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Subject: Care of Small Arms

2 Initial Inspection Unit
Tel: 56575
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16 Oct 16

To: 2 Territorial Command

Copy to: HQ Malaya Div
HQ 2 Inf Regt
2 GAR

1. During recent visits to various units in this Territorial Command it has been observed that the general cleanliness of small arms leaves much to be desired.

2. In most cases an effort has been made to clean the weapons after use and thereafter to maintain them and it is clear that Officers Commanding Regt and Corps are anxious to ensure the cleanliness of their units weapons.

3. For various reasons, however, the results are not always satisfactory and although at first glance the weapons present a satisfactory appearance, being oiled and arranged in orderly fashion, a very hasty inspection usually reveals unclean barrels or dirty working parts.

4. Your attention is directed to the importance of the frequent regular stripping of all movable parts of Brens, Rifles and Thompson Sub Machine Guns. This should be performed under the supervision of an officer or NCO who is acquainted with the weapon and should not ordinarily be left to the semi trained soldier.

5. Some of the causes for inefficient state of cleanliness of units weapons are given herewith:-

- (a) Lack of trained unit armorer.
- (b) " " " Small Arms instructors.
- (c) " " " efficient NCOs.
- (d) " " " sufficient training in handling and care of small arms amongst recruits and soldiers.
- (e) Lack of organized daily inspections of section and pl weapons in current use.

(f) Lack of cleaning materials.

(g) Lack of sufficient staff in unit responsible.

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5. Some of the causes for inefficient state of cleanliness of unit weapons are given herewith:-

- (a) Lack of training and instruction.
- (b) " " " Small arms instruction.
- (c) " " " efficient work.
- (d) " " " sufficient training in handling and care of small arms amongst recruits and soldiers.
- (e) Lack of organised daily inspections of sections and PL weapons in current use.
- (f) Lack of cleaning materials.
- (g) Lack of sufficient staff in unit armories.
- (h) Lack of sense of responsibility on the part of the private soldier who must be made to realize that the weapon with which he is issued is his personal weapon and that he is entirely responsible at all times for its care and protection, and that neglect will be visited with severe penalties.

6. In regard to sub para (f) above, cleaning materials are not in short supply in this territorial command and adequate arrangements have been made by the 4 of 4 for local purchase where supplies cannot be obtained through normal channels.

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7. It is suggested therefore that steps be taken to rectify the defects detailed above in order that small areas may be maintained in the most efficient manner possible.

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Major
C. H.

G. H. W.

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Subject:- Use of Sports Ground - Campo di Maffa

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G 5

7 Oct 46

To:- Sports Officer 6 S.A.A.D.

1. Herewith draft copy of letter on the above subject addressed to the Commander 2 Inf Regt, Genoa.
2. If you are in agreement with the suggested conditions may the authority referred to in para 2 please be sent to this office for onward transmission to the Italians.
3. Your kindness in the matter is very much appreciated both by the writer and the Italians concerned.

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Major,
G II.

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Subject: Use of Sports Ground - Italian Stadium

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Gannex)
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7 Oct 46

To: Commander 2 Inf Regt

1. Through the courtesy of the Commanding Officer, 2nd Gth D.A.A. Division, arrangements have been made for the use by your troops for sports purposes of the Italian Sports Stadium in the following programme:

Handball, Tennis, Badminton, Wrestling and Athletics from 0830 hours to 1800 hours each morning until further notice.

2. A letter authorizing your troops to enter the ground is attached herewith.

3. You are requested to observe the following instructions:-

(a) The Sports Ground is maintained by the 6th D.A.A.D. which is responsible for its care and preservation from damage therefore you will please ensure that no damage is caused by your troops either to the ground or buildings.

(b) Parties of troops will enter and leave in organized bodies and will be in the care of an officer or senior NCO who will be responsible for the discipline and orderly conduct of his party.

(c) Football boots or other heavy forms of footwear likely to cause damage to the surfaces will in no circumstances be worn when use is made of the football pitch.

(d) No unauthorized persons other than Italian military will be allowed to use the ground.

(e) The ground will be used only on the days and times stated and is particularly stressed that such times must not be exceeded.

(f) The Officer or NCO in charge of each party will be personally responsible that the ground is left clean and tidy at the end of each morning play.

(g) Any damage will be reported to your Headquarters and to this Unit.

4. It is hoped that the use of the Sports Ground will be of great benefit to the health and welfare of your troops.

Wednesday, Thursday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 0600hrs to 1800 hrs each morning until further notice.

2. A letter authorizing your troops to enter the ground is attached herewith.

3. You are requested to observe the following instructions:-

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(b) Parties of troops will enter and leave in organized columns and will be in the care of an officer or senior NCO who will be responsible for the discipline and orderly conduct of his party.

(c) Football boots or other heavy forms of footwear likely to cause damage to the surface will in no circumstances be worn when use is made of the sports field.

(d) No unauthorized persons other than Italian military will be allowed to use the ground.

(e) The ground will be used only on the days and times stated and is particularly stressed that such times must not be exceeded.

(f) The officer or NCO in charge of each party will be personally responsible that the ground is left clean and tidy at the end of each morning's play.

(g) Any damage will be reported to your Headquarters and on this bill.

4. It is hoped that the use of the sports ground will be of great benefit to the health and welfare of your troops.

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Major,
Devon Regt.,
Commanding 2 Bn.

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ARMY FORM C2135 (Small)

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Instructions

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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of second course of 2 GAR will now commence one week earlier
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Subject: Inspections of try.

2 BLU
Tel: 52276
G 5
3/ Jul 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (LSTIA), Rome.

Ref your TRG/27 dated 16 Jul 46 and further to this
HQ sig G.5 of 30 Jul 46.

Att are the completed proformas as required in respect
of MANOVA Div (Appx "A") and 2 GAR (Appx "B") also a translation of
MANOVA Div covering letter 01/3356 dated 27 Jul 46 (Appx "C") and a
translation of 2 Inf Regt letter 605/Add dated 26 Jul 46 (Appx "D")
the latter giving their reasons for not being able to submit the
necessary infm.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining the required
infm in time it has been necessary slightly to modify the pro-forma
sup by you and it has not been possible to give at this stage full
particulars of MAs at which the try will be carried out.

GENOVA


Major,
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Details of proposed trg in 2 Territorial Cond
during the period 1 Aug to 31 Oct 46.

