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Subject: Re-organization of the R.A.A., I.O.P.

1st BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT

R.A.A., I.O.P.

Ref: AQ/6/1060

25 July 1945.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sd. Com. A.O. (MIA).

Copy to: D.M.S., A.P.M.G. (No MIA for onward transmission)

1. Reference is made to this Unit's AQ/6/1009 of 18 July 45 and enclosures.
2. The proposals discussed in this and previous memoranda were considered by the Director and were agreed in principle and, to a very great extent, in detail.
3. The following modifications, based on a more complete knowledge of the facts and requirements, were laid down by the Director:
 - (a) A conference was unnecessary as the Director himself, in consultation with his staff, was prepared, and in fact has given, a definite answer to all the queries raised.
 - (b) Minors are unskilled labour; they require only basic training for a period of six weeks, at the expiration of which they are available for posting where they are required and where they will receive such advanced training as is necessary. Hence there is no need for an Advanced Training Pioneer Battalion.
 - (c) The period of basic training is agreed at six weeks for all arms and the ratios suggested in AQ/6/776, Appendix 'A', are accepted, with the exception that advanced training of S. O. T. personnel will be increased to twelve weeks. After the period of advanced training at CHALHO, reinforcements to Combat Groups will receive further advanced (collective) training with the Group.
 - (d) No leave will be granted throughout the period of training at CHALHO.
 - (e) Recruits will be drafted to the arm of the service in which they will serve immediately on joining the Centre. In view of D.M.S.'s emphasis on effective recruiting, the M.L. & T.S. will organize a recruiting system to ensure that recruits enter the arm of the service for which they are best suited.
 - (f) The proposed layout of Regiments to locations will be altered to enable all basic training to be conducted at CHALHO and ~~and~~ ^{at} ~~CHALHO~~ ^{CHALHO} including at CHALHO or CHALHO.

1. No fundamental modifications for other arms advanced Training Battalions

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2. The proposals discussed in this and previous memoranda were considered by the Director and were agreed in principle and, to a very great extent, in detail.
3. The following modifications, based on a more complete knowledge of the facts and requirements, were laid down by the Director:
 - (a) A conference was unnecessary as the Director himself, in consultation with his staff, was prepared, and in fact has given, a decision answer to all the queries raised.
 - (b) Engineers are unskilled labour; they require only basic training for a period of six weeks, at the expiration of which they are available for posting where they are required and where they will receive such advanced training as is necessary. Hence there is no need for an advanced training Pioneer Battalion.
 - (c) The period of basic training is agreed at six weeks for all arms and the ratios suggested in 10/5/47, Appendix 'A', are accepted, with the exception that advanced training of S. & F. personnel will be increased to twelve weeks. After the period of advanced training at GUSKHO, reinforcements to Combat Groups will receive further advanced (collective) training with the Group.
 - (d) No leave will be granted throughout the period of training at GUSKHO.
 - (e) Recruits will be drafted to the Arm of the Service in which they will serve immediately on joining the Centre. In view of D.M.F.'s emphasis on effective servicing, '9' B.L. & F.U. will organise a screening system to ensure that recruits enter the Arm of the Service for which they are best suited.
 - (f) The proposed layout of Regiments to locations will be altered to enable all basic training to be conducted at CHIANO and Advanced Training at CIVITAVECCHIA or IMACILANO.
 - (g) No Regimental Headquarters for other than advanced Training Battalions (themselves so organized as to be miniature Regimental H.Q.'s with full Colonels in command), is required and hence this will be dispensed with.
 - (h) The allotment of recruits to the artillery Arm is considered adequate.
 - (i) 'A' Branch, R.M.I.A. will evolve a system whereby only sufficient reinforcements required to meet the demand at the end of the full, agreed training period will be posted to GUSKHO. This will eliminate the necessity for a Reception Regiment or a Reinforcement Holding Regiment to contain personnel surplus to the authorized War Establishment. If the system works smoothly there will be none.
 - (j) Railway and Dock Engineers will receive advanced training at IMACILANO, identical with, and for the same period as, that given to normal Engineers.
 - (k) Only the lower grades of working personnel will be trained and hence the period allotted (twelve weeks) is considered to be adequate. Vehicle Mechanics are the highest grade M.E. tradesmen to be aimed at. Fitters Gun and Armourers Courses, as at present constituted, are adequate.

