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Training - Medical

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Feb. 17, 1945 - Apr. 12, 1945

Subject:- Mentors Group

Ref:- MED/Tr/37

MED & B.L.U.

Monday 9 April 45.

The following points arose during the exercise held on

1. The trestles supplied to the Sezione Sanita are different sizes - they are all too large for one stretcher and not large enough to take two stretchers. They take up an unnecessary amount of room - they should be removed to take one stretcher each.
2. All Ambulance Cars should be equipped with a Thomas's splint, 16 blankets, 4 stretchers and if possible a feeding cup and urinal. It must be stressed that every time a man with a Thomas splint is carried in an Ambulance Car, the Ambulance Orderly must give the Unit a replacement, and likewise draw one from the Unit to which the casualty is taken. Unless this is done with blankets, stretchers and splints, there will be a shortage in forward Units. The water trucks should be completely tested, and floats, strainers and automatic pumps should be used, so that the Orderly is fully acquainted with all the accessories.
3. Loading of vehicles should be a drill, and every man should know exactly how to load his section's vehicle, and also be able to find any part of equipment in the dark.
4. A container for tea should be kept in Reception, so that tea is always available.
5. Unit Signs were far too scarce, also you must impress on them the necessity for putting out signs at Cross Roads etc. and not only just outside the Dressing Stations. Each sign should have an adjustable arrow, so that they can be used both ways.
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Field.
12th April 45.

LT. Col. R.A.M.C.
S.M.O. C.M.T.C.

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LT. Col. R.A.M.C.
S.M.O. C.M.F.C.

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SUBJECT:- Training with British Tentage.

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6 Apr 45.

CMTC (Med)

1. The 200 bed Hospitals attached to this Group have been issued with Tents, Marquee.
2. It is felt that if a British NCO spent a day with each Hospital (two) enough knowledge would be obtained for the correct usage of the tents.
3. Could an NCO please be supplied for this instruction.
4. Any dates between 9 Apr — 15 Apr 45 would be convenient.

In The Field,
HTT/ajv.

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Lt Col,
CS.

HQ 104 Medical Section
Combat Group "MANTOVA"

No 1531

P.M. 104 7 Apr 45.

SUBJECT:- Weekly Training Programme.

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office

DATE 0830 -- 1030 hrs 1330 -- 1630 hrs.

MONDAY

Exercise ---- Units spread out ---- detached from Unit.HQ.

TUESDAY

Demonstration of loading Equipment,
for the medical units.
Driving school maintenance.

Kit inspection & personal
cleanliness. (NCOi/c.)

WEDNESDAY

Medical unit - exercise for stretcher
bearers and orderlies.
Demonstration of Equipment on charge.
Drivers - driving school.

Firing-- all personnel who
have not yet fired or special
arms cleaning.

THURSDAY

Theory of anatomy & Hygiene for the
Medical units.
Drivers - driving school.

Personal cleaning and bathing.
Revolver shooting - Officers.

FRIDAY

Medical Units - demonstration of
material mounting and dismounting -
loading and unloading.

Medical Units - exercise for
Stretcher bearers - orderlies
- First- Aid.

SATURDAY

Medical Units - Orderly School -
Theory and practical for Stretcher
Bearers. In the interval a lecture
and comments on British Directives.
Drivers - driving School.

For all Units - inspection of
Kit (NCOs responsibility)
Drivers - driving school and
special maintenance.

SUNDAY

Inspection of the whole Section.

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(Med) Capt De FELICE PASQUALE
OC Section.

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HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
104 Medical Section.

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No 1450

P.M. 104 2 Apr 45.

SUBJECT:- Report on Unit Training.

To:- HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office.

P.M. 104

Training has continued as in programme forwarded.

During this period the last firing practice with rifle .303 and TSMG have taken place. On account of lack of grenades, instruction on hand grenade throwing was not carried out.