Appendix "A"
G-5 dated

Unit concerned (1) MANICOVA Div

Period (1a)	Types of Trg to be carried out (2)
1-15 Aug 46	Orientation and fm of squads. Completion of firing and grenade throwing exercises. FOE's and observation of recruits. Selection for NC rank. For inf personnel: start of regt div courses. Considerable periods allowed at unit camp disposal.
15-31 Aug 46.	Tactical exercises for minor units (patrol, sec, pl, gun crew, Tp) with emphasis on team spirit and mutual sp. Junior NCOs courses. End of regt div courses. Div inter-unit fd firing competitions. Considerable periods allowed at unit camp disposal.
1-30 Sep 46.	Trg and fd firing of 2" & 3" mortars, a/tk weapons and FIATs Arty shoots also in conjunction with all inf weapons. Minor unit fd exercises in cooperation with sp arms and weapons as under :- Inf coy and 25-pdr tp " " " 17-pdr tp plus a/tk coy " " " carriers " " " " plus arty " " " engs TEW's using full sig come to bring out lessons in arty-inf cooperation. Every coy etc will perform at least two fd firing exercises, two tac exercises in cooperation and fd exercises per week.
1-31 Oct 46.	Unit fd exercises in cooperation with sp arms and weapons as under :- Inf bn and one or more arty btys " " " carriers " " " arty plus carriers plus engs plus services Long distance mtn patrols. Tac arty fd firing. Each unit will perform three full-scale fd exercises every week.

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Details of proposed try in 2 Territorial Comd
during the period 1 Aug to 31 Oct 46.

Appx "A" to 2 BLU letter
G 5 dated 31 Jul 46.

Unit concerned (1) MANTOVA Div

Types of Trg to be carried out
(2)

Area
(MR)
(3)

Remarks
(4)

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Vicinity
of barracks
Loans not
yet fixed.

See MANTOVA Div
letter 01/3356 att
at App.....

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Details of proposed try in 2 Territorial Comd
for the period 1 Aug to 31 Oct 46

Unit concerned (1) 2 CAR (all bns)

Period (1)	Types of try to be carried out (2)	Area (3)
1 - 5 Aug 46	Preparatory wk before receiving new intake	I Bn (GUR)
6 - 20 Aug 46	(1) Arrival of recruits - Documentation, Clothing, Vaccination. Simultaneously first arrivals will be squadded and given grounding in P.T. and squad drill.	(1) Rifle as per att (11) Battle & too aware bed of C&S
21 - 24 Aug 46	Initial try composed of P.T., close order drill, issue of weapons, constitution of units and inclusion of late arrivals, observation.	All other near barracks
26 Aug-21 Sep 46	Elementary try	II Bn (S.R.) as above
23-28 Sep 46	Time at disposal of CC 2 CAR for completion of such try as is behind schedule and for despatching specialist personnel to their units where they will continue try.	III Bn (P.O.) as above
30 Sep-31 Oct 46 (until 30 Nov)	Adv try	

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Details of proposed try in 2 Territorial Comd
for the period 1 Aug to 31 Oct 46

App "T" to 2 DIU
for G 5 dated 31 Jul 46.

Unit concerned (1) 2 CAR (all bns)

Types of Try to be carried out
(2)

Area
(3)

Remarks
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I Bn (CUNEO)

(i) Rifle ranges
as per att trace
(11) Battle drill
& two exercises in
bed of CESSO R.

All other try in or
near barracks

II Bn (S. RUCCO)
as above

III Bn (POSSANO)
as above

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TRANSLATION:FC

HQ "PAMOTWA" INFANTRY DIVISION
C/S's Office - Inf & Op Section

Apex "C" to 2 BLU
Letter C 5 dated
31 Jul 46.

Ref No.: 01/3356

Varanasi, 27 July 1946

Subject:- Inspection of Training by Officers of MIA.

To :- HQ 2 BLU

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Info to:- MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ
Op & Trg Section

Reference to your letter dated 22 Jul 46.

Though I realize that MIA is desirous to lay down a programme of training inspections of units under command of the division, I regret to inform you that I am unable to supply you with the requested detailed programme concerning training of units covering period: 1 Aug - 31 Oct 46.

Reasons are as follows :-

(a) - Both the strength situation and quality of units is still aleatory because of the following points:-

- VEs both for Inf and Arty Regts are in the process of being modified.
- Arrangement of a few units is being changed.
- Demobilization of 1922 and 1923 classes is not completed yet.
- Arrival of recruits to units, which is delayed for many reasons, is not over yet and the yield is far below expectation.

(b) - Due to a great deficiency in personnel in respect to the VE, which is greater than the one expected, it is necessary to reduce the strength of minor units (bns - arty groups). For this purpose schemes and proposals have been submitted to the higher commands for approval.

(c) Training of recruits coming from different CAPs is not uniform and, therefore, it is necessary to ascertain the state of training of all concerned before to lay down a training programme corresponding to the reality.

(d) - The prolonged arrival to units of specialists in transmission, artisans (artisans) and artillery firing and the forthcoming departure from Inf Regts of a large quota of recruits to be trained at the various Schools, is causing a situation in which it is not possible to carry out a full over, batteries and lower units training as a result of which

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- (e) - Many units of the division will have to move to reach their final location within 30 Sep 46 but it has not been possible yet to know the exact date on which movement is to take place.

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- (f) - We are not in a position so far to have an idea of when the gun will be available; this have been allotted but not received yet. There is, particularly, a shortage in the following arm:-

17 & 6 lbs Armour piercing shells
40 mm AA & armour piercing shells
Hand grenades, various types
Arm for Pistol 38
Arm for Thompson Automatic Carbine
Arm for Bren M/C
Arm for Hotchkiss Rifle
Arm for 2 & 3 ins Mortars

- (g) - From time to time a large number of men is employed in public order emergencies, even for several days.
- (h) - The British Tactical Rules now in distribution is not sufficient for the training in the whole since the following regulations are missing:-
- Employment of the division
 - " " " rifle coy
 - Arty tactical employment
 - Employment of Reg units
 - " " Liaison units
 - " " Armoured and Motorized units
 - Cooperation by air
 - Employment and intervention of Air Force in battle

I believe that the above regulations implemented with those already in possession, represent the minimum indispensable to have a satisfactory background on the employment of the division and consequently on units by which the division is composed of. Some has been written to SM in this regard in order to have uniform directives for everybody and not to adopt training systems which might differ from a division to another.

According to the above it is not possible to compile in advance a detailed training programme for a three month period without having the certainty that substantial amendments are to be made just ten days after such programme is put into force.

However, in order to comply with your request within the limits of possibilities I assure you that copy of the weekly training programme (or fortnightly at most) of units under command will be forwarded to you.

Attached herewith are some general directives issued by me in regard to training for period: 1 Aug - 31 Oct 46.