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- (n) The Director's reasons for introducing these changes are given in Part IV of H.M.L.A. '9'. Preceding letter
- (o) As advanced training of Infantry will take place at CIVILIANVILLE, it is necessary to move the Infantry School and the Infantry Specialist School (together with the I.F. School), to CIVILIANVILLE and for this purpose the barracks formerly occupied by the American G.I. Company will be requisitioned and the schools transferred to them. The buildings formerly utilized by these Schools can be usefully employed for converting new intake or for basic training classrooms.
4. As a result of these instructions, some comparatively minor modifications are essential to the data given in Appendix 'B' of M. 4/575 and to the layout suggested in Appendices 'Q' and 'R' of the same memorandum.
5. These modifications are :-
 - (a) Planners require no advanced training. Hence, all Planners must be included in one or other of the two Basic Training Regiments. This affords an opportunity of equalizing their strength and utilizing a common War Establishment for both Regiments. There are 1,500 Planners to be considered. The training in both Basic Regiments is identical and therefore 225 can be accommodated in No. 1 Infantry Basic Training Regiment and 1,275 in No. 5 Other Arms Basic Training Regiment.
 - (b) The increase in the period of advanced training for S. & S. personnel from 6 to 12 weeks alters the ratio from 1 : 1 to 1 : 2. Hence, out of the total of 450, 450 will be undergoing basic training while 300 will be doing advanced training.
 - (c) Railway and Book operations were previously regarded as occupying out their advanced training elsewhere than in CHIEFS. It is now agreed that they shall receive normal advanced fitter training. The ratio of basic to advanced is 1 : 2 and the total 300, so that 100 will be in the Basic Other Arms Regiment and 200 in the Advanced Other Arms Regt.
 6. Hence it is possible to re-write Appendix 'B', incorporating these revisions. This revised appendix is given at Appendix 'A' to this letter. It will be noted that provision has still been made for 1,200 students from the group to be accommodated in Advanced Training Regiments at CIVILIANVILLE and MANVILLE. (300 Planners Grouped students formerly included are now omitted). It seems unnecessary to revise the survey as the data given is self-evident.
 7. It is thus possible to amend Appendix 'C' of M. 4/575 and this amendment is given at Appendix 'D' to this letter.
 8. The final set up of the whole Centre is shown in the diagram at Appendix 'Q'.

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and they will revise, as necessary, the War Establishments for -

- No. 1 Artillery Battalion.
- No. 2 Engineer Battalion.
- No. 3 Signal Battalion.
- No. 4 Heavy Battalion (formerly "Light" Battalion)

The utmost speed is essential, but clarity and economy must NOT be sacrificed. The final War Establishments recommended, though preserving the nucleus economy of our present, must cover every requirement of the purposes for which they are intended. All factors discussed in previous Memoranda will be taken into account.

On conclusion of these tasks the Committee will review the whole question of the GVA Scheme, in the light of a possible move to NINET DIVISION, where ideal accommodation has been found.

In view of the division of the duties of the British Islands a preceding visit, a revision of the War Establishment to meet the new locations and the responsibilities involved may be required. The Committee will submit their recommendations in due course.

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Internal.

Commander.

Major King.

Major Colver.

Plent (2)

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(Not to be included in daily 'float' but to be circulated (1 at Cessano and 1 at Bracciano & Manziana) and read and initialled by all officers).

J. H. H. H.

Colonel.

Commander.

British Islands & Cessano & Bracciano & Manziana.

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APPENDIX 1A: No 171 No 3 173 Letter
 10/6/1068 dtd. 25 July 45

(Revision of Appendix 1B to 10/6/1716)

LOCATION OF ALL TROOPS, ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT, IN
 ORIGINALLY, FROM THE GROUND IN IN FULL REGISTRATION.

NO. OF TROOPS - 7,500 TOTAL AIRCRAFT IN GROUND - 1,200

Arm and total number of aircraft.	Ratio to Advised Trooping.	No. of recruits on basis trooping	No. of troops on basis trooping	No. of troops on basis trooping	Total No. on basis trooping
Infantry (5,750)	1 : 1	1,075	1,875	750	2,625
Proportion of Planners.	Ratio only.	220	nil	nil	nil
Artillery (75)	1 : 2	125	350	75	525
Ordnance (150)	1 : 2	150	300	150	600
Railway & Dock Operators (300)	1 : 2	100	200	nil	300
Signalers (225)	1 : 2	75	150	45	225
S. & T. (150)	1 : 2	150	300	120	570
Ordnance (150)	1 : 1	75	75	nil	150
Workshops (150)	1 : 2	50	100	60	210
Medical (150)	1 : 1	75	75	nil	150
Proportion of Planners.	Ratio only.	1,280	nil	nil	1,280

