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Sept. 1944 - Ap. 1945

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Subject: Training in Gas Warfare.92 British Liaison Unit,
C.A.F.3 Apr 45.6/12/172RE: LEGEND.

11A The attached copy of HQ 15 Army Group letter 2022/10/G-3 TRL dated 18 Mar 45, forwarded under cover of XI Corps letter AG 353 171(CSB) dated 2 Apr 45, is forwarded for information and necessary action.

*With care
caution*

Fluckoch
Lieut-Col.
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SECRETSubject: Training of Italians in Gas Warfare. - Directive.HQ 15 Army Group (BS)
Memo FILED 126
2022/100-3 TIG
18 Mar 45.OF FIFTH ARMY
MAIN KITCHEN ARMY

1. Italian personnel of the Combat Groups and the Art Trg Centre Italian Combat Force will be trained in defence against gas warfare to the standard required for British soldiers as outlined in Gas Training, 1942, Section 2, para 1. This training will be included in the normal training programme of all ranks.
2. The scale of personnel anti-gas opt will be as shown at Appendix A.
3. A special course has been organised at the Chemical Warfare School, CMSC to train the necessary instructors and vacancies have already been allotted.
4. A small training team consisting of one officer and two senior NCOs is being formed and will be available to Combat Groups with effect from a date to be announced later.
5. On return to their units the instructors trained at the CMSC will organise cadres of Junior leaders who will be trained to give unit instruction.
6. All respirators will be tested in a gas chamber as soon as possible after issue.
7. Extracts from "Gas Training 1942" are being translated and will be issued when available, to all instructors.

Signed 7 Col.
For Major-General,
Chief of Staff.SECRETAPPENDIX A to 2022/10/C-3
TIG. Dated - Mar 45.PERSONAL ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT.

The following personal anti-gas opt must be carried by the man or in the vehicle in which he usually travels. It should accompany him if he becomes a casualty.

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For Major-General,
Chief of Staff.
Col.

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APPENDIX A to 2022-10/1-3
TFR, Dated - Mar 15.

PERSONAL ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT

The following personal anti-gas cap must be carried by the man or in the vehicle in which he usually travels. It should accompany him if he becomes a casualty.

Respirator, complete	1
Combination, (No 3 or 5)	1
2 on tin	1
Eye shields	6
Cape	1
Cotton Waste	1
Detecture, gas, ground, pads	1
of 25 (officers and WCs only)	1

Subject: Training programme for
Ital Unit & Wap Gun fitters.

SC ROME 62 HLU

Ref No: RMR/1/30

Date: 30 Mar 45

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British Inc (RMR Branch) 5 Army

Copy to: DAA & CHG 52 HLU
RADO 52 HLU
ONE Legation Group.

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Ref para 3 of letter RME/S/S Gun Maintenance &
Repair (on site) dated 29 Mar 45.

1. A defective 92-pdr Gun has today been received in Wap.
This gun is BLR due to the following reasons:-

1. Defective Floating Piston.
2. Expanded Chamber.
3. Seized Breech Block.

2. In view of the proposed training programme, permission to
keep this gun in Wap for Technical Instruction of Italian
personnel is requested.

P.H. Melton

SC RMR

PR 5656

Subject:- Personnel.

52 B.L.U.,
C.M.F.
ORD/11.
10 Mar. 45.

Uff. di Commissariato,
Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano".

1. In order that the Ordnance Services may function in a satisfactory manner it is considered that the following personnel are required.

Three N.O's to be attached to the B.O.W.O's for instruction.

One officer (Q.M.) to be with each Inf. Batt.

Two officers to assist the Regt. Q.M. with the Artillery Regt.

Geary Major.
(G.W. Gordon.)
D.A.D.O.S.

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OS/126/2 . RESTRICTED. SIG DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE
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IF ADVISED NUMBERS AVAILABLE. ALL INFO

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18 NOV 1944

9/10/44
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020/11
Subject: Training - Legnano Gruppo di
Combattimento Amm Section.

To: Amm Sub Commission (AMIA),
R3, AC,
R333.

Copy to: DOS, AMR
DADOS, 52 RH. ✓

RACQ TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.
Tel. Pontecagnano 23 and 44
Ref TM/13
Date 31 Oct 44.

1. 17 O.R.'s from the Legnano Gruppo di
Combattimento commenced training for Amm Storemen
on Oct 9th.

2. All the students worked well and the w/m
showed exceptional aptitude and were graded
"outstanding":-

Sgt. POZZOLI, L.
" PRICCIOLI, L.
C.M. GELIS, D.
Sold TOSCANO, A.

