

ACC

10000/120/4420

56 BLU

10000/120/4420

56 BLU

1/AG

Progress Report Training

378
3822

29 DEC 44 - Co. - MMIA. - 56 BLU Progress Report no. 1. 111
 DMT.
 13 JAN. 45 - Co. - MMIA. - 19. - General Progress to JAN 45 - 171
 DMT.
 22 JAN. 45 - Co. - DMT. - 24. - Report on Combat GR MANTOVA - 241
 MMIA
 26 JAN. 45 - Co. - MMIA. - 30. - 56 BLU Progress Report no. 3. - 301
 DMT.
 9 FEB. 45 - Co. - DMT. - 31. - 56 BLU Progress Report no. 4. - 391

9 Feb. 45 - 6:00 PM - DMT - 39 - 39B

3822

-2-

- (b) Weapon Training and General Military Training.
Approximately 50% of personnel have not fired their weapons on 30x and 200x ranges. Progress in general military training is slow.

3. SIGNALS.

Instructors are not available as the course at RCOGTA has been completed. The majority of signallers within the Group are not undergoing training at various signal schools. (See Appendix 'A' attached, Serials 17 and 18). Progress to date is satisfactory.

4. DEFENSE.

- (a) Small Arms.
Gun, rifle and other small arms instruction continues and the arrival of British HCU has had a good effect on the results. Judged by British standards the state of proficiency is about 50%.

- (b) Tactical Training.
Section training is in full swing. The recently completed Junior Leaders Course has had a good effect on training and it is now more practical and more modern principles are taught.

- (c) Specialists.
Some 6 or detachments have shot full charge at 200Y. Improving night-vision has fair but maintenance poor. All gun crews have joined now only in gun exercises. The reasons for established results were shown and appreciation of them. 400 rds were fired. 5 officers and 40 Gns were awarded.

- (d) Officer Training.
The following special training has been done by officers :-
- | | | |
|-------|----------------|--|
| (i) | Subalterns | 2 TWENTY at Refresher. |
| (ii) | Coys Capt's | 2 TWENTY on balance. |
| (iii) | Platoon Capt's | 1 TWENTY each on balance at Coy and Platoon level. |
| (iv) | Platoon Capt's | 25 practice to 4th and 5th in staff duties. |
| (v) | All officers | on tactical instruction and I.T. procedure. |

5. SAFETY.

- (a) Supply and Transport.
- (i) Driving and maintenance.
Driver training in the 3rd Coy is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily. Twenty drivers have qualified in this past fortnight. In the Local School of Driving approximately fifty drivers have qualified. Further to this, one officer and twenty-five other ranks completed an instructors course in 3rd Coy at the RCOGTA, and a very satisfactory report has been received. A definite improvement in vehicle condition has been noted.

3820

(ii) Weapon Training.

- (a) Small Arms.
 The rifle and other small arms instruction continues and the arrival of British MGCs has had a good effect on the results. Judged by British standards the state of proficiency is about 50%.
- (b) Tactical Training.
 Section training is in full swing. The recently completed Junior Leaders Course has had a good effect on training and it is now more practical and more modern principles are taught.
- (c) Specialists.
 Some 6 or 7 detachments have shot 2000 rounds at 1000 yds. target and gun drill was fair but inadequate. All gun areas have gained some credit in an examination. The reasons for established results were shown and appreciated by the men. 400 rds were fired. 5 officers and 40 ORs were practical.
- (d) Officer Training.
 The following special training has been done by officers :-
- | | | |
|-------|----------------|---|
| (i) | Subalterns | 2/15/35 on foot. |
| (ii) | Coy. Co. de | 2/15/35 on foot. |
| (iii) | Each Coy | 1/15/35 each on foot at Coy and Bn level. |
| (iv) | Platoon battle | to practice for 15 min. Bn level in staff duties. |
| (v) | All officers | on road and instruction and 1/17 procedure. |
5. Summary.
- (a) Summary.
 (i) Driving and maintenance.
 Driver training in the 8th Coy is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily. Twenty drivers have qualified in this past fortnight. In the logistical school of driving approximately fifty drivers have qualified. In addition to this, one of four of twenty-five other ranks completed an instructor's course in D 3 at the 1500 yds. mark, and a very satisfactory report has been received. A definite improvement in vehicle maintenance has been noted.
- (ii) Weapon Training.
 Continues at the same rate.
- (iii) Technical Training.
 The two Companies Platoon continues to gain experience and their level of training is maintaining the combat group.
- (b) Officer Training.
 Personnel continue to gain practical experience from the road and from the staff.

3/.....shoot

3820

(c) Medical.

Training in hygiene and first aid is proceeding satisfactorily. No instructors are available to teach anti-gas precautions.

(d) Mechanical Engineers.

With the arrival of a mobile instructors ship a start has been made on the training of engineers. Training in instruction and weapon training are proceeding satisfactorily.

(e) Provost.

Instruction has been given in Military Security by two Field Security HQs who are attached to the Group. Training in traffic control will begin shortly under a British GP instructor.

6. GENERAL.

(a) In spite of bad weather progress in all types of training has been reasonably satisfactory. The infantry are moving in to covered accommodation, and it is thought that this will do much to raise efficiency and morale.

(b) The training of senior officers is continuing by means of discussions and demonstrations. The Camouflage School, C.I.C. gave a valuable day's instruction in camouflage and air photography to 40 officers.

PAGE II - SUMMARY OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS - FURTHER.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

PAGE III - SUMMARY OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS - FURTHER.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.(a) Artillery.

The amount of training still required will remain at 40% until it is available.

Failure to take this major weapon for a mechanical Army Regt is serious and the two months already lost will not be made up during 1945.

(b) Engineers.

6. GENERAL.

- (a) In spite of bad weather progress in all types of training has been reasonably satisfactory. The infantry are moving in to covered accommodation, and it is thought that this will do much to raise efficiency and morale.
- (b) The training of senior officers is continuing by means of discussions and demonstrations. The Camouflage School, CMC gave a valuable day's instruction in camouflage and air photography to 40 officers.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALIST INFANTRY.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - TRAINING OF SPECIALIST INFANTRY.8. SPECIALIST INFANTRY.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.(a) Artillery.

The count of training still required will remain at 80% until 'A' is available.

Failure to tackle this major problem for a recognised Army Regt is serious and the two months already lost will not be caught up during 1945.

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Dry Battery Training
 Mine Warfare
 Fieldcraft
 Demolitions
 Wagon Training
 Road and Track Construction

45% 3819
 65%
 50%
 50%
 55%
 55%

1/.....short

-4-

Store, feeding,
driving and maintenance of vehicles
70%
100%
100%
50%
100%

(c) Medical.
Maintenance and operation of British Field Plant

20%

(d) Infantry.
Platoon, Company and Battalion training.

(e) Services.
(i) Supply & Transportation.

Specialist Transport
Field Artillery of 51 Coy.
20%
100%
50%

(ix) Artillery.
Artillery in action, heavy and medium artillery
is still required.

(iii) Weapon Training.
Weapon Training

50%

(iv) Medical.
Field hospitals in units; medical supplies; the medical
of the medical section and the medical section in the field.
sections in the field. Medical section in the field.

(v) Transport.
Provision in deployment of the section for transport control.

50%

FIELD ARTILLERY SECTION IN ACTION.

10. COUNCIL ON FIGHT.

See Appendix 10 to the House Report No. 2, dated 10 July 45
Providing for the House, 1 of the and 24 are at present.

3818

11. COUNCIL ON FIGHT.

PART V - SPECIAL DIVISIONS.

12.

With the hand over of Sights Dial No. 9 to the RTO HAI there is now a shortage which is handicapping training. Release on Sights Dial No. 9 and Clinton Field for the night 25 per unit at present held against 6 10% is requested.

13.

Tools for the maintenance of vehicles and carriers are still required but some items are being received. Releases of equipment have not kept pace with the progress of training. The Group is now able to receive a substantial part of 6 10%, and an early release would greatly improve efficiency. Vehicles are the most pressing need.

14.

A review of unit in a month has been planned. Heavy burden on units.

In the field.
10/00

14-Jul.
(29)

Attached:- Appendix 1 - State of Training of Specialists & Instructors.
Appendix 2 - Programme of Courses.

14. An index of unclassified records has been placed in heavy metal on index.

[Handwritten signature]

