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Training Instructions

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Subject :- Training

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3 Aug 45

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

Copy to :- 60 Sub Area.

Reference 56 HJ Training Instruction No. 9.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING - MEN.

1. It is considered that troops NOT employed on guard duties will have had sufficient time to have established themselves in billets by 11 Aug, and it is requested that instructions be given that individual training should commence on 13 Aug 45.

2. Training programmes are required by 56 HJ each Thursday, the first to be submitted on 9 Aug.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING - OFFICERS.

3. Reference para 3, Training Instruction No. 9, officers' discussions should be held and the dates and timings forwarded to this HQ one week in advance.

COLLECTIVE TRAINING.

4. It is further suggested that Group HQ should not and conduct three exercises, one during each of the following weeks :-

13 - 20 Aug
21 - 27 Aug
27 - 1 Sep

The dates and details of these exercises are required by this HQ, who will send a representative as a spectator. These exercises should be based on para 4 of Training Instruction No. 9.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 9

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25 July 45

TASKS OF THE GROUP

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2. In civil disturbances, the task of the troops is not to destroy an enemy, but to restore order with a minimum of bloodshed. To dominate a mob, troops must be thoroughly disciplined, calm and confident in themselves and their weapons. The three best forms of individual training are drill, physical training and rifle training. The latter should include plenty of snap shooting, standing in the open, at 20 - 100 yards.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING - OFFICERS.

3. In dealing with a mob, a junior officer, by his bearing, determination and common sense, can often quickly settle an awkward situation. His ability to do this can be developed by training. It is recommended that exercises, discussions and demonstrations be held to train officers in this duty.

COLLECTIVE TRAINING.

4. Three types of exercises are recommended :-
- (a) Turn out and move of a battalion, and R, O, F, & T Group procedure.
 - (b) Cordon of a village with one or two companies.
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Hq. Combat Group, MANTOVA.

12 June 45

Reference 36 HLU Training Instruction No. 8.

1. RANGES.

The Group are requested to recon ranges, preferably firing out to sea and this Hq will then obtain permission for their use.

2. INSTRUCTORS.

Regts will find their own instructors but the Group are requested to arrange for four Infantry 3/M small arms instructors to be attached to the Arty at camps 5a and 5b to assist in the small arms instruction.

3. INTERIOR MUNICIPALITY.

It is suggested that some form of competition be arranged between the various camps within the Group to foster, among the men, a pride in their temporary homes.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 8

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12 June 45

GENERAL

1. During the period which lies ahead, a large proportion of Combat Group personnel will be employed on guard duties, and it is more than ever essential that certain types of training should be carried out. Without this training it is inevitable that there will be a mental and physical deterioration among the individual soldiers, which will ultimately affect the efficiency of the Group as a whole.

DESIGNATION OF TRAINING

2. The numbers of men allocated to carry out particular guard duty allows for the troops to do one day of guard duties over a period of three days, and it is suggested that a three day cycle be arranged throughout the division allowing each man two days training a week.

1st Day	Guard Duties
2nd Day	Rest and Interior Economy
3rd Day	Training

SUITABLE SUBJECTS FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

3. (a) Subjects for study :-
- (i) Small arms training including range practice.
 - (ii) Physical training.
 - (iii) Close order drill with, and without arms.
- (b) A suggested programme to cover the period 17 June 45 to 14 July 45 for personnel on Guard is attached at Appendix 'A'.
- (c) Personnel of all arms not otherwise employed should carry out elementary training in their respective arms, with adequate allowance for periods of maintenance.

INTERIOR ECONOMY

4. It should be stressed that time allocated for interior economy is not frittered away and officers should be instructed to ensure that the following points receive continual attention :-

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL ON GUARD

17 JUNE - 14 JULY

	0730 - 0815	0830 - 0900	0915 - 1030	1045 - 1115	1630 - 1730	Remarks
Day 1	Marching Drill	PT	SAT Bren	SAT Rifle	Organised Games	Each day in which the men at range they should do 15 min exercises and trigger press organised sport in the afternoon
Day 2	Guard Mounting Drill	Bayonet Trg	SAT Bren	SAT Rifle	Organised Games	
Day 3	RANGE PRACTICES RIFLE					
Day 4	Arms Drill	Bayonet Trg	SAT PIAT	SAT Grenades	Organised Games	
Day 5	Guard Mounting Drill	PT	SAT Bren	SAT TSMG	Organised Games	
Day 6	Marching Drill	Bayonet Trg	TOE Ts Bren		Organised Games	
Day 7	RANGE PRACTICES BREN					
Day 8	Saluting Drill	PT	TOE Ts Rifle		Organised Games	

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR INTERVIEWER ON GUARD

17 JUNE - 14 JULY

56 GLU Training Instruction
No. 3
dated 12 June 45

0900	0915 - 1030	1045 - 1115	1630 - 1730	Remarks
PT	SAT Bren	SAT Rifle	Organised Games	Each day in which the men are not firing on the range they should do 15 mins strengthening exercises and trigger pressing before the organised sport in the afternoons.
Trg	SAT Bren	SAT Rifle	Organised Games	
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Trg	TOETS Bren		Organised Games	
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PT	TOETS Rifle		Organised Games	

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 7

Amendment No.2.

Owing to bad weather and leave arrangements, dates will be amended as follows :-

Appendix 'A'

Delete 7 May - substitute 15 May.
8 May - substitute 16 May.

Delete 11 May - substitute 21 May.
12 May - substitute 22 May.
13 May - substitute 23 May.
14 May - substitute 24 May.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 7

Amendment No. 1.

Appendix A.

delete May 2. substitute May 7.

" May 6. " May 10.

Distribution :- Combat Gp MANTOVA (2)
56 BLU & 'E' Trg Inc (1 per Officer.)
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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 7

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Apr 45

GENERAL.

1. The object of this instruction is to lay down in general terms the training which is to be carried out by Combat Group MANTOVA by 15 May. The main points have been discussed with the GOC Combat Group, who is in agreement with them. It is hoped that by 15 May the group will be ready for battle.

CONTINUOUS EXERCISE.

2. A continuous exercise is being prepared for the Group. As much as possible of the training of all units will be "hung" on this exercise. Details and approximate dates are at Appendix 'A'.

UNIT TRAINING.

3. (a) Each battalion will carry out one three day exercise, when possible in conjunction with affiliated 25 pr and 17 pr sub-units.
- (b) Each regiment will carry out one convey run with all available vehicles.

SUB-UNIT AND INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

4. In addition to the above, sub-unit and individual training will be continued. The following points will be given particular attention :-

(a) Carrier Training.

Working together of technical and tactical aspects to form a team.

(b) Anti Car Training.

To be run by officers recently trained at the CMTC.

(c) MT Training.

In all its aspects.

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(b) Anti Air Training.

To be run by officers recently trained at the CMC.

(c) AT Training.

In all its aspects.

(d) RT Training.

Every circuit should be on the 18 or 19 set at least twice each week.

(e) Hardening for battle.

All ranks will undergo intensive physical hardening.

(f) Weapon Training.

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LIATSON WITH OTHER GROUPS.

5. It is hoped to arrange for a limited number of officers to visit Groups in the forward area.

ARTILLERY TRAINING.

6. (a) The 25 groups are due to return from the School of Artillery about 2 day, having completed :-

- (i) Regimental shoots.
- (ii) Tactical schemes in conjunction with inf comds.
- (iii) Employment exercises.
- (iv) Calibration.

(v) A range is available in the COLLE DE VAL D'ELSA Q 6730 area on the 6 - 12 day. Safety arrangements will be made in conjunction with HQ 71 Sub Area.

DELTAIST INFANTRY TRAINING.

7. The recent move revealed a number of defects in the administrative system of the Group. The constant attention of all officers must be directed to effecting improvements. Further particulars on this subject are being issued separately.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

8. If training is to be effective, a certain amount of damage to crops is inevitable. All ranks will be warned to do as little damage as possible, and details of damage will be reported through regiments to Group HQ.

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Appendix 'A' to 56 BLI
Training Instruction No. 7

April 27	Issue of narrative and exercise instructions.
April 28 } 29 } 30 }	Preparation and issue of orders by Combat Group MANROVA for the occupation of a defensive position, and the conduct of the defence.
May 2 3 15 }	Skeleton exercise for all HQ's incl adn units and signale based on the orders issued.
May 5 10	Discussion of skeleton exercise.
May 11 21 } 12 22 } 13 23 } 14 24 }	Deployment of the complete Group in a defensive position. Practice of reliefs of units and regts in the field. Practice of the administration of the Group in the field.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 6.

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27 Mar 15

TRAINING TO BE CARRIED OUT BY 10 APRIL

1. FORECAST.

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3. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

This should continue in the intervals between collective training exercises. Constant repetition of elementary lessons is necessary to maintain and improve the standard. This includes the training of specialists.

4. COLLECTIVE TRAINING.

In the case of infantry, this will include simple battalion exercises. Repetition of platoon and company training will be carried out as time permits.

5. CONVOY EXERCISES AND LOADING PRACTICE.

Every unit must be able to load and move its MT by 10 Apr. Load tables should be prepared, and test loading should be carried out. Each unit should carry out not less than two runs of two hours or more, and the unit transport officers, drivers and traffic control personnel should be thoroughly tested in convoy discipline.

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7. ARTY FIRE OVER OWN INFANTRY.

Arrangements are being made by G II (Trg) and SO RA for infantry to be given experience of advancing under cover of arty fire.

8.

At Appendix 'A' is a programme of training exercises which have been arranged by HQ. Combat Group MANTOVA and 56 BLS.

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9. TRAINING OF UNIT Q.I'S.

Arrangements are being made by Group HQ and DAJAG 36 BLU to hold a short course for unit Quartermasters in their duties in the field.

10. OTHER TRAINING.

Training will not be confined to the subjects named in this instruction. Other training will be carried out at the discretion of Regt and unit comds.

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Appendix

TRAINING EXERCISES - 27 Mar - 10 Apr 45.

Ref Map ITALY 1: 100,000 Sheet 175

Serial	Date	Time	Place	Particulars	Personnel taking part	Authorities responsible
a	b	c	d	e	f	g
1.	27 Mar	0830 to 1730	Combat Group Area	Visit of SAR Prince Umberto di Savoia	All units	Group HQ. G I. 56 BLU
2.	28 Mar	1430	HQ. Combat Group.	Discussion :- (a) Composition of Unit 'A' & 'B' Ech (b) Composition of Unit R. O. P & T Gys.	Officers representing :- Gp HQ. Regtl HQ's Unit HQ's 56 BLU.	Group HQ. G II. 56 BLU
3.	30-31 Mar		N 627863	Deployment Exercise :- Main, Group HQ. Rear, Group HQ. Arty Regt HQ. Engr Bn HQ. Signal Coy. Inf Regtl Rear & Main HQ's.	HQ. Personnel. Signals	Group HQ. G II. 56 BLU.
4.	31 Mar	1415	J 615807	Demonstration - Arty, Inf and Tank Fire Power.	50 Officers	Group HQ. G II. 56 BLU GTC

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TRAINING EXERCISES - 27 Mar - 10 Apr 45.

Ref Map ITALY 1: 100,000 Sheet 175

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Appendix 'A' to 56 BLU Trg Instr No. 1.

