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Apr. 15, 1946 - Dec. 6, 1946

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : AEU/35 F

6 Dec. 1946

Subject : Military Training Films.

To : 7 Territorial Command.

Herewith copy of M.M.I.A. letter 5/35 M dated 4 Dec '46
referring to the loan of Allied V.D. Films, for your information.


D.S.L. GROSSON
Major,
DAA & GAG
7 B.I.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
WARRINGTON
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/352

27 Nov. 1946

Subject: Distribution of recruits after completion
of training at G.A.H.

To : M.W.I.A.

Ref. your OLA A of 22 Oct. 46.

1. Herewith completed appendices "A" & "B".
2. The delay in forwarding is regretted but figures have only today been received from Italian sources.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: MIA/35F

19 Nov. 1946

Subject: Bayonet Trg.

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. The attached is a copy of letter received from MIA and is forwarded for your information.
2. Will you please take action as in para (3) of attached letter.)

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Encl: MIA letter Trg/26/1 dated 14 Nov. 1946.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele 1295618 / 25

Ref : MU/35 F

12 Nov. 1946

Subject : Observations and suggestions - 11 CAR.

To : 7 Territorial Command.

1. Herewith copy of report submitted by the Training Major giving his observations and suggestions in regard to 11 CAR for information.
2. This report is circulated so that the difficulties and mistakes experienced can be seen and allows an interchange of ideas on the means to correct these faults.

H
H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II
7 B.L.U.

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Tele: 293618-25

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Ref: DMU/35P

28 Oct. 1946

Subject : Teaching (Instructions) on Rifle Ranges

To : Hq. 7 Territorial Command

1. A letter (TRG/26/1 of 23 Oct 46) has been sent by Hq. MMA to the Ministry of War pointing out that owing to some misunderstanding it has become the practise for the "coach" (sottufficiario o graduate instructor) to operate on the left side of the recruit while firing on the range.
2. This has been the case not only at the School of Infantry at GERMANY (where the practise has now been rectified) but also at CAP's and possibly also in units.
3. It is needless to stress the fact that, in instructing and checking the firing of a recruit (firing from the right shoulder) on a range, the instructor's position should be on the right side of the recruit, from which side only he can check the aiming, holding and trigger-pressing.

C.C.H.

C.C. HARRIS
Lt. Col.
GSO I

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618-25

REF: BLU/358

16 Oct. 1946

Subject : Training 1947

To : 7 Terr. Command

1. Attached is a copy of a letter on Training sent to Ministry of War by MIA.
2. It will be noted that officer and NCO training is stressed.
3. Forwarded to you for information.


H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Encl: MIA letter Trg 69 of 8 Oct. 1946.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/ 41

26 Sept 1946

Subject : Signal Equipment

To : Mr. MAA (Attn S.O.R. Sign)

1. This morning Lieut FERRUCI, Signal Officer of the FOLGORE Engineers at SCANDIOCI Barracks, came to this HQ. and asked for help in the repair of various technical instruments.
2. As there is no one with sufficient technical knowledge to deal with his request at this HQ. it is forwarded to you for action.
3. The signal Coy has in its possession the following instruments: -
 - (a) Standard Signal Generator
Type TF 144 F.
 - (b) Valve Voltmeter.
Type TP 428/VI
 - (c) Test Set, insulation No. 2
Cat EB 0249
 - (d) Adapters Monitoring
No 1 Wy 0001
 - (e) Oscillograph
Mod 3339
 - (f) Automatic Coil Winder

In order that this officer may proceed with the repair of these instruments he requires books or pamphlets of instructions and diagrams showing how they should be assembled.

4. He also requires a book of instructions on the working of British wireless valves.

St. J. L. GERRISON
D.S.L. GERRISON

Major

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Copy : Lieut. FERRUCI
OF TELEGRAPH
SCANDIOCI Barracks FLORENCE

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tels : 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/35 F

8 October 1946

Subject : Use of Sights - Mortars 2 inch.

To : 7 Territorial Command.

1. The attached letter from M.M.I.A. to Ministry of War is forwarded for your information.

2. This subject has been discussed previously by Officers of this H.Q. with those of 7 C.A.R. who state that it is not possible in any case to carry out instruction with sights as they have never received their complement.

H
H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GEO II
7 B.L.U.

