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CAR TRAINING

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Feb. 23, 1946 - Dec. 4, 1946



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SUBJECT:- Training.11 British Liaison Unit.

Tel: Palermo 15555

Ref: G/17 - 3

+ Dec 46.

GSO I

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.

( MMIA )  
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Enclosed herewith copy of Observations and Suggestions to  
No. 11 CAR for the Month ending 30 Nov 46.

It is regretted that this is the only report, but owing to  
sickness, and the dispersal of the Btms., ~~from~~ the CAR the time I  
have spent there has been limited.

During the coming month, it is my intention to concentrate on  
the Regts., at the moment, I am devoting myself to the 6th Inf Regt.,  
and up to now I have not been impressed.

*E.R. Davies H.C.*

E.R. DAVIES.  
Major MC RWF.  
Training Major.

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RWB/DE.



OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR W.E. 11 Nov.46 No. 11. C.A.R.

| Serial No. | Observations                                                                  | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action Taken                      |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.         | Instructors are NOT up to the standard required for the teaching of recruits. | <p>(a) During the coming interim period, that a Cadre be organised for DRILL. This course to be of two weeks duration. The syllabus to be:-<br/>DRILL. - FITTING OF EQUIPMENT and BAYONET TRAINING.</p> <p>(b) After the completion of the DRILL course, a Weapon Training course be held.<br/>The Syllabus to be:-<br/>The RIFLE<br/>The BREN<br/>GRENADES.</p> | To be put into effect in JANUARY. |
| 2.         | Field engineering is NOT taught at the C.A.R.                                 | In order to give the soldier some idea of field works. A Section Post be dug, and eventually extended to a PLATOON position. These positions to be revetted and be in every way a MODEL. During training these positions could be used for instructional purposes, in the handling of the weapons.                                                               |                                   |

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AND SUGGESTIONS FOR W.E. 11 Nov.46 No. 11. C.A.R.

| as                       | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action Taken                            | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| NOT up<br>required<br>of | (a) During the coming<br>interim period, that<br>a Cadre be organised<br>for DRILL. This course<br>to be of two weeks<br>duration.<br>The syllabus to be:-<br>DRILL. - FITTING OF<br>EQUIPMENT and BAYONET<br>TRAINING.                                                                                                             | To be put into<br>effect in<br>JANUARY. | Concentrate on a few<br>subjects thereby ensuring<br>efficiency. Suggested<br>numbers five per Coy.<br>To be inspected daily by<br>some competent officer<br>to ensure that a high<br>standard of turn-out is<br>maintained. |
|                          | (b) After the completion of<br>the DRILL course, a<br>Weapon Training course be<br>held.<br>The Syllabus to be:-<br>The RIFLE<br>The BREN<br>GRENADES.                                                                                                                                                                              |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Serial No. | Observations              | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken       |
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| 3.         | Excessive use of Gauze.   | More attention and more detailed instruction to be given in the cleaning of weapons without gauze.                                                          |                    |
| 4.         | Maintenance of Equipment. | Water bottles have in large numbers of cases, had their outer covering removed. These to be repaired by individuals concerned or during the interim period. | Being done<br>3362 |
| 5.         | Equipment for officers.   |                                                                                                                                                             |                    |



| Suggestions | Action Taken                                                                                                                                                | Remarks                                                |
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| Gauze.      | More attention and more detailed instruction to be given in the cleaning of weapons without gauze.                                                          |                                                        |
| Armament.   | Water bottles have in large numbers of cases, had their outer covering removed. These to be repaired by individuals concerned or during the interim period. | Being done                                             |
| Lockers.    |                                                                                                                                                             | There are no attachments brace for officers equipment. |



Subject: Training.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 14201 PALERMO

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To : General De Castiglioni  
11 Territorial H.Q.  
PALERMO

7 Nov.46.

Enclosed herewith, copies of observations and suggestions, for the Month of October, on points noted during my visits to No.11 C.A.R.

The promptitude, with which these suggestions have been put into effect, by the Officer Commanding No.11 C.A.R., has been greatly appreciated.

KRD/SI

Major RWF  
Officer i/c Training

TRADUZIONE.

Oggetto: Istruzioni.

Si allegano copie delle osservazioni e proposte per il mese di Ottobre, su ciò che è stato notato durante le mie visite all'11 C.A.R.

La prontezza con la quale queste proposte sono state attuate dall'Ufficiale Comandante l'11 C.A.R. è stata grandemente apprezzata.

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Subject: Training.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 1-201 PALERMO  
G/17-3.

To : G.S.O. I  
Training  
M.M.I.A.