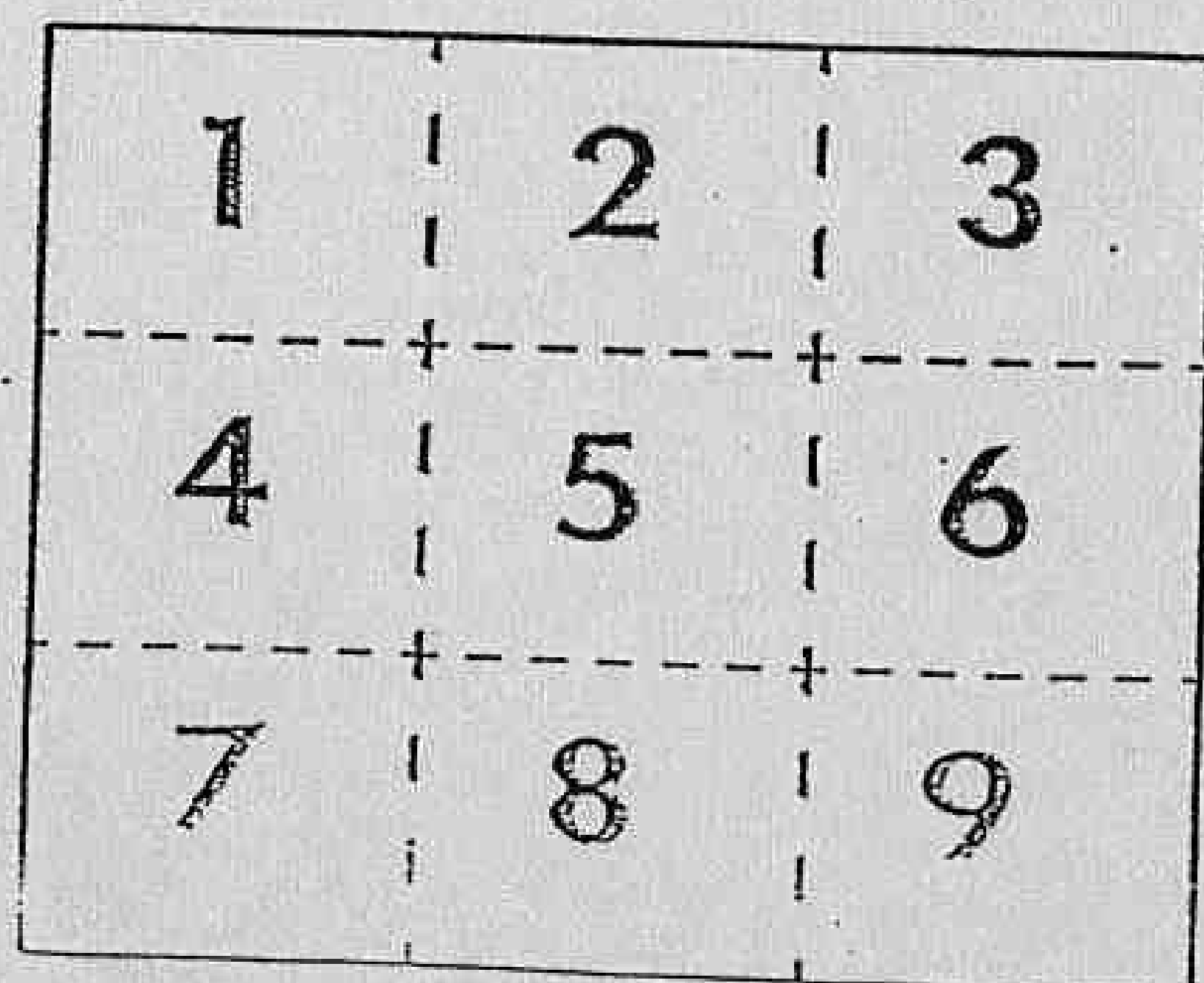
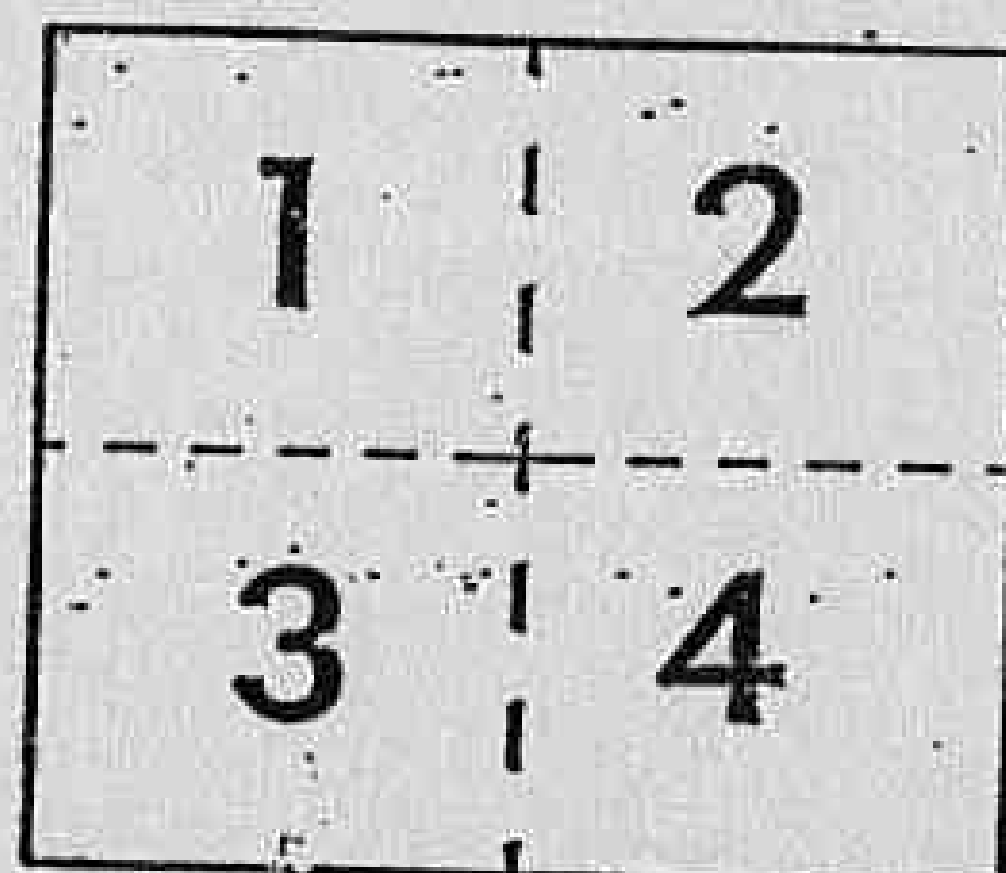
In the field.
LE/ee
Lt-Col.
GR.

Attached :- Appendix 'I' - Staff of Ministry of Social Affairs & Development.
Appendix 'II' - Programme of Courses.

- 3817

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



[illegible]

g of Specialist. Tradesman

ENGINEER I & II				SIGNALS				SPECIAL OPERATOR				CHINA			
Trained	To be trained	Under	Order	Trained	To be trained	Under	Order	Trained	To be trained	Under	Order	Trained	To be trained	Under	Order
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
12								6	6						
	52	13	15												
	21	15	8	12	10	2	1								
	21	17	7	22	23	7	2								
	22	23	2	32	33	12	4								
	40	23		20	12	7		17	17			4	4		
19	350	223	130	33	95	35	11	141	127	11	30	57	20	37	33
	43	12	35	15	10	3		17	10	7		1			
21	21														
	6	6		11	8	3		11	10	1		1	1	1	
12				21	8	15		15	6	2		2	1	1	
								45	13						
	12	11	1					3	1	2					
12	34	23	12	5	21			1	1						
21	12	35	39	50	12	17		22	10	12		17			
								125	62	27					
				12	8	4	1								
				18	5	12	1								
				2	2			1	1						

Appendix 'A' to 56 Progress Report No. 4

dated Q Feb 15

EDUCATION: ENGINEERS

TRAINING				CHALLENGE				TOTALS			
Trained	To be trained	Under		Trained	To be trained	Under		Trained	To be trained	Under	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
6	6							10	6	12	12
								4	4		
								32	15	19	
								7	4		
								1	1		
								3	1		
								3	5	11	1
								1	2		2
								1	1	18	4
								3	3		
17	17			4	4			102	201	7	
11	127	11	30	27	20	27	30	105	316	212	95
17	19	7		5	1	2		115	25	8	
								21	21	21	21
				1	1	1	2	13	25	21	
				2	1	1		25	25	25	
								2	2	11	
								17	3		
								15	12		
5	1	2						52	24	25	
								21	21		
17	11	6	17					32	12	158	
				20	20			26	20		
								123	62	67	
								2	2		
								14	10	1	1
								16	5	15	1
1	1							4	4		

(a) Serial	Tradesman or Specialist (b)	GROUP 1				GROUP 2				GROUP 3				GROUP 4			
		(1)	(2) Trained	(3) To be trained	(4) Under	(1)	(2) Trained	(3) To be trained	(4) Under	(1)	(2) Trained	(3) To be trained	(4) Under	(1)	(2) Trained	(3) To be trained	(4) Under
27.	Signal Corps Personnel																
28.	Sanitary Personnel																
29.	Stocking Personnel																
30.	Storemen	2	2							2		2			87	21	
31.	Telecommunications																
32.	Turners																
33.	Vehicle Pools																
34.	Veterans																
35.	Welders																
36.	Carriers & Drivers									5		3		119	101	81	30
37.	Carriers & Load Drivers													332	101	22	30
38.	Cenometrist													11	7		
39.	Gun Pos 1									4	23	4	11				
40.	5 mm Gun Gunners													132	124	2	36
41.	3" Mortar Gunners													20	12	27	107
42.	Reconnaissance Signallers									311	40	273	202	335	30	20	222
43.	Survey Personnel									5	23	12	34				
44.	Inventory Personnel													60	23	37	30
45.	Artificers E.A.									2	21	2	2				

[illegible]

PERSONNEL				RECORD				OCCUPATION				EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				TOTALS			
Trained	To be trained	Untrained	Untrained	Trained	To be trained	Untrained	Untrained	Trained	To be trained	Untrained	Untrained	Trained	To be trained	Untrained	Untrained	Trained	To be trained	Untrained	Untrained
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
				52	52							4	2	2		5	2	2	
				110	90	20										52	90		
10	10							22	10	10	10	21	10	14		24	131	113	
												3		3		3	12	21	
												3	2	2		4	4	5	
												2	2	6		22	32	20	
												4	2	2		3	8		
																144	10	21	30
																82	40	22	30
																13	7	7	
																21	20	44	44
																130	144	36	25
																120	92	27	107
																45	70	57	321
																21	25	42	24
																23	25	17	20
																3	2	3	2

PROGRAMME OF EXHIBITS

Appendix 'B' to

Serial	Subject	From	To	Location	No of Students	Initial Arrangements	Responsibility	Train Unit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1.	Reptl Driving School	Continuous		Gp 4 sq	50	DAFST	Combat Gp	Train 4
2.	Services Driving Sch	Continuous		"	20	AFSC	AFSC	Train 4
3.	Unit 1 - 1st	27 Jan	20 Jan	"	20	DAFST	"	Train 4
"	"	22 Jan	30 Jan	"	20	DAFST	"	Train 4
"	"	21 Jan	1 Feb	"	20	"	"	Train 4
4.	6 pr	26 Jan	22 Feb	DAFST	10	DAFST	DAFST	Train 4
5.	Carrier Driving (2nd Course)	1 Feb	21 Feb	"	30	G II 1st	Combat Gp	Train 4
6.	Assault Pioneers (2nd Course)	5 Feb	14 Feb	DAFST	30	DAFST	Combat Gp	Train 4
7.	3" Motor (3rd Course)	5 Feb	18 Feb	Gp 4 sq	107	G II 1st	Combat Gp	Train 4
8.	6 pr 1st Gun (3rd Course)	5 Feb	18 Feb	"	70	"	Combat Gp	Train 4
9.	Minor Tactics (2nd Course)	31 Jan	13 Feb	"	42	"	"	Train 4
10.	Repair and Maintenance of Weapons	1 Feb	1 Mar	"	12	DAFST	DAFST	Train 4
11.	Driving & Maintenance	4 Feb	13 Feb	"	45	"	Combat Gp	Train 4
12.	Military Security	30 Jan	3 Feb	"		G II	DAFST	Train 4
"	"	5 Feb	10 Feb	"		G II	DAFST	Train 4
"	"	12 Feb	17 Feb	"		G II	DAFST	Train 4
13.	"	9 Feb	19 Feb	DAFST	4	G II	DAFST	Train 4

-2-

Serial (a)	Subject (b)	From (c)	To (d)	Location (e)	No of Students (f)	Initial (g)	Responsibility (h)	Remarks (i)
14.	Intelligence	6 Feb	16 Feb	Sp. Area	16	247	Ordnance	Train IO
15.	Pyrotechnics	10 Feb	17 Feb	Sp. Area	8	247	Ordnance	Train IO
16.	Field Artillery	17 Feb	24 Feb	Sp. Area	2	247	Ordnance	Train IO
17.	Signals	22 Feb	25 Feb	Sp. Area	505	247	Ordnance	Train IO
18.	Signals	22 Feb	25 Feb	Sp. Area	11	247	Ordnance	Train IO

3814

-2-

From (a)	To (b)	Location (c)	No of Students (d)	Initial (e)	Responsibility Description: Training (f)	Subject (g)
3 Feb	15 Feb	Sp. Area	16	3 II	Combat Co	Train IO's and personnel of I Secs
10 Feb	17 Feb	Sp. Area	3	3 I	6/10	Train Unit as Senior North OVA's
17 Feb	24 Feb	Sp. Area	2	6 II	6/10	Train Junior North Officers
22 Feb	25 Feb	Sp. Area	335	30 3/4	6/10	Train 1st Lt and Major of
		Sp. Area			6/10	1st Signallers
23 Feb	25 Feb	Sp. Area	211	30 3/4		1st Signallers

SECRET

56 ELU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 3

MMA
DAT

1 G

26 Jan 45

PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 21 JAN 451. ARTILLERY.