Particulars e	Personnel taking part f	Authorities responsible g	Remarks h
Visit of SAR Prince Umberto di Savoia	All units	Group HQ. G I. 56 BLU	See 56 BLU. 15 G dated 23 Mar (Not to all)
Discussion :- (a) Composition of Unit 'A' & 'B' Ech (b) Composition of Unit R. O. F & T Gps.	Offrs represent- ing :- Gp HQ. Regtl HQ's Unit HQ's 56 BLU.	Group HQ. G II. 56 BLU	See 56 BLU. 10 G dated 25 Mar. (Not to all)
Deployment Exercise :- Main, Group HQ. Rear, Group HQ. Arty Regt HQ. Engr Bn HQ. Signal Coy. Inf Regtl Rear & Main HQ's.	HQ. Personnel. Signals	Group HQ. G II. 56 BLU.	All tps will clear airfield by 1200 hrs
Demonstration - Arty, Inf and Tank Fire Power.	50 Officers	Group HQ G II. 56 BLU C&TC	(a) All arms to be represented. (b) Details will be issued later.

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Serial	Date	Time	Place	Particulars	Personnel taking part	Authority Response
a	b	c	d	e	f	g
5.	2 pr	1430 to 1630	CMTC	Lecture - Characteristics and Employment of Tanks	50 Officers Arty & Inf	Group HQ G II. 50 CMTC.
6.	6/7 Apr		To be notified later	HQ and Signal Exercise	HQ and Sigs. All units.	Group HQ G II. 56
7.	9 Apr	1100 to 1300	To be notified later	Patrol Demonstration	Inf Officers	Group HQ G II. 50 CMTC
8.	9 Apr	1000 to 1600	N 627863	Deployment Exercise - Rear Gp HQ and Service units.		Group HQ DAQ.

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Particulars c	Personnel taking part f	Authorities Responsible g	Remarks h
Lecture - Characteristics and Employment of Tanks	50 Officers Arty & Inf	Group HQ G II. 56 BLU. C.MTC.	Lecture by major EADIE
HQ and Signal Exercise	HQ and Sigs. All units.	Group HQ G II. 56 BLU	Details later.
Patrol Demonstration	Inf Officers	Group HQ G II. 56 BLU C.MTC	Provisional. Details later.
Deployment Exercise - Rear Gp HQ and Service units.		Group HQ DAQ.	Details later.

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Subject :- Battle Procedure.

Mr. Combat Group, MANITOVA.

Copy to :- Trg Inc. (2)

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25 Mar 45

1. Attached are some notes on "Battle Procedure".
2. It is requested that they may be issued to regts and units and a conference held to discuss the points arising, with particular reference to the sub division of transport into :-

Fighting Groups.
A & B Echelons.

3. May the following attend :-

Representatives of Group HQ.
Arty and Inf Regt Comds or representatives.
One Inf Bn Comd per Regt.
Engineer & Signal representatives including OC Pz Coy.
SF representative.

4. It is suggested that either 26 or 29 March would be suitable, say the time and place be notified.

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BATTLE PROCEDURE

1. In order to save time in action and also to prevent important omissions in the heat of battle, it is necessary to have what is termed a Battle Procedure. This must exist in all units from the inf sec right up to Div and even Corps and Army HQ.

2. The basis of this procedure consists in dividing up all units into four groups, viz 1:-

Reconnaissance Co	known as	"A" Co
Orders Co	known as	"B" Co
Fighting Co	known as	"C" Co
Tpt Co	known as	"D" Co

3. The composition of these groups generally speaking is as follows :-

(a) "A" Co.

(1) Group "A" Co.

Comd
"A" Co. Ltr
Sigs Operator
Dvr
No 15 Set
Sigs Officer
Dvr

Arty Comd) Accompanied by minimum
Engr Comd) personnel. One veh each.

(11) Inf Regt "B" Co.

Comd
"B" Co. Ltr
Sigs Operator
Dvr
No 15 Set
Sigs Officer
Dvr

Two Min

Regt M Arty
Regt L Arty
Regt H Arty } with minimum personnel
and vehs

(111) Inf Bn "C" Co.

Comd
"C" Co. Ltr
Sigs Operator
Dvr
No 15 Set
Sigs Officer

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(b) "O" Co.

(1) Gruppo "O" Co.

Each Inf Regt

Coast

"I" Offr

Sigs Operator

Det

No 12 Set

Sigs Offr

DR

NOTE. Only Coast and "I" Offr attend actual orders.

Arty Regt

Coast

Atk Coast NOTE. Only Coast and Atk Coast attend actual orders.

Minimum personnel and vehicles.

Inf Regt

CO

NOTE. Only CO and IO attend actual orders.

Minimum personnel and vehicles.

Liaison Offr from Flank Regt (possibly)

Liaison Offr from Corps (possibly)

(11) Inf Regt "O" Co.

Each Inf Regt

CO

IO

Sigs Operator NOTE. Only CO and IO attend actual orders.

Det

No 22 Set

Sigs Offr

DR

Rty Coast Rd Arty in sp

Ty Coast Atk Arty in sp

Rep from Regt in sp

CC Regt Mortar Coy

CC Regt Atk Coy

Rep from Med Services

Minimum personnel and vehicles. Only CO attends actual orders.

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Liaison Offr from flanking regts (possibly)

Liaison Offr from Gruppo B (Possibly)

(111) Inf Regt "O" Co.

Rtly Coy Coast

Arty Regt
 Coord Minimum personnel and volume.
 Atk Coord NOTE. Only Coord and Atk
 Coord attend actual orders.

Regt Bn
 CO Minimum personnel and volume.
 ID NOTE. Only CO and ID attend
 actual orders.

Liaison Offrs from Flank Sqn
 (possibly)
 Liaison Offrs from Corps
 (possibly)

(11) Inf Regt "0" Gp. Each Inf Bn
 CO
 ID
 Signs Operator NOTE. Only CO and ID
 attend actual orders.
 No 22 Set
 Signs Offr
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Plg Coord Lt Arty in sp
 Tp Coord Atk Arty in sp
 Rep from Reg's in sp
 CO Regt Mortar Coy
 SO Regt Atk Coy
 Rep from Med Services
 Minimum personnel and volume.
 Only CO attends actual orders.

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Liaison Offr from Flanking regts (possibly)
 Liaison Offr from Gruppo B (possibly)

(11) Inf Bn "0" Gp.

Infle Coy Coord
 Sp Coy Coord
 Bn ID
 Bn Signs Offr
 Orderlies as required.

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4. Coy and Pl "A" and "B" Ops.

(a)	(1)	<u>Coy "A" Op</u>	Coy Cmdr Orderly CSM Rep of Sp Area (if any)
(11)		<u>Coy "B" Op</u>	Pl Comdr Orderline CSM Rep of Sp Area (if any)
(b)	(1)	<u>Pl "A" Op</u>	Pl Comdr Orderly
(11)		<u>Pl "B" Op</u>	Sec Comdr Pl Sgt

5. "T" Op.

"T" Ops of all these consist of the fighting personnel plus fighting vehs.

6. "T" Op.

The "T" Op (Transport Op) is normally sub divided into three

(a) Fighting Op ("T" Echelon)

All vehs required in actual battle, viz :-

Guys.
Carriers Universal, Lloyd and Mortar.
Racon Cars.
Jeeps, etc

(b) "A" Op ("A" Echelon)

All vehs required for actual fighting, but carrying immediate requirements for fighting personnel, viz :-

Vehs carrying reserves of petrol and ammunition.
Vehs for cooking.
Vehs for fitters and other personnel and tools expected to be required at short notice fighting tps.

These vehs will normally be centralized in Bn or equivalent ops behind the fighting tps, and be under comd of Bn or equivalent Sgt Cdr.

(c) "B" Op

All other vehs in the Gruppo, containing res am, food for the next day etc etc.

These vehs will normally be centralized under Regt or Group

5. 1st Gp.

1st Gps of all firms consist of the fighting personnel plus fighting vehicles.

6. 2nd Gp.

The 2nd Gp (Transport Gp) is normally sub divided into three

(a) Fighting Gp (1st Battalion)

All vehicles required in actual battle, viz:-

QARs,
Carriers Universal, Lloyd and Kortar,
Recon Cars,
Jeeps, etc

(b) 3rd Gp (1st Battalion)

All vehicles required for actual fighting, BUT carrying immediate requirements for fighting personnel, viz:-

Vehicles carrying reserves of petrol and ammunition,
Vehicles for cooking,
Vehicles for fitters and other personnel and tools
expected to be required at short notice by
fighting troops.

These vehicles will normally be centralized in 1st or equivalent Gps behind the fighting troops, and be under control of 1st or equivalent Tpt Officer.

(c) 4th Gp

All other vehicles in the Group, containing res am, food for the next day etc etc.

These vehicles will normally be centralized under Regt or Group control and be under control of Regt Tpt Officer.

(d) The normal channel of supply then becomes:-

- (1) Tpt Coy drivers from rear ech and food, stores, equipment, replacements etc are held in Div Area.

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- (11) Vets from "B" Ech come back to supply points or to Coy, load up and return to "B" Ech.
- (11a) "B" Ech manually delivers fwd to "A" Ech.
- (11v) "A" Ech ALWAYS delivers fwd to fighting tpc.

7. Battle Procedure in Action.

The basic principles of battle procedure is to keep at least one step ahead of immediate happenings, at all levels e.g. :-

- (a) The Gruppo Comd having been given his orders issues a WARNING ORDER, telling his "O" Gps to RV at a given time.
- (b) Gruppo Comd having made his recon notes "O" Gp as in sub para (e). These "O" Gps consist very largely of Regt Comds "O" Gp as they are ready to proceed on their recon as soon as they have received Gruppo Comd orders. Regt Comds should have warned their "O" Gps to stand by for orders.
- (c) At end of Gruppo Comd orders, Regt Comds send off to Regt HQ to tell Regt "O" Gps RV and time for their orders. Regt Comds then proceed on their recon.
- (d) Having completed recon, Regt Comds meet their "O" Gps as in sub para (e). Regt Comds give out orders. In and equivalent comds should have warned their "O" Gps to stand by.
- (e) Having received their orders, In Comds, who should have their "O" Gps nearby, proceed on recon, having first sent RV to Bn HQ to tell "O" Gps RV and time for their orders.
- (f) Having completed recon, In Comds meet their "O" Gps as in sub para (e). In Comds give out their orders. Coy and equivalent comds should have warned their "O" Gps to stand by.
- (g) Coy Comds proceed on recon having sent orderly to tell pl comds RV and time for orders.
- (h) Coy Comd meet "O" Gps and give out orders.
- (j) Pl Comds proceed on recon having sent orderly to tell sec ² ~~comds~~ ^{comds} RV and time for orders and to tell pl sgt where to take the pl.
- (k) Pl Comds give orders to Sec Comds.
- (l) Sec Comds rejoin soon, tell them the plan and wait for "O" hour.

NOTES :-

- (1) The day for a particular op is known as "O" day. The day before the op commences is D-1 and the day after the op commences is D+1.
- (2) The time of the op is "H" hr.

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- (11) At Appx 'A' is a suggested time table for a Regt Op by Pl Arty doing an attack. This exemplifies the procedure given above.