In the meantime Specialist training continues, also the driving school and orderlies and stretcher bearers school. It is noted that medical units training is unavoidably incomplete and lacks efficiency owing to the deficiency on the WE. This deficiency was more outstanding on the exercise of 24 and 25 Mar 45 during which all the Section camped, when all units had to lend a hand to other units.

The disinfecter platoon devoted itself to Field Hygiene duties and water supply of the Unit, and did good work on the a/m exercise.

In the next few days particular attention will be paid to loading lorries and ambulances, movement of vehicles in convoy, and on their own, to the Camp.

(med) Capt Dr GIOVANNINI ROBERTO

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OC Section.

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SUBJECT:- Training, Hygiene Platoon of 10. Medical Section.

HQ Combat Group "MANPOVA" (2)

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8 Apr 45.

1. Vacancies exist for two men to be attached to the Workshops of the School of Hygiene BENEVENTO.
2. It is suggested that the Carpenter and Tinsmith of the Hygiene Platoon fill this vacancy.
3. Details of Course.
 - (a) Men to report to HQ 3 Group Office CMC BENEVENTO 0830 hours 9 Apr 45.
 - (b) Accommodation and feeding of men has been arranged with the CMC.
 - (c) Course ends 1200 hours 14 Apr 45.
 - (d) Men should take with them their small kit and bedding.

In The Field,
HTF/ajw

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Lt Col,
GS.

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SUBJECT- Exercise "MANTOVA" Combat Group

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6 Apr 45

1 District (Med)
24 Sub Area (Med)
MED GROUP

1. MANTOVA Combat Group will hold an exercise in which the medical units of the Group will take part.
2. DATE, 9 Apr 45.
3. LOCATION, Map ref 627072 Sheet 172. Italy 11100,000.
4. TIME, Suggested time for visits between 1000 hrs - 1500 hrs 9 Apr 45.

In The Field,
HIT/ajm.

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Ref. File 16.A. - File 11-50

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
104 Medical Section

NO. 1462

P.M. 104.3 Apr 45

SUBJECT:- Weekly Training Programme

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office.

DAY	0830 - 1030	1330 - 1630
MONDAY	For all units, outdoor drill and training. Reading and commenting on British Directive.	- Revision Firing instruction. - Hair inspection. - Drivers - driving school.
TUESDAY	- Medical Units, First aid and casualty dressing, - instruction. - Drivers - driving school.	- Medical units-theoretical instruction for orderlies and stretcher bearers - Drivers - driving school.
WEDNESDAY	- Medical Units : War gases and demonstration of equipment. - Drivers - driving school.	- Sanitation Unit - revision of Rifle firing. - Drivers - TSMG Firing practice.
THURSDAY	- Medical Units : Theoretical lecture on anatomy and hygiene. - Drivers - driving School.	F R E E - Cleaning personal kit and baths.
FRIDAY	- Medical Units - Demonstration of equipment - Orderlies school. - Stretcher Bearers - exercise. - Drivers - driving school.	- Medical Units - revision of Rifle firing. - Drivers - revision of TSMG firing.
SATURDAY	- Medical Units - Theoretical lecture - Orderlies practice. Stretcher bearers exercise. - Drivers - driving school.	- For all Units - Kit inspection (NOO i/c) - Drivers : Special maintenance, instruction.
SUNDAY	Inspection of Camp.	

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(SED) (Med) Capt Dr GIOVANNINI ROBERTO
for (Med) Capt De FELICE PASQUALE
OC Medical Section.

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SUBJECT:- Training of 104 Medical Section.56 BLN
M 15 Apr 45HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

1. Additional training is thought to be necessary for the two Sections of the Medical Section.
2. It is suggested that the sections are sent out for at least thirty six (36) hours each.
3. It is suggested that the first section is sent out today, so that both sections will have completed this training before 9 Apr 45.
4. Suggested location is that which will be used by the Medical Section on exercise of 9 Apr 45, (Area Map Ref 6287 Sheet 173 Italy 1:100,000)

In The Field,
HFF/a.jw*Lch*
Lt Col,
GS.