Encl.:- M.M.I.A. letter TRG/26/1 dated 9 Sept. 1946.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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RUF: BLU/35 F

3 Oct 1946

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Subject : Cinema Films Medical

To : HQ. MILA

Appx "D" to end/beginning month report as at 1 Oct 46 para 5 refers.

1. An anti V.D. drive is being carried out by the O.C. 7 C.A.R. lectures are given frequently and a series of posters is displayed in the various barracks.
2. O.C. C.A.R. and his S.M.O. are most anxious to obtain Allied V.D. films which they could now show at SIENA, as they have just obtained a Cinema projector.
3. Will you please forward any such films that are available to this HQ. for onward transmission to 7 C.A.R.

D.S.L. Gregson

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
D'A & QMG

Copy 7 T.C. for Lieut. Col. CHIARIOTTI.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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Ref: RLW/35

1 Oct. 1946

Subject : 300x Range at AREZZO

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. your Trg/31 of 10 Sept 46.
The attached translation of letter received from 7 Territorial
Command is forwarded for your information.

H
H. W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618/23

Ref : BHU/35 F

26 Sept. 1946

Subject : 300 x Range at AREZZO

To : 7 Terr. Commf.

Re: your 3218/ADM. of 15 Sept. 1946.

1. The letters asked for in our BHU/35F of 10 Sept. '46 were required by H.Q. M.M.I.A. prior to their requesting permission from Ministry of War for the use of the 300 x range in AREZZO.
2. If you consider that the range at LA TORREACCIA is adequate and reasonably close to the barracks no further action to secure the other range will be taken by this H.Q.
3. If, on the other hand, it is considered that LA TORREACCIA range is too far away from the barracks and that you consider the range in AREZZO to be essential then this H.Q. will, through M.M.I.A., reopen the discussion with the M of W. If you wish action to be taken please forward copies of letters mentioned in our BHU/35F of 10 Sept. 1946.

H.W. Hamilton

H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GEO II

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Copy to :- M.M.I.A. - your TRG/31 dated 7 Sept. '46 refd.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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REF: HLU/35F ✓

21 Sept. 1946

Subject : Firing Ranges

To : 7 Territorial Command

Copy to : Comune di SIENA

1. The attached letter from COMUNE di SIENA has been received in this office and is forwarded to you as the contents are completely an Italian matter.
2. Will you please keep this office informed of any action you may take.

W.
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Encl. Comune di Siena letter of 18 Sept. 1946
(original copy in Italian)

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

REF: BLN/35F

20 Sept 46

Subject : Range Shooting

To : 7 Territorial Command

Enclosed is copy of letter from MMA to Ministry of War
ref. TRG/31 dated 14 Sept, for your information.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
B30 II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/357

12 Sept 46

Subject : P.T. Instructors

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Herewith copy of IMIA letter Trg/17 dated 7 Sept 46 to Ministry of War.
2. May we please have the comments of 7 C.A.R. on this suggestion.


E.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: HLU/35E

10 Sept 1946

Subject : 300xRange at AREZZO

To : 7 Territorial Command

Ref conversation at 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. AREZZO on 30 Aug. '46
(Col. CAPITANI, O.C. 3rd Bn., Majors GREGSON & HAMILTON)

1. The difficulty of securing a 300x range has been put forward to HQ. MMIA who will take the matter up with M. of W.
2. Before action is taken however HQ. MMIA have requested that copies of the following letters be submitted.
 - (a) 7 C.A.R.s proposal to 7 Terr. Command
 - (b) 7 Terr. Comds proposal to M. of W.
 - (c) M. of W. reply to 7 Terr. Command.
3. Will you please forward copies of these letters to this HQ. in order that action may be taken.

H.
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
MARRAKECH

Ref: BM/35 F

Ref: 293618-23

3rd Sept. 1946

Subject: 500 yards Range at ARIZZO

To: H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1. During a recent visit to 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. at ARIZZO the question of a 500 yards Range was raised by the O.C. Bn.
2. An open 500 yards Range (Poligono di Firo a Segno Marziale ARIZZO) is in existence and 7 Terr. Comd. have requested Ministry of War to give permission for its use by 3rd Bn.
3. A reply has been received from Ministry of War stating that permission cannot be given on the ground of it being unsafe.
4. Both O.C. 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. and Staff Officers of 7 Terr. Comd. have reconnoitred this range and declared that with a small amount of money spent on work this range can be made 100% safe.
5. In fact, it is reported that the range was used, in its present condition, by British Troops when they were billeted in that Area.
6. May action please be taken with the Ministry of War to secure the necessary permission to use this range as numerous reconns have shown that no suitable ground can be found for an alternative range within reasonable distance from the barracks.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
G.S.C. II.
7 B.L.U.

