its most difficult period. Not only for the
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training equipment has been used for a year without a break.

Again, with the reorganization of schools, it is essential that the
equipment lists be prepared for each school. At present, only one of these
is to be in the S.I.R. Training School. If the preparation of these
is to be in Italian responsibility it is of great importance that they
should be made out by someone qualified to do so, as in the past, Italian
ideas on equipment required have not been very sound.

(c) Clothing and Stores

Stocks of clothing and necessaries in the Italian storehouse,
as at the end of this month will be sufficient to maintain the
needs of the Schools and the permanent staff, until the summer
clothing season starts.

It is understood that the Italian Ministry of War will then
be able to supply the staff. The position for S.I.R. Stores,
Small Stores, and Gun Parts is not satisfactory at the moment as
there is never been a Stores Section; the result being there
are no stocks held of these stores. However, 2500 is having a
60 Day Maintenance pack prepared of all available 100 and Gun
Stores etc which will be available in the near future.

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(a) Continued.

In the meantime there will be vehicles off the road. A salvage dump of British vehicles has been located in POLKA, where cannibalisation of vehicles can be done and the Ministry of War has been informed of this.

transfer over of the DALOS stores to the Italians is almost complete. In general there has been a big improvement in the methods of storage throughout the Centre. However, many more loads are still required.

ED. T. HILLIARD.

Improvements have been made to the Petrel Point but fire
provisions are still not adequate - a universal fault throughout the
Islands.

It had been hoped that work on the railway line to the Central Stores, but nothing yet has happened.

JAMES STANTON.

(a) Explan.

Hygiene is better owing to improved water supply and the fact that buildings now mainly have proper plumbing.

(1) Medical.

The hospital and work of the Unit M.O.s appears to be satisfactory. The number of sick is lower than previously with very few infectious diseases.

(c) None

On the whole, very satisfactory.

(d) Noted.

The previous effort appears to be slackening, though some work may go on behind the scenes.

INTERNATIONAL

--Results of Courses for T.T.Cs as at Appendix 'A' attached.

Location: Students of
Italian Schools.

" " Appendix B

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Precautions are still not adequate - a tunnelled path through the
mine.

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Central Stores, but nothing yet has happened.

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ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Hygiene.

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(1) Medical.

The hospital and work of the Unit M.Os appears to be
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(c) Morale.

On the whole, very satisfactory.

(d) Welfare.

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work may go on behind the scenes.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

+Results of Courses for F.T.Os as at Appendix 'A' attached.

Location Statements of
Italian Schools. " " Appendix 'B' 3651

++Staff List of 12 B.L.U. " " Appendix 'C' "

+++Staff List of Italian Officers
Lieut-Col and above " " Appendix 'D' "

++Return of British LT held
by 12 B.L.U. " " Appendix 'E' "

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MISC. 2. (Cont'd).

+ deficiencies of all ranks of
12 B.I.U. as against
W.M. including details
of all ranks on leave
and when due to return. as at Appendix 'E' attached.

Suggested schedule for
Artillery Signal Recruits " " Appendix 'G' "

Comparison between estimated
number of students and those
received " " Appendix 'H' "

+ 1/4 additional copies to M.M.I.A. for T.T.G's.

++ 1/4 triplicate to M.M.I.A.

+++ 1/4 M.M.I.A. only.

Major G30 II,
Trg & Inf Trg,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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APPENDIX "A"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report
No. 14, dated 1 February 46

RESULTS OF COURSES.

N I L -- No results yet received.

APPENDIX "G"

To: 12 B.L.F. Progress Report
No. 14, dated 1 Feb, 46.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR ARTILLERY SIGNAL RECRUITS.

46 hours Week.	8 Weeks	=	368 hours.
			Hours.
1. Basic electricity and magnetism.	...	...	16
2. Exchange Operating practice and phone/gram practices	...	...	8
3. Signal Office Procedure and Records Signal Security (Codes, etc.)	...	...	4
4. R/T Procedure	...	...	20
5. L/T Operation, testing and maintenance of eqpt. Telephone Dik.V. - (Fullerphone?) S.U.C.40 line - (Superimposing Unit?)	...	...	40
6. W/T Sets 18/48 } Description and netting, Tuning W/T Sets 19/22 } & Remote. Sitting, aorials, Wavemeters? ...	...	...	80
7. Charging and maintenance of batteries	...	...	8
8. Line laying - principles and practice	...	...	40
9. Exercises	...	...	110
10. Artillery Organization. Line Layouts, Artillery Procedure, Fire Orders, etc.	...	...	48
11. Drill and P.T. Medical Lectures. Map Reading. Inspections.	...	...	40
		TOTAL	368