NOTES :-

RECEIPT PROCEDUREInf Regt on by two or three Pd Bys

Phase (a)	Approx time required (b)	Time at which each phase begins (c)	SIMULTANEOUS ACTION		
			Regt Comd and Staff (d)	Bn Comd (e)	Coy & Pl Comds (f)
1	30 mins	H - 220	(i) Regt issues warning order incl RV for Regt "O" Ops (ii) Regt Comd recoes with arty comd and any other Sp Comd as necessary.	Units issue warning order incl RV for their "O" Ops. Unit "1" Ops move up to Regt "O" Gr RV	
2	20 mins	H - 190	Regt Comd issues outline plan to subordinate comds	Unit "O" Ops move up to RVs	
3	50 mins	H - 170	Regt Comd carries out further recoe and decides detailed plan	(i) Bn and Arty Comd send preliminary orders to units and get their subordinates on their recoes. (ii) Bn Comd carry out separate recoes.	Ops move fwd to Assembly Areas
4.	20 mins	H - 120 to H - 100	Regt Comd issues orders		
5.	40 mins	H - 100 to H - 60		Bn Comd return to unit areas and issue orders.	
6.	60 mins	H - 60 to H			Ops move up - Coy & Pl Comds recoe and orders Ops cross start line.
7.	Total	H 3 hrs 40 mins	Attack Starts		

- NOTES :-
- (i) The term "unit" is used in Brit Army to denote Bn or equivalent: "sub-unit" denotes coy or a Bn is known as a Bn.
 - (ii) There are certain variations in this table compared with that in para 7, but the principle conditions may vary procedure a little.

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Appx 'A'

Inf Regt sq by two or three Pz Blys

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H - 190	Regt Comd issues outline plan to subordinate comds	Unit "Q" Gps move up to RVs		
H - 170	Regt Comd carries out further recon and decides detailed plan	(i) Bn and Arty Comd send preliminary orders to units and get their subordinates on their recons. (ii) Bn Comds carry out separate recons.	Tps move fwd to Assembly Areas	Additional time may have to be added at this stage if Regt Comd has to meet Div Comd for his final orders.
H - 120	Regt Comd issues orders			
H - 100				
H - 60		Bn Comds return to unit areas and issue orders.		
H - 60			Tps move up - Coy & Pl Comds recon and orders	
H	Attack Starts		Tps cross start line.	

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Subject :- Allotment of 'A' and 'B' Echelon.

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14 Mar 45

HQ. Combat Group, ANTONOVA.

Copies to :- The Inc. (2)

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'A' Echelon vehicles remain in the forward area.
'B' Echelon vehicles are located a few miles behind the front, and do not go forward except for necessary journeys to deliver rations etc.
2. In a defensive position the 'B' Echelons of the bus of a regt, and possibly of all the fighting units in the Group, may be located in the same area, under a single co-ordinating authority.
3. The allocation of vehicles to 'A' and 'B' Echelons will vary according to circumstances, but a standard allocation to suit most normal circumstances can be pre-determined.
4. It is suggested that a conference may be held at Group HQ at 1430 hrs 24 Mar 45 to decide on a standard allocation to 'A' and 'B' Echelon in ANTONOVA. It is recommended that the following attend :-
Representatives of Group HQ.
Army and Inf Regt Comds or representatives.
One Inf in Comd per Regt.
Engineer representatives including OC Rd Coys.
ST representative.
5. It is essential that before the conference representatives should have decided what loads the vehicles in their units are to carry.

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Subject: Radio Report of a Bombing

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10 JUL 45

H. Great Group, MAINE.

Copy to: Mr. Inc.
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The following routine reports are normally required by the G Staff during operations.

1. Situation Report (Summary)

Class situation at 0600 hrs and 1800 hrs daily. Reported at Group HQ by 0800 hrs and 2000 hrs.

Reports are obtained by Regts from their own units, consolidated at Regts and passed to Group HQ. Units not under command of a Regt report direct to Group HQ. Group HQ will consolidate this report for the Group sector and pass to HQ by 0800 hrs and 2000 hrs daily.

The report should contain a brief summary of events since the previous report. State the number of the town and report their identification (identifications will previously have been sent by immediate signal, see para 5) and state any changes in location.

In the case of a unit there may be nothing to report in which case the message states "Nothing to report." It will be very rare that there is nothing to report on a complete Regiment front.

2. Patrol Report

Class reports of all patrols (except routine contact and perimeter patrols) during the previous night. Reported at Group HQ by 1000 hrs daily. Important information is of course telephoned or sent by signal as soon as it is received. A suitable proforma for a patrol report is attached at Appendix 'A'.

It is most important that the patrol commander should be interrogated as soon as he returns. He must not be allowed to sleep and give his report in the morning.

It is also most important that the interrogator should closely question the patrol commander on all the information he supplies so that it can be ascertained whether it in fact is true or whether it is the result of a guess or surmise. It also must be established whether in fact the patrol carried out the task assigned to it.

It is suggested that the most suitable way of obtaining patrol reports is for the company commander of the company finding the patrol to interview the patrol commander on his return, then having ascertained the facts in relation to the patrol which is then sent and reported by the patrol commander.

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during operations.

1. Information Requirements

Give attention at 0600 hrs and 1800 hrs daily. Required at Group H, by 0600 hrs and 2000 hrs.

Reports are obtained by Regts from their own units, extrapolated at Regts and passed to Group H. Units not under control of a Regt report direct to Group H. Group H will extrapolate the report for the Group sector and pass to MH by 0800 hrs and 2000 hrs daily.

The report should contain a brief summary of events since the previous report. State the number of men taken and report their identification (identifications will previously have been sent by immediate signal, see para 5) and state any changes in location.

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2. Patrol Reports

Give reports of all patrols (except routine contact and protection patrols) since leaving the previous night. Required at Group H by 0700 hrs daily. Important information in of course telephoned or sent by signal as soon as it is received. A suitable provision for a patrol report is attached at Appendix 1.

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In the case of important patrols it may be necessary for the patrol commander to go to Regiment or Group H for interrogation.

Shelling impacts are reduced as and when shelling occurs. They must be removed by the larvae adjacent to those actually under fire. "Young being killed can seldom be used but specimens to render shelling."

A Time from
B Time to
C Map reference of discovery
D Area being shelled
E Number and nature of guns
F Number and nature of shells
G Weight down
H Bearing to flash or sound of

A 1590 B 1590 C 632129 D 848 U1214 E 4 2074
P 12 108 C Elliptic W 125 degree

Investigating reports are forwarded on the form 3-2 for continuing information.

Restrictions of energy units must be met in the most efficient manner by whatever means as soon as they are obtained.

(a) How the identification was made

(b) Where the identification of a person is made in the course of a person's search for information in any other case where the document or copy from which the identification was obtained was stored.

(4) $\mathcal{C}_1$ is a $\mathcal{C}_2$ -subalgebra of $\mathcal{C}_3$ if and only if $\mathcal{C}_1$ is a $\mathcal{C}_2$ -subalgebra of $\mathcal{C}_3$.

It is suggested that in order to enable staffs and troops to become accustomed to receiving these reports they should be introduced into all exercises where appropriate. For example a rifle company could be exercised involving sending out patrols should include the patrol report. If a platoon or battalion or maneuver is painted to a platoon the patrol report should be sent to my life. If a company exercises in a platoon at the time that a platoon is due the exercise should be prepared at the company level.

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The shelling is sent by using the letters of the alphabet listed above, for example:-

EXAMPLE A 1930 B 1540 C 0330423 D 0000 071216 E 4 0000
F 12 00 G 011040 H 405 000000

4. Portability Example

Portability reports are rendered as in para. 3 for shelling plotting as much of the same information as possible.

5. Identification

Identification of enemy units must be sent in the most brief form by the signal as soon as they are detected.

The message must state:-

(a) How the identification was made.

(b) Where the identification was made, i.e., in the case of a prisoner where he was captured, in any other case where the document or body was, which the identification was obtained from (para. 8).

(c) When the identification was made.

It is suggested that in order to enable units and troops to be more easily identified by these reports they should be instructed that all messages where appropriate, for example a rifle company doing an exercise involving attacking out posts should produce the patrol report. If a platoon of shelling or mortaring is pointed to a platoon the message or report should be sent to say so. If a company continues to be engaged at the time that a report is due the message should be repeated at the next opportunity.

The time reports are usually rendered will be held down by the troops under whose command the company eventually comes but the times shown above will be approximately correct and can be used for comparison purposes.

In the field
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Appendix 1A to JC JAG Letter to S
dated 10 Nov 45.

Patrol Report

Company & Unit finding patrol _____

Strength of patrol _____

Weapons carried _____

Time out _____

Time in _____

Route out _____

Route in _____

Task given to patrol _____

Patrol report _____

Signature (Patrol Commander) _____

Signature (Company Commander) _____

(Note a separate proforma is used for each patrol)

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 65

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28 Feb 45.

1. SIGNAL TRAINING.(a) ALTAVILLA Signal School.

(i) The first course for Infantry operators has already finished and personnel have returned to their Regiments.

(ii) Courses as under will finish at the end of February.

First course for Officers, WO's and Sgts (approx number 54)
 First course for Artillery operators (approx number 120)
 First course for Infantry Fullersphone operators (approx number 24)

(iii) The second series of courses will continue until the middle of March.

(b) Regimental Schools.

All courses at Regimental Line Schools will finish in the first week of March.

(c) Training within Regiments.

(i) The training given at ALTAVILLA and Regimental Schools is intensive technical training in the operation and working of signal equipment.

(ii) Thus it will be necessary to begin applied Signal Training within units when personnel return from the Signal Schools. This training should take the form of Signal exercises combined with Artillery and Infantry training.

(iii) The need for continuous Signal training cannot be emphasised too highly. If signallers are to be efficient they must have constant practice. All signallers should have at least two days applied Signal training per week.

(iv) The responsibility for this training lies with Regiments, assisted by British officers of the Training Department. The number of officers trained at NOCHRA and ALTAVILLA Signal Schools will provide one signal officer per Infantry Bn and Artillery Bty (Group). These officers should be responsible for organizing the Signal Training within their respective units.

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- (v) Further Signal Equipment has been issued to Regiments. It should therefore be possible to begin applied Signal Training in the first week of March.
- (vi) All officers of the Combat Group should be trained in RT procedure and the use of the British message form.

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(a) Signal Company.

(i) Intensive training of the Signal Coy, is due to be completed by the middle of March. The Signal Coy will then be split into its Platoons, which will then join their respective Regiments.

(ii) All Signal Coy personnel should therefore be ready for full scale exercises after the middle of March.

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The two schools at present run by the Group have ceased. The training of the remaining drivers will now become the responsibility of Regiments and Units.

On the receipt of new vehicles the present training vehicles will be re-allotted to enable Regiments and Units to form their own schools.

Great attention must always be paid to the teaching of maintenance, it is never sufficient to teach a man solely to drive. The standard to be aimed at is that each driver takes a pride in the running of his vehicle and his skill in handling it, and regards the fact that his vehicle is off the road as a reflection on himself.

It is important that all officers, if not actually taught to drive, should undergo a short maintenance course during which they actually carry out the maintenance tasks themselves. This is the only way in which they can be taught how to ensure that the maintenance of the vehicles which will eventually be on their charge is adequately carried out.