3. Personnel possess a very fair knowledge of
the principles of ammunition, its storage and
maintenance. This section should be capable of
identifying, receiving and issuing all the common
types of British and American ammunition.

4. The course dispersed on Oct 28th and has
been replaced by the Folgore Gruppo di Combattimento
Amm Section.

In the Field.

JHScott
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Capt.
(J.H. SCOTT)

Subject: Training - Group 1 Condottimento
(Mentoring & Follow Ups) (100%)

Doc. Inst. St.-Compt. (1711)

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(Medical Bill attached)



1. 3 Officers and 50 Cms from Legation Division and 4 Drivers and 57 Cms from Voluntary Division commenced training for MT duties on 16/10/44.
2. Clerks and Storeroom have received training for their duties in an MT, Divisional Dump and 4/30000 Storeroom Sections. Results have been satisfactory and the practical Scheme carried out during the last 2 days of the course was quite successful.
3. Drivers 10, Storeroom/Drivers and Motor-cyclists received instruction in maintenance of their vehicles. All Officers and Drivers received instruction in MT Road Movements and Convey Work.
4. Difficulty has been experienced in finding Storeroom/Drivers for Legation Division. (It is impossible to train a man as a storeroom and a driver in the time available). Sola SETHI, G. and Girdhar SINGH, B. require further tuition in driving. This difficulty occurred with the first half of the Legation Division (see para 2 of my MT/45 dated 19/10/44).
5. Attached Medical Datta has allegation of perjury against V.B. (with list of personal supplies to V.B.) based on results of the course.
6. The course dispersed today and is due to be replaced by the first half of the MATHURA and PUNJAB Groups in Conventuals.

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PER NO Gruppi di CombattimentoH.Q. C.F.P.

4 Officers

Capt. ALBANESE, T. (Recommended for C.F.P.)
 " CAPOBIANCO, O.
 S/Ten TEZZI, D.
 " RAYNAUT, C.

Clerks

1 W.O.II
 1 S/Sgt.
 2 Sgts.

Mar. BARRESI, V.
 S/M PIETROLINI, F.
 S/M STROBIO, G.
 Serg RICHETTI, F.
 " TINTA, T.
 Serg BERNADINI, M.
 " LACERTALE, M.
 C/M CHIGLIONE, G.
 Sold INVERNIZZI, A.
 " FONTI, B.
 " D'IPROLITO, C.
 " BOTTIONI, G.

2 Corporals

6 Privates

Storemen (who will also act as Drivers)

1 Sgt.
 3 Corporals

Sgt SCILLANTINI, F.
 C/M RAGGIOLI, B.
 " COBBO, S.
 " ALTISSIMI, L.

5 L/Corporals

C/M VERZELLA, G.
 " CHIRADO, P.
 " CAVITOLLO, G.

20 Privates

C/M BELLICOLI, B.
 " GIULIANI, R.
 Cap TELELE, I.
 " CIVINELLI, F.
 " RUBINO, M.
 " ZOCCOLO, D.
 Sol MAGGIONI, S.
 " FERRONE, M.
 " OREFICE, C.
 " ANGELONI, R.
 " ANDREOLETTI, G.
 " DE BATTISTA, A.
 " BAIGUERRA, A.
 " ARDIVERI, G.
 " FERRARO, A.
 " BUTTURINI, B.
 " BUTTAZZI, V.

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Storemen (who will also act as Drivers)

1 Sgt. 3 Corporals	Sgt	SQUILLANTINI, E.
	C/M	BAGGIOLI, B.
	"	GOBBO, S.
3 L/Corporals	"	ALTISSIMI, L.
	C/M	VERZELLA, G.
	"	CHIRADO, P.
20 Privates	"	CAVITOLÒ, G.
	C/M	BELLIGOLI, B.
	"	GIULIANI, R.
	Cap	TELELE, I.
	"	CIVINELLI, F.
	"	RUBINO, M.
	"	ZOCOLÒ, D.
	Sol	MAGGIONI, S.
	"	PERRONE, M.
	"	ORRICE, C.
	"	ANGELONI, R.
	"	ANDREOLETTI, G.
	"	DE BATTISTA, A.
	"	BAIGUERRA, A.
	"	ARDIVEL, G.
Electricians 2 Craftsmen	"	FERRARO, A.
	"	BUTTURINI, B.
	"	BUTTAZZI, V.
Vehicle Mechanics 3 L/Corporals	"	FONTANA, G.
	"	BOYONI, G.
	"	BETTI, C.
Cooks 1 Corporal	"	PETRAGLIA, R.
	Sgt.	URSINI, R.
	Cap.	GARLANDO, C.
	Sold.	BESSONE, M.
	"	VERONESI, A.
	"	RIGHES, B.
	C/M	TASSONI, M.
	Sold	RAIVERO, B.
	"	VALOTTA, G.