3.	Signal Office Procedure and Records Signal Security (Codes, etc.)	...	...	...	...	3
4.	R/T Procedure	...	...	...	...	20
5.	L/A Operation, testing and maintenance of eqpt. Telephone D.M.V. - (Fullerphone?) S.U.S.10 Line - (Superimposing Unit?)	...	...	...	...	10
6.	W/T Sets 18/19 } Description, and netting, Tuning W/T Sets 19/22 } & Remote. Siting, aerials, Wavemeter? ...	...	...	...	...	30
7.	Charging and maintenance of batteries	...	...	...	...	8
8.	Mine laying - principles and practice	...	...	...	...	40
9.	Exercises	...	...	...	...	110
10.	Artillery Organization. Line Layouts, Artillery Procedure, Fire Orders, etc.	...	...	...	...	48
11.	Drill and P.M. Medical lectures. Map reading. Instructions.	...	...	...	...	40
TOTAL						584

N.B. No revision, examinations, etc. possible.

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In addition to continued instruction in the above mentioned subjects, Recruits joining their Units should then be instructed in :-

1. Morse. Lamp and Heliograph.
2. Fullerphone?
3. Superimposing Unit?
4. Rifle, P.I.A.T., Bren, T.S.M.G.
5. Mines.
6. Military Law, etc.

APPENDIX "II"

TO: 12 B.I.U. Personnel Report
No. 14 dated 1 Feb. 46.

COMPARISON BETWEEN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
STUDENTS AND THOSE ASSIGNED.

SCHOOL.	ESTIMATED.	REQUIRED.
B.I.U.A.	105 OFFICERS.	92 OFFICERS.
Infantry School and 2nd Regiment.	120 OFFICERS. 670 N.O.Os.	107 OFFICERS. 710 N.O.Os.
Artillery.	190 OFFICERS & NCOs.	195 OFFICERS & NCOs.
Cavalry (Sappers) *	60 OFFICERS. 190 N.O.Os.	17 OFFICERS. 41 N.O.Os.
Cavalry (Signalers) ⁽¹⁾	60 OFFICERS. 150 N.O.Os.	10 OFFICERS. 67 N.O.Os.
Cavalry (Signalers) ⁽²⁾	564 OFFICERS & O.S.	18 OFFICERS. 66 O.Ss.
D. & M. School.	400 Drivers.	416 Drivers.
D. & M. School.	270, all ranks.	248, all ranks.
Engine & Training.	100, all ranks.	45, all ranks.

SCHOOL.	REQUIREMENT.	REQUIREMENT.
B.I.V.A.	105 Officers.	93 Officers.
Infantry School and 2nd Regiment.	120 Officers. 676 N.O.Os.	107 Officers. 710 N.O.Os.
Artillery.	190 Officers & NCOs.	195 Officers & NCOs.
Genie (Sappers) ⁽¹⁾	60 Officers. 190 N.O.Os.	17 Officers. 44 N.O.Os.
Genie (Signallers) ⁽¹⁾	50 Officers. 152 N.O.Os.	10 Officers. 67 N.O.Os.
Genie (Signallers) ⁽²⁾	364 Officers & O.S.	18 Officers. 66 O.Ss.
D. & H. School.	400 Drivers.	416 Drivers.
L. & H. School.	270, all ranks.	240, all ranks.
Physical Training.	80, all ranks.	45, all ranks.

NOTE: "Other than High Clearance Course.

(1) Instructional Course.

(2) Cavalry.

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Progress Report by G.S.O.II Training, 12 British Liaison Unit
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Herewith Progress Report for month of December 1945.

GENERAL.

During the month, training of Instructors for T.T.O's was completed. Although the courses were a little on the short side, results proved very satisfactory. The results are given in Appendix A: attached. It is recommended that in future the two C.A.N. be used instead of T.T.O., to save confusion when talking to Italians.

The move of the School of Signals to CECCHIGNUOVA has been completed, which marks the first step in collecting the GENIO into two separate entities. The School of Engineering being taken to Novara as a temporary site in one of the barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA as soon as it is possible. It is hoped that this School will eventually move to an excellent site at PIETRALATA.

The M. & K. School at CIVITAVECCHIA is expected to move to CECCHIGNUOVA in the near future to link up with the D. & K. School, and to become the School of Motorization.

S.I.V.A. will be remodelled after a short course which is being held in January-February. The tactical wing moving to CIVITAVECCHIA and becoming the School of Co-operation; the Administration Wing moving to Rieti, dealing with Services and Welfare. The hotted camp at MARZIANA now used for housing troops used to service the School will become a field firing Camp, to be used when required.

TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.Os.

The first courses have been completed as follows :-

S.I.V.A.	-	-	124 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.	-	-	465 Junior Officers.
2 Regiment.	-	-	1174 Senior N.C.Os.
1 Regiment.	-	-	660 Junior N.C.Os.

It had been hoped to extend the training period for the above Courses into the New Year but this was impossible as T.T.Os. required the Instructors at an early date to prepare for the intake.