(sgd) THE COMMANDING GENERAL 3396
A. Gervasio di Martesoglio

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THE COMMANDING GENERAL 3395
A. Cordaro di Montezemolo

TRANSLATION

HQ 2 INFANTRY REGIMENT
Eng Office

Appx "B" to 2 BLU
Letter G 5 dated
31 Jul 46.

Ref No. : 605/ADM

Genoa, 26 July 46

Subject :- Training

To :- MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ
S.M. UFF. Op. Add. Org. e Mob. no
THE GENERAL COMMANDING THE
TERRITORY OF COMITATO

C E M O A

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Reference your No. 71/2452/Add. dated 25 Jul 46.

Upon demobilization of 1922 and 1923 classes and of the first four months of 1924, the veterans of the Regiment who will remain in service will be posted to the following detachments (guards to establishments or arm depots) :-

- 1) 2nd Coy to Genova-Cornigliano
- 2) 5th Coy to Giovo Figure
- 3) 7th Coy to Altare
- 4) 10th Coy to Rovere

The following permanent guard posts and detachment for establishments and arm depots will be formed with the recruits :-

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 1) Palestro Umberto I - Camando Fara - | 10 men |
| 2) "Doria" & "Belvedere" Barrecca (Serr. Commissariato) | 30 " |
| 3) Forte Castellaccio | 50 " |
| 4) Forte Regato | 50 " |
| 5) Lameccio | 40 " |
| 6) Genio Detachment | 50 " |
| 7) Selnou Detachment (9 coy) | 110 " |
| 8) Taggia Detachment (1 coy) Pietrabruna | 110 " |
| 9) Mondovi Detachment (12 coy) | 80 " |

In addition a "standard platoon" and a service platoon are to be sent to 2 GAR at Genoa.

Finally, about 30 men are to be released to the Quarter Generale of the Comitato, for general duties.

Supposing that all recruits allotted will reach the regiment, after having formed the 2/m detachments and services, about 300 men will be left with the regiment (Caserna Vittorio Veneto - Sturla-Genoa) who have to provide for the following:-

Formation of regimental HQ Coy, 1st HQ coy, one of which is to be detached to the 2nd HQ coy.

Upon demobilization of 1922 and 1923 classes and of the first four months of 1924, the veterans of the Regiment who will remain in service will be posted to the following detachments (guards to establishments or own depots) :-

- 1) 2nd Coy to Genova-Cornigliano
- 2) 5th Coy to Giove Liguro
- 3) 7th Coy to Altare
- 4) 10th Coy to Bova

The following permanent guard posts and detachment for establishments and own depots will be formed with the recruits :-

1) Palermi Umberto I - Comando Targa -	10 men
2) "Doria" & "Rialto" Barracks (Sere. Cammarisario)	30 "
3) Forte Castellaccio	30 "
4) Forte Bogato	50 "
5) Isonzo	40 "
6) Genoa Detachment	50 "
7) Salerno Detachment (9 coy)	110 "
8) Foggia Detachment (1 coy) Pizzomunno	110 "
9) Mondovì Detachment (12 coy)	80 "

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- formation of regimental HQ Coy, 100 coys, one of which is to be detached to Mondovì, mortar coy.
- formation of a liaison centre
- formation of general duties (cooks, canteen, nursing orderlies, equipment depot, orderlies etc)
- drivers

Therefore, only a negligible number of men will be available for training. (one or two platoons daily). Since the Allied weapons have not arrived yet, the theoretical-practical training will be carried out, in a first time, on the use of Italian arms. Particular attention will be given to instructions regarding guard duty. It is not expected that units from the regiment will be sent to the training camp.

(Sgt) THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Col Ramiglio Vigliero

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MESSAGE FORM

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For Action

INDIA, Rome

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTO"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op.e Inr.

N. 01/3350 **CH** prot.

Varazze, 27 luglio 1946

Oggetto : Ispezioni nell'attività addestrativa da parte di ufficiali della M.M.I.A. =

 AL COMANDO 2° B.L.U.

G B N O V A

e, per conoscenza :

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI

G B N O V A

- Sezione Operazioni e Addestramento -

Rispondo al foglio di codesto 2 B.L.U. datato 22 luglio 1946.

Pur rendendomi conto del desiderio della M.M.I.A. di predisporre un proprio piano di ispezioni all'attività addestrativa dei reparti della divisione sono spiacente di dover comunicare che non mi è possibile fornire il dettagliato programma, relativo all'addestramento dei reparti, richiestomi per tutto il periodo 1° agosto - 31 ottobre 1946.

Motivi :

- a) - la situazione di forza e di qualità dei reparti è ancora aleatoria perchè :
- è in corso la modifica degli organici sia presso i reggimenti di fanteria, sia presso i reggimenti di artiglieria ;
 - è in atto il cambiamento di armamento di alcuni reparti ;
 - non è ancora ultimato il congedamento delle classi 1922 - 1923 ;
 - l'arrivo delle reclute ai corpi, ritardato per vari motivi, è ancora in corso e l'assegnazione è notevolmente inferiore al previsto ;
- b) - la forte deficienza di personale rispetto all'organico, maggiore di quanto non si pensasse, comporta la contrazione di unità inferiori (battaglione - gruppo art.) secondo schemi per la cui de-

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- b) - la forte deficienza di personale rispetto all'organico, maggiore di quanto non si pensasse, comporta la contrazione di unità inferiori (battaglione - gruppo art.) secondo schemi per la cui definizione si sono avanzate proposte ai superiori comandi e dal quali si è in attesa del necessario benessere ;

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- c) - l'addestramento delle reclute provenienti dai differenti C.A.R. è disuguale per cui occorre procedere ad accertamenti prima di concretare un programma di addestramento aderente alla realtà;
- d) - il procrastinato arrivo ai corpi degli specializzati per le trasmissioni - artiglieri - tiro art. e la prossima partenza dei regt. di un forte contingente di reclute da specializzare presso le Scuole togliate per ora ogni possibilità di procedere all'addestramento d'insieme delle compagnie e batterie e reparti maggiori consentendo solo l'addestramento dei più piccoli reparti (squadra, plotoni, pattuglia, pezzo);
- e) - molti reparti e unità della divisione entro il 30 settembre dovranno spostarsi per raggiungere la dislocazione definitiva senza che tuttavia si possa ancora conoscere la data precisa del trasferimento;
- f) - non si è in grado ancora di prevedere quando si potrà disporre delle munizioni assegnate per l'addestramento ma non ancora giunte. Direttano in particolar modo le seguenti voci:
- perforanti da 17 e da 6 lbs.
 - contraeree e perforanti da 40 m/m
 - bombe a mano vari tipi
 - pistola 38
 - fucile automatico Thompson
 - mitra Bren
 - fucile Knifield
 - mortai da 2 e 3 pollici;
- g) - di tanto in tanto per esigenze di ordine pubblico vengono impegnate forti aliquote di truppe anche per più giorni;
- h) - la regolamentazione tattica inglese in distribuzione è insufficiente per quanto riguarda l'addestramento d'insieme mancando le seguenti norme tattiche:

stramento d'insieme delle compagnie e batterie e reparti maggio
ri consentendo solo l'addestramento dei più piccoli reparti
(squadra, plotoni, pattuglia, pezzo);

e) - molti reparti e unità della divisione entro il 30 settembre do-
vranno spostarsi per raggiungere la dislocazione definitiva sen-
za che tuttavia si possa ancora conoscere la data precisa del
trasferimento;

