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Driving Schools

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Dec. 8, 1944 - July 7, 1945

Tel: BARI 11 3.

Subject:- School of Driving Strength.

(75)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C.
(MMIA) c/o HQ 54 Area

Ref: LO/11/SD
7 July 45

To:- 227 Div East Det.
280 IDMS.

Ref conversation Majors MIRABELLA - HOLT,
please see MOV/P/813, copy attached

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Lincoln Maj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPR/jd

SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

To: Action (1) MOV FOGGIA (2) MOV NAPLES (3) MOV ROME (4) PENBASE
 INFO (5) FENSOUTH (6) DISTHREE (7) ROME AREA (8) MMIA (9) 54 AREA

FROM:- Mov.Bari

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MOV/P/813 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 280 SCHOOL OF DRIVING STRENGTH 33 VCHS
 MOVE POLIGNANO TO CESANO 06 JUL 45 (.) POLIGNANO DEP 060600 HALT
 CANOSA 1000 TO 1030 REFUEL FOGGIA 1215 TO 1230 AND STAGE J1707 1345
 DEP 070700 REFUEL BENEVENTO 1030 TO 1100 HALT CAPUA 1335 TO 1400 ARR
 AND STAGE VAIRANO 1500 DEP 080800 HALT MELFA 1000 TO 1030 HALT AGNANI
 1300 TO 1400 ARR REFUEL AND STAGE CENTOCCELLO 1600 DEP 090800 ARR CESANO
 0930 (.) ROUTES 16 - 96 - 98 - 16 - 90 - 7 - 6 - 2 - (.)
 APEED 15 MPH 20 VTH (.) CONVOY NO 07/BAR/007 (.) AUTHORITY
 AFHQ (C1) (BF) 1047/A1 (SER 2382) OF 3 JUN (.) AGREED MOV AFHQ

As written except wireless

-----Capt., R.B.
 for A.Q.M.G. (M)

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 (9) MOV D/R
 Remainder ELS

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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

To:--ACTION (1) MOV FOGGIA (2) MOV NAPLES (3) MOV ROMA (4) PENLASE
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(9) MOV D/R
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.....Capt., R.E.
 for A.Q.M.G. (M)
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MESSAGE FORM - OUT

FROM :

54 Area

281045B

40/11/90

For ACTION : 280 School of Driving + Mov BARI

For INFO : AMHQ (G3 Org Brit) + DISTANCE + MMIA IO

SD 515 RESTRICTED (.) ref AMHQ (G-1) (Br)/1074/A1 (Ser 2382) of 3 Jun paras
 2 and 3 (iii) (.) personnel and 33 vehs will move so. most by rd under
 arrangements Mov BARI from POLICELINO to CESANO for Combat Rft Gp Trg
 Centre (.) rep will report Mov BARI forthwith for instructions (.)
 Sig ETD this HQ soonest (.) DISTANCE SD 367 of 27 Jun NOT to all refers

This message may be sent as
 written by any means except
 WIRELESS

Originator's degree of
 priority

IMPORTANT

Major GS

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CORANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)
Ufficio S.M. - Ordinamento -

N. 2851/Ord. di prot. **SEGRETO**

Bari, 11 12 giugno 1945

0 0 0 2 7 0: Scioglimento 280^a scuola artigieri.AL COMANDO 280^a SCUOLA ARTIGIERI

POLIGNANO

E. PER CONOSCENZA:AL COMANDO DISTACCATO DELLA 227^a DIVISIONE

B A R I

AL COMANDO DISTACCATO 9^o REGGIMENTO ARTIGIERI

B A R I

ALLA DIREZIONE AMMINISTRAZIONE DEL COMITATO

B A R I

ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTO CON A.A. presso

3^o District - East -

B A R I

→ ALLA M.M.I.A. - 10 presso 54^a Area

B A R I

AGLI UFFICI: PERSONALE - OPERAZIONI - SERVIZI -

STATISTICA del C/D

S E D E

I^o- Io S.M.R.E., con tale n. 14162/Ord./I in data 11 giugno c.a., comunico che la M.M.I.A. ha disposto lo scioglimento di codesta Scuola sotto data del 10 giugno 1945.

II^o- Il personale che si renderà disponibile dovrà essere trasferito al Comando Divisione "Piceno" in Cesane per la 192^a Scuola Artigieri, secondo le modalità indicate dal Comando 3^o District che impartirà le dirette disposizioni per i materiali, l'armamento e gli strumenti.

Per quanto sopra:

- a) - Il Comando della scuola è pregato di far conoscere a mezzo fono e tele il numero degli ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppe che si renderanno disponibili.
- b) - L'Ufficio di collegamento col 3^o District è pregato far conoscere le modalità con le quali il Comando del District intende effettuare il trasferimento del personale affinché questo Comando possa impartire disposizioni in conseguenza.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)



IL TEN. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO

(P. D'Aglio)

[Handwritten signature]

PD NR 186 CS

MAED V MEDY NR184 QVR5

FROM DISTHREE 271159E

TO 54 AREA

INFO ROME AREA (G3 ERIT) :: 227 ITALIAN DIV

MMIA :: MMIA LO BARI

QQX BT

SD387 • RESTRICTED • REF PARA 3A 3 OF AFHQ G-1 BR

1074/A1 SER 2383 OF 3 JUN AND PARAS 2 AND 4

OF MMIA SD/30/3 OF 6 JUN • ENSURE DESPATCH SOONEST POSSIBLE

OF PERSONNEL AND 33 VEHs ROM POLIGNANO

DRIVING SCHOOL TO CESANO IN ACCORDANCE

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ED NR 186 CS

NAED V MEDY NR184 QVR5
 FROM DISTHREE 271159B
 TO 54 AREA

INFO ROME AREA (G3 BRIT) :: 227 ITALIAN DIV

MMIA :: MMIA LO BARI

QXX BT

SD357 • RESTRICTED • REF PARA 3A 3 OF AFHQ G-1 BR
 1074/A1 SER 2383 OF 3 JUN AND PARAS 2 AND 4

OF MMIA SD/30/3 OF 6 JUN • ENSURE DESPATCH SOONEST POSSIBLE
 OF PERSONNEL AND 33 VEHs ROM POLIGNANO
 DRIVING SCHOOL TO CESANO IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH ABOVE INSTRS • REPORT DATE OF DEPARTURE
 BY IMPORTANT SIG TO THIS HQ • FOR MMIA • YOUR SD2792
 OF 25 JUN NOT TO ALL REFERS

ET 1220

RPTN 184 5 271159 54 3 227 387

3A 3 1 1074/A1 2383

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See 68

See 63

MAED V LRGF NR 8197

QVR -5-

FROM MMIA 25 15 (HUND) D

TO DISTHREE

INFO RAAC : "F5 BLTU : DISTHREE FOR MMIA LG :

54 AREA FOR MMIA LG

GR 19 BT

SD 2792 RESTRICTED

MMIA SD/32/3 OF 6 (.) REQUEST PERSONNEL AND TPT BE MOVED SOONEST
TO RTC ICF CESAN & FOR DISPOSAL

BT 25 1500B

SENT NR 8197 "SLW"

RD NR 8197 EL B

26 JUN 1945

SUBJECT : Disbandment of Units

280 School of Driving

3 District
MEMA IO
ST

4C22/0/19C

23 Jun 45

1. The disbandment of the British Cadre to 280 School is now complete and the OC cannot be retained to supervise the disbandment of the Driving School.
2. The responsibility for carrying out the final disbandment and the disposal of personnel and stores rests with the Italian OC of the School assisted by MEMA IO and supervised by this HQ.