Considerable progress has been made in certain Batteries both in gun drill and laying. 25 pr guns have been stripped down for instruction. Snow and rain have impeded gun drill, driving instruction and sub-calibre firing. The Driving School has passed out 67 drivers as efficient in a period of 18 days, six of which were useless through snow.

2. ENGINEERS.

Progress of training since 7 Jan 45 has been retarded by adverse weather conditions and it has only been possible to do one normal weeks training during this period.

Snapper Training

This consisted of Dry Bailey Bridging, Mine Warfare, Field-works, Demolitions, Road and Track Construction which proceeded as far as weather conditions permitted. Training in the last named has not been very effective owing to lack of transport for materials and so little practical work has been carried out.

Weapon Training and General Military Training.

Proliminary instruction has commenced in Rifle and Bayonet, Bren, Thompson Sub-machine Carbine and PIAT. Some general military training including physical training and route marching has also been carried out.

3. SIGNALS.

Intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal Coy personnel) commences on 22 Jan and will be continued for one month.

4. INFANTRY.(a) Small Arms.

This continues to progress. The standard is as yet rather low, but some improvement can be detected. Men are becoming familiar with British weapons, instructors are not as yet really good due to lack of experience, but cadres for them have been and are being run in the Regiments and Battalions. The main weaknesses in this subject are:-

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)

Officers are not instructing.
Squads still too large though size 38

2. ENGINEERS.

Progress of training since 7 Jan 45 has been retarded by adverse weather conditions and it has only been possible to do one normal weeks training during this period.

Sapper Training

This consisted of Dry Bailey Bridging, Mine Warfare, Field-works, Demolitions, Road and Track Construction which proceeded as far as weather conditions permitted. Training in the last named has not been very effective owing to lack of transport for materials and so little practical work has been carried out.

Weapon Training and General Military Training.

Preliminary instruction has commenced in Rifle and Bayonet, Bren, Thompson Sub-machine Carbine and PIAT. Some general military training including physical training and route marching has also been carried out.

3. SIGNALS.

Intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal Coy personnel) commences on 22 Jan and will be continued for one month.

4. INFANTRY.

(a) Small Arms.

This continues to progress. The standard is as yet rather low, but some improvement can be detected. Men are becoming familiar with British weapons, instructors are not as yet really good due to lack of experience, but cadres for them have been and are being run in the Regiments and Battalions. The main weaknesses in this subject are:-

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)

Officers are not instructing.

Squads still too large though ³⁸sign improving.

Lack of Brens for instruction, the situation is improving.

(b) Specialist Training.

- (i) General.

This is in every way satisfactory in so far as initial training under direct supervision is concerned.

- (ii)

Mortars. Insufficient mortars makes retraining and advanced handling difficult. No carriers are available as yet for teaching advance and tactical handling.

- (iii) 6 pr. Shortage of towing vehicles confines training to drills and technical instruction, with tactical handling taught mostly by lecture.
- (iv) Carriers. The Group School is doing excellent work under really keen Italian officers. The training of the large numbers of drivers needed in the Group is bound to be slow as there are insufficient carriers. At this date we have a good reserve of instructors with no carriers on which they can instruct.

(c) Tactics.

(i) Training is as yet in the section training stage.

(ii) Tactical training is emphasising the offensive defensive battle, patrols, counter attacks, raids and move out by night.

(d) Map Reading.

-- very low standard obtains at this date. Energetic action is being taken and classes are being run nightly at all levels.

Attached at Annexure 'A' is a report on the training of 144 Infantry Regt.

5. SERVICES.

(a) Supply and Transport.

(i) Higher Training.

A cloth model exercise has been held for the Q staff of the Group HQ and Heads of Services in which the administrative layout of the Group was discussed and British methods explained.

(ii) Driving and Maintenance.

ST Driver School has produced 14 trained drivers during the period and the Regimental Driving School has passed out 67 drivers during its stay with the Artillery Regt i.e. from 4 Jan - 20 Jan and has now moved to 144 Infantry Regt.

(iii) Technical Training.

Cloth model discussions have been held for all officers and senior NCOs in ST duties in the field. As a result it appears that all officers and senior NCOs now have a grasp of British methods.

(iv) Weapon Training.

Weapon training is progressing in the rifle and TS.G.

(b) Ordnance.

Technical training has been devoted to practical work on equipment being received and issued at the GPF. All personnel have reached a state of proficiency in Rifle and TS.G to merit range practice.

(c) Medical

(c) Law.

(i) Training is as yet in the section training stage.

(ii) Tactical training is emphasising the offensive defensive battle, patrols, counter attacks, raids and movement by night.

(d) Map Reading.

A very low standard obtains at this date. Energetic action is being taken and classes are being run nightly at all levels.

Attached at Annexure 'A' is a report on the training of 114 Infantry Regt.

5. SERVICES.(a) Supply and Transport.(i) Higher Training.

A cloth model exercise has been held for the Q staff of the Group HQ and Heads of Services in which the administrative layout of the Group was discussed and British methods explained.

(ii) Driving and Maintenance.

ST Driver School has produced 14 trained drivers during the period and the Regimental Driving School has passed out 67 drivers during its stay with the Artillery Regt i.e. from 4 Jan - 20 Jan and has now moved to 114 Infantry Regt.

(iii) Technical Training.

Cloth model discussions have been held for all officers and senior NCOs in ST duties in the field. As a result it appears that all officers and senior NCOs now have a grasp of British methods.

(iv) Weapon Training.

Weapon training is progressing in the rifle and T.S.G.

(b) Ordnance.

Technical training has been devoted to practical work on equipment being received and issued at the O.P. All personnel have reached a state of proficiency in Rifle and T.S.G. to merit range practice.

(c) Medical.

Most personnel are employed owing to increased numbers of sick. Training has been devoted to hygiene. The standard of technical training in the Medical Section itself is high. Hygiene Sgt from J District has visited all units and has found the standard of unit hygiene very low. In order to rectify this a series of two day hygiene courses for other units of all units and sub units of the Group has been started.

-3-

(d) Mechanical Engineers.

The only technical training taking place at present is practical work in repairing vehicles. Weapon training has now reached a sufficient standard to be able to fire on the ranges.

(e) Provost.

Training in route signing, motor cycle and vehicle driving is being undertaken. Except in route signing it is considered that the Provost Sections are trained.

6. GENERAL.

In spite of very bad weather there has been steady progress in all branches of training. The Italian officers have been encouraged by the arrival of reinforcements, and by a report that Combat Group ONE DMZ have now been sent in battle.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRAINING.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TO DATE ON REPAIRS.8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.(a) Artillery(b) Engineers.

Elementary Bailey Bridging	80%
Mine Warfare	30%
Fieldworks	75%
Demolitions	65%
Weapon Training	65%
Road and Track Construction	90%
Stockkeeping	65%
Driving and Maintenance of British Vehicles	85%
Water Supply	100%
Aircraft and Battle Drill	100%
Maintenance and Operation of British	

3817

In spite of very bad weather there has been steady progress in all branches of training. The Italian officers have been encouraged by the arrival of reinforcements, and by a report that Combat Group CIELINA have made a good start in battle.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMAN.

7. See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery

80%

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Bailey Bridging

80%

Mine Warfare

75%

Fieldworks

65%

Demolitions

65%

Weapon Training

90%

Road and Track Construction

65%

Storekeeping

85%

Driving and maintenance of British Vehicles

100%

Water Supply

100%

Aircraft and Anti-aircraft

100%

Maintenance and Operation of British

Field Plant

100%

(c) Signals

Driving and maintenance

100%

Weapon Training

100%

(d) Infantry

Instructor Training

15%

Individual Training

40%

4/.....Sheet

3891

-4-

- (j) Supply and Transport.
Field duties of ST Coy 50%
Weapon Training 50%
- (k) Ordnance.
Practice in receipt and issue of stores is required.
- (l) Medical.
Weapon Training 50%
Field hygiene in units; water duties; the deployment of the Medical Section and the setting up of hospitals and dressing stations in the field. Driving of M and M.C. ambulances in the field.
- (m) Provost.
Weapon Training 50%
Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 MU Progress Report No. 1 dated 29 Dec 64.

Serial 3	Signal School NGCIRA	9 officers	136 ORs
" 11	2nd 3" Mortar Course		40 ORs
" 12	2nd 6" Course		72 ORs
" 13	Carrier Course		60 ORs
" 15	31 drivers have been trained since the last report.		

11. GENERAL.

(a) The numerous courses of instruction which have been organized in the Group are on the whole, proving their value. The Junior Leader's Course is now running well, and the Signal School has made a good start.

(b) For details of courses see Appendix 'A' to 56 MU Progress Report No. 1, Appendix 'B' to 56 MU Progress Report No. 2, and Appendix 'D' attached.

PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES.

ambulances in the field.

(2) M.E.

Weapon Training

50%

(4) Provost.

Training in deployment of the section for Traffic Control.

PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 BUJ Progress Report No. 1 dated 29 Dec 44.

Serial 3	Signal School NOCRA	9 officers	136 ORs
" 11	2nd 3" Mortar Course		40 ORs
" 12	2nd 6 pr Course		72 ORs
" 13	Carrier Course		60 ORs
" 15	34 drivers have been trained since the last report.		

11. GENERAL.

(a) The numerous courses of instruction which have been organized in the Group are on the whole, proving their value. The Junior Leader's Course is now running well, and the Signal School has made a good start.

(b) For details of courses see Appendix 'A' to 56 BUJ Progress Report No. 1, Appendix 'B' to 56 BUJ Progress Report No. 2, and Appendix 'D' attached.

PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES.

- 3810

12.

The difficulties experienced are in general as detailed in previous reports but two position with regard to lincs, clothing and tools for the maintenance of guns has improved considerably.

Sheet

-5-

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS13. COMBAT GROUP KANTOVA. EXERCISE NO. 2.

This was a cloth model discussion dealing with the sitting and organization of main and rear Combat Group HQ. The officers taking part were very interested, but were altogether unable to keep to the agenda.

14.

Personnel of GPF would derive great benefit if they could be attached to British Ordnance Depots for short periods for instruction in the recognition of items in the make up of complete equipments.

15.

A today visit by a British medical officer to inspect the training of the Medical Section would be of value.

In the Field.
AC/ec

W.D.
Lt-Col.
23.

Attached :- Appendix 'A' State of Specialist Training
 Appendix 'B' Courses

Annexure 1 Report on 114 Inf Bde.
Annexure 2 Exercise No. 2.

- 3809

14.