6 Nov. 45

Enclosed herewith, copies of observations and suggestions in regard to No. 11 G.A.R., for the month of October.

I would be greatly obliged for any assistance you could give me, particularly with regard to miniature targets.

*S. R. Davis*

Major RWF  
Officer i/c TRAINING.

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OBSERVATION AND SUGGESTION FOR R.E. 19 Oct. 45.

| <u>Ser. No.</u> | <u>Subject</u>                      | <u>Observations</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Suggestions</u>                                                                                                  | <u>Act</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1               | <u>Training Stores</u>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                     |            |
|                 | a) Dummy Grenades.                  | At the present, training is being done, with live grenades with the detonator extracted. This practice is reasonably safe, but there is an element of danger. Furthermore when these grenades are used as live there is danger of a premature. | Dummy Grenades to be obtained or explosives removed from live, and painted white.                                   |            |
|                 | b).303 Dummies.                     | Recruits cannot carry out elementary exercise correctly without loading the magazine.                                                                                                                                                          | Dummy cartridges to be obtained, or made from live. These to be painted or clearly marked by some other means.      |            |
|                 | c) Aiming Rests.                    | There are on average two aiming rests per coy. It is important for every recruit to be practiced in the limited time.                                                                                                                          | Can the local R.E.'s make these?                                                                                    |            |
|                 | d) Representation Miniature Targets | There is an <del>some</del> shortage.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Could these be supplied, or at least one of every type, so that by some means they <del>will</del> be made locally. |            |

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# OBSERVATION AND SUGGESTION FOR R.E. 19 Oct. 45.

## Observations

## Suggestions

## Action taken

## Remarks

At the present, training is being done, with live grenades with the detonator extracted. This practice is reasonably safe, but there is an element of danger. Furthermore when these grenades are used as live there is danger of a premature.

Recruits cannot carry out elementary exercise correctly without loading the magazine.

There are on average two aiming posts per coy. It is important for every recruit to be practised in the limited time.

There is an acute shortage.

Dummy Grenades to be obtained or explosives removed from live, and painted white.

Dummy cartridge to be obtained, or made from live. These to be painted or clearly marked by some other means.

Can the local R.E's make these?

Could these be supplied, or at least one of every type, so that by some means they ~~could~~ be made locally.

Being done by the armorer.

Being done by the armorer. Cartridges being removed, and bullet painted white

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| Ser. No. | Subject                   | Observations                                                                                                                                      | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Act                 |
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| 2        | <u>Drill.</u>             | The type of drill is Italian, but I consider that the squads are too small, and not sufficient attention is paid to detail                        | Squads to be <sup>ABOUT</sup> <del>almost</del> 30 strong, the drill to be done by a first class instructor, with two assistants to check individuals.                                                                                                                  | T. /<br>Spec<br>sup |
| 3        | <u>Musketry</u>           | (a) Shortage of targets.                                                                                                                          | Could targets be painted on the walls.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |
|          |                           | (b) There are minor discrepancies in the teaching.                                                                                                | A known expert to teach instructors during the break between courses.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
|          |                           | (c) P.O.R.T. These are not being carried out.                                                                                                     | The object of these tests, are to ensure that the recruit is sufficiently trained to ensure that he is capable of going on the range.                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| 4        | <u>Range firing</u>       |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |
| a)       | <u>Safety Precautions</u> | Not sufficient. It is appreciated that the <del>fact</del> <sup>fact</sup> is difficult, but it is better to spend five minutes than lose a life. | 1. No person allowed in front of the firing line.<br>2. Greater attention by coaches to ensure the rifles are unloaded.<br>3. When firing has finished, an inspection of all arms by the Officer i/c.<br>4. <del>Limit</del> <sup>Limit</sup> orders for the use Range. |                     |

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| Observations                                                                                                                | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action Taken                               | Remarks |
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| The type of drill is Italian, but I consider that the squads are too small, and not sufficient attention is paid to detail. | Squads to be <sup>ABOUT</sup> 30 strong, the drill to be done by a first class instructor, with two assistants to check individuals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | To be put into operation as an experiment. |         |
| Shortage of targets.                                                                                                        | Could targets be painted on the walls.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Done                                       |         |
| There are minor discrepancies in the teaching.                                                                              | A known expert to teach instructors during the break between courses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |         |
| O.S.T. These are not being carried out.                                                                                     | The object of these tests, are to ensure that the recruit is sufficiently trained to ensure that he is capable of going on the range.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |         |
| is sufficient. It is appreciated that the fact is difficult, but it is better to spend five minutes than lose a life.       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No person allowed in front of the firing line.</li> <li>2. Greater attention by coaches to ensure the rifles are unloaded.</li> <li>3. When firing has finished an inspection of all areas by the Officer i/c.</li> <li>4. <del>Establish</del> <sup>Establish</sup> orders for the use of Range.</li> </ol> |                                            |         |