S. D. Little
Major
General Staff
34 Area

63 Nys
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88mm

st.

TELESCRITTO

ODD STAMAGGIORE ORDINAMENTO P.M.3800
e. per conoscenza:→ ALLA M.M.I.A. -LO presso 54^ Area BARI (a mano)

Comiter Bari Ordinanza nr.3071/Ord.(.)Seguito tele nr.3026/Ord.
questo Comando data 21 e.m.(.)Comando 280^ Scuola Autieri Polignano
comunica che est tuttora in attesa ordine movimento da parte Coman-
do terzo district del proprio personale at Cesano con trentatre au-
tomezzi inglesi(.)Pertanto questo Comando habet dovuto protrarre da-
ta scioglimento scuola stessa sino at giorno effettiva partenza(.)

Comiter Bari Ordinanza 120023



2034

MAED V LROF NR 4364 ROUTINE

CVR5

FROM MMIA

151830B

TO DISTHREE

INFO RAAC

"F" ELU CESANO : DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO :

GR 41 BT

SD2769 RESTRICTED

MAY ACTION PLEASE BE TAKEN ON MMIA LO 54 AREA SIGNAL SD 195 OF 14 BY
ISSUE OF ORDERS FOR DISPOSAL OF TPT OF 280 IDMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFHQ
LETTER G1(BR)/1074/A1 (SER 2383) OF 3 JUN PARA 3

BT

151830B

SENT NR 4364

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ARMY FORM O 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **64**

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MMIA LO 54 AREA

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For Action

HQ MMIA

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

3 DIST - MMIA LO 3 DIST

54 AREA - 227 DIV EAST DET (By Hand)

- Message Instructions -

- GR -

Originator's No.

SD/195 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref para 4 of SD/30/3 of 6 June 45

~~227 Div East Det unable complete disbandment 280 IDMS by 10 June as~~
~~orders NOT yet received disposal tpt~~THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODEORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Unit 3
Units - ER-ITI

LAND FORCES SUB-COL, A.C. (MILIA)

SD/30/3

June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

280 DRIVING & MAINT SCHOOL - POLIGNANO

1. DISBANDMENT

The above mentioned unit organised on WE as below will be disbanded with effect from 10 June under the supervision of HQ No. 3 District.

AFHQ SERIAL NUMBER	UNIT	W.S.	REFERENCE MILIA INFORMATION ORDER
280	280 Driving & Maint School	CM/757/1	SD/6 dated 16 Mar 45
		4 Officers	
		30 ORs	
		52 Vehs	
		11 M/Cs	

2. PERSONNEL

The Staff of this unit will be sent to CES.MC for absorption into 152 Driving & Maint School. Transport transferred to Combat Gp Rft TFC Centre (see para 4) may be utilised for this purpose by local arrangements.

3. EQUIPMENT

(a) British Equipment will be disposed of under arrangements made by HQ No. 3 District.

(b) Italian Equipment will be returned to GIORDANO ER-ITI Issue Depot.

4. TRANSPORT

33 x 3 ton vehicles have been allotted to Combat Gp Rft TFC Centre, CES.MC, and will move under arrangements HQ No. 3 District and HQ RA.G. The remainder of the trt will be disposed of under arrangements of HQ No. 3 District.

5. REFERENCE

AFHQ letter G-1(Br)/1074/4.1 (Ser. 2393) dated 3 June 45 refers.

20/11/50

CONFIDENTIAL

To compile list of units by entering out
this one on 10 June

2031

1. DISSENT

The above mentioned unit organised on WE as below will be disbanded with effect from 10 June under the supervision of HQ No. 3 District.

AFHQ SERIAL NUMBER	UNIT	W.E.	REFERENCE IMIA FORMATION ORDER
280	280 Driving & Maint School	CM/757/1 4 Offrs 90 ORs 52 Vehs 11 M/Cs	SD/6 dated 16 Mar 45

2. PERSONNEL

The Staff of this unit will be sent to CESANO for absorption into 152 Driving & Maint School. Transport transferred to Combat Cp Rpt Trg Centre (see para 4) may be utilised for this purpose by local arrangements.

3. EQUIPMENT

(a) British Equipment will be disposed of under arrangements made by HQ No. 3 District.

(b) Italian Equipment will be returned to GIORDANO RE-III Issue Depot.

4. TRANSPORT

33 x 3 ton vehicles have been allotted to Combat Cp Rpt Trg Centre, CESANO, and will move under arrangements HQ No. 3 District and HQ RAC. The remainder of the tpt will be disposed of under arrangements of HQ No. 3 District.

5. REFERENCE

AFHQ letter C-1 (Dr)/1074/A.1 (Ser 2393) dated 3 June 45 refers.

Copy to: HQ RAC
HQ No. 3 DISTRICT
MELA LO 3 DISTRICT
MELA LO 54 AREA
"E" HU RIG ICF

Internal: G (Trg)
A (Two)
C (Three)
ST
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CREAT
SD/1/4

Major General
Major General
MIA 3.1

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Capt LECRE
Monopoli 12

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MAED 6.VI.45 NR 1274 ROUTINE QVR 1/3
 FROM M M I A 261603Z
 TO C O IN CASH 280 1845
 INFO 77-1115
 AREA LV 54-AREA
 GW 21

4/113/113 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF 52/127 DATED 5 JUN (.) AGREE TO
 PASSAGE INFO DIRECT BETWEEN 280 1845 AND WAS MILTON S RES

BT 261603Z
 SENT NR 1274 1804Z CSM B1 X
 RS NR 1274 NAA X

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7 - JUN 1945

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ARMY FORM C 1136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator

AMIA LO 54 AREA

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For Action

HQ MELA

Officer's Stamp

TO

(If For Information (INFO))

F BLU IRTG CESANO - CC BRIT CADRE 280 IDMS

Message Enclosures

VLT

Originator's No.

SD/187 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref SD/30/3 of 30 May 45 (.)

FIRST (.) Have telephoned/request from Maj HILTON F BLU IRTG
CESANO for following infm regarding 280 IDMS POLIGNANO (.)

A (.) Number of driver/mechanic and vehicle mechanic instructors

B (.) Their average age (.)

C (.) Whether regular Army (.)

D (.) Their qualifications and experience (.)

E (.) Italian equipment available (.)

SECOND (.) If you agree this infm should be furnished; request

you signal CC British Cadre 280 IDMS so that he can infm

F BLU direct (.)

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F BLU IRTG CESANO - CC BRIT CADRE 280 IDMS

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

Signed

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units.

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1 Jun 45

MMIA LO
HQ 54 Area.

The att copy of MMIA letter SD/30/3 dated
30 May 45 is fwd for your infm.

Ref. - 58

R. D. Smith
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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C O P Y

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of BR-ITI Units Cat. 3.

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MMIA)

SD/30/3

30 May 45

To:- Ministry of War.

280 Italian Driving and Maint School.

1. Instructions for the disbandment of the above mentioned unit will be issued shortly.
2. The duties at present performed by 280 Italian Driving and Maint School will be carried out by 152 Driving and Maint School on the disbandment of the former unit.
3. Instructions for the disposal of rfts and staff will be issued together with the formal disbandment order.

SignedXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
for Maj-Gen.
MMIA.

Copy to:- F BLE
MMIA LO 3 District.
G (Trg)
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Q (two)
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ORB

2 - JUN 1945

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(W) For information (INFO)

—Message Instructions

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(by hand)

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Abstract

BLIND

Tel-Bari 11468.