41 Feb 15 A. H. 30 M.

HQ 104 MEDICAL SECTION
COMBAT GROUP "MANTOVA"

No 1347

SUBJECT:- Weekly Training Programme

To:- HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office.

P.M. 104 26 Mar 45.

DAY	0830 - 1030	1330 - 1630
MONDAY	For all units - outdoor drill and training. Reading and commenting on British Directives. Summary of weekly training.	Revision on firing instruction for Medical units. Hair inspection for all units (NCO i/c)
TUESDAY	Sanitation units - first aid instruction (first aid, moving on stretchers and in ambulances. Drivers - driving school.	Sanitation units: theoretical instruction for orderlies and stretchers. Drivers - revision on firing inst TSMG and driving school.
WEDNESDAY	Sanitation units. Lecture on war gases. Exercise for stretcher bearers. Demonstration of equipment. Drivers - driving school.	Medical units - Revision on firing Drivers - driving school.
THURSDAY	Theoretical lecture on anatomy and hygiene (sanitation units) Drivers - driving school.	F R E E Cleaning personal kit & baths First revolver practise for officers.
FRIDAY	Sanitation Units. Orderlies school demonstration of equipment - stretcher bearers exercise. Drivers - driving school.	Sanitation units - lecture on war gases. Exercise Thomas Splint. Drivers - driving school and revision on firing TSMG.
SATURDAY	Sanitation units, demonstration of equipment. Orderlies inst. Stretcher bearers exercise. Reading British Directives in the intervals. Drivers - driving school.	Kit inspection for all units (NCO i/c) Drivers - driving school and special maintenance instruction.
SUNDAY	Inspection of camp.	

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Section Commander.
(Med.) CAPT DE FELICE PASQUALE

MONDAY : For all units - outdoor drill
: and training. Reading and
: commenting on British Directives.
: Summary of weekly training.

TUESDAY : Sanitation units - first aid
: instruction (first aid, moving on:
: stretchers and in ambulances.
: Drivers - driving school.

WEDNESDAY : Sanitation units. Lecture on war
: Cases. Exercise for stretcher
: bearers. Demonstration of
: equipment.
: Drivers - driving school.

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: Reading British Directives in the
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Revision on firing instruction for
Medical units. Hair inspection
for all units (NCO i/c)

Sanitation units: theoretical
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Drivers - revision on firing inst
TSMG and driving school.

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Drivers - driving school and revision
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Kit inspection for all units (NCO i/c)
Drivers - driving school and special
maintenance instruction.

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Section Commander.
(Med) CAPT DE FELICE PASQUALE

"RESTRICTED"Subject:- Italian Training.Ref:- Med/Tr/21.

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A.D.H.S., 34 Sub Area (2 copies).

On a recent exercise held by the "Mantova Group" it was apparent that no resuscitation can be given by their equivalent of our Field Ambulance.

They had no blood plasma or heating.

DA & QMG of 56 B.L.U. has promised to obtain some stoves oil heating, but the question of plasma is one which has been raised by the other groups, which are at present in the line.

I feel this is a point which should be taken up on the highest medical level, and a supply of plasma should be authorised for 50 bedded Camp Hospital (Campo Ospedale).

The Field Ambulance (Sezione di Sanita) could then draw from the 50 bedded hospitals.

Field
27 Mar 45.

J. H. H. H. H. H.
Lt. Col., R.A.M.C.
S.M.O., C.M.T.C.

Copy to:- Med 56 B.L.U.

