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16 January 1947.

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Reference Monthly Progress Report No. 25 for December 1946.

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45. Vehicles.  
another conference was held during the month in the office of the ALOA (M.L.A.) to determine what action could be taken to improve the position in regard to vehicle deficiencies. Lt. Col. ALOA of the Ministry of War stated that thirty new vehicles would be allotted to the School every month until deficiencies were made up. Twenty eight new vehicles, including 12 new 5 ton F.L.T.s, have been received in December, so it would appear that the Ministry of War do intend to pursue the policy indicated by Lt. Col. ALOA.

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G. S.

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45. Vehicles.  
 Another conference was held during the month in the office of the ADST (M.L.) to determine what action could be taken to improve the position in regard to vehicle deficiencies. Lt. Col. AOLA of the Ministry of War stated that thirty new vehicles would be allotted to the school every month until deficiencies were made up. Twenty eight new vehicles, including 12 new 3 ton PLATs, have been received in December, so it would appear that the Ministry of War do intend to pursue the policy indicated by Lt. Col. AOLA.

Lt. - Colonel,  
 G.S.

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XIV SCHOOL OF CO-OPERATION.

60. Instructors.

It is hoped that this will send a greater proportion of Lt. Cole who are potential instructors on the next course. Lack of trained instructors is the Achilles heel of this school, which cannot develop to its full scope until the seriousness of the situation is appreciated and dealt with by G.M.

XV POLICE SCHOOL.

61.

Capt. SOLLOTT'S posting is the subject of an inquiry by the Carabinieri who are holding an investigation on his administration after having received letters of complaint from anonymous sources.

Capt. SOLLOTT is extremely upset at what he considers is a vindictive attack on his character and in losing his job. He has expressed that his replacement is an officer who knows nothing about police work and has never attended a course on this subject.

XVI ARTILLERY REPAIR WORKING PARTY.

62.

Great concern is felt about the present administration of the present staff of S.M.O. It is thought that the morale of instructors at all ranks is low, because of the uncertainty which exists regarding the future policy of the School.

It would appear that at no time has the cooperation of the present staff of S.M.O. been sought by the Ministry of War in matters concerning staff are anxious about their future.

This low state of morale must inevitably make itself felt in the practical administration of the school. An example of this was noted on a very recent visit to the school, when it was found that every artillery equipment in the Demonstration Room was badly rusted. The metalwork of carriage, which is normally kept bright, was extremely dirty, and the general lay-out of the entire Demonstration Room left very much to be desired.

Such a state of affairs existing in a school which specialises in teaching recruit personnel and others in the examination, maintenance and repair of artillery equipment, shows a lack of interest on the part of the administrative staff.

It is known that for considerable periods, the administration of this school has left much to be desired. However, it is

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XVI. ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS CONCERNING S.M.C.

62.

Gravo concern is felt about the present administration of S.M.C. It is thought that the morale of instructors of all ranks is low, because of the uncertainty which exists regarding the future policy of the School. It would appear that at no time has the cooperation of the present staff of S.M.C. been sought by the Ministry of War in matters concerning the proposed re-organisation of the School. Quite naturally all members of the staff are anxious about their future.

This low state of morale must inevitably make itself felt in the practical administration of the school. An example of this was noted on a very recent visit to the school, when it was found that every artillery equipment in the Demonstration room was badly rusted. The metalwork of carriage, which is normally kept bright, was extremely dirty, and the general lay-out of the entire Demonstration room left very much to be desired.

Such a state of affairs existing in a school which specialises in teaching recruit personnel and others in the examination, maintenance and repair of artillery equipment, shows a lack of interest on the part of the administrative staff.

It is known that for a considerable period, the administration of this school has left much to be desired. However it is thought that not all of the blame should be placed on the O.C. Some of it is understood that the present O.C. has protested many times to his superiors regarding the lack of equipment required for the training of students. He has also complained about the conditions existing at the school; the inadequacy of the staff and lack of permanent staff. Presumably, these protests provide the reason why the O.C. has incurred the disapproval, if not the animosity, of certain of his superiors. Certainly he has taken almost completely ignored in the various discussions which, presumably, must have taken place regarding the future of S.M.C.

It is considered that because of the unsuitability of **676** equipment, it is desirable to provide the staff with proper maintenance equipment, if the school has never been satisfactory and will be so in the future unless completely re-organised.

It is doubtful if the importance of training of suitably skilled technicians in the repair and maintenance of weapons, is appreciated by senior officers of the Ministry of War.

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Lt. Colonel.  
G.S.

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4 January 1946.

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Personnel.

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Appendix 'C' to 12 E.L.U.  
 Progress Report No. 24  
 dated January 1947.  
 (Issued with Supplement)

STAFF LIST - 12 E.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.O. I	T/Lt. Col. A.M. GIBSON OBE	(28390)	A. & S.R.
G.S.O. III			

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SERVICES

D. & M. Wing			
Instr. Major S/Maj.	C.T. BRIDGES OBE	(120450)	R.A.S.C.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.S.	T/Maj. G.H.P. SIMPSON	(237460)	R.A.M.S.
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TRAINING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf.			
Instr. Tactics W/Maj.	F.G.L. COLEMAN	(53734)	L.W.R.

R.A.C. WING.

Instr. R.A.C.

R.A.S. WING.

Instr. Gunnery T/Maj.	G.K. ALLENBYER	(67447)	R.A.S.
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R.S. WING.

Instr. R.S.	T/Maj. D.A. WILKINSON G.M.	(154306)	R.S.
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R. SIGNALS.

D. L. G. & G. M. G.

SERVICES

D. & M. Wing  
Instr. Major S/Maj. C. F. BRIDGES OBS (120450) R. A. C. G.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D. A. D. M. S. T/Maj. C. R. F. COLESON (237460) R. A. M. S. S.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf.  
Instr. Testies W/Maj. F. G. L. COOPER (53734) L. W. R.

R. A. C. WING.

Instr. R. A. C.

R. A. M. S. S.

Instr. Gummy T/Maj. G. S. ALEXANDER (87447) R. A. S.

R. A. S. WING.

Instr. R. A. S. T/Maj. D. A. WILKINSON C. S. (154306) R. A. S.

R. A. M. G. L. S.

Instr. R. A. M. G. L. S.

Appendix 'D' to 12 B.L.U.  
 Progress Report No. 25  
 dated January 1947.

(A) Deficiency in all ranks as against HQ ON/1715/2 dated 19 Aug. 46.

(1) Officers

Instr. Maj - Major  
 Instr. R. Sigs - Major  
 GSO III - Capt.

(2) Other Ranks

Stenographer Tech. -  
 Instr. R. - 2  
 Clerks GD -  
 of woman ios -  
 Instr. R. Sigs - 1  
 GD men -  
 Motor Cyclist -

	<u>Wts.</u>	<u>Grds.</u>	<u>Ptes.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	-	-	1	1
	2	-	-	2
	-	1	2	3
	-	1	-	1
	1	-	-	1
	-	-	1	1
	-	-	1	1

(B) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers

NIL

(2) Other ranks

1 Sgt. Due to return Jan. 47.

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

(1) Due under INDIVIDUALS

Offrs. - NIL

(2) Due under GEO 1352/45

Grds. - 3

(3) Due for release in A/S G/L 47

Offrs - 1

(4) Due for return in January

Grds - NIL

Offrs - 1

Grds - NIL

Offrs - 1

Grds - NIL



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3D men  
Motor Cyclist

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(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

- (1) Officers. NIL
- (2) Other Ranks 1 Sgt. Due to return Jan. 2/45

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

- (1) Due under FdVLAAs  
Offrs. - NIL  
CRs. - 3
- (2) Due under GKO 1352/45  
Offrs. - 1  
CRs. - NIL
- (3) Due for release in 4/8 Gp 47  
Offrs. - NIL  
CRs. - 1
- (4) Due for return in January  
Offrs. - NIL  
CRs. - NIL

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT SPARES AS AT 1st JANUARY 1947

Serial No.	Vehicle	V.D.	No. Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Boys' Repair
1	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5230009	4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-
2	HEAVY HEAVY UTILITY 4 x 4	4894161	-	-	E	-	-
3	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	H. 6175674	23/S8555	UV. 6144	E	-	-
4	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S. 1443	1560069	E	-	-
5	JEEP CAR MD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	CP. 154042	E	-	-
6	JEEP CAR PD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	-	HL
7	JEEP CAR PD 4 str 4 x 4	H. 5661261	-	-	E	-	-
8	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	H. 5101007	-	-	E	-	-
9	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	H. 477086	-	-	E	-	-

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GENERIC TRANSPORT GROUP AS AT 1st JANUARY 1947

Appendix ' ' to 12 B.L.U.  
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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From 9 VEH PARK CAPUA. Authy: MELA Q.P. 12 dated 17.10.46.
23/88555	UV. 6114	E	-	-	Serviceable (At S. MARINELLA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DODGE 24982463 Authy: MELA Q/204 dated 27 May 46.
S. 1443	1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable. New engine fitted.
-	CP. 154042	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	-	BLR	
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. New engine fitted.
-	-	E	-	-	Held in lieu of 3 Tm Chevrolet L. 5683553 (BLR) Authy MELA Q/1020 dated 27.7.46
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From 16, MELA Authy: Q.P./12 dated 17 Oct. 46.



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Serial No	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Repair
10	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-	-
11	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5117266	23/5/104B	-	-	LR	-
12	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1461106	B. 182	-	B	-	-
13	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5547039	294/235/5209	-	B	-	-
14	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1431654	-	11.20-21207	B	-	-
15	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 4706071	-	11.20-73779	B	-	-
16	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2 G.S.	5265380	-	-	B	-	-
17	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 162699	-	-	-	LR	-
18	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906055	-	-	B	-	-
19	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906022	-	-	-	LR	-
	LANCIA CAR 4 str	1238	-	-	-	LR	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B found correct.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
23/3/1048	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. 638 W/S Overhaul.
D. 132	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
294/235/5209	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	M.20-21207	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	M.20-73779	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From 18 VEH. PARK CASERSA. Authy: MIA Q.204 dated 25/10/46. Held for 8 B.I.U., when required.
-	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. 638 W/S. (On loan from Italian Army) Manufacture of Small part
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. 638 W/S. Steering trouble. From MIA Authy: MIA AP/12 dated 17 Oct 46
-	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. Repeated tyre failure. (on loan from Italian Army)

... that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected and

.....  
..... Lt. Colonel,  
C.S.



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NOVEMBER 1946.

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I. SCHOOL OF COOPERATION.

'C' Points.

1. Course.

a. The first Normal Course ended on 20 Dec 46 and it is satisfactory to be able to report that it was an unqualified success. The students were extremely enthusiastic and should prove effective apostles on their return to their various units and formations.

b. The second Normal Course starts on the 22 Jan 47 and finishes on 5 April 47. Thirty odd students from all arms are expected. The duration of this and subsequent courses of like nature will be ten weeks.

c. It has been proposed to S.M.S. that the students should assemble one week before the start of the course and should pay visits to REAGLAND and CASANO in order to refresh themselves with the characteristics of the various weapons before the start of the course itself. This suggestion has not yet been approved.

d. It is unlikely that the proposed Generals' and Colonels' Course will take place during this coming course as was originally hoped.

'D' Points.

2. Instructors.

a. One instructor has left and one ex-student, a tank officer, is expected. The situation therefore remains static.

b. No substitute for Col. GULL has yet been mentioned.

'C' Points.

Nothing to report.



5 April 47. Thirty odd students from all arms are expected. The duration of this and subsequent courses of like nature will be ten weeks.

e. It has been proposed to S.I.A. that the students should assemble one week before the start of the course and should pay visits to ERACIA and GSAANO in order to re-fresh themselves with the characteristics of the various weapons before the start of the course itself. This suggestion has not yet been approved.

d. It is unlikely that the proposed Generals' and Colonels' Course will take place during this coming course as was originally hoped.

1. Points.

2. Instructors.

- a. One instructor has left and one ex-student, a tank officer, is expected. The citation therefore remains static.
- b. No substitute for Col. GUILA has yet been mentioned.

3. Points.

Nothing to report.

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II. SCHOOL OF ASSAULTED CARS

1. Points.

2. Courses.

The results of the course which finished on December 20th, are not yet ready but will be included in the next report. However, in the Officers and NCOs course only four NCOs failed and two were R.T.U. as unsuitable. The next course is due to commence in February.

3. Points.

4. Instructors.

Permission has been granted by S.M.S. to retain some of the more promising recruits to fulfill vacancies within the W.S. for instructors.

5. Health and Discipline.

The standard of the recruits attending the last course was high both mentally and physically. Discipline was good.

6. Points.

7. Vehicles.

Reconnaissance have been received for 8 new Lightnings and 6 Greyhounds and it is expected that these will arrive before the next course commences. It is proposed that the Greyhounds are in lieu of Deimler Lightnings and it is yet to be discovered whether these vehicles will prove suitable. Two are being collected in advance in order that experience can be obtained.

Of the 12 old Lightnings still in use with the school 8 are very old and worn and it is hoped to exchange these for 8 further new ones.

8. Fuel.

All demands have been met.

9. M.T. Equipment.



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4. Instructors.

Proficiency has been granted by S.M.S. to retain some of the more promising recruits to fulfill vacancies within the W.S. for instructors.

5. Health and Discipline.

The standard of the recruits attending the last course was high both mentally and physically. Discipline was good.

6. Points.

6. Vehicles.

Releases have been received for 8 new Staghounds and 6 Greyhounds and it is expected that these will arrive before the next course commences. It is presumed that the Greyhounds are in lieu of Deimler Langues and it is yet to be discovered whether these vehicles will prove suitable. Two are being collected in course in order that experience can be obtained.

Of the 12 old Staghounds still in use with the school 8 are very old and worn and it is hoped to exchange these for 8 further new ones.

7. Retrol.

All commands have been met.

8. M.A. Equipment.

Technical for the L.A.D. is due to arrive in January from KOTONGA. Table, 12 RLL, has promised to check over this equipment on arrival and to give any necessary instructional help as to its proper use.

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III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY - BRACOLANO.

'G' Points

General.

Courses completed during the month.

Type of Course.	No of Students Oficers NCOs Cpls	Duration	Ended	Results Passed Failed
5th. IVA. Courses	30	5 weeks	21 Dec.	-
25 Pr	42	"	"	-
6 Pr	19	"	"	-
17 Pr	7	"	"	-
L.A.A.A.	-	"	"	-
25 Pr	27	"	"	27
6 Pr	80	"	"	75
17 Pr	15	"	"	11
L.A.A.A.	11	"	"	10
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R.S.O.'s Course	15	7 weeks	8 Dec.	15
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C.O.'s Course	17	6 weeks	14 Dec.	17
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Young Specialists.	-	12 weeks	21 Dec.	113
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Pr. Arty Commander's (incl Course	24 7 Con'ls)	2 weeks	7 Dec.	No classification

x - incl. 39 wastage.

b. Future Courses.

5th. IVL Courses									
25 Pr	30	-	5 weeks	21 Dec.	-	30	-	-	-
6 Pr	42	-	"	"	-	42	-	-	-
17 Pr	19	-	"	"	-	19	-	-	-
.....	7	-	"	"	-	7	-	-	-
25 Pr	-	27	"	"	-	27	-	-	5
6 Pr	-	30	"	"	-	30	-	-	4
17 Pr	-	15	"	"	-	15	-	-	1
.....	-	11	"	"	-	11	-	-	-
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R.O.C.'s Course	-	15	7 weeks	8 Dec.	-	15	-	-	-
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S.O.'s Course	-	17	6 weeks	14 Dec.	-	17	-	-	-
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Young Specialists	-	191	12 weeks	21 Dec.	-	113	-	78 x	-
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Inf. Artillery Commander's (incl Course	24	-	2 weeks	7 Dec.	-	-	-	No classification	-
	7 Gen'l's)								

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b. Future Courses.

A series of advanced instructors courses is due to commence on 15 Jan. The object of these courses is to train existing instructors up to the required standard for GPO's, TC's, PC's, RSO's and Regtl. Commanders. Specialist courses are scheduled to begin in March 47. A considerable part of this instruction will require to be given by the instructor in Gunnery, 12 F.L.U.

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Points

10. The school of artillery is at present closed for the Christmas and New Year recess.

Points

11. Reconstruction work has been somewhat halted due to bad weather and holidays.

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IV. AUXILIARY RECRUIT TRAINING CENTRE - CIVITAVECCHIA.

'G' Points.

12. The Instructors refresher courses which commenced in Dec. 46 have been discontinued until Jan. 47, in order to allow the maximum possible number of permanent staff to proceed on Christmas leave.

'A' Points.

NIL

'Q' Points.

NIL

V. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS.

'G' Points.

13. Training Stores.

The position in respect of training stores is much improved. A very considerable quantity of stores has now been released at E.VI. by the Italian War Office. Collection from Savio has already commenced.

14. Courses completed during Month.

No courses were completed during December.

15. Courses in Progress.

on Jan. 12. A Specialist Course is now in progress and will terminate

16. Forecast of Courses.

There will be no courses prior to the new recruits course which is due to start in February. Probably a Reserve Officers course will commence in February or March.



10' Points.

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V. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS.

10' Points.

13. Training stores.

The position in respect of training stores is much improved. A very considerable quantity of stores has now been released at E.N.I. by the Italian War Office. Collection from Pavia has already commenced.

14. Courses completed during Month.

No courses were completed during December.

15. Courses in Progress.

A Specialist Course is now in progress and will terminate on Jan. 12.

16. Forecast of Courses.

There will be no courses prior to the new recruits course which is due to start in February. Probably a Reserve Officers course will commence in February or March.

11' Points.

17. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of instructors. The present instructors are reasonably good.

18. Administration.

There has been a steady improvement in administration during the last 3 months.

19. Welfare.

The general welfare is good.

20. Discipline.

Minor ailments only.

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'C' Points

21. Accommodation.

Dining arrangements have been much improved. Certain necessary accommodation stores have been released from Pavia by the Ministry of War.

22. Clothing.

There is still an insufficiency of woolen underwear and socks.

23. Vehicles.

All vehicles are mechanically sound and are being well maintained. Tyres are urgently needed, but some are expected during January.

VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS.

'C' Points

24. Courses in Progress.

Recruit courses are progressing satisfactorily. Students will disperse early in January.

25. Future Courses.

Refresher course for Officers and NCOs are due to commence on 21st. January 1947, and will be of 42 days duration.

'A' Points

26. Welfare.

A well stocked canteen is functioning extremely well.

'B' Points

27. Accommodation.

Rebuilding and reconditioning of class



VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS.

10. Points.

24. Courses in Progress.

Recruit courses are progressing satisfactorily. Students will disperse early in January.

25. Future Courses.

Refresher course for Officers and NCOs are due to commence on 21st. January 1947, and will be of 40 days duration.

11. Points.

26. Welfare.

A well stocked canteen is functioning extremely well.

12. Points.

27. Accommodation.

Rebuilding and reconditioning of class rooms is well in hand but progress is slow; in some rooms training and repair work are being carried out simultaneously.

Students accommodation is excellent.

28. Vehicles.

Of 14 Motor Cycles held for D.R. training, only one is serviceable. An inspection of the M.C.s shows that release of tyres would put 665 of them on the road.

29. General.

Spare parts for W/T sets are in short supply, as are also serviceable cry cells. It is emphasized that more spare parts will be necessary in the near future, when the 1947 courses commence. The shortage of vehicles suitable for training driver-operators limits the training of students.

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VII SCHOOL OF INFANTRY.

'G' Points.

30. Courses.

The following courses proceeded in December:-

- i) Regtl Ofirs and NCOs 81mm mortar.
- ii) " " " " tactical.
- iii) Young Officers Tactical.
- iv) Supplementary CAR tactical.
- v) engineer ofirs, and NCOs tactical.
- vi) Freca 37.
- vii) Carrier Drivers.
- viii) 81mm mortar.
- ix) Range-takers and Goniometrists
- x) snipers.

Internal.

31. Future Courses.

For detail of courses due to commence during Jan. 47 see appx. 4.

32. Establishment.

A proposal for a very considerable (almost 50%) increase in the No has been put forward to HQ. It is most unlikely that this will be approved in full, but it is hoped that a few more bodies will be allowed as it is for from easy to arrange even a demonstration platoon at present.

'A' Points.

33. Instructors.

Further internal courses are being held during January in order to produce sufficient instructors, as there are seldom, if ever, sufficient to enable squads of a reasonable size to be arranged whilst maintaining the necessary small reserve for sickness, leave etc.

'Q' Points.

Nothing to report.

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Cavalry }  
81mm mortar. }  
Range-takers and }  
snipers. }  
Goniometrists. }  
Internal.

31. Future Courses.

For detail of courses due to commence during Jan. 47 see Appx. A.

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A proposal for a very considerable (almost 50%) increase in the No has been put forward to G.M. It is most unlikely that this will be approved in full, but it is hoped that a few more bodies will be allowed as it is far from easy to arrange even a demonstration platoon at present.

14' Points.

33. Instructors.

Further internal courses are being held during January in order to produce sufficient instructors, as there are seldom, if ever, sufficient to enable squads of a reasonable size to be arranged whilst maintaining the necessary small reserve for sickness, leave etc.

16' Points.

Nothing to report.

VIII POLICE SCHOOL.

16' Points.

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34. General - Courses.

The seventh course for Regimental Police finished on December 21st, 1946, the results being classified as follows:-

Excellent	6
Very Good	4
Good	5
Passed	9
Failed	7
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The recruits seemed to enjoy the course and several of them since returning to their own units have written letters of appreciation to the Command.

35. Manuals

The Commandant at the request of the Ministry of War has compiled a Manual on the duties and correct employment of Regimental Polios. This Manual is to be circulated to all units, and it is to be hoped that it will remove the misconception of some unit commanders regarding the proper employment of trained recruits.

36. Points

Captain COLACCA is being replaced as Commandant by Capt. ALBERTA who is due to arrive on Jan. 17th. from URFINO. On the arrival of Capt. ALBERTA, arrangements for the next course will be discussed.

37. Points

38. Accommodation

Instructions have been received from 8 Territorial Command to hand over the present barracks to the Italian Red Cross and to move the School into MAGGIO Barracks near Rome Central Station. A great deal of alteration to MAGGIO Barracks will be necessary before it can be occupied, and although work has already started it is not likely to be completed before approx. 20th. January 1947.

IX F. T. SCHOOL.

39. Points

40. Courses

- a. The Internal Refresher Course for instructors ended on the 21st. December 1946. The School re-opens for a further Refresher Course on the 13th. January 1947.
- b. The sixth Normal Course will commence on the 17th. Feb. 1947 and finish on the 12th. May 1947. Eighty students are expected (approx. 50% officers and 50% ORs) of whom seventy will be from the Army, seven from the Air Force and three from the Carabinieri.



'G' Points

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39. Establishment.

A proposal has been put forward for an increase in establishment of over 100% all ranks, the greater part of which is made necessary by the move to ROME referred to below, which will necessitate the school becoming a self supporting unit. This proposal has not yet been approved.

40. Location.

- a. The school is moving from Cassino to ROME during Jan. 47 and the H.Q. will be in PALAZZO SALVIATI.
- b. Civilian gymnasiums and other facilities will be made use of until a permanent site is found.
- c. This move is felt to be sound as Cassino would never have made a suitable central Army school of P.F., especially in winter.

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'A' Points.

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points.

Nothing to report.

X SCHOOL OF MOTORIZATION.

'G' Points.

41. Course in progress.

The present course due to have finished on December 31st, 1946 is being continued until January 15th, 1947, in an effort to give the remaining drivers more practical instruction.

42. Future Courses.

The next course is scheduled to commence on March 1st, 1947 when the intake will be reduced to 1,000 recruits.

The officers course is again postponed until reinforcement vehicles are available. It is expected that this course will also commence on March 1st.

'A' Points.

43. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of 11 NCOs and 17 men on the permanent staff.

Application to the Ministry of War was made for permission to retain some of the more promising recruits to make up this deficiency but was refused on the grounds that every available driver was needed to fulfill outstanding deficiencies in other units.

44. Welfare.

The new projector purchased some time ago has arrived and films can now be shown in the theatre. The Centeen retains its popularity, and the profits maintain their high level.



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'Q' Points.

45. Vehicles.

Another conference was held during the month in the office of the Adf (MIL) to determine what action could be taken to improve the position in regard to vehicle deficiencies. Lt. Col. MOLA of the Ministry of War stated that thirty new vehicles would be allotted to the school every ~~twenty~~ eight months until deficiencies were made up. 28 new vehicles, including 12 new 3 ton ~~Flack~~ have been received in December so that it would appear that the Ministry of War intend to pursue the policy indicated by Lt. Col. Aloia.

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Belated  
Feb. 18 1948*

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XI MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTER.

101 Points.

46. Results of Courses for 1946.

i) <u>Trade</u>	<u>Courses Completed</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Not Examined</u>	<u>Place of Training.</u>
Turners	30-9-46	21	5	-	IND. INSTS. ROMA.
Blacksmiths	"	11	6	-	"
Carpenters	"	19	3	-	"
Welders	"	19	4	-	"
ii) <u>Assembler</u>	31-10-46	58	9	-	CASCHIGNOLA.
<u>Engine Fitter</u>	"	72	1	-	"
<u>Fitter, General</u>	"	56	12	-	"
<u>Electricians</u>	"	24	1	-	"
<u>Fuel Injection</u>	"	18	-	-	"
<u>Driver Mech.</u>	"	120	63	-	"
iii) <u>Dvr/Mech.(Inf)</u>	31-12-46	40	14	10	CASCHIGNOLA.
" (Normal)	"	161	81	44	"

47. Training stores.

Major assemblies referred to in Report No. 21, have now been despatched to TURIN arsenal. JMW engine, in running order, has been supplied for training of students, but more allied vehicle assemblies and chassis are still urgently required. A quantity of metal, welding electrodes and rods, together with miscellaneous tools and stores, have been supplied to the school during the month. Text books, for the use of students, are in somewhat short supply. JMW projector has been obtained, and is being installed in the H.Q. building. Efforts are being made to obtain suitable training films.

101 Points.

48. Administration.

Owing to the lack of permanent staff, a number of students (approx. 30-40) have to be detached from their instructional courses, to perform such duties as duty room supplies, office runners, mess orderlies, guards etc., which are done quite frequently last for 10-14 days. This system is most undesirable,

ii) Assembler	31-10-46	38	2		
Engine Fitter	"	72	1		
Fitter, General	"	56	12		
Electricians	"	24	1		
Fuel Injection	"	18	-		
Driver Mech.	"	120	63		
iii) Inv/Mechs(Inf)	31-12-46	40	14	10	Casermotta
" (Normal)	"	161	84	44	"

47. Training stores.

Major assemblies referred to in Report No. 24 have now been despatched to TULIN arsenal. A JMF engine, in running order, has been supplied for training of students, but more allied vehicle assemblies and chassis are still urgently required. A quantity of metal, welding electrodes and rods, together with miscellaneous tools and stores, have been supplied to the school during the month. Text books, for the use of students, are in somewhat short supply. A 35mm projector has been obtained, and is being installed in the H.Q. building. Efforts are being made to obtain suitable training films.

48. Police.

48a. Administration.

Owing to the lack of permanent staff, a number of students (approx. 30-40) have to be detached from their instructional courses, to perform such duties as infantry exercises, office runways, mess orderlies, guards etc., such commitments frequently last for 10-14 days. This system is most undesirable, since it seriously interferes with instruction.

49. Welfare.

A bar and recreation room for the use of students is under construction, and is expected in use. Attempts are being made to obtain such items as table-tennis sets, carboards etc. An officers recreation room, for the use of the permanent staff is also being installed.

50. Points.

50a. Accommodation.

Work still continues in Casermotta "B", and students are being transferred from Casermotta "A" to "B" as accommodation becomes available.



'C' Points.51. Training.a. Gunfitters.

There are at present no instructional handbooks in Italian on British artillery equipment; few wall diagrams and no sectional models or class aids. There is also an insufficiency of tools, materials and equipment for the Preliminary General Workshop Practice Course designed to train fitters. Partly as a result of this, the passing-out standards of fitters is extremely low.

It appears that many unsuitable students are still being selected by Candidates to undergo training at the school. Instances have occurred whereby students have failed the 3-week workshop practice course, and although obviously unsuitable for further training as either armourers or gunfitters, the school has been unable to return such men to their units and been compelled to retain them for the full duration of the course.

At the end of a course there is no written examination; a student being graded on his ability to answer two or three oral questions. This is considered to be a quite inadequate test of a student's knowledge.

Too many students appear to be allotted to each class, usually about 17-20 to an instructor.

b. Armourers.

Few wall diagrams are available and no sectional models or class aids are held at the school. Lack of tool and spare parts impedes progress in the practical repair of small arms. No provision has ever been made in the syllabus enabling students to gain experience in actually firing the weapons taught.

Students are eventually passed out on the results of a most elementary fitting test at the end of the workshop practice course and by oral examination at the end of the weapons course. A test of this nature is not considered to be of any particular value.

It is considered that the existing syllabi should be discontinued, and replaced by completely new ones. It is also considered that for more care should be exercised by selection boards at C.Rs.

52. Training accommodation.

Classroom accommodation for theory lessons is adequate, but for practical work, accommodation is not particularly suitable. The artillery equipment room, for example, is an open fronted building, which at this time of the year, is extremely uncomfortable for students and instructors alike. Furthermore, the height of the building is insufficient for the larger equipment and no lifting appliances are available. This latter state of affairs makes the dismantling and re-assembling of equipment unnecessarily difficult and dangerous to students.

53. Future Courses.

No information is available as to the scope and nature of future courses.



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53. Future Courses.

No information is available as to the scope and nature of future courses.

54. 1st Points.

54a. Welfare.

There is one very small canteen for the use of all ranks, where small stocks of drinks are sometimes available.

Senior NCOs who live at the school have no recreational amenities such as a club or canteen.

54b. 1st Points.

55. Clothing.

Students are not issued with overalls, & it is understood that no boots and clothing are available to students.

56. Cleaning Reps.

The supply of these is non-existent. In the past, mainly is essential to maintain cleanliness of equipments & for use by students in their practical work in the stripping and assembling of parts.

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XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND MILITARY

'G' Points.

57. Courses.

No courses are at present in progress.  
New courses are due to commence on 12th. January 1947.

'L' Points.

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points.

58. Accommodation.

Building repair work is continuing.

59. Vehicles.

All vehicles are efficient.

*W. G. B.*

Lt. Colonel.  
G. B.

Notes.

January 1947.

WGH/og.

Distribution.

1. Points.

Nothing to report.

101 Points.

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*M. G. Miller*

Lt. - Colonel,  
G.S.

ROMs.

January 1947.

RWJH/og.

Distribution.

External.

E. G. Land Forces Sub-Commission & C. (M.M.I.A.) --(23)

H. Q. 8 Territorial Command. --(2)

Internal.

All officers, 12 B.L.U.  
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PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS JANUARY 1947

(a) School	(b) Courses	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Off'rs.	NCOs.	Troops			
Cosperation.	1st. Course for Senior Officers	30	-	-	10	22 Jan.	5 April
Armoured Cars	NO COURSES IN PROGRESS						
Engineer	NO COURSES IN PROGRESS						
Signal.	Telegraph Mech.	-	-	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47
	Switchboard Op.	-	-	433	16	ditto	ditto
	- Telephonist	-	-	308	16	ditto	ditto
	Wireless Op.	-	-	48	16	ditto	ditto
	Dvr. Operators	-	-	66	24	ditto	10 March 47
	Radio Mechanics	-	-	45	16	ditto	13 Jan. 47
	Operator Line & Teleprinter	-	-	76	?	?	?
	Electricians	-	-	142	?	?	?
	Despatch Riders	-	-	104	8	13 Jan 47	10 March 47
	Inf Line Operator	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.
	Arty Dvr. Op.	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.
	Arty Signallers	-	-				

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COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS JANUARY 1947.

Coms. COs. Troops	(a) Duration (weeks)	(c) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(e) Remarks.
-	10	22 Jan.	5 April	
- 36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
- 433	16	ditto	ditto	
- 308	16	ditto	ditto	
- 48	16	ditto	ditto	
- 66	24	ditto	10 March 47	
- 45	16	ditto	13 Jan. 47	
- 76	?	?	?	
- 142	?	?	?	
- 104	8	13 Jan 47	10 March 47	
- 143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
- 393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	

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(a) School	(b) Course	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins	(f) Ends
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops			
Infantry	Yrda 37	-	-	540	6	7 Jan.	15 Feb.
	81mm Mortar	-	-	379	6	ditto	ditto
	Range-takers	-	-	3	4	ditto	1 Feb.
	Goniometrists	-	-	56	4	ditto	1 Feb.
	Snipers	-	-	70	6	ditto	15 Feb.
	Yrda 37 - GAR NCOs	-	66	-	5	13 Jan.	ditto
	81mm Mortar-GAR NCOs	-	55	-	6	13 Jan.	22 Feb.
	81mm Mortar-Regtl. Offrs and NCOs	26	52	-	6	13 Jan.	22 Feb.
	5th Supplementary GAR Tactical.	30	-	-	6	27 Jan.	8 March
	Fl & Sec Comds Tactical	32	32	-	6	27 Jan.	8 March.
Police.	Regimental Police	-	-	31	4	19 Nov.46	21 Dec. 46
P.T.	Regimental	40	20	20	8	17 Feb. 47	12 May 47.
<u>MOTORISATION AND M.R.T.G.</u>							
Drivers	Drivers	-	-	654	12	1 Oct.46	15 Jan.47
	M/Cyclists	-	-	48	12	1 Oct.46	31 Dec.46

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Groups	(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks.
540	6	7 Jan.	15 Feb.	Inf. Specialists
379	6	ditto	ditto	" "
3	4	ditto	1 Feb.	" "
56	4	ditto	1 Feb.	" "
70	6	ditto	15 Feb.	" "
-	5	13 Jan.	ditto	-
-	6	13 Jan.	22 Feb.	-
-	6	13 Jan.	22 Feb.	-
-	6	27 Jan.	8 March	-
-	6	27 Jan.	8 March	-
31	4	19 Nov. 46	21 Dec. 46	-
20	8	17 Feb. 47	12 May 47.	
651	12	1 Oct. 46	15 Jan. 47	
48	12	1 Oct. 46	31 Dec. 46	

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(a) School	(b) Course	(c) Students Offrs. NCOs. ORs.	(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) ends
<u>MOTORISATION &amp; M.R.T.C. (cont'd)</u>					
	Driver Mechs.	- - 16	16	1 Oct. 46	21 Jan. 47
	Engine Fitters	- - 65	16	ditto	ditto
	Assemblers	- - 87	16	ditto	ditto
	Fitters, General	- - 78	16	ditto	ditto
	Electricians	- - 82	16	ditto	ditto
	Fuel Injection	- - 17	16	ditto	ditto
	Sheet Metal Workers	- - 14	16	ditto	ditto
	Vulcanisers	- - 27	16	ditto	ditto
	Painters	- - 26	16	ditto	ditto
	Radiator repair	- - 22	16	ditto	ditto
	Textile Refitters	- - 21	16	ditto	ditto
INST. IND. DUC D'OSTIA ROLL	Blacksmiths	- - 25	16	ditto	ditto
	Carpenters	- - 25	16	ditto	ditto
	Welders	- - 30	16	ditto	ditto
	Turners	- - 40	16	ditto	ditto
INST. IND. G. GALILEO ROLL	Blacksmiths	- - 27	16	ditto	ditto
	Carpenters	- - 31	16	ditto	ditto
	Welders	- - 31	16	ditto	ditto

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(a). SCHOOL	(b). COURSE	(c). SEMESTER COURSE NO'S	(d). DURATION (Weeks)	(e). DATE	(f). GRADE
School of Admin & Welfare.	Hygiene	30 -- --	5	13 Jan 47	17
	Org & Finct ioning of Services	30 -- --	5	13 Jan 47	17
	Typists	70 & Org	5	ditto	17
	Shorthand	28 & Org	5	ditto	17
	Braille	36 & Org	5	ditto	17
	Plastic Modelling	31 & Org	5	ditto	17
	Cooking	40 & Org	4	ditto	17
	Stenography	40 & Org	4	13 Jan 47	17
	Administration	40 & Org	4	ditto	17

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(1). DATE WK'S	(2). ORIG.	(3). DURATION (Weeks)	(4). REGUL.	(5). REDS.	(6). REMARKS.
		5	13. Jan. 47	17. Feb. 47	
70 & Org		5	15 Jan 47	17 Feb 47	
23 & Org		5	ditto	ditto.	
36 & Org		5	ditto	ditto	
31 & Org		5	ditto	ditto	
40 & Org		4	ditto	ditto	
40 & Org		4	15 Jan 47	10 Feb 47	
40 & Org		4	ditto	ditto	
40 & Org		4	ditto	ditto	

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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 sheets 16 and 17.  
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference	Commandant
1.	School of Co-operation	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Gen. MATTIOLI
2.	Armoured Car School	Lor di Quinto	F 738727	Col. CUZZINATI
3.	School of arty. 28. Branch 4/12. Branch	Icciano Civitavecchia	F 4890 ) F 1891 )	Col. PALLA
4.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Col. TAGGIANI
5.	Signal School	Cecchi-nola	F 7458	Col. MARCUSO
6.	Infantry School	Cosano	F 6256	Col. TANZI
7.	Police School	Rome	F 724572	Capt. SOLICCI

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dated January 1947.

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.  
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (south)

Location	Map Reference	Commandant	British Liaison Officer
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Gen. MATTIOLI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSINS
Porto di Quinto	F 738727	Col. CUZZINATI	Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE
Bracciano Civitavecchia	F 4890 ) F 1891 )	Col. PALMA	Maj. G.K. ALEXANDER
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Col. TUSIGNI	Maj. D.A. WILKINSON.
Cecchiagnola	F 7458	Col. MANGUSO	Maj. W.A.T. MORGENTHAU
Cosens	F 6286	Col. TANZI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSINS
Rome	F 72472	Capt. SOLICCA	Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE.

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Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference	Commandant
8.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286	Col. DINARI
9.	School of Motorisation	Cecchignola	F 7458	Col. NEMRI
10.	School of Adm. and Welfare	Rieti	B 0723	Col. GACHET

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Location	Map Reference	Commandant	British Liaison	
Cesano	F 6286	Col. DIDARI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSINS	
Cecchignola	F 7458	Col. NEGRI	Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE	
Alfare	Rieti	B 0723	Col. GACHET	Maj. R.N.J. HIBBARD



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AMENDMENT No. 1.

Reference Para 58 : TRAINING STOKES.

DETAILS :-

Arrangements have been made for the sectionalising of a considerable number of major assemblies at TURIN arsenal. These are to be used for Allied vehicles, preferably engines in some sort of running order, are still most urgently required. It is suggested that an investigation be made into the possibility of obtaining a number of class 6 vehicles from stocks now in the possession of A.I.A.R.

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Deductions Transport State  
as at 1 December 1916

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- 78. Major R.M.J. HIBBARD R.E. rejoined the unit from PRIVILEGE on 3 November 1946.
- 79. Captain W.A. TREVILYAN R.E. proceeded to England on release with A/S GP 45 on 6 November 1946.
- 80. Major A.T. WHITE R.E.M.E. rejoined the unit from LIZOP on 16 November 1946.
- 81. Major P.W. HAMILTON R.Dave proceeded to England on PRIVILEGE on 22 November 1946.
- 82. Major A.T. WHITE R.E.M.E. was posted to H.Q. A.C.R.A. on 25 November 1946.

XV SCHOOL OF ARMOUR

Brain Areas

The civilian population are being allowed to return adjacent land which is Ministry of War property. Col. GUSMARTI is perturbed about this as not only does he feel that the close proximity of civilians is bad when training recruits, but also that the training area is being restricted.

XVI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

Administration

The Commandant Col. TARGIONI is an extremely efficient officer, who puts all his time (often 14 hours a day) into improving things generally. The Chief Instructor and Adjutant are also keen and efficient officers.

AVI. GENERAL REMARKS

School of Cooperation



82. Major A.T. WILKIE R.E.S. was posted to HQ. A.G.R.A. on 25 November 1946.

XV SCHOOL OF ARMOUR

83. Training Areas

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XVI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

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XVII GENERAL REMARKS

85. School of Cooperation

The question of attendance at the next course by a small number of Generals and Colonels is under consideration.

86. School of Artillery

This School teaches British methods entirely. These are still regarded with suspicion by many senior Italian Artillery officers, including some of those at the Ministry of War. Colonel BIANCHI has a full knowledge of British artillery methods and is probably the only senior Italian officer who is fully convinced of their superiority.

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87. School of Infantry

This school runs demonstrations of various tactics for visiting officers from other schools. They have now agreed to run similar demonstrations of zeroing and connecting sights & view to spreading British methods of instruction in the rifle throughout the army. Instruction in zeroing is carried out very well indeed.

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STAFF LIST - 12 B. L. U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

C.S.O. I T/Lt. COL. A.W. GIBSON OMC (28590) A. & S.H.  
 C.S.O. III

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. T/Maj. R.H.J. HIBBARD (236667) R.M.

SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing Instr. Major S/Maj. C.T. BENDISCH OBE (120450) R.A.S.C.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E. T/Maj. C.R.F. SAFFERIN (237160) T.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf. T/Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (130364) R. Berks.  
 Instr. Tactics W/Maj. P.G.L. COUSERS (53734) D.V.R.

R.A.C. WING.

Instr. R.A.C.

R.A. WING.

Instr. Gunnery T/Maj. G.E. ALEXANDER (87447) R.A.

R.S. WING.

(151306) R.F.



G.S.C. III

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. T/Maj. R.F.J. HERRARD (236667) R.E.

SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing  
Instr. Major S/Maj. C.F. BERRIDGE OPE (120450) R.A.S.C.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.F. T/Maj. C.R.F. SAMPSON (237160) R.E.M.E.

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R.F. WING.

Instr. R.F. T/Maj. D.A. WILKINSON G.M. (154306) R.E.

R. SIGNALS.

Instr. R. Sigs.

Appendix 'D' to 12 B. L. U.  
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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. OM/1018/2 dated 19 Aug '46

(1) Officers

Instr R. Sigs - Major  
G.S.O. III - Capt.

(2) Other Ranks

Storeman Tech -  
Instrs R.A. 2  
Clerks G.D. - 1  
Instr R.E. 1  
Instr R. Sigs -  
G.D. Men -

Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total
-	-	1	1
2	-	-	2
1	-	2	2
1	-	-	1
-	-	1	1
-	-	1	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers

PRIVILEAVE

1 Major (Instr Inf) Due to return Jan '47.

(2) Other Ranks

PRIVILEAVE

1 L/Cpl Due to return Dec '46.

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

(1) Due under PRIVILEAVE.

Offrs - 1  
O.R.S - 4

(2) Due under GEO 1352/45

Offrs - 1  
O.R.S - NIL

(3) Due for release in A/S Gps 47 & 47

Offrs - NIL



Storeman Tech	-	-	1
Instrs R.A.	2	1	2
Clerks G.D.	1	2	2
Instr R.E.	1	-	1
Instr R. Sigs	1	-	1
G.D. Men	-	1	1

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(2) Other Ranks

PRIVILEGE 1 L/Opl Due to return Dec '46.

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Offrs - 1  
O.R.S - 4

(2) Due under GPO 1352/45

Offrs - 1  
O.R.S - NIL

(3) Due for release in A/S Gps 47 & 47

Offrs - NIL  
O.R.S - 1

(4) Due for PVTCH during December

Offrs - NIL  
O.R.S - NIL



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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st DECEMBER 1946.

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	V.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local repair (LR)	Beyond Repair
1	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5230009	4282-1990	91018097	E	-	-
2	HUBER HEAVY UTILITY 4 x 4	4894164	-	-	E	-	-
3	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 6175674	23/88555	UV. 6144	E	-	-
4	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S. 1445	1560869	E	-	-
5	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	GPT. 154042	E	-	-
6	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	-	YES
7	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	M. 5661261	-	-	E	-	-
8	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 5101007	-	-	-	YES	-
9	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 477086	-	-	-	YES	-

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VEHICLE TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st DECEMBER 1946.

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No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
0009	4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-	Good.
4164	-	-	E	-	-	From 9 VEH. PARK CAPE Authority : MIA Q.T. 12 dated 17/10/46.
5674	23/S8555	UV. 6144	E	-	-	Serviceable (at SANTA MARIELLA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DODGE Z. 4982463 Authy : HQ MIA Q/204 dated 27th May 46.
8869	S. 1443	1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable.
26871	-	CVT. 154042	E	-	-	Serviceable.
58386	-	-	-	-	YES	
41261	-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
01007	-	-	-	YES	-	611 German W/Shops. Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L.5683553 (BLR) Authy MIA Q/1020 dated 27/7/46
7086	-	-	-	YES	-	611 German W/Shops. From HQ MIA Authy : Q.T./12 dated 17 Oct. 46.



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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (E)
10.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-	-
11	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5117266	23/3/1048	-	-	YES	-
12	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1461106	B. 102	-	E	-	-
13	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5547039	294/235/5209	-	E	-	-
14	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1431654	-	M.20-21207	E	-	-
15	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 4706071	-	M.20-73779	E	-	-
16	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2 G.S.	5265380	-	-	E	-	-
17	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 162699	-	-	E	-	-
18	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906855	-	-	E	-	-
19	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906022	-	-	E	-	-
	LANCIA CAR 4 str	1238	-	-	E	-	-

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Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that M and found correct.



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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
182	-	-	YES	-	
182	-	E	-	-	Good.
182	-	E	-	-	Good.
182	M.20-21207	E	-	-	Good.
182	M.20-73779	E	-	-	Good.
182	-	E	-	-	From 18 VEH. PARK CASARSA Authy : MIA Q.204 dated 25/10/45 Held for 8 B.L.U., when required
182	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. On loan from Bologna. An Italian Army Vehicle
182	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
182	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From MIA Authy : MIA AT/12 dated 17 Oct 46.
182	-	E	-	-	On loan from Italian Army.

in charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 442 and B 406 have been inspected

..... Lt. Colonel,  
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I. SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

'Q' Points

1. First Students Course

- a. This course is going well. As a result of an urgent appeal to S.M.E. one rep from each of the Servizio di Sanita, Servizio di Commissariato and the Servizio Trasporti arrived towards the end of October.
- b. The general standard of the students may be described as mediocre. The necessity for selecting and sending only the very best officers is therefore again emphasized. The principal limiting factor to the development of the School to its full capacity is scope in limit of instructors, and the only possible source of instructors is that of students attending courses. This situation is being stressed again, particularly as both the future Senior Officers' School and Staff College will themselves be developments of the School of Cooperation. Neither one nor the other can be conducted seriously until this School is itself working at something near 100% efficiency.
- c. No matter how arduous it may be to release certain star-turn officers to attend courses and possibly to become instructors, it is urged that this must be done, as it represents the only sensible long term policy. If it is not done, progress on a higher level can only be at a snail's pace.

2. Visits

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'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

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'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

3. Accommodation

The situation referred to in the report for October still exists.

4. One more division is now on the road.

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III SCHOOL OF ARMoured CARS

'Q' Points

5. General

The N.C.O.'s course now in progress has been reduced in numbers through release. Progress generally in the Officers, N.C.O.'s and recruits courses has been good although practical training has suffered through shortage of petrol. (see 'Q' Points).

'A' Points

6. Instructors

An increase of 2 officers, 7 N.C.O.'s and 25 soldiers on the permanent W.E. has been put up to the Ministry of War to bring the W.E. in line with British W.I.'s. No decision on these suggestions has yet been received.

'Q' Points

7. Accommodation

The lack of married quarters for officers and N.C.O.'s on the staff of the School is an acute problem. Many of the Officer's families are resident in the north of Italy and officers cannot afford to bring them to ROME where expenses are high. Local accommodation is non-existent.

This may eventually result in the School losing some of its best instructors.

Two Nissan huts would be a great asset, one for use as a recreation room and the other as a men's dining hall.

8. Vehicles

Of the 20 stagbords on the W.E. only 14 are held and two of these cannot function through lack of spares. A L.A.D. is operating rather indifferently and it has been arranged for D.A.D.M.E. to visit in order to see what help can be given.

No Daimler Dingoes are held against the W.E. of 12. It is considered that 6 Dingoes would be sufficient if available.

9. Petrol

Although 20,000 litres of petrol is the monthly entitlement



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9. Petrol

Although 20,000 Litres of petrol is the monthly entitlement only 7,000 Litres have been received during November. This seriously curtails the practical training at a critical period of the course as the firing range is 50 kilometres away.

However, this shortage appears universal at the present time as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce have restricted C.I.P. in issues in view of the shortage of petrol supplies arriving in this country.

III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY - BRACCIANO

'A' Points

10. General

2. Courses completed during the month

Type of Course.	No of Students Offrs NCOs ORs	Duration	Ended	Results Passed Failed
4 NVA Courses				
25 Pr	25	5 weeks	9 Nov 46	25 -
A Tk	28	"	"	26 -
L.A.A.	6	"	"	6 -
25 Pr	-	"	"	24 -
A Tk	68	"	"	60 -
L.A.A.	15	"	"	14 -
2nd Arty Commander's Course	15 (incl 5 Brigs)	2 weeks	16 Nov 46	No classification
RSC's Course	15	7 weeks	23 Nov 46	15 -

3. Future Courses

The Inspector of Artillery has agreed to reserve the period JAN - MAR 47 for internal courses. Arrangements are well in hand for utilising this breathing space to the best advantage.

'A' Points

11. General - Health and Discipline

Percentage sick %

Percentage under punishment %



4 NVA Courses						
25 Pr	25	-	5 weeks	9 Nov 46	25	-
A Tk	28	-	"	"	28	-
L.A.A.A.	6	-	"	"	6	-
25 Pr	-	24	"	"	24	8
A Tk	-	68	"	"	60	1
L.A.A.A.	-	15	"	"	14	

2nd Arty Commander's Course (incl 5 Brigs) 15 - 2 weeks 16 Nov 46 No classification

RSO's Course 15 - 7 weeks 23 Nov 46 15 -

b. Future Courses

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'A' Points

11. General - Health and Discipline

Percentage sick 8%  
Percentage under punishment 4%

'Q' Points

12. Accommodation

School were completed:-  
During the month, repairs to the following parts of the

- a. N.C.C.'s Barracks.
- b. Storerooms in main Barracks.
- c. 7 lecture rooms
- d. 10 rooms in the officer's quarters.

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IV ARTILLERY RECRUIT TRAINING CENTRE - CIVITAVECCHIA

'C' Points

13. Training Stores

The guns which were released to the Arty R.T.C. continue to be of little use due to incomplete sights and lack of drag ropes etc. Some advances has been made in Training Devices during this month; both the R.T.C. and School of Artillery have miniature ranges in operation.

14. Courses completed

The recruits from the second call-up have now finished their course and have been posted as follows:-

Number of recruits	Wastage due to serious illness, Court-martial etc	To Divisions	To Brigata Calabria, Acosta & Reggio	Retained for permanent cadre at RTC & S of A
1.4.44	445	351	76+	
1.7.44	314	222	45	

+ Including 24 commended for H.A.A.

15. Future Courses

Recruits of the next call-up are due to reach the Artillery Recruit Training Centre on or about 3 Mar '47. The following courses are scheduled to take place prior to Mar '47.

Type of Course	Estimated No of Students	Estimated date of commencement	Duration
COORS NCOs & ORs		Dec 1946	4 weeks

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their course and have been posted as follows:-

Number of recruits	Wastage due to sickness illness Court-martial etc	To Divisions	To Brigada Calabria, Iosta & Reggio	Retained for increment cadre at RUC G. S of A
L.A.A. 445	38	331	-	76+
A Pk 514	27	222	19	46

+ Including 21 converted for H.A.A.

15. Future Courses

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Pot NCOs Course	-	34	Dec '46	4 weeks
Instructors	12	30	10 Jan '47	4 weeks
Refresher Course	6	20	10 Jan '47	4 weeks

If the refresher course in L.A.A. is to be of any value, live shooting against a towed target is essential.