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| Ser. No.                | Subject                                                  | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Suggestions |
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| b) Firing Points        | The wooded beds are too narrow.                          | Where at present one bed is used, use two.                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |
| c) Grouping Practice    | Not being done.                                          | As the knowledge of a man's grouping capacity is the basis of all coaching. Could this be done on 30yd range.                                                                                                                         |             |
| d) Cleaning of rifle    | No hot water available for men.                          | A boiler built into a brick container on the range.                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
| 5 <u>Field Training</u> | Time being wasted, owing to these not being set schemes. | Schemes to be prepared for all lessons in field training. Not to bring out more than three lessons. To be done, firstly the incorrect way, then correctly. These to be <del>repeated</del> <sup>repeated</sup> . Finally no practice. |             |
| 6 <u>Hygiene.</u>       |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
| a) Urinals and Latrines | These are very badly stained.                            | These stains could be removed with sulphuric acid. Could this be obtained from old batteries E.F.                                                                                                                                     |             |
| b) Shaving.             | Large number of men and officers parade unshaven.        | Disciplinary action against offenders.                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |

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| Observations                                             | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Taken | Remarks |
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| The wooden beds are too narrow.<br>Not being done.       | Where at present one bed is used, use two.<br>As the knowledge of a man's grouping capacity is the basis of all coaching. Could this be done on 30yd. range.                                                                                       | Done         |         |
| No hot water available for men.                          | A boiler built into a brick container on the range.                                                                                                                                                                                                | Being done.  |         |
| Time being wasted, owing to there not being set schemes. | Schemes to be prepared for all lessons in field training. Not to bring out more than three lessons. To be done, firstly the incorrect way, then correctly. These schemes to be <del>rehearsed</del> <u>rehearsed</u> . Finally squads to practice. |              |         |
| These are very badly stained.                            | These stains could be removed by sulphuric acid. Could this be obtained from old batteries of M.F.                                                                                                                                                 | Being done.  |         |
| Large number of men and officers parade unshaven.        | Disciplinary action against offenders.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |         |

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| Ser. No. | Subject             | Observations                                  | Suggestions                                                                                                         |
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| e)       | Clothing.           | No P.T. kit.                                  | Could instructors be supplied with special clothing. K.D. slacks dyed black with cardigan or football jersey.       |
| d)       | Barrack Rooms.      | The men's bedding is enclosed in a blanket.   | To permit the air to circulate around the bedding. Could the mattress be merely double and the blanket folded over? |
| e)       | Dining Room Tables. | Not being scrubbed.                           | The tables be scrubbed with sand or brick dust?                                                                     |
| f)       | Fly-proofing        | Dining rooms and kitchen are not fly-proofed. | Could all places where food is prepared or stored be fly-proofed, preferably with wire mesh.                        |

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| Observations                                  | Suggestions                                                                                                             | Action Taken | Remarks |
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| No P.T. kit.                                  | Could instructors be supplied with special clothing. K.D. slacks dyed black with cardigan or football jersey.           | Being done.  |         |
| The men's bedding is enclosed in a blanket.   | To permit the air to circulate around the bedding. Could the mattress be merely doubled, and the blanket folded on top? |              |         |
| Not being scrubbed.                           | The tables be scrubbed with sand or brick dust?                                                                         | Being done   |         |
| Dining rooms and kitchen are not fly-proofed. | Could all places where food is prepared or stored be fly-proofed, preferably with wire mesh.                            | Being done.  |         |

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OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR F.E.

| <u>Ser.No.</u> | <u>Subject</u>     | <u>Observations</u>                                   | <u>Suggestions</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 1              | <u>Inspections</u> | Daily inspection of men are not sufficiently precise. | The first ten minutes of the first parade in the morning be devoted to a thorough inspection parade by the Company Commander. Particular attention to be paid to Dress, cleanliness and weapons.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2              | <u>Weapons.</u>    | The standard of cleanliness of weapons is not good.   | a) Company storemen to have three days training under the Armourer.<br>b) Company storemen to be made responsible for the maintenance of all weapons in the stores.<br>c) A vice and cleaning rod and an old shaving brush be provided for each Company stores.<br>d) All weapons particule Brens to be thoroughly cleaned immediately after firing. |