(56)

Subject:- 280 Driving and Maintenance School.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C.(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/11/SD. ✓

30 May 45.

To:- 9 Terr.Hq.

Ref. your 1/12252/Gen of 25 May 45. *Att. Sub.*

1. HQ.MMIA in SD/6 of 16 Mar 45 to Ministry of War ordered the formation of the following units:-

Unit	Offrs.	ORs.	Total.
280 Driving & Maintenance School.	4	90	94
LAD att. " " " CM/540/1	2	12	12
	4	102	106

2. In 66/D/14 of 20 Mar. OC British Cadre, 280 Driving and Maintenance School, stated that number of vacancies for students per course was 200.

C. M. M. M. Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.

Eastern Italy,

Copies to:-

HQ.MMIA.
OC British Cadre 280 Italian Driving
and Maintenance School.
827 Div. Eastern Det.

GPH/agn

GIU/ag.

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
TERRITORIALE DI BARI1^a Sezione

N.1/12252/Gen.di prot.

Bari, 25 maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Forza autorizzata 280^a Scuola Autieri.=

AL DISTACCAMENTO M.M.I.A.

= B A R I =

Si prega di far conoscere a questa Direzione le determinazioni di codesto Distaccamento circa la forza autorizzata della 280^a Scuola Autieri, già Compagnia di Formazione Centro Addestramento Polignano a Mare, e di cui è cenno nel foglio 1362/V del predetto Comando del 21/5/1945 inviato direttamente a codesta M.M.I.A. LO.=

IL TEN.COLON.COMM/RIO VICE DIRETTORE

(Agostino Meale)

2024

mp/mb

COMANDO 230^a DIVISIONE
S.M. - Ufficio Ordinamento e Personale

N. 3076/ST di prot.

Bari, 11 7 aprile 945

OGGETTO: movimento personale.-

ALLA M.M.I.A.-LO

BARI

Rif.f.n. LO/11/SD del 27.3.1945

In relazione a quanto richiesto con foglio
a riferimento si comunica che la Scuola Autieri
per A.A. di Conversano ha trasferito il seguente
personale:

a)- Al Comando Compagnia di Formazione Centro
Addestramento di Polignano:

- n. 1 ufficiale
- " 1 sottufficiale
- " 10 conduttori
- " 2 specializzati

b)- Al Campo Affluenza Complementi di Trani:

- n. 3 ufficiali
- " 11 sottufficiali
- " 16 conduttori.-

Si conferma che il giorno 2 corrente la
Scuola Autieri per A.A. di Conversano è stata
disciolta.-



d'ordine

COL. CAPO DI S.M. 2023
(Enrico Insinna)

Subject:- Driving School - CONVERSANO.

(53)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CNF.
LO/11/SD
27 Mar 45.

Headquarters, 230 Division.

1. With the establishment of a Driving School at TRANI, and the probable extension of 280 Driving School, POLIGNANO, it has been decided no longer necessary to implement the Driving School at CONVERSANO.
2. The Driving School, CONVERSANO will therefore be disbanded w.e.f. 2 Apr 45.
3. The following disposal instructions are given :-

PERSONNEL

- (a) Personnel required to bring 280 Driving School up to establishment will be sent to 280 Driving School.
- (b) All other personnel will be sent to 804 BRITI Reinforcement Depot, TRANI, where specialists will be selected for Workshops Platoons for the new A.C. Transport Coys. The balance will be available for the new A.C. Transport Coys.

BARRACK STORES

All barrack stores and equipment will be returned to GIORDANO BRITI Issue Depot, 22

VEHS

All vchs will be sent to No.3 Repair Unit, BARI.

4. Please report completion of above to this office.

J.G. Bird
J.G. Bird Major.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

JGB/jmr

Copy to:- HQ MMIA (your SD 2612 of 23 Mar refers).
Br. Cadre 804 B.R.D. TRANI.
Br. Cadre 280 Driving School.

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MAED V LROF NR4491

FROM MMIA ~~231700A~~ 231700A

TO MMIA LO 54 AREA

GE2S BT

SD2512 RESTRICTED REF YOUR SD/132 OF 15 . EARMARK ANY SPECIALISTS
AGAINST WE 111/122/3 FOR WKSP PLS FOR NEW AC TPT COYS . BALANCE
FOR AC TPT COYS

BT 231700A

SENT 4491 2139 REB B1

RD 2136 F.W.

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2021

(51)
SUBJECT : Joining instructions for 280 Italian Driving and Maintenance School.

M.M.I.A.

BARI

Ref. 66/0/14

Herewith joining instructions and analysis of future courses to be held at this School.

1. Dated of assembly and disbandment of courses will be as laid down in the attached Appendix "A" to these instructions.
2. Students will be collected from Iranj by 280 I.D.M.S. at 1400 hrs. on day of assembly.
3. All students will be in possession of clothing & necessities as laid down in Appendix "B" to these instructions.
4. On completion of course students will be returned to Iranj by 280 I.D.M.S. in the afternoon of the day course disbands.
5. In order that "R.T.Us" are reduced to a minimum, students should be carefully selected.
6. The number of vacancies for each course will be ²⁰⁰150. Where it is considered necessary by O.C. British Cadre that backward students will, with some additional training, reach the required standard, then a proportionate number less than ²⁰⁰150 will be required for the next course. The number of students likely to be held back for additional training will be notified to all concerned by O.C. British Cadre on the Thursday of the final week.

J. Perry
O.C. BRITISH CADRE
280 I.D.M.S.

20th March 1945

- In the attached Appendix "A" to these instructions.
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J. P. L. C. G. H.
 O.C. BRITISH CADRE
 280 I.D.M.S.

20th March 1945

Copy to D.M.T. 56 AREA	1
" " "A" BRANCH 54 AREA	1
" " "O.C. ITALIAN WING 280 I.D.M.S.	2
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Appendix "A" to joining instructions for 280 I.D. & M.S.

For easy reference and to ensure the prompt arrival of students, herewith analysis of future courses to be held at this School.

ANALYSIS OF COURSES

Course No.	Assembly	Driving Instruction	Driving Instruction	Driving Instruction	Course
1	28 March	2 April to 7 April	9 April to 14 April	16 April to 21 April	23 April to 28 April
2	2 May	7 May to 12 May	14 May to 19 May	21 May to 26 May	28 May to 2 June
3	6 June	11 June to 16 June	18 June to 23 June	25 June to 30 June	2 July to 7 July
4	11 July	16 July to 21 July	23 July to 28 July	30 July to 4 Aug.	6 Aug. to 11 Aug.
					12 Aug.

The time of lapse for three days between the date of assembly and the commencement of Driving & Maintenance Instruction is usefully employed for:

Medical Inspections.

Inoculations.

Primary Driving tests.

Squadding.

Opening address & lectures etc.

20 April 1945.

J. R. ...
O.C. BRITISH CAURE

Course No.	Assembly	Driving Instruction	Driving Instruction	Driving Instruction	Driving Instruction	Course
1	28 March	2 April to 7 April	9 April to 14 April	16 April to 21 April	23 April to 28 April	29 April
2	2 May	7 May to 12 May	14 May to 19 May	21 May to 26 May	28 May to 2 June	3 June
3	6 June	11 June to 16 June	18 June to 23 June	25 June to 30 June	2 July to 7 July	8 July
4	11 July	16 July to 21 July	23 July to 28 July	30 July to 4 Aug.	6 Aug. to 11 Aug.	12 Aug.

The time of lapse for three days between the date of assembly and the commencement of Driving & Maintenance Instruction is usefully employed for:

Medical Inspections.

Inoculations.

Primary Driving tests.