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'A' Points

16. General - Health and Discipline

Percentage sick during month Nov 10%  
Percentage sick admitted to hospital 5%  
Percentage serving punishment 3%

'Q' Points

17. Accommodation

A detailed statement of the re-construction work at Duc D'Aosta barracks is given below.

a. Work already completed

- i. Re-construction of 2 barrack blocks for V & VI Gruppo
- ii. Re-construction of a further block for the new 25 Pr wing. (less glazing)
- iii. Cookhouse for 1,000 men.
- iv. N.C.O.'s mess.

b. Work in progress

- i. Re-construction of unmarried officers quarters.
- ii. Re-construction of Guard room.
- iii. Re-construction of H.Q. offices etc.
- iv. Weather proofing.
- v. Provisional officers mess.

c. Work projected

- i. Cookhouse for 3,000 men.
- ii. Dining Hall for 3,000 men.
- iii. Barracks for 2 further troops.
- iv. N.C.O.'s club.
- v. Re-organisation of O.R.'s Spaccio.
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V. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

'G' Points

18. Training Stores

Training stores are still in short supply. However, a considerable quantity of extremely useful stores have been located at PAVIA. S.O.R.E. M.M.I.A. has negotiated for these stores and it is understood that the Ministry of War have agreed to the release and that collection will be authorised shortly. Training Stores on charge at the School are being maintained extremely well.

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19. Courses completed during month

Recruits advanced training course

This course ended on 16 Nov '46. Results were encouraging and a great improvement on the last Recruits Course. Of the 388 recruits, 370 were retained to commence the Specialist Course now in operation.

20. Courses in progress

Specialist course

The best men of those who had completed the Recruits course (approx 37%) were selected for this course. They are showing a great deal of enthusiasm in their training.

21. Forecast of Courses

No new course is contemplated until the new recruits course due to commence in Feb '47. However, a course for officers is at present under consideration.

'A' Points

22. Instructors

The present instructors are reasonably good and set a good example in cleanliness. The school is still below strength in instructors. The suggested officer's course, if it materialises, should be a potential source of instructors. Similarly, the specialist course now in progress should produce good N.C.O. instructors.

23. Administration

The administration has improved tremendously particularly during the last 6 weeks.

24. Welfare

Welfare arrangements are fairly good. Application has been made for a further cash grant for the purpose of purchasing football and hockey equipment. The cinema is in full operation.

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25. Discipline

Discipline has improved during the month, the percentage of defaulters having dropped from 18% in October to 9.5% in November.

26. Health

Good - minor ailments only.



'G' Points

27. Accommodation

Dining arrangements are bad. The men draw their food from the cookhouse and through lack of dining halls have to retire to their sleeping quarters to feed. This is very undesirable. However, efforts are being made to obtain 6 large huts from Italian sources in Northern Italy to serve as dining accommodation.

28. Clothing

There is some improvement since October. 50% of the greatcoats and battle dress demanded have arrived, also the demand for pullovers has been fully met. However, woolen underwear, socks and boots are greatly needed. Especially is this the case in respect of socks.

29. Vehicles

Vehicles are in mechanically good condition and are efficiently maintained. However, there is a lack of tyres the result being that certain vehicles are off the road.

39 new tyres have been demanded but as yet these have not been delivered.

30. Accommodation Stores

The school is still in need of about 400 tables and 800 forms.

VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

'G' Points

31. General Remarks - Recruit Training

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Excellent 5  
Very Good 1

Telegraph Mechanics

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Excellent	5	1
Very Good	14	4
Good	19	4
Satisfactory	10	9
Unsatisfactory	9	1
Total	<u>57</u>	<u>19</u>

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'A' Points

Nothing further to report.

'Q' Points

32. Accommodation and Training Accommodation

All works continue to make good progress.

VII SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

'G' Points

33. Training Areas

There is still trouble with the local inhabitants over the use of the surrounding countryside as a training area. This problem must be settled in the near future as these disturbances interfere very seriously with the work of the School.

34. Courses

The following courses terminated in November:-

- Instructors Course 3" Mortar
- Instructors Course 81 mm Mortar
- Instructors Course Breda
- Coy and Pl Comds Tactical Course.

35. Manuals

Instruction manuals are being prepared for the Breda 37 and 81 mm Mortar.

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37. Drivers

The situation is extremely bad. For 75 vehicles the School has 25 drivers of whom only 15 are qualified.

1Q' Points

Nothing to report.

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VIII POLICE SCHOOL

'G' Points

38. General - Courses

The present course assembled on 25 November at the Palazzo Salviatti. 34 students from all arms are undergoing training although the original Ministry of War instructions called for recruits from Armoured Car, Infantry and Welfare Schools.

The physique of the students is good. 2 hours daily P.T. is included in the training.

The Commandant would like to run a course for Officers and N.C.O.'s considered to be potential instructors.

'A' Points

39. Instructors

Replacement Carabinieri instructors have not been of the best type. However, the Commandant of the School has received permission from the Inspectorate of Infantry to choose, in future, men who are known to him.

40. Welfare

Both Officer and O.R. canteens are in operation. These were abated by unit subscription and no initial grant was received from the Ministry of War.

41. Discipline

Discipline is good but the Commandant complains that many men are ruined on returning to their units by being wrongly employed. He attributes this to the ignorance of unit commanders regarding the true function of Regimental Police. It has been suggested that the Inspectorate of Infantry be asked to issue general instructions to all formations on the role of regimental police.

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IX P.T. SCHOOL

'G' Points

43. Courses

The fifth normal course finished on the 3 Nov. The Commandant has sent in a very good report, the more important proposals of which are referred here ~~to~~ their appropriate headings.



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43. Courses (contd)

b. The Instructors Refresher Course (19 Nov - 21 Dec) is being run in Rome. The School has received, and continues to receive, most welcome assistance in every sphere of its activity from the Italian Federation of Sport.

44. Site of School

CESANO is a very poor place for a permanent army school of P.T. It will need a tremendous amount of money spent on it to make it at all suitable, especially in winter.

45. Students - Age limits

Numbers on the last course were far below the schools capacity and it has therefore been proposed that the age limit should be raised from 28 to 30 or 32.

46. Length of Course

Extension from 12 to 16 weeks has been suggested.

47. Telephone system

It has been proposed that the camp telephone system, which is always breaking down, should be replaced by a permanent

48. 'A' Points

Medical

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'Q' Points

50. Accommodation Stores - General

Furniture for quarters and office fittings are still in short supply.

51. Repair Works

A very large amount of repair work still remains to be done. To give one example, the troops cook house is still in the open.

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X. SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION

'G' Points

52. Courses in progress

339 drivers with previous experience of driving and who are already holders of civilian licenses finished their training and were passed out and posted. It is proposed to prolong the present courses well into January 1947 to allow the remainder of the recruits to get more practical driving instruction on the limited number of vehicles available.

As the recruits pass out after their final driving test they are given a driving license stating which type of vehicle classified in three grades. Licenses of different colours have been designed to show the various types and grades.

53. Future Courses

The officers course is due to commence on 1 Jan '47. Of the 100 officers expected to arrive, 20 are to undertake the Specialists Course.

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The canteen and theatre under the supervision of a new welfare officer continue to give good service.

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57. Vehicles

Position still bad as approximately only 30 vehicles are available for practical training. A conference was held on 19 Nov and was attended by General ROSSI, Lt-Col ALOIA and Col NIGRI and although promises were made that further vehicles were to be expected, nothing definite was decided as to future policy. Col. NIGRI was told he could expect 30 more vehicles in Nov but these have not yet arrived.

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XI MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

'G' Points

58. Training Stores

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Arrangements have been made for the sectionalising of a considerable number of major assemblies. These are to be used for constructional purposes at TUMV arsenal. Chassis and assemblies of Allied vehicles, preferably engines in some sort of running order, are still most urgently required. It is suggested that an investigation be made into the possibility of obtaining a number of class 6 vehicles from stocks now in the possession of A.R.A.R.

59. Training Accommodation

Lighting in Lecture and demonstration rooms is being greatly improved by the construction of additional windows.

60. General Remarks

A great deal of useful work is being done by students undergoing training as general fitters, in sectionalising assemblies which afterwards will be used for instructional purposes. A.P.E.M.E. Sgt Vch Moch has been attached to the school to train students in the inspection and classification of vehicles.

'Q' Points

61. Accommodation

Work has not yet been completed in CASERETA 'B', which adjoins the Specialist Repair School, but has progressed sufficiently to allow a considerable number of students to be accommodated in this area. Meanwhile, building work continues.

62. Accommodation Stores

Accommodation stores are still being manufactured by students undergoing carpentry and joinery courses. However, a considerable amount of additional furniture is still required. Also needed are metal stands for M.T. assemblies in the class rooms. These could be made in the school, if a sufficient quantity of suitable mild steel was made available.

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63. General

Attention is drawn to the inferior quality of C.I.P. lubricating oils supplied to Italian army vehicles. With such oils in use, changes of oils of engine and transmissions are necessary more frequently than when Allied Service lubricants are used.

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XII. ARMORY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

64. Points

64. Training Stores

These have always been in extremely short supply at S.M.O.A., particularly in respect of tools, gauges and weapons for instructional purposes. Furthermore the supply of metal for basic workshop training has never been adequate.

A number of tools and gauges were received by H.Q. Central Schools on 11 Oct '46. It is hoped that these will be released to S.M.O.A.

A 30 cwt or 2 ton Gantry is very urgently required for safety reasons, when dismantling and reassembling equipments.

65. General

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66. Points

66. Instructors

A British Instructor on 3.7 inch A.A. equipment has been attached to the school. An instructors course on this equipment is proceeding under his direction.

67. Administrative Staff

It is considered that when a revised W.E. is written for the new S.M.O.A. the following additions should be made.

- 1 Officer (Armourer), equivalent to a British Service A.I.A.
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- 1 Chief Technician (division)

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- 1 Officer (Armourer), equivalent to a British Service A.I.A.
- 1 Officer (Arty Equipments)
- 1 Chief Technician (Civilian)
- 2 Draughtsmen mechanical.

These additions were previously recommended in 12 R.L.U. Progress Report No 21.

68. Welfare

Welfare amenities have never been adequate at this school. It is hoped that this very important matter will be given due consideration when a new location for S.M.O.A. is found.

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'G' Points

69. Clothing

Overalls for use of students and instructors are most urgently required. Students and instructors cannot be expected to give full attention to their work if it is necessary to concentrate on avoiding contact with dirty equipment.

70. Accommodation Stores

A certain amount of office furniture has been obtained and will be released to the school in its new location.

XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE

'G' Points

71. Courses

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New courses are due to commence on 12 Jan '47.

'A' Points

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74. Welfare

There is a slight improvement in the welfare arrangements of the school, in that the canteen is now administered by the school itself and not as hitherto by a civilian contractor. Also a member of the C.A.F. - an organisation somewhat similar to the W.V.S. - has also been appointed to the school, and is engaged in general welfare duties.

No further progress has been made in providing a welfare centre but the installation of a cinema apparatus is contemplated.

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'Q' Points

75. Accommodation

A civilian contractor is about to commence work on the several urgent repair works which are so urgently required.

76. Clothing

Winter clothing has been issued.

77. Vehicles

All vehicles are efficient.

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Lt-Colonel  
G.S.

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## PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS DEC. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NGOs.	Troops.			
Cooperation.	1st Course for Senior Officers	26	-	-	0	21 Oct.	21 Dec.
Armoured Cars.	Instructors	26	38	-	6	28 Oct.	28 Dec.
	Recruits	-	-	140	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.
Artillery.	3rd Arty Commanders' Course	22	-	-	2	25 Nov.	7 Dec.
	R.S.C.'s. Course	-	18	-	8	7 Oct.	1 Dec.
	Cadets YO's Course	14	-	-	6	4 Nov.	
	3.7" HAA Introductory Course	4	2	-	3	1 Dec.	21 Dec.
	3.7" HAA Equipment Course	1	2	-	9 days	27 Dec.	
	Specialists 5.5" Medium Conversion Course	-	-	188	12	25 Aug.	21 Dec.
		5	7	-	15 days	13 Nov.	3 Dec.
Artillery Recruit Training Centre.		NO	COURSES	IN	PROGRESS.		



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dated 3 December 1946.

TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS DEC. 1946.

Units		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Os.	Troops.	Duration. (weeks)	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
-	-	8	21 Oct.	21 Dec.	
-	140	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
-	-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
-	-	2	25 Nov.	7 Dec.	Including 8 Brigadiers.
-	-	8	7 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	-	6	4 Nov.		
-	-	3	1 Dec.	21 Dec.	Taking place under Brit. instruction at 2 AA Bde School L. T. B. A. A.
-	-	9 days	27 Dec.		Part of H.M. Course now running in S.M.O.A. under Brit. instruction.
183	-	12	25 Aug.	21 Dec.	
-	-	15 days	13 Nov.	3 Dec.	Under Instructor in Gunnery 12 BLU
III	PROGRESS.				

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.				
Signal.	Telegraph Mech	-	-	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
	Switchboard Op.	-	-	433	16	ditto	ditto	
	- Telephonist	-	-	308	16	ditto	ditto	
	Wireless Op.	-	-	43	16	ditto	ditto	
	Driver Operators	-	-	66	24	ditto	10 Mar. 47	
	Radio-Mechanics	-	-	45	16	ditto	13 Jan. 47	
	Operator Line &	-	-	78	?	?	?	
	Teleprinter	-	-	142	?	?	?	
	Electricians	-	-	104	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
	Despatch Riders	-	-	494	8	ditto	ditto	
	Inf Line Operator	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
	Inf Wireless Op.	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
Arty Driver Op.								
Arty Signallers								
Infantry	Regtl Offrs & NCOs	45	106	-	5	5 Nov.	7 Dec.	
	81 mm Mortar	19	55	-	6	5 Nov.	14 Dec.	Non d
	Tactical	52	-	-	6	ditto	ditto	
	Young Offrs Tactical	23	12	-	6	ditto	ditto	
	Supplementary C.A.R.	13	19	-	4	ditto	30 Nov.	
	Tactical	11	12	-	5	ditto	7 Dec.	Intern
	Engineers - Tactical	5	36	-	5	ditto	ditto	Intern
	Breda 37	10	35	-	6	18 Nov.	21 Dec.	Intern
	Carrier Drivers	2	10	-	3	1 Dec.	19 Dec.	Intern
	81 mm Mortar	-	4	-	4	29 Nov.	19 Dec.	Intern
Range Takers &			31	4	25 Nov.	21 Dec.		
Goniometrists								
Snipers								
Police.	Regimental Police	-	-	31	4	25 Nov.	21 Dec.	
P.T. School	Regimental	-	30	-	4	19 Nov.	21 Dec.	

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(d) Troops.	(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
433	16	ditto	ditto	
308	16	ditto	ditto	
48	16	ditto	ditto	
66	24	ditto	10 Mar. 47	
45	16	ditto	13 Jan. 47	
78	?	?	?	
142	?	?	?	
104	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
494	8	ditto	ditto	
143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
-	5	5 Nov.	7 Dec.	Non divisional Regt.
-	6	5 Nov.	14 Dec.	
-	6	ditto	ditto	
-	6	ditto	ditto	
-	4	ditto	30 Nov.	
-	5	ditto	7 Dec.	Internal.
-	5	ditto	ditto	Internal.
-	9	18 Nov.	21 Dec.	Internal.
-	3	1 Dec.	19 Dec.	Internal.
-	4	29 Nov.	19 Dec.	Internal.
31	4	25 Nov.	21 Dec.	
-	4	19 Nov.	21 Dec.	



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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
<b>MOTORIZATION AND M.R.T.C.</b>							
Drivers	Drivers Motorcyclist	-	-	725	12	1 Oct.	1 Jan.
Specialists	Driver Mechs.	-	-	76	12	ditto	ditto
Repair	Engine Fitters	-	-	357	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb.
	Assemblers	-	-	91	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb.
	Fitters General	-	-	87	16	ditto	ditto
	Electricians	-	-	81	16	ditto	ditto
	Fuel Injection	-	-	85	16	ditto	ditto
	Sheet Metal Work	-	-	17	16	ditto	ditto
	Vulcanizers	-	-	44	16	ditto	ditto
	Painters	-	-	27	16	ditto	ditto
	Radiator Repairs	-	-	28	16	ditto	ditto
	Textile Refitters	-	-	24	16	ditto	ditto
		-	-	21	16	ditto	ditto
Inst. Inl. DUC D'AGLIA	Blacksmiths	-	-	26	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr.
	Carpenters	-	-	25	16	ditto	ditto
	Welders	-	-	30	16	ditto	ditto
	Turners	-	-	40	16	ditto	ditto
Inst. Inl. G. GALILEO	Blacksmiths	-	-	27	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr.
	Carpenters	-	-	32	16	ditto	ditto
	Welders	-	-	31	16	ditto	ditto
Scuola Istrutt M.T.	Instructors	15	35	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.
Motorization	Drivers	-	-	691	12	1 Oct.	31 Dec.
	Motorcyclist	-	-	76	2	1 Dec.	

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(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.				
-	-	725	12	1 Oct.	1 Jan. 47	
-	-	76	12	ditto	ditto	
-	-	357	16	1 Oct.	1 Febr. 47	
-	-	91	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr. 47	
-	-	87	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	85	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	17	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	44	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	27	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	28	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	24	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	21	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	26	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr. 47	
-	-	25	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	40	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	27	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr. 47	
-	-	32	16	ditto	ditto	
-	-	31	16	ditto	ditto	
35	-	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	691	-	12	1 Oct.	31 Dec.	
-	76	-	2	1 Dec.		339 recruits passed out since last report. Every two weeks.



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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
Artillery Repair Training Centre	Armourers	-	14	25	10	7 Oct.	21 Dec
	Armourers	-	-	-	6	5 Nov.	21 Dec
	Preparatory for 8th Gunfitters	-	-	67	3	5 Nov.	30 Nov
	Gunfitters	-	-	-	8	6 Nov.	21 Dec
	3.7" AA Instrs.	1	4	-	2	25 Nov.	5 Dec
Administration and Welfare		NO COURSE IN DECEMBER					

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No.	(c) Students.		(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
	NCOs.	Troops.				
	14	25	10	7 Oct.	21 Dec.	5 Civilians attending Course.
	-	-	6	5 Nov.	21 Dec.	
	-	67	3	5 Nov.	30 Nov.	13 Civilians attending Course. 10 Civilians attending Course.
	-	-	8	6 Nov.	21 Dec.	
	4	-	2	25 Nov.	5 Dec.	
COURSE IN DECEMBER						



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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

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1.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Gen.
2.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727	Col.
3.	School of Artillery Md Branch	Bracciano	F 4890	) Col.
	A/A & A/Tk Branch	Civitavecchia	F 1891	
4.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Col.
5.	Signal School	Cecchignola	F 7458	Col.
6.	Infantry School	Cesano	F 6286	Col.
7.	Police School	Rome	F 724572	Capt.

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dated 3 December 1946

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

- Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17
- 1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Location.	Map Reference.	Commandant	British Liaison Officer.
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Gen. NATTIOLI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSENS
Tor di quinto	F 738727	Col. CUZZIBATTI	Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE)
Branch Bracciano	F 4890	Col. PALMA	Maj. C.R. ALEXANDER
Branch Civitavecchia	F 1891		
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Col. TARGIONI	Maj. D.A. WILKINSON
Cecchignola	F 7458	Col. MARCUSO	Maj. W.A.T. MORECOMBE
Cesano	F 6286	Col. TANZI	Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (Maj. P.G.L. COUSENS)
Rome	F 724672	Capt. SCIACCA	Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE)

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Serial No	School	Location	Map Reference	Co
8.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286	Col
9.	School of Motorization	Cecchignola	F 7458	Col
10.	School of , dm. & Welfare	Rieti	B 0723	Col

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Location.	Map Reference.	Commandant.	British Liaison Officer.
Cesano	F 6286	Col. DENARI	Maj. P. T. HAMILTON (Maj. P. G. L. COUSENS)
Cecchignola	F 7458	Col. NEGRI	Maj. C. T. BERRIDGE
Rieti	B 6723	Col. MCBERT	Maj. R. M. J. HIBBARD

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SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION

'G' POINTS.

GENERAL.

Courses in Progress.

339 drivers with previous experience of driving and holders of civilian licences finished their training and were passed out and posted. It is proposed to prolong the present course well into January to allow the remainder of the recruits to get more practical driving instruction on the limited number of vehicles available.

As the recruits pass out after their final driving test they are to be given a driving licence stating which type of vehicle they are recommended for i.e. Diesel, Petrol etc. and they are to be classified in three grades. Licences of different colours have been designed to show the various types and grades.

Future Courses.

The Officers Course is due to commence on Jan 1st. Out of the 100 expected to arrive 20 are to undertake the specialists course.

'A' POINTS.

Instructors.

There is a deficiency of 11 OA Instructors but the Commandant states that he will be able to make this up from the students now undergoing instruction.

Welfare.

The canteen under the supervision of a new welfare officer and the theatre continue to give good service.

'Q' POINTS.

Accommodation.

The Commandant has asked for a grant of 200,000 lire to enable him to furnish the married officers quarters and a further 100,000 lire for the married NCOs.

Vehicles.

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The Commandant has asked for a grant of 200,000 lire to enable him to furnish the married officers quarters and a further 100,000 lire for the married NCOs.

Vehicles.

Position still bad as approx only 50 vehicles are available for practical training. A course was held last week and was attended by General ROSSI, Lt. Col. ALILA and Col. MURI and although promises were made that further vehicles were to be ordered nothing definite was decided as to the further policy. Col. MURI was told he could expect 50 more vehicles in November but these have not arrived.

APPENDIX

(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
		Officers	Students				
School	Course			Duration	Begin	End	
Drivers Training	Drivers	-	691	12 weeks	Oct 1st	Dec 31st	62,918
"	Motor-cyclists	-	76	2 weeks	Oct 1st	Every two weeks	59 recruits passed out since 1st Sept.

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Major,  
Instructor D & M.



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I SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

10) Points

1. General Courses

a. First Students Course

1. This course started according to plan on 21 Oct '46. Twenty three student officers are attending of whom sixteen are Infantry, six Artillery and one Engineer. The Ministry of War was approached as soon as it was realised that no reps of the Services were approached and it is hoped that three will be arriving very shortly.

2. It is realised that up to the present, with officers liable to resign almost at any moment, the selection of suitable officers to attend courses has presented very considerable difficulty. The future situation must now have clarified itself somewhat and it is therefore urged that the selection of the officers to attend the next student's course should start NOW and not be left to the last minute. It is further urged:

- That only the very best officers are selected.

- That the numbers attending from the various arms be carefully worked out and that a proportion of officers from the Services is always included. This is felt to be of great importance.

3. That the School is informed as far in advance as possible of the names and full professional details of the officers selected to attend courses.

b. Future Courses

1. It is for consideration whether the second Students Course, which would normally begin about mid Jan '47, might not be postponed until about March in favour of a General's Discussion Week and a modified course lasting perhaps a month for full Colonels.

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3. Much of the teaching is new and may easily be regarded as heterodox by officers not fully acquainted, through no fault of their own, with up to date military thought. These officers may very well resent hearing that white is black from officers junior to themselves who have attended courses at the School. It is the sincere wish of the School, not only to try to explain to these officers that white is still white when seen through the correct lens, but also to learn as much as possible from these officers' own experiences in war.
4. It is emphasised that this School, representing as it does the tail, has not the slightest desire to attempt to wag the dog, as represented by the various branches of the War Ministry, the Territorial Commands, and the more senior officers of the Italian Army in General.

b. Future Courses (Para 4 contd)

4. The School is, however, very much concerned with the necessity to:-

- Inculcate a critical frame of mind with its vital concomitant of constructive thought.
- Eradicate any tendency to regard the status quo as good enough and,
- Encourage the idea of learning as much as possible from the successful armies of the last war, not with the idea of fitting the Italian Army to fight the last war again, but to adapt that study to the training and organisation of the Italian Army of the future.

c. Visits

It is again emphasised that the School cannot have too many visitors and it is very much hoped that senior officers of all branches of the Service may find it possible to pay visits, particularly on the occasions of outdoor exercises.

d. Demonstrations

1. As a result of an invitation extended by Wing Commander GRECE, D.F.C. of Air Force Sub-Commission, Gen MATTIOLI, Major FENNETTI and GSO II Tactics attended a demonstration near UDINE on 24 Oct '46 of modern methods of tactical air support. This was an extremely interesting demonstration and will form the subject of one or more lectures in both this and subsequent courses.
2. It is urged most strongly that every effort be made to arrange for representative parties of Italian officers to attend any further demonstrations which may take place, of whatever type, and so give them a practical insight into modern methods.

1. Points

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Repair work on the buildings has come to a temporary stop owing to the contractor having stated that he is unable to complete his contract owing to the rise in price of building materials since the contract was signed. No solution to this problem has yet been found.

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Type	W.E.	Present	Efficient	Under repair	B.L.R.	Remarks
Bus	5	3	3	-	-	-
3 Ton	3	5	4	1	1	Engine
15 cwt	3	2	-	1	1	Engine
Jeep	3	2	2	-	-	-
P.U.	3	1	1	-	-	-
Civilian Cars	4	4	3	1	-	Engine
M/C	6	6	4	2	619	-

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II. SCHOOL OF ARMORED CARS

'G' Points

4. General Remarks - Training

The officers and N.C.C.'s course which terminated on 10 Oct has been very successful, only 4 out of 71 students having failed. The complete results of the course was as follows:

Excellent	23
Very Good	24
Good	15
Satisfactory	5
Unsatisfactory	4

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

5. Accommodation

The recruits are being accommodated in the Caserma Bianchi in Rome. It is hoped to have the work on the barrack and lecture rooms completed by early November.

III. SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY BRACCIANO

'G' Points

6. Training Stores

The 5.5 Medium Conversion Course under British instruction has had to be again postponed on account of the absence of essential gun stores. Efforts are now being made to obtain a temporary release of this material from FOMECAGHINO. Permission is being sought from the Ministry of Supply and A.R.A.R.

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8. General

a. Courses Completed during Month.

Type of Course	No of Students	Commenced	Finished	Passed	Failed
1st Conversion Course for Regt Commanders	17	15 Oct '46	26 Oct '46	17	6 <del>18</del>

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8. General (Contd)

b. Forecast of Courses

A CRA's course is due to start on 15 Nov. A 10th course for cadets from LDCCE is being arranged. It is hoped to commence a series of C.P.C., G.P.O. and T.C.O. courses, based on the British syllabi. Much preparation and instruction within the School itself is, however, necessary before these courses can be successfully undertaken.

c. General Remarks

Now that the Arty R.F.C. has been successfully established as a separate unit at CIVITAVECCHIA, the School of Artillery is available for officer and N.C.O. instructional courses.

It is very apparent, however, that the standard of knowledge among instructors is not yet equal to teaching on the desired level. Hitherto instruction on British methods, less the actual gundrill, has been confined to general principles. If any advantages are to be gained, however, the complete drills must be taught in order to achieve the object, namely, speed with accuracy. In order to do this time is required to allow instructors to gain proficiency in British methods with frequent criticism from the resident British Instructor in Gunnery.

Already very considerable progress has been made in this direction during this month. Unless, however, the Inspector of Artillery is prepared to accept a reduced training programme for a few months it will be very difficult for the Commandant of the School of Artillery to find time to organise this advanced training for his instructors under British supervision.

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'Q' Points

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11. Accommodation Stores

The situation here continues to improve. The first four new class-rooms are already equipped and in a manner which would be creditable to any instructional institution.

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IV ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTER - CIVITAVECCHIA

'G' Points

12. Training Stores

I.A.A training has been simplified by the local manufacturer of cartwheel sights.

'A' Points

13. General

There is still much to be done before the P.T.O. can run at 100% efficiency, but the framework appears to be sound.

'Q' Points

14. Accommodation

The contractor for the work in the DUCA D'ACSEA barracks is to be complimented. At the present rate of progress the DUCA D'ACSEA barracks will be ready before BRACCIANO although work started on BRACCIANO many months ago.

15. Clothing

Recruits are well turned out. The old worn uniforms of the permanent staff still remain.

V SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

'C' Points

16. Training Areas

The training areas existing at CIVITAVECCHIA are sufficient for fieldworks, demolitions etc, but the absence of dry and wet gaps makes conditions bad for practical bridging.

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from Elementary Schools. Out of 435 recruits in the 1st Bn there  
are 3.4% illiterates, and out of 553 in the 2nd Bn there are 7%  
illiterates.

c. Future Courses

It is suggested that a 6 months course of Engineer Training  
should be run for officers. A course similar to an R. 616.  
course seems preferable. A detailed proposal will follow at a  
later date.

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17. General - Courses (Contd.)

d. General Remarks. Recruit Training

The lack of sufficient stores and instructors impedes progress considerably, but there has been marked improvement and the recruits are keen.

18. Training Stores

There is still a great lack of training stores. The Commandant of the School has submitted a list of his requirements to the Ministry of War, but at present the stores are at CAVALLO under the control of A.R.A.R.

'A' Points

19. Instructors

The School is still very much below strength in instructors. Those existing are of a fairly high standard. A British sapper storeman is very necessary for recognition and sorting out of stores at the School.

20. Welfare

The film projector has been repaired and there are film shows at the Barracks.

21. Discipline

Discipline requires considerable improvement. Within a week 2 N.O.C.'s and 178 C.R.'s (18% of the total strength) have been the subjects of disciplinary action - mostly for absenteeism of 2 to 3 days. This is after one month's training.

22. Health

Good. Minor ailments only. No malaria.

'Q' Points

23. Clothing

Clothing for the permanent staff is not good, but there has been some improvement. Recruits arriving from the C.A.R.'s were fairly well clothed, but as yet they have not been issued with Winter clothing. Reveille is at 05.30 hrs and the first period on bridging or fieldworks is at 06.30. Denims at that hour are not sufficient. The men have no overcoats or gas capes, which are most necessary in wet weather. Lack of these items is causing much dissatisfaction and has its reflection on discipline.

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21. Discipline

Discipline requires considerable improvement. Within a week 2 N.C.O.'s and 178 O.R.'s (18% of the total strength) have been the subjects of disciplinary action - mostly for absenteeism of 2 to 3 days. This is after one months training.

22. Health

Good. Minor ailments only. No malaria.

19. Points

23. Clothing

Clothing for the permanent staff is not good, but there has been some improvement. Recruits arriving from the C.A.R.'s were fairly well clothed, but as yet they have not been issued with Winter clothing. Reveille is at 05.30 hrs and the first period on bridging or fieldworks is at 06.30. Denims at that hour are not sufficient. The men have no overcoats or gas capes, which are most necessary in wet weather. Lack of these items is causing much dissatisfaction and has its reflection on discipline.

24. Vehicles

Vehicles are up to strength and in good condition.

25. Accommodation Stores

These are completely inadequate. Tables and forms for the Mess Rooms have long been demanded.

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VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

'G' Points

26. Training Stores

All requirements will be satisfied without difficulty when the stores at present at PONTICAGNANO are finally released and moved to ROME.

27. General Exams - Recruit Training

The first Radio Mechanics and Telegraph Mechanics courses finished on 28 October. Results will be included in next month's report.

'A' Points

28. Instructors

There is still a deficiency of 34 subaltern instructors, and there seems to be no hope of this situation being rectified.

'I' Points

29. Vehicles

The transport situation is now more acute than ever owing to the fact that:-

a. The School has now to train driver-operators, and most of its holding of vehicles are required for domestic purposes.

b. The School is now in possession of only 20 efficient motor-cycles, and of these only 5 have tyres. The training of scout-riders is therefore extremely difficult.

The importance of bringing the School up to its full establishment of vehicles and motor-cycles cannot be emphasised too strongly.

VII SCHOOL OF BATTERY

'G' Points

30. Training Area

The 3rd mortar ranges at CESANO and MANZIANA are the subject of local disturbances with the peasants. Under the present



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VII SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

'G' Points

30. Training Areas

The 3<sup>rd</sup> mortar ranges at CESSANO and MAZZIANA are the subject of local disturbances with the peasants. Under the present land occupation scheme, the peasants contend that they are unable to let the ground be used for firing. Until the Ministry of War either requisitions or purchases land for ranges and training areas it will be difficult for the School to function satisfactorily.

31. General - Courses

- a. The 3<sup>rd</sup> mortar instructor course is well organised and the standard of instruction is good. Small squads of about 12 officers and M.C.O. are taught by M.C.O. instructors. **614**  
are all capable.

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31. General - Courses - Contd

b. The following courses have terminated in October.

- Company Officers and Pl Company Tactical course.
- Pl Company Course in Pl weapons
- 81 mm Instructors Course
- 3" mortar Recruits Course.

c. The following courses commenced in October.

- Instructors Course 3" mortar
- Snatchtraps Course 81 mm mortar
- Instructors Course Breda
- Company Officers and Pl Company Tactical Course.

'A' Points

32. Instructors

There is at present a deficiency of 28 junior officers and 85 N.C.C. instructors, but it is hoped that most of these deficiencies will be made up before the recruit courses start in January.

33. Work

A sports meeting was held on 17 Oct and was enthusiastically received by the students, whose welfare facilities at present are limited to a canteen and wireless, with a trip to Rome on Sundays.

During the Summer months there is an open air theatre and cinema, which of course cannot be used in winter.

'Q' Points

34. Vehicles

The main shortage of vehicles is:-

- 16 Motor cycles
- 12 15 cwt
- 7 2000 Carriers

VIII POLICE SCHOOL

'G' Points

35. General

The 10th Course commenced on 14 Oct for 18 Officers and 101 N.C.C.s and Carabinieri. The instruction during the first fortnight

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There is at present a deficiency of 28 junior officers and 65 N.C.O. instructors, but it is hoped that most of these deficiencies will be made up before the recruit courses start in January.

33. Welfare

A sports meeting was held on 17 Oct and was enthusiastically received by the students, whose welfare facilities at present are limited to a canteen and wireless, with a trip to RME on Sundays.

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'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

36. Accommodation

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Available accommodation has now been allotted to the School, and the layout of sleeping accommodation and canteen is now much more satisfactory than in the previous courses.

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IX R.T. SCHOOL

'G' Points

37. Training

CAPACALIA. A lot of training is done in ROME at the running track at the students show a great deal of enthusiasm for the sports meetings, and a fairly good standard of athletics is achieved.

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

38. Clothing

100 pairs of F.I. shoes of Italian manufacture have been received, and they should see the School through at least another 3 courses.

X SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION

'G' Points

39. General

Course in Progress

The present driving course commenced on 1 Oct and out of 1,118 arrivals 1067 remain, 58 being sick and 15 returned to unit as unsuitable.

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'A' Points

40. Instructors

A considerable number of Senior N.C.O. Instructors are due for release in the near future and difficulty is being found in providing replacements. It is suggested that some of the more promising recruits are retained at the end of the present course to fill the N.E.

'G' Points

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41. Administrative Staff

This continues to function smoothly but the practice of posting recruits at the end of the course by name, is still, with the exception of 8 Territorial Command, in existence. The Commandant of the Schools has again taken this matter up with the Ministry of War.

42. Welfare

Although the very good welfare officer, who is responsible for the canteen, is in hospital, the canteen continued to give very good service under a replacement officer.

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42. Welfare (Contd)

A new projector has just been purchased at a cost of 500,000 lire and this will allow training films to be shown in the theatre.

'Q' Points

43. Accommodation

Two further blocks have now been completed and the position is easier. The main building is now being prepared for the officers course due to start on 1 Jan and when completed will be able to house approx 80 student officers.

The officers club is now in operation and a billiard table and piano have been provided.

44. Vehicles

Seven new Italian 3 ton load carriers have arrived and information has been received that more can be expected in November, the position, however, is still serious and there is a shortage in the W.E. of over 300 vehicles. The Commandant however states in Gen ROSSI and Col ALOLA are taking an interest and that steps are being taken to improve the position.

XI MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

'Q' Points

45. Training Stores

1 Ford staff car chassis and one 15 cwt chassis have been supplied during the month, together with a number of wall diagrams of allied vehicles, and a number of minor assemblies, but many more are still required for instructional purposes.

'A' Points

46. Welfare

Little change. Appears satisfactory.

'Q' Points

47. Accommodation

Work not yet completed for the accn of students, but may be ready by the end of November. Accn was ready for the 15 officers who arrived on 1 Oct and the General position is improving, although some furniture is still required.



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48. Vehicles

The vehicle situation is bad. (See table below).  
School of Motorisation incl Specialist Repair Branch

Type	W.E.	Held	S	U/S	Columns	Deficiency
1/Cycles	100	40	10	50	5	60
Cars	25	10	6	4	15	15
15 Cwts	40	39+	9	30	1	1
3 Ton	248	175++	48	127	73	73
Hvy Vehs	25	N/A				25
Summary	<u>438</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>191</u>		<u>171</u>

+ incl Italian Vehs  
++ incl 12 Leyland 6 X 4.

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48. Vehicles (Contd)

It will be seen from the above table that a practical deficiency of 365 exists.

XII ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING SCHOOLS

101 Points

49. Training Stores

There has been no appreciable change since the last report. A small number of tools etc have been released from PLACENTA, and arrangements have been made for their collection.

50. General

A conference was held at H.Q. Central Military Schools to discuss the separation of S.M.C.A. from the School of Artillery and to decide the future training tasks of S.M.C.A. The following points were agreed to by the S.M.C. and Army Inspectorate (represented by Col DE PAUL).

- a. Complete separation of S.M.C.A. from the School of Artillery.
- b. Training of Gunfitters and Artificers by the Directorate of Artillery, REHM.
- c. Training of Armourers by the MAHERICA STAFF of REHM.
- d. That S.M.C.A. should be under direct control of the Director General of Artillery.

General REWES opposed point (c) above on the grounds that discipline of trainees would suffer.

Since the above mentioned conference took place further discussions indicate that the Director General of Artillery and the Inspectorate of Artillery are in favour of returning to a previous system having the Armourers School at REHM and the Artillery Repair School at PLACENTA.

The matter is still being discussed between the Central Schools and the Artillery branches concerned on 12 D.I.S.

In view of the importance of these two training establishments it is felt that a preliminary reconnaissance to decide suitability of the proposed sites should be carried out before a firm decision is reached.

50. General

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- b. Training of Gunfitters and Artificers by the Directorate of Artillery, RCM.
- c. Training of Armourers by the FABRICA D'ARMI of TRNVI.
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In view of the importance of these two training establishments it is felt that a preliminary reconnaissance to decide suitability of the proposed sites should be carried out before a firm decision is reached.

1st Points

51. Instructors

A British Instructor on 3.7-inch A.A. gun is still required.

10th points

52. Accommodation Stores

Barely sufficient benches etc are held for the number of students under instruction at the present time.

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XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION - WELFARE

'G' Points

53. General

- a. The courses for Cooks, Storemen and Accountants have been prolonged for another week. All courses will therefore finish on 2 Nov. Progress in general has been satisfactory, and particularly in the plastic modellers and draughtsmen's courses.
- b. The Ministry of War has now decided to continue running courses on democracy at RIETI. It is not yet known when these courses will begin.

'A' Points

54. Welfare

No further progress has been made in constructing a new Welfare Centre to take the place of the DOPOLAVERO PLAGLIA.

'Q' Points

55. Accommodation

Repeated requests have been made to the Engineer Directorate for several important repairs and constructional work - notable heating - but as yet no action has been taken

56. Clothing

Winter clothing has not yet been issued.

57. Vehicles

All vehicles are efficient. A Light Utility and an Ambulance are still awaited.

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Colonel  
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Program  
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PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS NOV. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
Cooperation.	1st Course for Senior Officers	25	-	-	8	21 Oct.	16 Dec.
Armoured Cars.	Instructors	31	69	-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.
	Recruits	-	-	130	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.
Artillery.	25 pdr.	33	33	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.
	A/Pk	37	71	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.
	L.A.A.	8	13	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.
	1st R.S.O.'s Course	15	-	-	5	14 Oct.	18 Nov.
	ditto	-	18	-	5	21 Oct.	25 Nov.
Artillery Recruit Training Centre.	L.A.A.	-	-	420	8	7 Oct.	2 Dec.
	A/Pk.	-	-	380	8	7 Oct.	2 Dec.
Engineers.	Recruit Course.	-	-	988	8	20 Sep.	16 Nov.
Signal.	Telegraph Mech	-	-	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47
	Switchboard Op.	-	-	-	-	-	-
	- Telephonist	-	-	433	16	ditto	ditto
	Wireless Op.	-	-	308	16	ditto	ditto
	Driver Operators	-	-	48	16	ditto	ditto
	Radio Mechanics	-	-	66	24	23 Sep.	10 Mar. 47
	Operator Line & Teleprinter	-	-	45	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47
	Electricians	-	-	78	?	?	?
	Despatch Riders	-	-	142	?	?	?
	Inf Line Operator	-	-	104	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47



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COURSES HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS NOV. 1946.

(a) Troops.	(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
-	8	21 Oct.	16 Dec.	
-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
130	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	4th Course N.V.A.
-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
-	5	14 Oct.	15 Nov.	
-	5	21 Oct.	25 Nov.	
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433	16	ditto	ditto	
308	16	ditto	ditto	
48	16	ditto	ditto	
66	24	23 Sep.	10 Mar. 47	
45	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
70	?	?	?	
142	?	?	?	
104	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops				
Signal (contd)	Inf Wireless Op.	-	-	494	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
	Arty Driver Op.	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
	Arty Signaller	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
Infantry.	Instructors 81mm Mort	37	73	-	8	8 Oct.	15 Nov.	
	Instructors 81mm Mortar	25	100	-	8	5 Nov.	28 Dec.	
	Instructor Breda	-	25	-	7	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
	Junior Leaders	25	100	-	8	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
	Tactical Course for Engr Offrs & NCOs.	20	20	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
	GAR Instr. Course	20	12	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
	Police.	Regimental Police	14	101 NCOs & CO. RR.	-	14	14 Oct.	14 Nov.
P.T.	Regimental Instrs.	20	27	-	12	12 Aug.	4 Nov.	
<b>MOTORIZATION AND M.D.T.O.</b>								
Drivers Training	Drivers	-	-	1067	12	1 Oct	1 Jan. 47	15 AM only been charted
	M/Cyclists	-	-	114	2	1 Oct	14 Oct.	
Spec. Repair	Driver Mechs.	-	-	345	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb. 47	
	Engine Fitters	-	-	93	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
	Assemblers	-	-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
	Fitters General	-	-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
	Electricians	-	-	58	16	ditto	ditto	
	Fuel Injection	-	-	19	16	ditto	ditto	
	Sheet metal wks	-	-	43	16	ditto	ditto	
	Vulcanizers	-	-	27	16	ditto	ditto	
Painters	-	-	24	16	ditto	ditto		

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(c) Units		(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
Co.	Troops				
-	494	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
73	-	8	8 Oct.	15 Nov.	
00	-	8	5 Nov.	28 Dec.	
25	-	7	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
00	-	8	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
00	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
12	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
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C. RL.	-	1 1/2	14 Oct.	14 Nov.	-
27	-	12	12 Aug.	4 Nov.	
-	1067	12	1 Oct	1 Jan. 47	13 ANOL. This Course should be of only 2 weeks duration, but it has been extended due to the great shortage of motor-cycles.
-	114	2	1 Oct	14 Oct.	
-	345	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb. 47	
-	93	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
-	88	16	ditto	ditto	
-	19	16	ditto	ditto	
-	43	16	ditto	ditto	
-	27	16	ditto	ditto	
-	24	16	ditto	ditto	



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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.				
MOTORIZATION AND M.R.T.C. (contd.)								
Spec. Repair	Radiator Repr.	-	-	23	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
	Textile Refitters	-	-	23	16	ditto	ditto	
Inst. Ind. Duc D'Aceta	Blacksmiths	-	-	25	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
	Carpenters	-	-	25	16	ditto	ditto	
	Welders	-	-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
	Turners	-	-	39	16	ditto	ditto	
Dist. Ind. G. Galileo	Blacksmiths	-	-	37	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
	Carpenters	-	-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
	Welders	-	-	31	16	ditto	ditto	
Scuola Istrutt. I.M.	Instructors	15	35	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.	
Artillery Repair Training Centre.	Armourers	-	-	32	7	16 Sep.	4 Nov.	47 nr
	Armourers	-	14	26	10	7 Oct.	16 Dec.	52 nr
	Armourers	-	-	20	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	20 nr
	Gunfitters	-	-	21	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	21 nr
	Armourers	-	-	70	7	3 Nov.	23 Dec.	
				(approx)				
Administration and Welfare.	NO COURSES IN NOVEMBER.							

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(c) Students		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
NCOs.	Troops.	Duration. (weeks)	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
-	23	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	23	16	ditto	ditto	
-	25	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	25	16	ditto	ditto	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	39	16	ditto	ditto	
-	37	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	31	16	ditto	ditto	
35	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	32	7	16 Sep.	4 Nov.	47 arrived to attend course.
14	26	10	7 Oct.	16 Dec.	52 arrived to attend course.
-	20	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	20 arrived to attend course.
-	21	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	21 arrived to attend course.
-	70 (approx)	7	3 Nov.	23 Dec.	

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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

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1 : 42,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 739727
4.	School of Artillery Rd Branch A/A & A/Tk Branch	Bracciano Civitavecchia	F 4090 F 1891
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cecchignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Rome	F 6286
8.	Police School	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Cecchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Pieter	B 9723



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3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinco	F 733727
4.	School of Artillery Ft Branch A/A & A/Tk Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1091
6.	Signal School	Civitavecchia	F 1891
7.	Infantry School	Cocchignola	F 7456
8.	Felice School	Corchano	F 6266
9.	P.T. School	Rome	F 724672
10.	School of Meterisation	Cesano	F 6266
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Cocchignola	F 7458
		Rieti	B 0723

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58. Major R.N.J. HIBBARD R.E. proceeded to England on FRIEVILLE on 4 October 1946.
59. Major C.T. HERRIDGE R.A.S.C. rejoined the unit from FRIEVILLE on 12 October 1946.
60. Major D. WILKINSON R.E. joined the unit on 14 October 1946 filling the vacancy of Instructor R.S. ref 20 September, vice Major W.E. CHAPMAN on FITHON.

XV GENERAL POINTS

61. School of Cooperation

This School is trying very hard to encourage independent thought on the tactical and administrative doctrine of the Italian Army.

62. Armoured Car School

This School has the following problems.

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SABAUDIA

The A.A. Wing of the School is moving to SABAUDIA next year. This will be a big improvement.

H.Q. Central Military Schools

The abolition of H.Q. Central Schools is a logical measure, which will result in greater efficiency provided that a D.M.F. is established. As it stands at present the new organization does not appear to provide for coordination.

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67. School of Engineers

This School will not be satisfactory until it is settled in its final location.

68. School of Signals

This is one of the best Schools, and is taking its place as a real centre for the Signal Corps. It needs:-

- a. A separate Signal Branch at S.M.E.
- b. Married quarters.

69. School of Infantry

The main need of this School is training and firing areas. The problem is similar to that at BRACCIANO.

70. School of Motorisation and M.T.R.C.

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G.S.C. I	T/lt. Col	A.W. GIBSON CBE	(48390)	A. & S.H.
G.S.C. III	T/Capt	W.R. TRAVELIAN	(256126)	R.B.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

L.A.A. & Q.M.C.	T/Maj.	R.N.J. HERBARD	(236667)	R.E.
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SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing  
 Instr. Major

W/Maj.	C.V. WERRIDGE OBE	(120450)	R.A.S.C.
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ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E. ditto	T/Maj. T/Maj.	A.T. TWINE C.A.H. SAMPSON	(230319) (237160)	R.E.M.E. R.A.M.E.
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TRAINING BRANCH

Instructor Inf. Instructor Tactics	T/Maj. W/Maj.	P.W. HAMILTON P.G.L. CENSENS	(130364) (53754)	R. Engrs. D.W.R.
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R.A. WING

Instr. Gunnery	T/Maj.	G.K. ALLEN/ALTER	(87447)	R.A.
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R.E. WING

Instr. R.E.	T/Maj.	D.A. WILKINSON	G.M. (154306)	R.E.
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P. SIGNALS

Instr. R. Sigs.

D.A.A. & Q.M.C. T/Maj. R.N.J. HILMAN (236667) R.E.  
D. & M. Wing W/Maj. C.W. MERRIDGE OBE (120450) R.A.S.C.  
Instr. Major

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E. T/Maj. A.T. TWINE (230819) R.E.M.E.  
ditto T/Maj. C.R.K. SAMSON (237160) R.S.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH

Instructor Inf. T/Maj. E.W. HAMILTON (130364) R. Barks.  
Instructor Tactics W/Maj. P.C.L. CRUSINS (55734) D.W.R.

N.A. WING

Instr. Gunnery T/Maj. G.K. ALEXANDER (07447) R.A.

R.S. WING

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S. SIGNALS

Instr. S. Sigs.

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT SPACE AS AT 1st NOVEMBER 1945.

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	F.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficiency (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
1.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 U.S.	Z. 5230009	4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-
2.	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 U.S.	Z. 4740602	23959	C/P. 2079	E	-	-
3.	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	H. 6175674	23/38-55	W. 6144	E	-	-
4.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	E. 1443	1560869	E	-	-
5.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	CPW. 154042	E	-	-
6.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	LR	-
7.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	H. 5661261	-	-	E	-	-
8.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	H. 5101007	-	-	E	-	-
9.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	H. 477086	-	-	E	-	7
10.	Motor Cycle IRA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-	-

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Truck No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (%)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
199B	91016097	E	-	-	Good
9	W/D. 2079	E	-	-	Serviceable. Shortly to be handed over to M.M.I.A.
8055	UV. 6144	E	-	-	Serviceable (At SANTA MARINELLA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DODGE No. 4982453 Authy : HQ M.M.I.A. Q/204 dated 27th May 46.
443	1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	GEN. 154042	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	LR	-	638 W/S. Brakes faulty.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L. 5683553 (BLR) Authy : M.M.I.A. Q/4020 dated 27/7/46
-	-	E	-	7	Serviceable (At SANTA MARINELLA) From HQ M.M.I.A. Authy : Q.T./12 dated 17 Oct 46.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	V.V. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
11.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. 3010	C. 5817265	23/3/1048	-	F	-	-
12.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. 3010	C. 11845	B. 182	-	T	-	-
13.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. 3010	C. 5827129	23/3/5209	-	F	-	-
14.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. 3010	C. 131658	-	118.20-21207	-	LR	-
15.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. 3010	C. 1706571	-	118.30-17779	-	-	BLR
16.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	M. 5338723	-	-	E	-	-
17.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 162699	-	-	E	-	-
18.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906855	-	-	B	-	-
19.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906022	-	-	Z	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 4 and found correct

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Q. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (S)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
641/255	23/S/1000	-	B	-	-	Good.
184/40	B. 482	-	B	-	-	Good.
257/59	23/S/235/5209	-	B	-	-	Good.
31674	-	MIL 23-41007	-	LR	-	638 W/S
706571	-	MIL 20-47719	-	-	BLR	
838723	-	-	B	-	-	Serviceable. Held on loan from MIL. Shortly to be handed over to MIL.
62699	-	-	B	-	-	Serviceable. On loan from BOLOGNA. An Italian Army Vehicle.
906855	-	-	B	-	-	Serviceable.
906022	-	-	B	-	-	Serviceable. From MIL. Autty : MIL AT/12 dated 17 Oct 46.

vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected

..... Lt. Colonel,  
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I. SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

'G' Points

1. General Courses

a. First Students Course

1. This course started according to plan on 24 Oct '46. Twenty three student officers are attending of whom sixteen are Infantry, six Artillery and one Engineer. The Ministry of War was approached as soon as it was realised that no reps of the Services were approached and it is hoped that three will be arriving very shortly.

2. It is realised that up to the present, with officers liable to resign almost at any moment, the selection of suitable officers to attend courses has presented very considerable difficulty. The future situation must now have clarified itself somewhat and it is therefore urged that the selection of the officers to attend the next student's course should start NOW and not be left to the last minute. It is further urged:

" That only the very best officers are selected.

" That the numbers attending from the various arms be carefully worked out and that a proportion of officers from the Services is always included. This is felt to be of great importance.

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b. Future Courses

1. It is for consideration whether the second Students Course, which would normally begin about mid Jan '47, might not be postponed until about March in favour of a General's Discussion Week and a modified course lasting perhaps a month for full Colonels.

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4. It is emphasised that this School, representing as it does the tail, has not the slightest desire to attempt to wag the dog, as represented by the various branches of the War Ministry, the Territorial Commands, and the more senior officers of the Italian Army in general.

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Future Courses (Para 4 contd)

4. The School is, however, very much concerned with the necessity to:-

- Inculcate a critical frame of mind with its vital concomitant of constructive thought.
- Eradicate any tendency to regard the status quo as good enough and,
- Encourage the idea of learning as much as possible from the successful armies of the last war, not with the idea of fitting the Italian Army to fight the last war again, but to adapt that study to the training and organisation of the Italian Army of the future.

c. Visits

It is again emphasised that the School cannot have too many visitors and it is very much hoped that senior officers of all branches of the Service may find it possible to pay visits, particularly on the occasions of outdoor exercises.