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OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR W.E.

| Observations                                          | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken | Remarks |
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| Daily inspection of men are not sufficiently precise. | The first ten minutes of the first parade in the morning be devoted to a thorough inspection parade by the Company Commander. Particular attention to be paid to Dress, cleanliness and weapons.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Being done   |         |
| The standard of cleanliness of weapons is not good.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Company storemen to have three days training under the Armourer.</li> <li>b) Company storeman to be made responsible for the maintenance of all weapons in the stores.</li> <li>c) A vice and cleaning rod and an old shaving brush be provided for each Company stores.</li> <li>d) All weapons particularly Brens to be thoroughly cleaned immediately after firing.</li> </ul> | Will be done |         |

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| Ser.No. | Subject                | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Act                                                                                                                   |
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| 3       | <u>Field Training.</u> | <p>(a) Not sufficient realism.</p> <p>(b) Dress.</p> <p>(c) No definite lessons are being taught, in a particular period. The ground is being used to exploit the lessons and not the lessons to exploit the ground, thereby a lack of realism.</p> | <p>e) Sufficient men to be detailed for one period every Saturday morning to thoroughly clean all weapons in the stores. The Company Commander to personally inspect all the weapons every Saturday.</p> <p>Noise effects must be used, particularly to represent the enemy.</p> <p>Instructors and men to wear P.S.M.O.</p> <p>The ground must be carefully <del>examined</del>, so that the most suitable area is found to demonstrate the lessons to be taught.</p> | <p>Is there available Use ratt</p> <p>During between the S.C. to get to prepare Sn. Gndrs demonstr level instruct</p> |

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| Observations                                                                                                                                                                        | Suggestions                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action Taken                                                                                                     | Remarks |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                     | e) Sufficient men to be detailed for one period every Saturday morning to thoroughly clean all weapons in the stores. The Company Commander to personally inspect all the weapons every Saturday. |                                                                                                                  |         |
| Not sufficient realism.                                                                                                                                                             | Noise effects must be used, particularly to represent the enemy.                                                                                                                                  | Is there any blank available?<br>Use rattles?                                                                    |         |
| Dress.                                                                                                                                                                              | Instructors and men to wear P.S.M.C.                                                                                                                                                              | During the interval between "call ups", the S.S. and Bn. Cmdrs + Coy. Cmdr. to get together and prepare schemes. |         |
| No definite lessons are being taught, in a particular period. The ground is being used to exploit the lessons and not the lessons to exploit the ground, thereby a lack of realism. | The ground must be carefully <del>used</del> , so that the most suitable area is found to demonstrate the lessons to be taught.                                                                   | Bn. Cmdrs to arrange demonstration, a Coy. level using the Coy. instructors.                                     |         |

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OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR F.E. 3 Nov. 46.

| <u>Ser No.</u> | <u>Subject</u>                       | <u>Observations</u>                                                    | <u>Suggestions</u>                                                                                                             |
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| 1              | (a) Training Stores.                 | Instructors are not providing the correct stores for teaching lessons. | Instructors must study their books and make certain that the requisite stores for teaching the particular lessons are present. |
|                | (b) Dummy Detonators for 34 Grenade. | None available.                                                        | Going to the highly dangerous nature of these Detonators, could dummies be made.                                               |
|                | (c) Breech cleaning sticks.          | None available.                                                        | The armorer or a local carpenter to make some. At least one to every company.                                                  |
|                | (d) Standing and kneeling cover.     | None available.                                                        | Walls to be built of suitable height, in the area where the lessons are to be taught.                                          |
| 2              | Ranges.                              | Firing of F.I.A.T.                                                     | The F.I.A.T. is at present being fired on the Rifle Range.                                                                     |

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OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR W.H. 3 Nov. 45.

| Observations.                                                          | Suggestions.                                                                                                                   | Action Taken.                                                                             | Remarks |
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| Instructors are not providing the correct stores for teaching lessons. | Instructors must study their books and make certain that the requisite stores for teaching the particular lessons are present. |                                                                                           |         |
| None available.                                                        | Owing to the highly dangerous nature of these Detonators, could dummies be made.                                               |                                                                                           |         |
| None available.                                                        | The armourer or a local carpenter to make some. At least one to every company.                                                 |                                                                                           |         |
| None available.                                                        | Walls to be built of a suitable height, in the area where the lessons are to be taught.                                        | Being done.                                                                               |         |
| Firing of P.I.A.T.                                                     | The P.I.A.T. is at present being fired on the Rifle Range.                                                                     | A special range to be made. As the explosion of the bombs quickly destroy the stop batts. |         |