Squadding.

Opening address & lectures etc.

20 April 1945.

J. R. ...
U.S. BRITISH CAURE
280 U.S.M.S.

Appendix "B" to Joining Instructions for 280 L.D.M.S.

Personnel reporting to this School for the Driving and Maintenance course will be in possession of the u/m articles:

Blouse, Battle dress	1
Trouse, Battle dress	1
Shirt, cotton	2
Belt, web	1
Drawers, wool	2
Vests or pullover (1 pullover = 2 vests)	2
Towel	1
Cap	1
Overcoat or waterproof	1
Boots (winter 2)	1
Socks	3
Gaiters	1
Housewife	1
Blankets	1
Kit bag or pack	1
Water bottle	1
Mess tin (fork, spoon, cup)	1

ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

MMIALO 54 AREA

Date-Time of Origin

15

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

-Message Instructions- -GR-

Originator's No.

SD/132 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref your S/G/15 of 6 Mar (.) Request
disposal instructions for staff CONVERSANO Driving School Strength
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX SIX Offrs SEVEN SIX ORS

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: POLIGNANO Driving School.LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)S/G/15
6 Mar 45.

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA. ←

1. Att are ^{your} copies of:

- (1) Letter, S/G/15 of 6 Mar to D.M.T., AFHQ.
- (2) Letter, " " " " " " Ministry of War.

2. Will you please explain the situation to O.C. British Cadre of POLIGNANO Driving School, who I understand is a keen man but who has been handicapped recently by lack of policy.

tvs.

L. J. Ingledew.
Lt.Col.
G.S.
M.M.I.A.

2016

9/13/45
wait return my Bird
15/3/45
noted & spoken

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: POLIGNANO Driving School.LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/C/15

6 Mar 45.

TO : WAR MINISTRY

copy to: MMIA LO 54 AREA
MMIA LO 3 DIST.

1. Will you please place POLIGNANO Driving School under comd of 230 Adm Div HQ, and instruct 230 Adm Div HQ to allot vacancies on the driving courses to Camp Comdt TRANI Base Depot.

2. Please advise if, at the completion of any course, a specified number of students should be sent either to ORVIETO or AFRACOLA to meet the needs of Units based on those two depots.

tvs.

[Signature]
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

2015

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Co Art Depot and Trg Establishments

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)S/G/15
6 Mar 45.

TO : D.M.T. AFHQ.

copy to: MIA LO 54 Area (with copy of DMT/89/2/MTI of 29 Feb)

MIA LO 3 Dist	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
MIA LO 1 Dist	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Ref your DMT/89/2/MTI dated 27 Feb 45, and further to conversation with Col. OSBORNE, D.D.M.T. - 4 Mar.

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CVR.

A. T. Ingles
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:

Q (2)

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WVS.

INTERNAL:

Q (2)
ST
S/Sec.

A. M. T. Ingles
Major General, M.M.I.A.
H. Col

COPY

Subject: Italian Base Rft Depots and Trg Establishments.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING.
AFHQ, CMF.

Tel: 11687

DMT/89/2/MTI

27 Feb 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission MILA

Copy to:

G-3 Org (Foreign) AFHQ

D.S.F., AFHQ

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All this means a considerable loss in the output of trained drivers and the efficiency of the trg.

As there has been up to now seemingly no controlled allotment of vacancies, the CO of the British Trg Inc to the School has made a temporary arrangement with the MIA 10 for students to be provided from rifts at TRANI on the correct dates and returned there immediately on the course ends. This in fact may be the best solution in view of the difficulty of moving Italian students about the country, but, if so, care will have to be taken that the rifts so trained are posted as drivers to I of C Units and not wasted or lost to other jobs.

It is requested that, now that the School has become responsible for meeting the needs for drivers for all Italian I of C Units, and ceased to be an improvised District School, SMEE should take over the control of vacancies and dates of courses as quickly as possible.

6. CONVERSANO

It is understood that an attempt was made to set up a further driving school at CONVERSANO but has so far failed due to lack of vehicles.

It is requested that this may be stopped. POLIGNANO is capable of expansion. If further vehicles and instructors are available, it will be far more economical and efficient if they are added to POLIGNANO under the eyes of the British Increment, and the output of the School stepped up accordingly.

DES/he

copy;tvs.

s/d ?.??.??.??.??.??.?
Brig.,
D.M.T.

2012

SUBJECT: Driver Trainees.

1/42/45

(46)

M.I.I.A. I.O.,
H.Q., 54 Area,
C.N.T.

The Driving Course at TRAMI was completed March 2nd. The following are the results :-

Finally Tested.		260.	Remarks.
Class	'A' (Special)	5	Very Good.
"	'A'	132	Potentially good, require further training.
"	'B'	30	Average drivers.
"	'C'	21	Spare drivers - require lot more training.
Total		239	
Failed		10	Repeating course, as will make drivers.
Failed		11	U/3.

FIELD, C.M.P.
4/Mar/45.

Alfred C.
Major, R.A.,
Commanding British Cadre,
Italian Reinforcements Depot, TRAMI.

2011

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COMANDO DELLA 230^a DIVISIONE
S.M. Ufficio Operazioni

(45)

N°1062/Op. di prot.

Bari, 11 19 febbraio 1945

AL COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUEZA COMPLEMENTI TRANI
AL COMANDO COMPAGNIA DI FORMAZIONE CENTRO AD. POLIGNANO
AL COMANDO 1008^a REPARTO AUTIERI PER A.S. CONVERGANO

e per conoscenza



UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO LIGON OFFICER LANDA BARI
FORC. 3 SUB COM. A.S. (M.M.I.A.) S/o H.Q.
54 Area-Corso Vittorio Emanuele 161-

- 1) - A seguito comunicazione verbale della M.M.I.A. di corso autieri presso la compagnia di Formazione di Polignano avrà inizio domani 20 corrente mese.--
- 2) - A tale corso parteciperanno:
80 militari della 1008^a compagnia Autieri di Convergano
20 militari ^{idonei} del Campo Affluenza Complementi di Trani
- 3) - La compagnia di formazione disponga perché con gli automezzi in dotazione il sopradetto personale sia autotrasportato a Polignano.--
- 4) - Assicurare a trasferimento avvenuto.--

d'ordine
IL TEN.COLO.CAPO DI S.M.
(Vincenzo Luciana)



P.C.C.

COMANDO UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
(Cap. Mirabella Pasquale)

19/2 JB

Good

Dining School

20/2/45

ARMY FORM C2130 (Small)

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FROM
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Originator

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MMIALO 54 AREA

17 1730 A

For Action

TO

MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

SD/81 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Request you arrange next course for POLIGNANO Driving School as NOT rpt NOT possible arrange locally (.) Suggest EIGHTY students ~~from~~ inoperative CONVERSANO attend this course (.) Please advise date of start.

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COMANDO DELLA 230^a DIVISIONE
S. M. Ufficio Operazioni
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(43)
Bari, 11 10 Febbraio 1945

N° 885/Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O: Trasferimento allievi autieri.=

AL COMANDO COMPAGNIA DI FORMAZIONE CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO POLIGNANO
e, per conoscenza:

→ ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A.
AL COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI

B A R I
T R A N I

Su richiesta dell'Ufficio Collegamento M.M.I.A., pregasi disporre perchè gli allievi conduttori risultati idonei al corso ultimato in data odierna, siano avviati nella giornata di domani 11 c.m. al Campo Affluenza Complementi di Trani utilizzando per il loro trasporto gli automezzi della scuola guida in dotazione.