This was a cloth model discussion dealing with the sitting and organization of main and rear Combat Group HQ. The officers taking part were very interested, but were altogether unable to keep to the agenda.

Personnel of GFF would derive great benefit if they could be attached to British Ordnance Depots for short periods for instruction in the recognition of items in the make up of complete equipments.

15.

A two day visit by a British medical officer to inspect the training of the Medical Section would be of value.

In the Field.
IC/oo

It-Gen.
CS.

Attached :-

Appendix 'A'
Appendix 'B'

State of Specialist Training
Courses

Annexure 1
Annexure 2

Report on 114 Inf Regt.
Exercise No. 2.

3809

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students		Object
					Days	Days	
1.	Signals	ALTAVILLA & MONTE RUSCO	22 Jan	25 Feb	4	381	To train Signal majority of Regional Signalers
2.	Inf Pioneers	CAMPOL	5 Feb	14 Feb		30	Train remainder sections
3.	Signals	With each Regional	22 Jan	25 Feb		211	Train remainder Regional Signal

Approved for Release by NSA on 08-11-2013 pursuant to E.O. 13526
 Report No. 3
 Date 1 Jan 45

Location	From	To	Students		Object
			Offrs	Ons	
ALTAVILLA & MONTE TUSCO	22 Jan	25 Feb	4	381	To train Signal Coy and majority of Regimental Signallers
CAPUL	5 Feb	14 Feb		30	Train remainder of Inf Pioneer sections
With each Regiment	22 Jan	25 Feb		211	Train remainder of Regimental Signallers

BEST COPY POSSIBLE

[illegible]

State of Training of Special

ARTILLERY						INFANTRY			ENGINEERS INCL FIELD PARK						S	
To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg	WE	Th	Th
(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)		
		12		12												
						62	13	49								
						24	9	15		12	9	3	1			
						24	15	9		33	19	14				
						25	19	6		52	18	24	4			
		14	14			40	96			20	11	9		2		
		250	50	208	50	350	179	171		96	25	71		61		
						48	12	36		15	5	10				
		24		21	21	6	5	1		11	7	4		11		
		15	3	12						21	5	16				
															15	
						12	7	5							15	
		19	7	12		36	22	14		3	3			1		
		46	19	27		164	89	75		24	24					
										30	10	20		22		
															12	
										12	5	7	1			
										18	1	14				
										2	2			1		

OLD LIFE.

[illegible]

Appendix

ORDNANCE

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS & LADs

TOTALS

WE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trn.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under Trn.	WE	Trained	To be trained	Under	Remarks
(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)
				4	4			18	3	15		
				4				4	4			
				7	5	4		62	15	49		
				1		1		7	3	4		
				4	2	1		1		1		
				4				40	21	19	1	
				1	2	2		57	34	23		
				2		2		51	39	12	1	
8	8			8	3			3				
28	4	34		24	9	15		142	199	9		57 Sur
				59	22	37		1059	455	623	86	
								145	24	99		+ 30 required
				18	2	16		21		24	24	
				25	16	9		49	24	25		
				2	2			61	24	40		gun fitter
								17	7	10		
								3	13			
								12	7	8		
								59	23	26		
5		5		6	3	3		24	21			
								352	175	159		
								20	20			
				2	2			125	62	57		
								14	7	7	1	
								18	4	14		
								4	1			

Appendix 'A' to 56 HLU Progress Report No.3
dated 27 Jan 45

TOTAL ENGINEERS & LADS			TOTALS				Remarks	Serial
Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.	VE	Trained	To be trained	Under Tr.		
(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
			18	3	15			1.
4			4	4				2.
			62	12	49			3.
2	4		7	3	4			4.
	1		1		1			5.
2	1		40	21	19	1		6.
			57	34	23			7.
2	2		31	29	12	1		8.
			3		3			9.
2			142	129	9			10.
9	15		1053	435	323	86	57 Surj luc	11.
22	37		143	12	99		+ 30 required by Acty. Not on VE	12.
			21		24	24		13.
3	10		19	24	25			14.
6	8		2	24	40		3 - am filters & i/c Hard Pipe	15.
			17	7	10			16.
			12	15				17.
			15	7	8			18.
			59	22	26			19.
			24	21				20.
2	2		322	173	159			21.
			20	20				22.
			125	62	37			23.
2			14	7	7	1		24.
			18	4	14			25.
			4	1				26.

[illegible]

ARTILLERY

ENGINEERY

ENGINEERS INCL FIELD PARK

To be trained (i)	Under Trg (j)	WE (k)	Trained (l)	To be trained (m)	Under Trg (n)	WE (o)	Trained (p)	To be trained (q)	Under: Trg (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be trained (u)	Under Trg (v)	(w)
										1		1		
		2		2		126	35	91		4	4			
										1	1			
										11	4	7		
										8	7	1		
		2		2		141	60	81	60	2		2		
						82	60	22	60					
		64	20	144	144	14	6	8						
						120	52	68	40					
						180	80	100	72					
		311	38	273	128	335	30	305						
		68	26	12	34									
		5	2	3	3	60	23	37						

[illegible]

[illegible]

CHEMICAL WEAPONS A. 1008

TOTALS

Trained	To be trained	Under Trg.	TH	Trained	To be trained	Under Trg.	Remarks	Serial
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
2	2		5	2	3			27.
			52	52				28.
			242	151	113			29.
10	14		66	42	24			30.
	2		2		3			31.
	2		4	1	3			32.
26	8		52	22	25			33.
			0	7	1			34.
2	2		6	2	4			35.
			144	60	14	60		36.
			82	60	22	60		37.
			14	6	0			38.
			64	20	14	14		39.
			120	52	68	40		40.
			100	80	100	72		41.
			646	68	578	128		42.
			60	26	42	54		43.
			60	25	37			44.
			5	2	3	3		45.

REPORT ON TRAINING 114 REGT.
Up to Week Ending 13 Jan 45.

1. INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this report is to show in general terms the state of training within the Regt. in amplification of the progress report submitted by the Regt. Commander. The training of drivers, wireless operators and pioneers is not included, as the responsibility for this training has been undertaken by the MU. The report itself is set down under the following paras and the detail of instructors found at Appendix 'A' attached.

Para 2. Attitude towards training.

3. Training completed by rifle coys.
4. Training completed by support coys.
5. Training of officers and NCOs.
6. Training of specialists.
7. Training of instructors.
8. Forecast of training.

2. ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRAINING.

(a) Regt. Commander.

The Regt. Commander fully understands the task in front of him, and is determined to ensure that a firm foundation is laid. He prefers to continue individual training until he is certain he has sufficient instructors for section and platoon training, maintaining that it is merely a waste of time to attempt to advance without adequate instructors. He understands that platoons must be ready to undertake platoon field firing exercises by the 7th of next month and I have every confidence that this state of proficiency will be attained. The Regt Commander has a very firm hold on the Battalion Commanders who all conform to his views.

(b) Junior Officers.

Junior officers are beginning to improve and it is now the exception rather than the rule to see junior officers standing about while a Cpl instructs the platoon.

(c) Other Ranks.

Other ranks appear to show the utmost keenness considering the appalling weather conditions and the poor clothing and also the morale does not appear to have suffered much as the result of the recent rain and snow.

3. TRAINING COMPLETED BY RIFLE COYS.

(c) General.

The training during the current week has been severely handicapped owing to the weather. Two wet days were followed by a dry day in which all Battalions seized the opportunity to dry blankets and clothes, but the fine spell gave way to two more days of rain and then snow. As a result a considerable number of the periods were held in tents, and it can be safely assumed that not much value was derived therefrom. However there has been ample physical training and marching and a degree of proficiency is being reached in the rifle and T.S.M.C., but more training is required in the mortar and the P.M. Owing to the lack of supplies of bombs, grenades and mines, the training in these subjects has hardly been started. Individual fieldcraft is being processed

5. Training of officers and NCOs.
6. Training of specialists.
7. Training of instructors.
8. Forecast of training.

2. ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRAINING.

(a) Regt. Commander.

The Regt. Commander fully understands the task in front of him, and is determined to ensure that a firm foundation is laid. He prefers to continue individual training until he is certain he has sufficient instructors for section and platoon training, maintaining that it is merely a waste of time to attempt to advance without adequate instructors. He understands that platoons must be ready to undertake platoon field firing exercises by the 7th of next month and I have every confidence that this state of proficiency will be attained. The Regt. Commander has a very firm hold on the Battalion Commanders who all conform to his views.

(b) Junior Officers.

Junior officers are beginning to improve and it is now the exception rather than the rule to see junior officers standing about while a Cpl instructs the platoon.

(c) Other Ranks.

Other ranks appear to show the utmost keenness considering the appalling weather conditions and the poor clothing and also the morale does not appear to have suffered much as the result of the recent rain and snow.

3. TRAINING COMPLETED BY RIFLE COYS.

(a) General.

The training during the current week has been severely handicapped owing to the weather. Two wet days were followed by a dry day in which all Battalions seized the opportunity to dry blankets and clothes, but the fine spell gave way to two more days of rain and then snow. As a result a considerable number of the periods were held in tents, and it can be safely assumed that not much value was derived therefrom. However there has been ample physical training and marching and a degree of proficiency is being reached in the rifle and T.S.M.C., but more training is required in the mortar and the P.M.T. Owing to the lack of supplies of bombs, grenades and mines, the training in these subjects has hardly been started. Individual fieldcraft is progressing favourably but night work has not yet been attempted. Firing is behind hand and the Regt. Commander has been asked to press this forward so that the ranges will never be out of use.

(b) Bren Guns.

The state of training in the bren gun is particularly serious and if these cannot be made available soon, the training of the Regt will suffer considerably. One bren gun in a Battalion is almost useless. (*)

(*) This has since been remedied.

-2-

(c) Progress.

It is estimated that the training is about a week behind schedule, but given good weather, time should be made up in the next two weeks. (See para 7 below)

(d) Progress Reports.

Progress reports and parade states are being kept at all levels. In the absence of the platoon officer this should still be kept by the platoon sergeant, and facilitates the work of the training increment officers in arriving at the true state of training. Platoon reports are easily checked against the personnel on the ground.

4. TRAINING COMPLETED BY SUPPORT COYS.

A large proportion of the members of the support coys are attending courses run by the Div and the Regt, and the remainder have had one period daily for maintenance, and have otherwise received much the same type of training as in the rifle coys.

5. TRAINING OF OFFICERS AND NCOs.(a) Officers.

(i) The majority of the Battalion Commanders and Coy Commanders have attended courses either in tactics or weapon training at REMUNWITTO. The W.F. courses have proved invaluable and the students have spoken highly of the quality of the instruction by the British NCOs. They are not however so happy about the tactical courses as the language difficulty was not overcome and a lot of the value of the instruction was lost.

(ii) The Regt Commander held a T.E.W.T. for Battalion Commanders and Coy Commanders on 13 Jan 45, which is to be broken down for Platoon Commanders on 20 Jan 45.

(b) NCOs.

(i) Specialist NCOs are being trained in Div and Regt Schools which are running smoothly.