Non Tradesmen

Drivers I.C.

- 1 Sgt.
- 1 Corporal
- 1 L/Corporal
- 6 Privates

C/M MONTANARI, D.
Cap LEPORATI, G.
" VILLA, M.
Cap SARPO, S.
Sold CRETI, A.
" BARONI, C.
" SAVIGNONI, P.
" ARINANO, O.
" MIRANDO, R.

Motor Cyclists

- 5 Privates

C/M LERA, A.
" BERTASO, A.
Cap FON, A.
Sold DACHETTA, P.
" AQUILIA, C.

Footmen Drivers

- 4 Privates

Sold GAROTTA, A.
" RIZZATI, G.
" COCCOLA, G.
" ZIRONI, L.

General Dutymen

- 4 Privates

C/M MAZZOLINI, A.
Sold GAINO, L.
" VANINI, C.
" ROMONI, A.

Divisional Dump.

- 1 Officer
- 7 O.Rs

S/T MULINO, P.
Mar ZAMPROTTO, G.
Serg ARLATI, G.
C/M FERRANDO, G.
Sold SCARPATI, A.
" ANELLI, A.
" FILIPPINI, A.
" TIROLESE, D.

No.1 Stores Sec - Inf. Tps. W/S.

- 1 Officer
- 8 O.Rs

Ten. CATANZARO-SACCO, S.
Serg VISCEIRIDINI, M.
Cap LUMARE, C.
Sold ARATA, M.
" VARGINI, E.
" ARDU, M.
" PERTUSI, T.
" PIANI, R.
" MORBI, U.

No.2 Stores Sec - Inf. Tps. W/S

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HERTASO, A.
FON, A.
DAGHETTA, P.
AQUILA, C.

GAROTTA, A.
RIZZATI, G.
COCOOLA, G.
ZIRONI, L.

MAZZOLINI, A.
GAINO, L.
VANINI, C.
ROGNONI, A.

MULINO, P.
ZAMPROTTO, G.
ARLATI, G.
FERRANDO, G.
SCARPATI, A.
ANELLI, A.
FILIPPINI, A.
TIROLESE, D.

CATANZARO-SACCO, S.
VISCEARDINI, N.
LUMARE, G.
ARATA, M.
VARGINI, E.
ARDU, M.
PERTUSI, F.
PIANI, R.
MORBI, U.

PESCE, A.
BOERCI, P.
PELIZZONI, L.
POZZI, G.
SAUCI, N.
ALFONSI, P.
FORLANI, G.
COLOMBO, G.
SAUNI, S.
FUSCO, S.
ODORICO, S.
FRUTTI, P.
RAZZA, E.

Batmen Drivers
4 Privates

General Dutymen
4 Privates

Divisional Dumm.
1 Officer
7 O.Rs

No.1 Stores Sec - Inf. Tps. W/S.
1 Officer
8 O.Rs

No.2 Stores Sec - Inf. Tps. W/S
1 Officer
12 OR.

Personal of LEGNANO Div Surplus to W.

C/M	FANTINI,	G.
"	GENNARI,	A.
"	SACCHI,	B.
Cap	BONTIMPO,	G.
Sold	BONO,	P.
"	STARINIERI,	A.
"	FERRARA,	M.
"	MOZZI,	A.
"	CEENIK,	S.
"	RUBINO,	M.
"	BALDASSARRI,	L.
"	RUBINETTI,	L.
"	D'ONOFRIO,	R.
"	LESSIO,	B.
"	REDATELLI,	W.
"	REDATELLI,	P.

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Subject: Training Gruppi di Combattimento
(LEGHANO & POLICORS Divs) G.F.P.

To: Army Sub-Commission (AMIA)

IR, AGO,

ROME.

Copy to: DOS, AFHQ.
DADOS, 52 BNU
DAIOS 53 BNU.

MAC. Training Establishment.
Tel. Pontecagnano 23 and 41
Ref. TR/43
Date 19 Oct 44.

cc.