Assicurare a movimento effettuato.=

d'ordine
IL TEN. COL CAPO DI S. M.
(Vincenzo Insinna)



12/2 pp done.

ARMY FORM (MSG-5) (Small)

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5th Area
For Action

10 11 30A

TO

Driver Training School (AC) TRANI
(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

NMIA

Originator's No.

14688A @ Restricted @ Ref your GI dated 7 Feb @ Submit your
demand to NMIA Liaison OfficerTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
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OK 775



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FROM MMIA 091800A

TO 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR

EIGHTH ARMY DISTONE

INFO FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO

DISTONE FOR MMIA LO SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

1000 GEN TPT COY 1001 GEN TPT COY 1004 GEN TPT COY 1005 GEN
TPT COY

QXX GR 69 BT

SD 2266 RESTRICTED 1

REF MMIA LO 54 AREA ST 59 OF 7 NOT TO ALL .

FIRST .

MOVE 100 TRAINED DVRS EX POLIGNANO TO TRANI AND DISPOSE AS FOLLOWS .

1000 GEN TPT COY 20 . — not collect. FLORENCE 5.

1001 GEN TPT COY 30 . ? RICCIONE 8.

1004 GEN TPT COY 20 OSIMO 1.

1005 GEN TPT COY 30 . PERUGIA 1.

FOR FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY DISTONE .

REQUEST UNITS BE INSTRUCTED TO COLLECT FROM TRANI CAMP .

SECOND .

COURSES WILL CONTINUE . SUPPLY TRAINEES FROM TRANI

BT 091800A

10/2 11/2 2007

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MMIA LO 54 Area

07 1100A

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

(R)

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SD/59 (.) RESTRICTED (.) POLICE NO Driving School course ends 10 Feb (.)
 ONE HUNDRED trained drivers for disposal (.) please give disposal
 instructions and info on future courses

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N. 2910 () del Catal.
(R. 19... Anno XX)

Bari, li 6 Febbr. 1945

AI LIAISON OFFICER LAND FORCES
SUB COMM.A.G.(M.M.I.A.).C/o 54
Area-Corso Vittorio Emanuele
n° 161 B A R I

COMANDO 230^a DIVISIONE
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Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 828/Op. All. gati

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OGGETTO Scuola Autisti di Polignano. =

Riferimento al foglio LO/11/SD in data 29
gennaio c.a. di pari oggetto di codesto Ufficio.

Comunicasi:

- fine corso autieri giorno 10 febbraio p.v.
- allievi sicuramente idonei e disponibili per asse-
gnazione n° 100 . =

d'ordine
IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.
(Vincenzo Insinna)



2005

LO/11/SD.

MAED V MEDY V LROF NR 998

QVR3

FROM MMIA 021700A

TO 56 AREA FOR DMT

AFHQ FOR G3 (ORG) AND G1 (BR) AND G TRG
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

AC FOR G1 (BR) HQ COMDT C O S

QOY GR 39

SD2229 CONFIDENTIAL

HQ AC REQUEST 40 PERSONNEL OF

265/1 MT COY BR-ITI BE TRAINED NOW

AS DRIVERS AT NEW TRANI DRIVING

SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO PROGRAMME

BEING ARRANGED FOR 2500 DRIVERS (.)

FOR AC (.) PLEASE ARRANGE

MOVE TO TRANI DIRECT WITH AFHQ

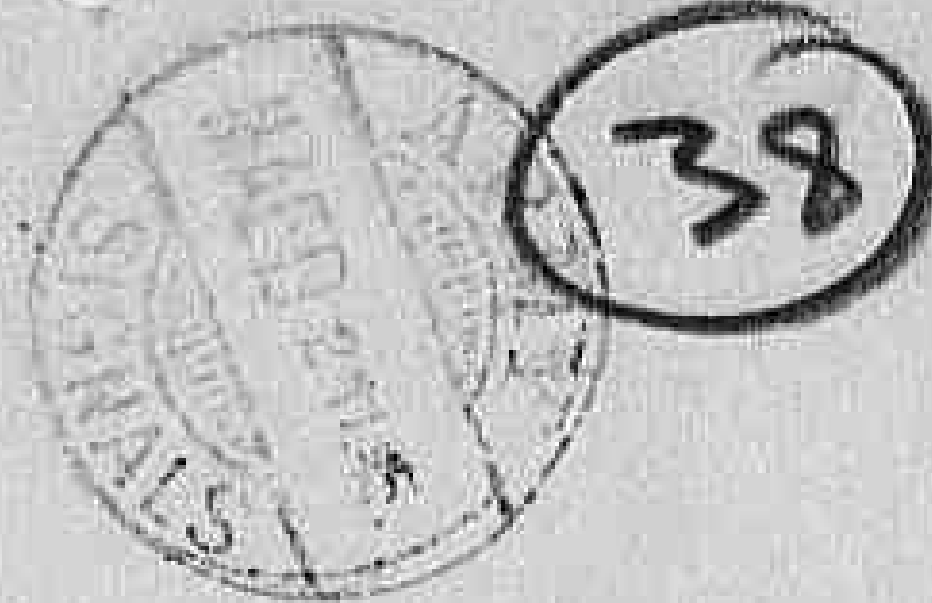
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RPTN NR 998 QVR3 ~~021700A 56 G3 G1 .94 G1 COS GR 39 SD 2229~~

~~40 265/1 MT BR ITI~~

~~25 HUNDR AC +++~~

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233+

2005

FROM DISTHREE EAST 301745A

IMMEDIATE

TO (1) DMT AFHQ

INFO (2) FREEDOM (3) DISTHREE (4) 54 AREA (5) MMIA BARI

GR-- QOY

OG122 RESTRICTED (.) YOUR DMT/70 OF 30 JAN AND CONVERSATION

FINLATER- NEVILL REFERS (.) CAN ACCEPT IMMEDIATELY BRIT CADRE

FOR DRIVING SCHOOL TRANI AT TRANSIT CAMP BARLETTA

AS TEMPORARY ACCN (.) ADVISE ETA ADV PARTY

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Subject:- POLIGNANO Driving School.


Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/11/SD
29 Jan 45.

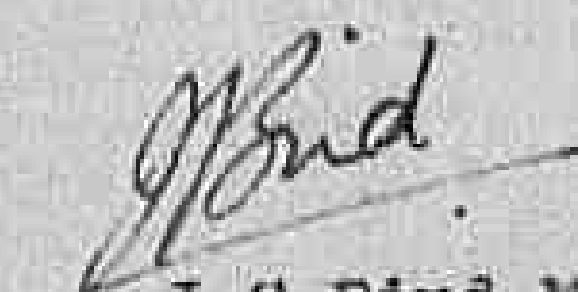
Headquarters, 230 Division.

1.. Please inform this office of the date when the present course at POLIGNANO Driving School finishes, and the number of students trained and suitable for disposal.

2. Disposal instructions will be forwarded through HQ MMIA.

JGB/jmr.

Copy to:- HQ MMIA.


J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIALLO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

2001

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

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			29 JAN 1945	(33)
FROM (A) ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY. Originator DISTURBANCE For Action. FREEDOM + 54 AREA + LET (AFHQ) + MATA (BARI) -				Date-Time of Origin 281715
TO (W) For Information (INFO) DISTURBANCE				Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

QG 127 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref DISMEM 34/2088 of 27 JAN 45 (.)

meeting to decide location DRIVERS SCHOOL will be held this HQ

0900 hrs 31 JAN 45 (.) addressees requested send reps

Spoke. Dismissed 1200 hrs.

2000

Originator's No.