Driver and maintenance training should be organized under the direct supervision of Regimental or unit IT officers.

3. MEDICAL.(a) Stretcher Bearers.

All Regimental stretcher bearers should attend a four day course, which should include instruction in:-

- (i) Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.
- (ii) Arrest of haemorrhage.
- (iii) Application of bandages.
- (iv) Application of splints.
- (v) Various ways of carrying a wounded person.

Details of this course have been arranged by Major Roddus in conjunction with Lieut Thomas.

Following are the dates for these courses:-

26 Feb - 1 Mar.	114 Inf Regt.	1 Bn.
2 Mar - 5 Mar.	"	2 Bn.

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6 Mar - 9 Mar.	"	3 Bn.
10 Mar - 13 Mar.	76	13 Bn.
14 Mar - 17 Mar.	"	2 Bn.
18 Mar - 24 Mar.	"	3 Bn.
22 Mar - 25 Mar.	155 Arty Regt.	1 & 2 Groups (Arty)
26 Mar - 29 Mar.	"	3 & 4 Groups (Arty)
30 Mar - 2 Apr.	"	5 & 6 Groups (Arty)

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(b) Nursing Orderlies.

Combat Group, AMTOMA should arrange courses for Regimental Nursing Orderlies. The duration of the courses will be five days and they should be given by the staff of, and at the Group Field Hospitals.

Instruction should include :-

- (i) Routine observation of cases.
- (ii) Bed making.
- (iii) Medicines.
- (iv) Baths.
- (v) Surgical cleanliness.
- (vi) Infectious diseases.

(c) Water Duty men and Water Truck Drivers.

Courses in Water Duties should be arranged as soon as water vehicles become available.

The instructors should be drawn from personnel who attended the Water Duty Course at the School of Hygiene, BELMONT on 19 - 24 Feb 45. Then all Water Duty men and Water Truck Drivers have received instruction a 100% reserve should be trained.

(a) Sanitary Orderlies.

Owing to the great importance of this subject courses should be arranged to form a hundred per cent trained reserve of Sanitary Orderlies.

These courses should follow the same form as the Hygiene Course of 27 Jan - 1 Feb 45.

(e) Malaria Squads.

The Combat Group should arrange to form Anti-malaria Squads in all units. Where possible the squads will be drawn from existing stretcher bearer groups.

The scale should be not less than one corporal and two men for every unit with a strength of 10 - 150 men.

Courses will be arranged for these squads. Training will be the responsibility of the medical officer of the unit who will be advised by the Anti-malaria Section of the Sezione di Sanita.

(f) Driving Instruction, Medical Units.

Courses of driving instruction should be held for medical unit drivers. Unit vehicles will be used. Instructors should include, Transport Officer 104 Sezione di Sanita and Transport MCO's selected by him.

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Instruction should be arranged for all medical and medical driving personnel in small arms. All personnel under instruction should be given firing practice at least once every two weeks.

TRAINING IN INFANTRY BATTALION.(c) Shortage of Trained Officers.

Under ideal conditions the sub units should be trained by the officers who will lead them in battle. Where the officers are capable, this should be done now. Where they are not, other methods must be adopted. Sub units must be trained by "experts", and steps must be taken to bring partially trained officers up to standard.

The following are required for this purpose :-

- (i) A demonstration sub unit.
- (ii) A training team.
- (iii) A cloth model.

(d) Method of Instruction.

It is suggested that the platoon attack might be taught as follows :-

- (i) The training team plan an attack.
- (ii) The attack is taught to officers on the model.
- (iii) It is then carried out as a team.
- (iv) It is then demonstrated to the troops.
- (v) It is then carried out by successive platoons, under the direction of the training team.
- (vi) Other attacks are then carried out on the model, as troops, and with troops. As soon as the platoon commander is trained, he should be put in full command and made responsible for training.

NOTE. It all sounds rather laborious, but a platoon exercise is such a small affair that several platoons can be put over the course in a day.

Other operations; patrols, defence, night operations can be taught in a similar manner.

(e) Platoon in Attack.

- (i) For an attack supported by platoon weapons, the platoon should be organized into a "fire group" and an "assault group". The fire group may be composed as follows :-

Pl Sgt.
One Section complete.
Pl (3). 1st Coy.
2nd Coy.
Plt.

The Sgt will command this party, and will also act as fire controller for the 2nd Coy.

- (ii) If possible the fire group will not move during the attack. When the assault group is shown the direction of attack.

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(b) Method of Instruction.

It is suggested that the platoon attack might be taught as follows :-

- (i) The training team plan an attack.
- (ii) The attack is taught to officers on the model.
- (iii) It is then carried out as a TWT.
- (iv) It is then demonstrated to the troops.
- (v) It is then carried out by successive platoons, under the direction of the training team.
- (vi) Other attacks are then carried out on the model, as TWT's, and with troops. As soon as the platoon commander is trained, he should be put in full command and made responsible for training.

NOTE. It all sounds rather laborious, but a platoon exercise is such a small affair that several platoons can be put over the course in a day.

Other operations; patrols, defence, night operations can be taught in a similar manner.

(c) Platoon in Attack.

- (i) For an attack supported by platoon weapons, the platoon should be organized into a "fire group" and an "assault group". The fire group may be composed as follows :-

P1 Sgt.
One Section complete.
P1 HQ. L G Gp.
2nd L G Gp.
P1 Lt.

The Sgt will command this party, and will also act as fire controller for the 2nd mortar.

- (ii) If possible the fire group will not move during the attack. When the assault group is firm on the objective it will move up.
- (iii) The weapons will be sited according to their characteristics. The mortar may be some distance away from the L G's.
- (iv) Tasks of the rifle group :-
 - (a) To seize the fire group position and provide local protection.
 - (b) To deal with surprise fire etc, especially to a flank.

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- (c) To thicken up the fire of the "heavy weapons" on their targets.
- (d) General battal duties, including ammunition supply.
- (v) During the attack the Pl Sgt will support the assault group by "playing the piano" with his various weapons in accordance with his "reading of the battle".
- (vi) In a perfect platoon attack the assault group will walk the whole way from the start to within a few yards of the objective without stopping, crawling, running or firing their weapons. Except for a "partridge" shot at a surprise target, firing is the job of the fire group. Crawling should only be resorted to when absolutely necessary. Diving is only necessary when crossing an open space (+). Stopping and lying down means the failure of the attack.
- (vii) In the final assault the men should fire their weapons from the hip, throw smoke grenades and shout at the tops of their voices. Apart from the moral effect the object of firing in the assault is to take the place of the fire group who will have to "switch" at this stage.
- (viii) The assault should be at right angles to the line of fire.
- (+) It is good training sometimes to carry out the whole attack as the double.

5. INTELLIGENCE TRAINING.

All IO's in the Infantry and Infantry Regiments have completed courses at the Intelligence Training Centre.

The training of intelligence sections should now be started, each IO training his own section under the supervision of the Regimental IO's. Commanders should realize the value of a good intelligence section to the efficient working of their HQ and pay particular attention to the selection of personnel for them.

IO's must be allowed to devote their time to training and should not be employed on miscellaneous staff duties as Regiment or Infantry Detachments. The training of infantry intelligence sections should cover the following subjects.

(a) Regimental Intelligence Sections

- General introduction of intelligence.
- Information required in the field.
- Sources of information in the field.
- Examination, recording, and transmission of information.
- Deductions.
- Reconnaissance.
- Observation.

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The training of Infantry intelligence sections should be as follows:

(a) Regimental Intelligence Section

General principles of intelligence.

Information required in the field.

Sources of information in the field.

Estimation, recording, and transmission of information.

Procedures.

Recognition.

Observation.

Treatment, examination, and disposal of prisoners' documents and material.

Organization of enemy army up to division.

Enemy tactics, weapons, and tactical signs.

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Report and Message Writing.
 Topographical information,
 map reading.
 The use of the compass.
 Field sketching and enlargements.
 Office work at Regimental Headquarters.
 Intelligence organization in the Group.
 Operational role of Regiment Intelligence Section.
 Conventional signs, symbols and abbreviations.
 Elementary tactical instruction.

It is essential that the Regiment intelligence section should be exercised in the practical application of the above subjects.

(b) Battalion Intelligence Section.

Lectures:-

Principles of intelligence work.
 Information required and sources.
 Organization of an infantry battalion, regiment, artillery
 regiment.
 Military vocabulary and abbreviations.
 Message writing.
 Map reading.
 Field sketching.
 Situations maps at unit headquarters.
 Reports and messages.
 The use of the compass.
 Treatment etc of prisoners.
 Office work at unit headquarters.
 Organization of enemy army, especially enemy units and brigades.
 Elementary enemy tactics.
 Disposal of captured documents and material.
 Unit in attack.
 Unit in defence.
 Operational role and deployment of section.

Practical work :-

Use of ground and cover.
 Camouflage and concealment.
 Use of field glasses, compass etc.
 Judging distance.
 Map reading and location of map references on the ground.
 Description of ground.
 Road and topographical reports.
 Compass marches.
 Night operations and patrols.
 Selection and siting of observation posts.
 Simple field sketching and map enlargements.
 Observation.
 Writing of reports.
 Message writing.

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Elementary tactical instruction.

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- Use of ground and cover.
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- Selection and siting of observation posts.
- Simple field sketching and map enlargements.
- Observation.
- Writing of reports.
- Message writing.

It will be found that simple "telephone battles" give good training to I sections and signalers at the same time.

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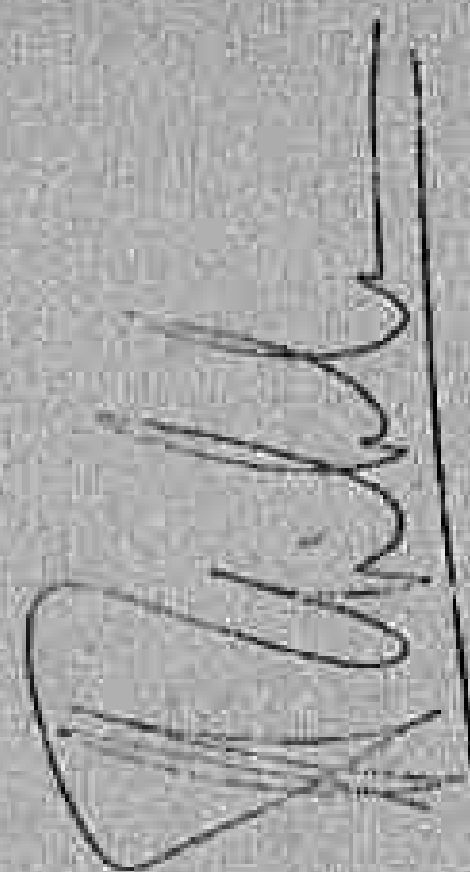
Commanders at all levels should now give detailed thought to the functioning of their IIs in the field. Responsibilities of staff officers must be fixed and the HQ prioritised by means of skeleton exercises so that it works as a smooth machine and all personnel get the maximum amount of rest.

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A skeleton exercise will be organized by 56 EBU at a date to be notified later which will be designed to strain to the utmost the HQ organization throughout the Group.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 4.