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| Ser No. | Subject.                                                    | Observations.                                                                                                                   | Suggestions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Acti |
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| 3       | Dress.                                                      | No uniformity.                                                                                                                  | <p>Some photograph be taken of a perfectly turned out soldier.</p> <p>a) Musketry order<br/>b) Walking out<br/>c) P.S.M.O.</p> <p>With front and rear views with detailed instructions inscribed. (one copy to every company).</p> |      |
| 4       | <p>Organisation.</p> <p>Time of Parades.</p> <p>Stores.</p> | <p>Not sufficient time allowed for the soldier between reveille and first parade.</p> <p>Limited amount of training stores.</p> | <p>That the first parade start at 0730 and finish at 1130.</p> <p>In order that the maximum numbers of stores be used that a Weapon Training Stores be formed one for each Bn. wherein all Training Stores be kept.</p>            |      |

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| Observations. | Suggestions. | Action Taken. | Remarks. |
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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI PALERMO.  
Operation Office.

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Palermo 3rd May 1946.

Subject:- Recruits C.A.R. - Posting.

To:- 11 B.L.U.  
Palermo.

We have to inform you that to day 1136 Recruits that have finish the first training period have been posted to the school or Units to finish their training.

Signed.  
Il Capo di Stato Maggiore.  
( Griglio R. Col. )

SEE 1 G/30-10



11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/6/17-3

March 1946.

Subject :- ASSAULT COURSE - C.A.R.

To :- Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

It is suggested that the assault course at the C.A.R. be constructed on the large piece of ground in rear of the C.A.R., which was originally to be used as ranges.

The following items should be included, in the following order, with 30' ft. sprints in between.

1. Three huddles a. 3 ft. high b. 3 ft. 6 ins. c. 4 ft. They should be 4 m. in width, in order that groups of 4 may go through the course at one time.
2. Two trenches with a 2 ft. strip in between. Width:- a. 4' and 3'6" deep. b. 5'9" and 4' deep and to be filled with water.
3. Vertical wall 10' high with 5' shallow-trench in rear. This wall to be constructed of wood.
4. "3" shaped slit-trench 6' deep.
5. Slit trench 15' wide, 5' in depth filled with barbed-wire etc., and with 4 <sup>trunks</sup> trunks across the top.
6. 4 suspended <sup>trunks</sup> trunks - made with large pipes 8-10 ft. in length. 3350
7. Rope-swing 20' in length.
8. 6' ramp with 4' wide and 5' deep trench in front filled with brush-wood etc.
9. Trench 10 yds. wide 6' in depth (recruits to swim across).
10. 100 yd. sprint.

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2. Two trenches with a 2 ft. strip in between. Width: a, 4' and 3'6" deep. b, 5'9" and 4' deep and to be filled with water.
3. Vertical wall 10' high with 5' shallow-trench in rear. This wall to be constructed of wood.
4. "8" shaped slit-trench 6' deep.
5. Slit trench 15' wide, 5' in depth filled with barbed-wire etc., and with 4 <sup>tunnels</sup> three trunks across the top.
6. 4 suspended trunks - made with large pipes 8-10 ft. in length.
7. Rope-swing 20' in length.
8. 6' ramp with 4' wide end 5' deep trench in front filled with brush-wood etc.
9. Trench 10 yds. wide 6' in depth (recruits to swim across).
10. 100 yd. sprint.

*R.E.H.*  
R.E. HECTOR, Major  
G.S.O. II.,  
11 B.L.U.

Copy to: Col. LONGO - C.A.R.  
(suggested layout attached).

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
- Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/G/17-3

6 March 1946

Subject :- Training Stores.

To :- Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

The attached lists (2) of stores are to be  
made for use at the C.A.R.

Please pass one copy to Col. LONGO, in order  
that **h**is training Officer may supervise the construction  
of same.

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R.E. HECTOR, Major  
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Oggetto :- Materiali di addestramento per i C.A.R.

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1. Qui di seguito, per informazione, è un elenco di suggerimento del materiale che potrebbe essere costruito localmente da ciascun C.A.R., se non si è ancora provveduto, da essere pronto per il primo scaglione di reclute.

2. La quantità suggerita dovrebbe essere sufficiente per circa un anno, sebbene molti articoli richiederanno frequenti ripari e sostituzioni :-

Materiali addestramento

Quantità iniziale  
suggerita per ogni C.A.R.