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Bus	5	3	3	-	-	-
3 Ton	3	5	4	1	1	Engine
15 cwt	3	2	-	1	1	Engine
Jeep	3	2	2	-	-	-
P.U.	3	1	1	-	-	-
Civilian Cars	4	4	3	1	-	Engine
M/C	6	6	4	2	-	-

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II SCHOOL OF ARMORED CARS

'G' Points

4. General Remarks - Training

The officers and N.C.O.'s course which terminated on 10 Oct has been very successful, only 4 out of 71 students having failed. The complete results of the course was as follows:

Excellent	23
Very Good	24
Good	15
Satisfactory	5
Unsatisfactory	4

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

5. Accommodation

The recruits are being accommodated in the Caserma Bianchi in Rome. It is hoped to have the work on the barrack and lecture rooms completed by early November.

III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY BRACCIANO

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8. General

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1st Conversion Course for Regt Commanders	17	15 Oct '46	26 Oct '46	17	Nil

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8. General (Contd)

b. Forecast of Courses

A CRA's course is due to start on 15 Nov. A IC's course for cadets from IECCE is being arranged. It is hoped to commence a series of C.P.O., G.P.O. and T.C. courses, based on the British syllabi. Much preparation and instruction within the School itself is, however, necessary before these courses can be successfully undertaken.

c. General Remarks

Now that the Arty R.T.C. has been successfully established as a separate unit at CIVITAVECCHIA, the School of Artillery is available for officer and N.C.O. instructional courses. It is very apparent, however, that the standard of knowledge among instructors is not yet equal to teaching on the desired level. Hitherto instruction on British methods, less the actual gun drill, has been confined to general principles. If any advantages are to be gained, however, the complete drills must be taught in order to achieve the object, namely, speed with accuracy. In order to do this time is required to allow instructors to gain proficiency in British methods with frequent criticism from the resident British Instructor in Gunnery.

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11. Accommodation Stores

The situation here continues to improve. The first four new class-rooms are already equipped and in a manner which would do credit to any instructional institution.

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IV. ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTER - CIVITAVECCHIA

'G' Points

12. Training Status

L.A.A training has been simplified by the local manufacture of cartwheel sights.

'G' Points

13. General

There is still much to be done before the R.T.C. can run at 100% efficiency, but the framework appears to be sound.

'Q' Points

14. Accommodation

The contractor for the work in the DUCA D'ACOSTA barracks is to be complimented. At the present rate of progress the DUCA D'ACOSTA barracks will be ready before BRACCIANO although work started on BRACCIANO many months ago.

15. Clothing

Recruits are well turned out. The old worn uniforms of the permanent staff still remain.

V. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

'G' Points

16. Training Areas

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c. Future Courses

It is suggested that a 6 months course of Engineering should be run for officers. A course similar to that of the course seems preferable. A detailed proposal will follow at a later date.

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17. General - Courses (Contd.)

d. General Remarks. Recruit Training

The lack of sufficient stores and instructors impedes progress considerably, but there has been marked improvement and the recruits are keen.

18. Training Stores

There is still a great lack of training stores. The Commandant of the School has submitted a list of his requirements to the Ministry of War, but at present the stores are at CAMBRIDGE under the control of A.R.A.R.

'A' Points

19. Instructors

The School is still very much below strength in instructors. Those existing are of a fairly high standard. A British sapper storeman is very necessary for recognition and sorting out of stores at the School.

20. Welfare

The film projector has been repaired and there are film shows at the Barracks.

21. Discipline

Discipline requires considerable improvement. Within a week 2 N.C.O.'s and 178 O.R.'s (18% of the total strength) have been the subjects of disciplinary action - mostly for absenteeism of 2 to 3 days. This is after one month's training.

22. Health

Good. Minor ailments only. No malaria.

'Q' Points

23. Clothing

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The School is still very much below strength in instructors. These existing are of a fairly high standard. A British sapper storeman is very necessary for recognition and sorting out of stores at the School.

20. Welfare

The film projector has been repaired and there are film shows at the Barracks.

21. Discipline

Discipline requires considerable improvement. Within a week 2 N.C.O.'s and 178 C.R.'s (18% of the total strength) have been the subjects of disciplinary action - mostly for absenteeism of 2 to 3 days. This is after one month's training.

22. Health

Good. Minor ailments only. No malaria.

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24. Vehicles

Vehicles are up to strength and in good condition.

25. Accommodation Stores

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These are completely inadequate. Tables and forms for the Mess Rooms have long been demanded.

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VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

'G' Points

26. Training Stores

All requirements will be satisfied without difficulty when the stores at PONTICAGLIANO are finally released and moved to ROME.

27. General Remarks - Recruit Training

The first Radio Mechanics and Telegraph Mechanics courses finished on 28 October. Results will be included in next month's report.

'A' Points

28. Instructors

There is still a deficiency of 34 subaltern instructors, and there seems to be no hope of this situation being relieved.

'L' Points

29. Vehicles

The transport situation is now more acute than ever owing to the fact that:-

- a. The School has now to train driver-operators, and most of its holding of vehicles are required for domestic purposes.
- b. The School is now in possession of only 20 efficient motor-cycles, and of these only 5 have tyres. The training of despatch riders is therefore extremely difficult.

The importance of bringing the School up to its full establishment of vehicles and motor-cycles cannot be emphasised too strongly.

'G' Points

30. Training Areas

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VII SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

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31. General - Courses

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The 3" mortar Instructor course is well organised and the standard of instruction is good. Small squads of about 12 officers and N.C.O.'s are taught by N.C.O. instructors, who are all capable.

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31. General - Courses - Conti

b. The following courses have terminated in October.

- COY Cmdrs and Pl Cmdrs Tactical Course
- Pl Cmdrs Course in Pl weapons
- 81 mm Instructors Course
- 3rd mortar Recruits Course.

c. The following courses commenced in October.

- Instructors Course 3" mortar
- Instructors Course 81 mm mortar
- Instructors Course Breda
- COY Cmdrs and Pl Cmdrs Tactical Course.

'A' Points

32. Instructors

There is at present a deficiency of 28 junior officers and 85 N.C.O. instructors, but it is hoped that most of these deficiencies will be made up before the recruit courses start in January.

33. Welfare

A sports meeting was held on 17 Oct and was enthusiastically received by the students, whose welfare facilities at present are limited to a canteen and wireless, with a trip to ROME on Sundays.

During the Summer months there is an open air theatre and cinema, which of course cannot be used in winter.

'Q' Points

34. Vehicles

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- 16 Motor cycles
- 12 1/2 cwts
- 7 Troop Carriers

VIII POLICE SCHOOL

'C' Points

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191 Points

Nothing to report.

191 Points

36. Accommodation

Suitable accommodation has now been provided to the School, and the layout of sleeping accommodation and classrooms is now much more satisfactory than in the previous courses.

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IX P.T. SCHOOL

'G' Points

37. Training

A lot of training is done in Rome at the running track at CARACALLA. The students show a great deal of enthusiasm for the sports meetings, and a fairly good standard of athletics is achieved.

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

38. Clothing

120 pairs of P.T. shoes of Italian manufacture have been received, and they should see the School through at least another 3 courses.

X SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION

'G' Points

39. General

Courses in Progress

The present driving course commenced on 1 Oct and out of 1,118 arrivals 1067 remain, 38 being sick and 13 returned to unit as unsuitable.

1 Oct.

The motor-cyclists course of 115 students also started on 1 Oct. It was found that among the driver recruits some 400 held civilian driving licenses and these men are to be pushed on and it is hoped passed out in six or seven weeks, which will enable the learners to receive more attention later in the course.

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40. Instructors

A considerable number of Senior N.C.O. Instructors are due for release in the near future and difficulty is being found in providing replacements. It is suggested that some of the more promising recruits are retained at the end of the present course to fill the W.E.

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A considerable number of Senior M.C.O. Instructors are due for release in the near future and difficulty is being found in providing replacements. It is suggested that some of the more promising recruits are retained at the end of the present course to fill the W.E.

41. Administrative Staff

This continues to function smoothly but the practice of posting recruits at the end of the course by name, is still, with the exception of 8 Territorial Command, in existence. The Commandant of the School has again taken this matter up with the Ministry of War.

42. Welfare

Although the very good welfare officer, who is responsible for the canteen, is in hospital, the canteen continues to give very good service under a replacement officer.

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42. Welfare (Contd)

A new projector has just been purchased at a cost of 500,000 lire and this will allow training films to be shown in the theatre.

'Q' Points

43. Accommodation

Two further blocks have now been completed and the position is easier. The main building is now being prepared for the officers course due to start on 1 Jan and when completed will be able to house approx 80 student officers.

The officers club is now in operation and a billiard table and piano have been provided.

44. Vehicles

Seven new Italian 3 ton load carriers have arrived and information has been received that more can be expected in November, the position, however, is still serious and there is a shortage in the W.E. of over 300 vehicles. The Commandant however states that Gen ROSSI and Col ALOIA are taking an interest and that steps are being taken to improve the position.

XI MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

'G' Points

45. Training Stores

1 Ford staff car chassis and one 15 cwt chassis have been supplied during the month, together with a number of wall diagrams of allied vehicles, and a number of minor assemblies, but many more are still required for instructional purposes.

'A' Points

46. Welfare

Little change. Appears satisfactory.

'Q' Points

47. Accommodation

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48. Vehicles

The vehicle situation is bad. (See table below).

School of Motorisation incl Specialist Repair Branch

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Type	W.E.	Held	S	U/S	Deficiency (1 minus 2)	Columns
1/Cycles	100	40	10	30	60	
Cars	25	40	6	4	15	
15 Cwts	40	39+	9	30	1	+ incl Italian vehs
3 Ton	248	175++	48	127	73	
Hvy Vehs	25	Nil	-	-	25	++ incl 12 Leyland 6 X 4s
Summary	<u>438</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>174</u>	

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48. Vehicles (Contd)

It will be seen from the above table that a practical deficiency of 365 exists.

XII. ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING COURSE

101 Points

49. Training Stores

There has been no appreciable change since the last report. A small number of tools etc have been released from PANCHANA and arrangements have been made for their collection.

50. General

A conference was held at H.Q. Central Military Schools to discuss the separation of S.M.C.A. from the School of Arty and to decide the future training tasks of S.M.C.A. The following points were agreed to by the S.M.C. and Arty Inspectorate (represented by Col DE PAIRA).

- a. Complete separation of S.M.C.A. from the School of Arty.
- b. Training of Gunfitters and Artificers by the Directorate of Arty, ROMS.
- c. Training of Armourers by the SUBERICA D'AMBI of TRUN.
- d. That S.M.C.A. should be under direct control of the Director General of Arty.

General WING opposed point (c) above on the grounds that discipline of trainees would suffer.

Since the above mentioned conference took place further discussions indicate that the Director General of Arty and the Inspectorate of Arty are in favour of returning to a previous system having the Armourers School at TRUN and the Arty Repair School at PANCHANA.

The matter is still being discussed between the Central Schools and the Arty branches concerned and 12 B.2.3.

In view of the importance of these two training establishments it is felt that a preliminary reconnaissance to decide suitability of the proposed sites should be carried out before a firm decision is reached.

49. Training Stores

There has been no appreciable change since the last report. A small number of tools etc have been released from PIAZENA and arrangements have been made for their collection.

50. General

A conference was held at S.M.O.A. Central Military Schools to discuss the separation of S.M.O.A. from the School of Artillery and to decide the future training tasks of S.M.O.A. The following points were agreed to by the S.M.O. and Artillery Inspectorate (represented by Col DE PAISA).

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141 Points

51. Distructory

A British Instructor on 7.7-inch A.A. Dept is still required **526**

101 Points

52. Accommodation Stores

Barely sufficient benches etc are held for the number of students under instruction at the present time.



MILITARY SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE

'Q' Points

53. General

- a. The courses for Cooks, Storemen and Accountants have been prolonged for another week. All courses will therefore finish on 2 Nov. Progress in general has been satisfactory, and particularly in the plastic modellers and draughtsmen's courses.
- b. The Ministry of War has now decided to continue running courses on democracy at RIETI. It is not yet known when these courses will begin.

'A' Points

54. Welfare

No further progress has been made in constructing a new Welfare Centre to take the place of the DOPOLAVORO PIAGGIA.

'Q' Points

55. Accommodation

Repeated requests have been made to the Engineer Directorate for several important repairs and constructional work - notable heating - but as yet no action has been taken.

56. Clothing

Winter clothing has not yet been issued.

57. Vehicles

All vehicles are efficient. A Light Utility and an Ambulance are still awaited.

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2 November 1946

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Distribution

External

H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.M.I.A.) (20)

H.Q.  
Italian Central Military Schools (2)

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All Officers 12 B.L.U.  
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PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS NOV. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begin.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.				
Cooperation.	1st Course for Senior Officers	25	-	-	8	21 Oct.	16 Dec.	
Armoured Cars.	Instructors	31	69	-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
	Recruits	-	-	130	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
Artillery.	25 pdr.	33	33	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	4th Col
	A/Tk	37	71	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
	L.A.A.	8	13	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
	1st R.S.C.'s Course ditto	15 -	- 18	- -	5 5	14 Oct. 21 Oct.	18 Nov. 25 Nov.	
Artillery Recruit Training Centre.	L.A.A.	-	-	420	8	7 Oct.	2 Dec.	
	A/Tk.	-	-	380	8	7 Oct.	2 Dec.	
Engineers.	Recruit Course.	-	-	988	8	20 Sep.	16 Nov.	
Signal.	Telegraph Mech	-	-	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
	Switchboard Op.	-	-	433	16	ditto	ditto	
	Telephonist	-	-	308	16	ditto	ditto	
	Wireless Op.	-	-	48	16	ditto	ditto	
	Driver Operators	-	-	66	24	23 Sep.	10 Mar. 47	
	Radio-Mechanics	-	-	45	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
	Operator Ling. & Teleprinter	-	-	78	?	?	?	
	Electricians	-	-	142	?	?	?	
	Despatch Riders	-	-	104	3	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
Inf Line Operator	-	-						



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TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS NOV. 1946.

(c) Elements Code.	(d) Troops.	(a) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
-	-	8	21 Oct.	16 Dec.	
69	-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
-	130	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
33	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	4th Course N.V.A.
71	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
13	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
-	-	5	14 Oct.	18 Nov.	
13	-	5	21 Oct.	25 Nov.	
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-	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
-	433	16	ditto	ditto	
-	308	16	ditto	ditto	
-	48	16	ditto	ditto	
-	66	24	23 Sep.	10 Mar. 47	
-	45	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
-	78	?	?	?	
-	142	?	?	?	
-	104	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops				
Signal (contd)	Inf Wireless Op.	-	-	494	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
	Arty Driver Op.	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
	Arty Signaller	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
Infantry.	Instructors 81mm Nat	39	73	-	8	8 Oct.	15 Nov.	
	Instructors 81mm Mortar	25	100	-	8	5 Nov.	28 Dec.	
	Instructor Breda	-	25	-	7	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
	Junior Leaders	25	100	-	8	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
	Tactical Course for Engr Offrs & NCOs.	20	20	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
	GAR Instrs. Course	20	12	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
	Police.	Regimental Police	14	101 NCOs & CC.FR.	-	14	14 Oct.	14 Nov.
P.T.	Regimental Instrs.	20	27	-	12	12 Aug.	4 Nov.	
<b>HONORIZATION AND M.R.T.C.</b>								
Drivers Training	Drivers	-	-	1067	12	1 Oct	1 Jan. 47	13 M only been shor
	M/Cyclists	-	-	114	2	1 Oct	14 Oct.	
Spec. Repair	Driver Mechs.	-	-	345	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb. 47	
	Engine Fitters	-	-	93	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
	Assemblers	-	-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
	Fitters General	-	-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
	Electricians	-	-	88	16	ditto	ditto	
	Fuel Injection	-	-	19	16	ditto	ditto	
	Sheet metal wks	-	-	43	16	ditto	ditto	
	Vulcanizers	-	-	27	16	ditto	ditto	
Painters	-	-	24	16	ditto	ditto		

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(g) Students NGOs, Troops		(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(h) Remarks.
-	494	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
73	-	8	8 Oct.	15 Nov.	
100	-	8	5 Nov.	28 Dec.	
25	-	7	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
100	-	8	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
20	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
12	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
104 NGOs & CC.PR.	-	16	14 Oct.	14 Nov.	
27	-	12	12 Aug.	4 Nov.	
-	1067	12	1 Oct	1 Jan. 47	13 ATOL. This Course should be of only 2 weeks duration, but it has been extended due to the great shortage of motor-cycles.
-	114	2	1 Oct	14 Oct.	
-	345	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb. 47	
-	93	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
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-	83	16	ditto	ditto	
-	19	16	ditto	ditto	
-	43	16	ditto	ditto	
-	27	16	ditto	ditto	
-	24	16	ditto	ditto	



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MOTORIZATION AND M.R.T.C. (contd.)							
Spec. Repair	Radiator Repra.	-	-	23	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47
	Textile Refitters	-	-	23	16	ditto	ditto
Inst. Ind. Duc D'Arsta	Blacksmiths	-	-	25	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47
	Carpenters	-	-	25	16	ditto	ditto
	Welders	-	-	30	16	ditto	ditto
	Furners	-	-	39	16	ditto	ditto
Dist. Ind. S. Galileo	Blacksmiths	-	-	37	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47
	Carpenters	-	-	30	16	ditto	ditto
	Welders	-	-	31	16	ditto	ditto
Scuola Istrutt. P.T.	Instructors	15	35	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.
Artillery Repair Training Centre.	Armourers	-	-	32	7	16 Sep.	4 Nov. 47
	Armourers	-	14	26	10	7 Oct.	16 Dec. 52
	Armourers	-	-	20	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec. 20
	Gunfitters	-	-	21	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec. 21
	Armourers	-	-	70 (approx)	7	3 Nov.	23 Dec.
Administration and Welfare.	NO COURSES IN NOVEMBER.						

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PCOs.	Proops.				
-	23	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	23	16	ditto	ditto	
-	25	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	25	16	ditto	ditto	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	39	16	ditto	ditto	
-	37	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	31	16	ditto	ditto	
35	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	32	7	16 Sep.	4 Nov.	47 arrived to attend course.
14	26	10	7 Oct.	16 Dec.	52 arrived to attend course.
-	20	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	20 arrived to attend course.
-	21	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	21 arrived to attend course.
-	70 (approx)	7	3 Nov.	23 Dec.	

MOVEMENTS.

Appendix 'B' to 12 B.I.U.  
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dated November 1946.

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref: Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1 : 1:000,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Roma di Quarto	F 139727
4.	School of Artillery Pz Branch	Rezzano	F 4090
	A/A & A/Wc Branch	Civitavecchia	F 1891
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Coccolignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Cesano	F 8286
8.	Police School 1	Rome	F 724672
9.	F.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Coccolignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Paoli	B 7723



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2.	School of Cooperation	Civitanovochia	F 1891
3.	Armored Car School	Per di Quarte	F 135727
4.	School of Artillery Pa Branch	Assiano	F 4090
	A/A & A/Tk Branch	Civitavecchia	F 1891
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cosulichola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Assiano	F 6286
8.	Police Scho 1	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Cosulichola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	B 7723

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58. Major R.N.J. HIBBARD R.E. proceeded to England on PRIVILEGE on 4 October 1946.
59. Major C.T. HERRIDGE R.A.S.C. rejoined the unit from PRIVILEGE on 12 October 1946.
60. Major D. WILKINSON R.E. joined the unit on 14 October 1946 filling the vacancy of Instructor R.E. wof 20 September, vice Major W.L. CHAPMAN on PYTHON.

XV GENERAL POINTS

61. School of Cooperation

This School is trying very hard to encourage independent thought on the tactical and administrative doctrine of the Italian Army.

62. Armoured Car School

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The biggest problem is ranges. Until land is bought or hired, firing can be stopped at the whim of the Contadini. 579

65. SARAUDIA

The A.A. Wing of the School is moving to SARAUDIA next year. This will be a big improvement.

66. H.Q. Central Military Schools

The abolition of H.Q. Central Schools is a logical measure, which will result in greater efficiency provided that a D.K.F. is established. As it stands at present the new organization does not appear to provide for coordination.

67. School of Engineers

This School will not be satisfactory until it is settled in its final location.

68. School of Signals

This is one of the best Schools, and is taking its place as a real centre for the Signal Corps. It needs:-

- a. A separate Signal Branch at S.M.E.
- b. Married quarters.

69. School of Infantry

The main need of this School is training and firing areas. The problem is similar to that at BRACCIANO.

70. School of Motorisation and M.T.R.C.

This School cannot function fully until it gets a full establishment of vehicles.

71. S.M.O.A.

This School needs to be moved to its final location.

72. P.I. School

This School needs to be moved from CUSANO.

73. Police School

This School has the difficult task of teaching Traffic Control to Carabinieri, which is foreign to their tradition. When British influence is withdrawn, the difficulties of the School will probably increase.

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This School teaches welfare, but its own Welfare facilities are poor.

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STAFF LIST - 12 E. L. U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.C. I	T/Lt. Col	A.W. GIBSON CBE	(28390)	A. & S.H.
G.S.C. III	T/Capt	W.A. FROVILLAN	(256126)	R.B.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	T/Maj.	R.N.J. HILDARD	(236667)	R.E.
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SIGNALS.

D. & M. WINGS	W/Maj.	C.T. MERRIDGE CBE	(120450)	L.A.S.C.
Instr. Major				

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	A.T. TWINE	(230819)	R.B.H.H.
ditto	T/Maj.	C.R.F. SAMPOON	(237160)	R.S.H.E.

TRAINING BRANCH

Instructor Inf.	T/Maj.	F.W. HAMILTON	(130364)	R. DORRIS
Instructor Tactics	W/Maj.	P.G.L. OUSEMAN	(55754)	D.W.R.

R.A. WING

Instr. Gunnery	T/Maj.	G.K. ALEXANDER	(57447)	R.A.
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R.E. WING

Instr. R.E.	T/Maj.	D.A. WILKINSON G.M.	(154306)	R.E.
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R. SIGNALS

Instr. R. Sigs.				
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SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing  
Instr. Major W/Maj. C.T. MERRIDGE CME (120450) R.A.S.C.

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D.A.D.M.E.  
ditto T/Maj. A.T. TWINE (230819) R.T.M.S.  
T/Maj. C.R.P. SWINSON (237160) R.A.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH

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Instructor Tactics W/Maj. P.C.L. CHURCH (55754) D.W.R.

R.A. WING

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R. SIGNALS

Instr. R. Sage.

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI  
Ufficio Personale e Affari Varii

-Palazzo Salviati alla Lungara  
- Roma, li 27 ottobre 1946 --

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

-Generale di Brigata Par/sta	-RONCO	Ercole	-Com/te Scuole Cent. mil.
-Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - MAZAVASI	Idovico	-Colonnello addetto
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - JECCLIA	Estere	-Capo Uff. Personale
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - SIVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff. Addestramento
-Ten. Colonnello	Gran. spe. - T.S.G. - LAMBAZZI	Luigi	-Capo Uff. Ordineamento
-Ten. Colonnello	Bers. spe. - T.S.G. - VASSALLO	Vittorio	-Com/te Squadra Mob. Ing.

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE VARIE ARMI

-Generale di Brigata	MATTIOLA	Enrico	-Comandante
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - TIMOSSI	Lello	-Capo Uff. Comando
-Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - ROSSI	Aldo	-Capo Sezione Logistica
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - COSTAMAGNA	Camillo	-Capo Uff. Addestramento
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - GUIDA	Ovaldo	-Capo Sezione Tattica
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - SOLDANI	Antonio	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - PALOMBARINI	Sergio	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - BERNASCONI	Giuseppe	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - TUCCI	Tancredi	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - BATTAGLINI	Sante	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - CARASSO	Giuseppe	-Addetto Uff. Addest./to

COMANDO SCUOLA DI FATTERIA

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - PANZI	Michèle	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gran. spe. - T.S.G. - TRABUCCHI	Delfino	-Comandante di Btg.
-Ten. Colonnello	Bers. spe. - T.S.G. - MASTROBUONO	Giuseppe	-Comandante di Btg.
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - CARLINA	Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - LIBERTI	Gerardo	-Capo Istrutt. Armi
-Ten. Colonnello	alp. spe. - T.S.G. - LUCARELLI	Alfonso	-A disposizione

-Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - MALAVASI	Lodovico	-Colonnello addetto
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - MECCIA	Etторе	-Capo Uff. Personale
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - SILVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff. Addestramento
-Ten. Colonnello	Gran. spe. - T.S.G. - LAMBERTI	Iniga	-Capo Uff. Ordinamento
-Ten. Colonnello	Bers. spe. - T.S.G. - VASSALLO	Vittorio	-Com. te Squadra Mob. Ingt

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE VARIE ARMI

-Generale di Brigata	NAPOLI	Enrico	-Comandante
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - TIMOSI	Lello	-Capo Uff. Comando
-Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - ROSSI	Aldo	-Capo Sezione Logistica
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - COSTAMAGA	Camillo	-Capo Uff. Addestramento
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - GUIDA	Oswaldo	-Capo Sezione Pattica
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - SOLDANI	Antonio	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - PALOMBARINI	Sergio	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - BERNASCONI	Giuseppe	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - TUCCI	Mancredi	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - BATTAGLINI	Sante	-Istruttore
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - CARASSO	Giuseppe	-Addetto Uff. Addestr. to

COMANDO SCUOLA DI FABBRICA

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - PANZI	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gran. spe. - T.S.G. - TRABUCCHI	Delfino	-Comandante di Btg.
-Ten. Colonnello	Bers. spe. - T.S.G. - MASTROBUONO	Giuseppe	-Comandante di Btg.
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - CARLINI	Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - LIBERTI	Gerardo	-Capo istrutt. arma
-Ten. Colonnello	Alp. spe. - T.S.G. - JUCARELLI	Alfonso	-A disposizione

COMANDO SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

-Colonnello	Aut. spe. - T.S.G. - NIGRI	Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Aut. spe. - BARATTI	Eugenio	-Vice Com. te e Relatore
-Ten. Colonnello	Aut. spe. - PANZICA	Giacomo	-Com. te Scuola Add. Aut. te
-Ten. Colonnello	Aut. spe. - COSENTINO	Renato	-Com. te Scuola Istruttori



COMANDO SCUOLA DI ARRICILIBERIA

-Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - FALKA	Marcello	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe. - PAGONI	Uberto	-Vice Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe. - RIZZESI	Renzo	-Dirett. Corsi Topograf.
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - SKLINAR	Salvatore	-Com/te 3o Gruppo
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe. - T.S.G. - RIBOLTA	Guldo	-Com/te 5o Gruppo

  

COMANDO SCUOLA ARTIGIANI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - MARGIONI	Violante Aldo	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - SILVESTRI	Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - FISICARO	Salvatore	-Capo Uff. Addestramento
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - AUTILIO	Giannuario	-Comen/te Caserma Aurelia
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - MAZZA	Uberto	"Com/te 1o Btg. Istruzione -A disposizione

COMANDO SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - MANCUSO	Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - AZEZA	Luigi	-A disposizione
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - IMPERLIZZERI	Stefano	-Capo Uff. Addestramento
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T.S.G. - DE LUCA	Cino	-Com/te Btg. Telegrafisti
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - VIALI	Carlo	-Capo Uff. Materiali
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - CARONNI	Lello	-In Inc. straordinario di gg. 45

COMANDO SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - GACHET	Edoardo	-Comandante
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COMANDO SCUOLA DI ISTRUZIONE FISICA

-Ten. Colonnello	Ftr. spe. - T.S.G. - DENARI	Giuseppe	-Comandante
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COMANDO SCUOLA AUTOBLINDO

-Ten. Colonnello	Cav. spe. - GUZZINATI	Alberto	-Comandante
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-Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. --- SILVESINI Virgilio --Vice Comandante  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. FISICARO Salvatore --Capo Uff. addestramento  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. AUTILIO Giannuario--Coman/te Caserma Aurelia  
 "Com/te 1° Btg. Istruzione  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. MAZZA Umberto --A disposizione

COMANDO SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. MANOUSO Salvatore --Comandante  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. ZEZZA Luigi --adi. posizione  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. IMPERLIZZERI Dante --Capo Uff. addestramento  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. T.S.G. DE LUCA Gino --Com/te Btg. Telegrafisti  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. --- VIALI Carlo --Capo Uff. materiali  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. --- CARCANI Lelio --in lic. straordinario. da SS.45

COMANDO SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten. Colonnello Ftr. spe. T.S.G. GACHET Scaardo --Comandante

COMANDO SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten. Colonnello Ftr. spe. T.S.G. DENARI Giuseppe --Comandante

COMANDO SCUOLA AUTOELANDO

-Ten. Colonnello Cav. spe. --- GUZZARINI Alberto --Comandante

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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. CG/1018/2 dated 18 Aug 1946

(1) Officers

Instn. Sigs - Major

(2) Other Ranks

	3/1946	5/46	6/46	Total
Arm. Art AA	1	-	-	1
Blac Veh & Plant	-	-	1	1
Clerk Tech PPTG	-	-	1	1
Instrs R.A.	-	2	-	2
Clerks G.I. Army Arm	1	1	-	2
Instr R.E.	1	-	-	1
Instr Op W/T R. Sigs	1	-	-	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers

LICOP  
 PRIVILEGE

(2) Other Ranks

PRIVILEGE

1 Major (used) Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Major (RE) Due to return Nov. 1946.

1 C.Q.M.S.  
 1 S/Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Spr Due to return Nov. 1946.

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

(1) Due under LICOP, PRIVILEGE etc.

Officers 1  
 C.R.'s 1

(2) Due under CGO 1352/45

Officers -  
 C.R.'s -

(3) Due for release in A/S OPS 45,46,47:

Officers 1  
 C.R.'s 1

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(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers.

LILCP  
 PRIVILEGE  
 1 Major (FTHS) Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Major (PT) Due to return Nov. 1946.

(2) Other Ranks

PRIVILEGE  
 1 C.Q.M.S. Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 S/Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Spr Due to return Nov. 1946.

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

(1) Due under WAP, PRIVILEGE etc.  
 OFFICERS  
 C.M.'s 1

(2) Due under GFC 1352/45  
 OFFICERS  
 C.M.'s -

(3) Due for release in 4/3 Gps 45,46,47.  
 OFFICERS  
 C.M.'s 1

(4) Due for FTHS during November  
 OFFICERS  
 C.M.'s 1



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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	F.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (ELR)	
1.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5230009	4282-1998	91016097	E	-	-	
2.	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 4740602	23959	C/D.2079	E	-	-	Service hande
3.	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 6175674	23/88555	UV. 6144	E	-	-	Service Held 2. 49 dated
4.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S. 1143	1560869	E	-	-	Service
5.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	CPN.154042	E	-	-	Service
6.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	LR	-	638 W
7.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	M. 5661261	-	-	E	-	-	Service
8.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 5101007	-	-	E	-	-	Service Ton Cl Luthy
9.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	<sup>on</sup> M. 27086	-	-	E	-	7	Service From dated
10.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-	-	Service

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Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
91018097	E	-	-	Good
C/D.2079	E	-	-	Serviceable. Shortly to be handed over to M.M.I.A.
UV. 6144	E	-	-	Serviceable (At SANTA MARTINILLA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DOXHE 2. 4982463 Authy : HQ M.M.I.A. C/204 dated 27th May 46.
1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable.
CPV. 154042	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	LR	-	638 W/S. Brakes faulty.
-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	E	-	-	Serviceable. Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L. 5683553 (BLR) Authy M.M.I.A. Q/4020 dated 27/7/46
-	E	-	7	Serviceable (At SANTA MARTINILLA) From HQ M.M.I.A. Authy : Q.T./12 dated 17 Oct 46.
-	E	-	-	Serviceable.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
11.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5117266	23/3/1048	-	E	-	-
12.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1161105	B. 182	-	E	-	-
13.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5547039	294/235/5209	-	E	-	-
14.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1131654	-	WM.20-1207	-	LR	-
15.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 4706571	-	WM.20-73779	-	-	BLR
16.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5338723	-	-	E	-	-
17.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 162699	-	-	E	-	-
18.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906855	-	-	E	-	-
19.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906022	-	-	E	-	-

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Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB and found correct.



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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
23/1/1040	-	E	-	-	Good.
B. 132	-	E	-	-	Good.
294/235/5209	-	E	-	-	Good.
-	20-31207	-	LR	-	538 7/8
-	20-75779	-	-	BLR	
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. Held on loan from MIA. Shortly to be handed over to MSEA.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. On loan from BOLOGNA an Italian Army Vehicle.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From MSEA Autly : HD MIA AT/12 dated 17 Oct 46.

in charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected

..... Lt. Colonel,  
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(Tel : RCAF 489084 Ext : 545)

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21 October 1946.

To : All Officers 12 B.L.U.  
S.O. R.Sigs. H.M.I.A.  
Capt. R.L.S.C. M.M.I.A.

1. Officers are requested to forward progress reports to this H.Q. by the 28th October in accordance with AQ/6/5/2057 dated 15 August 1946.
2. All officers are reminded that headings should be listed in the order 'Q', 'A', and 'Q' and not in the order 'A', 'Q' and 'Q' as previously requested.

VG/epm.

*C.P. [Signature]*  
Capt. R.B.  
GSO III.

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2. All officers are reminded that headings should be listed in the order 'G', 'A' and 'Q' and not in the order 'A', 'Q' and 'G' as previously requested.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.L.A.) (7)  
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SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

'G' Points

1. Instructors Course

a. This course terminated on 21 Sep '46. Eight officers are being retained on the staff of the school either as instructors or on the H.Q. The former will require considerable practice before they can be considered as competent instructors and it is the policy of the school that they should receive this practice in subsequent courses, working under close supervision of the Chief Instructors.

b. It is hoped that those who return to their units and firms will do their utmost to spread the gospel. Owing to the shortage of trained instructors, courses are of necessity small and it will take a very long time for the teaching to make itself felt in the Italian Army as a whole if those who attend these courses do not disseminate really energetically what they have learnt.

2. First Students Course

a. The first students course is due to start on 21 Oct '46 and finish on 21 Dec '46 (nine weeks). About twenty five students are expected. The scope of this course will be roughly the same as that of the previous course except that certain important aspects of minor tactics will be dealt with in more detail, eg patrolling. It is intended that some of the more promising students should be retained as instructors and that in this way the school will gradually be built up to its full capacity.

3. Visits

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5. Health

Generally good.

'Q' Points

6. Accommodation

The situation with regard to the accommodation of married families of both officers and C.R.'s in CIVITAVECCHIA is still very unsatisfactory and is the subject of a separate letter.

7. Vehicles

See Appx 'A'. Like ourselves, the Italian Army is suffering from a dearth of trained and experienced drivers with its inevitable adverse effect on the standard of maintenance.

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Report - School of  
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9 October 1946.

SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

TRANSPORT

Type	Estb	Present	Fit	Under Repair	B.L.R.	Remarks
Bus	5	2	2	1	1	-
3 Ton	3	6	4	1	1	Engine
15 Cwt	3	3	2	1	2	Engine
Jeep	3	2	2	-	-	-
Utility	3	1	1	-	-	-
Civilian Cars	4	4	3	1	-	Engine
M/C	6	6	6	-	-	-

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 Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (L.M.I.A.) (20)  
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I SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

Due to the absence of the Instructor in Tactics the report on the School of Cooperation will be presented at a later date.

II SCHOOL OF ARMORED CAR

'C' Points.

1. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The Ministry of War has suspended the question of training recruits at the Armoured Car School. The reason for this is not yet known.

'A' Points.

Nothing further to report.

'Q' Points.

Nothing further to report.

III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

'G' Points

2. Training Areas.

Use of the so-called training areas in the vicinity of BRACCIANO is dependent at present on the whim of the civilian population. It is not always possible to override the veto of the local sindaco, particularly recently when harvesting was in progress. It is felt that the only solution would be for the government to buy a tract of land for the use of the schools of Artillery, Infantry and Cooperation. Shooting could then be carried out at will. It is impossible to run a School of Artillery that cannot shoot guns.

3. Training Accommodation.

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4. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Location</u>
480	L.A.A.	CIVITAVECCHIA
320	A/tk	"
180	Fd Arty	"
231	Specialists School of Arty	BRACCIANO
		"

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5. General Remarks - Other Training

As a result of the recent visit to Artillery Regts and of an examination of practical knowledge of students attending the School, it has been decided to alter the bulk of the course syllabi, so as to permit more practical work and less theory. This is a first step forward.

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101 Points.

6. Instructors.

A further five Pd Arty instructors have been trained during the month.

7. Administrative Staff.

231 recruits have been received by the School of Arty for retention. This brings the W.E. of the School to almost 100%.

101 Points.

8. Accommodation.

Work on the Recruit Training Centre at the DUCA D'AOSTA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA, is proceeding very well. There are sufficient buildings completed to house A/tk and L.A.A. recruits who have already arrived. There is talk of further expansion at BRACCIANO, but before any contracts are entered into, it is felt that it would be desirable to ensure that suitable firing areas are guaranteed to the School, if necessary by government purchase.

9. Clothing.

The second call-up of recruits has arrived very much better clothed than their predecessors. There is some fear, however, that the winter uniforms may not be received early enough.

10. Vehicles.

Until the Survey Wing has released four Jeeps from A.R.A.R., it will not be possible to give survey instruction, using British methods.

IV SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

Owing to the absence of the Instructor E.T., the report on this School is not yet available. It will be presented at a later date.

V SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

101 Points.

11. Training Stores.

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V SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

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11. Training Stores.

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12. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The results of courses completed during August 46 were as follows:-

Classification	Operators Switchboard	Operators and Teleprinter	Line Operators Wireless	Electricians	Artillery Signal Officers
Excellent	10	14	31	5	40
Very Good	26	39	—	14	49
Good	47	20	102	20	104
Satisfactory	45	25	140	19	250
Unsatisfactory	12	26	48	6	47
Total	<u>140</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>490</u>

12. General Remarks - Recruit Training (Contd)

a. The undermentioned courses commenced during September:-

<u>Signal Corps.</u>	<u>Length of Course (Weeks)</u>	<u>No of Students.</u>
Telegraph Mechanic	24	33
Radio Mechanic Operator, Telegrapher	24	44
Operator, Switchboard	16	29
Operator, Line	16	110
Operator, Wireless	16	152
Driver-Operator	16	288
Electrician	16	48
Ismanan	16	29
Despatch Rider	8	173
	6	45
<u>Artillery.</u>		
Officers and M.C.O.'s.	8	30
Wireless Signaller.	8	216
Line Signaller.	8	56
Driver Operator.	16	72

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13. Points.

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- 15. Vehicles.
- 14. The need for many more is, of course, as urgent as ever, bringing the total to 6.
- 13. General

The O.R.'s warehouse is now complete and functioning, and is well worth a visit.

VI. SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

- 12. Points.
- 11. Training Accommodation.

The majority of the classrooms have now been redecorated and their present layout is satisfactory.

18. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The 3" Mortar Course is making satisfactory progress, and the standard of firing amongst the recruits is quite good. The training on firing during this course will not be as satisfactory as the other arms, owing to the fact that no training manual divided into lessons is available. The only manual in existence is the makers handbook, which is at present being used by the Instructors as a basis for rewriting the training manual.

'A' Points.

19. Instructors.

The position regarding instructors has not improved during the month.

20. Hygiene.

The erratic water supply causes some concern to the Administrative officers of the School. Drains and latrines are frequently blocked, causing a certain amount of discomfort for the recruits.

'Q' Points.

21. Accommodation.

Work is continuing slowly in the whole of the School. It is doubtful whether the road will be completed before winter.

22. Vehicles.

Vehicles state as in previous report.

VII. POLICE SCHOOL.

'Q' Points.

23. Instructors.

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24. Training Stores.

6 of the 16 motorcycles used for training are off the road for lack of tyres.

25. General Remarks.

It has again been impressed on formation H.Q. that students sent on this course must be able to drive, as the School has neither the time nor the Instructors for teaching students to drive.

'A' Points.

Nothing further to report.

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'G' Points.

26. Accommodation.

Suitable accommodation has been promised at the Palazzo Salviati earlier on account of the bad layout of offices at the H.Q. Central Military Schools. However this matter is now satisfactorily settled.

VIII P.T. SCHOOL

'G' Points.

27. Training Areas.

The sports ground is being improved and the present course is on the whole much better from the training point of view than the previous one.

28. General Remarks - Training.

The Italian Federation of Sport is giving much assistance and encouragement to the School. A film projector has been loaned for showing athletic and sports films, which are of interest and good training value.

'A' Points.

29. Health.

14 out of the 47 students who arrived for this course have already been returned to their units owing to the poor state of their health.

'G' Points.

30. Accommodation.

The accommodation is now satisfactory.

IX SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION

'G' Points.

31. Courses in progress.

Two new courses assembled on 20 Sep which necessitated a considerable amount of reclassifying; numbers of students per course being Driving School, 1,300, Specialist School, 700. In addition 24 Junior Officers and 54 Senior N.C.O.'s are arriving to attend the Driving School on 1 Oct.

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Courses finished.

a. Driving School

Students at beginning of course	1731
Students turned down	356
Students finished course	1375
Students passed out	1028
Students unsuitable	347

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b. Specialist School

Students at beginning of course	200
Students turned down	17
Students finished course	183
Students passed out	120
Students unsuitable	63

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191 Points

Instructors

The School is up to strength in instructors, with the exception of one En Commander.

336 Administrative Staff

The W.E. for the Specialists School, as agreed upon by H.Q. M.M.I.A., allowed for two Coys only. At present there are four Coys in existence and the work arising has to be done by personnel of a W.E. based on two Coys.

34 Welfare

Profits have dropped this month due to termination of courses during the period covered and also to an increase in prices but are still quite substantial, being 24,924 lire.  
New flats have been provided for the theatre.  
The Officers' club is now nearly completed and is quite well patronised but should improve when Officers married accommodation is provided.

190 Points

35 Accommodation

The main question is still quarters for married families, but it is believed that is being taken up by H.Q. M.M.I.A.  
Work is still uncompleted on certain buildings for student quarters and will not be finished until October 15.

36 Vehicles

There is no improvement in vehicle holdings; the position at present is as follows:

Type	N.E.	Holdings	Efficient
150's	100	61	17
Cars	25	11	5
15 Ontos	10	14	4
3 Jeeps	208	181	59
1/2 Vehicles	25	11	7

101 Points

37 Training Courses

Considerable



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M/G's	100	61	17
Cars	35	11	5
15 Cnts	40	14	4
3 Buses	248	181	59
W/S Vehicles	25	11	7

VEHICLE REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE.

(1) Points.

37. Training Staff.

Considerably more Allied vehicle assemblies and chassis are required for instructional purposes.

38. Training.

a. A Specialists Course of 386 troops, which commenced on 1 July is still in progress. 267 of these are due to finish on 10 October, the remainder on 31 October. Progress is good and very favourable results are expected.  
 b. A Specialists Course of approximately 1076 students is due to commence on 1 October. It is proposed to commence 2 weeks recovery courses at a later date.

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19. Points.

Instructors and Admin Staff.

The School is suffering from a shortage of instructors and Admin staff. The original W.E. on a basis of 500 students, is slightly inadequate commencing courses on 1 Oct. The position can be set out as follows:-

SPECIALIST REPAIR FRANCH

	W.E.	Required for 500 students	Required for 1076 students	Requirements over existing W.E.
Commandant.	1			
Instructors	8	8	13	5
Captain (Admin)	2	2	4	2
Subalterns (Admin)	5	8	16	11
N.C.O.'s	21	33	53	32
Troops (C.D.)	46	46	46	
Civilians (Specialists)	32	38	38	6

The School has appealed for more Officers and N.C.O.'s without success and to relieve the shortage, has borrowed from the driving School. Future results of courses seem dependent on this shortage being remedied.

40. Welfare.

Little change, except for the addition of an Officer's Bar.

Discipline.

The standard of incoming recruits is stated to be much higher than previously.

19. Points.

42. Accommodation.

Work in connection with the partitioning of classrooms in the Repair School has now been completed. Work is proceeding in the Officer Students building and completion is expected during the last week of Oct, but difficulty is anticipated in obtaining furniture. Beds etc have been provided, but have not yet arrived.

43. Vehicles.

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Type	M.B.	Held	Deficiencies
M/0s	100	43	57
Light Cars	25	10	15
15 Cwts.	40	11	29
3 Tonners	248	152+	96
Heavy Vehicles	25	Nil	25

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Note : + 12 of these are Leyland 6 X 4 tonners in lieu of 3 Tonner 4 X 2.

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XI ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

44. Points.

44. Training Stores.

No improvement in situation since last report.

45. Training Accn.

Is only sufficient to accommodate comfortably about 60 students under instructions.

46. General Remarks.

a. Unless files and other tools are forthcoming during October, it is considered that insufficient tools will be available for the first 3 weeks training of the 136 students who are expected to arrive on 31 Oct. There will also be insufficient weapons available to allow the proper training of students, unless the additional requirements noted in August report are made available.

b. No spare parts are available for weapons.

c. An Ammunition Artificer (Field) has now been attached to the School. British staff now comprise the a/m H.C.O. and 1 Craftsman Armourer.

47. Points.

47. Instructors.

A British Instructor on Ord Q.F. 3.7 ins A.A. Equipment is still urgently required, in order to train Italian Instructors.

48. Administration.

Additional staff as noted in the August report are still required.

49. Points.

49. Clothing.

Overalls for students are urgently needed.

50. Accommodation Stores.

Insufficient benches or chairs are held to accommodate the number of students expected to arrive in October.

XII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE

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50. Accommodation Stores.

Insufficient benches or chairs are held to accommodate the number of students expected to arrive in October.

XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE

51. Points.

51. Training Stores.

Much progress has been made in obtaining stores and equipment and the situation can now be considered fairly satisfactory.

52. Training Accommodation.

Classrooms have been greatly improved.

General Remarks.

The "Vocational Training" Courses were completed on 7 Sept. Each was of four weeks duration and for C.R.'s only. Results of the courses were as follows:-

Subject	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Failed or Unclassified	Total
Accountants	7	4	7	4	1	23
Plastic Modeliers	2	3	4	5	2	16
Stenographers	-	5	5	9	1	20
Draughtsmen	11	-	2	5	-	18
Storeroom	7	4	3	10	-	24
Typists	-	2	8	19	4	33
			Total			<u>134</u>

Students were subjected to intelligence tests on arrival, and 13 (including some illiterates) out of the original 152 were rejected. Such inconsiderance was caused by the fact that 25% of the students had failed to report by the first day of the courses.

Further Vocational Training Courses (including a cook's course) and Courses on Unit Administration, Hygiene and Man Management commenced on 20 Sep. The inclusion of Psychology or "Cognoscenza del Personale" in the Man Management Course is under discussion. 5 periods are already on the syllabus.

(A) Points.

54. Instructors.

The W.F. is complete, with the exception of one officer instructor for the Man Management Course.

55. Administrative Staff.

The W.F. is most inadequate for a School of "Administration". The problem would be in many ways solved if civilian personnel could be used for fatigue duties.

56. Welfare.

No progress has been made in constructing a new "Centro di Jansenere". If, as originally proposed, the Centre is constructed within the Barracks, the estimated cost will be at least 15 million lire. However it has been pointed out that soldiers would prefer to spend their off-duty hours at a centre outside the Barracks. A good officer's club has been formed and is imaginatively decorated. It was suggested on a recent visit of the Chief of the C.A.D. (Corpo Assistenza Peninabile) that the O.R.'s centre should be run by a military rather than a civilian



such inconvenience was caused by the fact that 2% of the students had failed to report by the first day of the courses.

Further Vocational Training Courses (including a cook's course) and Courses on Unit Administration, Hygiene and Man Management commenced on 20 Sep. The inclusion of Psychology or "Cognoscenza del Personale" in the Man Management Course is under discussion. 5 periods are already on the syllabus.

54. Man Points.

54. Instructors.

The W.M. is complete, with the exception of one officer instructor for the Man Management Course.

55. Administrative Staff.

The V.E. is most inadequate for a School of "Administration". The problem would be in many ways solved if civilian personnel could be used for fatigue duties.

56. Welfare.

No progress has been made in constructing a new "Centro di benessere". If, as originally proposed, the Centre is constructed within the Barracks, the estimated cost will be at least 15 million lire. However it has been pointed out that soldiers would prefer to spend their off-duty hours at a centre outside the Barracks. A good officer's club has been formed and is imaginatively decorated. It was suggested on a recent visit of the Chief of the C.A.F. (Corpo Assistenza Femminile) that the C.R.'s canteen could be more conveniently run by a military rather than a civilian organisation. One member of the C.A.F. is already at the School and has done valuable work. A proposal to increase the number to two, and to set up an organisation for all the Schools on a similar basis, will be the subject of a letter to M.L.I.A. at a future date.

57. Discipline.

Good.

58. Health.

Good.

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59. General

Cost of living etc is still a major preoccupation among the permanent staff, as mentioned in the previous report.

60. IQ' Points.

60. accommodation.

Much commendable progress has recently been made in the construction of sleeping quarters, messes etc. On 21 Sep General CADENA, on a visit to the School, expressed great satisfaction at the progress made. Officer students sleeping quarters have now been completed. However there is still much constructional work to be done at the School (lighting, heating, repair etc), involving a further estimated expenditure of 5 million lire.

61. Clothing.

The condition of C.A.R. students clothing still leaves a great deal to be desired.

62. Vehicles.

The vehicle situation has much improved, though one light utility and one ambulance are still awaited. Also a request has been made for a British type water truck, to be used for instructional purposes on the Hygiene Course.

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All officers 12 B.I.U.

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Lt-Colonel  
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PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS OCT. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.				
Armoured Car	No 1 Course	11 CC RR	20 CC RR	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Car
	Instructors Cavalry and Carabinieri	33	35	-	8 weeks	19 Aug	2 Oct	
Artillery BRACCIANO	Fd Arty	22	-	-	5 weeks	23 Aug	28 Sep	Inc
	Fd Arty	-	44	-	do	do	do	
	A/Tk Arty	18	32	-	do	do	do	
	L.A.A. Arty	24	35	-	do	do	do	
	Survey Preparatory	-	30	-	3 weeks	15 Sep	5 Oct	To-
	Young Specialists	-	-	210	8 weeks	Finished 20 Aug		Mat
	Young Specialists	-	-	180	13 weeks	23 Sep	21 Dec	1st 2nd
Signal		As in previous report						
Infantry	Recruit 3" Mortar	-	-	376	6 weeks	12 Aug	31 Oct	
	Recruit M.M.G.	-	-	576	8 weeks	12 Aug	31 Oct	
	Recruit Carrier	-	-	103	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Oct	
	Recruit Sniper	-	-	50	4 weeks	12 Aug	29 Sep	
	C.A.R. Instructors	200	50	-	6 weeks	27 Aug	5 Oct	
Police	Regimental Police	20	130 NCOs & Troops		1 month	10 Oct	10 Nov	
P.T.		As in previous report						

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COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS OCT. 1946.

(c) Students.		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
NCOs.	Troops.	Duration.	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
20 CC RB	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Complete course including Tactics.
35	-	8 weeks	19 Aug	2 Oct	
-	-	5 weeks	23 Aug	28 Sep	Includes 2 Offrs from Sicily.
44	-	do	do	do	
32	-	do	do	do	
35	-	do	do	do	
30	-	3 weeks	15 Sep	5 Oct	To train potential surveyors in Mathematics.
-	210	8 weeks	Finished 20 Aug		1st call-up
-	180	13 weeks	23 Sep	21 Dec	2nd call-up
As in previous report					
-	376	6 weeks	12 Aug	31 Oct	
-	576	8 weeks	12 Aug	31 Oct	
-	103	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Oct	
-	50	4 weeks	12 Aug	29 Sep	
50	-	6 weeks	27 Aug	5 Oct	
130 NCOs & Troops		1 month	10 Oct	10 Nov	
As in previous report					

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.		
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops					
Motorization and M.R.T.C.	Turners	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	) Inst Scho	
	Blacksmiths	-	-	23	do	do	do		
	Carpenters	-	-	23	do	do	do		
	Welders	-	-	27	do	do	do		
	Coach Trimmers	-	-	1	do	do	do		
	Sheet metal workers	-	-	6	do	do	do		
	Radiator repairers	-	-	1	do	do	do		
	Testers	-	-	1	do	do	do		
	Printers	-	-	1	do	do	do		
	Hydraulic brake spec.	-	-	1	do	do	do		
	Fault Rectifier	-	-	1	do	do	do		
	Tyre Repairers	-	-	5	do	do	do		
	Painters	-	-	6	do	do	do		
	D. and M. Course	-	-	700	16 weeks	20 Sep	20 Jan 47		) 75 %
	Driving	-	-	1375			10 Sep		
	Driving	24	54	1300	10 weeks	20 Sep	7 Nov		) Inst Rem
Fitters Vehicle	-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47			
Engine Specialist	-	-	114	do	do	do			
Chassis Specialist	-	-	49	do	do	do			
Electricians	-	-	18	do	do	do			
Injectors pump spec.	-	-	1	do	do	do			
M.R.T.C. Scuola di Specializzati Operazione.				As in previous report.					
M.R.T.C. Industrial School Bica d'Aosta				As in previous report.					
M.R.T.C. Centro Studi		554		As in previous report.					