29 MAR 1945

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SUBJECT: Report on Exercise "LAMARORA"

DAA & QMC 56 BLU

28 Mar 45.

A. MOVE OUT. (Observations from T.P. No 2.)

1. Timing was perfect.
2. Spacing of vehicles was good. No "bunching" at T.P.
3. Low speed driving was good.
4. CCR were efficient. Kept road clear, and convey moving. When questioned knew the Unit and how many more vehicles were to come. Security of CCR good. My Docs asked for in every case.
5. Personnel looked smart. Kept helmets on etc.

B. SETTING UP D.M.A.

Medical Units.

1. Vehicles - not enough dispersion.
2. Billet areas not dispersed.
3. Tended to prepare for a two day exercise and not for a battle.
4. Medical cover - poor, not sufficient attention paid to reception of patients.
5. Personnel - worked well and cheerfully.
6. Speed of setting up units - fair.

C. FUNCTION OF MEDICAL UNITS.

(a) 104 Medical Section.

1. Dispersion poor for vehicles and men.
2. Started to unload all equipment in what was obviously a sanc area.
3. The F.A.P. tent contained five Officers who slept there. No med orderly on duty - only men awake, four guards.
4. Daily maintenance of vehicles performed.
5. Small areas were inspected. (Those I inspected were clean)
6. Cookhouse - satisfactory.
7. Latrine

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7. Latrines - satisfactory. (Did not bring wood lots because it was "only for two days").

8. Guards - efficient.

(b) Setting up A.D.S. by night. 1. Speed adequate.

2. Gave appearance of an exercise A.D.S. and not one to admit patients.

3. No food (chit food) was brought.

4. Cookhouse was not set up immediately.

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5. Put on show equipment unnecessary for a battle A.D.S.
6. Brought out an ambulance car minus petrol which became stranded.
7. Site chosen best in vicinity.

1. Dispersion - poor for vehicles and men.
2. Speed in setting up - reasonable.
3. Reception of patients - bad. No reception ward, no MCC RD on wake duty. Two guards only.

5. No thought for recognised arrangement.
Reception -- pre-operation -- operation -- post-operation.
(Patient taken straight to O.P. theatre.)

7. Cookhouse - good.

9. No stretcher and blanket dunn at reception to supply ambulance care.

1. Dispersion poor for vehicles and men.
2. Reception tent too small and combined with linen store.

4. System of receiving patients poor. NCO takes patient to reception tent. Man goes for M.O. NCO takes patient Op. Theatre. If there are five patients they are put in any available bed.

(e) Car unattended outside Bear HQ taken to CCR who returned car and made a report.

(E) Paratroop incident.

1. Medical cover took too long to arrive.
2. Worked fairly well.

4. Sign posting for ambulance car - poor.
5. No thought for recognised arrangement.
Reception -- pre-operation -- operation -- post-operation.
(Patient taken straight to O.P. theatre.)
6. Tentage not enough if working without buildings.
7. Cookhouse - good.
8. Latrines good (NOT filled in on leaving).
9. No stretcher and blanket dump at reception to supply ambulance cars.
- (d) 248 Field Hospital.
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If there are five patients they are put in any available bed.
 5. Camp area clean on leaving.
- (e) Car unattended outside Rear HQ taken to OPR who returned car and made a report.
- (f) OPR when asked for direction to BUN ALBUERGO gave good answer.
Security good.
- (g) Paratroop incident.
 1. Medical cover took too long to arrive.
 2. Worked fairly well.
 3. No liaison between Inf and Med.
- (h) Function of AIMS office.
 1. Was not sufficiently in the picture e.g. was not told about paratroop incident. Orders were telephoned direct to Med Sec. Duty officer failed to notify AIMS.
 2. AIMS seemed rather strange to responsibilities of AIMS.
When told acted generally with force.

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In The Field,
HWT/ejm.

Lt Col,
CS.

HQ 104 Med Section,
Combat Group MANTOVA
P.M. 104 - 21 Mar 45.

No. 1258

Subject:- Report on Unit training for the period
21 Mar - 1 Apr 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA - Med Office P.M. 104

With favourable weather the training is being continued as per programme.