(ii) A regt cadre is being run for NCOs in platoon weapons and 20 more NCO instructors should be ready to pass on the knowledge thus gained by 20 Jan 45.

(iii) A map reading and compass course is to be started within the regt during the next few days.

(c) Junior Leaders Course.

9 officers and 12 sergeants are attending the course which commenced on 15 Jan 45, and should derive considerable value therefrom.

6. TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS WITHIN THE REGT.(a) Anti-tank Gun.

A course for 40 students has just been completed. For the last few days the weather has made any form of training in the open impossible and the work has consisted mostly of lectures, with the result that students are backward in important subjects like Gun Drill and maintenance. Maintenance of equipment has suffered, this was partly due to lack of oil, grease etc, which has since been rectified. Throughout

(a) Officers.

(i) The majority of the Battalion Commanders and Coy Commanders have attended courses either in tactics or weapons training at ELASVENNO. The W.I. courses have proved invaluable and the students have spoken highly of the quality of the instruction by the British NCOs. They are not however so happy about the tactical courses as the language difficulty was not overcome and a lot of the value of the instruction was lost.

(ii) The Regt Commander held a T.E.W.T. for Battalion Commanders and Coy Commanders on 13 Jan 45, which is to be broken down for Platoon Commanders on 20 Jan 45.

(b) NCOs.

(i) Specialist NCOs are being trained in Div and Regt Schools which are running smoothly.

(ii) A regt cadre is being run for NCOs in platoon weapons and 20 more NCO instructors should be ready to pass on the knowledge thus gained by 20 Jan 45.

(iii) A map reading and compass course is to be started within the regt during the next few days.

(c) Junior Leaders Course.

9 officers and 12 sergeants are attending the course which commenced on 15 Jan 45, and should derive considerable value therefrom.

6. TRAINING OF SERGEANTS WITHIN THE REGT.(a) Anti-tank Gun.

A course for 20 students has just been completed. For the last few days the weather has made any form of training in the open impossible and the work has consisted mostly of lectures, with the result that students are backward in important subjects like Gun Drill and handling. Maintenance of equipment has suffered, this was partly due to lack of oil, grease etc, which has since been rectified. Throughout the course there were insufficient instructors but the best men from each of the 4 battalions represented are undergoing a further six days of instruction on the present course, partly as a refresher and partly to practice then in the technique of instruction. This has been made possible by the return of instructors from extra-divisional courses, which is enabling the regt to train more than the 20 students originally decided upon.

3/.....Sheet

-3-

(b) Carriers.

25 drivers are being trained in the Regt School, the details of which are beyond the purview of this report.

(c) Mortars.

The first course has been completed and has been run efficiently both administratively and from the point of view of the instruction, and the standard of handling attained would compare favourably with many British Detachments. The lack of G1098 stores has been a handicap; these have been indented for. The fact that there was only one mortar available was a further handicap, but two additional mortars have now arrived. The course started with 24 students, 22 of whom completed the course. So that with the nucleus of personnel trained by other sources this has provided each Battalion with a trained Mortar Platoon officer and each detachment with a trained NCO commander. The next course will include 4 officers which will provide 100% reserves of Mortar Platoon commanders for the regt.

7. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS.

This training is the most encouraging aspect of the training within the regt. The quality of the instruction is reasonably good, but has had the handicap of the lack of instructors enforcing the necessity for large squads. The instructors under training are receiving a very good grounding and the numbers will almost immediately reach ample proportions. Details at Appx 'A' attached.

8. FORECAST OF TRAINING.

- (a) Week ending 20 Jan 45. Junior officers study theory of platoon tactics. NCOs undergo a course in section tactics. OFs individual training.
- (b) Week ending 27 Jan 45. Junior officers study the theory of platoon tactics. NCOs train their sections in section training.
- (c) Week ending 3 Feb 45. Platoon training.
- (d) 7 Feb 45. Platoon field firing, platoon test schemes.
- (e) Training in general shooting and night work are to receive more attention.

handicap, but two additional officers have not arrived. The course started with 24 students, 22 of whom completed the course. So that with the nucleus of personnel trained by other sources this has provided each Battalion with a trained Mortar Platoon officer and each detachment with a trained NCO commander. The next course will include 4 officers which will provide 100% reserves of Mortar Platoon commanders for the regt.

7. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS.

This training is the most encouraging aspect of the training within the regt. The quality of the instruction is reasonably good, but has had the handicap of the lack of instructors enforcing the necessity for large squads. The instructors under training are receiving a very good grounding and the numbers will almost immediately reach ample proportions. Details at Annex 141 attached.

8. FORECAST OF TRAINING.

- (a) Week ending 20 Jan 45. Junior officers study theory of platoon tactics. NCOs undergo a course in section tactics. OOs individual training.
- (b) Week ending 27 Jan 45. Junior officers study the theory of platoon tactics. NCOs train their sections in section training.
- (c) Week ending 3 Feb 45. Platoon training.
- (d) 7 Feb 45. Platoon field firing, platoon test schemes.
- (e) Training in general shooting and night work are to receive more attention.

- 3804

APPENDIX 'A' TO REPORT ON TRAINED 114 INFANTRY REGT.

TACTICS		PLATOON WEAPONS		CARBINES		MORTARS 3"										
Trained	: Undergoing Training	Trained	: Undergoing Training	Trained	: Undergoing Training	Trained	: Undergoing Training	Trained	: Undergoing Training							
OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO	OFFERS NCO							
7	-	9	12	14	41	13	33	3	3	-	4	7	12	4	6	5

APPENDIX A TO REPORT ON TRAINING 114 INFANTRY REGT.

BATTALION WEAPONS				CARBINEERS				MORTARS 5"				ANTI-TANK GUNS			
Trained		: Undergoing Training		Trained		: Undergoing Training		Trained		: Undergoing Training		Trained		: Undergoing Training	
IS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO	OFFERS	NCO
41		13	33	3	3	-	1	7	14	4	6	3	10	4	12

Subject: Report on Combat Group, MARIYA

SECRET

56 HJ
10

DET.

9/21 Jan 45

Copy to: MACA.

Reference verbal request by Det.

1. PERSONNEL STATE.

The Group is deficient of approximately 26 officers and 1153 other ranks, a deficiency of 6% and 12% respectively.

2. RECRUITING.

A considerable number of trained specialists of various types are deficient, the principal deficiency being drivers, 730 or 62% of A.Z. Training is proceeding, but is limited by a shortage of vehicles.

3. OFFICERS.

The majority of senior officers are keen, willing to co-operate, and competent, though by British army standards their military knowledge is out of date.

4. QUALITY OF PERSONNEL.

An assessment is difficult without previous experience of Italian troops, but the keenness displayed in spite of bad weather and poor living conditions is very encouraging.

5. TRAINING.

At present this mainly consists of weapon training, and of courses for instructors and specialists. Sub-unit training is planned to begin in February. Training is hampered by bad weather, and lack of indoor accommodation.

6. TRAINING.

It is badly needed both for training and maintenance. A number of other items are needed to facilitate training.

7. COMFORT OF TROOPS.

Living conditions are very severe. Messes, poor clothing, poor rations and bad weather combine to make the troops most uncomfortable. Battle dress has been issued for the complete group and is much appreciated.

8. CONCLUSION.

3801

The Group is deficient of approximately 26 officers and 1153 other ranks, a deficiency of 6% and 12% respectively.

2. SPECIALISTS.

A considerable number of trained specialists of various types are deficient, the principal deficiency being drivers, 730 or 62% of U.R. Training is proceeding, but is limited by a shortage of vehicles.

3. OFFICERS.

The majority of senior officers are keen, willing to co-operate, and competent, though by British army standards their military knowledge is out of date.

4. QUALITY OF PERSONNEL.

An assessment is difficult without previous experience of Italian troops, but the losses displayed in spite of bad weather and poor living conditions is very encouraging.

5. TRAINING.

At present this mainly consists of weapon training, and of courses for instructors and specialists. Sub-unit training is planned to begin in February. Training is handicapped by bad weather, and lack of indoor accommodation.

6. EQUIPMENT.

It is badly needed both for training and maintenance. A number of other items are needed to facilitate training.

7. COMING OF TROOPS.

Living conditions are very severe. Diseases, poor clothing, poor rations and bad weather combine to make the troops most uncomfortable. Battle dress has been issued for the complete group and is much appreciated.

8. CONCLUSION.

There is good material in the Group, and, on the whole, a good spirit. They will never compare with Allied troops, but given reinforcements and reasonable opportunities, it is thought that they will be of considerable value in a defensive role.

In the Field,
ABG/CO

13-Col.
GC.

3801

SECRET

1 G

13 Jan 45.

AIA
DETPART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 7 JAN 45

1.

ARTILLERY.

Progress has been achieved in Gun Drill, Laying, Survey and Horse. Instruction in Small Arms has been confined to maintenance and that chiefly on wet days.

Each Gruppo (Bty) runs its own course for Specialists and Elementary Signals.

2.

ENGINEERS.

Progress of training in elementary Dry Bailey Bridging, Mine Warfare, Fieldworks, Demolitions, Road and Track Construction is "Fair". Training of Tradesmen and Specialists has been limited by lack of facilities, but a certain amount is being achieved with the equipment and material available. There will be greater scope as British special equipment commences to arrive.

3.

SIGNALS.Personnel and Training.

Deficiencies of wireless operator and Instrument Techs still exists in the Signal Coy. It is imperative that these deficiencies be made up as soon as possible if training is not to be seriously held up.

The present course at NOCERA finishes on 11 Jan and intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal personnel) will commence on 17 Jan and be continued for one month.

Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

4.

INFANTRY.

Training in Battalions is progressing. If this is not yet entirely satisfactory the reason would appear to be the difficulties encountered in making the senior Italian Officers understand British methods.

The knowledge of all ranks leaves little to be desired. The issue of certain arms and some clothing has had good effect on morale generally.

Battalions are concentrating on small arms training, inspections and elementary instruction in Pl tactics. Practical exercises are being confined to the Pl level, but Coy problems are being studied every day.

Squads are at present large and sometimes unwieldy. This is due to a short supply of really good instructors. This situation will improve.

5.

SERVICES.

Signals.

2. ENGINEERS.

Progress of training in elementary Dry Bailey Bridging, Mine Warfare, Fieldworks, Demolitions, Road and Track Construction is "Fair". Training of Tradesmen and Specialists has been limited by lack of facilities, but a certain amount is being achieved with the equipment and material available. There will be greater scope as British special equipment commences to arrive.

3. SIGNALS.

Personnel and Training.

Deficiencies of wireless operators and Instrument Mechs still exists in the Signal Coy. It is imperative that these deficiencies be made up as soon as possible if training is not to be seriously held up.

The present course at MOCERA finishes on 11 Jan and intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal personnel) will commence on 17 Jan and be continued for one month.

Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

4. INFANTRY.

Training in Battalions is progressing. If this is not yet entirely satisfactory the reason would appear to be the difficulties encountered in making the senior Italian Officers understand British methods.

The knowledge of all ranks leaves little to be desired. The issue of certain arms and some clothing has had good effect on morale generally.