- |                                                  |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) Plastici (o modelli di stoffa) con accessori | 3 (uno per Batt.)  |
| (2) Catacoli e corso di assalto                  | 1                  |
| (3) Sostegni baionette                           | 120 (10 per Comp.) |
| (4) Bastoni di addestramento per baionette       | 144 (12 per Comp.) |
| (5) Appoggio per mira (Modello Inglese)          | 60                 |
| (6) Appoggia-gomiti ( " " )                      | 60                 |

Nota Alternativamente, Modelli Americani (vedi allegati) compresi entrambi (5) e (6), possono essere usati.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| (7) Bersagli                                                                                                              | 1 per sottouff. |
| (8) Piatelli per segnalazioni (per esercizi di poligono)                                                                  | 24              |
| (9) Bandiere " " (per esercizi di poligono)                                                                               | 24              |
| (10) Cerchi raggruppati                                                                                                   | 24              |
| (11) Recipienti per colla                                                                                                 | 10              |
| (12) Bandiere (di colori assortiti e affissi a piccoli pali per giudicare le distanze, segnare il terreno di patata ecc.) | 36              |

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- (13) Lavagne per cesti di pallacanestro 2 serie

del materiale che potrebbe essere necessario costruire l'addestramento da campo C.A.R., se non si è ancora provvedute, da essere pronte per il primo scaglione di reclute.

2. La quantità suggerita dovrebbe essere sufficiente per circa un anno, sebbene molti articoli richiederanno frequenti ripari e sostituzioni :-

| <u>Materiali addestramento</u>                   |  | <u>Quantità iniziale</u><br><u>suggerita per ogni C.A.R.</u> |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| (1) Plastici (o modelli di stoffa) con accessori |  | 3 (uno per Batt.)                                            |  |
| (2) Ostacoli e corso di assalto                  |  | 1                                                            |  |
| (3) Sostegni baionette                           |  | 120 (10 per Comp.)                                           |  |
| (4) Bastoni di addestramento per baionette       |  | 144 (12 per Comp.)                                           |  |
| (5) Appoggio per mira (Modello Inglese)          |  | 60                                                           |  |
| (6) Appoggia-gomiti ( " " )                      |  | 60                                                           |  |

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| (7) Bersagli                                                                                                              |    | 1 per sottouff. |
| (8) PiatteLLi per segnalazioni (per esercizi di poligono)                                                                 | 24 |                 |
| (9) Bandiere " " (per esercizi di poligono)                                                                               | 24 |                 |
| (10) Cerchi raggruppati                                                                                                   | 24 |                 |
| (11) Recipienti per cella                                                                                                 | 10 |                 |
| (12) Bandiere (di colori assortiti e affissi a piccoli pali per giudicare le distanze, segnare il terreno di patata ecc.) | 36 |                 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--|
| (13) Lavagne per cesti di pallacanestro                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 serie |  |
| (14) Travi (120 - 140 libbre) per esercizi fisici                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4       |  |
| (15) Granate 36 di addestramento                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 50      |  |
| (16) " 75 "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 150     |  |
| (17) Bersagli - dettagli di questi oggetti si trovano nel Vol.V di addestramenti per piccoli eserciti e il supplemento di guerra. I C.A.R. debbono avere un'adeguata riserva di legname e canovacci, particolarmente all'inizio, per costruire i bersagli. Un bersaglio da sei piedi richiederà circa 30 piedi di legname, e un sostegno per baionetta circa lo stesso. Per cominciare qualcosa della seguente specie sarà necessaria a ciascun CAR :- |         |  |

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Legname di 4 x 3 inches di spessore | 1200 piedi  |
| " " 3 x 2 "                         | 1700 "      |
| " " 2 x 1 "                         | 1400 "      |
| Canovaccio                          | 4 o 5 rolli |



Il legname verrà inoltre usato per numeri e per bersagli rappresentativi.

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Major-General,  
M. M. I. A.

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## THE SIGHTING BAR

The standard aiming rest, though it has many good points, has the disadvantages of needing special construction and being cumbersome to move. At the US Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, aiming rests as we know them are not used. Aiming is taught in three stages; first using charts and diagrams similar to ours, and second, using the Sighting Bar.

This is a bar of wood 24 inches long. Along it are spaced four fittings. At the rear end is a metal bracket standing at right angles to the bar and pierced with a hole similar to the aperture on the backsight of a rifle. Nine inches further forward is a small sheet of metal painted black, in the upper half of which is cut a hole half an inch in diameter. Eleven inches beyond this is a representation of a foresight and one inch beyond that another metal sheet painted white with a black bull's-eye on it. (see diagram).