QC 127 (.) RESTRICED (.) ref DISTANCE Q3/2088 of 27 JAN 45 (.)

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Spoke. Dist. 12821.1

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ST/1004

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To: G (SD) Subject : Projected BR-ITI Driving School at Conversano.Copy: MIA LO
54 Area.

1. Confirming conversation Stainton- Papineau on 18 Jan. 45.
2.
 - a) It was agreed -
That no good purpose would be served by forcibly extracting the British WD Vehicles originally intended for Conversano from Gruppi Reinforcement Depot where they now are.
 - b) the question of getting a further release by G (AB) AFHQ would have to be initiated by G 3 (Org) AFHQ, and action to secure this would therefore lie with G (SD) MIA HQ.
 - c) G (SD) in any case intends to review the whole question of BR-ITI driving schools in Bari Region with DMT in the near future to regularise establishments etc.
3. It is meanwhile recalled that MIA LO 54^{area} has the nucleus of (Conversano) School, instructors, pupils etc. standing by, and that the matter is to that extent urgent. The procurement of further British WD Vehicles to allow the Conversano proposal to be implemented must be a matter for action by SD (as was the procurement of the original vehicles which were diverted). ST MIA cannot therefore take any further action at present.

OCP/ag.

D.A.D.T.

20 Jan. 45.

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Just 23 Days after their bog up

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ARMY FORM 02188 (Small)

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Date-Time of Origin

17 1100 A

MIA LO 54 Area

For Action

MIA

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

-Message Instructions- GR-

Originator's No.

5D/33 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 230 Div want authority to change d signature
 1008 AMTIENTY REBARTO AUTIERI to SCUOLA ATTIENTI FOR AA (.) Request
 instructions (.) FOR ST MIA (.) any news ref trg vels query

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COMANDO 230^a DIVISIONE
S.M. Ufficio Operazioni

N. 299 (208^{bis}) del Catal.
(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

Bari, li 13 / 1 / 1945 - A=====

A/L' UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO
M. M. I. A. L O

B A R I

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 299 / Op. Allegati

Div.

Sez.

N.

Oggetto Cambio denominazione . =

In relazione alla recente trasformazione del
1008^o Reparto Autieri di Conversano in Scuola Autie
ri per A.A., questo Comando propone che il reparto
stesso assuma la nuova denominazione di

" " SCUOLA AUTIERI PER A.A. " "

Quanto sopra per le decisioni di competenza. =



[Handwritten signature]

Done 1997

*Ref. MANA later
Conversano Driving
School*

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO

O. K. BRITISH CADRE. I.M.D.T.C.

(W) For Information (INFO)

M.M.I.A.

-Message Instructions- -GR-

Originator's No.

ST/419/3 REF 66/6/12 DATED 12 @ YOUR SUGGESTION
 AGREED @ HAS BEEN REFERRED TO M.M.I.A. AND IT
 IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE
 ACCORDINGLY @

Refers Place BIRD - Skpt Q' 16 Jan ref exl of course
 to bring about POLIGNANO to B. K. K.

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FROM MMIA 082120

TO DISTHREE

INFO 54 AREA +MMIA LO DISTHREE

MMIA LO 54 AREA

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SD ~~2065~~ RESTRICTED. REF YOUR

450/9/G OF 5 JAN.

ONE ,YOUR PARA TWO(C) YES. TWO. YOUR PARA

~~TWO(C)~~ NO . TRG

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SUBJECT: Italian Drivers School.

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MMIA LO att 54 Area

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MMIA LO att 3 District

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3 District

Ext 8

450/9/G

5 Jan 45

Ref this HQ 113/G of 27 Oct 44 and conversation STOKES-SPRAY at AFHQ today.

1. Requirements of POLIGNANO Italian Driving and Maintenance School in order to train intake of approx 160 drivers per month are as follows :-

(a) British Personnel

Capt	1
GSM	1
Cpl Adm	1
Opis Instructors	10
Batman-Driver	1
Cook	1
General Duties Man	1
DR	1
S/Egt Fitter (for maintenance instruction)	1
Dvr Mechs (for maintenance instruction)	2
Storeman	1

(b) Italian Personnel

Officers

Captains
Subalterns

Remarks

CC
Dvr Instr
Tech MT Instr
Adm

Total Officers

Other Ranks

Adm Staff

WO II
CMS
Sjts
Cpls
Clerks
Cooks

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Captains	1	
Subalterns	1	
	1	
	1	
<u>Total Offrs</u>	<u>4</u>	

Other Ranks

Adm Staff

WC II
CAMS
Sjts
Opis
Clerks
Cooks
General Duties

1
1
2
2
2
2
20
<u>30</u>

Total

Instr Staff

Sjts
Cpls
Drivers

5	of which 3 Technical
5	" " 2 "
60	Dvr Instrs
<u>70</u>	

Total

Total Other Ranks

<u>100</u>

9/11/44
H. J. J. J.

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Subject. CONVERSANO Driving School.

(25)
Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(MIA) c/o HQ 54 Area.
LO/11/3D

4 Jan 45.

H.Q. 230 Division.

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3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	Class <u>V</u>	Nos 4626513 / 1267864 4513582 / 4720266 4713919 4726729 4721355 4974726 / 4519109 620510
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3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	Class <u>V</u>	Nos 5225524 45323679 / 5226076 5226901 4675928
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3 ton 6x 4 G.S.	Class <u>V</u>	No 98704
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2. H.Q. 230 Div. will send an officer and drivers to collect the above vehicles on 5 Jan 45 from TERLIZZI and convey them to CONVERSANO.

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4. Petrol for the journey may be drawn at TERLIZZI.

5. The 116 surplus drivers now at CONVERSANO will be despatched in the above vehicles to TRANI Camp, and the vehicles will return with 80 student drivers from TRANI Camp to CONVERSANO.

6. Please say if the School will be able to open the first course on 8 Jan 45.

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J.G. BIRD Major
Senior MIA LO
HQ 54 Area.

Copy to Capt O'DONNELL MIA LO TRANI

SUBJECT:- Italian Drivers School.

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Other Ranks

Adm Staff

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Opls	2
Clerks	2
Cooks	2
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9/11/44
H. J. J. J.

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Trucks 3 ton OL V
Motor Cycles
Cars 2 500
Trucks 15 cwt GS

50 (already held)
11 (10 already held)
1
1 (for domestic use)

It is the understanding of this HQ that :-

(a) Proposed for this School will be submitted to AFRQ by HALL.

(b) This School will become a Creative School the funding of which will be an Italian Army responsibility with supervision of Italian Forces.

(c) After D & H School at CHIANNO is set all business drivers ex BULGARIANO School will go to BR-TH Services Unit.

Your confirmation is requested.

WAT have OL responsibility for School cases if will be necessary to obtain the arrangements for workshop facilities.

(RE SPRA) Major
for Maj Gen
Command

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*12 vehicles issued on 20/12/44 on vouchers no. 409/I/62
and signed for by Gen. Franchini, R.T.D. I.C.F. HQ.*

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REPORT 3.

CAPT SAWYER

COMANDO DELLA 230^a DIVISIONE
S. M. Ufficio Operazioni

N° 79/Op. di prot.