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delle munizioni assegnate per l'addestramento ma non ancora giun-
te. Difettano in particolar modo le seguenti voci :

- perforanti da 17 e da 6 lbs.
- contraeree e perforanti da 40 m/m
- bombe a mano vari tipi
- pistola 38
- fucile automatico Thompson
- mitra Bran
- fucile Enfield
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ficiente per quanto riguarda l'addestramento d'insieme mancan-
do le seguenti norme tattiche :

- l'impiego della divisione

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- l'impiego della compagnia fucili
- l'impiego tattico dell'artiglieria
- l'impiego dei reparti del genio
- l'impiego dei reparti collegamenti
- l'impiego delle unità corazzate e motorizzate
- l'aero cooperazione
- l'impiego ed intervento dell'aviazione nella battaglia.

Detto complesso di norme integrato da quelle già in dotazione rappresenta, a mio parere, il minimo indispensabile per avere un quadro esauriente sull'impiego della divisione e quindi dei reparti organici che la compongono. Si è scritto in proposito allo S.M.F. per avere direttive uniche e non adottare sistemi di addestramento che possono non essere collimanti tra una divisione e l'altra.

Per quanto sopra non è possibile compilare preventivamente un programma addestrativo di dettaglio per la durata di tre mesi senza aver la certezza che già dopo 10 giorni dal suo inizio il programma stesso non debba subire ampie e sostanziali modifiche.

Tuttavia per venire incontro nei limiti del possibile al desiderata di questo 2 B.L.U. mi riprometto di trasmettere copia dei programmi addestrativi settimanali, o al più, quindicinali che farò compilare periodicamente dai dipendenti reparti.

A titolo orientativo invio, allegate, in stralcio, le direttive di larga massima da me impartite nel campo addestrativo per il periodo 1° agosto - 31 ottobre . =

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

- A. Corso di Montezemolo -

Ad. Montezemolo

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- L'impiego ed intervento dell'aviazione nella battaglia.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

- A. Cordero di Montezemolo -

Ad. Montezemolo

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3° - Per il trimestre successivo all'arrivo delle reclute ai corpi ho fissato il seguente schematico programma addestrativo :

1° quindicina : periodo di arriatamento e inquadramento - completamento tiri di addestramento e classificazione lancio bombe a mano - valutazione pratica del grado addestrativo delle reclute - selezione degli allievi graduati - inizio, per la fanteria, dei corsi regimentali di scuola guida.

(Massima iniziativa dei comandanti di Corpo).

2° quindicina : Esercitazioni tattiche nell'ambito delle minori unità (pattuglia, squadra, plotone, pezzo, batteria) rivolte ad acquistare arriatamento nell'azione di insieme - corsi allievi graduati - prosecuzione e termine dei corsi di scuola guida - gare di tiri divisionali quali furono già proposte e mai potute realizzare.

(Massima iniziativa dei comandanti di Corpo).

3° e 4° quindicina : tiri di addestramento delle armi di accompagnamento della fanteria (mortai da 2" e 3" - pezzi c.c. e PIAT);

tiri preparatori dell'artiglieria; esercitazioni a fuoco con la cooperazione delle varie armi della sola fanteria; esercitazioni tattiche in cooperazione nell'ambito dei minori reparti;

- compagnia fanteria + batteria 25 lbs.
- compagnia fanteria + batteria 17 lbs. + compagnia pezzi c.c.

- compagnia fanteria + carri armati (cingolate)
- compagnia fanteria + carri armati + artiglieria
- compagnia fanteria + genio ;

manovre coi quadri (con il reale impiego dei soli collegamenti) rivolte ad applicare, nel concreto, le norme per l'addestramento della fanteria ed artiglieria secondo la regolamentazione inglese ;

per ogni reparto almeno due esercitazioni di tiro, due esercitazioni tattiche in cooperazione, una esercitazione coi quadri ogni settimana.

5° e 6° quindicina :

gimentali di scuola guida.

(Massima iniziativa dei comandanti di Corpo).

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- compagnia fanteria + genio;
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5^a e 6^a quindicina :

- esercitazioni tattiche di cooperazione complessa :
- battaglione + artiglieria (uno o più gruppi);
 - battaglione + carri armati;
 - battaglione + artiglieria + carri armati + genio + servizi;
 - "raids" a lungo raggio di pattuglie in zona montana.
 - tiri tattici dell'artiglieria.

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Tre esercitazione di cooperazione complessa per settimana per
ogni reparto.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (I)
S.M.Uff.Op.Add.Ordinamento e Mobilitazione
- Sezione I^a Op. e Add. -

URGENTISSIMO

nr. 01/2511/Op. di prot.

Genova, 11 29 LUG 1946

OGGETTO: Ispezioni a Centri di Addestramento.

AL COMANDO DEL 2° B.L.U.

GENOVA

A seguito foglio nr. 01/2480 in data 25 c.m. e nr.01/2500 in data 27 luglio c.a.
pari oggetto.

Il 2° C.A.R. trasmette - tramite questo Comando - l'unito specchio
con lucido allegato riguardante l'attività addestrativa del predetto Centro
dal 1° agosto al 30 novembre 1946. =



D'ordine

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Col. Guido Chiavaringo

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2° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE
UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

URGENTISSIMO

N° 697/Add. di prot.

Cuneo, li 26 luglio 1946

OGGETTO: attività addestrativa.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

- Uff. Op. Add. Ord. e Mob. -

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e, per conoscenza:

AL GENERALE COM/TE LA FTR. II COMILITER GENOVA

In esito alla richiesta inoltrata dal 2° B.L.U. in data 22 luglio comunico che durante il prossimo ciclo, in obbedienza alle disposizioni emanate dall'autorità superiore, l'attività addestrativa del C.A.R. verrà così ripartita:

A) - Periodo 1° - 5 agosto

Lavoro preparatorio per il ricevimento delle reclute.