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Training of Regimental Signallers of Artillery and Infantry.1. General

(a) Intensive training of Regimental Signallers will commence on 17 Jan and will be carried out for one month.

It has been requested that all deficiencies in regimental signalling personnel should be made up before 10 Jan so that the full W.L. can be trained.

(b) The training will be carried out:-

- (i) At the Signal School at ALNAVILLA
- (ii) Centrally within REGIMENTS.

(c) Personnel undergoing this intensive training will not be called upon for any other duties, nor will they be granted leave during this period. (except as may be specifically granted by the Chief of Staff).

(d) The training programmes will be arranged to allow time for weapon training.

(e) Instructors for all training (both at ALNAVILLA and REGIMENTAL) will be found from the Officers and N.C.Os at present at the MOBILE Signal School.

2. ALNAVILLA Signal School.

(a) The School is being established in the "SCHOOL EXHIBITION" building at ALNAVILLA.

(b) Students will be fed and accommodated at ALNAVILLA under arrangements being made by Capt. MURPHY who has been appointed Commandant of the School. Joining instructions will be issued later.

(c) Courses will be run at this School as under:-

- (i) Artillery wireless operators course.
- (ii) Infantry wireless operators course.
- (iii) Fullerphone and Morse operators course.
- (iv) Special course for Officers, W.Os and Sergeants of Artillery and Infantry.

This course will be of 2 - 3 weeks duration, and for the remainder of the month, Officers, W.Os and Sergeants will attend the Regimental Schools to undergo line training (See Part 3 below)

(d) Although Switchboard Operators are being trained within

It has been requested that all personnel in regimental signalling personnel should be made up before 10 Jan so that the full W.B. can be trained.

(b) The training will be carried out:-

- (i) At the Signal School at ALLEVILLE
- (ii) Centrally within REGIMENTS.

(c) Personnel undergoing this intensive training will not be called upon for any other duties, nor will they be granted leave during this period. (except as may be specifically granted by the Chief of Staff).

(d) The training programmes will be arranged to allow time for weapon training.

(e) Instructors for all training (both at ALLEVILLE and REGIMENTAL) will be found from the Officers and N.C.Os at present at the NOCHES Signal School.

2. ALLEVILLE Signal School.

(a) The School is being established in the "SCHOOL BUILDING" building at ALLEVILLE.

(b) Students will be fed and accommodated at ALLEVILLE under arrangements being made by SGT. M. B. W. who has been appointed Commandant of the School. Joining instructions will be issued later.

(c) Courses will be run at this School as under:-

- (i) Artillery wireless operators course.
- (ii) Infantry wireless operators course.
- (iii) Fullerphone and Morse operators course.
- (iv) Special course for Officers, W.Os and Sergeants of Artillery and Infantry.

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This course will be of 2 - 3 weeks duration, and for the remainder of the month, Officers, W.Os and Sergeants will attend the Regimental Schools to undergo line training (See Para 5 below).

(d) Although Switchboard Operators are being trained within Regiments (see Para 3 below) the wireless operators from Infantry and Artillery will be trained in Switchboard operating at ALLEVILLE. Thus all operators will be capable of working a Switchboard.

(e) A proportion of the students will be trained in MORSE up to 6 P.M. Priority for MORSE instruction will however be given to Fullerphone Operators.

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3. Training within Regiments.

- (a) Owing to the large number of Regimental Signallers in the Combat Group, it is necessary for a certain amount of signal training to be carried out by Regiments themselves.
- (b) It has been decided that training as under shall be carried out within Regiments.

Artillery Regiment.

- (i) All training of telephonist/linemen
 (ii) All training of Switchboard Operators.
 (iii) Training of surplus of wireless operators and Driver-Operators who cannot be trained at ALIVILLA.

Infantry Regiments.

- (i) All training of telephonist/linemen
 (ii) All training of Switchboard operators.
- (c) A month's intensive training will be carried out, commencing on 17 Jan. This training should be done centrally if possible within each Regiment. A number of R.P.L.P. tents will be available for instructional purposes, if required.
- (d) Personnel under training within Regiments will be regarded as being at a Signal School and will not be called upon to perform other duties, NO leave will be granted to men undergoing training (except as may be specifically granted by the Chief of Staff)
- (e) Officers as noted hereunder have been nominated by the Chief of Staff for all administrative arrangements as regards Regimental Schools.

155 Artillery Regiment
 76 Infantry Regiment
 114 Infantry Regiment

2/Lt. DIONISI
 Lt. CASIOLI
 2/Lt. PELLEGRINO
 2/Lt. DIACCHI.

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4. Personnel

Appendix 'A' attached shows the number of men from each Regiment to be trained

5. Signal Equipment

- (1) Appendix 'B' attached shows scale of equipment which will be issued to Regiments for training.

It is emphasized that, except where otherwise noted, this is the operational signal equipment of the Combat Group. This fact will be borne in mind during training and all equipment will be handled with extreme care.

- (11) It is hoped to issue Regiments with their complete scale of major item of signal equipment before the beginning of February. Thus at the end of this period of intensive training it will be possible to continue training within units.

Attached

Appendix 'A'. - Detail of Personnel to be Trained.

Appendix 'B'. - Scale of Major items of Signal Equipment to be issued for training.

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APPENDIX 'A'
To TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 4
Detail of Personnel to be TRAINED

155 Artillery Regiment.

A. Personnel to be sent to ALTAVILLA.

(i) For Training.

4 Sgt Majors or Sgts.

Required to make up to W.E. of 12 Signal
Sgt Majors or Sgts. Will undergo
Special Officers and W.O's course.

120 Wireless Operators
and Driver Operators.

None of these men to be Ex- Nocera
trained personnel.

(ii) As Instructors.

1 Officer
2 Sgt Majors Marconisti
3 Sgts Marconisti
1 Cpl Major Marconisti.

All are personnel on present Nocera
course.

B. Personnel to attend Regimental School.

(i) For Training.

66 Wireless Operators and Driver Operators.

119 Linemen/ Telephonists.

(ii) As Instructors.

1 Officer
1 Sgt Major Marconisti
1 Cpl Major Marconisti
5 Cpls Marconisti
11 Soldiers Marconisti (if required)
2 Sgt Major Telographisti
1 Cpl Major Telographisti
4 Cpls Telographisti
7 Soldiers Telographisti (if required)

All are personnel
on present Nocera Course.

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APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

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76 Infantry Regiment.A. Personnel to be sent to ALTAVILLA.(i) For Training.
2 Officers.Required to make up to
W.E. of 3 Signal Officers.
Will attend Special Officer
and W.O.s Course.

10 Sgt Majors or Sgts

Required to make up to
W.E. of 18 Signal Sgt Major
or Sgts. Will attend
Special Officers and W.O.s
Course.84. Wireless Operators.
9 Fullerphone Operators.(ii) As Instructors.1 Officer
2 Sgts Majors Marconisti
4 Sgts Marconisti
2 Cpl Majors MarconistiAll are personnel at
present on Nocera Course.B. Personnel to attend Regimental School.(i) For Training.33 Linemen/ Telephonists
12 Switchboard Operators.(ii) As Instructors.2 Sergeants Telegraphisti
1 Cpl Major Telegraphisti
4 Soldiers Telegraphisti
2 Cpls Marconisti (if required)All are personnel at
present on Nocera Course.

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APPENDIX 'A' (continued)sheet three.114 Infantry Regiment.A. Personnel to be sent to ALTAVILLA.(i) For Training.

1 Officer

Required to make up
to W.E. of 3 Signal
Officers. Will attend
Special Officers and
W.Os course.

12 Sgt Majors or Sgts

Required to make up to
W.E. of 18 Signal Sgt
Majors or Sgts. Will
attend Special Officers
and W.Os course.

86 Wireless Operators
Fullerphone Operators.

(ii) As Instructors.

1 Officer

3 Sgt Majors Maroonisti

1 Sgt Maroonisti

1 Cpl Major Maroonisti.

All are personnel on
present Nocera Course.

B. Personnel to attend Regimental Course.(i) For Training.

83 Lineamen / Telephonists

12 Switchboard Operators.

(ii) As Instructors.

1 Officer.

2 Sgt Majors Telegraphisti.

2 Cpls Telegraphisti

1 Cpl Major Maroonisti (to assist if required)

3 Soldiers Telegraphisti (if required).

All are
personnel on
present Nocera
Course.

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APPENDIX 'B'To TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 4.

Scale of Major Items of Signal Equipment to be issued to Regiments for training Signallers.

	Each Infantry : Regiment	:	Each Artillery Regiment
Telephone D v	: 20	:	40
App Cable laying No 2	: 8	:	10
App Cable laying No 3	: :	:	1
Cable miles	: 8	:	10
Fullerphones	: 10	:	:
Switchboards UC 10	: 2	:	2 (It is hoped to obtain more of these swbs at a later date)
Superposing Coils	: 10	:	:
W/T Sets No 11	: :	:	20
Receivers R 107 or 109	: :	:	2

It must be borne in mind that all the equipment listed above, with the exception of cable is the operational signal equipment of the Combat Group.

Every care will be taken of this equipment during training.

11A
THE BRITISH METHOD OF COMMAND AND CONTROL OF FIELD ARTILLERY IN BATTLE

1. The command of the artillery should be centralised under the highest commander who can exercise effective control.
2. To do this the commander must be able to transmit his orders rapidly to the guns. He must also be in close touch with the tactical situation.
3. A reliable system of communications is essential.
4. It is normal to place a battery IN SUPPORT OF a Regt or Battalion of infantry. This battery still remains UNDER COMMAND OF the Artillery Commander.
5. By this means CONCENTRATION can be applied, while co-operation with the advanced infantry is still insured.
6. If the situation does not allow the Artillery Commander to keep in touch with the requirements of the advanced infantry and if communications are bad, then a battery may be placed UNDER COMMAND of an advanced Regt or Battalion.
7. The degree of control depends also on the movements of the Artillery Commander and on the correct siting of his HQ.
8. If a battery has been thus decentralised, the Artillery Commander must keep himself informed of the situation so as to resume control immediately conditions permit.
9. A battery allotted to be IN SUPPORT OF a battalion should be the same battery which, in the event of decentralisation, would be placed UNDER COMMAND of that same battalion.
10. Each Battery's zones of observation will correspond approximately with the boundaries of its Battalion.
11. Zones of fire however will be much wider and will overlap so as to insure that fire can be concentrated on any part of the front.
12. When the command of the artillery is centralised, all orders for the artillery plan in attack and defence are given by the higher commander.
13. But the Commander of a Battery IN SUPPORT must give all the support possible (within the scope of his orders) to his Battalion.
14. The Battery Commander also acts as the representative of the Regimental Commander. He can explain to the Battalion Commander what is and what is NOT possible for the artillery to do. He also informs his Regimental Commander what are the requirements and intentions of the Battalion Commander. 7033
15. The Commander of a Battery IN SUPPORT will not normally be allowed to move his gun positions without orders from his Regt Commander (Artillery)
16. If communications completely breakdown between the Battery Commander IN SUPPORT and his REGT Commander, The Battery Commander will place himself temporarily UNDER COMMAND of his battalion, and act accordingly.
17. It is essential that the Regt Commander should be able to exercise control of his Regt. Though wireless allows him some scope in the position of his HQ, there will always be a limit to the scope of his control.