Copy to :- 7 Territorial Command.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/35 F

27 July 1946

Subject : Inspections of Training

To : M.H.I.A.

1. Reference your Trg/27 dated 16 July 46.
2. Attached is completed proforma as requested.
It is pointed out that exact details and dates cannot be given especially those affecting the latter part of this period because
- (a) concrete and detailed programmes have not yet been compiled for September and October.
 - (b) in the case of units who have recently moved to or will shortly move to, new areas training locations have not yet been established.
3. Generally speaking, training of units under 7 Terr. Comd between the period 1 August - 31 October will be as follows:
- (a) August Individual Training. Special attention will be paid to bringing recruits from C.A.Rs to a uniform training standard. During this period prospective NCOs and specialists will be earmarked.
 - (b) September Section platoon and patrol training, NCOs and Specialists courses.
 - (c) October Company training, NCOs and Specialist courses continue.
4. Ref. para 5 of your a/quoted letter. Details of training below company level as held by this HQ. and will be forwarded as a separate report if required.
5. Training programme in respect of 7 Ind. Inf. Regt. has not been received in time for inclusion in this report but will be forwarded, under separate cover, as soon as possible.

H.W. HAMILTON

Major

GSO II

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

REF: BM/BS E

26 July 1946

Subject : Training Area

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. The attached copy of letter received from HQ. MIA is passed to you for information.

H
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Encl: MIA letter BV/109/3 of 25 June 46.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/55 F

22 July 1946

Subject : Inspections of Training

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command (By Hand)

1. Will you please complete the attached proforma and return to this HQ, by 26 July '46.
2. This proforma is designed to assist in the compilation of a programme of inspections by Staff Officers of MMIA during the period between 1st August and 31 October 1946.
3. Particular emphasis should be paid to units which are scheduled to attend camps for a period of outdoor exercises.
4. Whenever possible full details of the type of training envisaged should be included in col.2 of the proforma.
5. Only training of Coy level and above should be included.

H
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Mr Apostoli sent to chase this up 25 July 46 H 25

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: MUJ/35F
Florence, 18 June 1946

Subject: Instructors for C.A.R.

TO : HQ. M.M.I.A.

1. Ref. your Trg/17 dated 16 May 46 and talecon of 17 June 46 (CHRISTIE-HAMILTON).
2. The figures given in the appendix of your letter have been checked with 7 C.A.R. and do not agree with the actual strength of instructors held.
3. Comparative figures as given by 7 C.A.R. and your HQ. Trg/17 dated 16 May 46, are as follows: -

	Subalterns W.E. 48	Senior NCOs W.E. 97	Junior NCOs W.E. 192
	Allotted + or -	allotted + or -	allotted + or -
7 CAR	41 - 7	102 + 5	120 - 72
Your Trg/17 of 16 May 46	53 + 5	118 + 21	136 - 56

4. These figures supersede those given in our MUJ/35F of 3 June 46.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major

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Your Ttg/17 of 16 May 46	53 + 5	118 + 21	136 - 56

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4. These figures supersede those given in our BLU/35F of 3 June 46.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: HLU/75.F

Florence, 12 June 1946.

Subject : Range Courses and weapon Training at C.A.Rs.

To : 7 Territorial Command.

1. Herewith copy of M.M.I.A. letter TRG/27 dated 4 June '46 forwarded for your information.
2. It is thought that many points raised in this letter are applicable to 7 C.A.R. and it is suggested that they be forwarded for necessary corrective action.


H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II.

Encl: M.M.I.A. letter TRG/27 dated 4 June 1946.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: DMU/35/1

Florence, 1 June 1946

Subject: War Establishment - Training Establishment

To: M.A., M.M.I.A.

1.

Ref. your SD/57/2 dated 17 April 1946. — *See 13*

2.

Attached herewith is report from 7 Terr. Command as suggested in para 3.(a) of your a/quoted letter.