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The E. & M. School at CIVITAVECCHIA is expected to move to CECCHIGNOLA in the near future to link up with the D. & M. School, and be known as the School of Motorization.

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2. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.Cs.

The first courses have been completed as follows :-

S.I.V.A.	-	-	194 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.	-	-	465 Junior Officers.
2 Regiment.	-	-	1171 Senior N.O.s.
4 Regiment.	-	-	660 Junior N.O.s.

It had been hoped to extend the training period for the above Courses into the New Year but this was impossible as T.T.Cs. required the instructors at an early date to prepare for the intake.

However, the following Courses are arranged for commencing 10 **3345**

S.I.V.A.	-	-	50 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.	-	-	120 Junior Officers.
1 & 2 Regiments.	-	-	650 Junior & Senior N.O.s.

This second Course has been found necessary as T.T.Cs. require more than have already been trained. The Programme will this time be of six weeks duration, but will have the same syllabus as the first Course, with minor improvements from past experiences.

3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The not too high standard of students has been made the subject of a letter from S.I.V.A. to Command, the main points being those of age, medical examination and, last but not least, to get recommended for sending any bad material.

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HISTICAL TRAINING SCHOOL (Cont'd).

The question of Sports Kit was hoped to have been solved at the Sports Board Meeting at G.H.Q., but unfortunately Italian claims were turned down. A further drive to get this from Italian sources is being made.

The clothing of students is now good but not warm enough for winter. P.T. Kit was furnished by D.A.D.O.S. on inspection of Italian stores, the kit being buried under bales of battle dress. A special issue of shoes has also been made.

Below is tabulated reports on students who attended No. 2 P.T. Course.

(a) Capable of becoming School Instructors	-	10
(b) Capable of teaching without supervision.	-	15
(c) Capable of teaching under supervision.	-	14
(d) Failed.	-	5

This course commenced with 60 Students but through various causes 16 failed to complete.

Course No. 3 is due to commence on 14 January 46, with 80 Students. This Course will be for eight weeks.

ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The results of the last Course have been most satisfactory. These are given below.

(a) Officers.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Numbers Passed.	Numbers Failed.	Has not completed Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. Instructor.	19	13	1	--
17 pdr. Instructor.	5	5	-	--
40 mm. Instructor.	9	9	-	--
Academy Graduates, 25 pdr. 47 pdr. 40 mm.	22	20	2	--

(b) N.C.O.s.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Number Passed.	Number Failed.	Number not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. "Specialist" Instructors.	15	14	1	--

This course commenced with 60 students but through various causes 16 failed to complete.

Course No. 3 is due to commence on 14 January 46, with 30 students. This course will be for eight weeks.

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17 pdr. Instructor.	5	5	--	--
40 mm. Instructor.	9	9	--	--
Academy Graduates, 25 pdr. 17 pdr. 40 mm.	22	20	2	--

(b) N.C.Os.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Number Passed.	Number Failed.	Number not completing course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. "Specialist" Instructors.	15	14	1	--
25 pdr. Instructors.	29	26	3	--
17 pdr. Instructors.	16	12	5	36431
40 mm. Instructors.	17	11	2	4

Further Courses for Officer and N.C.O. Instructors are being run similar to the above mentioned Courses. Courses assemble on 8 January 46, start 10 January and disperse on 22 February 46. Approximately 50 Officers and 150 N.C.Os. will be attending these Courses, sub-divided as follows:

	25 pdr.	17 pdr.	40 mm.
Officers.	18	6	6
N.C.Os.	100	25	25

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5. SIGNAL TRAINING.(a) General.

On December 20/21 the School moved to new premises in CREMONA. The new barracks consist of three large two-story blocks enclosing a large Parade Ground and a number of small buildings, including Mess Hall and kitchens and covered parking space for vehicles.

All buildings are in fairly good condition; running water is available. Considerable alterations will, however, be necessary to obtain best use of ground floor space as classrooms. This work will not, however, impede training progress as only one of the main blocks is now occupied, the others remaining free for rehabilitation.

(b) Courses.

All courses terminated during the month, and five days' leave has been granted to the Instructional Staff, terminating on 5 January 46.

The School is prepared to take such students as may be made available for training.

A new Qualification Sheet for Telecommunications Mechanics (Italian Army) has been prepared and approved during the month. Sufficient partly-trained personnel are believed to be available to enable a quantity of such Mechanics to be ready after two months training.

(c) Instructional Organization.

Nothing to report.

(d) Administration and Stores.

Nothing to report.

6. RECRUIT TRAINING.(a) General.

From the point of view of actual physical development of the Scuola Artieri, this month shows no change from the previous one. The Italian Ministry of War having decided that they wish to have the Engineer School at PIERAFITA, are unable to occupy the site until it becomes free. Current occupation is held by the 56 Post Camp and at present it is impossible to know on what date it will be vacated, with tentative information suggesting that this date could be quite possibly as late as August 1946. In this event, the Scuola Artieri would not be in the position to accept the new recruit intake scheduled for March-April, and so a move to temporary barracks

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Nothing to report.