5. By this means concentration can be exploited, while co-operation with the advanced infantry is still insured.
6. If the situation does not allow the Artillery Commander to keep in touch with the requirements of the advanced infantry and if communications are bad, then a battery may be placed UNDER COMMAND of an advanced Regt or Battalion.
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17. It is essential that the Regt Commander should be able to exercise control of his Regt. Though wireless allows him some scope in the position of his HQ, there will always be a risk of breakdown in communications unless his HQ is near the gun areas.
18. When the Artillery HQ can not be near the HQ of the formation which it is supporting, the Artillery Commander has the choice :-

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(a) To go himself with one other officer of his HQ to the formation HQ and leave his 2nd i/c to control the Regt.

(b) Stay himself to control the Regt and send a liason officer to the formation HQ.

(a) will produce better co-operation.

19. The closest liason with the formation supported, must be the constant aim of every Artilleryman.

20. A liason officer must have sufficient personality, knowledge and experience to represent his higher commander efficiently.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 2

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TRAINING OF DRIVERS.

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1. DEFINITIONS.

Drivers in the Italian Army are divided into the following two classes :-

(a) Autieri.

Trained drivers belonging to the Driver Corps (Automobilisti) who drive the vehicles of the following units within the Gruppo.

Hq of Gruppo.
104 St company.
104 Sanione Sanita.
504 Camp hospital.
248 Camp hospital.
104 Deposito Mobile (OMP).
Heavy workshops (meccanico) H. workshop and L.D's

(b) Conduuttori.

These are regimental soldiers trained in driving duties who drive vehicles of the unit to which they belong, excluding those arms and services covered by the Autieri. Within the Gruppo they cover the following units :-

76 Infantry regiment.
114 Infantry regiment.
155 Artillery regiment.
104 Engineer battalion.
99 Section carabinieri.
151 Section carabinieri.

(c) Driver Mechanics.

Driver mechanics are held in both the Autieri and Conduuttori classes and are defined as follows :-

Autieri Meccanici.
Conduuttori Meccanici.

Technical training of driver mechanics will be carried out by SO RME under separate arrangements.

2. POSITION ON 19 DEC 44.

Appendices 'A' and 'B' attached show the Autieri and Conduuttori position respectively.

NOTE:-

It is hoped that the problem will be eased by the arrival of a large draft of trained drivers in the Division from the reinforcement.

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Sq of Gruppo.
 104 SM company.
 104 Sezione Sanita.
 501 Camp Hospital.
 248 Camp Hospital.
 104 Deposito Mobile (OMP).
 Heavy Workshops (Meccanici) in workshop and field.

(b) Conduttori.

These are regimental soldiers trained in driving duties who drive vehicles of those units to which they belong, excluding those arms and services covered by the Autieri. Within the Gruppo they cover the following units :-

76 Infantry regiment.
 144 Infantry regiment.
 155 Artillery regiment.
 104 Engineer battalion.
 99 Section carabinieri.
 151 Section carabinieri.

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Autieri Meccanici.
 Conduttori Meccanici.

Technical training of driver mechanics will be carried out by SO NTAF under separate arrangements.

2. POSITION ON 19 DEC 44.

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NOTE:-

It is hoped that the problem will be eased by the arrival of a large draft of trained drivers in the Division from the reinforcement depots.

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3. A school has been formed by OG 104 SM company for the training of AUTIERI.
A second school is being formed within the Gruppo for the training of CONDUTTORI. Both schools will be under the general supervision of DIDST 56 BLU. All instructors will be provided by the Gruppo. Both schools will turn out trained drivers in the shortest possible time. Detailed instructions regarding these schools will be issued shortly.
4. Priority will be given to partially trained drivers.
5. Priority will be given to units according to their immediate needs.
6. As many vehicles as possible will be allocated to the school and progress in driving instruction is dependent on the release of vehicles. Four trainees will be allocated to each available training vehicle.
7. The course will not be of short duration. Drivers will be passed out and returned to their units as soon as they have reached the necessary standard of safety on the road.
8. LOCAL UNIT TRAINING.
When possible former drivers will be given active instruction by doubling them up with experienced drivers on normal duty runs. It is the responsibility of all officers to make the fullest use of all vehicles for training purposes.
9. TRAINING OF NONCOMMISSIONED

(a) Instructors.

It is hoped that sufficient personnel able to ride motor cycles, can be found within each regiment or unit to act as instructors.

(b) Equipment.

Motor cycles will be issued to each unit with motor cycles on the WE proportionately when received.

(c) Training.

Instruction will be organized on a regimental or unit basis, under the general supervision of British representatives of the arms and services and officers of the training institution.

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7. The course will not be extended further. Drivers will be passed out and returned to their units as soon as they have reached the necessary standard of safety on the road.
8. LOCAL UNIT TRAINING.
When possible learner drivers will be given extra instruction by doubling them up with experienced drivers on normal duty runs. It is the responsibility of all officers to make the fullest use of all vehicles for training purposes.
9. TRAINING OF MONOPROXYLATORS.

(a) Instruction.

It is hoped that sufficient personnel able to ride motor cycles, can be found within each regiment or unit to act as instructors.

(b) Equipment.

Motor cycles will be issued to each unit with motor cycles on the VB proportionately when received.

(c) Training.

Instruction will be organized on a regimental or unit basis, under the general supervision of British representatives of the arms and services and officers of the training increment.

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APPENDIX 'A' to 56 BLU TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.

U T I E R I Driver State 'MANTOVA' Gruppo on 19 Dec 44

Serial No.	Unit	WE Drivers i/c	Trained Drivers:	Under Training		
		'B' Vehicles	I/C	Drivers I/C requiring further training	Still unsafe to go on the road	still
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
1.	: Reg. Mantova					
2.	: Gruppo	22	22	-	-	
	: 128 Serione					
	: Seriate	42	5	-	-	
3.	: 500 Camp					
	: no. 1141	6	5	-	-	
4.	: 242 Camp					
	: no. 1141	6	5	-	-	
5.	: 104. 50 Camp					
6.	: 104. Deposito	150	30	18	10	
	: Mobile (O.F.)	30	4	-	26	
7.	: Heavy 1/2					
		42	11	-	-	
8.	: 76 Infantry					
	: Regt I.D.	3	1	-	-	
9.	: 114 Infantry					
	: Regt I.D.	3	3	-	-	
10.	: 155 Artillery					
	: Regt I.D.S.	6	-	-	-	
11.	: 104 Engineer					
	: Battalion I.D.S.	6	5	-	-	
TOTALS		331	89	18	36	

APPENDIX 'A' to 56 BLU TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 3 DATED 3 JAN 45.

U T I E R I Driver State 'MENTOVL' Gruppe on 19 Dec 44.

				TOTAL	
WE Drivers i/c :	Trained Drivers:	Under Training.		Number of Drivers	
'B' Vehicles :	I/C :	Dtrs I/C requiring :	Still unsafe to:	still to be trained.	
		Further training.	go on the road :		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(f)	(g)	
22	22	-	-	-	
42	3	-	-	37	
6	5	-	-	1	
6	3	-	-	3	
153	30	18	10	120	
38	1	-	26	34	
42	11	-	-	38	
3	1	-	-	2	
3	3	-	-	-	
6	-	-	-	6	
6	5	-	-	1	
351	89	18	36	242	

APPENDIX 'B' to 56 JLU TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 3 DATED

CONDUCTOR I Driver State 'MONTOM.' Gruppo on 19 Dec 44

Serial No.	Unit	Drivers I/C : Trained Drivers :		Under Training :		
		: 'B' Vehicles :	I/C	Drivers I/C requiring further training :	Still unsafe to go on the road :	Deficient with
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	59 Section Carabinieri	5	2	1	-	-
2.	151 Section Carabinieri	5	-	2	1	-
3.	76 Infantry regiment	293	102	40	24	-
4.	114 Infantry regiment	293	90	40	20	-
5.	155 Artillery Regiment	250	46	8	-	-
6.	104 Engineer Battalion	195	22	40	22	-
TOTALS		1041	262	131	67	-

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APPENDIX 'B' to 56 MIL TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 3 DATED 3 JAN 45.

CONDUCTOR I Driver State 'MAITOV' Gruppo on 19 Dec 44.

	Drivers I/C :	Trained Drivers :	Under Training :		TOTAL
	'B' Vehicles :	I/C :	Drivers I/C requiring :	Still unsafe to ;	Deficiencies as compared
	VE :		Further training. :	go on the road :	with VE.
	(c) :	(d) :	(e) :	(f) :	(g) :
1	5 :	2 :	1 :	- :	3 :
2	5 :	- :	2 :	1 :	5 :
3	293 :	102 :	40 :	24 :	191 :
4	293 :	90 :	40 :	20 :	203 :
5	250 :	66 :	6 :	- :	204 :
6	195 :	22 :	40 :	22 :	173 :
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PART VII - OPERATIONAL TRAINING OF SERVICES PERSONNEL.

1. TRAINING OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

General.

The training of administrative units, from 1 January to 15 February will fall into the following divisions :-

- (a) Training of all ranks of all units in :
 - (i) Use of British arms and equipment.
 - (ii) Elementary field craft and the ability to live comfortably and hygienically under field conditions.
- (b) Training of all ranks in the special list requirements of their service.

2. For 1 (a) above instructors will be provided for permanent attachment from the infantry regiments.

3. For 1 (b) above instruction will be provided by :

- (a) Courses with British establishments.
- (b) Courses within the Gruppo e.g. Driving school.
- (c) By unit training which will be devoted to :
 - (i) Revising and improving knowledge of personnel who have taken outside courses.
 - (ii) Running Cadet classes for men who have not attended courses.

- (iii) Putting into practice the newly acquired systems of accounting and storekeeping. Special attention being paid to changing personnel over so that every tradesman may have an opportunity of putting his various skills to use in his everyday work.

4. PROVISION.

Carabinieri sections now have a different role in the Combat Gruppo to that to which they were accustomed previously in the Italian divisions. In view of this, special list training will be devoted chiefly to :

- (i) Driving of vehicles of all types.
- (b) Map reading.
- (c) Signing of routes and traffic control on a formation move.
- (a) Use of British sign writing and traffic control equipment.

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(d) Use of British sign writing and traffic control equipment.

5. MEDICAL

As medical equipment in the Gruppo is nearly all Italian, little extra instruction is required. The normal specialist training will be carried out but extra attention will be paid in lectures and exercises to :

(a) Demonstrations of new scales of equipment.

(b) Lectures on new system of evacuation.

(c) Small unit exercises to emphasise modified roles of the Sezione Sanita.

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6. DEPOSITO MOBILE.

This unit will devote most of its time to practising its specialist training by carrying out the distribution of stores to the Gruppo. Until this is taking place specialist training will be devoted to :

- (a) Lectures and quiz tests in the unit.
- (b) Book keeping classes.
- (c) Demonstrations of all types of British equipment as it passes through the depot.

7. OFFICER TRAINING.

Officer training will in most details follow that of the mon. In addition the following will be held for officers of all units :

- (a) One officers day each fortnight for instruction in all subjects.
- (b) Cloth model exercises to discuss :
 - (i) New organisations.
 - (ii) The way these Gruppo units will dovetail into the British system of supply and maintenance.