These objects are so arranged that a man looking through the first aperture sees a representation of the rifle backsight (aperture), foresight and target. The peephole and foresight are fixed, the two sheets representing the backsight and target are fitted into slots which allow them to be moved laterally or horizontally while holding them firmly in any position in which they are placed. The peephole does not represent any part of the rifle but is used purely to align the eye of the user correctly.

The instruction with the Sighting Bar is given in four phases. In the first, using only a moveable backsight and the foresight, the instructor arranges a proper alignment of the foresight in the aperture of the backsight and hands it to the pupil to see. In the second the backsight is displaced, and the pupil has to re-align it correctly. In the third, the bull's-eye is introduced and the instructor shows the pupil a correct aim on a target. In the fourth, the bull's-eye is displaced and the pupil sets the correct aim. To test the pupil's performance this instructor has only to take the bar from him and look along it. The correct standing aiming position is insisted on when using the bar.

In the third stage of aiming instruction, pupils use the rifle itself. It is laid in two notches cut in the top of a box. To keep it stable the box is filled with sand and the rifle wedged into the notches with its own sling. About ten feet in front of the rifle is another box on the side of which is pinned a sheet of paper against which is held an aiming disc, pierced through the centre in the normal way. The instructor needs an assistant to move the aiming

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These objects are so arranged that a man looking through the first aperture sees a representation of the rifle backsight (aperture), foresight and target. The peepholes and foresight are fired, the two sheets representing the backsight and target are fitted into slots which allow them to be moved laterally or horizontally while holding them firmly in any position in which they are placed. The peepholes ~~must~~ does not represent any part of the rifle but is used purely to align the eye of the user correctly.

The instruction with the Sighting Bar is given in four phases. In the first, using only a movable backsight and the foresight, the instructor arranges a proper alignment of the foresight in the aperture of the backsight and hands it to the pupil to see. In the second the ~~the~~ backsight is displaced, and the pupil has to re-align it correctly. In the third, the bull's-eye is introduced and the instructor shows the pupil a correct aim on a target. In the fourth, the bull's-eye is displaced and the pupil sets the correct aim. To test the pupil's performance this instructor has only to take the bar from him and look along it. The correct standing aiming position is insisted on when using the bar.

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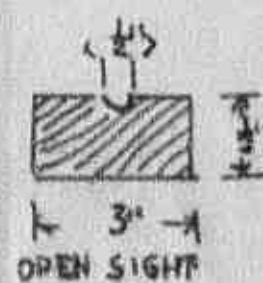
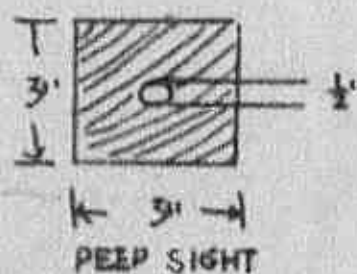
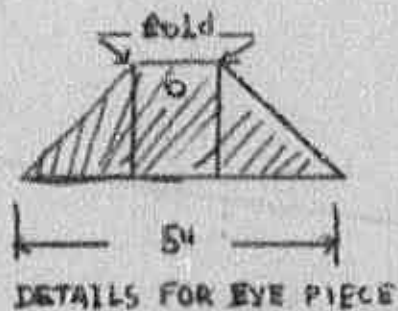
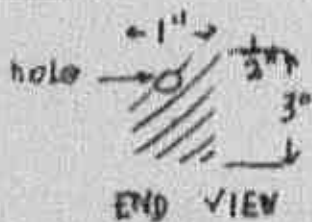
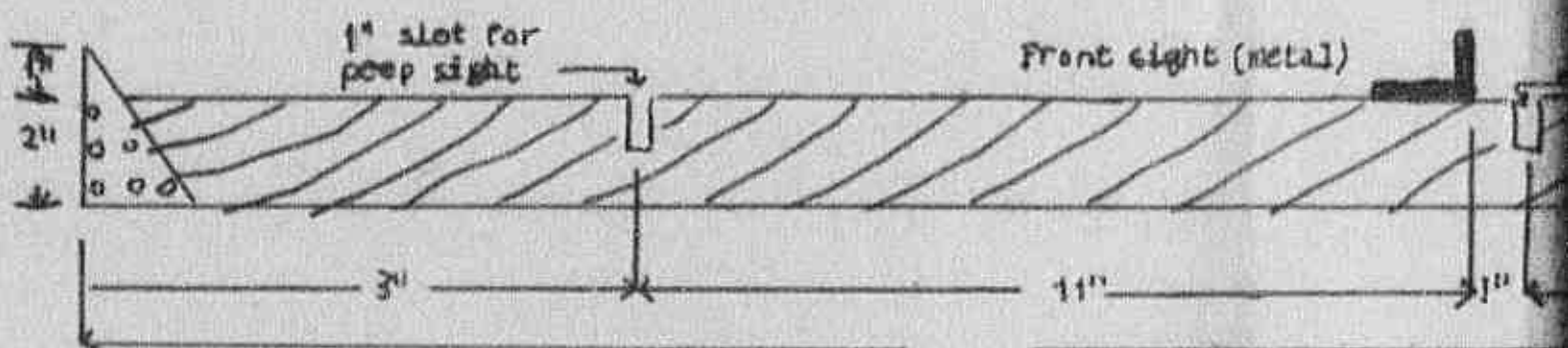
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In the first phase the instructor lays a correct aim by ordering his assistant to move the aiming disc until it is in the proper place. This correct aim is viewed by the pupil. The aiming disc is then displaced and, without moving the rifle, the pupil proceeds to lay three consecutive aims by directing the movement of the aiming disc which is displaced after each one. Each time the pupil says "Correct" a dot is made on the sheet of paper through the hole in the centre of the aiming disc.