(d) Administration and Stores.

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The temporary move of the Scuola Artieri to any location will entail transportation of a considerable amount of equipment (Railway Bridge, explosive, etc.) and the temporary setting up of extensive training areas (including bridging gear, laying mine fields, etc.) is to be deprecated. However, without the early vacation of PIERMILIA by 56 Rest Camp, there is no alternative.

From the current training aspect, this month is a repetition of November, with training of Instructional Staff continuing, and also the Recruit Course of 50 men, and the three-week "Line Clearance" Course for approximately 15 Officers and N.C.Os.

(b) Courses.

(1) Instructional Courses for potential Scuola Artieri staff commenced in November 1945, strength as follows:

20 Officers,
29 N.C.Os.

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ENGINEER TRAINING (Cont'd).(b) Courses.

(ii) Recruits Course, continuing :-

50 O.Rs.

(iii) Mine Clearance Course (Regular consecutive intake of approximately 15), three weeks, at present :-

3 Officers.

14 N.C.Os.

(c) Numbers Held.

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
1. Staff Instructional Course.	20	59	--
2. Recruits Course	--	--	50
3. Mine Clearance Course.	3	14	--
	23	53	50

(d) Equipment.

No Change.

(e) Administration.

Accommodation - No comment, in view of pending move.

DRIVING & MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

At present, one (five week D. & M.) Course for 108 Students is running at the D. & M. School, CECHEENUELA. This course will finish on 12 January 1946, when a further 400 students will report for the next five weeks' course.

Administration.

Various urgent administrative problems confront O.C. School, which must be solved before the course for 400 students commences on 12 January :-

(i) A letter requesting release of blankets and beds, etc., has been sent to Ministry of War.

(ii) A letter has been sent to the Engineers requesting them to improve the cooking facilities at the School. At present the cooking capacity is 400 men. On the 12 January the School will have to cater for 400 students plus 262 permanent staff -- 662 in total.

(iii) In order to have one vehicle for every six learner drivers, the Ministry of War have been requested to release a further 50

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No Change.

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Administration.

Various urgent administrative problems confront D.C. School, which must be solved before the course for 400 students commences on 12 January :-

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- (ii) A letter has been sent to the Engineers requesting them to improve the cooking facilities at the School. At present the cooking capacity is 400 men. On the 12 January the School will have to cater for 400 students plus 262 permanent staff -- 662 in total.
- (iii) In order to have one vehicle for every six learner drivers, the Ministry of War have been requested to release a further 50 vehicles, to be attached to the School.
- (iv) Following on (iii) above, Ministry of War have been requested to attach one section of 155 Workshops Platoon to the School, so that 2nd line repairs may be done on the spot.
- (v) Work is at present progressing on improving the billets and other buildings, such as fitting of windows, etc.

MECHANICS SCHOOL.

This School, as previously noted, will move to CECCHIANUOLA in the near future.

In view of most of the Courses having finished at the beginning of the month there has been little activity at this School. It is felt that with the New Year, results will be much more positive. Below are details of courses and personnel.

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MECHANICS SCHOOL (Cont'd).

(a) Courses held during December 45.

Driver Mech.
Artillery Fitters.
General Fitters.
Electrician.
Turners.

(b) Number of Students:

No. of Students.	Nature of Course.
83	Dr. Mechs.
9	Gun Fitters.
3	Gen. Fitters.
8	Electricians.
2	Turners.

All the above students passed, with the exception of one (Gen. Fitter).

(c) Italian Constructors.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 45, namely :-

	W.E.	Present.	Deficient.
<u>D/Mech. Wing.</u>			
Veh. Mechs.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
<u>Veh. Mechs Wing.</u>			
Veh. Mechs.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	1	2
<u>Armourers & Fitters Wing.</u>			
Arm. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armourers.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1

9. POLICE SCHOOL.

Two courses have been completed - 6th Course in Police Duties and 2nd Motor Cycle Course. The results can be considered satisfactory. Results are given below :-

(a) <u>Police Duties.</u>	
Very Good	5
Good.	24
Pass.	14
	<u>43</u>

(b) Motor Cycle Course.

(c) Italian Instructors.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 45, namely :-

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Electricians.	3	-	3
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Two courses have been completed - 6th Course in Police Duties and 2nd Motor Cycle Course. The results can be considered satisfactory. Results are given below :-

(a) Police Duties.

Very Good	-	5
Good.	-	21
Pass.	-	14
		<u>40</u>

(b) Motor Cycle Course.