In this period all units have done the first four firing practices with rifle and TSMG. Said lessons are continuing to take place in the vicinity of MONTEFUSCO cemetery, alternating with those of other medical units including auxiliary units.

In the next few days, and before the end of the month, arms training will be completed with instruction on throwing hand grenades.

In the meantime specialist training is continuing, especially with regard to the driving school. It is noted however, that the specialists training is necessarily limited to the few remaining men on the war establishment, with the periting of those on punishment (a quarter). The same applies to the drivers, and it is noted that other than the deficiency on the war establishment (16 deficient), a good part (about 30%) of the drivers undergoing training show very slow progress.

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The disinfection platoon are putting themselves to the unit hygiene and water supply. Until now they have not been able to carry out the necessary trials of loading wounded into ambulances and equipment into lorries on account of the shortage of vehicles which are only just being allotted to the units.

Section Commander
(Med) Capt DE FELICE PASQUALE.

26 MAR 1945

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Section Commander
(Med) Capt DE FELICE PASQUALE.

26 MAR 1945

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Subject :- Malaria Instruction

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20 Mar 45.
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To:- O.C. 56 B.L.U. through HQ 'G', C.M.T.C.
(for the attention of Lt. THOMAS)

1. The trg required by the Anti-Malaria Squad consisting of 1 NCO and 2 ORs can be carried out on Wed. 4 Apr 45.
2. Period of instruction will be from 0830 hrs to 1700 hrs . Personnel should report to this School by 0815 hrs 4 Apr. Haversack fations required.

19 Mar 45.

C.M.T.C.,
C.M.F.

R. Nisbet
Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.,
Commandant, School of Hygiene.

Copy to:- HQ 'G', C.M.T.C.

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21 MAR 1945

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HQ 104 Medical Section
Combat Group "MANTOVA"

NO. 1149

SUBJECT: - Weekly Training Programme.

To: - HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office.

P.M. 104 16 Mar 45

DAY	0630 -- 1030	1330 -- 1630
MONDAY	Outdoor drill and training for all units. Drivers - driving school	3rd Firing practise (rifle) for Medical Units. Hair inspection for all units (MCO i/c)
TUESDAY	First-aid instruction (various bandages) Drivers-driving school	3rd Firing practice (TSMG) drivers. Medical units- orderlies practical instruction. Reading and and commenting on British directives.
WEDNESDAY	Medical units- lecture war gases Stretcher Bearers exercises Demonstration of equipment Drivers-driving school	4th Firing practice (rifle) for medical units. Drivers- driving school.
THURSDAY	Theoretical lecture, anatomy, hygiene	F R E E) Cleaning personal kit and baths.
FRIDAY	Medical units- training for orderlies, demonstration of equipment, exercises for stretcher bearers. Drivers-driving school.	Medical units-lecture war gases, exeroises with Thomas Splint. Drivers-4th firing practice (TSMG)
SATURDAY	Medical units- demonstration of equipment, training for orderlies, reading and commenting on British directives.	Kit inspection for all units MCO i/c Drivers-driving school and special maintenance training.
SUNDAY	Inspection of Camp.	

Section Commander.
(MED) CAPT DE FELICE PASQUALE

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SATURDAY	Medical units- demonstration of equipment, training for orderlies, reading and commenting on British directives.	Kit inspection for all units NCO i/c Drivers-driving school and special maintenance training.
SUNDAY	Inspection of Camp.	

Section Commander.
(MGD) CAPT DE FELICE PASQUALE

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Subject: Supervision Training - Italian Combat Group

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
Ext 74
205 M

ADMS 94 Sub Area

11 Mar 45

Reference your M/3/S dated 3 Mar 45.

1. Reference para. 4 of the a/q letter. It is agreed that S.M.O., C.M.T.O. shall supervise and advise on the training of the Medical Section of this Italian Combat Group and both he and Lt Thomas should be so informed.