8. TRAINING OF 104. SE COMPANY.(a) Training required.

- (i) Driving and vehicle maintenance.
- (ii) Supplies - Handling and maintenance.
- (iii) Ammunition - Handling, recognition and maintenance.
- (iv) POL - Handling, recognition and maintenance.
- (v) Weapon training.
- (vi) Workshop organisation.

(b) Driving and vehicle maintenance.

The most urgent problem at the moment.
All drivers will be classified as follows :-

- (i) Expert drivers.
- (ii) Drivers requiring further training.
- (iii) Unsafe drivers.

Category (i) drivers will be used as instructors for categories

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8. TRAINING OF 104 ST COMPANY.(a) Training required.

- (i) Driving and vehicle maintenance.
- (ii) Supplies - Handling and maintenance.
- (iii) Ammunition - Handling, recognition and maintenance.
- (iv) POL - Handling, recognition and maintenance.
- (v) Weapon training.
- (vi) Workshop organisation.

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The most urgent problem at the moment.

All drivers will be classified as follows :-

- (i) Expert drivers.
- (ii) Drivers requiring further training.
- (iii) Unsafe drivers.

Category (i) drivers will be used as instructors for categories (ii) and (iii) after allowance has been made for normal vehicle details. Courses of driving instruction and vehicle maintenance of at least three weeks duration, will be begun immediately.

Besides the training of the drivers (autiori) of the company, the driving school will train the drivers (Conduttori) of the Gruppo's 'B' vehicle.

The daily maintenance "46 Task" system will be introduced into the company. The monthly IB 406 and IB 412 workshop and platoon vehicle inspection will be carried out.

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(c) Supplies.

Composite platoons will have practice in the handling of supplies in the Gruppo DID. Both composite platoons have British trained officers, NCO's and clerks and they will be used for the training of inexperienced supply personnel.

(d) Ammunition and POL.

This training mainly effects the composite platoons but all ranks of the company must be trained in the recognition of all ammunition and POL commodities.

(e) Weapon Training.

All ranks must know and be able to use their personal weapons.

Detailed instructions for implementing the specialist training outlined above will be issued direct to ST units.

9. MECHANICAL ENGINEER PERSONNEL.

(a) The following will require training:-

Divisional workshop personnel.

Lt's (6).

Divisional workshop platoon (ST).

Units LT officers and NCO's.

(b) Courses will be run for the above personnel under supervision of SO EME. Detailed plans cannot be made until additional reinforcements arrive, and until British REME personnel are available to assist in instruction.

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PART VI - INTELLIGENCE

1. GENERAL

Up to 15 February training will be confined to individual and sub-unit training. Training will be carried out under unit arrangements, with assistance from officers of the Training Increment, and partly in a Divisional Cadre which is being organised by the Training Increment. Certain specialists are being trained by specialist arms.

2. UNIT TRAINING

This will be arranged mainly by unit commanders, one Major of the Training Increment is being allotted to each battalion as an adviser. Training will include:-

(a) Platoon Weapons.

Some men in each battalion will fire their weapons every day.

(b) Specialist Arms.

Elementary training is being carried out in cadres. Additional training will be carried out in units. A proportion of the available equipment is being allotted to regiments for this purpose.

(c) Physical fitness and endurance.

Every man will undergo some form of physical exercise every day i.e. marching, rapid marching, hill climbing, digging or bayonet fighting.

(d) Section, platoon and company training.

(e) Battle discipline, hygiene and care of equipment.

3. DIVISIONAL CADRE.

(a) Courses are being run by the Training Increment with Italian instructors, with the object of training, during January:

48	3" mortar instructors,
80	6 pr "
50	Carriers
84	Junior leaders,

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(b) A course is being planned for training officers and NCO's in British intelligence methods.

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4. SPECIALIST COURSES.

- (a) Drivers (3 vehicles) under D.DST, with Italian instructors.
- (b) Regimental signallers under SO Signals.
- (c) Assault pioneer sections at REITD.

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5. PLATOON TEST EXERCISE.

In February selected rifle platoons will carry out a test exercise arranged by the Training Increment.

6. TEWT'S AND TELEPHONE BATTLES.

These are being arranged on high and low levels with the object of encouraging tactical thought and of teaching staff duties in the field.

7. RANGE MEETING.

It is hoped to hold at least one range meeting with inter unit competitions in infantry weapons.

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NOTE:- This Instruction consists of the following parts :

- I GENERAL.
- II. HIGHER TRAINING.
- III ARTILLERY.
- IV ENGINEERS.
- V SIGNALS.
- VI INFANTRY.
- VII OPERATIONAL TRAINING OF SERVICES PERSONNEL.

APPENDIX I.

Parts III, VI and VII are in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 2.

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PART I - GENERAL.

29 Dec 44.

1. OBJECT.

The object of this instruction is to lay down detailed arrangements for the training of GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA up to 15 Feb 45. It is based on the assumption that by 31 Dec 44 the GRUPPO will be complete in personnel, and in training and maintenance scales of equipment, ammunition clothing and stores. The tasks to be carried out during this period are outlined in 56 HU Training Instruction No. 1 parts 4 and 5.

2. TRAINING PERIODS.

(a) Daily.

Units - 0745 hrs - 1045 hrs.
1230 hrs - 1630 hrs.

Hq's - 0800 hrs - 1200 hrs.
1430 hrs - 1900 hrs.

(b) Feast Days.

In view of the urgency of training the GRUPPO for battle by the beginning of March Feast Days and Church Holidays (as in battle) will be regarded as any other day, except that training will start at 0800 hrs in order to allow all ranks to attend Holy Mass.

(c) Sundays.

Sundays will be left at disposal of unit commanders but it is suggested that the following duties will be included in the Sunday morning routine.

Church parade.

Inspection of company lines.

Inspection of arms by sub unit commanders.

1430 hrs dismissal for remainder of the day.

The above periods will be devoted solely to training. They will often be exceeded as in the case of night operations, but they will not be reduced. Cleaning and maintenance periods and preparation by instructors for future training will take place outside training periods. For example, if a platoon returns from training to the unit at 1630 hrs, the Platoon Commander will inspect weapons by lamp light at 1800 hrs, the same night however tired the men may be.

3. LEAVE.

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3. LEAVE.

(a)

If the military situation permits, privilege leave may be given to Italian Army personnel for a period of seven days, exclusive of travelling time, not more than once in six months.

(b)

Compassionate leave may be given in proper cases by a superior Italian Military Authority, Colonel or above, for fourteen days exclusive of travelling time, with the concurrence of the Allied Commander concerned, if applicable.

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- (c) Not more than five percent of a unit may be away on privilege and/or compassionate leave at one time. Absentees due to previous leave drafts will count against the five percent until such time as absentees have rejoined or been struck off strength and reinforcements provided.
- (d) Agricultural or special leave will be the subject of special orders from time to time.
- (e) Allied Commanders may, at their discretion, suspend the granting of leave to members of Italian Army units under their command, for operational or other reasons.

4. PARADE STATES.

Officers are responsible that there is no unauthorized absence from training parades, and will be prepared to produce when required a parade state accounting for all personnel under their command.

5. COURSES.

At appendix 'A' is a schedule of courses of instruction which have been arranged for the GRUPO.

6. LANGUAGES.

Efficiency in training and battle will be greatly increased if British and Italian personnel can talk and understand each other's language. Personnel of 56 BCU and the GRUPO are urged to acquire working knowledge of Italian and English respectively.

7. TRAINING AREAS.

Reference maps ITALY 1/50,000 sheets 173-II 174-III 174-IV.

(a) Artillery.

- (i) 25 pr shooting will be carried out in area bounded by map reference N 8896, 9196, 9192, 9092.

(ii) Location of 6 and 17 pr range will be notified later.

(b) Infantry.

Field firing will be carried out in area bounded by map reference N 7482, 7782, 7779, 7479. Further ranges may be found on recon in the valleys EAST and SOUTH of APICE 7379.

(c) Other Arms and Services.

Firing of anti-aircraft will be carried out in areas as in sub para (b) above.

(d) Safety Precautions.

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(b) Infantry.

Field firing will be carried out in area bounded by map reference N 7432, 7732, 7779, 7479. Further ranges will be found on recon in the valleys EAST and SOUTH of APICE 7679.

(e) Other Arms and Services.

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Firing of small arm will be carried out in areas as in sub para (b) above.

(d) Safety Precautions.

Before any firing takes place 56 ELU must be notified and arrangements made to clear civilians from the danger areas.

8. TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND PROGRESS REPORTS.

- (a) Programmes to cover the next weeks training will be submitted by 1200 hrs each Saturday by representatives of /xix and D/L & QMG (for Services) of 56 ELU and by GSO II Training Increment (for Infantry).

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(b) Program Reports.

Progress reports will be submitted by personnel as in sub para (a) above by 1800 hrs on the 7th and 22nd of each month covering the previous fortnight. The report will show:

- (i) Deviations from programme laid down.
- (ii) Approximate numbers attending training and reasons if any for non-attendance of personnel.
- (iii) Number of specialist trained, under training, and deficiency of trained specialists compared with the WE.
- (iv) Progress in training achieved and in the case of Arms, other than Infantry, and Services progress in weapon training in addition to the training special to the Arm or Service.
- (v) Courses running numbers attending and results being achieved.
- (vi) Any difficulties encountered.
- (vii) Balance of training to be completed.
- (viii) Bad weather will not be allowed to interfere with tactical training.
- (ix) Each unit will make an arrangement for technical instruction to be carried out under cover on wet days.
- (x) Alternative programmes will be arranged previously for wet weather.

10. DATES TO SIGNATURE.

Damage will be kept to a minimum. Causes of damage will be reported through HQ GRUPPO to 56 RMJ.

11. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING - OFFICERS OF RMJ.

Officers of 56 RMJ and Training Increment are responsible for helping and advising the Italian authorities as follows:

(a) General.

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DADOS and SO ICME are responsible:

- (i) For all training of personnel of their own arm, including all arms and other general military training, except as stated in (b) below.

- (iv) Progress in training achieved and in the case of Arms, other than infantry, and Services progress in weapon training in addition to the training special to the Arm or Service.
- (v) Courses running numbers attending and results being achieved.
- (vi) Any difficulties encountered.
- (vii) Balance of training to be completed.

9. INCIDENT WEATHER.

- (a) Bad weather will not be allowed to interfere with tactical training.
- (b) Each unit will make an arrangement for technical instruction to be carried out under cover on wet days.
- (c) Alternative programmes will be arranged previously for wet weather.

10. DANGERS TO AGRICULTURE.

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Officers of 56 BLU and Training Increment are responsible for helping and advising the Italian authorities as follows:

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- (11) For training personnel of other arms as in (b) below.

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(b) Co-ordination between Arms,(i) Drivers.

D/DST is arranging elementary training in driving and maintenance for personnel of all arms. Further training will be carried out under unit arrangements.

(ii) Artillery and Infantry Signallers.

SO Sigs is undertaking elementary individual training.

(iii) Infantry Pioneer Sections.

R/IED have undertaken elementary technical training.

(iv) ST Workshop Platoon.

SO R/ME is assisting in the technical training of this platoon.

(c) D/L & QMG - is responsible for :

(1) Co-ordination and supervision of technical and general training of service personnel.