B) - Periodo 6 - 20 agosto

Affluenza delle reclute - operazioni relative all'immatricolazione - vestizione - vaccinazione. Contemporaneamente i primi scaglioni affluiti inizieranno le istruzioni di ginnastica e di addestramento formale senz'armi.

C) - Periodo 21 - 24 agosto

Addestramento introduttivo: ginnastica - ordine chiuso - distribuzione dell'armamento individuale - messa a punto dei reparti - incorporamento degli ultimi scaglioni - assestamento definitivo dei reparti.

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Addestramento preliminare.

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A disposizione di questo Comando


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Addestramento preliminare.

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A disposizione di questo Comando per il completamento delle istruzioni arretrate e per lo smistamento ed avviamento del personale destinato agli Enti presso i quali si compie l'addestramento avanzato e di specializzazione.

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F) - Periodo 30 settembre - 23 novembre (8 settimane)  
Addestramento avanzato.

G) - Periodo 25 - 30 novembre (1 settimana)

A disposizione di questo Comando per l'eventuale completamento delle lezioni arretrate e per altre necessità d'indole amministrativa - matricolare.

La ripartizione del tempo spinta sino al periodo giornaliero (vedi schemi d'impiego del tempo) ed il programma particolareggiato delle istruzioni, risultano dalla pubblicazione dello S.M.E. "Programmi per l'addestramento delle reclute ai C.A.R. per l'anno 1946" ed. luglio '46.

Per quanto riguarda le località di addestramento - sinò a quando la situazione stagionale lo consentirà - restano stabilite le località seguenti:

- I battaglione (Cuneo)

- educazione fisica: campo sportivo e cortile caserma;
- addestramento formale: campo sportivo - cortile caserma -  
Viale degli Angeli - Corso Solaro;
- regolamenti: aula di plotone;
- armi (istruzioni teoriche): aule di squadra e di plotone;
- armi (lezioni di tiro): poligoni (vedi lucido allegato);
- addestramento al combattimento: greto torrente Gesso (Tetto Cavallo).

- II battaglione (S. Rocco)

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- educazione fisica: piazza d'armi e cortile caserma;
- addestramento formale: piazza d'armi e cortile caserma;
- regolamenti: aule di plotone;
- armi (istruzioni teoriche): aule di squadra e di plotone;
- armi (lezioni di tiro): poligoni (vedi lucido allegato);



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- II battaglione (S. Rocco)

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- addestramento formale: piazza d'armi e cortile caserma;
- regolamenti: aule di plotone;
- armi (istruzioni teoriche): aule di squadra e di plotone;
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- addestramento al combattimento: greto torrente Stura - trattato immediatamente ad ovest delle casermette.



- III battaglione (Fossano)

- educazione fisica: campo sportivo e cortili caserma;
- addestramento formale: campo sportivo e cortili caserma;
- regolamenti: aule di plotone;
- armi (istruzioni teoriche): aule di squadra e di plotone;
- armi (lezioni di tiro): poligoni (vedi ludio allegato);
- addestramento al combattimento: greto torrente Stura - tratto immediatamente ad est delle casermette.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE  
(Francesco Ronco)



*Francesco Ronco*

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)  
S.M.Uff.Op.Add.Ordinamento e Mobilitazione  
- Sezione I<sup>a</sup> Op. e Add. -

nr. 01/2500/Add. di prot.

Genova, li 27 LUG. 1946

OGGETTO: Ispezioni a Centri di Addestramento.

AL COMANDO DEL 2° B.L.U. - GENOVA -

A seguito foglio nr. 01/2480 in data 25 c.m., pari oggetto.

Si trasmette il foglio 605/Add. del 26 c.m. del dipendente Comando  
2° Reggimento Fanteria.

In esso vengono diffusamente precisate le ragioni per le quali non  
è possibile provvedere alla compilazione dello specchio richiesto circa  
l'addestramento del predetto Reggimento nel periodo 1° agosto - 31 ottobre 1946.-



D'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Col. Guido Chievarino

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*Recd: 27/7/46*



COMANDO 2° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA  
- Ufficio Addestramento -

N°605/Add.di prot.

O G G E T T O: Addestramento.

Genova, 26 luglio 1946

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI  
S.M.Uff.Op.Add.Ord.e Mob.ne

e, per conoscenza,

AL SIG.GENERALE COMANDANTE LA FANTERIA  
DEL COMILITER DI

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Riferimento attergato N.01/2452/Add.del 25 o.m.-

A congedamento effettuato della classi 1922, 1923 e 1°quadri-  
mestre 1924, gli anziani del Reggimento che rimangono alle armi  
saranno destinati ai seguenti distaccamenti (guardie a stabili-  
menti o depositi munizioni):

- 1°)- a Genova Cornigliano (2°Compagnia);
- 2°)- a Giove Ligure (5°Compagnia);
- 3°)- ad Altare (7°Compagnia);
- 4°)- a Boves (10°Compagnia).

Con le reclute saranno costituiti i seguenti posti di guardia  
fissi e distaccamenti per stabilimenti e depositi munizioni:

- 1°)- alla Palestra Umberto I - Comando Tappa - forza 10 uomini;
- 2°)- alle caserme "Doria" e "Piave" (Serv.Comm/to) " 30 uomini;
- 3°)- al Forte Castellaccio " 50 uomini;
- 4°)- al Forte Begato " 50 uomini;
- 5°)- al Lagaccio " 40 uomini;
- 6°)- distaccamento Cengio " 50 uomini;
- 7°)- distaccamento Salmour (9°Compagnia) " 110 uomini;
- 8°)- distaccamento di Taggia (1°Compagnia) " 110 uomini;
- 9°)- distaccamento Mondovì (12°Compagnia) " 80 uomini.

Inoltre debbono essere inviati al 2°C.A.R. di Cuneo un plotone  
tipo ed un plotone servizi.

Infine debbono essere ceduti al Quartiere Generale del Comiliter,  
per servizi vari, una trentina di uomini.