(P H FLOCKTON, Major,
for Brigadier,
D.D.M.S.)

MEG.

Subject: Supervision Training - Italian Combat Group

94 Sub Area
Tel Ext 227
M/3/S

S.M.O., C.M.T.O.

13 Mar 45

Med. 56 B.L.U.

The foregoing copy of DDMS 3 District letter 205 M of 11 Mar 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.

(J W ORR) Lt Col RAMO

FRB.

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1 MAR 1945

13 MARCH 45. 29A

PROGRESS OF DRIVER TRAINING

UNIT	ESTAB	Strength	Good Drivers	2nd Class Drivers Able to Drive	Unable to drive under training	Under Trg	Deficiencies of Drivers
104 MEDICAL SECTION	43	27	11	10	6	16	16 4 A.W.O.L. 3 Hosp. (lost) 9 Def
248 FIELD HOSPITAL	6	5	3	2			1
501 FIELD HOSPITAL	6	5	3	1	1	1	1
Total Medical Drivers	55	37	17	13	7	17	18

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HQ 104 MEDICAL SECTION
Combat Group "MANTOVA"

No 1015

SUBJECT:- Weekly Training Programme

To:- HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office

P.M. 104 9 Mar 45

DAY	0830 - 1030	1330 - 1630
MONDAY	Outdoor drill and training for all units. Drivers -- driving school.	1st firing practise (rifle) for medical units. Hair inspection for all units (NCO i/c)
TUESDAY	First-Aid instruction (various bandages) Theoretical lecture (anatomy) Drivers -- driving school.	1st firing practice (TSMG) for drivers. Medical units, Orderlies practical instruction, reading and commenting on British directives.
WEDNESDAY	Medical units, lecture war - gases. Stretcher Bearers, exercises. Demonstration of equipment. Drivers, driving school.	2nd firing practice (rifle) for Medical units. Drivers, driving school.
THURSDAY	Theoretical lecture, anatomy, hygiene. Drivers, driving school.	F R E E - Cleaning personal kit, and baths.
FRIDAY	Medical Units, training for orderlies demonstration of equipment, exercises for stretcher bearers. Drivers, driving school.	Medical units, lecture on war gases--- exercises with Thomas Splint. Drivers, 2nd firing practice (TSMG)
SATURDAY	Medical Units, demonstration of equipment, training for orderlies exercises stretcher bearers. Drivers, driving school.	Kit inspection for all units (NCO i/c) Drivers, driving school, and special maintenance training.
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HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
HQ 104 Medical Section

No 934

P.M. 104 3 Mar 45

SUBJECT:- Weekly Training Programme

To:- HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"- Medical Section Office

DAY	0830 -- 1030	1330 -- 1630
Monday	Outdoor training and Drill for all units.	Hair inspection for all the unit (NCO i/c) Discipline regulations, for all the unit. Arms instruction for all unit.
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Saturday	Demonstration of equipment. Lecture for unit orderlies. Stretcher bearers, practical exercise.	Kit inspection (NCO i/c tailor- boot repairer.)
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HQ 104 MEDICAL SECTION
HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

No 912

P.M. 104 3 Mar 45

SUBJECT:- Unit Training Report from Mar 1 -- 21, 1945

To:- HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office

With favourable weather, training will continue as per programme. Units have perfected the instruction of orderlies and stretcher bearers on equipment and on service, with frequent exercises on pitching and striking tents. On 24 Feb they took part in an exercise, functioning of a medical section, showing a state of preparedness.

Unfortunately in the next few days (about 40 days) good elements of the unit will become a loss to the strength owing to men returning from imprisonment.

The unit of stretcher bearers have continued with their training paying particular importance to squad manoeuvres commanded by an NCO and a potential NCO. One squad (detachment) of this unit participated in the above mentioned exercise, showing the best preparation.