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Plts.	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Troops	Duration.	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruction given at Instructional School Due d'Aosta.
23	do	do	do	
23	do	do	do	
27	do	do	do	
1	do	do	do	
6	do	do	do	
1	do	do	do	
1	do	do	do	
1	do	do	do	
1	do	do	do	
5	do	do	do	Instruction given at Centro Studi Rome.
6	do	do	do	
700	16 weeks	20 Sep	20 Jan 47	
1375			10 Sep	
1300	10 weeks	20 Sep	7 Nov	
101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47	
114	do	do	do	
49	do	do	do	
18	do	do	do	
1	do	do	do	
As in previous report.				
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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCCs.	Troops.			
Artillery S.M.C.A.	Armourers	-	-	32	10 weeks	16 Sep	25 Nov
School of Admin and Welfare	Unit Administration	21	-	-	5 weeks	30 Sep	2 Oct
	Hygiene	30	-	-	do	do	do
	Man Management	25	-	-	do	do	do
	Accountants	-	8	22	4 weeks	do	26 Sep
	Plastic Modellers	-	7	14	5 weeks	do	2 Oct
	Stenographers	-	5	18	do	do	do
	Draughtsmen	-	6	19	do	do	do
	Storomen	-	8	34	4 weeks	do	26 Sep
	Typists	-	7	22	5 weeks	do	2 Oct
Cooks	-	-	13	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	

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(c) Students. NCOs.		(d) Troops.	(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
-	-	32	10 weeks	16 Sep	25 Nov	60 men due to arrive on 1 Oct for next Armourers course. 136 students will be commencing courses for Armourers & Gunfitters on 31 Oct.
-	-	-	5 weeks	30 Sep	2 Oct	
-	-	-	do	do	do	
-	-	-	do	do	do	
8	-	22	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	
7	-	14	5 weeks	do	2 Oct	
5	-	18	do	do	do	
6	-	19	do	do	do	
8	-	34	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	
7	-	22	5 weeks	do	2 Oct	
13	-	38	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	



SIGNALS TRADES IN THE ITALIAN ARMY

Italian Nomenclature.

Corpo dei Collegamenti

Apparecchiatori di Linea  
Apparecchiatori Telegrafonici  
Centralinisti  
Marconisti  
Marconisti-Conduuttori  
Motociclisti  
Motoristi-Elettricisti  
Radiomontatori  
Stenditori di Fili (Campagne)  
Stenditori di Fili (Linea Permanente)  
Telegrafisti  
Telescriventisti

Fanteria

Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Panteria)

Artiglieria

Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Artiglieria)

Reparti Esploranti  
Marconisti-Conduuttori

British Nomenclature.

Royal Corps of Signals.

Line Mechanics  
Telegraph Mechanics  
Operators, Switchboard  
Operators, Wireless  
Driver Operators  
Despatch Riders  
Vehicle Mechano Electricians  
Radio Mechanics  
Lineman (Field)  
Lineman (Permanent Line)  
Operators Line  
Operators, Teleprinter

Infantry

Infantry Signallers

Artillery

Artillery Signallers  
Driver Operators

Reconnaissance Units  
Driver Operators

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Operators line  
Operators, Teleprinter

Infantry  
Infantry Signallers

Artillery  
Artillery Signallers  
Driver Operators

Reconnaissance Units  
Driver Operators

Telescriventisti

Fanteria  
Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Fanteria)

Artiglieria  
Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Artiglieria)  
Marconisti-Conduuttori

Reparti Esploranti  
Marconisti-Conduuttori

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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
 1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727
4.	School of Artillery Fd Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
	A/A & A/T Branch	Civitavecchia	F 1891
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cocchignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Cesano	F 6286
8.	Police School	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Cocchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	E 0723



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3.	Armoured Car School	Ter di Quinto	F 738727
4.	School of Artillery Fd Branch A/A & A/T Branch	Brecciano	F 4890
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Civitavecchia	F 1891
7.	Infantry School	Cecchiagnola	F 7458
8.	Police School	Cesano	F 6286
9.	P.T. School	Rome	F 724672
10.	School of Motorisation	Cesano	F 6286
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Cecchiagnola	F 7458
		Rieti	B 0723

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To : H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub Comm A.S. (L.M.I.A.) (7)

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12 B.L.U.  
School of Administration  
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63. Major W.E. CHAPMAN R.E. left for England on PYTHON on 4 September 1946.
64. Major C.T. BERRIDGE R.A.S.C. proceeded to England on PRIVILEGE on 13 September 1946.
65. Major N.F. CHANCE R IR F left the unit on 16 September on posting to 1 Bn R IR F.
66. Major P.G.L. COUSINS D.W.R. assumed the appointment of Instructor Tactics on 16 September 1946 vice Major N.F. CHANCE posted to 1 Bn R IR F.
67. Major W.L. PRICE N. Staff's left for England on PYTHON on 22 September 1946.
68. Major F.W. HAMILTON R. Berks joined the unit on 23 September 1946 filling the vacancy of Instructor Infantry vice Major W.L. PRICE on PYTHON.

XIV SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE

69. Administrative Staff.

Ten Col GACHET is unsatisfied with his second-in-command, Maggiore SILVESTRI. It appears that this officer had a dubious record with the MANTOVA Infantry Division.

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Internal

ALL officers 12 B.L.U.

*Will*  
Lt-Colonel  
G.S.

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Lt-Colonel  
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WRT/vb

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All officers 12 B.L.U.

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STAFF LIST - 12 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.O. I	T/Lt. Col.	A.V.	GIBSON. OBE	(28390)	A. & S.H.
G.S.O. III	T/Capt.	V.R.	TREVELLAIN.	(256126)	R.B.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.C.	T/Maj.	R.H.J.	HIBBARD.	(236667)	R.V.
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SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing.	W/Maj.	C.T.	HERPIDGE. OBE	(129450)	R.A.S.C.
Instr. Major					

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.J.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	A.T.	TWINE.	(230819)	R.M.M.B.
ditto	T/Maj.	C.P.F.	SAMPSON.	(237160)	R.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instructor Inf.	T/Maj.	F.W.	HAMILTON.	(130564)	R. Berks.
Instructor Tactics	W/Maj.	P.G.L.	COUSENS.	(53734)	D.W.R.

R.A. WING.

Instr. Gunnery	T/Maj.	G.K.	ALEXANDER.	(87447)	R.A.
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R.F. WING.

Instr. R.F.					
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R. SIGNALS.

Instr. R. sigs.					
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SERVICES.

D. S.H. WING. R.A.S.C.  
Instr. Major V/Maj. C.T. HERRIDGE. OEE (120450)

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E. R.F.M.E.  
ditto T/Maj. A.T. (230519)  
C.R.F. C.R.F. SAMPSON. (257160)

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instructor Inf. T/Maj. HAMILTON. R.Berks.  
Instructor Tactics W/Maj. F.C.L. COUSSENS. (130364)  
D.V.R. (53734)

R.A. WING.

Instr. Quarry T/Maj. G.K. ALEXANDER. R.A.  
(87447)

R.F. WING.

Instr. R.F.

R. SIGNALS.

Instr. R. Sigs.

ATTACHED.

T/Maj. D.A. WILKINSON. G.M.(154306) R.F.







COMANDO SCUOLA DI ARTIGLIERIA

-Colonnello	Art. spe. - T. S. G.	-FAHRA	Marcello	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe.	-BIGNONI	Ubaldo	-Vice Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe.	-BIGNONI	Renzo	-Dir. Corsi Xerografici
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe.	-S. F. G.	Salvatore	-Com. 1° Gruppo
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe.	-DI LORENZO	Silvano	-Com. 4° Gruppo
-Ten. Colonnello	Art. spe.	-S. F. G.	Guido	-Com. 5° Gruppo

COMANDO SCUOLA ARTIGLIERI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-FANTUCCI	Aldo	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe.	-SILVETTI	Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-FISICARO	Salvatore	-Uff. Addestramento
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-MILIO	Massimiliano	-Com. 1° Reg. Istruzione
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-MILIO	Ubaldo	-A disposizione

COMANDO SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-MANGUCCI	Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-SILVA	Luigi	-Com. 3° Reg. Telegrafisti
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe. - T. S. G.	-MANGUCCI	Ubaldo	-Uff. Addestramento
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe.	-MANGUCCI	Luigi	-Vice Com. 1° e 2° Gruppo
-Ten. Colonnello	Gen. spe.	-MANGUCCI	Carlo	-Uff. Materiali

COMANDO SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten. Colonnello	Ptr. spe. - T. S. G.	-SACCHI	Ubaldo	-Comandante
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COMANDO SCUOLA DI INSEGNAMENTO FISICA

-Ten. Colonnello	Ptr. spe. - T. S. G.	-MANGUCCI	Ubaldo	-Comandante
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COMANDO SCUOLA ANTORLINGO

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COMANDO SCUOLA MILITARI DEL CANTO

-Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - TAMBLONI VIGLIANI Aldo - Comandante  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - --- - SILVANI Virgilio - Vice Comandante  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - FISIOLANO Salvatore - Capo Uff. Addestramento  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - MURILIO MARRABARO - Capo/te Caserma "Aureliana"  
 -Com/te 1° Dtg. Istruzione  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - MAZZA Umberto - a disposizione

COMANDO SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL CANTO

-Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - MARCUSO Salvatore - Comandante  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - ZIBBA Luigi - Com/te Dtg. Telegrafisti  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - F. S. S. - IMPERILESSI Renato - Capo Uff. Addestramento  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - --- - CARCANI Lelio - Vice Com/te e Relatore  
 -Ten. Colonnello Gen. spe. - --- - VILAS Carlo - Capo Uff. Materassi

COMANDO SCUOLA SERVIZI E ATTIVITÀ

-Ten. Colonnello Ptr. spe. - F. S. S. - GAGLIATE Eusebio - Comandante

COMANDO SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten. Colonnello Ptr. spe. - F. S. S. - DENARI Giuseppe - Comandante

COMANDO SCUOLA AUTORELINDO

-Ten. Colonnello Cav. spe. - --- - GULIMATI Alberto - Comandante

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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. CM/1019/2 dated 19 Aug '46.

(1) Officers.	Instr. R. Size	Major	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total
	Instr. R. E.	MAJOR					
(2) Other Ranks.							
	Instrs R.A.			2			2
	Clerks G.D. Army Arm					1	1
	Instr R.E.			1			1
	Instr Op W/T R. Sigs			1			1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers.	(2) Other Ranks.
1 Major (RERE) Due to return Oct 1946.	1 Sgt. Due to return Oct 1946
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	1 Bdr. Due to return Oct 1946
	1 L/Cpl Due to return Oct 1946
	1 Pte. Due to return Oct 1946

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(1) Due under ILAP, PRIVILEGS etc.	Offrs. 1	Offrs. 1
	O.R.'s. 2	O.R.'s. 2
(2) Due under GHO 1352/45.	Offrs. 3	Offrs. 1
	O.R.'s. 1	O.R.'s. 1
(3) Due for Release in A/S Cos 43, 44, 45.	Offrs. 1	Offrs. 2
	O.R.'s. 2	O.R.'s. 2
(4) Due for RETURN during October.	Offrs. NIL	Offrs. NIL
	O.R.'s. NIL	O.R.'s. NIL





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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st OCTOBER 1946

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Key Rep
1.	FORD STAFF CAR 4 x 2 str.	M 1510429					
2.	DODGE Lorry 3 Tonner 4 x 2 G.S.	L 5689402	S.M.6191	D 604206	E		
3.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2. G.S.	Z 5230009	4282/1998	91018097			
4.	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 4740602			E		
5.	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M 6175674	23/S8555	UV 6144	E		
6.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S/1145	1560869	E		
7.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871					
8.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	6158386					
9.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	M 051261			E		

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 dated 7 October 1946  
 (Issued with supplement)

Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
					BLR w.e.f. 23.9.46
S.M.6191	D 604206	E			
4282/1998	91018097				w/shops BOLOGNA.
		E			Previously on strength of REME attachment. Now on strength this Unit.
23/S8555	UV 6144	E			Held in lieu of 15 cwt Dodge Z 4982463 Authy: HQ MMIA Q/204 dated 27th May 46
S/1145	1560869	E			
					Requires Tyres
					Off Road for Repairs
		E			Issued by No 2 B.L.U. GENOA.



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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	V.V. No	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Repair
10.	HILLMAN Lt. UTILITY	M 5101007			E		
11.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	5210043					
12.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 5117266	238/1048		E		
13.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 1461106	B/182		E		
14.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 5547039	294/23/85209		E		
15.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 1431654			E		
16.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 4706071					
17.	DODGE 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 5338723			E		
18.	DODGE 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 162699			E		
19.	CHEVROLET HUP	<sup>CA</sup> Z 5906855 <sub>3</sub>					

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B  
and correct.

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		E			Held in lieu of 3 Tonner Chevrolet 156833553 BLR Authy: 9/1020
					W/Shops for Repairs
238/1048		E			
B/182		E			
294/23/85209		E			
		E			Previously on strength of RELE. Attachment now on strength of this Unit
					ditto W/Shops for Repairs.
		E			Held on WE of MMIA. On loan to 12 B.L.U.
		E			Held on WE of MMIA. On loan to 12 B.L.U.
					Received from MMIA. At present in 638 W/Shops ROME.

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..... Lt. Colonel,  
G.S.

TRANSLATION

From : Motorisation School, Trg Office  
To : Central Military School HQ.

N. 03/1124/A  
Dated 26 Sept 46

Subject : Call-up of monthly contingent.

An eventual call-up of a monthly contingent should involve :

Drivers Training School :

Taking into account, as by information as SUE that in a year we should train 9000 Drivers and motorcyclists, we should have monthly 750 cadets trained - considering that the training, admitting as reached a perfect organization of vehicles and instructors, should last 9 weeks, by the monthly call-up we should have at the same time a contingent of 750 men and that of the next month ( 1500 men in total) by the present WE of the Training School (2 Trg Bns) we could not have any continuity in the training between a course and the other, and the Officers and NCOs would be busy during the full year and have not time to get a short leave, and we must add that the same personnel would be obliged to take care of the arrival of the new recruits and the dismissal of trained men.

It is therefore necessary, in order to effect the monthly call-up, to change completely the present WE of the Drivers Trg School, and it should be as follows :

- 1 HQ
- 3 Drivers Trg Bns
- 9 Cadets Coys (instead of 8)

By the formation of the 3rd Bn and of the 9th Coy the enrolling and training of recruits should be settled as follows :

- 1st month - arrival of recruits (750, 250 for each Coy) to 1st Bn.
- 2nd month - the training of the 1st Bn continues, arrival of recruits of the 2nd Bn.
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  - 4th month - the training of 3rd Bn continues. Dismissal of 2nd Bn. Arrival of recruits of 1st Bn.
- and so on for the following 8 months.

In addition to the increase of one Bn HQ and of another Coy, it will be absolutely necessary the formation of a " Movement Office" <sup>542</sup> Captains and 8 NCOs at least, having the following tasks :

- 1 Capt and 4 NCOs in charge of the admission of the recruits, the sorting of the same to the Units, the compilation of records and card-indexes.

- 1 Capt and 4 NCOs in charge of the dismissal of the trained recruits (compilation of Form 42 R.S.) signalling the Units where recruits are sent to, compilation of leaves at the end of the courses.

It is to be taken into account, as it has been said above, that the movement of 1500 men (750 arriving and 750 going) would take place at the same

time, and it would involve the necessity of having personnel in-charged of the admission and dismissal of recruits.

Owing to the above we should have an increase of WE as follows :

1 Bn (the 3rd)	1 Senior Officer Commander
	1 Junior Officer
	3 NCOs
1 Coy (the 9th)	1 Capt Commander
	4 Junior Officers commanding the sections.
	15 NCOs
Movement Office	2 Cpts
	8 NCOs.

SPECIALISTS SCHOOL.

6000 recruits to train during the year by a monthly arrival of 500 Cadets. The present WE of the Specialists School includes :

2 enrolling Coys of about 600 specialists  
 a number of instructors according to the requirement of training 600 cadets only.

Since the courses last 16-24 weeks, we should have 4 courses at the same time, with the following results :

1 the necessity of rising from 2 to 3 the enrolling Coys (2nd Bn)  
 2 the necessity to increase at least three times the number of instructors because it is impossible to put in course which is at half-way the new coming recruits who must start from the first lessons.  
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SUBJECT: School of Motorisation - Progress Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 489081 Ext 526  
ST/142

G.I. - 12 D.L.N.

Copy to: A.D.S.I.

27 Aug 46.

1. POINTS.

Instructors.

The school is up to strength on instructors bar one bn commander.

Administrative Staff.

The WS for the Specialistia School as agreed on by HQ MIA allowed for 2 Coys only. At present there are 4 Coys in existence and the work arising has now to be done by personnel on a WS based on 2 Coys.

Welfare.

Profits have dropped this month due to termination of courses during the period covered and also to an increase in prices but is still quite substantial being 26,384 lire.

New seats have been provided for the theatre. The officers club is now nearly completed and is quite well patronised but should improve when officers married accommodation is provided.

10. POINTS.

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The main question is still quarters for married families but it is believed this is now being taken up by HQ MIA. Work is still uncompleted on certain buildings for student quarters and will not be finished until Oct 15.

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>HOLDINGS</u>	<u>EFFICIENT</u>
M/0s	100	61	17
Cars	25	11	5
15 cwt	40	14	4
3 ton	243	181	59
M/S vehicles	25	11	7
			<b>540</b>

'C' POINTS.

Courses in progress.

Two new courses assembled on Sept 20th which necessitated a considerable amount of reclassifying numbers of students per course being Driving School 1,500, Specialist School 700. In addition 24 Junior officers and 54 senior WO's are arriving to attend the Driving School on Oct 1st.

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Courses finished.

1) Driving School.

Students at beginning of course	1731
" turned down	356
" finished course	1375
" passed out	1028
" unsuitable	347

2) Specialist School.

Students at beginning of course	200
" turned down	17
" finished course	183
" passed out	120
" unsuitable	53

APPENDIX.

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*H.O. J. [Signature]*

Capt. RASC.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MILA).  
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SUBJECT:- Call up - Italian Army.

12 B.L.S.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T.

Land Forces Sub Comd. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 489081 Ext 526  
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27 Sept 46.

Col. MUGRI of the School of Motorisation was visited and a discussion was held in which the following points were brought out.

1) Drivers School.

a) At present under 4 monthly call up recruits are divided up into 8 Coys doing a 2 months course. If a switch was made to a monthly call up the addition of one Coy would be required in order to give all recruits a 2 months course.

This would necessitate an increase in MB of 7 officers, 18 NCO's, 36 OR's.

b) In addition if a monthly call up was brought in the formation of a movements branch would be required to deal with incoming and outgoing recruits consisting of 2 officers and 8 NCO's.

Under the present call up Coy personnel are able to cope with recruits arriving and departing for courses.

c) The vehicle position is barely sufficient for the present courses but unless drastic action was taken to provide new or full MB for the monthly call up recruits would only be taught the technical side.

75% of vehicles held at present are inefficient.

SUMMARY.

In the Driving School it is possible to switch to a monthly call up with only a reasonable addition to personnel but as courses would be continuous throughout the year, it would mean no time off, rest, etc for personnel or vehicles.

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b) In permanent staff personnel alone this would mean an increase of 48 officers, 63 NCO's, 138 OR's, 96 civilians.

SUMMARY.

Due to the unavoidable overlapping of courses and the 538 subsequent large increase of staff and equipment the change over to monthly call up on this course gains nothing on the present 4 monthly system.

40. J. May

Capt., RASC.  
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4 MONTHLY CALL UP

	Amount	Duration	Beginns	Ends
DRIVING SCHOOL	3,000	2 months	May 1st	June 30th
		" "	Sep 1st	Oct 30th
		" "	Jan 1st	Feb 28th
SPECIALIST SCHOOL	2,000	4 months	May 1st	Aug 31st
			Sep 1st	Dec 31st
			Jan 1st	Apr 30th

MONTHLY CALL UP

	Amount	Duration	Beginns	Ends
DRIVING SCHOOL	750	2 months	May 1st	Jun 30th
	750	" "	Jun 1st	Jul 31st
	750	" "	Jul 1st	Aug 31st
	750	" "	Aug 1st	Sep 30th
	750	" "	Sep 1st	Oct 31st
	750	" "	Oct 1st	Nov 30th
	750	" "	Nov 1st	Dec 31st
	750	" "	Dec 1st	Jan 31st
	750	" "	Jan 1st	Feb 28th
	750	" "	Feb 1st	Mar 31st
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DRIVING SCHOOL

SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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SUBJECT: - School of Motorisation - Progress Report.

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'A' POLICE.

Instructors.

The School is now up to full ~~the~~ of instructors and while many of them are not really up to the standard required, the fact that there are more officers available has had a marked effect to the good on the morale of the recruits. Lack of regimental experience seems the biggest handicap of the new instructors.

Administrative Staff.

The administration generally is good and thorough. The vexed question of posting recruits by name has been taken up with the Ministry of War who have promised that for the next course postings will be effected by numbers and the selection left to the jurisdiction of the Commandant.

Welfare.

The canteen continues to give good service and is very ably run by an Italian officer who takes a great pride in what must be one of the finest canteens in the Italian Army. He personally supervises both the running of the canteen and the accounting side. The Books are kept in a most business like way and are audited each month. Profit for the month of July was 40,894 Lire.

A regular programme of concerts and musical parties is now operating in the theatre and is well attended and much appreciated by both the staff and the recruits. A Club for officers is also being formed.

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5 POINTS.

Accommodation.

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In order to keep the sections from interfering with each other in the large class rooms it is proposed to erect partitions for each section and this work although sanction has been given is still outstanding. Work too in the building allotted to house the officers students is still behind schedule and this will delay the start of the officers course.

Vehicles.

There is no improvement in the vehicle position and no further issues have been made by the Ministry of War. Deficiencies remain as in last month's report.  
All demands for petrol have been met.

General.

Unless more vehicles can be issued to this School there is a real danger in the near future of practical instruction coming to a standstill.

'G' POINTS.

Training Accommodation.

A building has now been allotted for the purpose of housing officers students but is at the moment unworkable through lack of repairs. RE work has commenced but progress is slow.

Course in progress.

The present course due to finish training on August 31st has been prolonged two weeks to overcome lost time during the election and lack of practical instruction caused by ARP strikes.

Both the Commandant and the Chief Instructor are pleased with the good progress which considering all difficulties must be considered encouraging. It is estimated that the target figure of 150 for motorcyclists will be easily reached and that approx 80% of the recruits will pass the final driving test.

Forecast of Courses.

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*W. H. ...*

Major, DAINST.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MGA).





1. Instructors.

There are at present eight instructors at the School. These are sufficient for present requirements and it is hoped to complete the establishment by retaining suitable students now attending a course at the School.

2. Health.

There is still a very low standard of hygiene at the School. Latrines are neither clean nor efficient and fly-proofing is inadequate.

3. Accommodation.

There has been a speed-up in the building and if it continues at its present rate, the whole barracks should be completed by the scheduled date in November.

Vehicles.

Table below shows the present state of vehicles; this is bad, due chiefly to very bad driving and maintenance; the only way to improve this is to encourage all officers to take disciplinary action when necessary. It is, however, very difficult as officers are invariably concerned in these breaches of discipline.

Type	Estab.	Present	Fit	Under Repair	B.L.R.	Remarks
Bus	5	2	2			
3 Ton	3	7	4	3		2 Engine trouble 1 Body
15 Cwt	3	3				2 Engine 1 Body
Jeep	3	3	3			
P.U.		3	1	2		1 Engine & Tyres 1 Tyres
Civilian Cars	4	4	3	1		Engine 2 Engine 1 Tyres
M/C	6	8	5	3		



5. Accommodation Stores.

These have been bought on a most lavish scale and mess and quarters are really excellent.

1G1 Points.

6. Training Stores.

With the exception of large scale model and sets of Air photographs which have been promised, training stores are adequate.

7. General Remarks - Training.

The present course (Object:- to produce instructors for the School), is going very much better than was expected. Instruction is good and since the closing of S.I.V.A. the instructors have gained a great deal of knowledge from material and lectures provided from British sources.

A visit was made to the School of Engineers last week, it was well organised with the exception of one demonstration "Method of Gapping a minefield" which was poor. This was discussed with the Instructor R.E. and the errors were explained to the students later in the day.

The production of a Tactical Doctrine for the Italian Army has been discussed with the chief Tactical Instructor (Col Guida) who is capable of offering valuable advice and assistance to Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. if required.

8. Method of Instruction.

This School is using, with great success, up to date Methods of Instruction and it is again suggested that a "Team" be formed and trained with a view to making these methods universal.

SCHOOL OF ARMoured CARS

1G1 Points.

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The production of a Tactical Doctrine for the Italian Army has been discussed with the chief Tactical Instructor (Col Guida) who is capable of offering valuable advice and assistance to Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. if required.

8. Method of Instruction.

This School is using, with great success, up to date Methods of Instruction and it is again suggested that a "Team" be formed and trained with a view to making these methods universal.

SCHOOL OF ARMOURD CARS

11. Points.

Nothing further to report.

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9. Training Accommodation.

Accommodation is at present only sufficient for instructors courses, further expansion for recruits or for future tank training will have to use Tor di Quinto Basso.

This has accommodation for 200 men but could be expanded. It is at present occupied by 373 Patrol Point and is unlikely to be free for the intake of recruits expected in November.

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10. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The possibility of holding recruit training at Tor di Quinto depends entirely on the availability of Tor di Quinto Basso. The proposed increase of staff to meet this new branch, 37 all ranks, seems very little for 200 students, based on previous experience.

11. General Remarks - Other Training.

The first lang course appears to be running well, class arrangements, instructors and training aids are good.

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SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

Due to the absence on tour of the Instructor in Gunnery, the report on this School is not available. It will, however, be presented at a later date.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

'A' Points.

12. Instructors.

Further to July report a great improvement has been shown by Instructors in the method of Bailey Bridge instruction.

13. Admin Staff.

The School is still awaiting a new Commandant Lt-Col Silvestri at present fulfilling the position.

14. Welfare.

Good.

15. Discipline.

Good. There has been a marked improvement both in morale and discipline. The recruits advanced training course (Specialists) has been run with great enthusiasm on the part of all ranks. The feeling has been transmitted to the recruits, and their enthusiasm and cheerfulness in training has been most apparent.

16. Health.

Good - Minor ailments only.

'Q' Points.

17. Vehicles.

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19. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The "Specialist" and N.C.O.'s Courses have improved exceedingly successful. On 20 August '46 a demonstration, showing role of assault engineers against fortified positions, was given. Generals Fattini and Mattocci were present. The demonstration was well organised and great enthusiasm was shown by Officers and troops taking part. The scheme was very realistic and proved that "Specialist" Training received by the troops concerned had been thorough.



19. General Remarks - Cont.

Courses completed during the month.

Advanced Recruits (Specialists) 6 weeks, 575 OR's Commenced 8 July.  
 M.C.O.'s 4 weeks, 40 NCO's Commenced 8 July.

Results of the above courses are given below.

1. Advanced Recruits.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below Average</u>
Mines & Explosives	50	70	35	30
Assault Engrs.	80	55	30	37
Bridging	75	65	50	26

2. N.C.O.'s Course.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below Average</u>
Field Works.	2	9	12	NIL

SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

19. Points.

20. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of 35 subaltern instructors.

19. Points.

21. Accommodation.

It has now been ascertained that R.A.A.C. are not prepared to move 150 Q.M. Truck Company from the Villegio Spanis. Information has also been obtained, however, to the effect that the so-called refugees at present occupying the married families accommodation at Coochignela were not allotted this accommodation by the Ministry of Post-War Assistance and have in fact, no right to be there.

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22. Vehicles.

No change. The urgent need of wireless trucks is reiterated.

23. General.

The new O.R.'s cookhouse is now almost complete and is of 531 an extremely high standard that it could be taken as a model for any army.

1G' Points.

24. Training Stores.

Firm demand not yet met.

25. Training Accommodation.

The majority of the class rooms are now complete and are extremely good.

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26. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The following is a list of courses completed during the month.

Course	Duration in weeks	Students in attendance.
Switchboard Operator Telephonist.	16	140
Operator, Line & Teleprinter.	16	126
Operator, Wireless.	16	346
Electrician.	16	75
Artillery Signaller.	12	500

The results are not yet at hand and will therefore be forwarded with the next months report. The only courses now in progress are those for Radio mechanics and telegraph mechanics, each of which have two months more to run, and the Infantry Signallers course which has just commenced.

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There is still a large number of deficiencies in instructors particularly N.C.O.'s - 106 in the whole School. It is hoped to produce the majority of these by the beginning of October. The majority of the instructor deficiencies are in the M.G. Wing. This makes for large squads particularly as the number of recruits who reported is higher than the number normally to be entered for.

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There is comparatively little major crime, but a higher standard of turn out and saluting should be arrived at.

##### 30. Hygiene.

The camp is very much cleaner and there are far fewer flies than previously. Barrack rooms are kept very clean and the few cases of over-crowding are being remedied.

The water supply is uncertain in the area occupied by the recruit battalions. This causes dirty latrines and blocked drains.

##### 1Q. Points.

##### 31. Accommodation.

A considerable amount of work is in progress. Glass is gradually replacing window-lite, and some of the previous work which was only half completed in the PETTENS is being re-done.

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31. Accommodation - Contd.

In addition two new cockhouses are under construction and should be ready towards the end of September. Work on the married and single officers quarters, though financially approved, has not yet started.

32. Clothing.

The condition of the recruits clothing on arrival at the Infantry School was far worse than had been expected. 30% of the boots were completely unserviceable, and some men have not even one pair but walk about in sandals. Other items are nearly as bad.

It is clear that the value of regular and thorough inspection is not fully realised by the Young Officer, and administration is considered of minor importance compared to training.

33. Vehicles.

The following is the state of 'B' Vehicles.

Type	W.D.	On Charge	State Efficient	Inefficient	Practical Deficiency
Motor Cycle	21	14	6	8	15
Cars	8	10	7	3	1
Lorry 3 Ton	18	13	6	6	12
Truck 15 Cwt	26	16	12	4	14
Water Truck	2	2	2	-	-
Lorry W/Shop	1	-	-	-	1

It will be seen that the state is worse than the previous month. Training is seriously affected if the practical deficiency is 50%. Efforts have been made to obtain some of the carriers recently released to Ministry of War from 12 R.V.P. at Berlin. This has not with no success to date. Owing to lack of spares even minor breakdowns put vehicles permanently off the road.



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34. Accommodation Tents and Office Equipment.

A considerable amount of material has arrived and the situation is much improved. There is a shortage however of typewriters. The training battalions have only one spiece which is quite inadequate for the work done. A School of the size of the Infantry School really requires a small printing press.

'G' Points.

35. Training Stores.

The arrival in the last 14 days of 3-ins Mortars and Bredas enabled recruit training to start. It is unfortunate that most of the 3-ins Mortars are of obsolete type and far from complete with accessories. A number of wireless sets have been promised from KANTONW. Division but not yet received.



35. Training Stores - Contd.

The shortage of Sniper rifles is another difficulty in that there is only one rifle for every three recruits under training. Unless this is remedied it is recommended that no further training of recruits in this subject takes place, as it is not possible to continually re-zero the rifles as they are handed from man to man. A worse shortage exists in binoculars, telescopes, compasses, sniper suits etc, which are equally as important to the syllabus as the rifles.

While the basic weapon situation is fairly satisfactory every area of the school is hampered by the shortage of connected. Training in consequence suffers.

36. Training Areas

The complete absence of proper rifle ranges is again stressed.

37. Training Accommodation

Class rooms are being re-decorated and a new model for teaching street fighting is to be built. A number of other improvements to make better use of available space are being carried out.

The completion of the Cinema and the third lot is urgently required.

38. General Remarks - Recruit Training

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39. General Remarks - Other Training

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Sec Officers	39	10
PL Weapons	40	1
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Snipers	5	2
Carriers	42	5

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40. Conclusion.

There has been a marked improvement in the Infantry School during the last month, however, the following are essential before the School will achieve first class results.

1. A big improvement in turn out and discipline of the men, and a similar smartening of buildings and ground.
2. A greater attention to detail by all officers and N.C.O.'s, not only in instruction but in administration and care of arms and equipment.
3. Faults must be checked.
4. A few periods of BASIC Training must be included in recruit specialist training, particularly raised drill periods.

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40. Conclusion - Conti.

- 5. Training stores must be provided to the required scale.
- 6. Welfare arrangements should be improved.

POLICE SCHOOL

'A' Points.

Nil.

'B' Points.

41. Accommodation.

Accommodation is still unsatisfactory. Suitable accommodation is available at the Palazzo Salvati, but to produce the most suitable layout considerable movements of H.Q. Central Military Schools offices is necessary. The Police School should be self-contained and in one block, as far as possible. The present inconveniences have been pointed out on several occasions and are quite obvious.

A permanent layout should be decided on before the next course.

42. Clothing.

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'C' Points.

43. Training Stores.

Essential stores for the course are mainly held. A large scale model of the traffic-control problems should be made. A large number of charts, maps, diagrams and diagrams should be made. Arrangements for the present blackboard display. Provision by the allotment of a projector to the School or by an arrangement with another unit.

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conception of these duties amongst more senior Officers and that therefore  
much of the training is not utilised later.

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The results of the last course were :

Outstanding	2
Very Good	12
Good	33
Passed	57
Failed	5

These results are much above the standard of previous courses.

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44. Points.

45. Instructors.

The instructor situation is not satisfactory and is likely to get worse. The only technical expert the School possesses, Capt Vianello, is due to leave the Army next month. Owing to the limited choice available amongst regular officers at the present time, the employment of civilian experts appears essential until such time as suitable regular officers can be trained. However, financial difficulties seem to prevent the employment of civilians.

46. Health.

The physical standard of students on arrival is low. It appears that selection of students is still haphazard. Few of the students would pass a British physical training test of Elementary Training on arrival at the School. Four students were returned to their units immediately as being unfit to attend the course.

The possibilities of an increase of the rations for students now appears more likely as the School is being included in the demand already made for Alpine troops.

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Improvements have been made to the Gym and new boxing and lecture rooms have been constructed. The S.M.E. have now abandoned attempts to transfer school to Monte Sacro and are attempting to secure part of the Foro d'Italia from the Americans. This would be the ideal site for the School.

52. General Remarks - Training.

Only 47 of the expected 90 students reported and only 4 of the students were from C.A.R.'s.

It is as yet too early to judge the standard but the students appear about the same as for previous courses despite the more stringent joining instructions.



SCHOOL OF MOTIVATION

141 Points.

53. Instructors.

The School is now up to full W.E. of instructors and while many of them are not really up to the standard required, the fact that there are more officers available has had a marked effect to the good on the morale of the recruits. Lack of regimental experience seems the biggest handicap of the new instructors.

54. Administrative Staff.

The administration generally is good and thorough. The vexed question of posting recruits by name has been taken up with the Ministry of War who have promised that for the next course postings will be effected by numbers and the selection left to the jurisdiction of the Commandant.

55. Welfare.

The canteen continues to give good service and is very ably run by an Italian Officer who takes a great pride in what must be one of the finest canteens in the Italian Army. He personally supervises both the running of the canteen and the accounting side. The books are kept in a most business like way and are audited each month. Profit for the month of July was 40,894 lire.

A regular programme of concerts and musical parties is now operating in the theatre and is well attended and much appreciated by both the staff and the recruits. A club for Officers is also being formed.

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58. Vehicles.

There is no improvement in the vehicle position and no further issues have been made by the Ministry of War. Deficiencies remain as in last months report.

All demands for petrol have been met.

59. General.

Unless more vehicles can be issued to this School there is a real danger in the near future of practical instruction coming to a stand still.

60. Points.

Training Accommodation.

A building has now been allotted for the purpose of housing Officer students but is at the moment untenable through lack of repairs.



Training Coordination - Contd.

R.S. work has commenced but progress is slow.

Courses in Progress.

The present course now due to finish training on August 31st was prolonged two weeks to overcome lost time during the elation and lack of practical instruction caused by C.I.P. strike.

Both the Commandant and the Chief Instructor are pleased with the good progress which considering all difficulties must be considered encouraging. It is estimated that the target figure of 150 for Motor Cyclists will be easily reached and that approximately 80% of the recruits will pass the final driving test.

General.

There is now a definite feeling in this School of being well established and provided that vehicles can be provided recruits will receive a good basic training in driving and maintenance.

MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTER

1st Points.

63. Instructors.

There are 43 instructors at the School, nine of whom are officers, twelve are N.C.O.'s and twenty two are civilians, the latter being all P.M.A. trained personnel.

A W.E. of thirty two civilian instructors exists. The standard of instruction appears to be very good.

64. Admin Staff.

With the expected arrival of 6078 trainees, combined with the overlap that will take place with existing courses, an increase of Admin Staff of 3 Captains and 5 Subalterns will be required, owing to the formation of extra companies which will then become necessary. Considerable difficulty is being experienced with the clerical section and it is considered desirable to employ a permanent clerical staff of 12 civilians, in order to overcome the inconveniences that arise with the release of military personnel.

65. Welfare.

Games

Little sport is indulged in, owing to the scarcity of sports kit.

Canteen

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Canteen

A small temporary canteen exists for the use of students and staff, but a special staff canteen is under construction. On completion of the new students accommodation in Casarretta 'B', a student canteen will be included.

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Theatre

A very good theatre exists in the Headquarter buildings, at which 'live' shows are given about once per week. As no projector is owned by the School, film shows are seen only on the rare occasional visits of a mobile projector team. A projector has already been asked for by the School.

66. Accommodation.

This appears to be good. The standard of saluting is high and class room discipline is obviously good. The instructors appear to maintain very good order during study periods.

67. Health.

Little sickness is reported. According to the statements of the C.C. School, the standard of health can be considered good. It is considered, however, that an ambulance would be a great asset to the School, owing to the dispersal of the various sections. Students who are admitted to hospital and subsequently discharged, re-join their course at the period of hospital treatment, plus sick leave, if granted, does not exceed 30 days. If this figure is exceeded, the student is returned to unit.

68. IQ Points.

68. Accommodation.

Adequate for present needs. Eventually, all students will be accommodated in the barracks known as 'Casermatta' B, when building construction work is completed. This may take place within 2 - 4 months, but is dependent upon financial grants to cover the re-constructional work. It is intended that the permanent staff shall reside at the School which is in the barracks known as 'Casermatta' A. To this end Officers and Instructors clubs are being built with bays and other amenities. Class room accommodation is considered to be entirely adequate, rooms being well lighted and ventilated by large windows. The lay out in the form of 'bays', is particularly good.

69. Clothing.

Overalls are issued to students, as far as is possible by the School, whose Admin Staff are also responsible for their laundering and repair, but as overalls are in exceedingly short supply, it is not possible to make an issue to each individual student.

70. Vehicles.

Vehicles are held by the H.Q. motor section.

71. Accommodation Stores.

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#### 72. Training Stores.

Three very fine sectionalised FIAT 1100 chassis are now in use <sup>523</sup> and one sectionalised diesel engine, complete with pump and injectors has arrived. Several 'lay-outs' of vehicle electrical systems have been arranged, one of which is particularly well done, all important components being sectionalised and working. Sufficient kits of hand tools appear to be held for the use of students, who are, at the moment, enabled to hold one kit per student. Lighting appliances are still required. At least two electrical test set equipments are being installed, these items being new and very comprehensive pieces of apparatus. Instructional wall-diagrams appear to be in good supply and are of excellent quality. A fair number of assemblies are available for the use of students in practical dismantling and assembly, but many more are required. Engine stands, gear box stands, axle stands, etc are of good quality and, at the moment, appear to be sufficient in number for the present courses. A number of interesting and useful demonstration models of assemblies are held by the School, which should facilitate instruction to a marked degree.



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ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTER

'A' Points

73. Instructors

Courses are given for repairs to Artillery equipment and small arms, therefore instructors for each section must be held. At present these are:

- 7 Artillery Equipment Instructors (3 Sgt Majors & 4 Sgts)
- 8 Armourer Instructors (5 Sgt Majors & 3 NCOs)

All are Italian military personnel.  
An English instructor on Ord. Q.F. 3.7. A.A. equipment is urgently needed.

74. Administration.

For all normal administration and discipline the S.M.O.A. comes under Comando Distaccamento, Scuola Artiglieria.  
It is considered however that the School needs the following personnel:-

- 1 Officer (Armourer)
- 1 Officer (Artillery Equipments)
- 1 Chief Technician (Civilian)
- 2 Draughtsman, Mechanical.

75. Welfare.

Welfare facilities are practically non-existent. There is a small canteen, which is entirely inadequate to the needs of the School.

76. Health.

Sickness rate is low amongst students. Students who are absent from course by reason of illness for more than seven days are returned to unit. Sanitary conditions are extremely bad, owing to the fact that there has been little or no water laid on for a period of about five weeks, and by appearance of latrines inspected at the request of the British O.Rs stationed at the School, no attempt has been made to clean or disinfect latrines.

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No overalls are available, not even for instructors.

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These are in extremely short supply. For example, the only tools and gauges held for examination of ordnance are as listed below:-

- Gauge Measuring Bore Q.F. 25 Pdr. - 1
- " " Q.F. 6 Pdr. - 1 On temp loan from DAIMS 12 B.L.U.
- Rods Gauge Measuring Bore for 25 Pdr - 2
- Mirror examining bore (25 Pdr 17 Pdr 3.7.) - 1
- " " 6 Pdr - 1 On temp loan from DAIMS 12 B.L.U.
- Gauge plug Bore 25 Pdr - 1
- Gauge Cartridge Head Clearance 25 Pdr - 1
- Gauge Testing Concentricity of striker 25 Pdr - 1
- Micrometer 0" - 1" - 1 On temp loan from DAIMS 12 B.L.U.

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78. Training Stores - Contd.

As will be soon from perusal of the above list, no gauges are held by the School for the examination of Q.F. 17 Pdr, 6 Pdr, 3.7 in A.A. or 40 mm AAA guns.

Armourers tools and weapons are in such short supply that it will be impossible to fulfill the programme laid down. (Training of 100 M.C.O.'s and 7 troops commencing 10 October '45).

List below shows estimated additional requirements of weapons for training purposes.

WEAPONS FOR INSTRUCTION

Type	Held	Requirements	Total
Rifles Mk III No 1.	2	8	10
Rifles Mk I No 4.	6	4	10
Pistols Smith.	3	2	5
Pistols Webley.	-	5	5
Bren.	4	1	5
Mortars 2".	2	3	5
Mortars 3".	3	-	3
P.I.A.T.	3	2	5
Breda M.G. 1937.	-	5	5
Snipers Rifle.	-	3	3
Vickers M.G.	1	2	3
Thompson.	2	8	10

SCHOOL OF ADMINIS. ENGINE AND WEAPONS

'A' Points.

79. Instructors.

(a) Officers.

Of a W.E. of 32, the present Officer instructor is 29.  
All are now qualified, 28 being satisfactory instructors.

(b) M.C.O.'s.

The present M.C.O. instructor strength is 24 against a W.E. of 26. All are qualified and satisfactory instructors.





81. Welfare. - Contd.

A scheme for the construction of a 'Centro del Bebossero' to take the place of the Dopelavere Piazzia has been rejected as being too costly a project.

82. Toilets.

The standard of health of All Ranks is good. The water supply is limited and is only available for 5 or 6 hours a day. A water trailer has been asked for but has not yet been received.

83. General Remarks.

The morale of the permanent staff continues to be low on account of the high cost of living to be met with inadequate pay. The majority of the instructors are unable to bring their family to Rieti on account of expense. Discontent is felt that although most commodities and services cost more in Rieti than in Rome, the cost of living bonus paid is less than that applicable in Rome.

84. Points.

84. Accommodation.

Pending the construction of sleeping quarters, Officers are accommodated in large barrack rooms and civilian hotels. As a temporary measure this arrangement appears to be satisfactory. N.C.O.'s and O.R.'s sleeping quarters have been much improved, and repair work is continuing.

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The vehicle state is as follows:-



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The vehicle state is as follows:-

Motor Cycle	2	Efficient
Lorry 5 Ton	2	do
Truck 15 Cwt	2	do
Jeeps	2	do

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Two more load carriers, 5 Ton or 15 Cwt are required. A serious aspect is that at present there are only 2 drivers at the School and those are to be released in a week or two. It is understood that replacements have been unsuccessfully applied for.

87. 101 Points.

87. Training Stores.

The School is inadequately equipped to meet the scale and scope of present instruction.

88. Training Accommodation.

Training accommodation is adequate, and the classrooms are satisfactorily equipped.



69. General Services.

Three courses as under were completed during the month with the results shown.

- (a) Services Course.  
Course taken by 49 students all of whom qualified.
- (b) Man. Management Course.  
Course taken by 31 students 28 of whom qualified.
- (c) Hygiene Course.  
Course taken by 40 students 39 of whom qualified.

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(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
18	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept
19	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct
20	36	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
21	433	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
22	308	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
23	48	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
24	66	24 weeks	23 Sept	10 Mar 47
25	45	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
26	70	?	?	?
27	142	?	?	?
28	104	8 weeks	3 Jan 47	10 Mar 47
29	494	8 weeks	3 Jan 47	10 Mar 47
30	143	8 weeks	0 Oct	5 Dec
31	393	8 weeks	0 Oct	5 Dec

The next course is not due to start till October and details are not yet ready.

Complete course including tactics.

Outside students to be retained as instructors.

Appendix VI to 42 CFR, Progress Report No. 21 dated Sept. 1946.

COURSES TO BE TAUGHT AT CAMPUS, MILITARY SCHOOLS, 1946.



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PROGRAMS OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOLS SEPT/OCT. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.		(d) Duration	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
		Offrs.	Troops.				
Tactical	No 1 Tactical Instructor Course	18	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	Suite Instr
Armored Car	No 1 Course	11 CO's	20 CO's	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Compd
Signal	Telegraph Mech Switchboard Op. - Telephonist	-	-	36	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
	Wireless Op.	-	-	433	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
	Driver Operators	-	-	308	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
	Radio-Mechanics	-	-	48	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
	Operator Line & Teleprinter.	-	-	66	24 weeks	23 Sept	10 Mar 47
	Electricians	-	-	45	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47
	Despatch Riders	-	-	78	?	?	?
	Inf Line Operator	-	-	142	?	?	?
	Inf Wireless Op.	-	-	104	8 weeks	3 Jan 47	10 Mar 47
	Arty Driver Op.	-	-	494	8 weeks	3 Jan 47	10 Mar 47
Arty Signaller.	-	-	143	8 weeks	0 Oct	5 Dec	
				393	8 weeks	0 Oct	5 Dec
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TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS SEPT/OCT. 1946.

(a) Months. MO.	(b) Lessons.	(d) Duration	(c) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks
-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	Suitable students to be retained as instructors.
10 Oct 46	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Complete course including tactics.
-	36	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47	
-	433	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47	
-	308	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47	
-	48	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47	
-	66	24 weeks	23 Sept	10 Mar 47	
-	45	16 weeks	23 Sept	13 Jan 47	
-	78	?	?	?	
-	142	?	?	?	
-	104	8 weeks	3 Jan 47	10 Mar 47	
-	494	8 weeks	3 Jan 47	10 Mar 47	
-	143	8 weeks	10 Oct	5 Dec	
-	393	8 weeks	10 Oct	5 Dec	
					The next course is not due to start till October and details are not yet ready.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends
		Offrs	NCOs.	Troops.			
Motorisation and M.R.T.C.	Turners	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec
	Blacksmiths	-	-	23	6 months	do	do
	Carpenters	-	-	23	6 months	do	do
	Welders	-	-	27	6 months	do	do
	Coach Trimmers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Sheet metal workers	-	-	6	6 months	do	do
	Radiator repairers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Testers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Printers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Hydraulic brake spec.	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Fault Rectifier	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Tyre Repairers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Painters	-	-	5	6 months	do	do
	D. and M. Course	-	-	6	6 months	do	do
	D. and M. Course	50	-	1000	12 weeks	25 Sept	18 Dec
	Fitters Vehicle	-	-	-	6 months	1 Oct	31 Mar
Engine Specialist	-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb	
Chassis Specialist	-	-	114	6 months	do	do	
Electricians	-	-	49	6 months	do	do	
Injectors pump spec	-	-	18	6 months	do	do	
				6 months	do	do	
M.R.T.C.	Motor Assemblers	-	-	71	6 months	1 July	31 Jan
	Engine Fitters	-	-	80	6 months	1 July	do
Scuola di Specializzati Riparazione.	Fitters	-	-	74	6 months	do	do
	Electricians	-	-	29	6 months	do	do
	Diesel Eqpt.	-	-	19	6 months	do	do
	Vehicle Mech.	-	-	229	6 months	do	do
M.R.T.C. Industrial School Duc d'Aosta	Turners	-	-	28	6 months	3 July	31 Dec.
	Blacksmiths	-	-	23	4 months	3 July	31 Oct
	Carpenters and Joiners	-	-	25	4 months	do	do
	Welders	-	-	28	4 months	do	do

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(c) Students			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks.	
Offrs	NOs.	Troops.					
-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruction given at Instructional School Duc d' Aosta.	
-	-	23	6 months	do	do		
-	-	23	6 months	do	do		
-	-	27	6 months	do	do		
-	-	1	6 months	do	do		
-	-	6	6 months	do	do		
-	-	1	6 months	do	do		Instruction given at Centro Studi Rome.
-	-	1	6 months	do	do		
-	-	1	6 months	do	do		
-	-	1	6 months	do	do		
-	-	5	6 months	do	do		
-	-	6	6 months	do	do		
50	-	1000	12 weeks	25 Sept	18 Dec		
-	-	101	6 months	1 Oct	31 Mar 47	Instruction given at Fiat works Home.	
-	-	114	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47		
-	-	49	6 months	do	do		
-	-	18	6 months	do	do		
-	-	1	6 months	do	do		
-	-	71	6 months	1 July	31 Jan 47		New Course Assembles 25 Sept. Commence about 1st Oct.
-	-	80	6 months	1 July	do		
-	-	74	6 months	do	do		
-	-	29	6 months	do	do		
-	-	19	6 months	do	do		
-	-	229	6 months	do	do		
-	-	28	6 months	3 July	31 Dec.	New Course 1st Oct	
-	-	23	4 months	3 July	31 Oct		
-	-	25	4 months	do	do		
-	-	28	4 months	do	do		

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offic.	H.C.Os.	Troops.			
S.R.T.C. Centre Studi	Painters	-	-	9	4 months	3 July	31 Oct
	Sheet-Metal Workers	-	-	7	4 months	do	do
	Tyre Repairs	-	-	5	4 months	do	do
	Upholsterers	-	-	1	4 months	do	do
Artillery S.H.O.A.	Gunfitters	-	-	16	7 weeks	8 July	31 Aug
	Gunfitters	-	-	13 Civ	7 weeks	do	do
	Unit Armourers	-	-	4	7 weeks	do	do
	Unit Armourers	-	-	?	7 weeks can be extended to 10.		