Battalions are concentrating on small arms training, inspections and elementary instruction in PI tactics. Practical exercises are being confined to the PI level, but Coy problems are being studied every day.

Squads are at present large and sometimes unwieldy. This is due to a short supply of really good instructors. This situation will improve from week to week.

5. SERVICES.

(a) ST

(i) Driving and Maintenance.

Driver training is progressing satisfactorily in both the Antieri School and the Conduittori School. It is estimated that by 13 Jan the Supply and Transport Coy will have one transport platoon.

- 2 -

complete in Germany (Antifer). The Conversion School will complete their work of instruction in 15 days. The Infantry Regt, on 17 Jan and it is expected that the Regt will have at least six months training duration per company (Regt).

(ii) Maintenance

The training of company level personnel followed by carrying out normal maintenance activities, the following duties are being satisfactorily executed:

- (a) Receipt of blankets from DADOS and issues to all Gruppo units by No. 2 Composite Pl.
- (b) Unloading and collection of supplies at railroad.
- (c) Receipt, maintenance and issuing of rations to all Gruppo units by No. 1 Composite Pl.
- (d) Operation and maintenance of POL supply point for all Gruppo vehicles.

(b) Ordnance

Training in the recognition of British stores and the Receipt and Issue procedure continues. A series of lectures have been given on the organization and activity of an Ordnance Field Park, and the channels of supply from the Base Ordnance Depot to the troops.

6. GENERAL

In spite of the many difficulties training has on the whole, made a good start, but it is not yet possible to make a forecast of when the Division will be fit for an operational role.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRAINEES

See Appendix 'A' attached.

7.

PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING

8.

The training of specialists has been severely reduced by carrying out normal maintenance work. The following duties are being satisfactorily executed:

- (a) Receipt of blankets from DLOS and issues to all Groupo units by No. 2 Composite Pl.
- (b) Unloading and collection of supplies at railhead.
- (c) Receipt, maintenance and issuing of rations to all Groupo units by No. 1 Composite Pl.
- (d) Operation and maintenance of POL supply point for all Groupo vehicles.

(b) Ordnance

Training in the recognition of British stores and the Receipt and Issue procedure continues. A series of lectures have been given on the organization and activity of an Ordnance Field Park, and the channels of supply from the Base Ordnance Depot to the troops.

6. GENERAL

In spite of the many difficulties training has on the whole, made a good start, but it is not yet possible to make a forecast of when the Division will be fit for an operational role.

7. PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TRAINERS
See Appendix 'A' attached

8. PART III - BALANCE OF PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED
SPECIALIST TRAINING

See Appendix 'A' attached.

3800

3/.....sheet

9. NON SPECIALIST INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

(a) Artillery. 99%

(b) Engineers.

Elementary Bailey Bridging	85%
Min. Warfare	80%
Fieldworks	70%
Demolitions	70%
Weapon Training	100%
Road and Track Construction	70%
Driving and maintenance of Vehicle	100%
Water Supply	100%
Fieldcraft and Battle Drill	100%
Maintenance and Operation of British Field Plant	100%
(c) Signaling.	

Driving and maintenance of Weapon Training	100%
	100%

(4) Infantry.

Instructor training	30%
Individual training	50%
Range firing.	
Target, signal, observation and administrative exercises for Staff Officers.	

(c) Services.

Training in Field duties of ST Coy.	100%
Weapon Training	100%

PART IV. COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

10. COURSES COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 MU Program Report dated 29 Dec 64.

Serial 1. 25 per Specialist	40 hrs. 4 ORG
" 11. 3" mortar	12 ORG
" 12. 6" mortar	12 ORG

50 well trained drivers have been identified as suitable for training.

3799

Moldorff and Bottelodmill
Maintenance and Operation of British
Field Plant

(c) Sign: 10.

Driving and Maintenance
Weapon Training

(d) Sign: 10.

Instructor training
Individual training

Range training. Motor and Gdr.
Tactics, signal operation and administrative exercises
for Staff Officers.

(e) Sign: 10.

Training in Field duties of ST Coy.
Weapon Training

PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING CO. PLANT.

10. COURSES CO. PLANT.

See Appendix 'A' to 56 BLU Progress Report dated 29 Dec 14.

Serial 1. 25 per Specialist 4000. 4 ORs
" 11. 3" Motor 12 ORs
" 12. 6 pdr. 12 ORs

50 well trained drivers have been classified as fully trained.

11. COURSES CO. PLANT.

(a) Courses of instruction in the Division are proceeding satisfactorily, with the exception of the Junior Leader's Course. This is a false start, the Italian instructors were not up to standard, and the administrative arrangements broke down. It has been found necessary to suspend the course for a few days and to rearrange it completely.

(b) For details of courses see Appendix 'A' to 56 BLU Progress Report No. 1 dated 29 Dec 14, and Appendix 'B' attached.

1/.....Sheet.

-4-

PART V - SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.12. APPRENTICES.

- (a) Shortage of gun sights.
- (b) Complete lack of gun tools.
- (c) Lack of supervision by senior officers due to the intense demand of their work which they have to cope each day.
- (d) Shortage of uniforms.

13. ARTILLERY.

- (a) General.
To date the position regarding clothing has been poor and training suffers as a result, since most of the training consists of outdoor work which cannot be carried out in inclement weather. The provision of clothes, boots and handkerchiefs is considered essential.

(b) Transport.

The shortage of vehicles will be alleviated when some transport is available for training purposes. At present all available transport is tied up in unit administration and works within the Group.

(c) Technical Pamphlets.

The existing pamphlets in Italian on line warfare and Bailey Bridging are inaccurately translated. It is understood that new and more comprehensive translations are being prepared and it is requested that they be provided in the immediate future.

14. SIGNALS.

A further release of switchboards (UC) 10 line is required. The seven held at present are insufficient for training.

15. ENGINEERS.

Good, wet and lack of suitable clothes in which to train. Lack of pioneer life with which to improve training devices.

16. SERVICES.

Driving and maintenance - shortage of vehicles and poor condition of vehicles in use. Artillery School have 2 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 2 - Class V
Cavalry School have 3 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 2 - Class V

17. GENERAL.

3798

(d) Shortage of Communications.

13. SHORTAGES.(a) Weather.

To date the position regarding clothing has been poor and training suffers as a result, since most of the training consists of outdoor work which cannot be carried out in inclement weather. Provision of gloves, socks and foot sheets is considered essential.

(b) Transport.

The scope of training will be enlarged when some transport is available for training purposes. At present all available transport is tied up in unit administration and work within the Group.

(c) Technical Pamphlets.

The existing pamphlets in Italian on line warfare and Bailey Bridging are inaccurately translated. It is understood that new and more comprehensive translations are being prepared and it is requested that they be provided in the immediate future.

14. SIGNALS.

A further release of switchboards (UC) 10 Line is required. The seven held at present are insufficient for training.

15. TRAINING.

Cold, wet and lack of suitable clothes in which to train. Lack of personnel with which to improve training devices.

16. SERVICES.

Driving and maintenance - shortage of vehicles and poor condition of vehicles in use. Italian School have 2 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 2 - Class V
Consultants School have 5 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 2 - Class V

17. GENERAL.(a) Italian Instructors.

The majority of Italian Officers and NCOs are poor instructors, and there is a great deal of talk and not much action. The effect on a squad when its British instructor takes over is electrical.

-5-

(b) Weather Conditions.

Rain and snow are seriously hindering training, especially as a great part of the Gruppo is in bivouacs.

(c) Shortage of Personnel.

The Gruppo is short of about 1500 men.

(d) Drivers.

Over 1000 are required. Intensive training is being carried out in the Division, but the problem cannot be solved with present resources.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.13. ASSISTANCE FROM GATC AND INTD.

- (a) On 23 Dec a party of officers visited the Guardia Di. INTD. and saw demonstrations of drill, range discipline, 2" mortar and interior economy.
- (b) Four senior officers have attended courses at the GATC, as spectators.
- (c) On 8th and 9th Jan the GATC gave mine and booby trap demonstrations.

14. CO. 2ND GRUP, APPROVAL, RESOLUTION NO. 1.

1

This exercise was held on 12 Jan in a model room at the GATC. It was conducted by the Div Comd and Chief of Staff, and was attended by 34 senior officers, including the Regimental Commanders. There was lengthy and uninteresting discussion on the tactical and administrative layout of a Combat Group in defence, and it is thought that the exercise was of considerable value.

20. TRAINING STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

The majority of items from FULGORE have been received. Equipment from LEGNANO is awaited. Principal items still required are:

L.Gs.
Transport.
Vehicle and Gun Tools.

3797

PART VI - DISCONTINUOUS.

18.

ASSISTANCE FROM C.M.C. AND I.M.D.

- (a) On 23 Dec a party of officers visited the Guards Bn. I.M.D. and saw demonstrations of drill, range discipline, 2" mortar and interior economy.
- (b) Four senior officers have attended courses at the C.M.C. as spectators.
- (c) On 3th and 9th Jan the C.M.C. gave mine and booby trap demonstrations.

19.

C.M.C. GROUP, LANTOVA, EXERCISE NO. 1.

This exercise was held on 12 Jan in a model room at the C.M.C. It was conducted by the Div Comd and Chief of Staff, and was attended by 34 senior officers, including the Regimental Commanders. There was lengthy and animated discussion on the tactical and administrative layout of a Combat Group in defence, and it is thought that the exercise was of considerable value.

20.

TRAINING STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

The majority of items from FULGORE have been received. Equipment from **LEGNENECIS** awaited. Principal items still required are:-

LLGs.
Transport.
Vehicle and Gun Tools.

3797

In the Field.
AG/CO

Attached :-

Appendix 'A' State of Training
of Specialists and Tradesmen
Appendix 'B' Courses.