The disinfectant platoon, though still short of equipment, are continuing their training, devoting its time particularly to the Hygiene Services of the unit, and to the supplying of water.

Owing to the acute shortage of lorries and ambulances it has not been possible to practice loading wounded into ambulances, or equipment and material etc into lorries.

The MT Section has continued with theoretical instruction, with practice on three inefficient ambulances, paying attention to maintenance. The MT personnel have been making a Maintenance Park.

Subject:- Water Duties Course - Italian.

Ref. CSMH/A/3F/45.

To: O.C.,
56 BLU. (thro' HQ 'G', CMTC)
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As requested by Lt. THOMAS, attached please find comments on Water Vehicle Course held for MANTOVA Group 19 - 21 Feb 45.

In amplification I should like to record the enthusiasm and good work of S/Ten. MORANDI. He has shown interest much above the average in General Hygiene and I consider that the Group are fortunate in having an officer of his experience and enthusiasm.

Soldate PENNA tried hard and although questioning during the course showed him to be well below the average of the class, he did satisfactorily pass an oral examination, and I consider that under skilled supervision he should be capable of carrying out water duties.

26 Feb 45.

C.M.T.C.,
C.M.F.

W. R. Martin
Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.,
Commandant, School of Hygiene.

Copy to:- H.Q. 'G', CMTC.

ITALIAN WATER COURSE NO. 1+

<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
S/Tenente	MORANDI Carlo	Excellent.
Sgt Majore	MILEI Fillipo	Good.
Sgt Majore	FELICE Fillipo	Good.
Cpl Majore.	NAVA Carlo	Excellent.
Cpl Majore	LEONARDI Roberto	Fair.
Cpl	COLUSSI Giovanni	Excellent.
Cpl	CARHETTA Giuseppe	Fairly Good.
Soldato	DEPAOLIS Vincenzo	Good.
Soldato	PICELLI Ugo	Fair.
Soldato	MARINO Guissepe	Good.
Soldato	PENNA Attilio	Poor.

26 Feb 45.

C.M.T.C., C.M.F.

W. Guarnieri
Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.,
Commandant, School of Hygiene.

Ref. 4. A. Feb 50M

HQ 104 MEDICAL SECTION
Combat Group "MANTOVA"

No 786

P.M. 104 25 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Weekly Training Programme from 26 Feb -- 4 Mar 45.

To: HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA" Medical Office P.M. 104

DAY	0830 -- 1030	1330 -- 1630
Monday	Outdoor Training & Drill for all the Unit.	Hair inspection for all the Unit NCOs i/c. Discipline regulations for all Unit. Arms instruction for all Unit.
Tuesday	First aid instructions (various bandages) Theoretical lecture for all the Unit (anatomy). Lecture on war gases. Stretcher bearers (practical exercises)	Drivers - arms drill. Practical instruction for orderlies. Hygiene instruction for sanitary sqd. Demonstration of equipment.
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HQ 104 Medical Section
HANTOVA Combat Group

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P.M. 104 21 Feb 45

SUBJECT:--Report on Unit Training for period 1st to 21st Feb 1945.

HQ HANTOVA Combat Group
Medical Section
P.M. 104.

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Weather conditions were favourable enough to allow training.

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SUBJECT: School for Regimental Stretcher Bearers.

Hq Combat Group "MANTOVA"

1. It is suggested that courses are started in order to train Regimental Stretcher Bearers in their battle duties. The minimum duration of the course should be four days.

2. Location.

Battalion HQ (Infantry)
Battery HQ (Artillery)

3. Instructors.

- (a) Senior Medical Officer of Regiment.
(b) One M.O. of Battalion or Battery.
(c) S.B.O. from 10th Medical Section.
(d) Sergeant from 10th Medical Section.

4. Instruction to include.

- (a) Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.
(b) First Aid for wounded.