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Don't pass & have Summary

1. 4 Officers and 54 ORs from LEGHANO Division and 3 Officers and 56 ORs from POLICORS Division commenced training for GFF Duties on 27/9/44.
2. Clerks and Storemen have received training in their duties in an OGP and W/Shop's Stores Section. The practical scheme carried out during the last 2 days of the course was quite successful. Personnel for Divisional Dump received special lectures in addition to the Clerks and Storemen Course. All 14 Storemen stated they were able to drive but 7 from LEGHANO Division failed the driving test and will have to be replaced from the other half of the Division which arrived here on 14/10/44.
3. Drivers IC, Storemen/Drivers and Motor-Cyclists received instruction in maintenance of their vehicles. All Officers and Drivers received instruction in Road Movements and Convoy Work.
4. Provisional allocation of personnel against the W.E. was made but will have to be re-viewed when the training of the second half of these OGP's has been completed.
5. The course dispersed on 14/10/44 and has been replaced by the second halves of the LEGHANO and POLICORS Gruppi di Combattimento OGP.

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J.H. Scott

Lt. Col.
Comd.
(J.H. SCOTT)

In the Field.

Subject: Training of LEGNANO Ordnance Personnel

"C" British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/11/4.
12 Oct. 1944.

"C" British Liaison Unit. (G.S.O.1.)
C.M.F.

1. Recent visits to the RAOG Training Establishment, C.M.F. have proved interesting in the above connection.
2. Personnel are having excellent training in all matters appertaining to the receipt and issue of Ord. Store. Particular attention is paid to the workings of an C.F.P.
3. Answers given by a cross section of the students when questioned, revealed that the instruction imparted to them, had been, in the main, listened to diligently.
4. The practical scheme organised at the School was carried out very enthusiastically by Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the LEGNANO, and only a very small percentage are likely to be failed, when the final report is published.
5. I am fairly confident that the LEGNANO personnel on the present course will acquit themselves creditably, when called upon to do so, during operations.


(J.M.C. MANSON)
D.A.D.O.S.

JMcM/LED.

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"LEGNANO".
R.A.O.C. Training Establishment, C.M.F.

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RAOC TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT, C.E.F.

Week Commencing... 27... Sep... 44.....

Course... 1, 2, & 3... Legnano and
Folgore G d I C Ord Fd Fks

	0900 - 0955	1000 - 1055	1100 - 1155	1400 - 1455	1500 - 1600
Wed xxx	Organisation of the Army			Organisation of the RAOC	Revision
Thurs xxxx.	R A O C in the Field		Organisation and Layout of a B O D		
Fri xxx.	Revision	Vehicle Company	S u p p l y in the F i e l d		
Sat. xxxx	Vocabularies	General Description of Ordnance Stores		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Mon xxx	Revision	War Establishments and Equipment Tables		War Revision	
Tues xxx	S t o r e A c c o u n t i n g				
	Revision				

RAOC TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT, C.E.F.

Week Commencing... 4... Oct... 44.....

Course... 5645

	0900 - 0955	1000 - 1055	1400 - 1455	1500 - 1600
Wed xxx	Transmission of Ordnance			
	Revision			

Sat XXXX	Vocabularies	General Description of Ordnance Stores	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mon XXXX	Revision	War Establishments and Equipment Tables	Revision
Tues XXXX	Store	Accounting	Revision

RAC TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT, CIL.

Week Commencing..4...Oct...44..... Course.....5645

	0900 - 0955	1000 - 1055	1100 - 1155	1400 - 1455	1500 - 1600
Med XXXX	I s s u e P r o c e d u r e			Transmission of Ordnance Stores	Revision
Thurs XXXX	Receipt	Procedure	Revision	M T S u p p l y	
Fri XXXX	O r d n a n c e F i e l d P a r k s & R E M E C r e n				
Sat 7 XXXX	Care and Maintenance of Ordnance Stores		Revision	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Mon XXXX	O r d n a n c e		F i e l d	P a r k s	Practical Scheme
Tues XXXX	Ordnance Field Parks Practical Scheme (contd)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		

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SUBJECT:- TRAINING DIRECTIVE No. 1.1. GENERAL.

Supervision of the training of the six ITALIAN Gruppi at present being formed is the responsibility of the Directorate of Military Training. This includes visits to all schools, and responsibility for such tactical training as may be necessary in view of the characteristics of BRITISH weapons issued. For this purpose a training increment selected by the D.M.T. is attached to each B.L.U. consisting of one GSO II and six Major instructors.