Supponendo che giungano tutte le reclute assegnate, costituiti i  
distaccamenti ed attuati i servizi di cui sopra, rimarranno al Reg-  
gimento circa 300 uomini, coi quali occorre provvedere:

- alla costituzione, anche se embrionale, delle Compagnie Comando  
regimentale, di battaglione, di cui una in distaccamento a Mondo-  
vi), compagnia mortai;
- al centro collegamenti;
- ai servizi vari (cucinieri, addetti allo spaccio, aiutanti di sanità,



Riferimento attergato N.01/2452/Add.del 25 c.m.-

A congedamento effettuato della classi 1922, 1923 e 1° quadrimestre 1924, Gli anziani del Reggimento che rimangono alle armi saranno destinati ai seguenti distaccamenti (Guardie a stabilimenti o depositi munizioni):

- 1°)- a Genova Cornigliano (2° Compagnia);
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- 5°)- al Legaccio " 40 uomini;
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- 8°)- distaccamento di Taggia (1° Compagnia) (Pietrabruna) " 110 uomini;
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Supponendo che giungano tutte le reclute assegnate, costituiti i distaccamenti ed attuati i servizi di cui sopra, rimarranno al Reggimento circa 300 uomini, coi quali occorre provvedere:

- alla costituzione, anche se embrionale, delle Compagnie Comando reggimentale, di battaglione (di cui una in distaccamento a Mondovì), compagnia mortai;
- al centro collegamenti;
- ai servizi vari (cucinieri, addetti allo spaccio, aiutanti di sanità, minuto mantenimento delle caserme, attendenti, ecc.);
- agli artisti.

(1)- sede: Caserma "Vittorio Veneto" in Sturla (Genova)



Rimarrà quindi alla sede disponibile per l'istruzione tattica un numero esiguo di uomini, che giornalmente potrà superare uno o due plotoni.

In primo tempo, non essendo ancora giunte le armi alleate/preannunciate, dovrà essere svolta una istruzione teorico-pratica sull'impiego delle armi italiane.

Particolare cura verrà dedicata all'istruzione sul servizio di guardia.

Non è prevedibile che reparti del Reggimento possano essere inviati al campo d'arma.



COLONNELLO COMANDANTE  
(Remigio VIGLIERO)

*J. Vigliero*

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)  
S.M.Uff.Op.Add.Ordinamento e Mobilitazione  
- Sezione I<sup>a</sup> Op. e Add. -

nr. 01/2480/Add. di prot.

Genova, 112 5 LUG 1946

OGGETTO: Ispezione a Centri di Addestramento.-

AL COMANDO DEL 2° B.L.U. - GENOVA -

Riferimento foglio G 5 del 22 luglio 1946.-

- Si assicura che questo Comando farà il possibile per trasmettere - per la data fissata dal foglio in riferimento - lo specchio richiesto riflettente l'attività addestrativa del 2° Reggimento Fanteria dipendente da questo Comando.
- La Divisione "Mantova" ed il 2° C.A.R. trasmetteranno direttamente a questo Comando lo specchio sopradetto.=



D'ordine  
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
pl. Guido Chiaverino

*col. Mombelli*

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Recd: 25.7.46



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Subject:- Inspection of Training.

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— 22 Jul 1946.

2 Comando Militare Territoriale  
"Mantova" Inf Div  
2 C.A.P.

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1. The attached Pro-Forma will be completed and submitted to this HQ by 27th July 1946.
2. The Pro-Forma is designed to assist in the compilation of a programme of inspections by Staff Offices of HQ MIA, Rome, during the period between August 1st and October 31st 1946.
3. Particular emphasis to be paid to units which are scheduled to attend Camps for a period of outdoor exercises.
4. Fullst possible details of this type of training envisaged should be included in Col 2 of the Pro-Forma.  
Only training of Coy level and above should be included.
5. You are requested to ensure the completion of this return by the date indicated - i.e. 27th July.

*Alfred*

Major,  
G-11.

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ARMY/CO



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Subject:- Maps of CARs for Training Handbook.

2 HCU  
Tel: 56575  
G 5  
30 May 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MMA), Rome.

Ref your TRG/34 dated 21 May 46.

In accordance with your request stated in the a/q letter please find att maps 1 : 25,000 Fossano and Cuneo.

It will be noted that Field Firing Ranges have not yet been definitely settled. Infm will be forwarded when it becomes known.

It would be appreciated if requests for infm could be made in reasonable time as in this case your TRG/34 dated 21 May did not arrive in this office until 27 May thus making it impossible to forward the att infm by June 1, 46.

GENOVA

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
G-II.

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SUBJECT : Grid Plans 1/25000 for Artillery Training.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)

TRG/64

22 May 46.

TO : 1 BLU - (ref your G 1/1 dated 26 Apr 46)  
2 BLU  
3 BLU  
4 BLU  
7 BLU - (ref your BLU/62 dated 24 Apr 46)  
12 BLU

1. Copies, as under, of 1/25000 Grid Plans for Artillery training have been forwarded under Separate Cover:-

|                   |   |                                                                         |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 BLU - 50 Copies | } | for distribution to Arty Regts of Inf Divs,<br>and School of Artillery. |
| 2 BLU - 50 "      |   |                                                                         |
| 3 BLU - 50 "      |   |                                                                         |
| 4 BLU - 50 "      |   |                                                                         |
| 7 BLU - 50 "      |   |                                                                         |
| 12 BLU - 50 "     |   |                                                                         |

2. These grid plans are for preparing Arty boards.

Copy to : Ministry of War.  
(for information).

*Alfreda*  
Major-General  
M. M. I. A.

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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTOVA"  
Ufficio del capo di S.M. - Sezione Op.e Inf.

VARAZZE II 27 /3/1946

Oggetto: Promemoria su questioni da segnalare Colonnello  
BAILEY della M.M.I.A.

Munizioni per addestramento:

La mancata assegnazione di esse impedisce ai reparti dipendenti l'esecuzione di tiri e di esercitazione, indispensabili per tenere addestrato il personale già alle armi e per addestrare il nuovo.

Bombe a mano offensive (tipo 69) :

In tutta la Divisione non esistono che 24 Bombe a mano del tipo offensivo (69) con una deficienza di 3342 unità. Sarebbe opportuno che esse venissero assegnate, oltre che per necessità di addestramento del personale, anche perchè quelle difensive (tipo 36) di cui si dispone sono troppo potenti per essere impiegate dai reparti in servizio di O.P.-

Piani quadratati per i tiri d'artiglieria (Gridded paper):  
Occorrono per l'esecuzioni dei tiri da parte del Regg.Art.

Materiale di dattico:

Molto utile sarebbe l'invio di cinematografie e cartelloni per l'addestramento del personale.

Addestramento battaglione genio

Allo scopo di consentire che l'addestramento dei reparti artieri del 104°btg.genio si possa svolgere in modo più completo ed aderente alla realtà è stato richiesto il seguente materiale:

- un ponte Bailey di sufficiente lunghezza (della cosa è già stato interessato il 2 B.I.U. tramite il Comiliter di GENOVA, nonchè il Generale Brigadiere HOPE ed il Generale Bromberg in occasione di una loro visita recente;
- materiale vario di cui all'allegato 1 (già richiesto al Comiliter di GENOVA),



esecuzione di tiri e di esercitazione, indispensabili per tenere addestrato il personale già alle armi e per addestrare il nuovo.