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

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Date	Regiment	Battalion or Gruppo (Arty):
26 Feb	114 Infantry Regt	First Battalion : 1 Mar
2 Mar	114 Infantry Regt	Second Battalion : 5 Mar
6 Mar	114 Infantry Regt	Third Battalion : 9 Mar
10 Mar	76 Infantry Regt	First Battalion : 13 Mar
14 Mar	76 Infantry Regt	Second Battalion : 17 Mar
18 Mar	76 Infantry Regt	Third Battalion : 21 Mar
22 Mar	155 Artillery Regt	1 & 2 Gruppo (Arty) : 25 Mar
26 Mar	155 Artillery Regt	3 & 4 Gruppo (Arty) : 29 Mar
30 Mar	155 Artillery Regt	5 & 6 Gruppo (Arty) : 2 Apr

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In The Field,
HHR/ejw

Hy. J. Monaghan
4 for Lt Col, GS.

SUBJECT: Demonstration of Medical Evacuation.HQ Combat Group MANTOVA56 HJ
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It is intended to hold a demonstration showing the evacuation and treatment of a soldier wounded in the front line to his departure for a Field Hospital.

1. OBJECT. Instruction of Officers of MANTOVA.
2. TIME. 1400 hrs 24 Feb 45.
3. PLACE. In 2.000000 district. Exact location to be decided later.
4. PREPARATION AND STORIES FOR DEMONSTRATION.

UNIT	OPTIONS	OTHER RANKS	STORES & WEAPONS
114. Reggimento Panterla	Medical Officer - 1	Stretcher Bearers - 6 Frya Posti di MCO - 1 Medicaments Men - 2	Stretchers - 2 Blankets - 3 Tobio Small 1 Medical Parasol - 1
Infantry Officer 1 Section of Infantry Equipped to MANTOVA			
100. Sezione di Santi'a	Stretcher Bearer Officer 1	Stretcher Bearers 3 Corporal 1	Stretchers - 2 Blankets - 3
	Capitano Sottotenente MORANDI CARLO 1	Surging Orderlies 10 Corporals 2	Tobio Small 1 Medical Parasols - 2 Beds (with bed clo- thes) - 1 Tents (small) 2 Autoambulance 1

It is requested that all Officers concerned attend a conference at this office at 1000 hrs 24 Feb 45 (EXCLUDING SOTTOINTE MORANDI)

May this please be arranged.

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Ref. Note 2.A. File 50.M.

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H.Q. Combat Group "MANTOVA"

104 Medical Section

No 628

FM. 104 17 Feb 45

Subject: Weekly Training Programme from 19 - 24 Feb 45.

H.Q. Combat Group "MANTOVA". Medical Office.

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WEDNESDAY	Lesson on Chemical Warfare (GAS) Lesson for Stretcher-bearers.	Demonstration of Equipment
THURSDAY	Theoretical lecture for whole Coy (Anatomy) Hygiene Lecture	Cleaning Personal Equipment
FRIDAY	Stretcher-bearers exercises Drivers - Firing Practice	Lecture on Chemical Warfare Practical Lesson (application of the Thomas splint to main LIMBS)
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SUBJECT:- Weekly Training Programme Feb 12 - 18

FROM:- H.Q. 104 Medical Section
Combat Group "MANTOVA"

To:- H.Q. Combat Group "MANTOVA"
Medical Office P.M. 104

Prot No 538

P.M. 104 10/2/45

DAY	0830 - 1030	1330 - 1630
Monday	Outdoor training and Drill.	Demonstration of Equipment.
Tuesday	First Aid for the wounded (various bandages) Theoretical lecture for whole Coy (anatomy)	Theoretical lesson for orderlies (isolation of the sick) Lesson on hygiene (temporary accommodations, camps, billets, bivouacs).
Wednesday	Lecture on War Gases (Blistering Gas) Lecture to stretcher bearers (recovering wounded after the battle)	Demonstration of equipment.
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