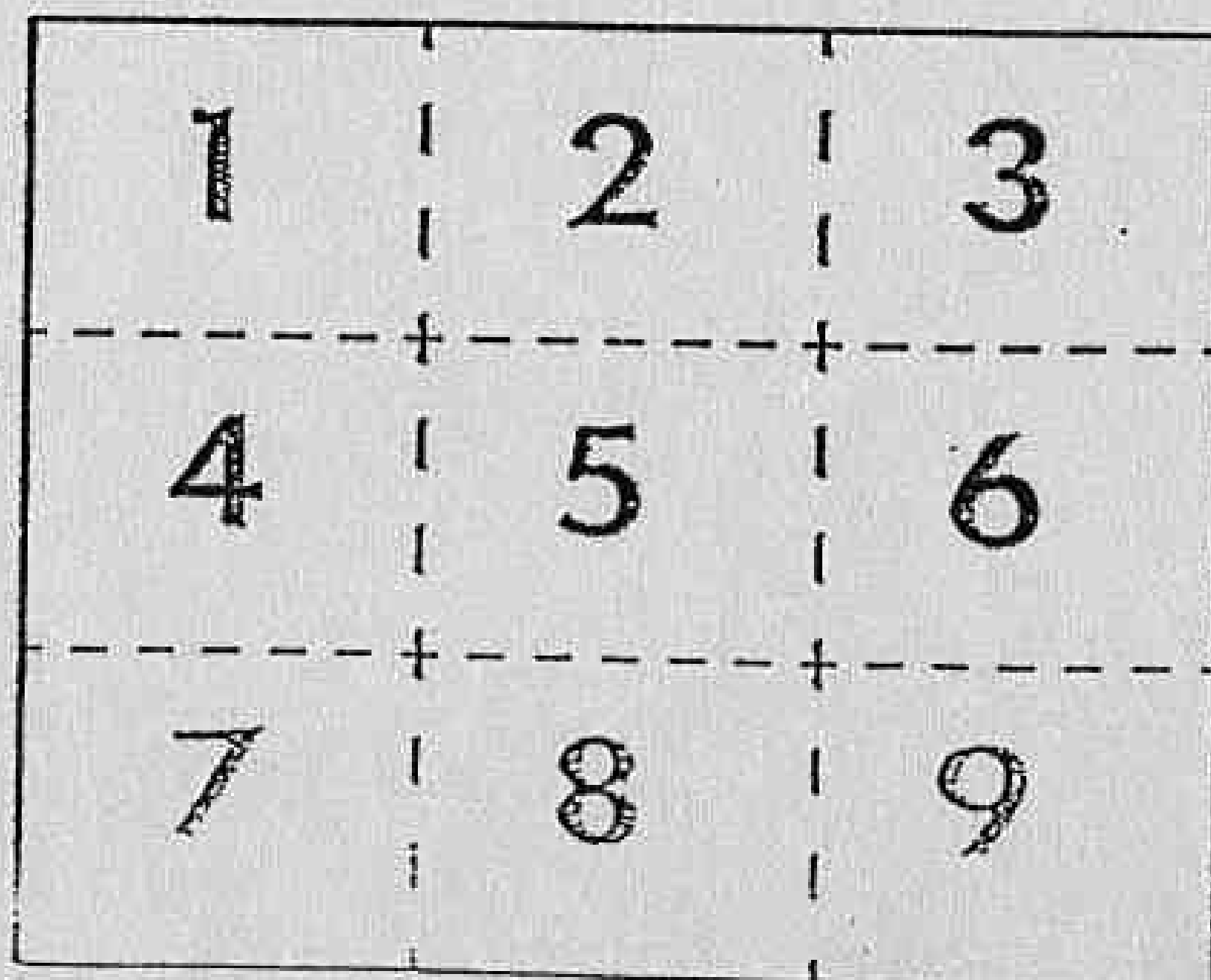
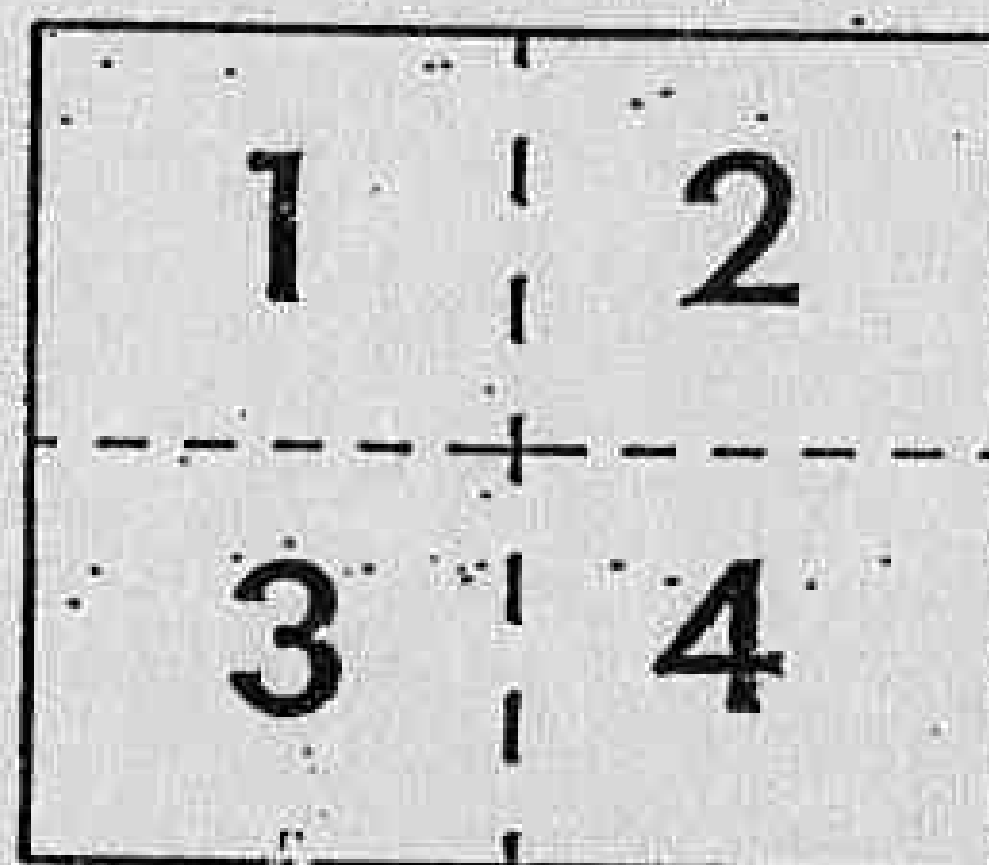
- Annexure (to D.M.O.)
1. Part vi to 56 BLU Trg Ins No 2
 2. Part vii " " "
 3. Part iii " " "
 4. 56 BLU Trg Ins No. 3
 5. 56 BLU Trg Ins No. 4
 6. 56 BLU Sigs Trg Ins
 7. Points discussed with Col. Comd 114 Regt.
 8. Combat Group, LANTOVA, Exercise No. 1.

LT-COL.
GS.

BEST COPY POSSIBLE

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



State of Training of Specialists and Tradesmen.

Note. (a) In some cases figures are incomplete

(b) Figures are not yet available for some administrative units.

ARTILLERY						ENGINEERS				SIGNAL COY			
Serial:	Tradesman or Specialist	WB	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trs	WB	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trs	WB	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trs
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1.	Artificers (R.)	5	2	3	3								
2.	Armourer Mech												
3.	Black Smiths.					12	9	3	-				
4.	Bricklayers.					33	19	14	2				
5.	Butchers.												
6.	Carpenters.					52	18	34	4				
7.	Clerks.												
8.	Drivers Wheeled Vehicles	261	10	251	30	134	23	111	-	81	-		
9.	Drivers Carriers U	3	-	3	-								
10.	Drivers Carriers Lloyd												
11.	Driver Mech												
12.	Driver Operators	24	-	24	-	14	3	11					
13.	Electricians												
14.	Electrical Sigs					11	7	4	-				
15.	Exchange Ops												
16.	Engine Fitters									11	10		
	l, c and Pumps									15	15		
17.	Engine Hand					17	5	12	-				
18.	Geniometrist					2	1	1					

Appendix 'A' to
56 BLU Progress Report No. 2 dated 13 Jan 1961

SIGNAL COY

INFANTRY

ST COY

Under Trg	VE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	VE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	VE	Trained	To be Trained	Under Trg	VE	Trained	To be Trained
(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)
-					62	13	43	-						5	
4					21	9	15	-						32	1
4														36	1
														33	3
						12	13			1	1	-	-	1	
					10	96	-	-	13	15	3	-		32	3
														53	11
-	81	-	81	-	250	172	171	-	153	23	70	30	869	30	
					144	16	128	40					147	1	
					82	10	72	13					82	1	
					43	17	31	-	15	-	15	-	62	2	
													24		
					6	4	2	-					17	1	
	11	10	1	3									11	1	
	15	15	-	-									15	1	
													17		
													2		
					14	6	8	-					14		

Je
4

To be Trained (a)	Under Trg. (f)	WE (s)	ST COY Trained (t)	To be Trained (u)	Under Trg. (v)	WE (w)	TOTALS Trained (x)	To be Trained (y)	Under Trg. (z)	Remarks (a 1)
49	-					5	2	3	3	
15	-					62	13	49	-	
						36	18	18	-	
						33	19	14	4	
13	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	
-	-	13	15	3	-	32	30	52	4	
						53	111	3	-	56 surplus to WE
171	-	163	93	70	30	869	305	564	60	
123	40					127	13	131	40	
72	40					82	10	72	40	
31	-	15	-	15		62	20	42	-	
						24	-	24	-	
2	-					17	11	6	-	
						11	10	1	3	
						15	15	-	-	
						17	5	12	-	
						2	1	1	-	
8	-					12	6	8	-	

[illegible]

SIGNALS

[illegible]

INDEX

[illegible]

To be Trained (q)	Under Trn. (r)	WE (s)	Trained (t)	To be Trained (u)	Under Trn. (v)	WE (w)	TOTALS Trained (x)	To be Trained (y)	Under Trn. (z)
						16	3	15	16
9	-					15	5	10	-
						24	15	9	-
8	-					16	10	6	-
75	-					12	4	8	-
27	-					252	132	150	-
						36	9	27	-
						24	23	1	-
						45	45	-	-
						8	-	3	-
						28	17	11	17
						70	30	40	30
						12	5	7	1
305	30					10	4	6	-
						729	60	669	120
		10	10	-	-	1	-	1	-
						10	10	-	-
						8	5	3	-
						1	-	1	-
						1	-	1	-
						34	21	45	43
95	48					68	4	64	38
15	80					120	25	95	48
26	-					130	15	165	80
12	-					37	11	26	-
						126	-	126	-

Appendix 'B' to 56 BLU Training Progress Report.
dated 10 Jan 45.

COURSES

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students Offrs	ORs
1	Driving	R. SOTD NOLA	6 Jan	27 Jan	1	24

Object :- To train instructors in driving, routine maintenance
and convoy discipline.

3795

56 BLU PROGRESS REPORT No. 1.

SECRET

G 1

MATA
DATE

29 Dec 44.

PART I - GENERAL PROGRESS TO 27 DEC.

1. ARTILLERY.

Tactical Training.

A paper scheme started 12 Dec when Regiment Commander received orders to recon for relief of L Division in the line (PIETRADAFUSI Area) by MANTOVA GRUPPO. This will be developed down to Battery TEWIS, recon for night occupation and, later, DF tasks, HF tasks and calls for CB fire.

All firing on local ranges will be preceded by a recon and proper occupation of OP and gun positions.

2. Technical Training.

In most urgently needed on HF and fitter side. Gun drill and laying is progressing. Specialists require Artillery boards. Signal classes at present have home made buzzers for Morse but will shortly get some British equipment. The 17 pr battery are making a range for Bren attachment firing.

3. ENGINEERS.Courses.

The first weeks training was concluded on 22 Dec 44 and consisted of the following four courses:

- (a) Demolitions - four day course.
One platoon 4 Artillery company (Field Coy)
One section of one platoon of 3 Field Park company.
- (b) Bailey Bridging, - Elementary. Six day course.
One platoon 79 Artillery company (Field company)
One section of 2 platoon of 3 Field Park company.
- (c) Field works and Road works. Five day course.
Two platoon 79 Artillery Company.
Two sections Two platoon of 3 Field Park company.