Bari, lì 2 Gennaio 1945

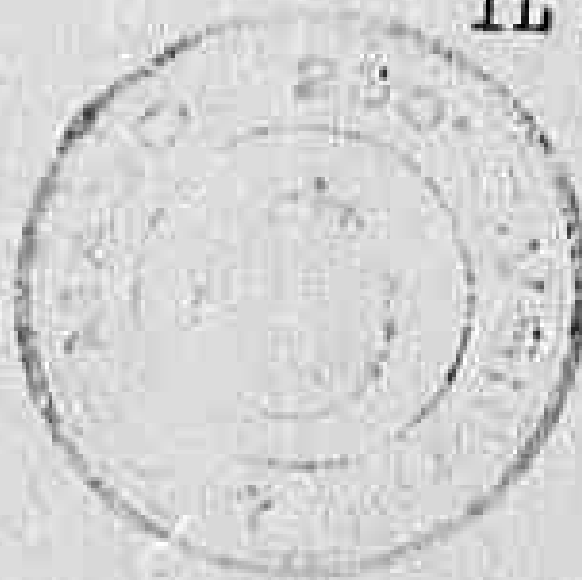
O G G E T T O: Scuola guida di Polignano.=

AL LIASON OFFICER LAND FORCES SUB. COMM. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) C/o H. Q. 54 AREA
Corso Vittorio Emanuele n. 161

B A R I

Comunicasi che la Scuola di Polignano ha iniziato regolarmente il
Corso Autieri il 1° gennaio 1945.=

d'ordine
IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S. M.
(Vincenzo Insinna)



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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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FROM
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Originator

MIA IO 54 Area

Date/Time of Origin

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For Action

HQ 230 Div

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

SD/16 (.) Restricted (.) Ref your 585/Op of 28 Dec (.) It is confirmed that next course POLIGNANO School will start FIRST JAN (.) It is agreed that 34 students come from 1008 GT Coy and 116 from TRANI Camp (.) Ref establishment of driving school at CONVERSANO I would be grateful if you would send an officer to discuss difficulties and details with me at the earliest moment.

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COMANDO DELLA 230^a DIVISIONE
S. M. Ufficio Operazioni

N° 585/Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O: Scuole guida di Conversano e Polignano.-



AL LIAISON OFFICER LAND FORCES SUB. COMM. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
C/o H. Q. 54 AREA

e per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
Ufficio Ordinamento

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2°) che 116 uomini, che già hanno partecipato al Corso di Polignano

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3°) tenuto conto quindi, come appresso specificato, del personale necessario per l'inquadramento della Scuola, da Conversano dovrebbe partire in totale: 2 Ufficiali

34 uomini per la Scuola di Polignano
116 uomini per i reparti d'impiego.

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b)- la durata di ogni singolo corso può essere fissata ~~in~~ 4 settimane;

mane;

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- c)- il quantitativo di allievi da istruire per ogni corso può ritenersi di 80.- Ciò in relazione al numero degli automezzi assegnati ed alla capacità di alloggiamento dei locali;
- d)- il fabbisogno di carburante per la durata di un corso viene calcolato di 7680 litri di benzina; circa il lubrificante il quantitativo necessario può oscillare dai 230 ai 380 Kg., a seconda dello stato d'uso degli automezzi;
- e)- il personale permanente per l'inquadramento della Scuola viene così stabilito:
- | | | |
|--|----|---|
| | 5 | Ufficiali |
| | 13 | Sottufficiali |
| | 64 | Uomini di truppa, dei quali 20 autieri; |
- f)- è necessario prelevare il materiale di casermaggio occorrente per accantonare gli uomini (cavalletti e tavole per giacitura, coperte, tavoli da casermaggio, sgabelli, materiale di cucina, ecc.) come da richiesta inoltrata a parte.

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come allievi autieri

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Lorenzo Vivalda)

L. Vivalda

Subject: POLIGNANO Driving School.

(21)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm
A&C. (M.E.I.A.)
C/o HQ, 54 Area
LO/II/SD
22 Dec 44

H.Q.230 Division.

1. It is understood that the POLIGNANO Driving School will NOT be closed, and that another course will start approx 1 Jan 45 (to be confirmed later).

2. Hq 230 Div will please arrange for students for this course to be alerted as follows:-

- a) 50 personnel now at CONVERSANO, previously intended for 100% G.I. Coy.
- b) 30 personnel arrived CONVERSANO from TRANO (Gruppi trainees).
- c) Any other GRUPPI trainees who may arrive from TRANO.
- d) Number required to make Course up to strength, (to be taken from TRANI Camp).

3. Disposal instructions for drivers trained at POLIGNANO Driving School will in all cases be issued from HQ MMIA.

4. Please inform this office as soon as possible the number of personnel that will be required from TRANI Camp to bring the number of students up to strength for the Course.

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J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA L&S
C/o Hq, 54 Area.

Copy to: Hq MMIA (You ST/IO94 dated 16 Dec 44 refers).
Hq 54 Area.
Sigs Office, BARLETTA for Capt O'Donnell.

Subject. CONVERTING Driving School.

(20)
Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Com.
A.C.(M.I.) c/o 54 Area.
LO/11/SD a

Dec 44.

H.Q. 230 Division.

Further to this office letter LO/11/SD dated 12 Dec 44.
and Mil. A.C. Puglia and Lucania 6345/Ord dated 14 Dec 44.

1. Further instructions have been received from H.Q. SMIA
concerning the Driving School to be established at CONVITSAAC.

2. The school will be established controlled and administered
by H.Q. 230 Div in accordance with the above letters. The instructional
and Administrative Staff will be entirely ITALIAN, and there will not
be a BRITISH Cadre.

3. HQ SMIA are arranging for a release of British vehicles
for instructional purposes. It is hoped that 16 vehicles will be made
available.

4. An additional allotment of P.O.L. will be made for
the School.

5. HQ 230 Div will please forward the following information:

- a) The earliest date on which the School can open.
- b) The duration of a single Course.
- c) The number of students that can be trained each year.
- d) The additional P.O.L. required per month.
- e) The number (officers and other ranks) on the
permanent staff.
- f) Any other requirements for establishing the School.

6. Disposal instructions for all personnel trained in the
School will be issued by HQ SMIA.

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J.C. BIRN Major.
Senior SMIA LO.
C/o HQ, 54 Area

COPY to:- HQ SMIA (you ST/1094 dated 16 Dec 44 refert)
HQ 54 Area
HQ Puglia & Lucania

2. The school will be established controlled and administered by HQ 230 Div in accordance with the above letters. The instructional and Administrative Staff will be entirely Indian, and there will not be a British Cadre.

3. HQ India are arranging for a release of British vehicles for instructional purposes. It is hoped that 16 vehicles will be made available.

4. An additional allotment of P.O.L. will be made for the School.

5. HQ 230 Div will please forward the following information:

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J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior India HQ.
C/o HQ. 54 Area

Copy to:- HQ India (you SE/1094 dated 16 Dec 44 Refers)
HQ 54 Area
HQ Puglia & Macedonia

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA

Uff. S.M. - Ordinamento -

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SEGRETO

N.6345/Crd. di prot.

Bari, 11 14 dicembre 1944

O G H K T T O: Scuole guida a Conversano.AL COMANDO 230^a DIVISIONE

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(rif. f. n. 11/SD date 12/12/1944 del Liaison Officer

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)-)

S. per conoscenza:AL COMANDO 9^o RAGGRUPPAMENTO AUTIERI

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ALL'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO SOTTO COMMISSIONE

FORZE EBARCO A.C. (M.M.I.A.) presso 54^a AREA

B A R I

ALL'UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLA PUGLIA E LUC.

B A R I

ALLA DIREZIONE AUTOMOBILISTICA DELLA P. e L.