Although respective B.L.U.s are directly under the control of M.M.I.A., they will receive instructions on training matters from the Training Directorate. This policy entails close co-operation between respective GSOs I, GSOs II (trg) and myself. The Major instructors (infantry) should live with their respective regts supervising the battalions to which they are detailed. The GSOs II (trg) for purposes of co-ordination will be located at HQ in S.N. GIORGIO 741741 (sheet 173 II BENEVENTO 1/50,000) serial Number 303.

Details of Courses at Schools for Unit Instructors now being carried out are attached as appx "A" to this Directive. In addition courses for carrier drivers should start, provided interpreters are available, on Monday 11 Sep.

On completion of courses Gruppi should have everything ready for Unit Cadres to start immediately respective instructors return from schools. The subjects taught and the method of instruction should need little variation except where ITALIAN tactical methods are at variance, in which case training instructions will be issued after consultation with the D.M.T.

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Rifle and Bayonet
Grenades
Bren
Thompson Machine Carbine
2" Mortar
PIAT
3" Mortar

The initial training in all the above weapons will follow on the same lines, with the object of familiarizing all ranks with the characteristics and maintenance of their respective weapons or weapons. This will include firing by day and where applicable by night. The actual lessons to be taught can be studied in the course programmes attached as appx "B". Certain of the periods can be omitted but special emphasis will naturally be paid to loading, aiming and firing of weapons, selection of fire poses, the use of cover, mortar fire tasks and the actual throwing of grenades etc.

N.B. Zeroins must be carried out.

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3. MINOR TACTICS.

During the period under preview tactical training will be concentrated on the Section and Platoon levels. It is vital that all platoons should be thoroughly trained and drilled before company training is considered. However company comds should receive instructions in battle procedure, orders and the company layout. It should be realized that the main tactical ops to be considered are the defence, patrolling and immediate counter attacks. In a later period it may be desirable to consider the elements of street fighting, further instructions will be issued. Initially therefore training should be concentrated on the following subjects:-

1. Section and Platoon taking up a **defensive** posn with special ref to selection of fire posns, siting of weapons, fire plan, all round defence, 2" mortar, PIAT, range cards, camouflage and the siting of mines and wire.
2. Counter attack. On the platoon level this should normally be done by fire.
On the company level counter attack platoon will be detailed and practised in its counter-attack role or roles.
No enemy penetration must be accepted.
Consider the use of 2" and 3" mortars in a counter attack role.
3. Patrolling. Both races and fighting.
In the first phases this must be practised as a drill.
Special emphasis being paid to detail and a minimum of eqpt.
It must be impressed on all ranks that our patrols must and will dominate the battlefield. It is only in this way that our forces will maintain the initiative.
Patrolling of course will be carried out by day and night.
Closely related to this is the drill and procedure for a night raid which will also be included.
J.L.V. course programme attached Appx "C".
4. Artillery. The training of the First two Gruppi will start immediately on the return of the regtl instructors from the School of Artillery approx 16 Sep. These instructors are conversant with the 25 pdr, 17 pdr, 6 pdr, and 40 m.m. Initially the will consist of getting to know the parts of the respective guns and supervision of all drills in connection with the different pieces. In addition mobile trg will be carried out. Lt Col DEHN R.A. GSO I R.A. Training Increment is issuing the necessary Programme for this to be carried out and at the same time GSOs II R.A. will be available to assist in supervision.
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 6. Engineers. A Bailey Bridging site has already been recessed and selected on the G.L.O.R.I. Bailey eqpt should be drawn on the return of the students from the School of Engineering.
Each Gruppi has one Engineering Company detailed to it. The FRUILL have already arrived.
All ranks must be able to lay and lift mines. The actual "gapping" of minefields must be left until the next period. The Engineers have been instructed to pay special attention to the maintenance of "field plant" and eqpt. All relevant ranks will receive detailed instructions on the handling and care of explosives before issue.

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7. Driving. An instructional staff of six NCOs has been detailed by the School of Driving and Maintenance. 30 carriers are now ready but this course is being delayed owing to lack of interpreters. Efforts are being made to produce.
8. Physical Fitness. Training and physical fitness are vitally related to each other and this will always be borne in view. Some form of useful physical exercise should be taken by all ranks daily before breakfast, e.g. physical training or bayonet fighting etc.
9. Conclusion. It is realized that this directive is somewhat comprehensive but it is desirable that training of all arms should be coordinated and as widely known as possible. Training programmes will be framed on the above directive and copies (two) will be forwarded to this HQ for info of the Director of Military Training. Training conferences will be held when necessary.

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