H
R.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GEO. II.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/35.f.

Florence, 3 June 1946.

Subject: Instructors for C.A.R.To: M.M.I.A.

1. Ref. your TRG/17 dated 16 May 1946. *See 28*
2. The figures given in the Appendix of your letter have been checked with 7 C.A.R. and do not agree with the actual strength of instructors held.
3. Comparative figures as given by 7 C.A.R. and your HQ. TRG/17 dated 16 May 1946, are as follows:

	Subalterns WE = 48		Senior NCOs WE = 97		Junior NCOs WE = 192		Total of Sen and Jun NCOs allotted	Total deficiencies and Surpluses of Sen and Jun NCOs WE = 289
	Allotted + or -		Allotted + or -		Allotted + or -			
7 CAR	53	-3	118	+5	136	-71	254	-66
Your TRG/17 of 16 May '46	53	+5	118	+21	136	-56	254	-35

H. V. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO. II.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: HLU/35F

Florence, 20 May 1946

Subject : Armourers for GARA

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

1. Herewith copy of MIA letter Trg/17 dated 15 ^{MAY} ~~March~~ 1946, for your information.
2. Will you please notify this HQ. when this armourer arrives.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BWU/35F

Florence, 7 May 1946

Subject : Snipers Rifles
To : HM. 7 Territorial Command
Copy to : 7 C.A.R.

1. It is understood that the "NEBO" Regiment are in possession of Rifles Snipers complete with telescopic sights.
2. These rifles are urgently required by 7 C.A.R. to carry out instructions contained in their training programme. May authority please be given for 7 C.A.R. to borrow six Snipers Rifles complete from the NEBO Regiment.

A.
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLJ/35 F

Florence, 7/4 April 1946

Subject : War Establishments - Training Establishments
To : 7 Territorial Command

Herewith copy of MIA letter SD/57/2 dated 17 April 1946, for
your information.

Ref. para 3 sub para (b).
Any recommendations should be forwarded to this HQ. by 20 May.

See 13.
See 23
See 25
D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & GJG

BF 20/5 Q

Leave Station before reply 17000

today @ 22/5

BF 25/5 Q

7 DEUTERON TROOPSON UNIT
PARADE

REF: HLM/35 F

Florence, 5 April 1946

Subject: 7 C.A.R. Training

To: M.H.H.A.

7 Territorial Command (Your 1344 /Add dated 6 April 46 refers)

1. Ref. telecon (LUCOCK-HAMILTON) of 13 April 1946.
2. C.A.R. Volume I, pamphlet No. 18, page 2 states;

"T.O.E.Ts are designed to ensure that men have reached an efficient standard before they begin range practices"

In contradiction to this statement the Ministry of Wars' pamphlet "Programme per l'addestramento delle reclute al C.A.R. per l'anno 1946" lays down that firing practices will be carried out before T.O.E.T.S. (for references to firing practices see pages 7 & 9, and for references to T.O.E.T.S. see pages 11 & 12)

3. It is thought that the time allotted to firing practices is insufficient on the grounds that;
 - (a) There are 2 firing practices with .22 rifle, 8 firing practices with rifle, 6 firing practices with L.M.G.
 - (b) About 3,500 recruits are to be exercised.
 - (c) The time taken up in marching to and from the ranges which are, of necessity, some distance from the barracks.
4. 7 T.O. have suggested that some of the periods, taken up by theoretical training in the 2nd and 4th week of advanced training, should be utilised for range practices.
5. May rulings please be given in points raised in paras (2) and (4)

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU / 35/F

Florence, 12 April 1946

Subject : Training stores 7 C.A.R.

To : M.A., R.M.I.A.

1. During a recent visit to 7 C.A.R., SIMA it was noted that initiative was being used in manufacturing training stores. They are however unable to improvise "Aim Correctors" and it is considered essential that these should be supplied.
2. Lack of pamphlets is hindering training. The greatest need at the moment is for pamphlets on "RIFLE", "2 MORTAR" and "CRENAIS" translated into Italian. May steps please be taken to obtain a supply for 7 C.A.R.
3. Four wagon loads of arms arrived at the beginning of April. The only serious shortage in arms is of twenty nine 2 "Mortars". Will you please state when these can be expected.

See 11

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
C.S.O. II

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