3/23

Tactical Training.

A paper scheme started 10 Dec when Regiment Commander received orders to recon for relief of a Division in the line (PIETRADAFUSI Area) by MANTOVA GRUPO. This will be developed down to Battery TEWS, recon for night occupation and, later, IF tasks, IF tasks and calls for CE fire.

All firing on local ranges will be preceded by a recon and proper occupation of OP and gun positions.

2.

Technical Training.

Is most urgently needed on IF and fitter side. Gun drill and laying in progress. Specialists require Artillery boards. Signal classes at present have home made buzzers for Morse but will shortly get some British equipment. The 17 pr battery are making a range for Bren attachment firing.

3.

ENGINEERS.Courses.

The first weeks training was concluded on 22 Dec 44 and consisted of the following four courses:

- (a) Demolitions - four day course.
One platoon 4 Artieri company (Field coy)
One section of one platoon of 3 Field Park company.
- (b) Bailey Bridging - Elementary. Six day course.
One platoon 79 Artieri company (Field company)
One section of 2 platoon of 3 Field Park company.
- (c) Field works and Road works. Five day course.
Two platoon 79 Artieri Company.
Two sections Two platoon of 3 Field Park company.
- (d) Mine Warfare. Six day course.
Two platoon 4 Artieri company.
Two section One platoon of 3 Field Park company.

Instruction was carried out entirely by Italian personnel. A simple night exercise was carried out in (b) and (d), neither of which was of much value owing to failure of instructors to make conditions realistic.

-2-

Generally, instructors are keen, but fail to make the most of the material at their disposal, and tend to keep their students too crowded. The standard attained leaves much to be desired, but it is hoped to correct many of the mistakes made during this past week, in the present week.

4. SIGNALS.

The Signal school at NOCERA continues. A sufficient release of signal equipment has been made to enable training to begin in the GRUPPO when the course ends.

5. INFANTRY.

Courses.

(a) Weapon training school - MONTAVILLA.

The course was completed on 23 Dec. The school has trained 50 officers 105 OR's in platoon weapons and 20 officers and 51 OR's in 3" mortar.

The above numbers should be capable of instructing within their units.

(b) Carrier School.

The first course was completed on 23 Dec. 5 officers 20 OR's attended.

Results:- Officers 3 passed 2 need further instruction.
OR's 10 passed 8 need further instruction
2 failed.

6. UNIT TRAINING.

A certain amount of training has been carried out in units ^{74th} Italian instructors and equipment. ₃

7. SERVICES.

At Appendix 'A' is a list of courses of instruction for personnel of the Services. (Serials 9 - 10 and 15.)

A limited amount of training is being carried out in administrative units as far as their other duties permit.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS.

See Appendix 'B'.

5. INFANTRY.Courses.(a) Weapon training school - AM-VIII.

The course was completed on 23 Dec. The school has trained 50 officers 105 OR's in platoon weapons and 20 officers and 34 OR's in 3" mortar.

The above numbers should be capable of instructing within their units.

(b) Carrier School.

The first course was completed on 23 Dec. 5 officers 20 OR's attended.

Results:- Officers 3 passed 2 need further instruction.
OR's 10 passed 8 need further instruction
2 failed.

6. UNIT TRAINING.

A certain amount of training has been carried out in units ^{with} Italian instructors and equipment.

7. SERVICES.

At Appendix 'A' is a list of courses of instruction for personnel of the Services. (Serials 9 - 10 and 15.)

A limited amount of training is being carried out in administrative units as far as their other duties permit.

PART II - STATE OF TRAINING OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS.

See Appendix 'B'.

Figures for other types of specialists and tradesmen are not yet available.

PART III. Balance of programme to be completed.

- (a) Specialist training - see Appendix 'B'.
- (b) Non-specialist individual training 95%.
- (c) Tactical training 95%.

3/.....Sheet.

-3-

PART IV - COURSES AND SPECIALIST TRAINING COMPLETED.

See Appendix 'I' (Serials 2 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 8 - 9 - 10)

PART V - SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.8. DRIVERS.

1021 drivers require to be trained. It is hoped that the arrival of trained drivers from RTD ICF will substantially reduce this figure, as the number of vehicles available for driving instruction (7) is inadequate. 56 BLU Training Instruction No. 3, which states this problem in greater detail, is being issued shortly.

9. CARRIER PERSONNEL.

With reserves over 400 require to be trained. The resources available in the GRUPO are inadequate for the solution of this problem. A separate report on this subject is being made to the DMT.

10. 3 INCH MORTAR.

Three Mortars are at present held in the GRUPO. Six each are expected from 52 and 53 ILLU. These are very urgently required.

11. INTERPRETERS.

The present position is as follows:-

ML.	On Strength.		Surplus.		Deficient.	
BLU	2 British Sergeants.	Nil	-	-	2	
Italian Incumbent)	1 officer (English speaking)	Nil	-	-	1	
	2 Italian Corporals	1 (a)	-	-	1	
GRUPO	2 Italian officers	3	1	1	1 (b)	
(a) This Italian soldier speaks poor colloquial English only.						
(b) Two of these officers speak fair English, but are unable to translate military documents. The third (ORSINI), is almost valueless as an interpreter.						

Training is severely handicapped by this shortage of interpreters.

12. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Little training of tradesman can be carried out until British REE personnel are available as instructors.

9. CARRIER PERSONNEL.

With reserves over 400 require to be trained. The resources available in the GRUPPO are inadequate for the solution of this problem. A separate report on this subject is being made to the DMI.

10. 3 INCH MORTAR.

Three Mortars are at present held in the GRUPPO. Six each are expected from 52 and 53 IUU. These are very urgently required.

11. INTERPRETERS.

The present position is as follows:-

	<u>On Strength.</u>	<u>Surplus.</u>	<u>Deficient.</u>
BLU 2 British Sergeants.	NIL	-	2
Italian } 1 officer (English speaking)	NIL	-	1
Incrementant } 2 Italian Corporals	1 (a)	-	1
GRUPPO 2 Italian officers	3	1	1 (b)
			3792

(a) This Italian soldier speaks poor colloquial English only.

(b) Two of these officers speak fair English, but are unable to translate military documents. The third (ORSINI), is almost valueless as an interpreter.

Training is severely handicapped by this shortage of interpreters.

12. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Little training of tradesmen can be carried out until British REE personnel are available as instructors.

4/.....Shoot.

-4-

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS.13. BRITISH PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING.

(a) The Training Element now consists of 5 Majors, The GSO II and the remaining Major have not yet been posted.

(b) Artillery: The following have been attached from Artillery school OIRATO:-

1 DMS.

RATD

1 DMS

6 Sergeants

4 Privates.

(c) Royal Engineers.

RATD

2 Sergeants

1 Corporal.

(d) Infantry. OZE have promised six NCO instructors from KOLLI in the next few days.

14. ISSUE OF SMALL ARMS.

An adequate issue of TMG's and rifles has been received.

15. MISCELLANEOUS.

Future plans for training are outlined in 56 RIJ's training instruction No.1 (already issued) and in No. 2 and 3 (in preparation).

In The Field,
MH

W. G. G. G.

Lt Col.

8791

APPENDIX 'A' to 56 HU PROGRESS REPORT No.1.

PROGRAMME OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Students	Responsibility	Object	Remarks
					OF/AS: OR's	Initial	Training	
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
1	25pr Specialists	Cerreto	11 Dec	6 Jan	4	4	SO RA	RA Trg Team: Train comd Post
2	AI	-do-	18 Dec	23 Dec	16	16	SO RA	Ital. Forces: specialists. Train gun teams
3	Signals	Nocera	12 Dec	10 Jan	9	136	SO SAs	Signal school: Train sigs of sig coy
4	Platoon respons	Alta Villa	7 Dec	23 Dec	50	105	Gruppo	for Art & Inf. Provide instructors
5	3" Mortar course	Alta Villa	7 Dec	23 Dec	20	31	Gruppo	for Inf Bn. Provide instructors
6	Inf	Capuc	17 Dec	30 Dec	15	15	G II	mortar coys. Train Inf pioneer
7	Pioneer	-do-	To be notified		15	15	G II	assault sections. -do-
8	Carrier driving	White house 745745	2 Dec	22 Dec	5	20	G II	Instruct- Train driving Instruct
9	DID storemen		10 Dec	20 Dec	1	14	DIA & QAG: 60 DID	ors obtain- tors for inf mortar
							ed from : coys	
							CMC	
							60 DID	
								Train storemen issues
								& clerks in composite
								platoon

/.....contd

APPENDIX 'A' to 56 ELM PROGRESS REPORT No.1.

PROGRAMME OF COURSES.

Serial	Subject	Location	From	To	Distance	Q's	Responsible	Remarks
9	6	o	4	6	2	3	1	1
10	Ordnance	Antioch	5 Dec	17	1	5	1	1
11	Ordnance	Antioch	1 Jan	15 Jan	15	12	1	1
12	6 yr	Antioch	15 Jan	20 Jan	5	12	1	1
13	Carrier	White House	1 Jan	15 Jan	15	12	1	1
14	Junior	San Giorgio	7 Jan	20 Jan	13	12	1	1
15	Driving & maint.	San Giorgio	1 Jan	contin-	52	12	1	1

APPENDIX 'D' TO 56 HLU TRAINING PROGRESS REPORT No. 1

STATE OF TRAINING AND SPECIALISTS.

Serial No. (a)	Type of Specialist or Tradesman (b)	VE (c)	Number Trained (d)	Number under training (e)	Deficiency as compared with VE (f)
1.	Carrier drivers	286	13	38	273
2.	Drivers	1372	551	252	1021
3	Signal Company, Despatch Riders	22	16	-	6
	Vehicle mechs	5	5	-	-
	Electricians Sigs	6	4	-	2
	Instrument mechs	15	5	-	10
	Linesmen	43	43	-	-
	Operators Wireless	70	43	36	35
	Operators line	28	28	-	-
	Switchboard ops.	15	15	-	-
	Cipher operators	8	8	-	-
4.	Infantry, Regimental Signallers.				3788
	Operators Wireless	182	40	23	142
	Operators line	124	68	14	56
5.	ARTILLERY, Regimental Signallers.				
	Operators wireless	210	29	24	181
	Operators line	114	54	14	60

3	Signal Company.	22	16	6
	Despatch Riders	5	5	-
	Vehicle Mechs	6	4	2
	Electricians Sigs	15	5	10
	Instrument Mchcs	45	45	-
	Linesmen	70	43	35
	Operators Wireless	28	28	-
	Operators line	15	15	-
	Switchboard ops.	8	8	-
	Cipher operators			
4.	Infantry.			
	Regimental			
	Signalers.			
	Operators	182	40	142
	Wireless	124	68	56
	Operators			
	line			
5.	ARTILLERY.			
	Regimental			
	Signalers.			
	Operators	210	29	181
	wireless	114	54	50
	Operators			
	line			

[1954]