#### Bombe a mano offensive (tipo 59) :

In tutta la Divisione non esistono che 24 bombe a mano del tipo offensivo (59) con una deficienza di 3342 unità. Sarebbe opportuno che esse venissero assegnate, oltre che per necessità di addestramento del personale, anche perchè quelle difensive (tipo 36) di cui si dispone sono troppo potenti per essere impiegate dai reparti in servizio di O.P.-

Piani quadrattati per i tiri d'artiglieria (Gridded paper):  
Occorrono per l'esecuzioni dei tiri da parte del Regg. Art.

#### Materiale di dattico

Molto utile sarebbe l'invio di cinematografici e cartelloni per l'addestramento del personale.

#### Addestramento battaglione genio

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# MATERIALI PER L'ADEL PRAMENTO SUGLI ESPOSIVI E I LAVORI DE CAMPO DI BATTAGLIA

## ESPOSIVI

|                            |          |      |
|----------------------------|----------|------|
| -tritolio.....             | quintali | 5,00 |
| -gelatina .....            | "        | 0,50 |
| -capsule ordinarie.....    | Numero   | 1000 |
| -capsule elettriche.....   | "        | 1000 |
| -miccia a lenta .....      | metri    | 100  |
| -miccia a rapida .....     | "        | 1000 |
| -miccia sotto piombo ..... | "        | 500  |
| -fulmicotone secco .....   | Kg.      | 10   |
| -fulmicotone umido .....   | "        | 10   |

## LEGNAME

|                          |        |     |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|
| -tavole da cm. 5 .....   | numero | 50  |
| -tavole da cm. 2,5 ..... | "      | 100 |
| -abetelle da 6 x 8 ..... | "      | 30  |
| -murali cm. 8 x 8 .....  | "      | 50  |

## CHIODERIE

|                                        |        |     |
|----------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| -chiodi assortiti da 4-6-8-10 cm. .... | Kg.    | 100 |
| -arpesi diversi .....                  | numero | 50  |

## MATERIALE DA RETICOLATO

|                                     |           |      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------|
| -paletti di legno .....             | numero    | 500  |
| -paletti di ferro .....             | "         | 500  |
| -picchetti di legno .....           | "         | 1000 |
| -picchetti di ferro .....           | "         | 1000 |
| -file di ferro per reticolato ..... | rotoli n. | 100  |
| -gabbioni di ferro spinato .....    | numero    | 50   |

## ALTRI MATERIALI

|                          |           |      |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| -cemento .....           | quintali  | 20   |
| -gesso .....             | "         | 3    |
| -calce in polvere .....  | "         | 1    |
| -lamiera ondulata .....  | numero    | 200  |
| -cartone catramato ..... | rotoli n. | 15   |
| -sacchetti a terra ..... | numero    | 2000 |

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Subject:- Try Film

2 RMU  
Tel: 56575  
G 5

26 Mar 46

To:- 3d Army Kinema Unit

1. The 1st Army Recruit Try Centre (CAR) has opened for the purpose of receiving new recruits to be trained and to form part of the 1st Infantry Army. The try of these recruits is being supervised in an advisory capacity by this HQ.
2. CC Try Centre has repeatedly asked this HQ to assist in the procuring of Try Films as they are not supplied with British try eqpt.
3. CC Try Centre has prepared a cinema and has at his disposal 16mm sound apparatus and skilled operators. HQ 59 Area were approached and instructed this HQ to write direct to your unit.
4. It would be appreciated, therefore, if your consideration could be given to the possibility of loaning films of operation and hygiene value to the Try Centre.

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
G II.

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FID/KJS.

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ARMY FORM C136 (Small)

# MESSAGE FORM

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(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)



Originator's No.

1632/CHQP

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BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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Subject : Trg Films

HQ 59 Area CMF  
Tele No: 12992

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23 Mar 46

To : 2 BLU  
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Ref your A.6. dated 21 Mar 46.

Please contact 34 Army Kinema Sec direct, for supplies of  
Training Films.

DAJL/SdeP

*Chaitan*

Major  
GS



Subject: Trg Films.

HC 59 AREA

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (LFLA) BOMB

C

1. The 14 Army CAC (Recruit Trg Centre) at CUA O has now started receiving the first intakes for the Italian Interim Army. Their trg will be closely watched and assisted by this HQ.

2. Brit eqpt sup for trg purposes does not incl trg films for which repeated requests have been made to this HQ by the CAC comd.

3. It would be most appreciated if certain films could be loaned to the CAC; a full list of their requirements is not yet available but for purposes of preliminary hys trg the following have been asked for:-

- i) Anti-louse Precautions
- ii) Anti-fly "
- iii) Anti-gelerial "
- iv) Personnel hys and VD Prophylaxis.

4. Comd CAC has prepared a cinema and has at his disposal 16 mm sound apparatus and skilled operators.

5. May your consideration please be given to the above request as well as to the possibility of loaning further films of an op trg nature later on.

GENOVA

HC7/Lr

2 BLU.  
Ref 1452273

21 Mar 46.

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1. The Italian Army has (secretary) the first intakes for the Italian Interim Army. Their trip will be closely watched and assisted by this HQ.

2. Brit capt sup for trip purposes does not incl trip films for which requested requests have been made to this HQ by the OAR command.

3. It would be most appreciated if certain films could be loaned to the OAR; a full list of their requirements is not yet available but for purposes of preliminary trip the following have been asked for:-

- 1) Anti-louse Precautions
- ii) Anti-fly "
- iii) Anti-malarial "
- iv) Personal hygiene and VD prophylaxis.

4. Command OAR has prepared a cinema and has at his disposal 16 mm sound apparatus and skilled operators.

5. May your consideration please be given to the above request as well as to the possibility of loaning further films of an op trip nature later on.

GENOVA

HST/1P

*H. S. H. H.*

Major  
D. H. H. 3372

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ARMY FORM C1136 (Large)

## MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

(A)

Originator

MMIA

Date-Time of Origin

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Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO 1BLU 2BLU 5BLU 8BLU 11BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

TRG/1510 U/c O REF TRG/1 DATED 12 JAN PARA 1

(B) O FORWARD) BY 25 MAR AT LATEST  
MAP (PREFERABLY 5000 SCALE) MARKED WITH

(A) C.A.R. (B) SHORT AND LONG RANGES

(C) TRAINING AND FIELD FIRING AREAS

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12, 13,

Originator's No.