(ii) The administrative aspect of training throughout the Gruppo, with particular reference to the higher training of Commanders and Staff officers.

(iii) Organisation of administrative exercises.

(d) G II

(1) Co-ordination of training between arms and units.

(ii) Allocation of training areas, ammunition, stores, maps, air photographs etc.

(iii) Organisation of higher training, including model discussions, signal exercises and tactical exercises with and without troops.

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- (i) Co-ordination of training between CREG and units.
- (ii) Allotment of training areas, ammunition, stores, maps, air photographs etc.
- (iii) Organisation of higher training, including model discussions, signal exercises and tactical exercises with and without troops.

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PART II - INFANTRY TRAINING.

1. TRAINING OF GUNPOW IN /100 BATTAL COMPANY.

It is hoped to arrange the following exercises. Details will be issued later.

- (a) Staff and signal exercises for GUNPOW HQ.
- (b) Cloth model demonstrations on phases of battle.
- (c) TENTS.

PART III - ARTILLERY TRAINING.

In preparation.

PART IV - ENGINEER TRAINING.

1. GENERAL.

Instruction will be carried out by teams of officers and NCO instructors of the Engineer Battalion who have already attended courses at British Engineer schools under the supervision of SMC 56 BLD and attached British troops. As far as possible training will be carried out by sub units of companies. For this reason it is urgent that units should be brought up to WS plus 1st reinforcements with the minimum delay.

2. TIME FACTOR.

Training will be so arranged that by 15 Feb 45 all personnel plus 1st reinforcements will have completed individual and sub unit training.

3. GENERAL INFANTRY TRAINING.

In an emergency the Engineers will be used as infantry and will therefore be trained in the use of all unit weapons and in elementary infantry tactics.

4. LOGISTICS TRAINING.

This will be designed to instruct personnel in the use and application of British Engineer equipment. As far as possible only those special British equipment is involved - all British methods and drills be taught. Training equipment to already available. The syllabus will cover the following subjects:

(a) Training of the Battalion

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING

1. GENERAL

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2. TIME TABLE

Training will be so arranged that by 15 Feb 45 all personnel plus 1st reinforcements will have completed individual and sub unit training.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING

In an emergency the Engineers will be used as infantry and will therefore be trained in the use of all unit weapons and in elementary infantry tactics.

4. TECHNICAL TRAINING

This will be designed to instruct personnel in the use and application of British Engineer equipment. As far as possible only those special British equipment is involved - all British methods and drills be taught.

Training equipment is already available. The syllabus will cover the following subjects:

- (a) Elementary day battery brigades
- (b) Mine warfare
- (c) Demolitions and explosives
- (d) Field work
- (e) Construction and repair of tracks and roads
- (f) Maintenance and operation of British Field Forts - to be done on arrival of sub units in England.
- (g) Driving and maintenance of vehicles.

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5. OPERATORS AND NOC'S

All officers and NOC's will do more advanced training in the above subjects and must be able to carry out and render reports on all types of engineer reconnaissance including that for water supply for the Gruppe.

6. INFANTRY PIONEER ASSAULT BATTALIONS

Courses are being held at SML for personnel of infantry pioneer assault battalions of Gruppe. Apart from these courses the training of infantry pioneers is an infantry and not an engineer responsibility.

PART V - SIGNAL TRAINING

1. GENERAL POLICY

Intensive signal training for personnel of the Signals company and for Regimental signallers will be commenced within the Gruppe by the present course at Noeren Signal school early on approximately 10 Jan.

It is anticipated that the staff will be required for this training and during this time it will not be possible to call upon signallers for other duties (except as specified in the instructions).

The instructors for this training will be found from the best of the

NOCERA - trained personnel.

A release of signal equipment by IC Jan has been requested for this training.

On this basis all signals personnel (Signals company and Regimental signallers) should, by the middle of February, be trained sufficiently to combine with all arms of the Gruppe on training exercises.

2. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL OF THE SIGNAL COMPANY

This will be carried out under the supervision of officers of the company, all of whom will have been trained at NOCERA.

At present three separate operating trades exist in the Signal company i.e. Operators wireless, Operators line, and Operators switchboard. It is intended to combine all these and produce the equivalent of the British Operator wireless and line.

3. TRAINING OF REGIMENTAL SIGNALLERS - ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY

It is hoped to set up a Central Signal School within the Gruppe for training regimental signallers.

The object will be to produce two trades only: Operators and Line.

Operators will be trained in all wireless and line instruments (switchboards) and will be interchangeable.

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4. TRAINING OF OFFICERS.

It is hoped to train one officer per Infantry battalion and one (or two) officers from the Artillery Regiment as Signal officers.

5. GENERAL MILITARY AND WEAPON TRAINING OF REGIMENTAL SIGNALLERS.

This will be undertaken by units themselves, the course at the school being arranged to allow necessary time for this.

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6. BRITISH INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

All signal training will be supervised by S9111 R. Signal: 56 EU who will take care of two components from Rear Tank signals to combat.

PART VI - INITIAL TRAINING.

In preparation.

PART VII - OPERATIONAL TRAINING OF SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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APPENDIX 'A' to 56 HBU TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 2 DATED 29 DEC 44

PROGRAMS OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students	Responsibility	Object	Remarks
					OFAS: OR's	Initial		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
1	25pr	Cerreto	11 Dec	6 Jan	4	40 RL	RA 1st Team	Train comd Post specialists.
2	Specialists	Sanmita	16 Dec	23 Dec	16	50 RA	Ital. Forces	Train gun teams
3	Signals	Nocera	12 Dec	10 Jan	9	30 Sigs	Signal school	Train sigs of Sig Coy
4	Platoon weapons	Alta Villa	7 Dec	23 Dec	50	Gruppo	Nocera	Provide instructors for Art. & Inf.
5	3" Mortar course	Alta Villa	7 Dec	23 Dec	31	Gruppo	Gruppo	Provide instructors for Inf. Bn
6	Inf Pioneer	Capua	17 Dec	30 Dec	15	G II	3rd	Porter coys
7	-do-	-do-	17 Dec	30 Dec	15	G II	3rd	Train Inf pioneer assault sections.
8	Carrier driving	White house 745745	2 Dec	22 Dec	5	G II	Instruct-ors obtain- ed from	Train driving Instruct-ors for inf mortar coys
9	DID storoven		10 Dec	20 Dec	14	DLA & QAC	60 DID	Train storoven issuers & clerks in composite platoon

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APPENDIX 'A' to 56 HLU TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 2 DATED 25 DEC 44

PROGRAMS OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students	Officers	Enlisted	Responsibility	Initial Training	Object	Remarks
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l
10	Ord duties	Pentecost	3 Dec	17 Dec	1	55	11	55	POD	Train unit & OMP	
11	Porter	Inf Regt	1 Jan	6 Jan		12			102 sub	station & clerks	
		Areas	8 Jan	13 Jan		12			depot	in Ord duties	
			15 Jan	20 Jan		12			G II Trg	Train 100's of	
12	6 pr	do	22 Jan	27 Jan		12				dots	
13	Carrier	White House	1 Jan	13 Jan		20			do	do	
	course		15 Jan	27 Jan		50			do	do	
14	Junior	San Giorgio	7 Jan	20 Jan		50			do	Train carrier	
	Leaders		21 Jan	3 Feb		42			do	drivers	
15	Driving	San Giorgio	1 Jan	contin-						Inculcate Dr.	
	maint.			uous						drills and	
										methods	
										Train effort	
						52			DAL & Q.G. Gruppo	transport drivers	

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 1.

4 Dec 44

1. OBJECT.

The object of this instruction is to state some of the tasks which confront GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA and to assist officers in thinking ahead and making plans for training. The draft has been seen by the CCO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA, who is in agreement with it.

2. TASK OF THE GRUPPO.

The task to be achieved is to fit the GRUPPO by 15 Mar 45 for the following operational roles :-

- (a) To take over a defensive sector on the Italian front, and carry out an active defence.
- (b) After experience in that role to participate in attacks in conjunction with Allied troops.

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- (c) Move to forward training area 15 - 20 Feb 45.
- (d) Higher training
- (e) Move to operational area } After 20 Feb 45.

All Dates are approximate.

4. PRELIMINARY PERIOD.

Tasks.

- (a) Assembly of personnel and organisation of HQ's and Units.
- (b) Assembly and organisation of MU and Training Movement.
- (c) Issue of training and maintenance scales of equipment, ammunition, clothing and stores.
- (d) Preparation for individual and elementary collective training.
- (e) Elementary training.

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Use of Weapons.

Driving.

Signal Training.

Specialist Training.

- (b) Physical preparation for battle including:-

Digging.

Marching.

Hill Climbing.

Development of Night sense.

- (c) Mental and Psychological preparation for Battle, including:-

Discipline in Camp.

Battle Discipline.

Battle Inoculation.

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Junior Leaders.

- (d) Development of ability as instructors.
- (e) Instruction in administrative duties including man management.
- (f) Instruction without troops in duties in the field, including
RT training and map reading.
- (g) Sub unit exercises.

Senior Officers.

- (h) Organization and supervision of individual and sub unit training.
- (i) Instruction without troops in duties in the field.
- (j) Preparation and direction of Headquarters Signal Exercises, TWT's, Adm Exercises and Cloth Model Discussions.

Sub Units.

- (1) Simple tactical exercises up to and including Battery and Company level.

Headquarters Staffs.

- (m) H.Q. Signal Exercises and Deployment Drills.

Engineers Signals and Services.

- (n) Normal Adm duties.
- (o) Training for specialist duties in the field.
- (p) Weapon and elementary battle training.

Miscellaneous.

- (q) Drawing up of G.1098.

6. HIGHER TRAINING PERIOD.

During this period the Division will undergo final training under an Allied formation before going to battle.
Instructions will be issued later.

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- (b) Preparation of Training.

Every period of instruction must be thoroughly prepared beforehand by the instructors. This means that instructors must work longer hours than personnel under instruction.

- (c) Concentration on Essentials.

Non-essential matters however useful, must be ruthlessly cut out of the programme. In the time available, we must concentrate on the barest essentials for battle.

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(a) Maintenance of Interest.

Training is useless if it is dull. Instructors must exercise their ingenuity to maintain interest.

(c) Training of Officers.

No one can train an officer unless he also trains himself. In their spare time officers should constantly study and discuss military problems, with particular reference to their tasks in the forthcoming battle.

9. MP TRAINING.

This is one of our biggest tasks. Every effort must be made throughout the Division to achieve the highest possible standard of driving and maintenance.

10. PT TRAINING.

A modern battle depends to a very great extent on good communications. Commanders and Staff Officers must train themselves thoroughly in the use of RT.

11. ESSENTIAL POINTS FOR OFFICERS.

- (a) Insistence on punctuality.
- (b) Decentralisation down to pl etc cords of responsibility for their men and eqpt.
- (c) Inculcation of a new routine incl:-
 - (i) Automatic refilling of petrol tanks.
 - (ii) Daily maintenance and inspection of weapons and vehs.
 - (iii) Officers to see to men's comfort before their own.
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- (d) Training periods, - Leave - Festivals.
- (e) Allotment of equipment and ammunition.
- (f) Training programmes and Progress reports.

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