Fit	-	51
Unfit.	-	9
		<u>60</u>

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Three courses are to be run in January :-

(i) Military Police Course	}	50 Students each.
(ii) Motor Cyclist Course.		
(iii) Regimental Police Course		

10. ORDNANCE SERVICES.

(a) Clothing and Stores.

The present stocks of clothing and necessities from British Ordnance are plentiful and should provide this Centre until the Italian War Ministry are in a position to supply from their own sources. There are still some "Dacs in" to arrive from previous demands on Base.

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Supplies of M.T. Spares and British Equipment have been satisfactory but no future demands from British sources will be accepted after this month.

(b) Central.

Conditions in the Italian Central Storehouse have greatly improved this month owing to the provision of more labour, which has enabled more stores to be taken in from D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse. On advice from D.A.D.O.S. a better system has also been adopted, whereby clothing is stocked neatly in sizes and consequently quick issues of the correct sizes can be made to the Regiments.

Previously items of clothing could not even be found, an example being that some gym kit could not be issued until a representative of D.A.D.O.S. staff discovered it hidden under a large pile of Battle Dress.

The system of checking stores received by the Italian Central Storehouse is now entirely satisfactory.

D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse still holds quite a large stock of British Ordnance Stores, but it is hoped to clear these, and any "Dues in" received, by the end of January.

(c) Administration.

Noticeable improvements in the Regiments have taken place, for example, the system and natter layout of their quartermaster's stores and the more adequate supply of clothing and necessities of the correct size.

Although there is far greater improvement in the Central Storehouse, the additional wooden decking has not yet been erected but is expected shortly. Italian soldiers are no longer attempting to use the Central Storehouse as a quartermaster's stores for cleaning clothing owing to strict orders to the contrary, and now this should not be necessary, because their quartermasters have a greater assortment of sizes of clothing and boots.

(d) Personnel.

The labour position is now normal in the Central Storehouse, and the introduction of a new Italian Lieutenant has been the chief cause of the above-mentioned improvement.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian: Satisfactory.

(b) British.

The vacancy for G.S.O.II R.A. has been filled by Major J.B. How, R.A., the appointment of Instructor of Gunnery (Captain) has not yet been filled.

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TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Satisfactory.

S. & T. REPORT.

(a) Supply Depot (152 Ration Store) Cosans.

About 100 yards of railway track still requires to be laid to enable trucks to be brought adjacent to the sheds for off-loading. This will greatly facilitate the handling of supplies, eliminating the double handling and documentation of rail to road for clearance of rail traffic. Application for the completion of this work has been sent through Italian channels.

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13. S. E. T. REPORT (Cont'd).(b) P.O.L. (152 P.O.L. Store) Casano.

The construction of the petrol point at Casano is not yet finished and no labour is at work at present. Barrels are still being used in conjunction with rotary pumps for holding and issuing to vehicles.

One 25,000 litre tank and the distribution pipe and joints have been installed. The following work is still outstanding :-

- (a) Construction of the second tank.
- (b) Oil store.
- (c) Diesel point.
- (d) Depot Office.
- (e) General layout of Depot and signs.

A letter has been sent to the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari on 17 Dec. 45 from this H.Q., asking why work had been stopped on the point, and stressing the urgency of this work. In addition, the letter stated that a firm date should be obtained from the contractor. This has been passed to the Ministry of War.

14. D.A.D.M.E. REPORT.155 Platoon Workshops.

In spite of lack of personnel this 'shop' is holding; its own on repairs. Their difficulties are increased by units continuing to use vehicles due for return to Workshops, as a source of spare parts and failing to replace the old part on the vehicle. This practice must cease.

Details of output and personnel are shown below :-

<u>(a) Vehicle Repair output for month of December 1945.</u>		
<u>Date.</u>	<u>'B' Veh.</u>	<u>M/Cycles.</u>
2 - 8	15	8
9 - 15	23	2
16 - 22	24	4
23 - 29	17	3

(b) Personnel.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 1945, namely :-

<u>Trade.</u>	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>Held.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
Mecanici di macchina.	22	6	16

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Mechanici di macchina.	22	6	16
Autisti Meccanici.	20	13	7
Elettricisti.	6	2	4
Aggiustatori Meccanici.	2	-	2
Tanioristi.	1	-	1
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It will be observed that these deficiencies are serious.

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ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Hygiene.

Sanitary conditions, generally speaking, can be said to be good. Water tests are made daily by the Hygiene Medical Officers for all sources of supply and results are very satisfactory.

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15. ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd).

(b) Medical.

In spite of winter weather conditions the sick rate remains very small and cases of V.D. for the last two months are almost negligible.

(c) Morale.

Morale improves, and a higher standard of saluting is also noticeable. A certain degree of dissatisfaction has, however, been caused by the cessation of wartime rates of pay. The argument is that pay now bears even less relation to the high cost of living.

(d) Welfare.