NOTE : A further 100 H.C.Os. and 2 Troops are expected to arrive at end of Sept. for course beginning of Oct. (See para. 6 (iii)).  
This cannot take place, due to lack of Training Stores, accommodation and instructors.  
Many attempts are said to have been made to obtain stores by S.H.O.A., but nothing

Physical Training	Regimental Instrs.	20	27	-	3 months	12 Aug.	2 Nov.
Arml. Car.	Instructors Cavalry and Carabinieri	33	35	-	8 weeks	19 Aug	2 Oct

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(a) Students		(d) Duration	(c) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
No.	Troops				
-	9	4 months	3 July	31 Oct	
-	7	4 months	do	do	
-	6	4 months	do	do	
-	1	4 months	do	do	
-	16	7 weeks	6 July	31 Aug	Next course will probably start in Oct. '46. These men are from Piacenza Arsenal. On completion of course, 6 will return to Piacenza, 7 will remain as permanent staff (as maintenance) at the School receiving thorough training in all equipment held at School. This course started with 7 men, but 3 have been R.T.U. as unavoidable. 42 men now on course, 5 having been R.T.U. 36 of the 42 have completed first week of course. A total of 110 is expected.
-	13 Civ	7 weeks	do	do	
-	4	7 weeks	do	do	
-	?	7 weeks can be extended to 10.			

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		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
Infantry	Recruit 3" Mortar	-	-	376	6 weeks	12 Aug	21 Sept
	Recruit M.W.C.	-	-	576	8 weeks	12 Aug	5 Oct
	Recruit Carrier	-	-	103	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Sept
	Recruit Sniper	-	-	50	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Sept
	C.A.P. Instructors	200	50	-	6 weeks	27 Aug	5 Oct
	Internal Prede	-	35	-	3 weeks	27 Aug	14 Sept
	Internal 81	-	35	-	3 weeks	27 Aug	14 Sept
Engineer	Recruit Course	-	-	1500	2 months	20 Sept	20 Nov
Admin and Welfare	Office clerk	-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept
	Book Keeping	-	7	16	1 month	12 Aug	12 Sept
	Typing	-	8	23	1 month	do	do
	Store Keeping	-	6	19	1 month	do	do
	Shorthand	-	6	15	1 month	do	do
	Modelling	-	6	12	1 month	do	do
	Draughtsmanship	-	5	13	1 month	do	do

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-	-	376	6 weeks	12 Aug	21 Sept	) Estimated number students still arriving.
-	-	576	8 weeks	12 Aug	5 Oct	
-	-	103	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Sept	
-	-	50	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Sept	
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35	-	-	3 weeks	27 Aug	14 Sept	
-	-	1500	2 months	20 Sept	20 Nov	
-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept	
7	-	16	1 month	12 Aug	12 Sept	
8	-	23	1 month	do	do	
6	-	19	1 month	do	do	
6	-	15	1 month	do	do	
6	-	12	1 month	do	do	
5	-	13	1 month	do	do	

Major Berridge.

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SUPPLEMENT TO 12 B.L.U. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT No. 21

12 B.L.U.

1. Major T.H. SHERLOCK (R.A.O.C.) left for England on Class 'A' release on 2 August 1946.
2. Major A.T. TWINE (R.E.M.E.) proceeded to England on LILCP on 5 August 1946.
3. Major C.R.F. SAMPSON (R.E.M.E.) joined the unit on 6 August 1946 filling the vacancy of D.A.D.M.E. vice Major A.T. TWINE on LILCP.
4. Capt. A.W. GIBBINS (R.A.) left for England on FITTON on 9 August 1946.
5. Major P.G.L. COUSENS was attached to this unit pending absorption in W.E. on 15 August 1946.
6. The W.E. of 12 B.L.U. CM/1018/1 was revised and the new W.E. comes into operation w.e.f. 19 August. The Staff List and Deficiencies of All Ranks as against W.E. contained in the Supplement is based on the old W.E. in force prior to 19 August 1946.
7. The Offices were moved to the AC building on 2 August 1946.

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It would be of the greatest value to the School if at the earliest possible moment, at least two instructors could attend an Allied Officers course at the Senior Officers School U.K.  
I would suggest Cols. Guida and Rossi with Major Permetti or feilling him T/Col. Sive as interpreter.

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This has been discussed in the presence of Instr. Tactics by General Mattioli with Col. Silvestri (C.O. Engineer School) the latter agreed that the preparation of a model was a simple task and would not require much money; he also offered to supply an officer to supervise the construction.

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10. Permanent Model - Contd.

General Mattioli has been very slow in this matter and has offered every possible excuse to prevent it. If work is not started by 14 Sept, it is suggested that action be taken.

11. General Remarks

1. General Mattioli has again brought up the request that the Bde group be placed under command of the School, as previously this has been discouraged.
2. An Italian manual on the meaning of British abbreviations was found in use at the School. It was produced by the Ministry of War and is dangerously inaccurate. (Example B.F. = British Forces)
3. The subject of the production of a tactical doctrine has been discussed with Chief Instructor Tactics (Col Guida) who understands the need more than most people; and as a result of his extensive study and experience of British methods is in a position to advise S.M.R.E. and Ministry of War. The present draft on this subject produced by S.M.R.E. is pathetic.
4. Organisation of administration in the Italian Army. The Chief Admin Instructor (Col Rossi) informs that as a result of visits to Min of War he is under the impression that rather than an adaption of British methods to Italian Admin requirements, there is a strong tendency to go directly back to the old Italian system, which has proved itself to be bad and in need of much alteration.
5. As the staff of this School has had a great deal of experience of British tactical and administration methods, and is continually studying them with a view to adapting them to Italian requirements, it is felt that the Ministry of War and the S.M.R.E. would be well advised to put their problems to them and consider their advice before making important tactical or administrative decisions.

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14. General Remarks

ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE



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ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

14. General Remarks

A good deal of friction appears to exist between Comando Destacamento, Scuola d'Artiglieria and S.M.O.A. This results in all demands by S.M.O.A. being balked, for example:- An Armourers handbook has been compiled by a member of the S.M. staff of S.M.O.A., mainly from notes supplied by Sgt Ware of R.E.M.E. Training Increment. It is desired to put this up to War Ministry for approval of publication for use of Unit Armourers, but so far, reluctance is shown by S.M.O.A. to take a tion, as it is felt that it will be suppressed if put through School of Artillery channels. It is also feared that even if it were passed to War Ministry, the originator, or indeed the S.M.O.A. could not receive the credit for it.

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14. General Remarks Contd.

In some ways it would seem desirable to divorce the S.M.O.A. from the S. of A., each school being specialists in its own line, which is not always understood by the other. It is thought that quicker and better result might be achieved if the O.C. S.M.O.A. has direct access to O.C. Central Central Military Schools without going through

- (a) O.C. detachment S. of A. Civitavecchia
- (b) O.C. S. of A. Bracciano

It is thought that most of the trouble lies in a personal animosity that appears to exist between O.C. S. of A. detachment and O.C. S.M.O.A.

*P. Williams*

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Appendix 'A' to 12 R.L.  
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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
 1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727
4.	School of Artillery Ed Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
	A/A & A/T Branch		
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Civitavecchia	F 1891
7.	Infantry School	Cecchignola	F 7458
8.	Police School	Ceseno	F 6286
9.	P.T. School	Rome	F 724672
10.	School of Motorisation	Cesena	F 6286
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Cecchignola	F 7458
			B 0723



4.	School of Artillery M Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
	A/A & A/T Branch		
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
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10.	School of Motorisation	Cesano	F 6286
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Appendix 'B' to 12 B.L.U.  
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STAFF LIST - 12 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O. I  
G.S.O. III

T/Lt. Col. A.V. GIBSON. OBE (28390) A & S.H.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.  
Staff Capt.

T/Maj. R.N.J. HERRARD. (236667) R.E.  
T/Capt. W.R. TREVILYAN. (256126) R.B.

SERVICES.

D.A.D.S.T.  
D.A.D.O.S.  
D.A.D.M.V.

W/Maj. C.T. BRIDGES. OBE (120450) R.A.S.C.  
T/Maj. A.T. TUNN. (230819) R.E.M.E.  
T/Maj. C.R.F. SAMPSON (237160) R.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH.

STAFF.

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G.S.O. II (SCHOOLS) TRG

T/Maj. W.L. GILL. MEB (74688) N. Staff.  
T/Maj. H.S. GILL. MEB (67432) R. Ir. Fus.

R.A.

INSTRUCTOR R.A.  
(Major)

T/Maj. G.K. ALEXANDER. (87447) R.A.

R.E.

INSTRUCTOR R.E.  
(Major)

T/Maj. V.E. GIFFAN. (210260) R.E.

R. SIGNALS.

INSTRUCTOR R. SIGNALS.  
(Major)

D.A.D.O.S.  
D.A.D.M.E.

T/Maj. A.T. TWIN. R.E.M.E.  
T/Maj. C.R.F. SWIPSON R.E.M.E.  
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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st SEPTEMBER 1946.

Serial No.	Vehicle Typo.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Buy Rep
1.	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L. 5689402	EM. 6191	D. 604206	-	-	
2.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5230009	4282-1998	91018097	-	-	
3.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5338723	-	-	E	-	
4.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100862	E. 1443	1560869	-	LR	
5.	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 6175674	23/88555	UV. 6144	-	-	
6.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	CPW. 154042	-	LR	
7.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	E	-	
8.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5101007 CJ 51	-	-	E	-	
9.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	G. 5117266	23/S/1048	-	E	-	

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ESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st SEPTEMBER 1946.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
6191	D. 604206	-	-	-	Fair, but engine bad.
2-1998	91018097	-	-	-	Fair, but engine bad.
-	-	E	-	-	Held on W.E. of HQ. MMIA. Loaned to 12 B.L.U.
443	1560869	-	LR	-	Fair condition.
8555	UV. 6144	-	-	-	Held in lieu of 15 cwt Dodge Z. 4982463 Authy HQ. MMIA. Q.204 dated 27 May '46 Fair.
-	CPV. 154042	-	LR	-	Fair condition.
-	-	E	-	-	Fair.
-	-	E	-	-	Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L. 5683553 (BLR) Authy MMIA. Q/1020 dated 23/7/46. Fair.
1048	-	E	-	-	Good.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	V.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (B)
10.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C. 1461106	B. 182	-	E	-	-
11.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C. 5547039	294/255/5209	-	E	-	-
12.	FORD STAFF CAR 4 x 2 str	H. 1510429	-	-	-	-	-
13.	Motor Cycle 500 C.C. SOLO	BSA 5210043	-	-	E	-	-
<u>R.E.M.E. TRG. INCREMENT.</u>							
1.	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 4740602	23959	C/D.2079	E	-	-
2.	BSA M/C 500 C.C.	C. 1431654	-	VM.20-21207	E	-	-
3.	BSA M/C 500 C.C.	C. 4706071	-	VM.20-73779	E	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and found correct.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (ELR)	Remarks.
182	-	E	-	-	Good.
4/235/5209	-	E	-	-	Good.
-	-	-	-	-	Issued in lieu of Staff Car Ford 1560133 ELR. Authy O/T/12 dated 19.8.46. This vehicle is in poor condition and could be declared ELR.
-	-	E	-	-	To replace BSA 5548060 (stolen). Authy O/T/12 dated 20.8.46. Good.
959	C/D.2079	E	-	-	Fair.
-	VEL.20-21207	E	-	-	Good.
-	VEL.20-73779	E	-	-	Good.

in charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 W. Colonel,  
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Appendix E to 12 B.I.U.  
Supplement to Progress  
Report No 21.

(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. CM/1018/1 dated 1 June 45 (As amended)

(1) Officers	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Totals
D.A.D.O.S. - Major	-	-	-	1	1
Instr R. Sigs - Major	-	-	1	-	1
G.S.O. III - Capt	-	-	-	-	-
(2) Other Ranks					
Clerks RAO L/Cpl	-	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech RAO	-	-	1	-	1
Arm Art (Fd)	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech	-	1	-	-	1
Elgc Veh & Plant	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech RESUME	-	2	-	-	2
Instrs R.A.	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Mortar	-	1	-	-	1
Instr 6 Pdr A/Tk	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Carrier	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks G.D. Arm	-	1	1	4	5
Instr R.E.	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Op W/T R Sigs	-	1	-	2	2
<del>C.D. Sigs</del> (1 L/Cpl)	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Cyclist	-	-	1	1	1
Cook A.C.C.	-	-	-	-	1
Interpreter	-	1	-	-	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when they return

(1) Officers	(2) Other Ranks
L.I.O.P.	L.I.A.P.
1 Major (RESUME) Due to return Oct 1946.	1 AGIS (RESUME) Due to return Sept 1946.

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

(1) Due under LIAP, LIUAP, PRIVILEGE etc.	Offrs.	1
	O.R.'s	5
(2) Due under GRO 1352/45	Offrs	3
	O.R.'s	NIL

Instr Mortar	-	-	-	2
Instr 6 Pdr A/Tk	-	-	-	1
Instr Carrier	-	-	-	1
Clerks G.D. Army Arm	-	-	-	1
Instr R.E.	-	-	4	5
Instr Op W/T R Sigs	-	-	-	1
<del>C.D. Van</del> (1. I/Opl)	-	-	-	1
Motor Cyclist	-	-	-	2
Cook A.C.C.	-	-	1	1
Interpreter	-	-	1	1

(E) Details of ALL Ranks on Leave and when they return

- (1) Officers
- LIIOP
- 1 Major (REME) Due to return Oct 1946.
- (2) Other Ranks
- L.I.A.P.
- 1 AQMS (REME) Due to return Sept 1946.

(G) Details of ALL Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

- (1) Due under LIAP, LIIOP, FRIVIEAVE etc.
- |        |     |
|--------|-----|
| Offrs. | 1   |
| O.R.'s | 5   |
| Offrs  | 3   |
| O.R.'s | NIL |
| O.R.'s | 5   |
| Offr's | 2   |
| O.R.'s | NIL |
- (2) Due under GRO 1352/45
- (3) Due for Release in A/S Gps 40, 41, 42.
- (4) Due for PYTHON during September
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FILE 33

SUBJECT: School of Motorization - Progress Report.

Lead Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel: 489081 Ext 526  
ST/462

S.I. - 12 B. La E.

Copy to: A.D. S.I.

23 Aug 46.

1. POINTS.

Instructors.

The school is now up to full 100 of instructors and while many of them are not really up to the standard required, the fact that there are now officers available has had a marked effect on the pool on the morale of the recruits. Lack of regimental experience seems the biggest handicap of the new instructors.

Administrative Staff.

The administration generally is good and thorough. The vessel question of posting recruits by name has been taken up with the Ministry affected by numbers and the selection left to the jurisdiction of the Commandant.

Welfare.

The canteen continues to give good service and is very ably run by an Italian officer who takes a great pride in what must be one of the finest canteens in the Italian Army. He personally supervises both the running of the canteen and the accounting side. The books are kept in a most business like way and are audited each month. Profit for the month of July was 40,000 Lire.

A regular programme of concerts and musical parties is now operating in the theatre and is well attended and much appreciated by both the staff and the recruits. A club for officers is also being formed.

Marshalling.

This has improved enormously in the last month due mainly to more settled political conditions and to the hard work put in by the officers. In the course of an evening walking from building to building to indicate not a single soldier encountered failed to salute, and the torrent and criticisms of the guard was above criticism.

Administrative Staff.

The administration generally is good and thorough. The vexed question of posting recruits by name has been taken up with the Ministry of War who have promised that for the next course postings will be effected by numbers and the selection left to the jurisdiction of the Commandant.

Welfare.

The canteen continues to give good services and is very ably run by an Italian officer who takes a great pride in what must be one of the finest canteens in the Italian Army. He personally supervises both the running of the canteen and the accounting side. The Books are kept in a most business like way and are audited each month. Profit for the month of July was 40,534 lire.

A regular programme of concerts and musical parties is now operating in the theatre and is well attended and much appreciated by both the staff and the recruits. A Club for officers is also being formed.

Discipline.

This has improved enormously in the last month due mainly to more settled political conditions and to the hard work put in by the officers. In the course of one morning walking from building to building not a single soldier encountered failed to salute, and the terrorist and anarchism of the guard was above criticism.

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Accommodation.

In order to keep the sections free interfering with each other in the large class rooms it is proposed to erect partitions for each section and this work although attention has been given is still outstanding. Park box in the building allotted to house the officers' sundries is still behind schedule and this will delay the start of the officers course.

Vehicles.

There is no improvement in the vehicle position and no further issues have been made by the Ministry of War. Deficiencies remain as in last month's report.  
All demands for petrol have been met.

General.

Unless more vehicles can be issued to this school there is a real danger in the near future of practical instruction coming to a standstill.

Q. P. EXERCISES.

Swiveling Apparatus.

A building has now been allotted for the purpose of housing officers students but is at the moment unusable through lack of repairs. No work has commenced but progress is slow.

Course in Driving.

The present course due to finish training on August 31st has been prolonged two weeks to overcome loss time during the election and lack of practical instruction caused by GIP strikes.

Both the Commandant and the Chief Instructor are pleased with the good progress which considering all difficulties must be considered encouraging. It is estimated that the target figure of 150 for motorcyclists will be easily reached and that approx 8% of the recruits will pass the final driving test.

Forecast of Courses.

The next D & M Course is now expected to commence on Sept 26th but owing to lack of vehicles the intake will be reduced to 1000 men. The officers courses consisting of 50 officers is now, owing to delay in the completion of NE work in accommodation, scheduled to commence on Oct 1st.

General.

There is now a definite feeling in this school of being well established and provided that vehicles can be provided recruits will receive a good basic training in ~~training~~ <sup>DRIVING</sup> and maintenance.

APPENDIX.

(a) School	(b) Course	(c) Students		(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks
		Q. P. Ex.	Groups				
Motorcyclist School	Recruits D & M	-	-	12 weeks +	July 16	Aug 31	Final Report
			150				



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Forecast of Courses.

The next D & H Course is now expected to commence on Sept 26th but owing to lack of vehicles the intake will be reduced to 1000 men. The officers course consisting of 50 officers is now, owing to delay in the completion of BS work in accommodation, scheduled to commence on Oct 1st.

General.

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APPENDIX.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
School	Course	Strength MOTOR AND TROOPS	Duration	Begins	Ends	Remarks
Motor/Infantry School	Recruits D & H	-	12 weeks + 2 weeks extension	May 16	AUG 31	Full report will be available on completion of course. 506

*W. M. ...*  
 Major, DAIMS.  
 Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MILA).

*Albyn Benidge*  
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SUBJECT :- 12 B.L.U. Progress Report.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel : ROLE 489084 Ext 545)  
AQ/6/5/2057

13 August 1946.

To: All Officers, 12 B.L.U.

Copies to:

- 'G' (SB) Land Forces Sub Comm AC (LMIA)
- 'G' (Trs) Land Forces Sub Comm AC (LMIA)

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Reference this office AQ/6/5/1950 dated 23 July 1946.

1. The above quoted letter is cancelled, and the instructions in the following paragraphs are issued in substitution.
2. In future 12 B.L.U. Progress Report will consist of two parts. Copies of the first part will be sent by MIA to the Ministry of War, HQ Central Military Schools and all DIU's. The second part, known as the Supplement, will be sent to LMIA only. It will contain confidential matters for MIA only, and domestic points concerning 12 BIU. MIA require twenty copies of the first part, and seven copies of the Supplement.
3. Officers will forward to this office by the 28th of each month a report in respect of each school to which they are affiliated. This report may be in legible manuscript. One copy only is required. The report will consist of the following parts :-
  - (a) A draft for inclusion in the first part of 12 B.L.U. Progress Report (see para 2 above). Every endeavour will be made to prepare this draft in such a form that it can go to press without being re-written in this office. This draft will be "laid out" in the form shown in appendix 'A' to this letter.
  - (b) Domestic and confidential matters for inclusion in the Supplement.
  - (c) Other matters, for information of the GSO I, which are not intended for inclusion in 12 B.L.U. Progress Report.
  - (d) The objects of the Report are :-
    - (i) To provide information on the schools for British and Italian personnel.

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  - (i) To provide information on the schools for British and Italian Officers.
  - (ii) To provide HQ MIA with a "brief" to help them in dealing with GSO and the War Ministry.
- (e) The object of the supplement is to provide MIA with further confidential and domestic information which is unsuitable for wider dissemination.
- (f) In view of the above it is important to produce a balanced view, and without undue optimism or pessimism.

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5. Reports will be kept reasonably short. There will be no repetition from month to month. Detailed information will be put in appendices.
6. No direct or implied reference will be made to the Supplement in the first part of the report.
7. If any action is required on any point by MILI, a separate letter will be written, and will be referred to in the text of the report. The Progress Report is for information only, action is not normally taken on it.

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Lt. Colonel.  
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APPENDIX 'A'

To : 12 B.L.U. I for 10/6/5/2057  
 Dated 15 August 1946.

LAYOUT OF REPORT.

1. The first part of the Report will be prepared under the following headings as far as they are applicable. Headings on which there is nothing to say will be omitted. Additional headings may be used if necessary, so long as there is no departure from the general sequence.

2. List of headings :-

'A' Points.

1. Instructors.
2. Administrative Staff.
3. Welfare.
4. Discipline.
5. Health.
6. General.

'B' Points.

7. Accommodation.
8. Clothing.
9. Vehicles.
10. Accommodation Stores.
11. General.

'G' Points.

12. Training Stores.
13. Training Areas.
14. Training Accommodation.
15. General Remarks, recruit training (where applicable) /
16. General remarks, other training.

3. An appendix will be added showing the programme of courses. The following proform will be used :-

(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)		
School.	Course.	Officers	Students	NOOs	Troops	Duration	Begins	Ends	Remarks.
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12 I.I.U. PROGRESS REPORT No. 20

6/4.5/1171

/ August 1946.

To: R.Q.,  
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIL)

Part I - 12 I.I.U.

1. Lt. Col A.H. GIBSON OBE (A & SH) assumed command of the Unit w.e.f. 16th July 1946.
2. Major D.R. SWINER (R.G. mals) left for England on class 'A' release on 16th July 1946.
3. Major J.C. MILLER (RSG) rejoined the Unit from LILOP on 21st July 1946 and has been assigned to another Unit.
4. Detachments in all ranks against W.E. and details of all ranks due to leave the unit in the immediate future are contained in Appendix 'A'.
5. On 5th July 1946 the Officers' Mess was closed. Officers are now accommodated in MIL. 18' Mess Alborgo Eliso.
6. On 19th July 1946 the Sergeants and ORs messes were closed. The Sergeants are now accommodated at the Alborgo Doll'Uite and the ORs at the Alborgo Genav.
7. During the first week of August the offices will be transferred to the AC Building and the vehicles to the Super Garage.
8. Vehicle State is contained in Appendix 'G'.

Part II - SCHOOLS - GENERAL.

9. Visits.

Major General P.H. Goulburn DSO Commander MIL. visited the Infantry School at Casano, the Artillery Schools at Bracciano and Civitavecchia and the School of Tactics on 16th July 1946.

10. Courses.

A forecast of courses to be held at all...

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- 4. Reassignments in all ranks against W.B. and details of all ranks due to leave the unit in the immediate future are contained in Appendix 'A'.
- 5. On 5th July 1946 the Officers' Mess was closed. Officers are now accommodated in W.I. 15, Mess Alberto Ellison.
- 6. On 19th July 1946 the Sergeants and ORs messes were closed. The Sergeants are now accommodated at the Alberto Dell'Orto and the ORs at the Alberto Genov.
- 7. During the first week of August the offices will be transferred to the AC Building and the vehicles to the Super Garage.
- 8. Vehicle State is contained in Appendix 'G'.

Part II - SCHOOLS - GENERAL.

9. Visits.

Major General H.H. Goulburn DSO Commander M.I. visited the Infantry School at Cesano, the Artillery Schools at Bracciano and Civitavecchia and the School of Tactics on 16th July 1946.

10. Courses.

A forecast of courses to be held at all Schools is contained in Appendix 'A'.

IG' Points.

11. Training Stores.

The training stores used at SIMA have been retained. There is, however, an urgent need for a permanent large scale model, an epidiascope and a film projector.

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12. General Remarks.

Although the programs and syllabi for courses have been prepared the opening date for courses has been again postponed. A course for instructors is scheduled to commence on 5 August 1946 and the first student course on 7 October 1946.

13. Points.

14. Instructors.

It is hoped that the deficiency of instructors will be made good as a result of a special course beginning 5 August 1946.

15. Administrative Staff.

All vacancies in the W.E. are filled and the staff is working efficiently.

16. Welfare.

An Officers Mess and Club and O.R. Canteen with Reading and Writing Rooms have been constructed. Arrangements have been made to provide transport for visits to Rome and Santa Marinella. In addition playing fields have been constructed.

17. Health.

(a) Medical.

The standard of health is high and the Medical Officer is well trained and efficient.

(b) Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene at the beginning of the month was very low indeed. There has been an improvement and the Commandant has been advised to adapt his routine hygiene inspections and to show films and display posters in an attempt to make all ranks "hygiene conscious".

18. Points.

19. Accommodation.

Despite the fact that the civilian contractor has been working on the buildings for six months, constructional work is only half completed. There is sufficient accommodation to run a course but the school is able only to run on a reduced scale.

20. Vehicles.

The School possesses its full establishment of vehicles. This consists of 15 vehicles of all types. Of these 6 are off the road. The main cause of trouble is the poor condition of tyres and a subsidiary cause - bad driving.

21. Clothing.

All troops are clothed in Surber Clothing.

efficient.

(b) Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene at the beginning of the month was very low indeed. There has been an improvement and the Commandant has been advised to adapt Br routine hygiene inspections and to show films and display posters in an attempt to make all ranks "hygiene conscious".

16. Points.

17. Accommodation.

Despite the fact that the civilian contractor has been working on the buildings for six months, constructional work is only half completed. There is sufficient accommodation to run a course but the school is able only to run on a reduced scale.

18. Vehicles.

The School possesses its full establishment of vehicles. This consists of 15 vehicles of all types. Of these 8 are off the road. The main cause of trouble is the poor condition of tyres and a subsidiary cause - bad driving.

19. Clothing.

All troops are clothed in Summer Clothing.

Part IV - SCHOOL OF ACQUIRED CARS.

20. Points.

21. Training Stores.

The main hindrance to training is the deficiency of dummies. The School has a well equipped wirelers room and similar demonstration rooms are being prepared for Gunbery and Tactics. It is not possible to show training films as the electric transformer has not yet been installed.

22. Training Accommodation.

Good classrooms have been constructed although in some cases they are dark and pillars cause obstruction.

23. Courses completed during the month.

1. Course of Driving Instruction on Staghounds attended by 100 Carabinieri was concluded during the month.



23. Courses in Progress.

A course attended by the permanent staff of the school is being held at the Centro Studii Rome. The course is technical and a Stagbound has been dismantled and re-assembled.

24. General Remarks.

Continuity has been difficult on account of construction of the school and preparedness for internal security duties. The standard of driving instruction is good.

1A' Points.

25. Administrative Staff.

There is a large deficiency of technical personnel required for the repair and maintenance of armored cars.

26. Welfare.

As the School is situated in Rome there are no major welfare problems. A canteen is being constructed.

1C' Points.

27. Accommodation.

Building constructional work is not yet complete. Workshop electric lights and sanitary fittings are the main items outstanding. These will be completed during August 1946 and the school then will have a high standard of accommodation.

28. Vehicles.

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1G' Points.

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(b) Of the thirteen 17 Pdrs at the School only three have efficient telescopes.

30. Training Areas.

The letter received from the Mayor of Bracciano forbidding further use of the 25 pdr range has been withdrawn. Modernisation and expansion of the A/T range at S. SEVERA is now under consideration.

31. Recruit Training.

There have been no recruit training courses during the month. The next course is due to commence on Sept 15 1946.

32. General Remarks.

Except for a series of three courses of a month's duration all courses held at the school this year have been run with the primary object of producing instructors at the school and R.T.C.

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32. General Remarks (Continued).

This state of affairs is likely to continue until the end of the year, when the R.S.C. will be established as an independent unit. It will then be possible for the School to broaden its scope of instruction.

33. Points.

33. Instructors.

There is a growing shortage of instructors in all branches for the following reasons.

- (a) Poor living conditions for married officers and NCOs at BRACCIANO compared with Rome.
- (b) The need to maintain a sufficient cadre of trained officers and NCOs in the Divisions. Replacement of released reservist officers by untrained returned POW is the main reason for this steady demand.
- (c) Increased commitments at the School of Artillery.
- (d) Anticipated increase in number of artillery recruits in the next fall yr.

To overcome this shortage it is proposed to improve living conditions and form married quarters at CIVITAVECCHIA. In addition a series of four weekly courses is being held to overcome the shortage of trained personnel in the Divisions.

34. Administrative Staff.

Proposals for the re-organisation of the School of Artillery are under discussion. It is proposed to form the recruit training centre at Civitavecchia under an independent command.

35. Welfare.

Welfare facilities continue to improve but until there is either a reduction in prices of all commodities or a marked increase in soldiers' pay, conditions will remain an expensive luxury to the ordinary soldier.

36. Health.

Although the standard of hygiene remains very low indeed, the incidence of sickness is low and less than 2% have been admitted to hospital.

37. Points.

37. Accommodation.

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37. Points.

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not be completed until 15 December 1946. Until that time accommodation will  
remain an acute problem. Unless married quarters are constructed at Bracciano  
or part of the barracks set aside for married families as at Civitavecchia,  
discontent will continue among the married members of the permanent staff.

39. Clothing.

Judged by British standards, clothing is poor. Apart from the lack  
of uniformity, the shortage of soap and cleaning materials and the exorbitant  
price of such commodities in the local market mean that clothing and equipment  
is frequently worn in a dirty state.

40. Vehicles.

The release of ten Class I vehicles has eased the M.F. situation. There  
is, however, a critical shortage of spares. Jeeps are kept on the road by  
parcels of spare parts in the black market in Rome.

A.B.C. tractors for Medium Artillery and M.L. equipment released to the School,  
are urgently required.

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Part VI - SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS.

141. Points.

140. Training Stores.

On 24 July the Instructor N.E. 12 E.L.U. visited CMO CEF and obtained release of 50 tons of training stores.

141. Training Area.

The main training area is situated at Aurelia. It is adequate for Demolitions and General Field works but unsuitable for Bridging. There is no interval camp, which makes bridging unrealistic. The subsidiary training area near the Baculo Barracks is also satisfactory for all training, less Bridging.

142. Courses Completed During the month.

The recruit training course ended on 6 July '45. The final results are not yet available.

143. General Remarks Recruit Training.

Apart from alterations to training programmes, which were made necessary by the shortage of training stores, the last training period for recruits was successful. The programme for the next intake in September has been revised and upon receipt of training stores from Cancallo the standard and scope of instruction will be raised.

144. Points.

144. Instructors.

The standard of instruction at the School is satisfactory with the exception of instruction on Bailey Bridging. There has been improvement recently, however, in this section of training. There is a small deficiency in instructors and it is intended to retain suitable officers and NCOs as instructors from the courses now in progress.

145. Administrative Staff.

The Administrative Staff is up to strength except for the appointment of a new Commandant.

146. Welfare.

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47. Discipline.

There has been a marked improvement in discipline since the election period.

48. Health.

Good. Minor ailments only with no cases of malaria.

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49. Points.

49. Accommodation.

The recruit intake less two companies are accommodated at the mess in barracks. Owing to lack of accommodation two companies are accommodated with the permanent staff at Galle barracks, Civitavodhin. Proposals to move the School to the site of the British School of Engineering near Capur are under discussion.

50. Clothing.

The recruits arriving from the CAs were well clothed. The permanent staff, however, are equipped with low quality clothing. The permanent

51. Vehicles.

The present vehicle state is as follows :-

Light vehicles	4
15 carts	3
5 tractors	16
Special vehicles e.g.	
autobuses, compressors	4
W/Cs (4 U/S)	5
Ballometers D4	2

Requirements for the W/C are urgently required and also spare parts to keep the vehicles in a serviceable condition.

52. Accommodation Stores.

370 tables and 740 forms are urgently required to form a suitable mess for recruits.

Part VII - SCHOOL OF SIGNALS.

53. Points.

53. Training Stores.

The final demand has not yet been set but the interim demand has provided a satisfactory minimum of training stores.

54. Training Accommodation.

The classrooms are still under construction although some are in use. When they are completed they will be very good indeed.

55. Courses completed during the month.

The Line-an-Telephonist and

- 15 extra
- 4 3 tonners
- 5 Special vehicles o.c.
- 16 submerses, compressors
- 4 H/Cs (4 U/S)
- 5 Bulldozers D4
- 2

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The Lineman-Telephonist and Lineman-Despatch Rider recruit courses both of two months duration, were concluded during the month. Results were as follows :-

Excellent	11	Lineman-Despatch Rider	698
Very Good	11		
Good	164		3
Satisfactory	183		2
Unsatisfactory	28		55
			45
			27

1st Points.

56. Instructors.

The School is deficient of 35 subaltern instructors. The standard of instruction is satisfactory.

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57. Welfare.

A large "Banco di Servi" is in an advanced state of construction. This will contain a new canteen, recreation room, library, barbers shop etc.

58. Health.

The incidence of sickness has been low. An infirmary exists in the school for cases requiring a few days in bed. Although conditions in the infirmary have improved, the standard is still far below a British equivalent.

"Q" Points.59. Accommodation.

The accommodation for students and unmarried members of the permanent staff is satisfactory and is improving daily. There is not, however, accommodation for married Officers and NCOs families. Suitable accommodation is available near the School but is at present occupied by refugees rendered homeless through the war. Steps are being taken to transfer the refugees to other buildings and this, if carried out would ease the problem of providing married quarters for the School.

60. Clothing.

There is a serious shortage of boots and socks. There is also anxiety as to whether the Ministry of War will take, in time, necessary steps for the provision of winter clothing.

61. Vehicles.

Sufficient vehicles are held for administrative purposes but there is an urgent need of wireless trucks for training purposes.

The School holds the following vehicles :-

Allied - Trucks	15 cwt G.S.	14
	15 cwt W.T.	4 (2 U/S)
	5 cwt 4 x 4	5
	M/C	31 (19 U/S)
Italian - Cars	4 str	1
	Trucks	1
	15 cwt Petrol	2
	Diesel	3
	Trucks 3 ton petrol	3
	Diesel	2
	Autobuses,	

Part VIII - SCHOOL OF INFANTRY62. Training Stores.

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	Diesel	3
Autobuses,		2

Part VIII - SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

62. Training Stores.

Although recruit courses are scheduled to commence in ten days time there remains a grave shortage of training equipment. A decision is required as to whether Vickers or Broca is to be taught and the issue of suitable equipment.

63. Training Areas.

Training areas at the moment are restricted owing to the harvest. This applies particularly to the mortar range and at present training takes place mainly a long way from the School. The construction of a permanent rifle range remains a matter of extreme importance.

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64. Training Accommodation.

Training accommodation is satisfactory except for the CAR Instructors course to be held at WIMBORNE, where work is required to renovate the hatted camp.

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65. Courses completed during the month.

Internal courses on 3-in Mortar, Snipers and Carriers were held during the month. Results are not yet available.

66. General Remarks Recruit Training.

Due to lack of equipment, shortage of instructors and unfinished accommodation the School is not ready to receive recruits.

141 Points.

67. Instructors.

The situation of Instructors is far from satisfactory. The Instructors in many cases are below the standard required and there is a large deficiency against the V.M.

The reasons for the poor quality of instructors are :

- (a) The demobilization of reserved personnel.
- (b) The poor conditions of service at CESANO both in pay and accommodation.

The following instructors are required.

- 3-in Mortar
- M.M.G.
- Sniper.
- GAZ Destructors
- 5 Officers and 26 NCOs.
- 11 Officers and 24 NCOs.
- 2 Officers and 6 NCOs.
- 17 Officers and 30 NCOs.

68. Administrative Staff.

The School is up to strength in Officers and NCOs but may be too old for the job. There is a temporary shortage of CD men owing to the recent demobilization programme.

69. Welfare.

There is need for adequate playing fields, etc. A canteen exists but is unfurnished. The goods sold at the canteen are too expensive for purchase by the ordinary soldier. A canteen has been installed with a change of programme twice weekly. A fund has been formed to enable a grant to be made to soldiers families in financial difficulties.

101 Points.

70. Accommodation.

Work is in progress to ease some of the major accommodation problems. The cookhouses for recruits are under construction. It is considered that the accommodation will be satisfactory in three months time. Many of the windows have been fitted with windowlite and it would improve the standard of accommodation if these could be replaced with glass.

- 3-in-Mentor
- 5 Officers and 28 NCOs.
- H.L.G.
- 11 Officers and 24 NCOs.
- Cinjar.
- 2 Officers and 6 NCOs.
- Oil Instructors
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71. Clothing.

The state of clothing of students from territorial divisions is still unsatisfactory. 300 suits of overalls have been obtained from the Ministry of War and a further 700 suits indented for. This should ensure uniformity in clothing.

72. Vehicles.

(a) 'B' Vehicles.

The School is deficient of the following 'B' vehicles.

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Deficient against W.E. Off the road awaiting Spares.

Cars 4 str	2	...../9.
15 cwt Trucks	4	
3 ton lorries,	4	
W/S vehicle	-	
N/O	4	



72. Vehicles.

(a) MI Vehicles (Continued)

The number of vehicles on the road is high due to the fact that no spare parts whatsoever are held at the School. If a vehicle has a puncture it is necessary to use civilian repair facilities. If a major repair is required, the nearest Italian Workshop is BOLONNA.

(b) MI Vehicles.

The School uses carriers a great deal for both tactical training and driving instruction. The carriers held were received eighteen months ago and were then Class II and III. No spare parts have been received and they have been kept on the road by a process of cannibalisation. The release of further tracked vehicles and spares to scale is urgently required.

73. General Remarks.

The slowness in the construction of living accommodation and in release of training stores has made the training of recruits an impossibility. Furthermore the training equipment is deteriorating in condition rapidly due to lack of oil and suitable cleaning materials.

Part IX - POLICE SCHOOL.

IG Points.

74. Training Stores.

For training stores are required and most of the items are available from Italian sources.

75. Training Accommodation.

Whilst two of the classrooms are very well fitted up, one is extremely noisy. Suitable accommodation will be found when the B.L.U. vacates its offices. A cinema is also required for the showing of training films.

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76. Instructors.

The standard of instruction is good. Capt. Soincon who commands the School will be released shortly. This will be a great loss to the School.

77. Discipline.

Very good - a higher standard than at any other School.

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'G' Points.

74. Training Stores.

Few training stores are required and most of the items are available from Italian sources.

75. Training Accommodation.

Whilst two of the classrooms are very well fitted up, one is extremely noisy. Suitable accommodation will be found when the B.L.U. vacates its offices. A screen is also required for the showing of training films.

'A' Points.

76. Instructors.

The standard of instruction is good. Capt. Sciacca who commands the School will be released shortly. This will be a great loss to the School.

77. Discipline.

Very good - a higher standard than at any other School.

'Q' Points.

78. Accommodation.

On the move of 12 B.L.U. more accommodation was made available and with a few adjustments will be satisfactory.

Part X - P.T. SCHOOL.

'G' Points.

79. Training Stores.

Purchases from surplus MAFI stores have enabled the School to obtain the bare essentials. Running shoes, wrestling mats, track suits, are required and can only be purchased at prohibitive prices.

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80. Training Areas.

The School requires an athletic track. Engineer assistance is required for its construction and will cost L. 1,000,000.

81. Training Accommodation.

If the School is to remain at CASANO permanently the floor of the gymnasium requires re-tilling; and in order that the syllabus may be extended a swimming bath is essential.

82. 'A' Points.

82. Instructors.

All British APTC Instructors have now left. The C.I. (PT) is due for release in the near future. A civilian instructor is employed for gymnastics but the School requires an expert boxing instructor.

83. Administrative Staff.

The W.E. is insufficient in numbers and requires revision.

84. Health.

The physical condition of students on arrival is low. Attempts are being made to increase the food ration for students to withstand the strenuous training which is carried out at the School. There have been cases of scabies due to the poor washing facilities and the shortage of water. The water system is in the process of improvement but more fuel is required to increase the number of hot baths available to students.

85. 'B' Points.

85. Accommodation.

The accommodation available to the School at CASANO is inadequate. Many millions of lire will be required to construct suitable accommodation and training facilities. Suitable sites exist in ROE i.e. the Foro Mussolini and Monte Sacro.

86. Clothing.

The permanent staff can be suitably clothed by using the training grant but this does not extend to students. Students are equipped with a light boot in lieu of gym shoes. This causes unnecessary wear and strain on training apparatus.

87. Vehicles.



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65. Accommodation.

The accommodation available to the School at GESSANO is inadequate. Many millions of lire will be required to construct suitable accommodation and training facilities. Suitable sites exist in ROSE i.e., the Foro Mussolini and Monte Sauro.

66. Clothing.

The permanent staff can be suitably clothed by using the training grant but this does not extend to students. Students are equipped with a light boot in lieu of SWA shoes. This causes unnecessary wear and strain on training apparatus.

67. Vehicles.

The School requires 2 Cars 4 star for the administrative staff and an increase of 2 x 3 tonners to transport students for swimming instruction.

PART XI - SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION.

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68. Points.

69. General Remarks Recruit Training.

The final number of recruits, now in their tenth week of training, who it is estimated will qualify for a driving licence is approximately 80%. The system by which men are posted by the School is unsatisfactory in that personnel are named and directed to units irrespective of their suitability. It is strongly advised that personnel be posted by numbers and that the selection of men is left to the jurisdiction of Colonel Nigri. If this method were adopted it would be possible to retain suitable students as instructors.

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14. Points.

89. Administrative Staff.

There is a shortage of regimental officers. In order to maintain discipline it is essential that the present deficiency be made good.

90. Welfare.

A new office has been added to the canteen and better sleeping accommodation is now available for the permanent staff. White coats for the staff, a new bacon slicer machine and a weighing machine have been purchased out of the profits. The takings for June amounted to 39,000 lire. A system of distribution of profits from Italian Army canteens has been devised by the Ministry of War. 25% of the profits are returned to the Ministry of War towards the repayment of the original grant, 10% is earmarked as a reserve fund and 50% spent on comforts. The remainder is used to provide prizes for outstanding recruits.

91. Health.

The general health of recruits remains good but nearly 20% were in a low medical category on arrival. Insufficient attention is given at the C&Rs in the selection of personnel for driving instruction, especially in regard to eyesight.

19. Points.

92. Accommodation.

Owing to the end of the financial year all Engineer work has stopped until such time as further money is allocated. The cookhouse is completed. The class rooms for the Officers course have been decorated.

93. Vehicles.

There is a large deficiency in vehicles. It is strongly urged that all efforts be made to increase the number of vehicles held by the School before the next recruit training course commences on 15 September '46. A summary of vehicles held is as follows :-

	W.E.	Holdings.	Deficiencies.
Passenger Vehicles.	24	10	14
Light Lorries.	40	14	26
Heavy Lorries.	248	189	59
Water Cart	1	-	1
M/S Lorries	4	1	3
Light Carriers.	8	-	8
M/ps	100	51	49

91. Health.

The general health of recruits remains good but nearly 20% were in a low medical category on arrival. Insufficient attention is given at the CARS in the selection of personnel for driving instruction, especially in regard to eyesight.

92. 'G' Points.

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Part XII - MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

95. 'G' Points.

96. Training Stores.

Sufficient training stores are held for the size of the present course. One complete vehicle only is held for instructional purposes but without lifting appliances this cannot be stripped for instructional purposes. Tool kits and workshop equipment are very scarce.

97. Training Accommodation.

The class rooms and demonstration rooms are satisfactory but it is necessary to stagger programmes owing to shortage of accommodation.

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14. Points.

96. Instructors.

There are 4 Officers and 11 NCO instructors. This total is insufficient and it is proposed to increase the number of instructors by retaining the best students. This is not a very satisfactory solution since the student at the end of his course has only six months to serve.

97. Administrative Staff.

The administrative staff consists of the O.C. and Adjutant. Clerical duties are being performed by students. This is most unsatisfactory.

19. Points.

98. Accommodation.

The standard of accommodation is satisfactory. Showers have been installed during the month. Alterations are in progress to form a workshop for practical instruction. Until the building is completed, practical work is being done in classrooms.

99. Vehicles.

No vehicles are held on the strength of the School. All transport requirements are met by the School of Motorization.

PART XIII - ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE.

This School, situated in the Duo d'Assta barracks Civitavecchia, is under command of the School of Artillery. All 'A' and 'Q' points recorded earlier in this report in respect of the School of Artillery apply equally to this School.

14. Points.

100. Instructors.

There are 32 NCO Instructors who are more than sufficient to handle the courses now in progress. Two assistant instructors have been trained from the permanent staff of the School.

19. Points.

101. Training Stores.

Training has been hindered by the shortage of tools and in particular gun jacks.

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'Q' Points.

101. Training Stores.

Training has been hindered by the shortage of tools and in particular gun gauges.

Part XIV - SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE.

'Q' Points.

102. Training Stores.

During the month many demonstration models for hygiene and medical subjects have been obtained from Allied and Italian sources.

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'A' Points.

103. Instructors.

(a) Officers.

The W.S. is filled but only seven out of twenty three have qualified as instructors from previous courses. The remainder must follow the courses to which they have been assigned before they can be used as instructors. This situation has arisen due to the fact that the instructors sent to the School have not been drawn from the officers who did best at the School of 'Acquisition' at Isonzo.

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103. Instructors (Continued)

(b) NCOs.

The W.E. amounts to 26 NCO instructors. Twenty one are held of which four are qualified instructors.

104. Administrative Staff.

The W.E. requires adjustment. An increase of 3 Officers, 9 Senior NCOs and 6 Junior NCOs and 82 ORs is necessary for the School to function smoothly. Since the School is formed to teach administration it is considered essential that sufficient personnel are maintained on the permanent staff to ensure perfect administration of the School itself.

105. Welfare.

A good Officers Mess and a bar for all ranks has been formed. The depolavore Pingia which was intended as a recreation centre and canteen and also as a model for a similar centres in other schools is now being derequisitioned.

106. Health.

Good. The water supply is limited and is only available for one quarter of the day. A request has been made for a water trailer but this has not yet been issued.

107. General Remarks.

The morale of instructors is low on account of the economic situation. Officer and NCO instructors who do not live at RIETI have not been able to find lodgings for their families on account of the expanse.

108. Accommodation.

Much trouble and expense have been given to constructing Officers' sleeping quarters. However, at the last moment it was discovered that the foundations were faulty and that the building was in danger of collapse. The officers are accommodated temporarily in large barrack rooms and civilian hotels at Riati. The NCO and OR sleeping quarters are being improved but are not yet finished.

109. Vehicles.

The vehicle state is as follows :-

M/C	2 (one in V/S)
3 tonners	2
15 cwt	1 (in V/S)



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109. Vehicles.

The vehicle state is as follows :-

M/C	2 (one in W/S)
3 tonners	2
15 cwt	1 (in W/S)
Jeeps	2 (in W/S)

The situation is very serious since the School is a self contained unit and has to depend on supplies from HOME, a distance of eighty seven kilometers. The School has managed to obtain four mules and two mule carts, which have proved useful for local transport details.

ARG/rmv.

Lt. Colonel.  
G.S.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A -- Analysis of courses in progress and forecast of future courses.
  - Appendix B -- Location statement of Italian Schools
  - Appendix C -- Staff List 12 B.L.U.
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  - Appendix E -- Telefono stato 12 B.L.U.
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Appendix  
Program  
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PROGRAM OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS AUG/SEPT. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends
		Officers	NCOs.	Troops.			
Tactics	School Instructors	20	-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept
Armoured Car	No 1 Course	11 CC RR 18 Cav	20 CSM 20 Cav	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct
Artillery	No 3 Instr 25pdr for I A Regts 17 pdr 40 mm	10	15	-	4 weeks	16 July	13 Aug
		3	30	-			
		8	20	-			
	No 10 Instructors Course for Instr R.T.C.	-	20	-	4 weeks	18 July	15 Aug
		20	40	-	4 weeks	13 Aug	10 Sept
Engineer	Advanced Recruit	-	-	575	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug
	NCO's Course	-	10	-	4 weeks	8 July	5 Aug
	Junior officers	20	-	-	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug
Signals	Switchboard op	429	-	140	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept
	Telegraphist		-	160	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept
	Wireless op		-	116	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept
	Electrician		-	75	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept
	Radio-Mechanic		-	50	21 weeks	6 May	6 Nov
	Telegraph Mech		-	33	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov
Arty Signaller	-	-	500	12 weeks	6 May	6 Aug	
Infantry	P.A.C.	30	90	-	6 weeks	4 July	15 Aug

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TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS AUG/SEPT. 1946.

(c) Students		(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks
NOOs.	Troops.				
-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	First Student course commences 7 Oct
20	0ER	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Complete course including tactics
20	0dv				
15	-	4 weeks	16 July	13 Aug	Next recruit courses schedule for 15 Sept.
30	-				
20	-	4 weeks	18 July	15 Aug	
40	-	4 weeks	13 Aug	10 Sept	
-	575	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	No further courses scheduled until courses for recruits in Sept.
10	-	4 weeks	8 July	5 Aug	
-	-	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	
-	140	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	All recruit courses.
-	160	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
-	316	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
-	75	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
-	50	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
-	33	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
-	500	12 weeks	6 May	6 Aug	
90	-	6 weeks	4 July	15 Aug	

(a) School.	(b) Course	(c) Students			(d) Duration	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs	NCOs	Troops			
Infantry	Pl Weapons	33	90	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug
	Snipers	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug
	Carriers	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug
	3" Mortar	36	36	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug
	T A C	200	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct
	CAE Instrs.	50	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct
	Sniper	-	-	6	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept
	Mortar 3"	-	-	364	6 weeks	12 Aug	23 Sept
	M M G.	-	-	575	8-12 weeks	12 Aug	7-21 Oct
Police	Course No 6	20	25	75	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug
P.T.	Course No 5	30	60	-	12 weeks	12 Aug	4 Nov
Motorization and M R T C.	Recruit D & M	-	-	1394	14 weeks	25 May	31 Aug
	Turners	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec
	Blacksmiths	-	-	23	6 months	do	do
	Carpenters	-	-	23	6 months	do	do
	Welders	-	-	27	6 months	do	do
	Coach Trimmers	-	-	-	6 months	do	do
	Sheet metal workers	-	-	6	6 months	do	do
	Radiator repairers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Testers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Printers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Hydraulic brake spec	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Mult Rectifier	-	-	1	6 months	do	do
	Tyre repairs	-	-	5	6 months	do	do
Painting	-	-	6	6 months	do	do	



(a) Units	(d) Duration	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
Troops				
-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	Recruit courses. Date of commencement Subject to arrival of equipment. Duration dependent on type of equipment used.
-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
Gr	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept	
364	6 weeks	12 Aug	23 Sept	
575	8-12 weeks	12 Aug	7-21 Oct	
75 OCHP	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
-	12 weeks	12 Aug	4 Nov	
1394	14 weeks	25 May	31 Aug	Next D.I. Course scheduled for Sept 15th also Officers course but no further details available.
29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruction given at Instructional School Duc d' Aosta.  Instruction given at Centro Studi Rome.
23	6 months	do	do	
23	6 months	do	do	
27	6 months	do	do	
6	6 months	do	do	
1	6 months	do	do	
1	6 months	do	do	
1	6 months	do	do	
1	6 months	do	do	
1	6 months	do	do	
5	6 months	do	do	
6	6 months	do	do	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends
		Offrs	NCOs.	Troops			
(cont) N R T C	Fitters vehicle	-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb
	Engine Specialist	-	-	114	do	do	do
	Chassis Spec.	-	-	49	do	do	do
	Electricians	-	-	18	do	do	do
	Injectors pump spec	-	-	1	do	do	do
Adm and Welfare	Services	15 8 Air Force 10 CRR	9 Air Force	-	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug
	Man Management	8 8 Air force 7 CC.RR	7 6 Air Force	-	4 week	22 July	19 Aug
	Hygiene	17 1 Air Force	14 Air Force	-	do	do	do
	Office clerk	-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sep

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(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Students		Duration	Begins	Ends	Remarks.
NCOs.	Troops				
-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47	Instruction given at Fiat works Rome
-	114	do	do	do	
-	49	do	do	do	
-	18	do	do	do	
-	1	do	do	do	
9 Air Force	-	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
7 6 Air Force	-	4 week	22 July	19 Aug	
14 Air Force	-	do	do	do	
-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept.	