B A R I

- I.- Con riferimento al citato foglio delle M.M.I.A. - LO ed in attesa delle disposizioni esecutive di dettaglio, si prega procedere alla scelta del personale del 1008^o reparto autieri atto all'inquadramento disciplinare ed amministrativo della scuola nonché di quello da destinare quale istruttore.
- II.- Il comando 9^o raggruppamento autieri è pregato di comunicare direttamente al comando 230^a divisione l'organico della Scuola autieri di Polignano affinché ne abbia norma nella predetta scelta.
- III.- Tutto il personale prescelto, che verrà lasciato sul posto, sarà segnalato a questo comando, indicando altresì le eventuali deficienze da rappresentare alle M.M.I.A. - LO.

Driving School

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d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO di S.M.
(Giuseppe Piazzi)

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Subject:- Driver Training For Italian Military Personnel in Bari Area.

ST/1094

16 Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)..
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)..
54 Area. ←

Copy: AFHQ G3(Org) Brit.
S.M.R.E.
G(SD) MMIA HQ. *Spec. Sec.*

1. Confirming telephones on 16 Dec 44 ^{*Capt. Graham*} ~~Major Stainton~~ - Major Stainton and Major Bird - Major Papineau.
2. It is understood that Polignano School is NOT to be closed at present and that another course will start shortly.
3. MMIA LO 54 Area is therefore requested to arrange for pupils for the next course at Polignano as follows:-
 - (a) 50 personnel now at Conversano ex elements previously intended for 1008 GT Coy
 - (b) 30 personnel arrived Conversano ex Teano (Gruppi trainees)
 - (c) any other Gruppi trainees who may arrive ex Teano
 - (d) number required to make ^{course} up to strength ex Trani Camp. (2)
4. MMIA LO 54 Area is further requested to proceed with arrangements for Conversano School in accordance with his LO/11/SD of 12 Dec 44. Vehicles release concerned will be the subject of later communication from this HQ.
5. Output of trained drivers from both foregoing sources will be subject to disposal instructions to be issued by this HQ.

Papineau
(O.C. PAPINEAU)..
Major RASC..
for Lt. Col..
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

OCF/JMD

20/12 JB

Answered

MAED V MEDY NR360 IMPORTANT

QVR1/2/5

FROM DISTHREE 131200A

TO 54 AREA . MMIA LU BARI

INFO MMIA RAOC TRG EST NOVELT

COPY TO ST ORD MMIA LU

SD636

RESTRICTED . REF MMIA SD1846 OF 22 NOV AND SD1858 OF 9 DEC

NEITHER TO ALL . RAOC TRG EST REPORT THAT 44 MEN EX COURSE

POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL ^{finishing} 2 DEC NOT YET

ARRIVED PONTECAGNANO . URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR COURSE .

PLEASE DESPATCH SOONEST AND ^{NOTIFY} ETA THIS HQ

COPY TO RAOC TRG EST

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FROM DISTHREE :: 281840

TO M M I A LO BARI

INFO 54 AREA : DISTHREE EAST : M M I A

QXQ GR42 BT

SD420 . RESTD. REF MMIA SD1848 OF 25 NOV NOT TO ALL.

ASSUMED YOU ARE TAKING ALL NECESSARY ACTION BY PLEASE CONFIRM.

FOR M M I A . REQUEST YOU SEND INFN COPY TO DISTHREE EAST OF

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MESSAGE FORM

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(A)

Originator.

Date-Time of Origin.

Office Data Stamp

For Action.

MOVIE (BY HAND)

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

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MMIA - DISTANCE - DISTANCE EAST - 54 AREA -
 507 SUB AREA for GELANDI - RAOE TRY EAST PONTICAGNANO

Originator's No.

PG 388 (.) INSTRUCTED (.) Ref MMIA NO 1848 not to you (.) Request movement
 ex PONTICAGNANO driving school, soonest Italian drivers (.) To MMIA 56 to
 AFRAGLA SO to RAOE try east PONTICAGNANO 44

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T.M.I.

T.O.R.

29/430

BARI V MEDY NR 63 IMPORTANT

QVF2

FROM MMIA

TO DISTREE - 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

207 SUB AREA FOR GELARDI

MINISTRY OF WAR

RAOC TRG EST PONTECAGNANO 252050

RE^F NO SD1848.
RESTRICTED

UNDERSTAND PRESENT COURSE AT POLIGMANO ENDS 2 DECEMBER

REQUEST THE 150 PERSONAL BE DESPATCHED 56

TO TEANO AS INSTEAD OF 106 PER SD 1841 OF 24 NOV 50

TO AFFAGOLA 44 TO RAOC

TRG EST PONTECAGNANO FOR

PICENO OLD COURSE . 50 MEN FOR NEXT COURSE NOW WAITING AT

CONVERSANO . FURTHER 120 ~~WFF~~ AVAILABLE AT COMBAT GROUPS

REINFORCEMENT DEPOT TEANO . AS CAPACITY OF SCHOOL UNDERSTOOD TO

BE 150 PLEASE CONFIRM IF REMAINING 100 MAY BE

TAKEN FROM TEANO AND POSTED TO COMBAT FORCES AFTER

TRAINING . IF SO REQUEST YOU RIF

FOR RAIL TRANSPORT TEANO TO BARI -

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TO AFH 2

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MESSAGE FORM

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For Action

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(W) For Information (INFO)

-Message Instructions- GR-

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 for next giving course POLICIANO (.) They are average throwouts
 from GRs 1 (.) Request instructions on future employment

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 BY ANY MEANS ☐ WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
 FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MES-
 SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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Subject:- Drivers School at CONVERSANO

(2)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
C/o 54 Area
LO/11/3D
12 Dec 44.

TO: Military Headquarters, Puglia e Lucania

1. Instructions have been received from HQ, MMIA to establish a Driving School at CONVERSANO, to train as drivers approx. 300 personnel at present in TRANI Camp and already earmarked for this purpose.
2. Military Headquarters Puglia e Lucania will make preliminary arrangements:
 - (a) To make available for a Driving School the premises at CONVERSANO now occupied by 1008 G.T. Coy.
 - (b) To organise instructional and administrative personnel for the Driving School from personnel of 1008 G.T. Coy, which is being disbanded. If additional personnel are required, please inform MMIA LO, BARI as soon as requirements are known.
3. The date when the School will open, and any further details will be forwarded later.
4. When the School opens, it will be held on BRITI category and come under HQ 230 Div for administration. 1979

J.G. Bind
J. G. BIND, Major
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
C/o 54 Area

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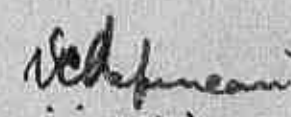
HQ, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA) (ref your ST/1095 dated 8 Dec 44 para 2 (a) confirmed.)
HQ, 230 Division

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21 DEC 1944Subject: - Conversano Driving School.

ST/1095

8 Dec 44.Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).,
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.To: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)., 
c/o HQ 54 Area.Copy: G(SD) MMIA HQ.
Spec Sec. MMIA HQ.
Direz Gen della Motorizzazione, (1^o Divisione),
Italian War Ministry.

1. Confirming conversation Major Murrell - Major Papineau on 4 Dec 44.
2. It is understood:-
 - (a) that approx 280 potential driver-students are standing by at Trani
 - (b) Action to obtain vehicles is in hand vide this HQ letter ST/1095 of 8 Dec 44. to AFHQ
 - (c) premises are available at Conversano
 - (d) instructional and administrative personnel can be obtained from 1008(I) GT Coy (not now to be proceeded with.)
3. While awaiting the outcome of letter referred to in (b) above, please check up and take any action necessary in regard to 2(a) (c) (d).


 (O.C. PAPINEAU).8
 Major RASC.
 for Lt. Col.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

OCP/JMD

Maj Fanci - Col Barbone

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