A slight improvement is noticeable.

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

*Results of Courses for T.T.C's., as at Appendix 'A' attached.

Location Statements of Italian Schools.

**Staff List of 12 B.I.U.

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***Return of British M.T. held by 12 B.I.U.

***Deficiencies of all Ranks of 12 B.I.U., as against W.E., including details of all ranks on leave and when due to return.

*14 additional copies to M.N.I.A. for T.T.C's.

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Location Statements of
Italian Schools.

" " Appendix 'B' "

**Staff List of 12 B.L.U.

" " Appendix 'C' "

***Staff List of Italian Officers,
Lieut-Col. and above.

" " Appendix 'D' "

***Return of British M.T. held
by 12 B.L.U.

" " Appendix 'E' "

***Deficiencies of all Ranks of
12 B.L.U., as against
W.I., including details
of all ranks on leave
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RESULTS OF COURSES IN S.T.C.

CLASSIFICATION	S.I.V.i.				No. 2 Regt. No. 1 Regt.		INFANTRY					
	Senior Offrs.		Captains		Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	REG.		ARTY.			1 Lt.
	Lt. Cols. & Majors		Inf.	Cav. Art.			1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	3 Lt.	
Excellent.	8		9	1 2	71	40	40	14	2	3		1
Very Good.	10		21	3 5	255	57	18	55	4	13		1
Good.	15		40	11 19	531	134	22	139	6	17		-
Sufficient.	5		15	2 4	271	383	2	76	1	7		-
Not Sufficient	1		5	1 1	11	59	3	1	-	-		-
Unclassified.	2		5	2 4	32	7	-	28	-	-		-
TOTALS.	41		95	20 35	1171	660	55	313	13	40		2
GRAND TOTALS.	191				1331							

- NOTE: (1) Sufficient = PASS
 Not sufficient = FAIL
 Unclassified. = Not attended sufficient of course due to compassionate leave
- (2) Only EXCELLENT, VERY GOOD and GOOD are used as Distinctions. SUFFICIENT only after further training.

RESULTS OF COURSE IN T.T.C.

APPENDIX A.2.
To 12 A.D. Progress
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Party.	No. 3 Regt. No. 1 Regt.		INFANTRY SCHOOL.											
	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	INF.		ARMY.		CO.		GENIO		MOBILIST		SERVICES	
			1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.
2	71	40	10	14	2	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
5	255	37	18	55	4	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
19	531	134	22	139	6	17	-	9	1	4	1	1	1	-
4	271	385	2	76	1	7	-	1	-	1	1	5	2	5
1	11	52	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	32	7	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
35	1171	660	55	313	13	40	2	10	1	5	5	4	5	12
191		1831												465

= 2,487

= PASS

= FAIL

= Not attended sufficient of course due to compassionate leave or hospital.

VERY GOOD and GOOD are used as Distinctions. SUFFICIENT only in emergency or

APPENDIX "B"

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Ref. 1/25,000.	Remarks.
1	H.Q., Central Military Schools.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II SW. 618860	
2	Artillery School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 489903	
3	Engineer School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 480905	To move to CIVITAVECCHIA.
4	Signals School.	CICCIGNUOLA.	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	
5	D. & M. School.	CICCIGNUOLA.	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	
6	H. & M. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920	To move to CICCIGNUOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456954	S I V A
8	Junior Officers School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617872	Inf. School.
9	Senior N.C.O.s. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 618866	No. 2 Regt.
10	Junior N.C.O.'s School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	1:50,000. Sheet 142-II. 171953	No. 1 Regt.
11	Police School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617865	

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6	D. & H. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920		To move to CECCIGNUOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456934		S I V A
8	Junior Officers School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 647872		Inf. School.
9	Senior N.C.O.s. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 648866		No. 2 Regt.
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11	Police School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 647863		
12	P.T. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 647876		

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Progress Report by GSO II (Training) 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit.

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1 December 1945.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of November 1945.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

During the month training of instructors for T.T.C's has continued as outlined in Progress Report No. 11.

The move of the D. & M. School to CECCHINUOLA has been successfully completed but difficulties in the hand-over of barrack accommodation has prevented all but a small advance party of the Signal School from moving.

As from the 1 December H.Q. "PICENO" Division becomes H.Q., Central Military Schools, but it would seem that there is little intention to produce a really new organisation at present.

TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.C's.

This is being carried out as follows:

- At S.I.V.A. - 200 Senior Officers.
- At Infantry School - 410 Junior Officers.
- At 2nd Regiment - 1219 Senior N.C.Os.
- At 1st Regiment - 971 Junior N.C.Os.

Initially, difficulty was experienced with the organisation for the students at the 2nd Regiment as the accommodation was far from complete. This caused the programme to start a week late and gave a very bad start to the training. While the accommodation is still not ideal, it is now satisfactory and training is beginning to proceed quite smoothly.