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Location Statement of Italian Schools

Ref: Maps Italy 1:200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1: 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference.
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitatevecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727
4.	School of Artillery P3 Branch A/A & A/T Branch	Bracciano Civitatevecchia	F 1890 F 1891
5.	School of Engineers	Civitatevecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cocchignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Cosano	F 6286
8.	Police School	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.T. School	Cosano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Cocchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	B 0723

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4.	School of Artillery Pd Branch	Branco	F 1890
5.	A/A & A/T Branch	Civitavecchia	F 1891
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9.	Police School	Roma	F 724672
10.	P.T. School	Cosano	F 6286
11.	School of Motorisation	Cocchignolo	F 7458
	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	B 0723

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STAFF LIST - 12 B.I.U.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O. I	T/Lt. Col.	A.M. GIBBY	ONE	(28390)	A & S.H.
G.S.O. III	T/Capt.	A.W. GIBBINS		(273416)	R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	T/Maj.	R.N.J. HILDARD		(256667)	R.B.
Staff Capt.	T/Capt.	W.R. TRIVELIAN		(256126)	R.B.

SERVICES

D.A.D.S.T.	T/Maj.	C.T. BERRIDGE	ONE	(120450)	R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.C.S.					
D.A.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	A.T. TWIES		(250119)	R.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH

STAFF

G.S.O. II (SCHOOLS)	T/Maj.	W.L. FRICS	ONE	(74688)	N.Staff
G.S.O. III (SCHOOLS)	T/Maj.	N.F. CHANCE		(67452)	R.Tr.Fus

R.A.

INSTRUCTOR R.A.



D.A.A. & J.M.C.	T/Maj.	R.N.J. HIRARD	(256667)	R.E.
Staff Capt.	T/Capt.	W.R. TREVELLAIN	(256126)	R.E.
<u>SERVICES</u>				
D.A.D.S.E.	T/Maj.	C.T. HERIDGE OBE	(120450)	R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.C.S.	T/Maj.	A.T. TWINE	(250115)	R.A.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	A.T. TWINE	(250115)	R.A.M.E.
<u>TRAINING BRANCH</u>				
<u>STAFF</u>				
G.S.O. II (SCHOOLS)	TRG T/Maj.	W.L. PRICE	(74688)	M.Staff
G.S.O. II (SCHOOLS)	TRG T/Maj.	N.P. OLMACE	(67432)	R.Tr.Pus
<u>R.A.</u>				
INSTRUCTOR R.A.	T/Maj.	G.K. ALEXANDER	(37447)	R.A.
<u>R.E.</u>				
INSTRUCTOR R.E.	T/Maj.	W.E. CHAMBLIN	(210260)	R.E.
<u>L.SIGNALS</u>				
INSTRUCTOR R.Signals				485
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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st AUGUST 1946

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	V.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	
1	SEMPER 3 TR LOAD	1560133		5241996	E	-	-	
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L. 5689402	6191	D. 604206	E	-	-	
3	CHRYSLER 3 ton 4x2 G.S.	L. 5686553	21 2920	3154.305.131	-	-	B.L.R.	
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L. 5313398		F.15421	-	L.R.	-	
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L. 5230009	4282-1998	91019097	E	-	-	
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L. 5338223	-	-	E	-	-	Rel B.L.
7	WILLYS 600 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	L. 1123	1560869	-	L.R.	-	
8	WILLYS 600 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	L. 6175571	2370355	UV.6142	E	-	-	Rel Aut
9	JEEP 600 4 str 4 x 4	5626571	-	G. 15442	E	-	-	Rel
10	"	515838	-	-	-	-	-	

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Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
5241996	E	-	-	FAIR.
D. 604206	E	-	-	GOOD.
3154.305.134	-	-	B.L.R.	-
154214	-	L.R.	-	FAIR.
91018097	E	-	-	GOOD.
-	E	-	-	Held on V.R. of 10, B.L.U. loaned to 12 B.L.U.
1560869	-	L.R.	-	GOOD.
UT. 6142	E	-	-	Held in lieu of 15 cent Dodge U. 4982463 Authy No. 11 La. 3.204 dated 27 May 1946
UT. 154042	E	-	-	Requires New Engine.
-	E	-	-	FAIR.



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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient.	Local Repair (IR)
11	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	N.563669L	-	-	E	-
12	MILITARY CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5101007	-	-	E	-
13	TRIUMPH M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.542626L	S. 2956	-	E	-
14	BSA M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.511 7266	23/3/1048	-	E	-
15	"	C.1461106	B. 182	-	E	-
16	"	C.5547039	294/235/5209	-	E	-
<u>BIKE TRC INCIDENT.</u>						
1	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	S.4740602	23959	C/D.2079	-	L.R.
2	BSA M/C 500 C.C.	C.1431656	-	VM. 20-21207	E	-
3	"	C.5548060	-	VM. 20-106553	E	-
4	"	C.4706071	-	VM. 20-73779	E	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB correct.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
-	-	E	-	-	BLR.
-	-	E	-	-	GOOD
S. 2956	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
23/3/1048	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
B. 182	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
294/235/5209	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
23959	C/D.2079	-	L.R.	-	GOOD.
-	VM. 20-21207	E	-	-	GOOD.
-	VM. 20-106553	E	-	-	GOOD.
-	VM. 20-73779	E	-	-	GOOD.

and on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected and found

.....Lt. Colonel  
G.S.

Appx F to 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 20  
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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. Ci/1018/4 dated 1 June 45 (As amended)

( ) Officers

D.I.D.O.S. - Major  
Instr. R. Sigs Major

(ii) Other Ranks

	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Totals
Clerks BACC L/Cpl	-	-	-	1	1
Storeman Tech. BACC Cpl.	-	-	1	-	1
Arm. Art. (Fd) S/Sgt	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech. Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Elec. Veh. & Plant Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Mech. Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech REE Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Instrs R.A. Sgts	-	2	-	-	2
Clerk G.D. (RA) Gnr	-	1	-	1	1
Instr (Mortar) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (6 pr A/P) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (Corridor) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks G.D. (Any Arm) Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks G.D. (Any Arm) Pte	-	-	-	1	1
Instr. R.L. Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Op W/P (R Sigs) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
G.D. Mon L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
" Pto	-	-	-	1	1
Motor Cyclists Ptes	-	-	-	2	2
Cook A.C.C. Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Intermeter Sgt	-	1	-	-	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers

NIL

(ii) Other Ranks

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1 AGES (REE) due to return 10 Aug 46.









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File ST/ 142

Discipline  
 Health  
 General

Accommodation  
 Clothing  
 Vehicles  
 Accommodation Stores  
 General

Training Stores  
 Training Areas  
 Training Accommodation  
 Courses completed during the month  
 Courses in progress  
 Forecast of courses  
 General remarks, recruit training (Where applicable)  
 General remarks, other training.

"Q" Points

- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

"G" Points

- 12.
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Give full comments.

3. D.A.A. & Q.M.G. will submit a report on 12 E.L.U., to include the following points:-

- a. Arrival and departure of officers.
- b. Changes in strength of other ranks.
- c. Forecast of changes in officers and O.R.'s
- d. Accommodation.
- e. Vehicles
- f. General points

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4. Appendices to Progress Report.

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- 'A' Course results
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- 'C' Staff List (British)
- 'D' Staff List (Italian)
- 'E' Vehicle State, 12 D.L.U.
- 'F' Personnel State, 12 D.L.U.
- 'G' Extra appendices as required

Responsibility

- Officers affiliated to schools
- G.S.O. 3
- " "
- " "
- D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
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5. Reports may be submitted to this office in legible manuscript.

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Lt. Col.  
G. S.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.L.).  
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20 July 45.

John

SUBJECT:- School of Motorisation - Progress Report.

O.C. 12 B.L.V.

Copy to:- A.D.S.F. ←

'A' POINTS.

Instructors. H.F.S.

Administrative Staff.

As mentioned in previous reports this School is short of Regimental Officers of the right type. The Commandant has taken this up with the War Ministry.

Welfare.

A new office has been added to the Canteen and better sleeping accommodation is now available for the permanent staff.

White coats for the staff, a new bacon slicing machine and a weighing machine have been purchased out of the profits, the takings of which for June stand at 39,000 lire.

A system of distribution of the profits from Italian Army Canteens has been devised by the Ministry of War and is contained in a Directive issued by them whereby 25% of the profit is returned to the Ministry of War towards the repayment of the original grant, 10% towards a reserve fund, 50% towards welfare in the form of comforts and the remainder as prizes for outstanding recruits and it was noticed that a very careful record is kept of all these expenditures.

This theatre is now in use and concert parties from Rome are giving weekly performances.

Discipline.

This has improved during the last month which is due mainly to the passing of the elections and its attendant propaganda.

Health.

The general health of the fit recruits remains good but few too many men, nearly 20%, are of low grade category when they arrive

Welfare.

A new office has been added to the Cantons and better sleeping accommodation is now available for the permanent staff. White coats for the staff, a new bacon slicing machine and a weighing machine have been purchased out of the profits, the takings of which for June stand at 59,000 lire.

A system of distribution of the profits from Italian Army Cantons has been devised by the Ministry of War and is contained in a directive issued by them whereby 25% of the profit is returned to the Ministry of War towards the repayment of the original grant, 10% towards a reserve fund, 50% towards welfare in the form of comforts and the remainder as prizes for outstanding recruits and it was noticed that a very careful record is kept of all these expenditures.

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Health.

The general health of the fit recruits remains good but far too many men, nearly 20%, are of low grade category when they arrive and it appears that sufficient attention is not given at the C.A.B.s in the selection of personnel for driving instruction especially in 479 regards to eyesight.

General.

The internal administration regarding records and documentation of recruits is good and is carried out with meticulous care.

10. POINTS.

Accommodation.

Owing to the end of the financial year all kit work has stopped until such time as further money is allotted but the Commandant states that a large sum will be forthcoming and that an early resumption will be made.

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Clothing. N.F.R.

Vehicles.

The demand for replacement of vehicles is still outstanding with the Ministry of War and an appendix of deficiencies is attached. It is strongly advised that before the next course commences on Sept 15th serious efforts are made to bring up the strength state a little nearer to the WE. Owing to yet another strike by O.I.P. petrol is being drawn from reserve stocks at CESAMC. During the month of June only 80,000 litres were allotted against the demand for 160,000 litres but it is pointed out that the demand figure was based on a full WE of vehicles so that the petrol received was adequate for the number of vehicles on the road.

Accommodation Stores. N.F.R.

General.

The vehicle question is acute. The only runners are an odd assortment of Allied vehicles of 21 different makes and the Italian vehicles are so old worn out as to be practically useless. Col. NIGRI has made every effort to obtain releases from the Ministry of War without success.

'C' POINTS.

Training Stores. N.F.R.

Training Areas. N.F.R.

Training Accommodation.

Accommodation for officers is extremely limited. Col. MIARI has applied to the Ministry of War for the return of the buildings now occupied by displaced persons.

Courses completed during month. NIL.

Course in progress.

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Courses completed during month. NIL.

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Forecast of courses.

The next D & M course is due to commence on Sept 15th and the first Officers Course on the same date.

General.

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The two points needing most attention are (a) shortage of Regimental Officers and (b) shortage of transport.

*W. M. ...*

Major, RAUSF,  
Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (MGA).



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Major, MAJST,  
Land Forces Sub Com. AD. (MILIA).

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TRANSLATION

From:- HQ School of Motorisation  
To :- HQ Central Military School

13 July 46  
01477/est

Subject:- Vehicles WE.

In order to complete the WE of vehicles it is necessary to replenish the deficiencies shown in the list hereunder.

Type of vehicle	W/E	Holdings	Deficiencies
Motor-cycles	100	51	49
Passenger vehicles	24	10	14
Heavy Lorries	248	189	59
Light Lorries	40	14	26
Everywhere Lorries	12		12
Water Cleansers	1		1
Workshop Lorries	4	1 (1)	3
Light Carriers	8		8

(1) Two of them have been received from 155 Workshop, but only one is being considered as the efficiency of the other vehicle and machinery must be considered B.L.R.

Sgd Colonnello Nigri.

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July 29

SUBJECT:- School of Motorisation - Progress Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
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ST/142

A.D.S.T.

20 July 45.

Copy to:- 12 BLU.

PERSONNEL.

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This work which has made great progress has now stopped owing to the end of the financial year but it is rumoured that a large sum of money is to be allotted and the Commandant is confident that an early resumption will be made.

The cookhouse should be finished by the end of the month, one cooking range having been completed and the other almost so. This will improve things a good deal and will reduce the number of men now employed on keeping a dozen 'soya' stoves in action.

The class rooms in the main building to be used for the Officers course have been decorated throughout and present a very smart appearance. Working sectional demonstration engines, chassis, gear boxes and back axles have been installed and the sixteen rooms are designed one for each task system.

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WELF. S/S.

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A new office has been added to the canteen and better sleeping accommodation is now available for the permanent staff while coats for the staff, a new bacon slicing machine and a weighing machine have been purchased out of the profits which now stand at 39,000 lire.

A system of distribution of the profits from Army Canteens has been devised by the Ministry of War and is contained in a directive issued by them whereby 25% of the profit is returned to the Ministry of War towards the repayment of original grant, 10% towards a reserve fund 50% towards welfare in the form of comforts and the remainder as prizes for outstanding students and it was noticed that a very careful record was kept of all these expenditures.

The theatre is now in use and concert parties from ROMS are giving weekly performances.

GENERAL.

Although this first course was rather an experimental one and was greatly interfered with by strikes and the elections the results would appear encouraging, many snags have been eliminated and a good deal ~~less~~ so that the next one due to start on Sept 15th should show many improvements.

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*P. Munnick*

Major, DADST,  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MFLA).

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*P. M. ...*

Major, DAIST,  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

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INT:- G (Training)



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FILE

SUBJECT:- School of Motorisation - Progress Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.V.I.A.).  
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ST/142

C.O. 12 B.L.V.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T.

20 July 46.

1. POINTS.

Instructions. M.T.H.

Administrative Staff.

As mentioned in previous reports this School on short of Regimental Officers of the right type. The Commandant has taken this up with the War Ministry.

Welfare.

A new office has been added to the Canteen and better sleeping accommodation is now available for the permanent staff. White coats for the staff, a new beam sewing machine and a weighing machine have been purchased out of the profits, the takings of which for June stand at 57,000 lire.

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Disciplining.

This has improved during the last month which is due mainly to the passing of the elections and its attendant propaganda.

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General.

The internal administration regarding records and documentation of recruits is good and is carried out with meticulous care.

10. POINTS.

Accommodation.

Owing to the end of the financial year all H.S. work has stopped until such time as further money is allotted but the Commandant states that a large sum will be forthcoming and that an early resumption will be made.

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The cookhouse is now finished and General KERO came to inspect the new ranges on July 25th. The completion of this work will improve things a good deal and will reduce the number of men now employed on keeping a dozen 'suya' stoves in action. The class rooms in the main building for use of the officers course have been decorated throughout and present a very smart appearance. Working sectional demonstration engines, chassis, gear boxes and back axles have been installed and the sixteen rooms are designed one for each task system.

Clothing. N.T.R.

Vehicles.

The demand for replacement of vehicles is still outstanding with the Ministry of War and an appendix of deficiencies is attached. It is strongly advised that before the next course commences on Sept 15th serious efforts are made to bring up the strength state a little nearer to the 100. Owing to yet another strike by G.I.P. petrol is being drawn from reserve stocks at GESSING. During the month of June only 80,000 litres were allotted against the demand for 160,000 litres but it is pointed out that the demand figure was based on a full 100 of vehicles so that the petrol received was adequate for the number of vehicles on the road.

Accommodation Stores. N.T.R.

General.

The vehicle question is acute. The only runners are an odd assortment of Allied vehicles of 21 different makes and the Italian vehicles are so old worn out as to be practically useless. Col. NIEMI has made every effort to obtain releases from the Ministry of War without success.

'C' POINT.

Training Stores. N.T.R.

Training Areas. N.T.R.

Training Accommodation.

Accommodation for officers is extremely limited. Col. NIEMI has applied to the Ministry of War for the return of the buildings now occupied by displaced persons.

Courses completed during month. NIL.

Courses in progress.



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Accommodation Shortage. H.T.R.

General.

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Course completed during month. Nil.

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Forecast of courses.

The next B & M course is due to commence on Sept 15th and the first Officers Course on the same date.

General.

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The two points needing most attention are (a) shortage of Regimental Officers and (b) shortage of transport.

*W. H. ...*

Major, M.A.S.F.,  
Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (MILA).

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*W. M. ...*

MAJOR, BUNDT,  
LAND FORCE, 5th COMM. AC. (MILA).

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REPORT - School of Motorcyclists - Progress Report

Leah Parsons Sub Comm. AG,  
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ST/442

20 July 46.

Copy to: 12 MJL.

A.P.S.T.

PERSONNEL

A general estimate of the final number of recruits now in their ninth week of training who will be able to qualify for a driving licence can be made and 8% would appear to be a fairly accurate forecast. Some 200 men, most of whom had previous experience of driving qualified last week as motor-drivers and a further 50 as motor-cyclists and it is anticipated that a further 200 will qualify in another week time.

The system by which the men are posted by the C&S appears unsatisfactory in as much that the personnel affected are mixed and are directed to units irrespective of their suitability, one case in point is of a soldier who has spent most of the course in hospital being posted as a driver to a Combat Division. It is therefore strongly advised that personnel are posted by numbers only and that the selection of the men is left to the jurisdiction of Col. NIERI. This would also allow Col. NIERI to select a number of men as future instructors for his next course as he has received authority to increase his present holdings.

The demand for replacement of vehicles is still outstanding with the Ministry of War and an appendix of deficiencies is attached. It is recommended that before the next course commences, Sept. 15th, serious efforts are made to bring the strength close up a little nearer to the 100.

Being to get motor strike by CIP petrol is being drawn from reserve stocks at JERAM. During the month of June only 20,000 litres were allotted against the demand of 160,000 litres but it is pointed out that the demand figure was based on a fall of vehicles so that the petrol received was adequate for the number of vehicles on the road.

P.A. NIERI

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serious efforts are made to bring the strength up a little nearer  
to the 300.

Owing to yet another strike by CIP petrol is being drawn from  
reserve stocks at OSSAGE. During the month of June only 30,000 litres  
were allotted against the demand of 160,000 litres but it is pointed out  
that the demand figure was based on a full 8% of vehicles so that the  
petrol received was adequate for the number of vehicles on the road.

R.E. MOORE

This work which has made great progress has now stopped owing  
to the end of the financial year but it is rumoured that a large sum of  
money is to be allotted and the Commandant is confident of an early  
resumption will be made.

The workshops should be finished by the end of the month, one  
cooking range having been completed and the other almost so. This will  
improve things a good deal and will reduce the number of men now employed  
on keeping a dozen 'saga' stoves in action.

The dining room in the main building to be used for the Officers  
courses have been decorated throughout and present a very smart appearance.  
Sixty sectional demonstration engines, chassis, gear boxes and back  
axles have been installed and the six-ton room are designed one for each  
truck system.

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to leave

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SECRET

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SECRET

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The two points needing most attention are (a) shortage of Regimental Officers and (b) shortage of transport.

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Major, DUNIT,  
Land Forces Sub Com. AF. (INDIA).

INT: G (Training)





TRANSLATION

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FROM : HQ School of Motorisation  
 TO : HQ Central Military Schools

13 July 46  
 01477/Mat

SUBJECT:- Vehicles WE.

In order to complete the WE of vehicles it is necessary to replenish the deficiencies shown in the list hereunder.

Type of vehicle	W/E	Holdings	Deficiency
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Passenger vehicles	24	10	14
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Sgd. Col. Nigel

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for Period 1 - 30 June 1946

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Ref: G/A.3/1135

1 July 1946.

GENERAL.

For the first fortnight of the month, training at the various Schools was interrupted by the absence of recruits and permanent staff on security measures required for the election and referendum period. The outcome of the referendum was greeted with great disappointment by many of the officers, whose initial thoughts favoured resignation of their commissions. Training, however, has now recommenced and is progressing favourably. Shortage of equipment and slowness of constructional work to buildings still renders it impracticable to run courses at the Infantry and Tactical Schools. An effort is being made to transfer non-political, civilian sponsored cadets at the H.Q. Central Military Schools and eventually at all schools. If successful, this scheme will improve the present extremely low standard of welfare facilities.

1.

School of Tactics.

The constructional work on the buildings of this School are progressing but at a rate which is far from satisfactory. The new instructors who were promised by SIME have not yet arrived and it appears that this is due to the reluctance on the part of officers to serve at Civitavecchia. Throughout the month Colonel Guin and the old Distructors from SIVA have been preparing lectures and lecturing programs for future courses. A course will be held commencing on 20 July to train instructors for the School and it is not envisaged that the School will be ready for student courses until September unless the most vigorous action is taken by SIME to accelerate the speed of constructional repairs.

2.

Armoured Car School.

Excellent progress has been maintained in the constructional works in progress at this School. Over the election period 60 Officers and NCO's were received from the Divisions for training and to form crews for Staghounds which were 'unmarked' for operational duties.

The second of the series of courses including tactics will commence on August 13th 1946. During the first part of July it is proposed that Officers and NCO's on the permanent staff of the School should attend a course of instruction on the repair of Staghounds at the Centro Studi in Rome. During the latter half of the month 90 - 100 Carabinieri will attend a course at the School. A scaling for 'Staghound' spares is being compiled.

3.

School of Artillery.

Training during the month has been confined to recruit training, the first intake of which is now in its last week. The courses scheduled to be held at the school during the month are:



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3. School of Artillery.

Training during the month has been confined to recruit training, the first intake of which is now in its last week. The courses scheduled to be held at the School during the month were cancelled owing to the elections. The following factors have lowered the general standard of training.

1. The failure to instal miniature ranges at BRACCIANO. No <sup>467</sup> ranges have yet been made by the Italians to use ranges left by the British School of Artillery.
2. It is not possible to train Anti Tank gunnerts efficiently without the use of a 125 type of miniature range. The use of the guns at the moment fitted with .22 rifle adaptors has been stopped owing to the shortage of ammunition.

3. Although daily silent practice shooting with 40 mm guns is now possible the method is yet available for live shooting, other than against ground targets. SMRE have been urged to pursue this matter in liaison with the Air Force Sub Commission. A letter has been received at the School of Artillery from the Chief of BRACCIANO which demands that the ranges in the proximity of the School be closed. It is felt that the main advantage of the School of Artillery being located at BRACCIANO lies in the fact that the ranges are available in that area.

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School of Artillery (Continued)

3. Much of the essential training equipment has been released during the month.

School of Engineers.

The training of recruits has progressed during the month. Their morale and health have shown a marked improvement. The course for recruits is due to terminate on 6 July '46 and the results of the sixth week examinations are as follows :-

Day.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average
1 Field Works	12	27	-	54	10
2 Defences	10	-	90	56	17
3 Bridging	6	-	70	82	20
4 { Mines &	6	-	100	64	12
5 { Explosives	15	12	34	105	21
6 { Roadworks	10	8	20	102	13
7 { & Water	25	15	30	130	20
8 { Supply	10	36	52	102	5
	94	98	396	695	118

TOTAL = 1,401.

Although much of the transport held on the strength of the School is in bad condition, the transport situation is now improved and adequate for requirements. 2 D4 Bulldozers have been loaned to the School and during the month equipment for sections of Bailey Pontoon Bridges has been received.

School of Signals.

Progress during the month has been disappointing. This is attributed to the uncertainty created by the elections. In consequence the main block of classrooms, which it was predicted would be ready for occupation by 1 June are only now nearing completion. The recruit training courses are progressing according to schedule and the two months course for Switchboard operators, Linemen and Despatch Riders will terminate on 15 July '46. It had been hoped to reduce the numbers of recruits attending one class but owing to the fact that 60 NCO instructors have been away for three weeks on wireless communication duties connected with the elections, this has not been possible. Most of the equipment released recently to the School has been unpacked and assembled. Some of the equipment is in a very bad state of repair and attempts will be made to exchange it.

Infantry School.

Little progress has been made at this School during the month and it

6	Roadworks	10	8	20	102	13
7	& Water	25	15	30	130	20
8	Supply	10	36	52	102	5
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5. School of Signals.

Progress during the month has been disappointing. This is attributed to the uncertainty created by the elections. In consequence the main block of classrooms, which it was predicted would be ready for occupation by 1 June are only now nearing completion. The recruit training courses are progressing according to schedule and the two months course for Switchboard operators, Linesmen and Despatch Riders will terminate on 15 July '46. It had been hoped to reduce the numbers of recruits attending one class but owing to the fact that 60 NCO instructors have been away for three weeks on wireless communication duties connected with the elections, this has not been possible. Most of the equipment released recently to the School has been unpacked and assembled. Some of the equipment is in a very bad state of repair and attempts will be made to exchange it.

6. Infantry School.

Little progress has been made at this School during the month and it remains the most backward school of the Centre. Quite apart from lack of training materials, the accommodation at the School is quite unsuitable to receive recruits who have been accustomed to excellent conditions at the C.A.R.'s. Installation of an efficient water supply, improvement of internal roads, construction of ranges are a few of the necessities considered vital before the School is able to function smoothly. Whilst the preparation of lectures and précis for courses to be held at a future date are nearing completion and the training of instructors is progressing, it is felt that unless the administrative and constructional problems at the School are solved adequately and quickly, the training of recruits throughout the entire recruit Italian Army will be jeopardized.

A detailed report by the GSO II (Schools) Training, 12 E.L.U. is forwarded as Appendix 'A' to this report.

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7. Dulice School.

The next course at this School will commence on 6 July 1946 and will consist of training 60 Regimental police for the Schools. Before the course is able to take place an adjustment in the allocation of accommodation at the Collegio Militare will be necessary.

8. R.T. School.

The three months course was completed on 22 June '46. The course, whilst on the whole satisfactory, did not achieve all the results hoped for. The standard of recruits on arrival was low and many failed to complete the course.

The results were as follows :-

Suitable for Instructors at School	4
Regimental Instructors above average	6
Regimental Instructors	11
Assistant Instructors	24
Failed	55
TOTAL.	<u>60</u>

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11. M.O.A.

The course of instruction on Inspection of Artillery equipment has continued during the month. It is attended by fourteen civilians and one Artillery Captain. All the civilians have had previous experience in Armament factories and the standard is fair. Four of the civilians are instrument specialists and having studied the sighting arrangements on British Artillery carriages are now specialising on British instruments. This course has been very seriously held up by lack of gauges.

11. M.O.A. (Continued).

A small workshop has been formed at the School of Artillery to carry out first line repairs to Artillery Equipment and to facilitate repairs to training aids, e.g. targets etc. Two Italian NCO Mechanics have now been trained to supervise repairs and another two are now proficient Instrument Mechanics.

12. School of Administration and Welfare.

Constructional work has progressed satisfactorily but there is still room for much improvement in the water and lighting installations. The students' canteen is also as yet unfinished. The general standard of accommodation is however, sufficiently high to commence courses on 15th July, the date fixed by the Ministry of War. A grant of 380,000 Lire has been made to the School for the purchase of training stores. Visits have been made during the month by members of the permanent staff to the C.W.I. Canteen in Rome and the U.S. School of Typing at Caserta. Arrangements have been made for the Chief Instructor of the Medical Assistants course to visit 76 A.M.C.L.U. and 62 Field Hygiene Section at NAPLES.

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The fact that C.A.R. instructors receive instructor's pay is a cause for discontent amongst the instructors of the military schools.

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Appendix "A"  
To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report  
No. 19 dated 1 July 1946

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel: ROME 478808)

SUBJECT: Progress Report Infantry School

TO : Commander 12 B.L.U.  
G.S.O. III

1. General Progress

The absence of a complete Company in Rome on Public security duties has hampered the formation of Instructors. However a certain amount of useful training has been possible. The worries of the school are principally two, the lack of any progress in resolving the accommodation problems and the non arrival of training equipment. The situation at present is that all arrangements possible for the training side have been made for the courses for which there is equipment, and the following courses could be run with a fair standard of instruction.

1. Tactical courses for Company, Platoon and Section Commanders.
2. Sniper Courses.
3. Carrier Driving and Maintenance.

The following courses could be run with moderate results only, as they are handicapped by the following reasons:

1. 3" Mortar Course for Instructors.  
38 sets not yet received, and other minor items of training equipment required.
2. Platoon Weapons Course.  
The rifle ranges are not yet constructed and only crude improvisations available.

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Owing to the fact that of the 16 Machine guns held, all are without any spare parts or fire control apparatus.
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It is considered unreasonable to invite officers and men to a school in a place where there is an unreliable water supply. As has been stated before in a different letter, there is a fair incidence of scabies at CESANO which is likely to increase if measures are not taken to deal with the water supply. At present little real effort appears to be made to end this state of affairs.

Further the conditions of accommodation for the Officers is still extremely bad. An Officer is likely to get a room where there is no electric light, furniture, other than a bed, and with no glass in the windows.

Moreover the mess will have tables and utensils, but there is no form of ante-room or canteen or club which can offer any attraction to the student to remain in billets.

If the Officer accommodation is bad, that of the men is far worse, though the N.C.O.'s are probably better off than the remainder.

The men's kitchens remain in the same crude condition as in February 1945 in any cases. It is known, trouble was not with the soldiers at that time who were prepared to put up with bad living conditions. Incidents may confidently be expected if and when a large number of recruits are received from the C.A.R.s. Dining halls are only available for a very small percentage of the soldiers.

While it is considered that the School Commander in many ways lacks drive and energy, on the other hand comparisons with schools about the size of the Infantry School Headquarters with adequate funds to spend, are unfair to the Commander.



Again the School Command of a school of this size has plenty to think about in the training and normal administrative functions without having to bother himself in the scrounging of items which it might be expected to be automatically issued. It is believed correct when it is stated that neither the General Commanding nor any of his senior officers have visited the Infantry School since the transfer to Rome. Nor for that matter has the General ever inspected, in the British sense of the word, the Infantry School.

Lack of visits equally apply to representatives of ROYAL TERRITORIAL FORCE and the Ministry of War.

+++ Again training is impeded by the vehicle situation. The Stato Maggiore have frequently been approached about this and promises have been received but little concrete results have been observed.

As it will be remembered, the Infantry School received the vehicles of such units as the 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1500 Transport Platoon etc. These vehicles were received in an appalling condition which accounts for the list of vehicles below looking more like the inventory of R.V.P. than Transport held by an Infantry School.

Type	Establishment	On Charge	Paper Deficiency	B.I.R.	Actual Deficiency
M/C	20	12	8	9	17
Cars	8	8	=	5	5
3 Ton	16	14	2	6	8
15 cwt	24	16	8	10	18
Workshop Lorry	1		1		1
Water Trucks	2		2		2

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Again, the appearance of the soldiers is still far from satisfactory though saluting has improved. This is blamed by the school on the fact that all the summer uniform issued is part worn material from last year and is in a very bad state of repair.

It will be seen from the above remarks that the progress of the school is such that well as miracles happen the advisability of starting courses as given in a subsequent paragraph is open to question.

## 2. Detailed Progress by Courses.

### Infantry Courses.

Owing to the uncertainty of the arrival of some items of equipment the motion courses will be less ambitious than had been hoped.

Moreover while each school could help the others by demonstrations etc. and the aid of other arms, I.C. Air Force could be requested, little support for this is obtained from the H.Q. Schools who are acting more and more as a post office and less as a body

to control and direct training.

The result is a course which will be useful to those units who have little knowledge of British methods and equipment, but of little use as the permanent course of the Central Infantry School.

At present copies of the programmes, précis etc. are being printed and will be distributed when received.

A further point concerning the tactical and also the other courses of the Infantry School, is that the Ministry of War look on the Infantry School as a place where an officer or NCO who has been a P.O.W., or is otherwise out of touch with Infantry matters may be sent to gain a knowledge of British minor tactics and weapons. The result being that much has to be included in the programme which otherwise would not be taught.

I have constantly stressed on the Italian H.Q. the importance of issuing clear joining instructions and if students arrive below the standard requested, of returning them to their units. Little notice, it is regretted, has been taken of this advice with the result that training is done at the Infantry School which should be done at the unit. Another minor disadvantage is the shortage of training manuals dealing with the employment of major units in the Italian Army. British Manuals and Methods go a certain way but there is need for definite instruction on the employment of the Italian Infantry Division and the administrative background.

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Platoon Weapons Course

Internal Instruction continues and some work is being put in on the ranges. It is however essential that a proper range be built on the lines of the plans submitted some months ago. It is all wrong that C.A.P.'s should have proper ranges and the Central School be forced to put up with a glorified ditch.

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3" Mortar Training.

This was broken by the elections. The final 10 days of the course, however, will be started on the 25th of the month.

3. Projected Courses.

The following are the projected future courses. It will be seen that a number of students from other arms will be attending and that courses outside the scope of the Infantry School are being run. This has been opposed without success.

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Course	Marines			Air Force			Army			Total			Starts
	O	N	T	O	N	T	O	N	T	O	N	T	
Tactics	17			30			47						July 1
300	12			24			12						" "
300										144			
7.5"	7												July 6
3" Mortar	12			24			45			144			" "
Sniper							36			36			" "
Carriers							10			20			" "
3" Mortar							10			20			" "
Snipers										390			August "
Trainers										60			" "
										275			" "
G.A.S. Inst.													August 26th
Trainers										50			
										150			

O = Officers  
 N = N.C.O.'s  
 T = Troops

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  - Subalterns 13
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There are very few soldiers at Cesano at the moment. The Generation Company is the only body with any recruits ~~140~~ <sup>160</sup> C.A.R.'s. These do not stand Cesano very comfortable and 7 of them decided to return to their C.A.R. at Turin.

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MINIMUM

This is almost non-existent.

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Recommendations

The Ministry of War is not very school conscious, in fact in a list of what the army consists of issued to the recruits the Schools are left out all together. It is felt that far more visits and inspections should be made not just "Swags" where all that is seen are a few specially cleaned class rooms and specially arranged classes. From the British angle every effort must be made to press for the completion of work at the Infantry School. Cesano was selected by the British and if it is left in the

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state it is now, it will always be unpopular and a bit of a white elephant.

It is further recommended that the Commander of the Infantry School should be a Brigadier. This would offset the Infantry weakness in having no inspectors at the Ministry of War. This would leave the present School Commander free to supervise the training while the Brigadier deals with the accommodation and administrative problems that occupy the majority of his time at the moment.

It is also true to say that the present commander of the Infantry School has recently become very tired and possibly lacks drive. The question is however whether one would find a better Commander.

Further it has always been considered that the Infantry School has too many wings, Tactical, Platoon Weapons and Infantry Support Weapons, better results would be achieved in the long run, recruits being trained in specialist weapons at their units.

(Signed) W.L. PRICE.

Major G.S.O. II  
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APPENDIX 'B'

To: 12 B. L. U. Progress Report No. 19  
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Ref. Maps ITALY 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.  
1 : 12,000 Town plan of Rome (South).

Serial No.	Schools	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	HQ, Central Military Schools.	ROME	F. 724672
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	TOR di QUINTO	F. 738727
4.	School of Artillery (M, Branch).	TRACCIANO	F. 4890
5.	School of Artillery (AA & A/T Branch).	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
7.	Signal School.	COCCHIGLIA	F. 7458
8.	Infantry School.	CESANO	F. 6286
9.	Police School.	ROME	F. 724672
10.	P.T. School.	CESANO	F. 6286
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12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI	B. 0723



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APPENDIX 'C'.

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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST  
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GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

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 GSC III

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ADJUTANT AND QUARTER MASTER GENERAL BRANCH.

DAA & QAG

Staff Captain

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SERVICES.

PLSC

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 T/Maj. J.C. Malkot (95549) RASC.

IMDCS

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DAFD

T/Maj. A.T. Twine (230619) RMLI.

TRAINING BRANCH  
STAFF

GSC II (SCHOOL) Trg.

T/Maj. W.L. Price MBE (73388) R.Staff

GSC II (SCHOOL) Trg.

T/Maj. H.F. Chance (67332) R.Tr.Tr.

Rele.

Instructor R.A. (16,107)

T/Maj. G.K. Alexander (37447) R.A.

R.E.



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T/Maj. J.C. Lalkot (95549) RASC.

T/Maj. T.H. Storthose (127395) RASC.

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T/Maj. W.L. Price MBE (74688) R. Staff

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
1	STAFF CAR FORD	1560133		5241996		IR	
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L.5689402	SM 6191	D.604206	E		
3	CHEVROLET 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5686553	SM 2920	3154.305.134	E		
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z.5313398		F.15421/11	E		
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z.5230009	4282-1998	91018097	E		
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z.5338223			E		He 12
7	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S.1443	1560069	E		
8	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M.6175674	23/38555	UV.6144		IR	He Au
9	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871		OPT 154042	E		
10	"	5150386			E		
11	"	K.5636694			E		



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Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
5241996		IR		557
D.604206	E			
3154.305.134	E			
F.15421/1	E			
91018097	E			
	E			Hold on W.E. of HQ, ISMA. Loaned to 12 B.L.U.
1560069	E			
UV.6144		IR		Hold in lieu of 15 crt Dodge E.4982453 Autly HQ ISMA 2.204 dated 27 May 1946
OPT 154042	E			
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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Classis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Days Loan
12	TRIUMPH H/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.5426264	B.2956		E		
13	BSA H/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.511 7266	23/5/1048		E		
14	"	C.1461106	B. 182		E		
15	"	C.5517039	294/235/5209		E		
1	RECE TRG- INC SE INT. FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	Z.4740602	23959	C/D.2079	E		
2	BSA H/C 500 C.C.	C.1431656		VI. 20-21207	E		
3	"	C.5548060		VI. 20-106553	E		
4	"	C.4706071		VI. 20-73719	E		

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2956		E			
23/3/104B		E			
B. 162		E			
294/235/5209		E			
23959	C/D.2079	E			
	MI. 20-21207	E			
	MI. 20-106553	E			
	MI. 20-73779	E			

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 Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
 Italian Central Military Schools.



APPENDIX " F "

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report  
 No. 19 Dated 1 July 1946

(i) Deficiencies in all Ranks as against W.E. O4/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945.  
 (As Amended)

(i) Officers.

Commander - Lt. Col.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	S/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes.	Total.
Clerk	1	-	-	1	1
RAOC 1/Opl.	-	-	-	-	1
Arm. Art. (RD) S/Sgt. RUMR.	-	-	-	-	1
Workman Tech. Sgt. RUMR.	-	1	-	-	1
Slect. Veh. & Plant Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Mech. Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Cleank Tech. (Opl. "	-	-	1	-	1
Instructor Sgts. RA.	-	2	-	-	2
Cook (D. "	-	-	-	-	1
Instructor 6 pr. L/T Sgt.	-	1	-	1	1
Instructor (Carrier Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks (D. (any Arm)	-	-	-	2	2
Cook ACP.	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreter	-	1	-	-	1
	1	8	2	4	15

(ii) Details of all Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

(i) Officers.

NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

ILAP - 1 AGES due to return 10 Aug. 1946.

	S/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes.	Total
(ii) Other Ranks.					
Clock	1	-	-	1	1
RAOC I/Cpl.	-	-	-	-	-
Arm. Art. (RM) S/Sgt. RUMR.	-	-	-	-	-
Storeman Tech. Sgt. RUMR.	-	1	-	-	1
Elect. Veh. & Plant Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Tech. Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Clock Tech. Cpl. "	-	-	1	-	1
Instructor Sgts. RA.	-	2	-	-	2
Clock (H) "	-	-	-	1	1
Instructor 6 pr. A/T Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk GD. (any Arm)	-	-	-	2	2
Cook AC.	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreter	-	1	-	-	1
	1	8	2	4	15

(iii) Details of all Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

(i) Officers.

NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIAP - 1 AGMS due to return 10 Aug. 1946.

(c)	Details of all Ranks due for Leave in the Immediate future.	453
(i)	Due under LIAP, LILOP etc.	NIL.
(ii)	Due under GRO 1352/45	Officers. - 3
		O.R.'s. - 2
(iii)	Due for Release A/S Gps 34 & 35	O.R.'s. - 3
(iv)	Due for EXTEND during JULY.	O.R.'s. - 3

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SUBJECT:- School of Motorisation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(E.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
ST/142

S.M.R.F.

17 June 46.

Copy to:- 12 BUJ (ref your No/6/5/1726 of 14 June 46.)

1. The progress of the present driving course which started on May 16th has been considerably interfered with due to the state of alarm which prevailed during the election period. Of the 2139 recruits undergoing tuition 280 were removed on May 28th for guard duties in Rome and only 180 have been returned. Petrol supplies to the School were curtailed to meet any emergency and in consequence practical training was suspended for some days, the deficit however has now been made up.

2. The standard of discipline is still unsatisfactory due to lack of Regimental Officers (see my report of 24th May) and although the Commandant has requested another ten officers only two have arrived. Far too many recruits are going sick on frivolous excuses in order to be excused duty.

3. A large number of the Italian vehicles supplied are very old and nearly 50% are permanently off the road. In view of the fact that most of the Allied vehicles are of different manufacture the acquisition of spares is made more difficult and Col. RIGHI suggested that efforts be made to try and standardise the makes used. A list of the various types is being prepared and this department will endeavour to effect exchanges with other Italian units.

4. The RE work progresses slowly on the cookhouse and it would appear that this will be completed towards the end of this month.

5. The canteen continues to flourish and now shows a profit of 14,000 lire and it is proposed to expend this on the purchase of an automatic bacon slicer and macaroni making machine.

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ADJUT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MILIA),  
Lt. Col. RABBI.

INTERNAL:- S.O.R.F.

12 D.O.U Progress Report of Italian Central Military Schools  
for period 1 - 31 May 1946.

Ref: O/A.3/1152

1 June 1946.

GENERAL:

The training of the initial intake of recruits from GMRs, at the Artillery, Engineer, Signal and Motorization Schools has progressed during the month. It was apparent that the standard of accommodation and welfare facilities at GMRs 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.

During the last ten-days training has been interrupted by details for internal security measures for the elections. There is also a feeling of uncertainty prevalent which it is hoped will disappear after the results of the election are announced.

Propagandist activity on the part of civilians has been confined to the Civitavecchia area. The conduct of recruits and permanent staff, however, during the pre-election period has been good although relations between army and civilian authorities at Civitavecchia have at times been strained.

With the coming of warmer weather the need for efficient hygiene at all Schools is one of vital importance. If an epidemic of dysentery and other stomach ailments is to be avoided it is of the utmost importance that suitable flyproofing material be provided and that all barracks be treated with DDT at the earliest opportunity.

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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 R.E. work should have been completed. Arrangements have been made for the training of "Staghound" 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 & 10 officers & 20 NCOs of the Carabinieri.

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3. 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 'specchio' 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. 13	13	13	-
	6 pdr. 16	16	16	-
NCOs.	25 pdr. 21	21	18	3
	6 pdr. 32	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.

4. Engineer School.

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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 :

Coys.	Subject	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below average	Total
1	Field works	15	45	50	15	5	130
2	Defences	-	16	52	77	14	159

Boys.	Subject.	Excellent.	Very good.	Good.	Average.	Below average.	Total
3 & 4	Bridging	-	27	65	75	15	182
5 & 6	Mines & Explosives	7	53	60	36	4	160
7 & 8	Road works & Water Supply	-	-	9	105	-	114
		2	3	15	90	40	150
		8	16	32	162	12	230
		12	42	60	116	3	233
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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 ... 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
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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 <sup>14/6</sup> was purchased by the School from HQ. S.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 Scuolo from Cassano 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 & demonstrations has been carried out.

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 undergoing 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.

A course for 78 students, potential instructors, commenced on 6 May. The standard of the course is good but much valuable training is missed owing to the lack of 38 sets and other signal equipment.

(e) Vickers M.M.G.

Sixteen Vickers MMG were released from the 'Legnano' Division but since they arrived without spare parts or connected equipment, they are of little value except for instruction in mechanical subjects.

It is hoped that the Tactical, Weapon Training, 3-in Mortar and Sniper Instruction will commence on 1 July 1946. The date for the commencement of recruit instruction depends upon the arrival of weapons and equipment.

7. Police School.

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

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Pass	86
Failed	10
R.T.U.	

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Sickness etc.	4
TOTAL	100

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

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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 was despatched as it is regretted that none of the sports kit and training material exists at Monte Negro, 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 2,139 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 phased 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 unsuitable. 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.M.S. School.

On 17 May, 640 recruits had assembled at Cecchignola. It was then decided after a selection period that 400 would be retained at Cecchignola to attend a course for Section Mechanics, that approximately 100 would attend course 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 Pintericchio in trades of Fittery, Electrician and CI engine fuel pumps. The students in the latter two schools are being accommodated at the Caserma Regime Margherita - Viale Milizia.

Due to elections, tuition at these Schools will not commence before 8 June. S.M.C.A.

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A course which lasted one week was held for civilian armourers who received instruction in British weapons. All qualified. On 11 May a course was commenced for 15 civilian mechanics in inspection of artillery equipment. The course which is due to run for 6 weeks is at the moment held up for lack of staff.

11. School of Admin and Welfare.

Although progress has been made on constructional work, a further allocation of four million lire is required to complete the installation of latrines, water pipes etc. July 1 has been fixed as the date of commencement of all courses.

The Medical Assistants course was completed on the 28 April. In general the course was unobjectionable, mainly on account of the

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Although progress has been made on constructional work, a further allocation of four million lire is required to complete the installation of latrines, water pipes etc. July 1 has been fixed as the date of commencement of all courses.

The Medical Assistants course was completed on the 28 April. In general the course was unsatisfactory, mainly on account of the lack of training material and the poor selection of the students. Results were as follows:

16	Excellent.
10	Very Good.
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 scabies. It has now been decided that the Democracy courses will be held in ROAR.

12. Administration.  
(a) Ordnance.

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 became more serious every day. No M.T. spares have been released except the 60 day maintenance packs from BOLOGNA, 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 B.O.D. by the School of Signals.

(b) RYM.

155 Vehicle Repair Workshop was disbanded on 20 May and all personnel, stores and vehicles are being absorbed in the School of Motorisation.

(c) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

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.

(d) Honour.

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

- 1) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.
- 2) The poor financial status of Officers and Instructors.

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(d) Morale.

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APPENDIX A  
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To: 12 B. L. U. Progress Report No. 19  
Dated 1 June 1946

LAUNCHING AND TRAINING OF MILITARY SCHOOLS  
Nos. LAUNCH JULY 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1 : 12,000 Town plan of Reno (south)

Serial No.	School	Location	Ref Reference
1.	1. Central Military Schools	ROME	A. 724672
2.	School of Tactics	CENTRAFRONCE	A. 1191
3.	Armoured Car School	TOR DI QUINCY	P. 739727
4.	School of Artillery (M. Branch)	BRACIANO	P. 4090
5.	School of Artillery (MCA/T Branch)	CENTRAFRONCE	A. 1494
6.	Aviation School	CENTRAFRONCE	A. 1094
7.	Signal School	MONTECATINI	P. 7455
8.	Infantry School	CECCANO	P. 6286
9.	Police School	ROME	A. 724672
10.	S.T. School	CECCANO	P. 6286
11.	School of Identification	CENTRAFRONCE	P. 7455
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	ROME	B. 0703

4.	Armored Car School	FOR DI PULITO		P. 739727
5.	School of Artillery (all branches)	BRACCIANO		P. 1090
6.	School of Artillery (ASAC/T Branch)	CEVITAVICENZA		P. 1091
7.	Engineer School	CEVITAVICENZA		P. 1091
8.	Signal School	CACCHIBONICA		P. 7458
9.	Infantry School	CEPRANO		P. 6205
10.	Police School	ROME		P. 724672
11.	S.A. School	CEPRANO		P. 6206
12.	School of Motorisation	CACCHIBONICA		P. 7458
	School of Administration and Welfare.	ROME		B. 0703

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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST  
1 JUNE 1946

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

CSO I I/Col. L.H. Mackay OBE (59836)  
CSO III T/Capt. A.W. Gibbins (233416) R.A.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH.

DLA & QMG Staff Captain  
T/Capt. W.R. Trevolyan (256126) R.E.

SERVICES

IMLST W/Maj. C.T. Bouridge (120450) RASC.  
T/Maj. J.C. Halket (95549) RASC.  
DADOS T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127395) R.O.C.  
DAVE T/Maj. A.T. Tains (230819) R.E.M.

TRAINING BRANCH  
STAFF

CSO II (SCHOOLS) TRG. T/Maj. V.L. Price MBE (74688) N. Staff  
CSO II (SCHOOLS) TRG. T/Maj. M.F. Chance (67432) R.I.P.

R.A. Instructor R.A. (Major)

R.A. T/Maj. G.K. Alexander (87447) R.A.

R.A. Instructor R.E. (Major)

R.A. T/Maj. W.E. Chapman (210260) R.E.

R.A. Signals



DATA & SIG

Staff Captain

T/Capt. H.R. Trevolyan (256126) R.B.

SERVICES

DALST

W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (120450) R.S.C.  
T/Maj. J.C. Halkut (95549) R.S.C.

DADOS

T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127395) M.O.C.

DADFE

T/Maj. A.T. Twine (250819) R.E.F.

TRAINER BRANCH  
STAFF

CSO II (SCHOOLS) TRG.

T/Maj. W.L. Irice ~~LEE~~ (74638) N. Staffs

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Instructor R.A. (Major)

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R.S.

Instructor R.S. (Major)

T/Maj. V.E. Chapman (210260) R.S.

R. Signals

Instructor R. Sig. (Major)

T/Maj. D.R. Skinner (194077) R. Sig.

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To: 12 B.

Item No.	Vehicle Type	ID. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
1	STAMP CAR	1560133		5241996	E		
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L. 5689402	SM 6191	D. 604206	E		
3	CHEVROLET 3 ton 4 x 2 C.S.	L. 5686553	SM 2920	3154.305.134	E		
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	Z. 5313393		F. 15421/1	E		
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	Z. 5230009	1282-1998	91018097	E		
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	Z. 5338223			E		Hold 12 B.
7	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4x2 UTILITY	5100869	S. 1443	1560869		LR	
8	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4x2 UTILITY	M. 6175674	23/58555	UV. 6144	E		Hold Autry
9	JEEP CAR 1WD 4 str 4x4	5626871		GM 154042	E		
10	"	5158386			E		
11	"	M. 5636694			E		

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Lot	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks	
	5241996	E			442	
51	D.604206	E				
20	3154.305.134	E				
	F.15421/II	E				
998	91018097	E				
		E				Hold on W.E. of HQ, MIA. Loaned to 12 B.L.U.
	1560889		LR			
55	UV.6144	E				Hold in lieu of 15 cur Dodge C.4902463 Autty HQ MIA 3.204. dated 27 May 1946
	GM 154012	E				
		E				
		E				



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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	V.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
12	TRUENH M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.5426204	S.2956		E		
13	BSA M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.5117256	23/3/1048		E		
14	"	C.1461106	B.182		E		
15	"	C.5547039	294/235/5209		E		
<u>REMS TRG FOREIGN.</u>							
1	FORD TRUCK 15cwt 4x2 GS	C.4740602	23959	C/D.2079	E		
2	BSA M/C 500 C.C.	C.1431656		WL 20-21207	E		
3	"	C.5548060		WL 20-10355	E		
4	"	C.4706074		WL 20-75779	E		

Certified that above vehicles are held on charge and that their condition is as stated.

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Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
	E			441
	E			
	E			
209	E			
C/N. 2079	E			
WER 20-21207	E			
WER 20-106553	E			
WER 20-73779	E			

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..... *Capt. R.B.* ..... Capt, R.B.  
for Colonel,  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools.





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2	2
1(I/Opl)	1
2	1
7	2
6	15

(B) Details of All Rank's on Leave and when due to return.  
 (1) Officers.

LIICP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June 1946.  
 Other Rank's.

LIAP - 1 I/Opl due to return 3 June 1946.  
 2 Ptes " " 5 June 1946.

(C) Details of all Rank's due for leave in the immediate future.  
 (i) Due under LIAP, LIICP etc

(ii) Due under CAO 152/4E  
 Officers - 3  
 O.P's - 5  
 Officers - 1  
 O.P's - 2  
 NIL

(iii) Due for Release A/S Groups 32 & 53  
 (iv) Due for EXTION during JUNE

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SUBJECT: School of Motor

Lead Troops Sub Comm. AG. 21  
(M.M.I.S.S.).  
Tel: 47207  
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24 MAY 66

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Dear to: 12 JUL

AGST and DABST visited the School of Motorisation on May 23rd and following points are brought to your notice.

PREVIOUS

1.(a) The first driving course started on May 16th with 2139 recruits which is 539 more than was expected. The commandant of the school however is confident that this number can be trained especially as a considerable number of this intake are able to drive already and will be 'passed out' in far under the scheduled 12 weeks.

The recruits are an average lot but appear very keen to absorb as much mechanical knowledge as possible and have in mind the fact that this knowledge will be useful to them later in civilian life.

(b) The School generally is short of regimental officers and it is strongly advised that this shortage be rectified to preserve discipline so necessary among young soldiers. MOIs are also in short supply and the commandant considers that a further 60 are required.