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Unit	Training	Equipment	Material	on hand	on hand	on hand
Infantry (3,750)	1 : 1	1,875	1,875	750	2,025	
Preparation of Platoon.	Radio only.	220	nil	nil	nil	
Artillery (575)	1 : 2	125	250	75	325	
Comdo Engineers (1,500)	1 : 2	150	300	150	1,500	
Railway & Dock Engineers (300)	1 : 2	100	200	nil	200	
Signalmen (225)	1 : 2	75	150	45	125	
E. & T. (1,500)	1 : 2	150	300	120	1,200	
Ordnance (150)	1 : 1	75	75**	nil	nil	
Reconnaissance (150)	1 : 2	50	100	50	150	
Medical (150)	1 : 1	75	75**	nil	nil	
Preparation of Platoon.	Radio only.	1,380	nil	nil	nil	
		4,175	3,175 (over- seen)	1,200	4,375	
			150 (all hands)			
			3,325			

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**These recruits receive their advanced training at their own expense.

APPENDIX 711 No 17, DL 2 10 latter
10/16/1008 2.25 July 46

(Revision of Appendix 701 to
10/16/1008)

CO-ORDINATION OF TRAINING FACILITIES REQUIRED WITH AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS.

Building first with Radio Training we have a total of 4,175 (say 4,200) rooms to be housed.

Facilities exist at CHANG to accommodate this number and for convenience they should be divided into two equal regiments.

The buildings occupied by the present No. 2 Regiment (the Yan) will accommodate the new No. 1 Infantry Radio Training Regiment, with an actual, maximum strength (including their proportion of Pioneers) of 2,100.

The buildings occupied by the present No. 1 Regiment will just accommodate the new No. 3 Other Arms Radio Training Regiment with an actual, maximum strength of 2,100 (including their proportion of Pioneers).

This deals with all Radio Training.

The new No. 2 Advanced Infantry Training Regiment, with a strength of 2,625, can be accommodated at the ARUNDA barracks, CHITTAUR, although some proportion of this Regiment will be attached to the Infantry School and Infantry Specialists School in the S.T. barracks at CHITTAUR. Hence, there is ample accommodation for the whole of this Regiment.

There remains the Advanced Training of Other Arms. The total to be trained, including of vacation for 1,200 students (as Chang), is (4,375 - 2,625) 1,750. There will be no Regimental Headquarters and the following table gives their locations.

Arm.	Location.	Maximum capacity.	Regimental units.	Remarks.
Artillery	<u>CHANG</u>	600	325	It is hoped to transfer the whole Artillery School in due course to the <u>S.T.B.</u> barracks at <u>CHITTAUR</u> , but this cannot happen before October.
Genl. Systems Inf & Deck Operations	<u>CHANG</u> do.	300	450 200 650	This raises a serious problem of accommodation, which will be overcome when the Artillery can move to <u>CHITTAUR</u> . It is suggested that as a purely temporary measure the Systems and Infantry & Deck Operations command should be halved, when the Artillery moves the Signallers can move to the Artillery barracks in <u>CHANG</u> and the Genl. Systems will then meet all requirements.
Signallers	do.	300	195	

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The buildings assigned by the present No. 1 Regiment will just accommodate the new No. 3 Other Arms Battalion Training Regiment with an actual, maximum strength of 2,100 (including their proportion of messes).

This deals with all Basic Training.

The new No. 2 Advanced Infantry Training Regiment, with a strength of 2,625, can be accommodated at the ALEXANDRIA Barracks, CIVILIAN AREA, although some proportion of this Regiment will be attached to the Infantry School and Infantry Specialists School in the G.P. Barracks at CIVILIAN AREA. Hence, there is ample accommodation for the whole of this Regiment.

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Arm.	Location.	Maximum capacity.	Requirement.	Remarks.
Artillery	MAHOUT	600	325	It is hoped to transfer the whole Artillery School in this course to the R.A.F.D. barracks at CIVILIAN AREA, but this cannot happen before October.
Genio.				
Engineers	MAHOUT		150	This raises a serious problem of accommodation, which will be overcome when the Artillery can move to CIVILIAN AREA. It is suggested that as a purely temporary measure the Engineers and Railway & Dock Operations contingent should be halved.
Operations	do.	300	$\frac{300}{250}$	When the Artillery moves the Signallers can move to the Artillery barracks in MAHOUT and the Genio barracks will then meet all requirements.
Signallers	do.	300	195	
S. & F.	D. & M. School CHAMBER.	360	120	There again some small additional accommodation will be required to meet capacity, but given a little time, which is available, such accommodation can be found.
Ordnance & Workshops	D. & M. School CHAMBER.	240	160	No comment.
Medical	ALL		1,750	