At S.I.V.A. Infantry School and 1st Regiment the standard of training is quite good, considering the inexperience of the instructors. This inexperience leads to a number of elementary mistakes being made in methods of teaching.

It is now hoped to be able to extend the training period a little into the new year.

In any case, even if all training must be completed at CESANO by 2nd of December, the courses run will have given the T.T.C's a fairly satisfactory start.

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TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.C.'s.

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PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

45 students are under training in their fifth week. The standard of students is again not high but on the whole they are very keen. A new Italian Instructor for Athletics has been added, also a Medical Officer. The addition of these two officers was much needed and will help to fill in the previous weaknesses of the course. It is also being found possible to arrange various visits from civilian experts at Rome.

A limited amount of work is being done on improving sports grounds and facilities, but this is extremely difficult as all types of sports equipment appear to be almost unobtainable from Italian sources.

The clothing of students, previously deplorable, has been improved slightly.

Unless the Physical Training School is to be given proper facilities and equipment it is not worth running as a separate school.

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ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The following courses have been run, finishing on 10 November 1945.

- (i) Course for Permanent Staff, 25 pdr. Instructors (Officers) - 9
(N.C.Os.) - 13
- (ii) " " " 17 pdr. " (Officers) - 5
(N.C.Os.) - 3
- (iii) " " " 40 mm. " (Officers) - 3
(N.C.Os.) - 2

A fresh series of courses for Instructors, with the object of expanding the permanent staff to meet future intakes, was started on 12 Nov. 45. Numbers are as follows :-

25 pdr.

Officers 20 and 25 Artillery Cadets.
N.C.Os. 53

17 pdr.

Officers. 7
N.C.Os. 20

40 mm.

Officers. 12
N.C.Os. 24

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(iii) Personnel under training - November 1942.

(a) Students accepted for training during month:-	
Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	90
Mortar Course - Operators W/T.	9
(b) Courses completed during month:-	
Operators Wireless (Genio)	23
Linemmen (Genio)	13
(c) Courses in suspense :-	
Recruits	24
(Personnel on guard duty at CECCHIGNOLA)	

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(d) Students lost during the month for various reasons, e.g., postings, discharge, etc. :

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors - - - 3

(e) Students under training on 27 November :

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors - - - 87

Mortar Course - Operators W/T - - - 3

Add:- Course in suspense - - - 24

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Note:

On present W.E. the School is scaled to train up to 400 Students at a time.

On 29 November the Centre had 22 officers (establishment 32) and 20 N.C.Os. (establishment 30).

B. Engineers.

(i) General Progress.

Without any question this month has proved both real and heartening in the development of the Scuola Artieri for all those working towards that end, with the result that everything points to the attaining - by a long term policy - a School of paramount importance, settled in a new and adequate barracks and training ground, and staffed by an adequate and well-trained instructional staff.

The present location of the Scuola Artieri at BRACCIANO is neither suitable nor adequate for the future development of the School, and with a view to finding a new site that would lend itself to Engineer requirements many reconnaissances were made. That of PIERVALATA was the only one that was found to be most suitable for an Engineer School, having both wet and dry natural bridging sites, with ample training grounds, and barracks that are large enough to take care of the Scuola Artieri. Unfortunately, however, the site is at present occupied by the 56 Rest Camp, and the date when it will be vacated is unknown. The Ministry of War have decided to sit tight and wait for this location to be freed in the future, meanwhile remaining at their present site.

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(ii) Courses.

(a) Instructional classes for potential Scuola Artieri staff commenced in November 1945, strength as follows :-

20 Officers.
39 N.C.Os.

(b) Recruits course continuing :-

50 O.Rs.

(c) Nine Clearance Courses (regular consecutive intake of approximately 15) at present :

4 Officers.
15 N.C.Os.

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(iii) Numbers held.

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>NVA</u>	<u>OPR.</u>
(1) Staff Instructional Course	20	39	
(2) Recruits Course			50
(3) Mine Clearance Course	4	15	
	24	54	50
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(iv) Equipment.

No allotments are outstanding, but much equipment will be needed for future requirements. Schedules are being prepared by Scuola Artieri for suggested future requirements and it is thought that these will come up for discussion very shortly. The principal need of the School is bridging equipment.

Driving and Maintenance School.

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This School has moved to CECCHIENUOLA and is settling in. Before further students are accepted from the Divisions it is essential that a number of drivers for the Centre be trained to meet new requirements.

(i) Progress.

- (a) The armours course finished on 17 November. The students have been keen throughout the course. From a total of 8, 6 passed and 2 failed.
- (b) Courses for Driver Mechanics, Artillery Fitters, General fitters, and Turners are due to finish on 1 December. Electricians course is due to finish on 8 December.
- (c) Improvements to artillery classrooms are now completed and the guns are in position.
Fixing of lathes etc., in the workshop has also been completed.