(c) A number of officers and NCOs now on the strength of the School have little experience of this kind of work and are proving actively unsuitable and it is therefore suggested that they are changed immediately for others more used to the training of recruits. The present policy of sending them on leave pending a transfer is a slow one and retards the progress of the School.

2.(a) Considerable strides have been made in the RE work and the only urgent outstanding item is the renovation of the cookhouse. At the present time a number of outside 'open' stoves are in use but the cooking for over two thousand men is a great strain on them.

(b) More attention should be taken in the meat store to safeguard the meat from flies and as the weather gets hotter it will become serious unless some sort of fly-proof netting is provided, and the store kept well disinfectated.

AGST. A further 20 Italian vehicles are expected this week.

GENERAL REMARKS



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3. A further 20 Italian vehicles are expected this week.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The likeness of Col. NIGHI and his staff was most encouraging and a great deal of work has been accomplished to make this school a success. The welfare of the trainees has been well looked after and an excellent standard is in operation. The billets were clean and tidy and fully equipped with beds and bedding.

Col. NIGHI stated he had very few complaints from the men who after the first few days of strangeness had settled down very well.

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1 Lt. Col. NIGHI,  
Adj. Gen., Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (MILA).

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for Period 1 - 31 March 1946.

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1 April 1946.

GENERAL.

Although good progress has been made by many Schools, the main problem remains the delay in construction and completion of barracks buildings due entirely to financial reasons. A Memorandum by Colonel L.H. Mackay CBE, Commander 42 B.I.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 CIVITAVECCHIA. 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.B. 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 TOR DI QUIETO and is passing through a phase of reorganisation. The release of a further 16 Staffords and 3 Dages 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

25pr	17pr	6pr	40 pr
<u>Instructors</u>	<u>Instructors</u>	<u>Instructors</u>	<u>Instructors</u>

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The numbers under instruction are as follows

	25pr	17pr & 6pr	40 in
Officers	18	Instructors	Instructors.
NCOs	50	21	24

At the conclusion of this series of courses on 10 April 46 the following courses will be run under British supervision.

- (a) 300 Instructors course.
- (b) 450 Instructors Course.
- (c) 5.5 Red Instructors Course.

The repair of the Genio barracks at MACCIGLIANO 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).

Results 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 ALEXANDER S.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 LARREY 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 W.L. 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 third potential signal instructors course and a wireless course for Infantry School Officers and MCOs, both of six weeks duration commenced on 11 March 1946. The following personnel are under instruction :-

	Officers	MCOs	Total
No. 3 Signal Instructors Course	22	70	92
No. 1 Infantry Signals Course	10	19	29

Preparations have been prepared for recruits courses in May and approval obtained on 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 units and the implementation of

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- (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. IAS 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	"

### 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 Jra 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 18 Officers, 21 NCOs and 2 Carabinieri who concluded the course are as follows :-

Students suitable as School Instructors	MIL.
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 'fad' 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 MT instruction and are conversant with the latest methods of instruction.
- (b) A short D & M 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 'B' to this report.



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### 10. Work School.

Preparation for the move of the vehicle repair ~~unit~~ to the School of Motorisation have progressed and it will move to CECCHIGNOLA 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 Barracks of Acosta barracks CIVITAVECCHIA, it is proposed to have the School of Armour from the Scaile barracks where it is at present located into the Duke of Acosta barracks and thus releasing the Scaile 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.

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 CAEs 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. Auxiliary station.(a) Quarantine Services.

Stocks of summer clothing held in the Italian storerooms, in particular at CIVITA'VECCHIA 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 and worn clothing withdrawn last year.

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

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

(c) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

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

(d) Morale.

Grounds for dissatisfaction exist for two main reasons :-

- (1) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.
- (ii) Financial 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 officers' instructors will deteriorate rapidly.

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Colonel.  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools.

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GSO II (Inf & Inf)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. RE	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
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Appendix 'A'

To: 12 E.L.U. Progress Report No. 16  
dated 1 April 1946.

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF BARRACK BUILDINGS.

During the month I have made a visit (in some cases more than one) to all the Schools 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 Bresio, Minister of War, and endeavoured to improve 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 Colonel are dealing with their problems I attach a memorandum written by Col. Mancuso on the conditions at Cecchignola, and from personal observation I am satisfied that there is not one word of exaggeration 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.



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

SCUOLA COLLEGGAMENTI GENIO  
COMANDO

Rome 15, 10 March 1946.

No. 02/66/Ris.

Subject :- School School - Barracks at Cecchignola - Arrangements.

MEMORANDUM FOR  
THE GENERAL COMM. THE CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

CESARE DI RIVA.

As 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  
HQ Buildings, Barracks A & B etc - 17,000,000  
General service building - 11,000,000  
(Kitchens, Baths, Washing rooms etc)  
To make or repair the fixtures for all the buildings - 15,000,000  
Water supply and hygienic installation - 1,100,000  
TOTAL - L. 54,200,000

only the first one has been financially approved under the date of the 1st March last - the works for same will be started, let us hope, at the end of this month. All the others, although technically approved, lie still - in spite of my repeated pressures - by the "Direzione del Genio" waiting for the expenditure to be approved by the "Cabinet". As it seems, the "Cabinet" will not approve for the moment any new expenditure.

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 granted as yet - and besides:

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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 granted as yet - and besides:

- (a) fairly good accommodation - as already ascertained by General Ramco - 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 2,000.

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 Ramco 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.



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 Renoc 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,  
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RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

1. School of Artillery.

OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed
25 pr	45	43	35
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18
40 NCOs	8	8	8
<u>NCOs.</u>			
25 pr	71	70	70
17 & 6 pr	23	23	15
40 NCOs	14	14	14

2. Signal School.

No. 2 Sigs Instr Course	Officers.	13 Passed	2 Failed.
	NCOs.	Very Good.	Good.
		3	7
			14
No. 4 Course for CC.RR Wireless Operators.	Officers	2	4
	NCOs.	6	11
	Carabinieri	1	16
			34

3. School of Motorisation.

No. 6 D & M Course	Total at Commencement of Course.	Total at end of Course.
	394	359



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RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

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OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed	Unclassified Snr Officers	Failed.
25 pr	40	43	35	8	-
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18	430	-
40 wa.	8	8	8		-
<u>NCOs.</u>					
25 pr	71	70	70	-	1
17 & 6 pr	23	23	15	-	8
40 wa.	14	14	14	-	-

No. 2 Sigs Instr Course	Officers.	13 Passed		2 Failed.		
	NCOs.	Very Good.	Good.	Average.	Fair.	Failed.
		3	7	14	17	10
No. 1 Course for CO. RR Wireless Operators.	Officers	2	4	3	-	2
	NCOs.	6	11	5	-	4
	Carabinieri	1	16	34	-	9

No. 6 D & M Course	Total at Commencement of Course.	Total at end of Course.	Passed.	Failed.
	394	359	204	95

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4.	E & M School.	Course.	Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	Pa
		Veh Mech	Officer NCOs ORs	11 7 24	1 7 24	2
		Elect (v)	ORs	9	9	
		Dvr Mechs	NCOs ORs	15 152	15 148	11
		Turners	ORs	6	6	
		Pitters (Gen)	ORs	19	19	
		Elect (House)	ORs	12	12	

APPENDIX 'B' (Continued).

Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	Passed	Failed,
Officer	11	1	-	-
NCOs	7	7	7	-
ORs	24	24	22	2
CRs	9	9	9	-
NCOs	15	15	15	-
ORs	152	148	141	7
ORs	6	6	4	2
(Gen) ORs	19	19	17	2
(base) ORs	12	12	9	3

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APPENDIX 'C'

To: 12 H.L.U. Progress Report No. 16  
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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref Maps ITALY 1:200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference.
1.	HS Central Military Schools	CESANO	F.6286
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1391
3.	Armoured Car School.	FOR DI QUINTO	F.7372
4.	Artillery School	BRACCIANO.	F.4890
5.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1391
6.	Signal School	CECCIGNUOLA	F.7458
7.	Infantry School.	CESANO	F.6286
8.	Police School	CESANO	F.6286
9.	P.T. School	CESANO	F.6286
10.	School of Motorisation	CECCIGNUOLA	F.7458
11.	E and R School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1391
12.	School of Administration and Welfare	RIETI	B.0723

APPENDIX

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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST.

1 APRIL 1946

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSO I  
GSO III

L/Col L.H. Mackay OBE (59636)  
T/Capt A.W. Gibbins (233416) R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT AND  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

MA & QMC  
Staff Captain

T/Maj H.J. Barford (226359) R.A.C.  
A/Capt W.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.A.

SERVICES.

DAFST  
DADOC  
DARMS

T/Maj J.C. Halket (95549) RACC.  
T/Maj T.H. Shorthose (127395) RACC.  
A/Maj A.T. Swine (230819) RACC.

TRAINING BRANCH.

STAFF

GSO II (Schools) Trg  
GSO II (Schools) Trg

T/Maj W.L. Price MBE (74688) N.Staffs  
T/Maj H.F. Chanoo (67432) R.Ir.Fus

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major)

T/Maj G.K. Alexander (67447) R.A.

R.E.

Instructor R.E. (Major)

A/Maj W.E. Chapman (210260) R.E.

R. Signals.

Instructor R. Sigs (Major)

A/Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R. Sigs.

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SERIAL No.	VEHICLE TYPE.	RECD. No.	EFFICIENT. (E).	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	RECORD LOCAL (RLA).
1	Ford Staff Car.	1560133.		LR	
2	Dodge. 3-ton.	L.5687402	E		
3	Chevrolet 3-ton.	L.5686553	E		
4	Ford G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.5313398	E		
5	Dodge. G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.4982463	E		
6	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.5250009	E		
7	Austin P.U.	M.1137044		LR	
8	Hillman. P.U.	M.5100869	E		
9	Jeep.	5526871.	E		
10	Jeep.	5158386	E		
11	Triumph M/C. 500 cc.	G.5426204	E		
12	B.S.A. M/C. 500 cc.	G.5117256	E		
13	B.S.A. M/C. 500 cc.	G.4461106	E		
14	B.S.A. M/C. 500 cc.	G.5547039	E		

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, AND THAT THEIR CO  
A.B.406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRE

Date: 1 April 1946.

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Comd. 1st Div  
Italia



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APPENDIX 'F'  
 Co: 12 BLD Progress Report  
 No. 16 dtd. 1 APR 46.

VEH. No.	EFFICIENT. (E).	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR (ELR).	REMARKS.
560133.		LR		
5682402	E			
5686553	E			
5313398	E			
4982463	E			
5250009	E			
1137044		LR		
5100869	E			
626871.	E			
458385	E			
5426264	E			
5117256	E			
1461106	E			
5547039	E			

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VERIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE BEING ON CHARGE, THAT THEIR CONDITION IS AS STATED, AND THAT A.B.406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Colonel.

Officer, 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
 Italian Central Military Schools

APP PLX 'G'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16  
Dated 1 April 1946.

(A) Deficiencies in ALL Ranks as against W.E. CM/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945  
(As amended)

- (i) Officers - NIL.
- (ii) Other Ranks.

	WO	IL's	Sets	Opls	Ptes	TOTAL
Arm Arm (Veh) (REK)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech "	-	1	-	-	-	1
Elec Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	-	1
Veh Mech "	-	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman (RE)	-	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk CD "	-	-	-	-	1	1
Instr Op W/T (R. Sigs)	-	1	-	-	-	1
Clerks CD (Any Arm)	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cook ACC	-	-	1	-	-	1
Interpreters	-	2	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>11</b>

(B) 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 I/Opl due to return 19 April 1946.

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

(i) Due under LIAP, LILCP etc	Officers	1
	ORs	3
(ii) Due under GRC 1352/45	Officers	3
	ORs	5

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 17

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

12 D.L.V. Progress Report of Italian Central Military Schools  
for period 1 - 30 April 1946.

*and type 'D' (see the case on  
Ref: C/A.2/1506 7th TR/7)*

1 May 1946.

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 SACE. 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. II Course attended by 160 Carabinieri has just been completed with very satisfactory results.

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3. School of Signals.

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3. School of Signals.

In the absence of Major D.R. SAINIER, the duties of Instructor R. SIGS have been performed by Major W.A.F. HERRICK. A detailed analysis of progress and courses 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 '45 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 a reserve of instructors at the School. It is estimated that 47 Officers and 45 NCOs will attend this course.

The R.S.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 3.7 IMA course. It is not envisaged that the 5.5 medium course will commence before June.

Results of courses are shown at Appendix "A".

5. Engineer School.

Training during the month has been restricted to short refresher courses for Officer and NCO Instructors in Bridging, Mines and Demolitions. The permanent staff and School moved to the Sacile barracks at Civitavecchia on 21 April, leaving the Aurelia barracks as a recruit training Centre. Much work has been done to combat the malaria problem and with the release of fogs and spraying liquids the position is now satisfactory. At the Aurelia barracks work has been done to improve the water system.

Training grounds have been treated near the Aurelia barracks, and owing to the non-arrival of training equipment, an interim training programme has been drawn up for the first intake of recruits.

The transport situation is serious. With the arrival of 2,000 recruits it will be hardly possible to keep both the Sacile and Aurelia barracks supplied with rations and other necessities 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, treatment and cleanliness.
- (d) The shortage of training equipment.
- (e) The complete lack of all spare parts.
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An analysis of course results is shown in Appendix "A". The standard of Territorial NCOs was very low. This was due to :-

- (i) Poor quality and morale of students.
- (ii) Dissatisfaction caused among corporals. The sergeants attending the course were granted an allowance whereas the corporals were not.
- (iii) Poor standard of discipline demanded by the School.
- (iv) Absence of demonstration troops on security duties.

During Easter most of the Instructors were granted leave. The following internal courses commence on 5 May 1946.

- 1. Sniper.
- 2. 3-in mortar.
- 3. Carrier - Driving and Maintenance.

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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 52 Carabinieri of the Territorial increments and 10 NCOs and 36 Carabinieri of Territorial Legions. The standard of students is above average.

8. R.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, 41 NCOs and 9 Carabinieri. The British Instructor SMI MADISON has been replaced by C/SGI STEVENSON.

9. 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 twinning material has been drawn to stock 6 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 Battalion. At the present therefore, the School is ready to receive 600 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 6A remain at the C/As 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 :-

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

Of the 172 Lorries and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Lorries and 16 M/Cs require major repairs.

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

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>On Strength.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
Officers	22	10	12
NCOs	39	26	13
OR (Drivers & W/S personnel)	457	240	227
	538	276	262

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School of Motorization (Cont'd)

The course for Officer and NCO Instructors was completed on 20 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. E & M School.

Alterations and repairs to the Caserma Nazionale (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 Cecchignola. 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 Exports.

The remainder of the students will receive tuition at one or the other of the two industrial schools - Duc d'Aosta via Trento or Galileo Via Conte Verdi. 30 to 40 students will be catered 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 time as the barracks are ready at Cecchignola.

Preparation of 16 classrooms for teaching daily maintenance tasks and the Workshop for repairs and maintenance of School of Motorisation vehicles is proceeding favourably.

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Engine fitters.

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Plumbers.  
Welders.  
Woodworkers.  
Blacksmiths.  
Sheet Metal Workers.

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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 selection of students. Out of 742<sup>22</sup> 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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Instr. IS	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	
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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>NCOs</u>			
25 pr	35	35	32
Specialists	15	15	15
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14
40 ma	16	16	16

2. Infantry School

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27
CAR NCOs	355	6	73	231
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41
Territorial NCOs	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 - W.C.Os.	26	-	6	10
Line. - F.C.Os.	35	3	6	9
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	10	4	3	3
Infantry Signaller - NCOs.	16	2	4	5

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COURSES - APRIL 1946

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Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed	Failed or Disqualified.
16	19	16	3
35	35	32	3
15	15	15	-
14	14	14	-
16	16	16	-

	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed	Failed
	144	2	7	27	8	-
Officers	355	6	73	231	40	8
COs	71	4	22	41	4	-
	230	7	22	47	72	-

	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed.	Failed.
1 Signals						
- OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5	4	1
- N.C.Os.	26	-	6	10	5	5
- P.C.Os.	35	3	6	9	11	6
aller -	19	4	3	3	-	-
aller - I.COs.	16	2	4	5	3	2

APPENDIX "B"

To: 12 R.L.U. Progress Report No. 17  
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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS

Ref. Maps: MAPS 1:200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Reference.</u>
1.	HQ, Central Military Schools	CESANO	F. 6286
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	TOR di QUENTO.	F. 7372
4.	Artillery School Rd Branch	IRACCIANO	F. 4890
5.	Artillery School AA & A/T Branch	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
7.	Signal School	CECCHIGNUOLA	F. 7458
8.	Infantry School.	CESANO.	F. 6286
9.	Police School.	CESANO.	F. 6286
10.	P.T. School.	CESANO.	F. 6286
11.	School of Motorisation	CECCHIGNUOLA	F. 7458
12.	E and M School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
13.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI.	B. 0725

6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
7.	Signal School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
8.	Infantry School.	CECCIGNUOLA	F. 7458
9.	Police School.	CESANO.	F. 6286
10.	P.F. School.	CESANO.	F. 6286
11.	School of Motorisation	CECCIGNUOLA	F. 7458
12.	I and M School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
13.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI.	F. 0723



APPENDIX "C"

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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST  
1 MAY 1946

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSC I  
GSC III

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT AND  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

IMA & QMG  
Staff Captain

SERVICES.

DADOS  
DADOS  
DAMES

TRAINING BRANCH

STAFF

GSC II (Schools) Trg  
GSC II (Schools) Trg

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major)

R.E.

Instructor R.E. (Major)

R. Signals.

Instructor R.Sigs (Major)

L/Col. L.H. Mackay OSE (59836)  
E/Capt A.W. Gibbins (233446) R.A.

T/Maj H.J. Bamford (226359) R.A.C.  
E/Capt W.R. Trevolyan (256126) R.A.

T/Maj J.C. Hallett (25542) RASC.  
T/Maj T.H. Shortrose (127395) RAOC  
A/Maj A.T. Twine (230619) PEEB

T/Maj W.L. Price MBE (74688) N.Staffs.  
T/Maj N.F. Chanoe (67452) R.D.Pus.

T/Maj G.N. Alexander (87447) R.A.

A/Maj W.E. Chisman (210263) R.E.

T/Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.

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A/Maj W.E. Chagren (210260) R.E.

T/Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.

GSO III (Schools) Trg  
GSO II (Schools) Trg

Instructor R.A. (Major)

Instructor R.E. (Major)

Instructor R.Sigs (Major)

R.A.

R.E.

R. Sigs.

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SERIAL No.	VEHICLE TYPE.	REC'D. No.	EQUIPMENT. (E)	LOCAL REPAIR (IR)
1	Ford Staff Car	1560133	E	
2	Dodge 3-ton	L. 5689402	E	
3	Chevrolet 3-ton	L. 5686553	E	
4	Ford G. S. 15-cwt.	Z. 5313398	E	
5	Dodge G. S. 15-cwt.	Z. 4982463	E	
6	Dodge G. S. 15-cwt.	Z. 5250009	E	
7	Austin P. U.	M. 1137044		
8	Hillman P. U.	M. 5100869		IR
9	Jeep.	5626871		IR
10	Jeep.	M. 5636694	E	
11	Jeep.	5158386	E	
12	Triumph M/C 500 cc.	C. 5426264	E	
13	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C. 5117266	E	
14	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C. 1461106	E	
15	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C. 5247039	E	

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT  
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Date: 1 May 46.

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VEHIC. No.	EFFICIENT. (E)	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR. (BLR)	REMARKS.
1560133	E			
L. 5689402	E			
L. 5686553	E			
Z. 5313398	E			
Z. 4982463	E			
Z. 5250009	E			
M. 1137044			BLR	
M. 5100869		LR		
5626871		LR		
M. 5636694	E			
5158386	E			
C. 5426264	E			
C. 5117266	E			
C. 1461106	E			
C. 5547039	E			

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT THEIR CONDITION IS AS STATED, AND THAT A. B. 406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

*W. G. Campbell Major*  
 Colonel

APPENDIX IV

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report  
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(A) Deficiencies in all ranks as against W.E. CM/1010/1 dated 1 June 1945  
 (As amended)

(i) Officers - Nil.

(ii) Other Ranks.

Art. Art (Veh) (REME)	1	-	-	-	1
Stonewall Dock	-	1	-	-	1
Miss Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Koch	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor RA	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor 6 pdr 4/1	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	-	1	-	-	1
Stonewall (RE)	-	-	1	-	1
Clarks GD (Avy Arm)	-	-	1	-	1
Co. AOC	-	-	2	-	2
Interceptors	-	2	-	-	2
	1	8	1	4	14

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

(i) Officers.

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

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIMP - 1 I/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 LILCOE, LILCOE etc. N-I-L.

(ii) Due under GAO 1552/45 Officers 3  
 CRs. 5

Cook 193  
Interviews

2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
1	8	1	4
			14

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

(1) Officers.

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

(2) Other Banks.

LILOP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June '46.  
2 Sers " " 5 June '46.

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

(1) Due under LILOP, LILOP etc. N-I-L.

(2) Due under GPO 1352/45 Officers 3  
CRG. 5



APPENDIX "C"

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

Progress Report for Signal School by 60 II R. Sigs, 101A.

1. Herewith 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. MACCOSO, and during the period 25/28 April he and I, together with Major CARTON, visited the British School of Signals, CME, at RADUA. 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 does so, 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 76 Div Sigs, reported on 27 April for duty as NCO Instructor R.Sigs, 12 B.L.U. On 30 April I installed him at Cochiniguala, where he will be seconded and mess with Cpl Coy BASS, 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) 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 29 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 CME on 29 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian Officer, 10 Italian CMs, and Cpl. WERTON left for Ponte Capone on 2 May. This party will draw the stores from 3 Sub Depot 557 IOD and will then accompany them by rail to Magliana Ostiense Station, the nearest to Cochiniguala. 50 Wireless Stations, No. 48, complete, were added by me to the original interim list, prepared by Major SNIMME, 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 the Controlled Signal Stores list from the

60 Instructors, 12 D.L.U. On 30 April I installed him at Coccignuola, where he will be accommodated and mess with Lt. Col. Ocy PASC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yards from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor Lt. Signe will occupy himself by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

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(f) War Establishment.

I have recently reviewed the W.E. of the School, and am of the opinion that it should be scrapped and entirely re-written. I have put this opinion forward to the G-1 (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. MANGIUSO and which are as follows :-

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- (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.

SUBJECT:- 319 Field Bakery.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel: ROME 66318/9)

Ref: ST/11/1307  
1 April 46.

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

Copy to: DAA & QMG  
12 British Liaison Unit.

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2. This decision is agreed for the following reasons:-

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- (ii) Infantry School.
- (iii) P.T. School.
- (iv) Police School.
- (v) Carabinieri.

with a total daily ration strength of from 3,200 - 3,300 (1 Lorry load).

(b) The bakery is in a very bad location, with very poor accommodation, to which a vehicle cannot approach nearer than 150 yards. The civilian even is very old fashioned and the "Dividing" and "Saulding" all have to be done by hand. The water supply too is precarious. All work throughout the 24 hours has to be done by artificial light, and there is no ventilation in the bakery whatsoever.

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(b) A constant complaint of the men is that they still receive no trade pay.

(c) It appears that previously Bakers used to be issued with Brandy or coffee which helped them, especially in the hot season and they want this issue restarted.

(d) The following accounts are kept:-  
(i) Commodity account showing commodities received and commodities struck off charge as bread.  
(ii) Account 1270 showing commodities issued to ovens and % bread yield.

- (iii) Register of Units indents.
  - (iv) Register of unit draws showing signature of representatives.
- This book also contains a "Remarks column" where units can make complaints.

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Major R.A.S.C.  
D.A.D.S.T.

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Reports.

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22 Mar 46

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (M.I.A.)  
HQ  
Tel : Rom 489021 Ext 526

To :- S.M.L.A., Ufficio Autovehicolo.

From a recent inspection of No 2 Special Tpt Coy by Major HALPERN RASC, our Liaison Officer at 12 BAJ the following points are brought to your notice for information and action where you may consider necessary.

1. All 412 were not in use although new ones were available in the Coy Office.
2. The 16 Daily Task System was said to be carried out only when vehicles were off the road for maintenance day; this should of course be carried out daily whether or not the vehicles are in use.
3. Oil was being kept in the ration store to the possible detriment of some flour also kept there; it is suggested that oil should be placed in the Petrol Point.
4. Vehicles were without tools.
5. There were a few Fire Points, but the number was thought to be inadequate. Water buckets were empty.
6. Latrines were said to be inadequate for the number of men and their condition very dirty on the whole.
7. There were no Halfpence amenities for the men.

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

Ref : ST/26/1222

16 March 1946.

To: Land Forces Sub Comm,  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)

Herewith Report on Inspection made by Major J.C. HALKET, RASC,  
DADST this H.Q. on No. 2 G.T. Coy and 1500 Independent Transport Platoon  
on 27 February 1946, together with copy of letter to H.Q. Italian  
Central Military Schools.

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Colonel.  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools

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*Proposed reply to his special para  
- 2 para's - No Maintenance needed  
not No Tools - Has old history*

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REPORT ON INSPECTION MADE ON 2 G.T. COY. and 1500 INDEPENDANT TRANSPORT PLATOON BY MAJOR J.C. HALKETT, R.A.S.C., on 27 FEB. 46

1. Introduction.

2 G.T. Coy. commanded by Capt. BERNADI, Tank Corps (commissioned 1938, promoted Lieut. 1940 and Capt. 1942. Regular), and 1500 Independent Transport Corps are stationed in the gas factory at CESANO, (commissioned Jan. 45, regular). Automobilstici the location with the main road through Cesano, a distance of half-a-mile away. The 155 Workshops Platoon, upon which the two units are at present dependent for maintenance, is situated on this track, nearer to the main road. 2 G.T. Coy, though operating, is in process of mobilisation.

2. M.T.

(A) Operation.

All transport details are received from the Transport Section, Central Schools, separately by the two units and the equivalent of A.B. 246 is kept showing Driver's name, vehicle number, time in and out and distance run. Work tickets are made out and those inspected were in order. In the case of 2 G.T. Coy the work tickets are made out in the Company Office and then passed to platoons. It is felt that this is unnecessarily relieving the platoons of their responsibilities, since separate AB. 246 (Work Book) should be maintained by each platoon and work tickets issued by each platoon, Company Office only detailing vehicles from Platoons in accordance with availability.

There were no "Availability Boards" in either 2 G.T. Coy Office or 1500 Transport Platoon. It was suggested by the Inspecting Officer that these should be taken into use forthwith and details were given as to a method of laying out such boards.

(B) Administration.

(i) A.B. 412.

A.B. 412 was not in use though new ones were in 2 G.T. Coy office and vehicles had been signed over. The books were not complete. It was suggested that covers be placed over the books to prevent their disintegration through original cover becoming stained with oil and grease.

(ii) A.B. 406.

These were in use, though when inspected were found to contain only records of platoon inspections and the O.C. 2 G.T. Coy explained that they never accompanied a vehicle to workshops and that neither did workshops demand them for recording workshops' inspections.

(iii) E. 210. (Record of future platoon & Workshop Inspections for 1 month)



(vii) Oil Store.

There were three 5-gallon drums of oil in the same room used as the ration store (see section 5). In view of the proximity of the petrol point there should be no need for any oil store in Coy lines.

(viii) Tyre Store.

40 Tyres were in the store of various sizes. Two tyres were shown to the Inspecting Officer that were vouchered over with vehicle from an "Efficient Vehicle Park" as 80%, that had large gashes in them, rendering them quite useless. There were a considerable number of damaged tubes in the store. There were 16 U/S tyres in the store.

(ix) Anti-Frost Precautions.

Vehicle radiators are drained every night.

(x) Tools.

There are no tools with vehicles.

(xi) Canopies & superstructures.

Most vehicles are without either superstructures or canopies, though these are on demand.

(c) VEHICLE PARKING.

(1) Parking.

A large proportion of vehicles are parked under cover on hard standing. The rest are parked on hard standing in the open. There is a great deal of dust that blows about when the weather is fine and which will affect maintenance to a considerable degree.

(ii) Fire Points.

There are a few fire points though the number is not adequate. Water buckets were empty.

(iii) Guards.

A guard of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men is mounted each night. Owing to shortage of personnel these guards fall heavily on N.C.O.'s.

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There is no separate park for daily maintenance or minor repairs.

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(vi) Booking in and out.

There is a man posted at the exit to book vehicles in and out.

(D) WORKSHOPS.

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The two units are at present attached to 155 Platoon Workshops for maintenance and a certain amount of maintenance is done in civilian garages (10,000 lire limit per vehicle per 3 months). 2 G.T. Coy W/S Platoon is in process of forming, though no personnel have been posted so far. Two Workshop Technical Vehicles, one 35 years old and one 32 years old, have been received to date - both very short of tools.

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3. REGIMENTAL:

(A) DISCIPLINE.

The discipline generally appeared lax. N.C.O.s. and men were walking around with no hats on, battle dress blouses undone and unshaven. 40 pairs of overalls are badly needed by the Company for men to wear whilst doing maintenance. These have been on indent for one month. The boots of the men inspected were good. One pair is kept in store and one pair with the man.

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(B) MESSING.

(1) Cookhouse.

The men's cookhouse needs improvements. There was only 1 "Soyer Stove" in which a brew of minestrone was cooking for the midday meal. The chimney is not led outside and the whole cookhouse was filled with smoke, producing an atmosphere in which it was impossible to work, since one's eyes became affected almost immediately. The cookhouse was very blackened and needs whitewashing. There was no separate preparation room. The cook sleeps in one corner of the cookhouse. Fresh meat is purchased three times per week.

(11) Mess Room.

There is no mess room for the men. The inspecting officer was present at the midday meal and the men ate their food in the open or in the vehicle sheds or billets. A mess room should be provided, with tables and forms.

(C) RATION STORE.

The ration store is in the same room as the unit store, and was in a dirty condition. The rations were not stacked and a bag of flour was on the floor, 1 inch away from the three drums of oil referred to in Section 2 (B) (vii).

(D) UNIT STORE.

Clothing and boots were in racks though there were no "bin cards" in use. A pile of clothing was in one corner which the Inspecting Officer was informed was to be cleaned. 1157's were found up-to-date. These are maintained in duplicate - 1 with the soldier and 1 with Platoon.

(E) Sleeping Quarters.

Billets were inspected and found to be correctly apportioned to numbers accommodated. Beds were not made up nor kits laid out. The O.C. Coy pointed out that sleeping accommodation is going to be changed. The new billet was inspected and is a large shed with concrete floor. When cleaned out and lighting and heating is installed this should be an improvement.

(F) LATRINES.

Latrines were of the "squat" type and were adequate for the number of men. Some of them were damaged and their condition was very dirty on the whole. The C.O. explained that there was trouble with the water flush system.

(G) ABLUTIONS.

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(H) WELFARE:

There are no welfare amenities for the men. It was suggested that a room might be set aside for recreational purposes, fitted with chairs and a radio applied for.

The O.C. stated that the men have not many family troubles. At the moment two men are up for compassionate release and one man has gone on compassionate release. The special money prizes are, in this unit, allotted to men whose families are in need.

The O.C. asked whether a recreational vehicle could be authorised every two days to convey men to Rome, leaving at 1800 hrs. and returning 2359 hrs.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

At the time of the inspection the position was as follows :-

(a) 1500 Independent Transport Platoon.

Personnel.		Vehicles.	
Personnel. W/E.	On Strength.	Vehicle. W.E.	ON Strength.
	Deficient		Deficient
Officers (Sub.)	1	1	-
Sgts.	1	1	-
Platoon Accountant	1	3	2
Platoon Clerk.	1	31	5
Cpl. Maggs. or Cpls.	6	1	-
Drivers.	37	1	-
Cooks.	1	1	-
TOTAL	48	37	30
	39		7

\*2 of this number of vehicles evacuated several months ago have not been struck off strength.

(b) 2 C.F. COY.

Personnel.		Vehicles.	
Personnel. W.E.	On strength.	Vehicle. W.E.	On strength.
	Deficient		Deficient
Major, OC.	1	16	8
Capt. 2 i/c	1	20	1
Subaltern Officers.	7	104	47
Sgt. Admin.	1	1	1
	-	1	19
	6	57	57

Remarks  
- Acting as OC.  
- WE only specifies lorries, no types.

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Platoon Clerk.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cpl. Magg. or Cpls.	6	5	1	-	-	-	-
Drivers.	37	29	8	-	-	-	-
Cooks.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	48	39	9	37	30	7	7

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(b) 2 G.T. Coy.

Personnel.	Personnel.			Vehicles.			
	WE.	On str- ength.	Defi- oient.	Vehicle.	W.E. On str- ength.	Defi- oient plus	Remarks
Major, OC.	1	-	1	Cars 2-str	16	8	-
Capt. 2 i/c	1	1	-	M/Cs.	20	1	19 - Acting as OC.
Subaltern Officers.	7	1	6	Lorries	104	47	57 - WE only specifies lorries, no types.
Sgt. Admin.	1	1	-	6-ton.	-	15	- Break-down of vehicles on charge by types.
Sgt. Ration.	1	1	-	3-ton.	-	24	-
Sgt. Major.	1	-	1	Autobus.	-	4	-
Sgts.	9	-	9	Water Carts.	-	3	-
Admin. Cpl.	1	1	-				
Clerks.	5	-	5				
Barber.	1	-	1				
Cobbler.	1	-	1				
Cook.	5	2	3				
Dvr. Batmen.	4	-	4				
M/Cyclists	16	-	16				
Cpl. Magg.	16	4	12				
Dvr. Mechs.	18	-	18				
Drivers.	128	59	69				
TOTAL	216	70	146		140	56	84

Workshop Platoon.

Personnel.		Vehicles.							
Personnel.	WE.	On str- ength.	Defi- cient.	Vehicle.	WE.	On str- ength.	Defi- cient.	Sur- plus	Remarks.
Subaltern i/c.	1	-	1	Tech.Veh.	1	2	-	1	Issued in lieu of trailer.
Sgt.Mech.	1	-	1						
Mechanics	6	-	6	Stores Trailer.	1	-	1	-	
Electri- cians.	2	-	2						
Welders.	1	-	1						
Vulcan- isers.	1	-	1						
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	

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The inspection took place at a time when the accommodation was being re-allotted and a partial re-organisation of the layout was taking place. 2 G.T. Coy is desperately short of personnel, especially of Subaltern Officers, Driver Mechanics, Fitters and other Workshop trades. In addition, a great deal of R.M. work is needed in the way of cookhouse facilities, improvements to billets, etc. However, this does not explain the unsoldierly appearance of the men or the condition of the cookhouse, latrines, ration store, etc. There is need of a tightening of discipline, better lay-out and organisation of cookhouse, billets, latrines, stores, etc., provision of welfare amenities for troops and the bringing up-to-date of the vehicle documentation.

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

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Ref : G/A.3/1024

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 approving of establishments and clarification of functions of the Schools has hindered the re-organization. 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.

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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.

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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 MCOs, 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 NEXVI, 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 50 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.

- (d) Two M.T. Companies each of 100 3-tonners for Battalions as (b) above. A mixed platoon for the needs of (a) and (c) above and the maintenance of the School. A workshop platoon of three sections.

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 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 Automobilitica Officers in Bulk Storage. These courses will be held at a Petrol Depot in RML.

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.

- (a) 1 Company to train 50 Junior Officers on a 6 month Course,
- (b) 2 sections each to train 800 recruit drivers on a three month D & M course.
- (c) 1 Company for 50 Cadet Officers and 50 NCOs.

(d) Two M.F. Companies each of 100 3-tonners for Entailions as (b) above. A mixed platoon for the needs of (a) and (c) above and the maintenance of the School. A workshop platoon of three sections.

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

6. SIGNALS SCHOOL.

Of the 104 students under training at the beginning of the month, 174 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 schools difficult.

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

7. Signal School.

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

At the moment the following are under training.

Driver Mechanics	-	172
Vehicle Mechanics	-	42
General Fitters	-	19
House Electricians	-	5
Turners	-	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>245</b>

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7. E & M 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 AURELIA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA, a task which is now complete.

Supervision of this School has been impossible owing to the lack of a SO. RE 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.

The Tactical exercise has already been run and while not entirely satisfactory, the standard of driving and Wireless Procedure was above expectations.

The condition of Armoured Cars handed over to the Italians leaves much to be desired.

10. POLICE SCHOOL.

Was visited during the last month by Staff Officer, M.M.I.A., who has promised to review the syllabus. This is most important as much of the previous syllabus tended to be superfluous now that the war is over.

The Police School remains the worst accommodated School and is likely to remain so, as little interest is shown in it by H.Q. Central Military Schools and none by the Carabinieri H.Q. A proper syllabus and systemization is essential for the School.

At the moment 15 Officers and 114 ORs are under training on a 4 week course for Military Police.

11. Medical Orderlies Course.

A course for 73 medical orderlies for C.A.Rs was run during the month of February, the object being to produce 1 Medical NCO and 4 Orderlies. Results are as given in Appendix 'I'.

12. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE.

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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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12 SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE (Cont'd).

The above courses, for Junior Officers of all arms, total 30 (1/3 Captains, 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.

The above courses, for Junior Medical Officers, total 30 (1/3 Captains, 2/3 Subalterns), 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

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 Theatros, Cinemas, Clubs, Libraries and Schools.
  - (i) Price Controls, Families assistance organisations.
  - (j) P.T., Games and Sports.
  - (k) Religious assistance (Chaplains).
- The above courses for Junior Officers of all arms. 1/3 Captains, 2/3 Subalterns, 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

Education and Democracy.

The programme is still not complete and is being revised.

For Junior Officers of All Arms 1, MCOs 2, total 100, 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.



Subalterns), 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

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- (b) Clothing, equipment, accommodation and maintenance.
- (c) Supplies, Rations, composition cooking.
- (d) Hygiene.
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Education and Democracy.

The programme is still not complete and is being revised.

For Junior Officers of All Arms  $\frac{1}{2}$ , MCOs  $\frac{1}{2}$ , total 100, 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

Vocational Training Courses will also be run at the School for specialists as follows :-

- (i) Course for MCOs - Accountancy.
- (ii) Course for typists.
- (iii) Course for Storekeeper.
- (iv) Course for Stenographers.
- (v) Course for relief Draughtsman.

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

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 RISTI will take place at the beginning of March. ....../5.



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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 disbands, 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 authorised.

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. These 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 P.L.R. 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) Disciplining.

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.

(d) Evacuation.

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 organised. The conditions of living of permanent staffs in places like CERRANO 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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(d) Hygiene.

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(e) Morale.

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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 Centro 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.

- +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 Lieut-Col and above " " " 'E' "
- ++Return of British MT hold by 12 B.L.U. " " " 'F' "
- ++Deficiencies of all Ranks of 12 B.L.U. as against W.E. including details of all ranks on leave and when due to return. " " " 'G' "

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Internal.

GSO II (Schools)	(1)	
S.O. R.813	(1)	
Pilo		
Fleet		
Sowros	(2)	

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

COURSE	Excellent.	V. Good	Good
2nd Course for In 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 IGO Instructors for CAR's held at 336 Regt			10
1st Course for Junior NCOs (Graduate) Instrs for CAR's held at 336 Regt	1	17	103
Hygiene Course	5	16	21

ARTILLERY SCHOOL RESULTS

COURSES

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	



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APPENDIX 'A'

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

	Excellent.	V. Good	Good	Sufficient	Failed	No Results	Total.
IVA	6	7	20	-	-	-	33
	-	-	10	8	1	1	20
Infantry School	9	35	50	9	-	1	104
held at 336 Regt			10	RESULTS			
rs for CAR's held at 336 Regt	1	17	103	64	109	-	294
	5	16	21	10	11	10	73

	Passed	Failed	No Results	Total
	44	-	4	48
	18	-	-	18
	8	-	1	9
	69	2	-	71
	15	8	-	23
	14	-	-	14



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

Course in Progress

Future

School	Course	Start	End	Offrs	WCOs	OR's	Total	Course
S.I.V.A.								Generals Territorial D
Infantry School	Armoured Car	7/2	?	25	46	-	71	Medical Officers 3rd C.A.R. Territorial Offrs
Engineers	Student WCO's	1/2	4/4	-	70	-	70	
Artillery	Physical Training	25/2	18/3	24	55	-	79	WCO Instructors
	Recruit Training	25/2	18/3	22	55	-	77	
	Administration	25/2	18/3	-	91	-	91	
	Workshops	25/2	18/3	-	9	-	9	
Signals	CC.RR W/T Arm Car	17/2	7/3	11	26	61	98	Infantry W/T Instructor
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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STATUS IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE COURSE AS ON 28 FEBRUARY '46.

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Future Courses.

rt	End	Offrs	NGOs	OR's	Total	Course	Start	<del>End</del>	Offrs	NGOs	OR's	Total
						Company 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
	6/4	-	70	-	70							
2	18/3	24	55	-	79	NGO Instructors	11/3	20/4	-	60	-	60
2	18/3	22	55	-	77							
2	18/3	-	51	-	51							
2	18/3	-	9	-	9							
2	7/3	11	26	61	98	Infantry W/T Instructors	4/3	?	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							



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COMPARATIVE PAY TABLE.

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RANK	Married or Single	Basic Pay Per Month	Extra Pay (Ind Mil)	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Carovita)		Totals per Month	
				ROME	BRACCIANO	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	



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COMPARATIVE PAY TABLE.

APPENDIX 'C'

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Extra Pay (Ind Mil)	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Carovita)		Totals per Month		Difference ROE / BRACCIANO
	ROE	BRACCIANO	ROE	BRACCIANO	
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 'D'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report  
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STAFF LIST OF 12 B.L.U.  
as at  
02.00 hours 1 March 1946

Commander	...	...	Col. L.H. Mackay, O.B.M. (59836)
<u>GENERAL STAFF BRANCH</u>			
GSO III	...	...	A/Capt A.W. Gibbins (233416) RA.
<u>BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL</u>			
<u>AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL</u>			
IM & QMC	...	...	T/Maj I.W. Bamford (20359) IAC
Staff Captain	...	...	A/Capt W.R. Trevelyan (250126) RB
<u>SERVICES</u>			
DMST	...	...	A/Maj J.C. Halket (9554) GASC
DADOS	...	...	T/Maj T.H. Shorthold (127335) MCC.
DAME	...	...	A/Maj A.T. Twine (29015) MBE.
<u>TRAINING BRANCH</u>			
<u>STAFF</u>			
GSO II Trg & Inf	...	...	T/Maj W.L. Price (74686) H.Staffs.
GSC II Trg & Inf	...	...	T/Maj N.F. Chance (67452) R.Lr.Fus.
<u>RA WING</u>			
Instructor in Gunnery (Major)	...	...	T/Maj J.D. Iov (93846) RA.
<u>RE WING</u>			
Instructor RE (Major)	...	...	
<u>R. SIGNALS</u>			
Instructor R. Sigs (Major)	...	...	A/Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.
<u>ATTACHED</u>			
	...	...	T/Capt J.H. Stronach (72479) IAC.



SERVICES

DAIST  
DADOS  
DADME

Maj J.O. Halkot (95542) RAC  
T/Maj T.H. Shortnose (127395) RAC  
Maj A.T. Twine (230015) RAC

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TRAINING BRANCH

STAFF

GSO II Trg & Inf  
GSO II Trg & Inf

T/Maj W.L. Price (74688) N.Staff  
T/Maj N.F. Chance (67432) R.Ir.Fus.

...  
...

RA WING

Instructor in Gunnery (Major)

T/Maj J.D. Low (93846) RA

...

CB WING

Instructor RE (Major)

...

R. SIGNALS

Instructor R. Sigs (Major)

Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs

...

ATTACHED

T/Capt J.L. Strawson (72479) RAC

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To: 12 B  
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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Regd No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
1	DODGE 3-ton	L.5689402	E		
2	CHEVROLET 3-ton	L.5686553	E		
3	FORD GS 15-cwt	Z.5313398	E		
4	DODGE GS 15-cwt	Z.4982463	E		
5	DODGE GS 15-cwt	Z.5230009	E		
6	AUSTIN P.U.	M.1137044	E		
7	HILLMAN P.U.	M.5100869		LR	
8	JEEP	M.6626871	E		
9	TRIUMPH 500	C/5426264		LR	
10	BSA 500	C/5117266	E		
11	BSA 500	C/1461106	E		
12	BSA 500	C/5547639	E		

Certified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated that ABs 412 and 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Date 1 March 1946.

Signed.....  
Comd 12 British Liaison Unit  
Italian Central Military

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Regd No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
L. 5689402	E			
L. 5686553	E			
Z. 5313398	E			
Z. 4982463	E			
Z. 5230009	E			
M. 1137044	E			
M. 5100869		LR		
M. 5626871	E			
C/5426264		LR		
C/5117266	E			
C/1461106	E			
C/5547639	E			

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I have been inspected and found correct.

Signed..... Colonel.

Comd 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military School.



ANNEX 'G'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report  
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Deficiencies in all Ranks as against W.E. CM/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945.

(A) Officers

Major	Total
1	1

Other Ranks.

Instructor RE (Major) ++

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

(B) Other Ranks.

WO II	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total.
1	-	-	1	1
-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	1
-	-	-	1	1
-	1	-	-	1
-	-	-	5	5
-	-	1	-	1
2	4	2	6	14

- Storeman Tech RAOC
- Arm Art (Veh) REET
- Storeman Tech REIC
- Elec Veh and Plant REEB
- Veh Mech REIE
- MSI RE
- Storeman RE
- Clerk CD RE
- Inst Op W/T R. Sigs
- Instr CMP
- Clerks GD Army Arm
- Cook AOC

TOTALS

(F) 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.

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

(1) Due under LIAP, LIICP etc	-	CRs	1
(2) Due under GPO 1352/45	-	Offrs	4
		CRs	5





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SUBJECT: Inspection - Distribution Depot, GESANO.

*S.T.*

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

Ref: ST/26/1125

1 March 46.

To: A.D.S.T. ✓  
H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

Herewith two copies of translation of letter  
received from Chief of Staff, Comando Scuole Centrali Militari,  
referring to the inspection of the Distribution Depot, GESANO,  
by D.A.D.S.T., 12 B.L.U., outlining the action taken.

*J.P. Wallcut.*

Major R.A.S.C.  
D.A.D.S.T.

S & T. MMIA.

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Recd MAR 4 1946

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI  
Ufficio Servizi - Sez. Comm/10

TO: COMANDO 12 B.L.U.  
and for information to:  
Ministry of War.

22 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Inspection of Cesano Distribution Depot by Major J.C.Hallett, RASC, 12 BLU.

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With particular reference to:

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In the future the stacks will be reduced to normal height for all commodities because there will be more space, since the Forage section will be transferred elsewhere.

With reference to the floors of the stores, please note that it was built in a damp-proof manner so that commodities are safe, but, however, since damage is not available we will use what we can find (Bricks - Boards, etc).

- (2) ANTI-RAT PRECAUTIONS:

This is accomplished by means of cats since this is considered the best way. Rat traps are not efficient and the use of poison is not advisable on account of contamination of foodstuffs.

- (3) CLEANING OF PREMISES.

The troops' billets have already been whitewashed and as soon as possible the storerooms will be whitewashed also.

- (4) FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

The stores have been supplied with hand pumps and water buckets in case of immediate outbreak of fire.  
Extinguishers are on demand through service channels.

- (5) EXTERNAL LIGHTS: This has been done.

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The depot has used tentage to cover commodities in transit when lorries have no canopies.

(8) EXTENSION - RAILWAY TRACK:

The Ministry of War has given authority to start the work immediately.

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(9) CONTROL OF COMMODITIES IN TRANSPORT:

All these suggestions will be followed.

(10) QUANTITY OF COMMODITIES IN STORES:

The differences in the number of rations held of each commodity is due to the fact that the issues are made to round figures and sometimes to use in full the transport available.

(11) GENERAL SERVICES:

(a) The troops billets have been put right and bowls will be supplied to soldiers for washing.

(b) ~~The~~ An improvised cookhouse has been erected under cover.

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- (c) For lack of room it is not possible to arrange a canteen for depot personnel.
- (d) With reference to duties of depot personnel, the O.C. Depot has been ordered to allocate the different duties to the N.C.O.'s in a more suitable manner.

(Signed) COL. Lodovico MAIAVASI

CHIEF OF STAFF.

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SUBJECT:- 312 Field Bakery.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
Tel : 478207  
ST/302

11 Feb 46.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 12 HQ.

1. Further to this office letter ST/302 dated 10 Jan 46, a report has now been received showing action taken in accordance with the recommendations embodied in the above letter.

- (a) The civilian oven (requisitioned) has been overhauled and is now being used alone for the total production figure.
- (b) Infested flour has been cleaned by sieving.
- (c) Fire points have been established and fire extinguishers are on hand.
- (d) Further accommodation has been found and a hut is being built resulting in improved sleeping accommodation and, in due course, in the provision of a recreation room.
- (e) Action has been taken to improve the condition of boots and clothing and an additional soap issue has been obtained.

2. This branch is most favourably impressed by the manner in which the suggestions in the above letter have been received and moreover by the prompt and vigorous action which has been taken to rectify the deficiencies noted.

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Lt. Col. RASG.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.)

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ST (Less Appendices  
C.D.E.F.)

PROGRESS REPORT NO.

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

Ref : A.5/574

1 February 1946.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of January 1946.

1. 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 :-

- (a) The inability of the Ministry of War to fill the vacancies on course. (See Appendix 'H').
  - (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.
- The early issue of a handbook as proposed by W.M.I.A. will do much to clear the present uncertainty.

2. INFANTRY TRAINING.

At the moment there are 107 Officers and 719 NCOs under training as Instructors for C.A.Ss. The course is of 6 weeks and started on 10 January 1946.

Since there has been no official change of establishment since the Centre was formed, the Infantry School is purely improvised to meet present needs. There are many shortages in vehicles, staff and equipment to meet the needs of a well run School. Many of the Instructors and Permanent Staff have, through necessity, had to be employed though they are not up to School standard. The importance of a long break for re-organisation in which training and administration can be thoroughly overhauled cannot be too strongly emphasised.

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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 target practice ranges. Present ranges are only improvised and are not suitable for what will be the Weapon Training School of the Italian Army.

3. PHYSICAL 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 M.P.T.C. personnel attached to the School.

'S & T, MMAA

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PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL. (Cont'd).

It is considered that while the Italian O.C. shows little drive or initiative, (it is hoped he will be changed shortly) unless the S.I.V.A. 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 there 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.

4. S.I.V.A.

(a) Courses during period, as follows :-

Students.	Duration -	from	to	Object.
A. 15 Colonels.	3 weeks	10 Jan.	31 Jan.	To train RMC Guards.
B. 30 Field Offrs 25 Captains.	6 weeks	10 Jan.	21 Feb.	To train in & Coy Courses for RMC's.
C. M.O's.	3 weeks	10 Jan.	31 Jan.	To train M.O's for RMC's.

(b) Progress of Training.

Great improvement on last course. The student material seems to be better and owing to reasonable numbers the squads have been easy to handle and as a result the subjects are being put over more effectively.

Number of failures is expected to be extremely low.

(c) Accommodation.

This has greatly improved now that the Service Corps has moved into the Baraccamenti (new hatted camp).

(d) Messing.

The standard of messing for the students is now good; in order to improve it a fee of 40 Lire per day per student is charged. This fee is easily covered by the allowances students receive during courses.



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A. 15 Colonels.	3 weeks	10 Jan. 31 Jan.	To train IAW Comds.
B. 30 Field Offrs 25 Captains.	5 weeks	10 Jan. 21 Feb.	To train En & Coy Comds for IAW's.
C. M.O's.	3 weeks	10 Jan. 31 Jan.	To train M.O's for NIC's.

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(e) Transport.

Vehicles are on the whole in very bad condition 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 PCME.

(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 Baraccamenti 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, DIVISIONALIA which in to be the new location of SIVA revealed that work being done on SIVA is going extremely slowly.

ACADEMIC TRAINING.

Normal 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 10 pr Guns at the C.A.R. 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 senior 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	17pr & 6pr Instructors	40 pr Instructors
Officers	43 (6 Senior Officers)	19	8
NCOs	71	35	14

In order to produce Instructors for the 6pr Troop at the C.A.R., 4 Officers and 12 NCOs were detached from the 40pr course to the 17pr course.

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HQs	71	35	14

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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 staff. In particular 7 Artillery Boards, 12 Directors and 7 Dialights are on inland. The students are forced to work on 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 40 - 50 HQs 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.