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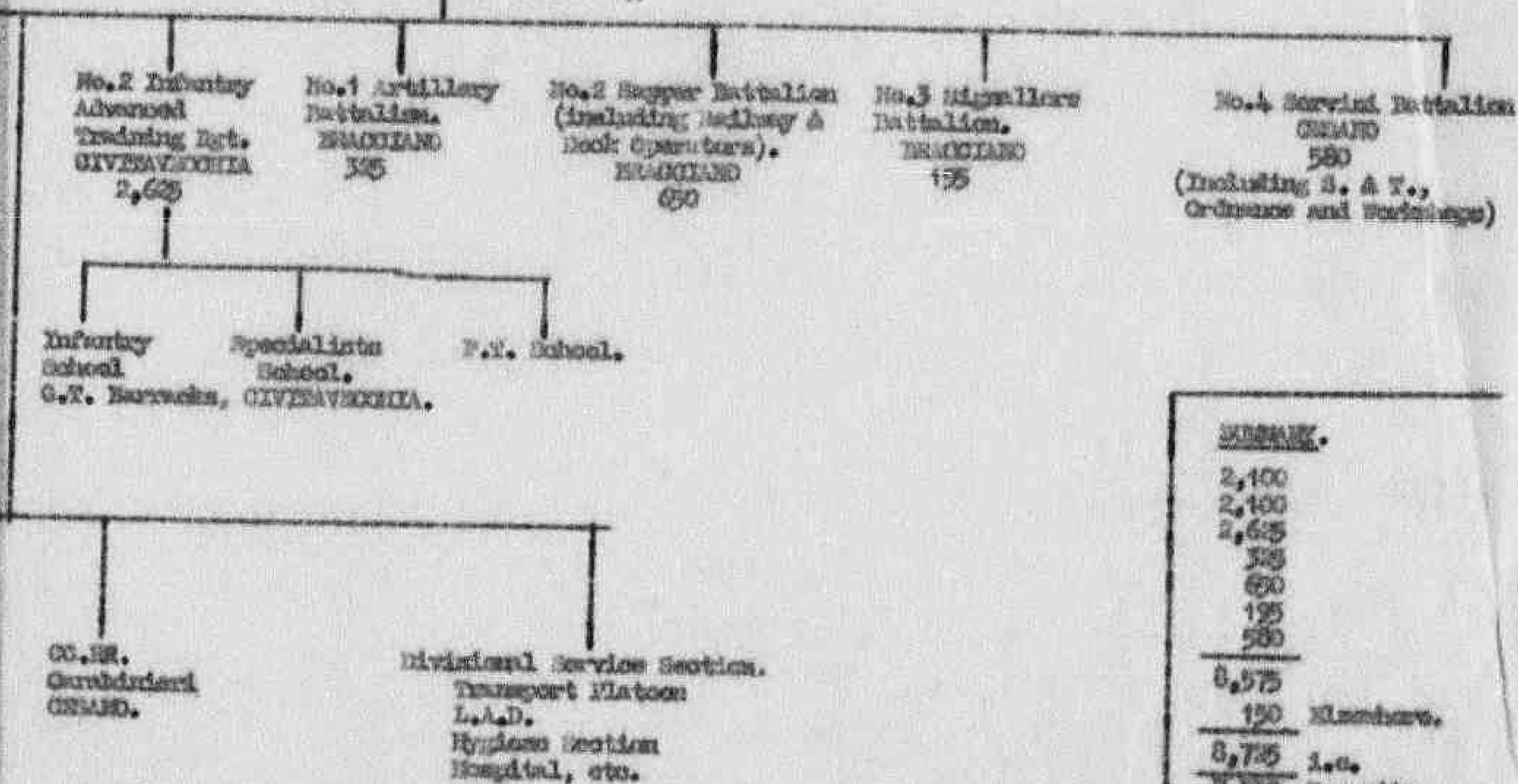
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    A[No. 1 Infantry Basic Training Regiment.  
CHAND.  
2,100] --- B[No. 3 Other Arms Basic Training Regiment.  
CHAND.  
2,100]
    A --- C[No. 2 Infantry Advanced Training Rgt.  
CHAND.  
2,625]
    A --- D[No. 1 Artillery Battalion.  
CHAND.  
305]
    A --- E[No. 2 Engineer Battalion (including Railway & Dock Operators).  
CHAND.  
650]
    A --- F[No. 5 Signals Battalion.  
CHAND.  
1,200]
    C --- G[Infantry School  
G.T. Barracks, CHAND.]
    C --- H[Specialists School.  
CHAND.]
    C --- I[P.T. School.  
CHAND.]
    A --- J[SIVA Schools  
Manual from Orgd only.  
CHAND.]
    A --- K[CO. JR.  
Combined  
CHAND.]
    A --- L[Divisional Service Section.  
Transport Platoon  
L.A.D.  
Hygiene Section  
Hospital, etc.]
  