(ii) Numbers of students and duration of courses are as follows :

	<u>No. of Students.</u>	<u>Duration of course.</u>
Driver Mechanics.	68	7 weeks.
Artillery fitters.	9	6 "
General fitters.	3	7 "
Electricians.	8	7 "
Turners.	2	7 "

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	No. of Students.	Duration of course.
Driver Mechanics.	88	7 weeks.
Artillery fitters.	9	6 "
General fitters.	3	7 "
Electricians.	8	7 "
Turners.	2	7 "
TOTAL	110.	

(iii) Italian Instructors.

	W.E.	Present.	Deficient.
<u>Driver Mechanics Wing.</u>			
Vehicle Mechanics.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
<u>Vehicle Mechanics Wing.</u>			
Vehicle Mechanics.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	-	3
<u>Ammours & Fitters Wing.</u>			
Art. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Ammours.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1
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Provost School.

The 6th Course for Military Police (Carabinieri) started on November 19th. As is usual students of "Poligono" arrived late and this time also the students of "Legnano" and "Friuli". At the end of the first week 50 students were present. The results of the first week's training are :-

Good	7
Average	16
Below Average	27 (Due to late joining)

The third Course for Motor Cyclists is in its third week. Results to date are as follows :-

Satisfactory	45
Below Average.	14

Mechanics School.

It will be observed that this School is far below its War Establishment in Instructors. Efforts are being made to produce further instructors and from now until the arrival of new intakes the School is more or less free to train instructors to meet its own needs and the needs of the central workshops.

S.I.V.A.

Is carrying out training for Instructors at T.T.C.'s as mentioned previously.

In January a short course for T.T.C. Commanders and Medical Officers will be run at S.I.V.A.

Future Courses.

With the exception of the P.T. School, which will start a new course on 10 January 1946 of ten weeks' duration, and the course referred to in paragraph 8 above, no definite dates for new courses are to hand.

Numbers Held.

(a) Weekly Arrivals (including those attending courses).

Week ending 3 November	-	325
" " 10 "	-	1500
" " 17 "	-	750
" " 24 "	-	158
TOTAL	3253	

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Week ending	3 November	-	825
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TOTAL 3233

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

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Arm.	3 Nov.	10 Nov.	17 Nov.	24 Nov.
Infantry	370	65	520	2
Artillery	50	22	40	-
Engineers (incl. Sigs)	105	8	20	-
Other Arms.	400	12	97	-
TOTALS.	925	107	677	2

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11. Numbers Held. (Cont'd).

(c) Reinforcements held (but not available for posting) as 24 Nov. 45.

Arm.	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	A P S E N T				TOTAL ABSENT.
			Hospital	Leave	AVOL.	Other Causes.	
Infantry.	3056	3924	532	432	209	263	1436
Artillery.	422	574	58	47	4	56	145
Engineers.	527	495	50	42	2	61	153
Other Arms.	473	540	89	27	5	58	179
TOTALS.	4478	5533	729	548	220	438	1935

12. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian.

With the exception of Mechanics School, is quite satisfactory.

(b) British.

The C.I.R., Captain Provost and a Sergeant Instructor R.E.M.E. (Electrician) are the outstanding deficiencies.

13. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

The situation is satisfactory for present needs, except Sports kit.

Details of Controlled Stores received during the month.
(See Appendix 'A').

15. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

CESANO.

(i) Work proceeds satisfactorily in No. IV Lotto and Pettine. The majority of the work should be finished by 1 January 46.

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(v) It is also hoped to get some permanent rifle ranges built.

(vi) A new well is being sunk North of the Camp to improve the water supply.

OTHER MATTERS.

Minor work of repairs is being carried out at SACILE and MURIELLA Barracks.

(b). Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene and cleanliness of the Centre has improved greatly in the past three weeks. This is largely due to the large number of distinguished visitors and secondly to the fact that there are no recruits at CESANO but only M.C.O.s in training. Moreover, cookhouse and other facilities are beginning to be adequate.

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ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd).

The sick rate is very small at the moment in comparison to what it has been in the past.

The worst features are still the disposal of refuse and the number of civilians living in the camp.

(c) Morale.

In general, morale is probably higher than it has been for some time, as the Centre is no longer inflicted with the daily arrival of recruits.

The usual worries of the Italian Officer continue -- low pay and being separated from his family.

From the purely welfare side there has been little or no improvement.

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1st British Liaison &

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Mylar

Major, GSO.II,
The 6th Inf Bde,
The British Liaison &
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APPENDIX "A" to Progress Report No. 12
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SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED STORES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF
 NOVEMBER 1945.

Serial.	Description.	Total Rec'd During Month.		Remarks.
		(a)	(b)	
1.	PLATS.	45		
2.	MOUNTAINS 2".	60		

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