5. 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 average of ammunition leaves much to be desired at present. Either targetlines or proper bays should be provided as much is rusty.

6. SIGNAL TRAINING.

(a) General Progress.

Progress has been made during the month with the rehabilitation of the barracks and many rooms are now complete with doors 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 BAKELIS 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 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.

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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 CARONNARA 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 1946 NIL.  
Personnel joined during the month.

CG.PP. W/T Course.

Officers	18
WOs and NCOs	66
	<u>84</u>
Potential Instructors Course.	
Officers	10
WOs	25
NCOs and Privates	62
	<u>97</u>
Total under Training 28 January '46	<u>181</u>

R. & M. SCHOOL.

(a) General Progress.

As a result of the New Year holidays and the fact that courses did not commence before the middle of the month, very little progress has been made and no results are available.

(b) Numbers under Training.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Total</u>
Driver Mechs	172
Vehicle Mechs	42
General Fitters	19
House Electricians	9
Turners	6
	<u>248</u>

(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.

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	Armourer and Gun Fitter	1	-	1
	W/Sher Officer.	1	1	-



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	W/Shop Officer.	1	1	-
Senior NCOs	Driver Mechs	25	9	16
	Electricians	4	1	3
	" (House)	3	1	2
	Vehicle Mechs	16	3	13
	General Fitters	3	2	1
	Armourers	2	2	-
	Workshop	1	1	-
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(c) 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 present the Police School is far from satisfactory. The accommodations is very poor and the main reason for it being at CESMO appears to be so that I.I.O. 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.O. that it will continue here to serve the functions of the Divisional C.I.I.P. than to be an independent School.

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

9. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE (RIEPI).

The British Unit R.A.C.T.D. vacated RIEPI on disbandment on the advance party was sent by the Comando Scuole Centrale Militari on the 28 Dec 45. At the present time the detachment numbers 11 Officers and 62 O.Rs., commanded by Major SILVESURI. 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 RIEPI-TRANI 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 furnishings, C.S. 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 cookhouses, ablutions and showers exist for both Officers, NCOs and O.Rs. Representations have been made by O.S. detachments for 9 skilled soldiers (5 bricklayers, 2 carpenters, 1 electrician, 1 plumber) to Comando Scuole Centrale 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 as per Ministry of War consists of some Officers 15 NCOs 14

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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 475 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 offset the deficiency of NCO instructors 800 instructors have since been posted. Forty vehicles, of 30 requested, have been received by Scuola Autieri, and there are now sufficient vehicles to provide driving training on a basis of 10 pupils to 1 vehicle. This is not ideal but is a great improvement. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining further spare parts required for instructional purposes.

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

The implementation of the V.E. of the School of Motorisation, of which the D & M School will become a part, is being commenced. Col MILARI Automobiles Corps, has been already appointed Comdt. The syllabus of the 8 weeks Recruit D & M Course is ready, and the Comdtant 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.E. work will be necessary for the further accommodation required when the School of Motorisation is fully functioning.

11.

WAGNER SCHOOL.

During the past month this institution supervised direct from M.M.I.A. by SO. RS.

At the moment the following courses are running.

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

17 Officers }  
41 NCOs } 5 weeks.

(b) Mine clearance Course.

300 Total - 3 weeks.

The 200 men are expected to move to AURELIA BARRACKS, CIVITA' VECCHIA between 1st and 15th of February.



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The implementation of the V.E. of the School of Motorisation, of which the D.M. School will become a part, is being commenced. Col Hillier Autotechnics Corps, has been already appointed. 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 ICCs courses, etc are being organized and syllabi will be drawn up. More R.S. work will be necessary for the further accommodation required when the School of Motorisation is fully functioning.

11. 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 ICCs }
- (b) Mine clearance Course.
  - 300 Total - 3 weeks.

The mechanics 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 CERANO on 7 February '45, exact dates of future courses are not yet to hand.

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12. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

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

(a) Progress Made.

Vehicle repairs have been held up by the switch over of drawing stores from English sources to drawing 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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AFSA 1st Platoon Workshops (Cont'd)

Vehicle Repairs for January '46

Date	# of Vechs	M/Ocycles
30 Dec 45 - 6 Jan 46	10	4
7 Jan 46 - 14 Jan 46	15	5
15 Jan 46 - 22 Jan 46	14	1
23 Jan 46 - 30 Jan 46	13	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13</b>

(b) Members under Training

Due to the shortage of skilled tradesmen, one or two men are being trained with fitters on vehicles. This plan seems to be working well so far.

(c) Administration

The difficulty during the last month has been the coming over as repairs collecting materials, and the 'blows over' from delivering all B.M.R. vehicles to British workshops in 1945, to the Italian workshops in BOLIGNA. These Italian workshops are not yet functioning, and there are still a few vehicles in the workshop which were B.M.R. and would not have been accepted had it been known that they were to be passed on to BOLIGNA.

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

Trade	U.S.	Field	Deficient
Mecanici di mezzo	22	5	16
Artisti Meccanici	26	13	7
Elettricisti	6	2	4
Assistenti Meccanici	2	-	2
Indieristi	1	-	1

CHIEF SERVICES

General

The change over from British to Italian control is a slow process in detail below, in its most difficult period. Not only for U.S. but also for G.I.s, Small arms, there is a great need of spares, on much of the training equipment has been used for a year without a break. Again, with the reorganization of Schools, it is essential that proper equipment lists be prepared for each School. At present some equipment is G.1096 and some the P.M.F. Training School. If the preparation of these lists is left to Italian responsibility it is of great importance that they



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Personnel deficiencies.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>I.S.</u>	<u>Held.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
Mecanici di macchina	22	6	16
Artisti Meccanici	25	13	7
Elettricisti	6	2	4
Assistenti Meccanici	2	-	2
Levatori	4	-	4

CHIEF SECTIONS.

General.

The change over from British to Italian control is, as given in detail below, in its most difficult period. Not only for M.A. but also for Guns, Small Arms, there is a great need of spares, as much of the training equipment has been used for a year without a break.

Again, with the reorganisation of Schools, it is essential that proper equipment lists be prepared for each School. It proved some equivalent is 6.1096 and more the D.M.F. Training Scale. If the preparation of these lists to be an Italian responsibility it is of great importance that they should be made out by someone qualified to do so, as is the case, Italian ideas on equipment required have not been very sound. **330**

(a) 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 units of the Schools and the permanent staff, until the purchase clothing season starts.

It is understood that the Italian Ministry of War will then be able to supply Blank Drill. The position for M.F. Spares, Signal Stores, and Gun Parts is not satisfactory at the moment as there has never been a Stores Section; the result being there are no stocks held of these stores. However, AMM is having a 60 Day Maintenance Pack prepared of all available IT and Gun Spares etc which will be available in the near future.

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13 FINANCE SERVICES. (Cont'd).

(a) Continued.

In the meantime there will be vehicles off the road. A salvage dump of British vehicles has been located in Italy, where cannibalisation of vehicles can be done and the Ministry of War has been informed of this. Hand over of the DALCS Stores to the Italian is almost complete. In general there has been a big improvement in the methods of storage throughout the Centre. However, many more racks are still required.

14. SAFETY MATTERS.

Improvements have been made to the Petrol Point but fire precautions are still not adequate - a universal fault throughout the Centre.

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

15. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Hygiene.

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

(b) 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) Morale.

In the whole, very satisfactory.

(d) Welfare.

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

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

\*Results of Courses for I.T.O.s as at Appendix 'A' attached.

Location Statements of Italian Schools.

" " Appendix 'B' "

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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

Location Statements of Italian Schools.

" " Appendix 'B' "  
" " Appendix 'C' "

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

++Staff List of Italian Officers  
Lieut-Col and above

" " Appendix 'D' "

++Return of British III held by 12 B.L.U.

" " Appendix 'E' "

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16 MISCELLANEOUS. (cont'd).

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

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

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

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- +1) additional copies to M.M.I.A. for T.T.C.'s.
- ++1) triplicate to M.M.I.A.
- +++1) M.M.I.A. only.
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APPENDIX "A"  
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To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report  
No. 14, dated 1 February 46  
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RESULTS OF COURSES.  
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H I L -- No results yet received.

## APPENDIX 'B'

To 12 B.L.U. Progress  
Report No. 14.  
dtd. 1 Feb '46.

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 on 1 FEB '46
4	Signals School	CECCIGNUOLA	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	
5	D & S School	CECCIGNUOLA	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	
6	T & M 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	Infantry School	CESANO	Sheet 143-II SE 617872	
9	Police School	CESANO	Sheet 143-II SE 617863	
10	P.T. School	CESANO	Sheet 143-II SE 617876	
11	Holding Party for Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	1:50,000 Sheet 142-II 171953	
12	School of Admin. & Welfare	RIMFI	1:200,000 F. 0724	376

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APPENDIX "G"

Go: 12 E.L.F. Progress Report  
No. 14 dated 1 Feb. 46.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR ARTILLERY SIGNAL RECRUITS.

40 hours Week.	8 Weeks	=	304 hours.	Hours.
1. Basic electricity and magnetism. ...	...	...	16	
2. Exchange Operating practice and monogram practices ...	...	...	8	
3. Signal Office Procedure and Records } Signal Security (Codes, etc.) }	...	...	4	
4. R/T procedure ...	...	...	20	
5. T/E Operation, testing and maintenance of eqpt. } Telephone D.K.V. - (Fullerphone?) } S.M.C.10 Line - (Superimposing Unit?) }	...	...	10	
6. W/T Sets 18/48 } Description and netting. Tuning W/T Sets 19/22 } & Remote. Sittins, serials, 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, Misc Orders, etc. ...	...	...	48	
11. Drill and P.T. } Medical Lectures. } Map Reading. } Landscape. }	...	...	40	
TOTAL			304	





APPENDIX "III"

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

COMPARISON BETWEEN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS AND THOSE RECEIVED.

SCHOOL.	ESTIMATED.	RECEIVED.
G.I. V.L.	105 Officers.	93 Officers.
Infantry School and 2nd Regiment.	120 Officers. 670 N.C.Os.	107 Officers. 710 N.C.Os.
Artillery.	190 Officers & NCOs.	195 Officers & NCOs.
Gunns (Supporters)*	60 Officers. 190 N.C.Os.	17 Officers. 41 N.C.Os.
Gunns (Signal Corps) <sup>(1)</sup>	60 Officers. 150 N.C.Os.	10 Officers. 67 N.C.Os.
Gunns (Signal Corps) <sup>(2)</sup>	364 Officers & OAs.	18 Officers. 66 OAs.
D. & H. School.	450 Drivers.	416 Drivers.
D. & H. School.	270, all ranks.	246, all ranks.
Physical Training.	80, all ranks.	45, all ranks.



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Infantry School and 2nd Regiment.	120 Officers. 670 N.C.Os.	107 Officers. 710 N.C.Os.
Artillery.	190 Officers & NCOs.	195 Officers & NCOs.
Genie (Suppers)*	60 Officers. 120 N.C.Os.	17 Officers. 41 N.C.Os.
Genie (Signalers) <sup>(1)</sup>	60 Officers. 150 N.C.Os.	10 Officers. 67 N.C.Os.
Genie (Signalers) <sup>(2)</sup>	56 Officers & ORs.	18 Officers. 66 ORs.
D. & M. School.	400 Drivers.	416 Drivers.
L. & M. School.	270, all ranks.	243, all ranks.
Physical Training.	80, all ranks.	45, all ranks.

NOTES: \*Other than Mine Clearance Course.  
 (1) Instructors Course.  
 (2) Cavalier.



SUBJECT :- Petrol Point-CESANO.

ST/1021/E

7 Feb 46

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. ( M.M.I.A. )  
ROME  
Tel : Rome 489061 Ext 526

To :- S.M.P.E., Ufficio Automobiliamo.

1. Major J.O. Halket DAMEE 12 BLU visited the Petrol Point at Cesano recently.
2. The following points from his report are forwarded to you for information and such action as you consider necessary :
  - (i) Fire Precautions appear to be very inadequate in view of stocks held and it is suggested that immediate steps be taken to remedy this
  - (ii) That stocks be dispersed over a greater area to reduce the danger of loss by fire.
  - (iii) That stricte measures be taken to ensure that stocks of oil and grease are not contaminated by dirt etc. and that various grades of oils and grease are kept separately.
3. You will no doubt agree that it is desirable that this installation existing as it does in a Training Establishment, should be maintained as a model of what a Petrol Point should be.

*see folio 1*

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*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col. ADM.,  
Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT: Report on 319 Field Bakery.

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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.  
(Tel: HQMT 66319)

Ref: ST/26/990

7 Feb.46

To: H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMA) (2 copies)

S.T.

Herewith copy of translation of letter received  
by this Unit from the H.Q. Italian Central Military Schools,  
reference 07/1239/S/Comm dated 4 Feb.46, for your information.

*H. J. Bamford*  
*Major*  
Lt. Colonel  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools

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TRANSLATION.

From: COMANDO SOCCORSO CENTRALE MILITARE  
Ufficio Servizi - Set. Com. di Prot.

Ref: 07/1239/S/Com. di Prot.

To: COMANDANTE, TERRITORIALE H.Q., ROME

4 February 1946.

For information to: Ministry of War,  
12 RMJ.

Subject: Report on the 319 Field Bakery.

With reference to the report of an inspection of the squad of 319 Field Bakery, forwarded by 12 S.S.U.

- (a) The inspection was carried out at a critical time for the Bakery, because at that time the civilian oven used for production of bread was under repair. This oven, which had been requisitioned, is very old and greatly needed major repairs and thorough cleaning. The production of bread had been interrupted, to allow the repairs to be carried out, since the end of December. The necessary production of bread was carried out in two Weins Ovens, located in a shed, while the moulding was done in the mechanical moulder situated in the same civilian bakery as the civilian oven. The remaining 1,500 daily rations that could not be produced here were drawn from Rome, as agreed with the Local Commissariato Directorate. Since all repairs and cleaning of the civilian oven have now been effected over 4,000 rations can be produced daily from the civilian oven and no further bread is drawn from ROME, the Weiss ovens having been put out of commission.
- (b) A small quantity of infested flour has been sieved and after sieving found to be of best quality and quite clean. This will be used again by mixing it in small proportions with later receipts, and will be completely used by the end of this week.
- (c) The Engineers have been requested to supply the Bakery with fire extinguishers. Meanwhile, water buckets with pumps and wooden boxes full of sand in case of urgent necessity have been provided.
- (d) The billets for personnel are those that it was possible to obtain in the locality. Some of the personnel has been meanwhile transferred to new billets which were obtained by transferring the flour to a smaller room, the holding of flour having been reduced. The remaining personnel will soon be transferred to a hut that is in process of construction and that will soon be ready. It will then be possible to also have a rest room with a radio.



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- (c) The Engineers have been requested to supply the Bakery with five extinguishers. Meanwhile, water buckets with pumps and wooden boxes full of sand in case of urgent necessity have been provided.
- (d) The billets for personnel are those that it was possible to obtain in the locality. Some of the personnel has been meanwhile transferred to new billets which were obtained by transferring the flour to a smaller room, the holding of flour having been reduced. The remaining personnel will soon be transferred to a hut that is in process of construction and that will soon be ready. It will then be possible to also have a rest room with a radio.
- (e) A supplementary ration of soap has been obtained for the bakers, bringing them into line with mechanics and cooks, etc. **31**
- (f) New clothing has been issued to bakers, according to state of repair and to length of time since previous issue.
- (g) Repairs of boots will be effected by local military cobbler.

(SGd) General ROMEO

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SUBJECT: Inspection of 319 Field Bakery.

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

Ref: ST/5/952.

1 Feb. 46

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

1. Herewith copy of this H.Q. letter ST/5/837, dated 8 Jan. 46, for your information.
2. This H.Q. ST/5/838 dated 8 Jan. 46 refers.

*[Signature]*  
Colonel

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools

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(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ST/5/837

8 Jan. 46

To: Comando  
Scuole Centrali Militari.

1. Attached herewith copy of report on inspection of 319 Field Bakery, CESANO, by Major J.C. Halket, R.A.S.C., D.A.D.S.E. of this H.Q., on 3 Jan. 46
2. Your attention is invited to paragraph 12 of the report, containing suggestions for improvement.
3. You should take into account the fact that by March the ration strength to be supplied daily by the bakery will have reached the 6,000 mark and that the War Establishment of the squad by that time will, in all probability, have been implemented. This should be borne in mind when arranging to bring further ovens into use and when seeking fresh accommodation.

(Sgd) L.H. MACKAY

Colonel  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools

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RECEIVED 30 JAN 1946

SUBJECT: Inspection of Petrol Point, CESSANO.

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

Ref: ST/26/933

29 Jan. 46

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

S.T.

Herewith, for information, please find copy  
of report on inspection of Petrol Point at Comando  
Scuole Centrali Militari, made by Major J.C. Halket, RASC.  
DADST this H.Q.

*[Signature]*  
Colonel

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools

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for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.  
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ST/26/932.

29 Jan. 46

To: Comando  
Scuole Centrali Militari.

1. Herewith, attached, report on inspection made on petrol point CESANO, by Major J.C. HALKET, RASC. DADST this H.Q.
2. It is recommended that proposals outlined in section 4 (b) should be put into effect.

(Sgd) L.H. MACKAY.

Colonel  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools.

JCH/ah.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

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REPORT ON AN INSPECTION MADE ON PETROL POINT AT CESANO ON  
JANUARY 1946 BY MAJOR J.C. HALKET, RASC.

(1) INTRODUCTION:

The petrol point at CESANO (P.O.L. Store) is situated about 1 mile to the North-East of Comando Scuole Centrali Militari and to the East of the road through the camp to ANZILLARA. It is commanded by Captain LANDI, a Regular Artillery Officer (commissioned October 1937, promoted captain January 1942). The point is under the Ufficio Servizi Sezione Auto technically and the personnel are under the Compagnie Comando for all administration. The petrol point is working on a temporary layout since R.V. work is in progress and when finished the layout will be altered (both layouts are described in report). The point is situated on fairly hard ground and there is one building which is used as an office, sleeping quarters and oil store in separate rooms. Half of this building is at present occupied by other personnel who are being moved out in the near future and the point personnel will then take over the whole accommodation.

(2) TECHNICAL

(a) STORAGE:

The two 25,000 litre tanks (petrol) and the 5,500 litre (Diesel) tank are ready for use, though power is required to operate the electric pump (pump is in possession of point) for filling the tanks from road tankers. The O.C. stated that the power would be laid on in five days' time. There are 4 cisterns which are being used now and will continue to be used in conjunction with the new tanks. The holding and issuing of petrol and diesel in barrels will be discontinued when the new tanks are brought into operation. The capacity of the cisterns and stock of petrol and diesel in barrels at the time of the inspection was :-

(i) Cistern	7,500 litres	PETROL	47	
(ii) "	5,500 "		24	
(iii) "	3,500 "		22	
(iv) "	3,500 "	DIESEL	103	5605 B. Gal
(v) Barrels	80,700	PETROL	504	4631 B. Gal
(vi) "	1,000 "	DIESEL	7	17440.
<b>Total</b>				<b>21,248 B. Gal</b>

The four cisterns are adjacent to one another and the stock in barrels is close to the cisterns so that any fire started would involve the whole lot.

The oil store was inspected.

*Oil tank / Water tank / ...*





(ii) Demands.

The procedure for demands is as follows:

The Auto Servizi make out a demand for P.O.L. to cover 3 or 4 days, in triplicate.

- 1st copy to Head Office, C.I.P. Rome.
- 2nd " " O.C. Petrol Point.
- 3rd " " File.

The O.C. Petrol Point then takes his copy of the demand to C.I.P. Head Office and an indent is made out in triplicate for an amount for immediate drawal only (OC Point signs this indent):

- 1st copy War Ministry (End month with 1st copy demand)
- 2nd " " O.C. Point.
- 3rd " " Auto Servizi.

The OC Point then draws for the 4 points at the C.I.P. Depot on his copy of the indent and they sign for their amounts from him. The O.C. point can obtain an indent from C.I.P. head office for drawals until original demand satisfied, when the C.I.P. sign the O.C. Point's copy and return it.

At the end of the month the demands received back signed by C.I.P. are sent to Ministry of War.

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Issues are made to unit vehicles in CESSANO area on an average of 1,000 - 1,200 American gallons petrol and 2,000 litres Diesel per day. Vehicles are issued from the barrels or cisterns by hand operated pumps.

A driver enters the point and reports to the office where his tanks are checked and the amount he is to be issued with is entered in a book, kept for each unit (see Accounts - Section "D") and in his work ticket. The driver then draws and returns and signs. The driver is given no chit to the storeman, who issues, neither does the storeman keep a tally of receipts and issues from his "stacks". The only check is that the storeman who issues a particular driver may look at the Work Ticket. There are no guiding signs in the Depot.

When the new tanks are brought into use the driver will draw from one of two points near the tanks. The new layout appears to be hazy since the O.C. Depot stated that the vehicles would enter by the tanks, fill up and go round to the North of the building, report to the office, sign and then exit. The diesel issues too are in line and very close to the petrol issues.

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Accounts were inspected and found up-to-date. The following accounts are maintained :

- (i) A book is kept for each drawing unit and the driver signs against his vehicle number for amount drawn. The book is ruled off daily, after 1700 hrs. and commenced afresh.
- (ii) A Summary of Issues book is kept.
- (iii) A Summary of Receipts book is kept, split into 4 sections, one for each petrol point, with a totals column.

The following returns are made :-

- (i) Movement and Remains return to Auto Servizi, every evening after 1700 hrs.
- (ii) Each month a Summary of Issues by units. This is supported by a summary of drawals made out for each unit in triplicate, one copy of which the unit retains, to support its POL account and .....

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two copies of which, signed by unit cmd. are sent back to Petrol Point to support monthly issue Summary.

(iii) Return to Auto Servizi daily for 12 B.L.U. of issues made during previous day by units.

Stock checks are made every evening after 1700 hours by O.C. Point. Periodic checks are made by higher authority.

(E) FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

There were no foam extinguishers and the only fire points were two sets of 4 tins, one at each end of the building on the West side. The tins were almost full with wet earth. There was one small inconspicuous "No smoking" notice in (Italian) on the West side of the building. The O.C. argued with the inspecting officer that the point was in fact totally incapable of fighting a fire. He stated however that there was a 500 litre extinguisher in the stores but that it had not yet been issued.

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(5) REGIMENTAL:

(A) STRENGTH:

The personnel are on the strength of the Compagnie Comando and all administration is done by that unit. There are no "unit stores" etc.

There is no War Establishment as yet for the depot <sup>364</sup>point.

The following personnel are permanently employed there :-

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| 1 Officer (Captain) | Artillery.  |
| 1 Maresciallo.      | Auto Corps. |
| 1 Sgt. Magg.        | Artillery.  |
| 1 Sgt.              | Auto Corps  |
| 1 Cpl.              | " "         |
| 7 men               | " "         |

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(B) Messing Arrangements:

The men feed at the Compagnie Comando Mess, 200 yards away, and the senior N.C.Os. in the central Sergeants Mess. The officer messes in the central Officers Mess.

(C) Sleeping Accommodation:

The men sleep in a room on the South of the building. This room was quite clean though slightly overcrowded. Kits were not laid out, though, beds were tidy. This sleeping accommodation is temporary and the men will sleep in the East Room when that part of the building is vacated.

(D) Latrines:

There is a latrine on the North side of the building.

(E) Welfare:

Hours of work are from 07.00 - 12.00 and 13.00 - 17.00 hours. There are no recreational amenities for the men and no canteen run by the parent unit. The Compagnie Comando occasionally ask the O.C. for the name of a good soldier, who is paid a bonus. The O.C. stated that his men had no particular trouble at the time, though receive no trade pay for doing a P.O.L. storeman's job.

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- (ii) That a storeman is placed in charge of a specific stack or issue point and keeps an issue and receipts tally.

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- (iii) That drivers sign before drawing P.C.L. and take a chit to the storeman, who then issues amount. These chits should support storeman's tally.
- (iv) That guiding signs are erected to enable drivers to go to the right issue points.
- (v) That oil store is improved with the different oils stacked <sup>separately</sup> ~~apart~~ and notices displayed as to type of oil. Open ~~measures~~ and measures should be kept in a covered box when not in use, free from dirt.
- (vi) That contractor is urged to finish R.E. work on point without further delay.
- (vii) That more dispersion of stocks is instituted to enable fires to be isolated.

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(1) INTRODUCTION:

The Distribution Depot of 152 Ration, P.O.L. & Clothing Store is situated to the East and adjacent to Comando Scuole Centrali Militari, and adjacent to and on the North side of the main road to CESANO village. The accommodation consists of one long shed that is sub-divided into rooms used for storage, offices and accommodation for personnel, built on a ramp the height of a British railway platform, and running East-West. A similar shed, built parallel, about 20 yards to the North, is used as the clothing store. The Distribution Depot is commanded by 2/Lieut. MINOZZI, aged 25, a regular Officer of the SUSSESTENZA, (commissioned 1942).

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(A) Storage.

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- (c) Wine Section: 1 Cpl.Magg storeman and 1 storeman.
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The stacking was on the whole good. The sugar inspected was found to be hard about half-way down, the bottom sacks having become very hard, and was stacked too high. Macaroni was also stacked too high. Warranties were mixed in stacks, though only close warranties. No extended warranties on R.E.D. markings were found on any supplies. Matches were close-stacked, although there was at the time only a small stock. Supplies were, to a large extent, stacked by ~~hand~~ <sup>bands</sup>. The damage used was bricks, which are not satisfactory. The O.C. stated that wood was not obtainable.

(iii) Tally Sheets.

There were tally sheets for each stack, the heading <sup>259</sup> being correctly made out, and the transactions entered to date. There was no "remains column or line" shown on tally sheets (SI/4 not in use) and to arrive at the tally sheet figure one had to do computations with regard to movements since the figure first entered when stack was commenced. The commodities checked were correct as per Tally Sheet. Stacks were not numbered.

(iv) Anti-Rat Precautions.

The O.C. Depot stated that there were a great number of rats and that the commodity that they attacked most was the pasta. The only Anti-Rat precautions being taken was the keeping of two cats; though poison and traps have been demanded but not yet received. ....

(v) Fire Precautions.

There were no fire points or extinguishers. Extinguishers are on demand. There were no "NO SMOKING" notices displayed.

(vi) Labour.

No civilian labour is employed; a certain number of infantrymen and artillerymen are attached to act as labour.

(vii) Guards.

There is a carabinieri guard; a carabinieri guard is also present when railway trucks are being off-loaded at CESSANO Station.

(B) STOCKS.

(i) Stock Position.

At the time of the inspection the position, based on feeding strength of 10,000 per day was as follows, (at Single Ration Scale) :-

Flour	...	...	20 Days.
Pasta (macaroni)	60	"	"
Rice	...	10	"
P. Meat	...	10	"
Pulses (Dried peas)	150	"	" (Pork L.H. since received)
Cheese	...	20	" (Drd.veg. NIL)
Tomato preserve	45	"	"
Sugar	...	90	"
Coffee	...	29	"
Pepper	...	NIL	"
Matches	...	60	"
Olive Oil	...	30	"
Nuts (Almonds	...	...	"
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NOTE: Stocks very unbalanced.

Forage -- only two bales of straw were in the forage section plus some loose straw. Normal commodities held are straw plus barley, and also condemned pulses (peas) are held for issue.

(ii) Hospital Supplies.

No Hospital supplies are on charge.

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(iv) Turn-over Charts.

No turn-over charts are kept for sacked commodities; in view of the large stocks of sugar and pulses and possibly of flour (flour was being received during the inspection) it would be wise to keep turn-over charts (Appendix I).

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(v) The last board for condemning supplies was held early in December 1945.

(c) RECEIPTS.

Commodities are received as follows :-

- (i) Transfer by rail from 10 Bulk Depot, NAPLES (consigned on ST/5).
- (ii) Wine is transferred from 9 Bulk Depot, BARI.
- (iii) Rice is received from Italian sources in the North.

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- (iv) Straw and Hay are purchased locally by commissariato and, if possible, units collect in their own transport. When forage is purchased, a Forage Board, consisting of three Officers - one a commissariato officer and two from other Arms, is held to ensure that forage conforms to contract standards.
- (v) Food is purchased locally by commissariato and if possible units collect.
- (vi) Fresh vegetables are purchased by units locally from allowances credited for the purpose to unit funds. On occasions when wine is not available from the Distribution Depot, units also purchase wine locally.
- (vii) Coffee is transferred with other supplies, from 10 Bulk Depot, already reasted under supervision of 10 Bulk Depot.

All rail receipts arrive at CESSANO station and R.T.O. informs O.C. Depot of arrival. Transport is then allocated from the Transport Platoon to transfer supplies from the siding in CESSANO Station to the Depot, a distance of approximately 1 mile. The trucks are unsealed in the presence of the carabinieri, who, if there are deficiencies, arrest the escort. (The escort was arrested five days before inspection, two sacks of flour being deficient). If there are any discrepancies the O.C. Depot renders a statement to the Commissariato, which is signed by himself, the R.T.O., the carabinieri and the escort.

The only documentation from rail to road is that the officer or N.C.O. checking supplies from the trucks to the M.T., hands a chit of the details of the load to a carabinieri soldier, who is placed in charge of each Lorry.

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A spur, running from CESSANO Station to the Depot, has been laid, though is not finished. Work has stopped at a distance of approximately 100 yards from the Depot, where a point would be required to be laid to enable trucks containing either supplies or clothing to be placed on the Distribution Depot and Clothing Depots respectively. The lines in the depot would have to be constructed at ground level to enable M.T. to cross them easily and also to back up to the Distribution Depot for off-loading any road receipts, and for issues to units. The work to be done for both the Distribution Depot and the Clothing Store would be :- The construction of a point, two 100-yard lengths of track and two buffer stops.

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The completion of this work is very urgent since it would save the double handling of rail to road, possible damage to supplies and possible pilferage of supplies. Much delay is caused at present by having to use road transport to clear the rail traffic and the limited number of storemen in the Depot has to be further reduced by a certain number being employed to off-check the railway trucks. The fact that the shed is built on a ramp is a further advantage, since all supplies can be handled at the height of the floor of the wagon. In addition, a considerable amount of M.T. and P.O.L. would be saved. In general, the cost of the completion of this work would be paid ~~by~~ in the long run by a saving in M.T., P.O.L., tyres and supplies damaged.

(D) ISSUES:

(i) Normal Issues (single scale).

The present feeding strength is 10,000 approx. per day (issues are made twice a month - 15th and 30th) and the number of "splits" is 32. All issues, except wine and flour, are made from the General Commodity section from one door, two tables being placed across the door to prevent unit representatives from entering. The issues are controlled entirely by the O.C. Depot, he himself calling forward amounts of various commodities

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from the stacks, as per ST/8's (see Accounts Section) and ensuring that unit representatives sign. The units bring their own containers. An "overs and unders" book is maintained. A chart of Kilo-Pound conversion is at hand also for easy reference. The scales used for issues are checked periodically by qualified personnel.

(ii) Other Scales:

Issues are made on the travelling scale at various times (e.g. when courses end). NO hospital scale issues are made. The hospital at CESSANO purchases locally from funds provided.

(iii) Flour Issues.

Flour is issued to 319 Field Bakery at CESSANO and to units not supplied by 319 Field Bakery, at BRACCIANO, MANZIANA and CIVITAVECCHIA. These units then hand the flour over to the civilian bakeries at these places for baking into bread.

(iv) Empty Sacks.

These are made into bundles of 25 (24 in one sack) and returned to 10 Bulk Depot.

(v) Forage Issues.

Forage issues are made periodically for a strength of 36 mules and 23 horses (P.T. School).

(vi) Unit's Complaints.

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In addition, an Italian register of issues a ~~350~~ receipts, showing complete stock movements during financial year (ending June) has to be maintained and despatched each year to Higher Authority, (Finance Department, Ministry of War).

(b) There is a Depot at CIVITAVECCHIA with a feeding strength of 2,000 for which the Distribution Depot at CESANO is the accounting unit. There were no separate columns in the ST/11 to show the stock at CESANO and the stock (very small) at CIVITAVECCHIA; nor a supporting stock book showing the two figures.

(ii) Indents (ST/8).

These are made out by units in quadruplicate, the ration strength not being entered, and passed to commissariato 5 days in advance. The Commissariato enter the ration strength (daily strength and period strength), stamp the indents and pass them to Depot, where they are serially numbered and entered in ST/9. The amounts to be issued are

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then worked out (see para (a) above) and the ST/S's passed to the Section and issues made accordingly, the unit representative and Officer i/c Depot signing. One copy is handed to unit representative, one sent to M.M.I.A. and two kept in Depot - one for permanent record and one to support the Italian stock movement return sent in at the end of the year.

(iii) Stack Books.

No section stack books are kept. It is not normal to keep stack books in a detail depot though is advisable if any stocks are held over and above stock required for current issues.

(iv) The accounts were inspected and found up-to-date.

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The room at the East end is used as sleeping quarters for depot personnel. The room is airy, though very cheerless and needs whitewashing badly. The men are too crowded, the beds nearly touching. The only means of heating was one small wood-fired stove, which is quite inadequate. Kits were not laid out, some beds were untidy and the room was dirty. The electrician was fixing a permanent lighting system in the room, although bulbs are needed.

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The Southern end of the passage, where the empty barrels are stored, is used as a cookhouse. This passage is open at both ends to the weather. There is no stove, nor has any attempt been made to improvise one. Petrol tins (non-returnable) each supported on three old milk tins and fired by wood laid underneath are used for cooking the food. The smoke was swirling round and has blackened the wall and roof in parts; no covers were over the tins. A brew of "linasto" was being cooked for the men's evening meal at the time of the inspection.

The officer explained that there was no cooking equipment allowed since the men were supposed to feed at the Compagni Comando, but were unable to do so since the hours of meals there clash with working hours in the Depot.

(F) Latrines.

The latrine is of the German type and at the far Western end of the Depot. It is cleaned out each day by Depot personnel. There is NO night latrine bucket for the men's billet.  
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(G) Ablutions:

The only means of washing for the men is a tap out in the open on the side of the shed wall, near the door of the sleeping quarters. There were no bowls. The men are able to get hot showers at the Compagni Comande twice a week.

(H) Laundry.

The men do their own laundry and have to make the ration of soap (250 gms) do for laundry and personal washing.

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There are no unit stores - the unit is dependant on the stores at the Compagni Comando.

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- (vii) That fire extinguishers are supplied and fire points laid out. Each point should have 1 extinguisher, 3 buckets water and 1 sand (2/3rds full), 2 choppers, 1 axe felling (or pick axe) and 2 spades. Buckets can be made from old oil tins, the top being removed and a piece of wood fixed across to form a handle. In addition, "NO SMOKING" notices should be displayed prominently. Fire orders should be drawn up.
- (viii) That outside lighting is provided for night work.
- (ix) That a turn-over chart is instituted for sacked commodities (Spex.I)
- (x) That tarpaulins are issued to depot.

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- (xi) That construction of railway track is completed (a point and 200 yds of track could surely be taken from some unused siding elsewhere).
- (xii) That while the present system of clearing railhead is in vogue, Loading Lists are issued to each driver (made out in duplicate) - one to Driver and one kept as record.
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- (xiv) That a stock book is commenced and stocks are all numbered.
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The general opinion gained is that the Depot is functioning very well technically and that stock control is good. But the conditions under which the men are living need great improvement. The depot is deficient on War Establishment and one officer has to do two jobs. However, one officer could do the two jobs if the Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. did jobs appertaining to their rank and carried more responsibility. The establishment, organisation is that the Major runs the regimental and accounts side, and the 2/Lieut the Depot. Another officer has since been posted, ~~though~~ is an infantry officer and will work under the present O.C. It is suggested that this officer could, as his first job, put the Regimental side right.

It is evident that the officer is doing too much detail work, in that he is controlling issues which a Marescialle could do and it is evident that the N.C.Os. are not pulling their weight when a Marescialle is in charge of the Forage section - a job that a Cpl or Senior storeran could do. Also that the officer has to go to railroad and an NCO is not trusted with this job.

It is therefore suggested that the present Warrant Officers not pulling their weight are either given more responsibility or replaced.

The completion of the railway track is of vital importance in improving the efficiency of the Depot.

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APPENDIX I

To: Report by D.A.D.S.F., 12 B.L.U.  
 on 152 Ration POK & Clothing Store

TURN-OVER CHART FOR ANY SACKED COMMODITY.

(Each month's receipts to be stacked separately.)

COMMODITY: Flour.		ACCOUNTING UNIT: Kilos.				Initials of NCO i/c Section.
RECEIPTS.		ISSUES.				
Month rec'd.	Stack No.	Amount	Month & date issued	Stack No.	Amount.	
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SUBJECT:- Report on 319 Field Bakery.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
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Ministry of War.

10 Jan 46.

Copy to:- 12 BLU.

1. The above unit was inspected by Major J.C. HARKET on 3 Jan 46. The unit operates efficiently in the face of difficulties and is well supervised.
2. In view of the observations of the inspecting officer the following improvements are suggested for your consideration and such action as you may consider desirable.
  - (a) The static oven in the civilian bakery and at least two of the mobile ovens should be repaired at an early date and made ready for use; increased shelter is required for the mobile ovens. In this way the present production figure can be maintained or increased by working two eight-hour shifts daily.
  - (b) Infested and clean flour should be stored separately.
  - (c) Precautions against fire and vermin should be instituted.
  - (d) Improved accommodation for personnel, cookhouse and ablutions should be found and kept cleaner and a suitably heated rest room with radio provided.
  - (e) A more generous scale of issue of soap should be made and arrangements put in hand for the washing of bakers clothing.
  - (f) Arrangements should be made for the replacement and repair of boots.

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BY MAJOR J.C. HALKET, R.A.S.C., ON 3 JANUARY, 1946.

(1) INTRODUCTION:

One squad (equivalent to half a section) of 319 Field Bakery, commanded by 2/Lieut. BABARETTI is situated in Cesano village. The squad occupies a requisitioned school as billets and offices, with a Messen Hut in the grounds containing two mobile ovens, and a nearby building as a bread store, commodity store and issue bay. In addition the squad runs a requisitioned civilian bakery which is further in the village and some half-a-mile away from the main area. It is manned entirely by military personnel in three 8-hour shifts, extending over 24 hours.

(2) EQUIPMENT AND CAPACITY:

The equipment of the squad is as follows:

- 6 mobile ovens each with a capacity of 750 kilos per 24 hours.
- 1 permanent oven in the civilian bakery with a capacity of 2,000 kilos per 24 hours.  
(Thus the total capacity is 6,500 kilos per 24 hours).
- 1 Mixing machine situated in the civilian bakery, with a capacity of approximately 200 kilos per hour.

At present, however, only two of the mobile ovens are working, since there is no covered accommodation under which to set up the others, and the civilian oven is out of order.

Therefore the present capacity of the bakery is 1,500 kilos per 24 hours.

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Test weighings are carried out on properly sealed flour sacks on receipt and 100% weighings on all re-sewn sacks.

- (b) Commodities are transferred to the civilian bakery where a Sergeant Baker supervises the mixing. A trough of prepared yeast is adjacent to the mixing machine and a tap over the machine supplies water. The machine is operated for 20 minutes and then the dough is allowed to settle. The dough is then placed in a long wicker basket and carried along the road to the miscal hut. Here the dough is hand-souled, allowed to settle for 20 minutes and then fed into the ovens. The fuel used in the ovens is wood and the dough is baked for 20 minutes at 220° C.

(4) BREAD PRODUCTION:

The dough is moulded into single loaves, each loaf representing one man's ration for one day, and the yield is as follows :

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100 kilos Flour	} Yields 130 kilos of Bread.
1 " Salt	
2 " Yeast	

If the dough is baked as two half rations the yield is 127 to 128 kilos of bread.

In the summer the amount of yeast used is reduced to 500 grammes.

(5) PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING:

(a) The commodity store was inspected and stacking and damage were in order. There was, however, a stack of infested flour in the same room as the good flour. Separate accommodation for this should be found. Tally cards were up-to-date.

(b) The Bread store was inspected and found in order. A tally card is maintained for recording receipts and issues through store.

(6) FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

At present there are no fire points or any fire extinguishers, though application has been made.

(7) ANTI-RAT PRECAUTIONS:

No anti-rat precautions are being taken. No trouble has so far been experienced.

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- 1 Sgt. Major.
- 3 Sgts.
- 3 Cpl. Magg.
- 3 Cpls.
- 48 Bakers.

There are no supply clerks, the whole of the book work being done by soldiers of baker trade.

(b) Sleeping Quarters:

The sleeping quarters for the men are totally unsuitable, being in a basement beneath the school, and damp, dark and cold. Only the ground floor and basement of the school are requisitioned.

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Messing arrangements:

The cooking facilities comprise one stove fired by wood. When inspected there was one large pot of a brew of beans and pasta on the fire and the whole place was filled with smoke. The preparation room and ration store were filthy. The 2/Lieut explained that the chimney, which is of a very complicated type, was blocked. It was suggested that there might be a sweep in the village and that anyway the whole matter should be reported at once.

(d) Latrines and Ablutions.

The latrines are on the ground floor of the school and were locked when the inspecting party arrived. The keys were produced by the billet orderly. Washing facilities are only one tap on the outside wall of the school in the yard.

(e) Welfare.

No welfare arrangements are made for the men at all. It appears that they proceed to the village cafes and firms when off duty.

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(iii) Authority should be requested for an extra issue of soap to bakers for washing their working clothes and utensils.

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(b) Regimental.

(i) Fresh accommodation should be found for the men, with adequate cooking facilities, latrines and ablutions.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 12.

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

SECRET.

Ref: G/A.3/914

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 CECCHIGNUOLA 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 - 418 Junior Officers.
- At 2nd Regiment - 1219 Senior N.C.Os.
- At 1st Regiment - 974 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.

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PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

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 very 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.

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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.

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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 23 Artillery Cadets.  
N.C.Os. 53

17 pdr.  
Officers. 7  
N.C.Os. 20

40 mm.  
Officers. 12  
N.C.Os. 21

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The barracks and men are smarter and the instructors more enthusiastic.

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(ii) Courses.

Individual trade training has given place during the month to courses for officer and N.C.O. Instructors and a course for Mortar Officers which is a new venture.

(iii) Personnel under training - November 1945.

(a) Students accepted for training during month:-		
Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	347	90
Mortar Course - Operators W/T.	-	9
(b) Courses completed during month:-		
Operators Wireless (Genio)	-	23
Lineman (Genio)	-	13
(c) Courses in suspense :-		
Recruits	-	24
(Personnel on guard duty at CECCHIGNOLA)	-	

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NO. 3 REGIMENT (cont'd)

- (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/F	-	-	3
Add:- Course in suspense	-	-	24
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			120

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.

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(ii) Courses.

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

- 4 Officers.
- 15 N.C.Os.



(iii) Numbers held.

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>N/A's</u>	<u>CRs.</u>
(1) Staff Instructional Course	20	39	
(2) Recruits Course			5%
(3) Mine Clearance Course	4	15	
	24	54	50

(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.

This School has moved to CECCHIGNUOLA 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.

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- (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 :

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(iii) Italian Instructors.

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>Present.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
<u>Driver Mechanics Wing.</u>			
Vehicle Mechanics.	25	3457	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
<u>Vehicle Mechanics Wing.</u>			
Vehicle Mechanics.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	-	3
<u>Armours &amp; Fitters Wing.</u>			
Arm. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armours.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1
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7. Prevest School.

The 6th Course for Military Police (Carabinieri) started on November 19th. As is usual students of "Polgore" arrived late and this time also the students of "Iognano" 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

8. Mechanics School.

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

In January a short course for P.T.O. Commanders and Medical Officers will be run at S.I.V. School.

10. Future Courses.

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11. Numbers Held.

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TOTAL 3233

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm.	3 Nov.	10 Nov.	17 Nov.	24 Nov.
Infantry	370	65	534	2
Artillery	50	22	40	-
Engineers (incl. Sigs)	105	8	20	-
Other arms.	100	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 of 24 Nov. 45.

Arm.	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	A. E. S. E. N. T.				TOTAL, ABSENT.
			Hospital	Leave	AVOL.	Other Causes.	
Infantry.	3056	3924	532	432	209	263	1436
Artillery.	422	574	58	147	4	56	115
Engineers.	527	495	50	42	2	61	155
Other Arms.	473	540	89	27	5	58	175
TOTALS.	4478	5535	729	548	220	438	1935

12. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian.

With the exception of Mechanics School, is quite satisfactory.

(b) British.

The G. A. I. B. A., 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.

14. 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 Pettino. The majority of the work would 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.

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OTHER MATTERS.

Minor work of repairs is being carried out at SACILE and ABBEDIA Isonzo.

(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 rodents at CISANO but only K.C.Os. 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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APPENDIX "A" to PROPOSED REPORT No. 12  
(Ref: G/A.3/914 dated  
1 Dec. 45)

SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED SUBSIDIARIES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF  
NOVEMBER 1945.

Serial.	Description.	Total Rec'd During Month.	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	PLATS.	45	
2.	HOUSING CM.	60	



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1. REARS.

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2. MORRIS O'.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 13.

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

Ref: G/A.3/932

3 January 1946.

Herewith Progress Report for month of December 1945.

GENERAL.

During the month, training of Instructors for T.T.C.'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 train C.A.R. be used instead of T.T.C., to save confusion when talking to Italians.

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

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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 RIEPI, dealing with Services and Welfare. The huttet camp at MANZIAMA 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.Cs.

The first courses have been completed as follows :-

S.I.V.A.	-	194 Senior Officers.
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2 Regiment.	-	1171 Senior N.C.Os.
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<i>S.E.T.</i>	1 Regiment.	-	660 Junior N.C.Os.

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However, the following Courses are arranged for commencing 10 Jan.46

S.I.V.A.	-	50 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.	-	120 Junior Officers.
1 & 2 Regiments.	-	650 <sup>340</sup> Senior NCOs.

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.M.H.B. to Commands, the main points being those of age, medical examination and, last but not least, Goals to get reprimanded for sending any bad material.

**S & T, MMIA.**

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3. PHYSICAL 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 unearthed by D.I.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.

4. ARTILLERY TRAINING.

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

(a) Officers.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Numbers Passed.	Numbers Failed.	Not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. Instructor.	19	18	1	--
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	

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

SECONDARY 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.	Not completing Course, Sick, etc.
25 pdr. Instructor.	19	13	1	--
17 pdr. Instructor.	5	5	--	--
40 mm. Instructor.	9	9	--	--
Academy Graduates, 25 pdr. 17 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, Sick, etc.
25 pdr. "Specialist" Instructors.	15	14	1	--
25 pdr. Instructors.	29	26	3	--
17 pdr. Instructors.	13	12	5	1
40 mm. Distructors.	17	11	2	4
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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 30 Officers and 150 N.C.O.s. will be attending these Courses, sub-divided as follows:

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



5. SCHOOL TRAINING.

(a) General.

On December 20/21 the School moved to new premises in OROCHIUNGUOLA. 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 latrines 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 3 January 46.

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

A new Qualification Sheet for Telecommunications Mechanic (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. ENGINEER 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 PUMMILLIA, are unable to occupy the site until it becomes free. Current occupation is held by the 56 Root 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 and Training Ground is inevitable. CIVITAVECCHIA is suggested as this temporary location.



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(c) Instructional Organization.

Nothing to report.

(d) Administration and Stores.

Nothing to report.

6. ROBERT TRAINING.

(a) General.

Even 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 PIERVALATA, are unable to occupy the site until it becomes free. Current occupation is held by the 56 Rest 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 1945. In this event, the Scuola Artieri would not be in the position to accept the new recruits intake scheduled for March-April, and so a move to temporary barracks and Training Ground is inevitable. CIVITAVECCHIA is suggested as this temporary location.

The temporary move of the Scuola Artieri to any location will entail transportation of a considerable amount of equipment (batteries, bridge, explosive, etc.) and the temporary setting up of extensive training areas (including bridging gaps, **338** mine fields, etc.) is to be deprecated. However, without the **338**ly vacation of PIERVALATA 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 apace; also the Recruit Course of 50 men, and the three-week "Mine Clearance" Course for approximately 15 Officers and N.C.Os.

(b) Coursee.

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

20	Officers.
28	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>C.Ss.</u>
1. Staff Instructional Course.	20	39	--
2. Recruits Course	--	--	50
3. Mine Clearance Course.	3	14	--
	<u>23</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>

(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 100 Students is running at the D. & M. School, CECILIANURIA. 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 C.O. 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 the vehicle...



(d) Equipment.

No Change.

(e) Administration.

Accommodation - No comment, in view of pending move.

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- (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 plus 337 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.

TECHNIQUES SCHOOL.

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This School, as previously noted, will move to CECCHIINUOLA 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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8. 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.
60	Dvr. 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 Instructors.

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

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

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

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(b) Motor Cycle Course.

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

Three courses are to be run in January :-

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- (i) Military Police Course
- (ii) Motor Cyclist Course.
- (iii) Regimental Police Course

50 Students each.

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ORDNANCE SERVICES.

(a) Clothing and Stores.

The present stocks of clothing and necessaries from British Ordnance are plentiful and should provide this Centre with the Italian War Library are in a position to supply from their own sources. There are still some 'Dust bin' to arrive from previous stocks of East.

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ORDNANCE SERVICES (Cont'd).

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

(b) Control.

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 stacked 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, one 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 Battobress.

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 neater layout of their quartermaster's stores and the more adequate supply of clothing and necessaries of the correct size.

Although there is far greater improvement in the Central Storehouse, the additional wooden racking 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 changing 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.

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(b) British.

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Both G.S.O.II Schools and G.S.O.II Infantry have been away on I.L.P. during the month, also G.S.O.III Trg. Sqd. G.II Training has assumed command during the absence of Commander 12 B.L.U. on I.L.P.

12. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Satisfactory.

13. S.A.T. REPORT.

(b) Supply Depot (152 Fation Store) Cesano.

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, elimination of 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. & T. REPORT (Gen'l).

(b) F.C.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 Scuola Centrale 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 :-

(a) Vehicle Repair output for month of December 1945.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>'B' Veh.</u>	<u>M/Cycles.</u>
2 - 8	16	6
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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Meccanici di macchina.	22	6	16
Autisti Meccanici.	20	13	7
Elettricisti,	6	2	4
Aggiustatori Meccanici.	2	-	2
Inferisti.	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 soldiering 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.

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RESULTS OF COURSES IN T.T.O.

CLASSIFICATION	S.I.V.A.				No. 2 Regt. No. 1 Regt.		INFANTRY					
	Senior Offrs.		Captains		Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	INF.		ARMY.		C.	
	Lt. Cols. & Maj.	Lt. Cols. & Maj.	Inf.	Cav. Art.			1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.		1 Lt.
Excellent.	8		9	1	2	71	40	10	14	2	3	1
Very Good.	10		21	3	5	255	37	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							

- 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 Instructors. SUFFICIENT only after further training.



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LIST OF COMBES IN T.F.C.

APPENDIX "A".  
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No. 2 Regt. No. 1 Regt.		INFANTRY SCHOOL.												
Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	INF.		ARTY.		CIV.		GENO		HOSPITAL		SERVING		
		1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	
71	40	10	14	2	3	1	-	-	332		2	-	-	-
255	37	18	55	4	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
531	134	22	139	6	17	-	9	1	4	1	1	1	1	-
271	383	2	76	1	7	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	5	
11	59	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	7	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
1171	660	55	313	13	40	2	10	1	5	5	4	5	12	
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attended sufficient of course due to compassionate leave or hospital.

GOOD and GOOD are used as instructors. SUFFICIENT only in emergency or

APPEAL "B".

To 12 D.L.U. Progress  
Report No. 13.  
dtd. 3 Jan. 46

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.	CECCIGNUOLA.	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	
5	D. & H. School.	CECCIGNUOLA.	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	
6	E. & H. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920	To move to CECCIGNUOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MINZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456934	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 616866	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	



4	Signals School.	CESIGNUOLA	480905 1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	CIVITAVECCHIA.
5	D. & M. School.	CESIGNUOLA.	1:200,000 Sht. 17 F. 7458	To move to CESIGNUOLA.
6	B. & M. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920	S I V A
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456934	Inf. School.
8	Junior Officers School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617872	No. 2 Regt.
9	Senior N.C.O.s. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 618866	No. 1 Regt.
10	Junior N.C.O.'s School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	1:50,000. Sheet 142-II. 171955	
11	Police School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617863	
12	P.T. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617876	



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