The standard of proficiency is that all three dots can be covered by the butt end of a pencil. The size of the disc can be changed to represent different ranges. This method is probably slower than using the aiming rest, but it has the advantage that the apparatus is simple and easily improvised.



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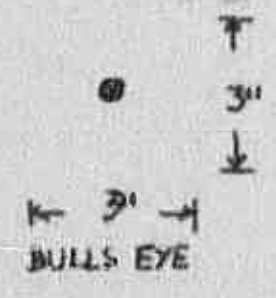
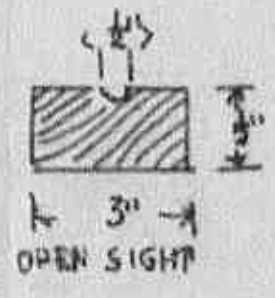
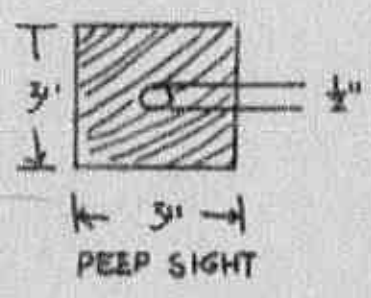
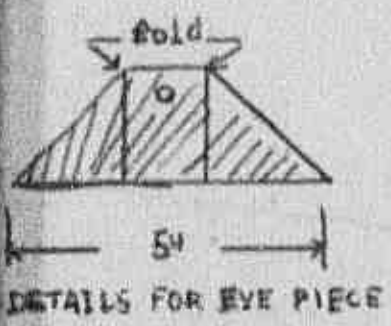
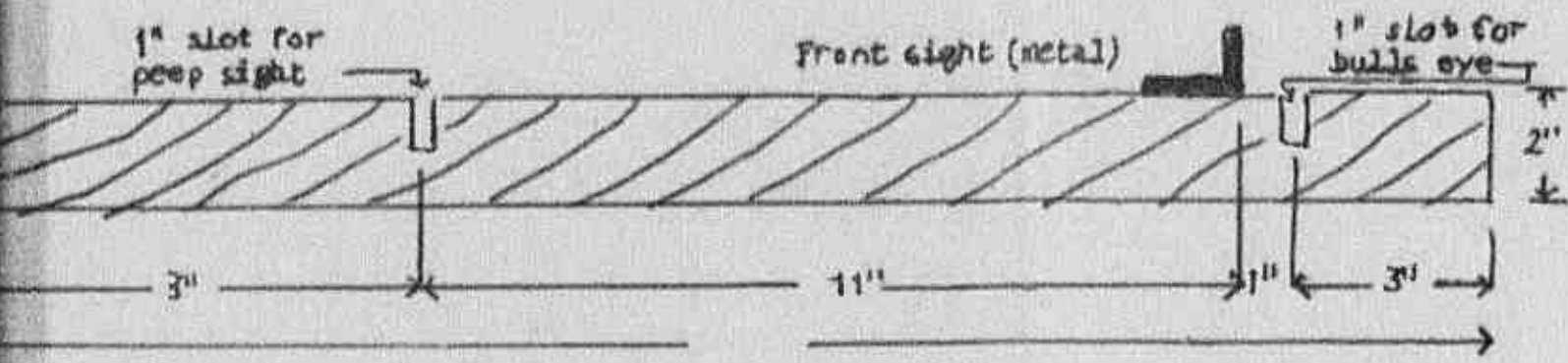
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