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~~NOTE:~~ The whole position at MANHATTAN requires revision and this will be the next problem to be dealt with. It is NOT covered in any way in this letter.

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APPENDIX 'C' To 'P' BL & TU letter
 10/6/1968 2.25/7/45

H.Q., R.T.C., I.C.P.

SUMMARY.

2,100	
2,100	
2,625	
335	
650	
175	
580	
8,575	
150	Minshere.
8,725	I.C.
7,300	Recruits
1,200	Gravel.
25	surplus.
8,725	

These positions at MANHUA require revision and this will be the next problem to
 deal with. It is not covered in any way in this letter.

SECRET: Re-organization of the R.T.C., I.C.P.

THE BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT

R.T.C., I.C.P.

Ref: A2/6/1009

15 July 1945.

To: H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (MCA).

Copy to: H.M.T., A.P.M.C. (For Information).

1. As a result of the R.T.C. Training Meeting held at H.M.I., Boro, on 10 July 1945, and with reference to the Minutes of this meeting, the British Liaison & Training Unit prepared a Memorandum (A.C./6/976 of 11 July 45 (enclosure No.1)), setting out a scheme for the re-organization of the R.T.C., I.C.P., in accordance with the decisions taken at that meeting.

2. Reference paragraph 5 of the Minutes, it is not deemed practical to commence the preparation of War Rehabilitation until the proposals contained in the Memorandum (or such alternative proposals as may be accepted) are agreed by Higher Authority. Pending this approval, no steps are being taken to prepare H.E.

3. The subject of Transport, referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17, is dealt with in a separate letter under reference A2/17/1008 of 17 July 45 (not enclosed).

4. Reference is also made to this office letter - subject "Reinforcements or R.T.C., I.C.P." under reference A2/2/1006 of 17 July, copy of which is attached (enclosure No.2). From this it would appear that plans for the training of recruits or intake into CEMTS need take no cognizance of the period until the end of September. Hence, the extreme urgency of preparing a plan for re-organization no longer exists and every possible consideration can be given to all aspects of the problem.

5. In order to obtain the views of as many interested persons as possible, the Memorandum referred to in paragraph 1 (A2/6/976) was discussed with a number of officers, who are in a position to contribute valuable advice and suggestions.

These discussions showed a general agreement with the proposal in principle, but introduced a number of queries and modifications which are considered to be most helpful and constructive.

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1. As a result of the R.I.II Training Meeting held at M.M.I.A., Buss, on 10 July 1945, and with reference to the Minutes of this meeting, the British Liaison & Training Unit prepared a Memorandum (A.G./6/976) of 11 July 45 (enclosure No.1.), setting out a scheme for the re-organization of the R.I.C., I.C.P., in accordance with the decisions taken at that meeting.

2. Reference paragraph 5 of the Minutes, it is not deemed practical to continue the preparation of the Memorandum until the proposals contained in the Memorandum (or such alternative proposals as may be accepted) are agreed by Higher Authority. Pending this approval, no steps are being taken to prepare W.E.

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6. Enclosure No.3 - "Addenda to Memorandum A.G./6/976" gives the main headings of the points raised during these discussions.

7. It is therefore suggested that a further meeting should be held to discuss the Memorandum itself and the suggested modifications. To simplify the proceedings, the Agenda has been prepared in the form of a number of specific questions, to which (above it is a question of policy) Higher Authority will no doubt supply the answer prior to the meeting, and where it is a case of practical preference, the views of those present at the meeting may be taken, thus enabling the Chairman to give a decision. The proposed Agenda is attached, as Enclosure No.4.

8. It is proposed that M.M.I.A., in conjunction with A.M.P., will arrange the time and place of this meeting and issue instructions as to who will attend.