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MAP (PREFERABLY 5000 SCALE) MARKED WITH  
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This message may be sent  
AS WRITTEN by any means  
except ..... WIRELESS  
Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into  
enemy hands this message must be sent IN  
CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

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ROUTINE



Major R.P. Duffy MC  
2 L.L.U. Feb 46.  
C.M.F.

Dear

Col Gibson

I was very pleased to hear myself that you have a pl from Mantova joining the CAR at Avellino. I spoke to Col Guelano and Gen Bologna and mentioned all the points you asked me to look for and they were very keen to send you nothing but the best. As you will know by now the pl have come from 76 Regt and as Col Salvi and myself are pretty good friends I'm positive that he has sent you his best. I'm extremely sorry that I was unable to give them a first class inspection but coupled with the absence of the DAAGMG on leave and the visit of General Browning I was more or less up to my eyes. I'm assured that both the officer and men are first class and that they have a reasonable period to serve in the Army. I stressed this last point emphatically. I'm afraid they didn't have much time to do any reasonable training but they are instructed to get themselves trained up to a keen pitch for your benefit. I do hope they will give you satisfaction. If at any future time you desire any equipment or clothing, if you will let me know I shall arrange to have it sent down to you.

In closing thank you very much for the kind interest you have taken over my records which thanks to your letter received to-day the matter will be soon straightened out.

Hoping to see you in the near future.

Yours Ever

*[Signature]*

Lt Col A.W. Gibson, O.B.E.  
Arsvill and Sutherland Highlanders  
10 BIR  
C.M.F.

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C.M.F.

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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTOVA"



"Abbi fede!"

VARAZZE - 26 febbraio 1946

Egregio maggiore,

il Sig. Generale Comandante ha ricevuto dal  
Colonnello GIBBON la lettera che Le accludo in copia.

Ho risposto in sua voce trovandosi il Sig. Generale  
a GENOVA per conferire col Generale BROWNING.

Per sua norma Le faccio presente che il plotone tipo  
partirà autotrasportato per AVELLINO il 3 marzo pross-  
mo.

Cordiali saluti

f. wr. *A. Pualau*

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Maggiore

DUFFY

2 B.L.U.

GENOVA

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Copy

Lt.Col. A.W. GIBBON. OBE  
10 British Liaison Unit. CMF

DO

18 Feb 46

My dear General,

I am delighted to hear that the MANTOVA Division is providing a Demonstration Platoon for the C.A.R. here. It will give me real pleasure to see them here. I feel sure that steps will be taken to ensure that they are a real credit to the Division, and a first class example to the recruits.

I have written to Major Duffy, giving a few suggestions as to how they should be prepared for their new duty. I will be very grateful if you will permit him to pass these on to the Chief of Staff, and to the Commander of the Regiment which is to provide the platoon.

I hope that all goes well with you, and with the MANTOVA Division.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

T/to GIBBON

-----  
General G. Bologna  
MANTOVA Division

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Lt-Col. A.W. GIBSON. OBE.  
10 British Liaison Unit. CMF.  
DO

18 Feb 46

Dear Frank

I have just heard that the Demonstration Platoon for the C.A.R. here is to come from the MANTOVA Division. I am very pleased about this. I will be extremely grateful if you can arrange to check them over before they come down here. I think the following points are important :-

1. The officer should be first class.
2. All men should have a reasonable time to serve before release.
3. Winter and summer uniform should be in good condition.
4. Weapons and equipment should be as good as possible.
5. No bad characters.

I hope that as soon as possible the platoon will be struck off to train up for the following demonstrations :-

1. Drill and saluting.  
*Guard*
2. General duties.
3. Turn out in various orders of dress.
4. Range discipline.
5. Demonstrations with platoon weapons.
6. Field craft and minor tactics.
7. Barrack and kit inspections.

Then

I know it is rather a tall order, but I think they can manage most of it. This training will continue after they come down here.

I enclose a letter to General Bologna to the same effect. If he has left, can you please give it to his successor.

I hope to see you soon.

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Yours



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*Anthony Blunt*

Major F.P. Duffy. MC.  
2 British Liaison Unit. CEF.

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Subject:- Handbook - Italian Army Training and Training Ests **13**

2 BLU,  
GENOVA.  
Tel: 56575  
G 5  
5 Feb 46.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), Rome.

**12**  
Ref your TRG/1 of 12 Dec 45.

1. Att herewith plan of barracks in respect of  
CAR, FOSSANO and CUNEO.
2. Infm requested in para 1(b) of the a/q letter  
will be fwd as soon as possible.
3. Ack.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
G II.

FPD/gc

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Subject: MANTOVA.

Divisional School.

CONFIDENTIAL

Lt Col A.W. GIBSON  
c/o No. 2 Bldg  
GENOA

27 Nov 45

N.M.I.A. ("G" Branch).

1. Some weeks ago, on my advice, a MANTOVA Divisional School was formed at SAVONA, with the following objects:-

- a. To carry out centralized individual training of officers and NCO's, with pooled resources, at a time when the MANTOVA Division is heavily committed with duties, and training in units is extremely difficult.
- b. To give preliminary instruction to personnel for CERSANO.
- c. To encourage a divisional spirit. I based my advice partly on a 21 Army Group pamphlet on the training of the Division, in which F.M. Montgomery recorded his belief in the value of divisional schools.

2. The school was very successful, and the following courses have been run:-

- a. Tactics (Junior Leaders).
- b. Weapon Training (Officer & NCO Instructors).
- c. Vehicle Maintenance.
- d. Regimental Signals (Instructors).

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The General and other senior officers are most enthusiastic about the school.

3. Yesterday I was informed that the Ministry of War, in their letter No. 3646/R/4 dated 16 Nov., have ordered MANTOVA Division to close the school. No reason was given in their letter. The General has closed the school, but he is most disappointed, and has asked me to take up the question with H.M.A. He thinks it



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4. The Ministry appear to have closed the School without reference to MMIA. This means that they have rejected my advice without your concurrence, and have thereby weakened the position of the BIU with the Italians. In the past General Bologna has never had reason to regard the advice of the BIU as suspect. ~~MMIA~~

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With the redeployment of the BLU's I feel that it is now more than ever important that he and other senior Italian officers should not have their faith in British advice weakened. I therefore recommend:-

- a. That the question of whether or not the MANTOVA Divisional School should reopen may be considered by MMIA, and that if it is agreed that the School should be reopened, the necessary orders may be issued.
- b. That an arrangement may be made with the Ministry which will protect the BLU's from similar "loss of face" in the future.

*Ar*

Lt Col.  
G.S.

AWG/gc

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