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W.M. *John*
Colonel.
Commander "P" British Liaison & Training Unit RTO HQ

REPLACES No. 4

To 7th IL & 7th Letter
10/6/1909 dtd. 10/7/25

AGENDA FOR MEETING M.M.I.A. MEETING.

- (1) (a) In the Memorandum 10/6/976 of 11 July 45 approved in principle?
(b) Is a Recruits Holding Regiment necessary?
(c) If so, can GASTRO do what is necessary?
- (2) (a) Is a Reinforcement Holding Regiment (trained recruits surplus to GASTRO N.E.) necessary?
(b) If so, is VERBODEN a good place for it?
- (3) (a) Is six weeks basic training adequate or would eight weeks be preferable?
(b) Are the period indicated for advanced training adequate, or would a 33.1/3% increase (i.e. from 6 to 8, or from 12 to 16 weeks) be desirable?
- (4) (a) Are the periods given in the Memorandum for advanced training adequate or excessive? What are the preferred periods?

	Proposed in Memo. (weeks.)	Agreed, (weeks.)
Infantry.....	6	_____
Artillery.....	12	_____
Engineers.....	12	_____
Signallers.....	12	_____
Rly. Stock Operators..	12	_____
S. & T. - (a) Drivers.....	6	_____
(b) Tracheanists.....	6	_____
Ordnance.....	6	_____
Workshops.....	12	_____
Motors.....	6	_____

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- (b) If so, is VICTORY a good place for it?
- (5) (a) Is six weeks basic training adequate or would eight weeks be preferable?
- (b) Are the periods indicated for advanced training adequate, or would a 33.1/3% increase (i.e., from 6 to 8, or from 12 to 16 weeks) be desirable?
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Signalmen.....	12	_____
My. & Dock Operators..	12	_____
S. & F. -		
(a) Drivers.....	6	_____
(b) Truckmen.....	6	_____
Ordnance.....	6	_____
Workshops.....	12	_____
Medical.....	6	_____
Plumbers.....	6	_____

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- (b) Should a Committee of Service Heads be appointed to review the whole position and make recommendations on Training of Service personnel?
- (5) Should the recommendation decision be reserved until the Committee suggested in 4 (b) has made its rulings.
- (6) (a) Can Specialist training be carried out in GERMANY?
- (b) If so, is this method preferred to training centrally at GERMANY?

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- (7) Will any leave be granted to recruits while at ORANGE?
- (8) Is it essential that recruits should be divided into Arms at the commencement of their service?
- If not, all basic training can be identical and is better located in a single place (ORANGE?)
- Will the examination schedule in the Memorandum be modified to give effect to this?
- (9) Is a Regimental Headquarters for No. 4 Other Arms Regiment essential?
- (10) (a) What are Pioneer?
- (b) What are their duties?
- (c) What training do they require?
- (d) How long should they be trained?
- (e) Can the Pioneer Advanced Training Battalion be dispersed with?
- (11) Are there any modifications required to the M.M.I.A. Memorandum?
- (12) Should recruits remain in one Regiment throughout the whole period of both Basic and Advanced Training, or should the change-over visualised in the Memorandum be achieved?
- (13) Any other questions.

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IN LOOSE No. 3.
(To 'P' BL & TU letter
AQ/6/1009 dtd. 18/7/45)

MEMORANDUM TO MEMORANDUM AQ/6/976 of 11 JULY 1945.

- PARA. 10. 1. Suggested that the pool of recruits surplus to War Establishment could be combined with the existing facilities at GRIFFIN. How long will these facilities remain available?
- PARA. 11. 2. Would VIMERO Barracks be a suitable place for the reinforcement holding centre, if such is deemed desirable or essential?
3. It has been urged that six weeks basic training is inadequate and that eight weeks would be preferable. This would enable the advanced training period to be increased proportionately, i.e. Infantry from six to eight weeks -- Sergeants from twelve to sixteen -- but see next paragraph :-

APPX. 'A'. 1. Periods of Advanced Training.

It is suggested that British Training Officers of the various Arms be present at the Meeting, to express their views on the period of advanced training indicated in the Memorandum. These are :-

Infantry	- 6 weeks.
Artillery	- 12 "
Sappers.	- 12 "
Signals	- 12 "

Similarly, Staff Officers with experience of working with Italians should be prepared to express their opinion on the time required for the further training of the various Services. This applies particularly to the immovable trades included in S.O.7. Can drivers be trained from "scratch" and if so, what period is required?

R.S.M.S. should be asked to express their views on the training of Workshop personnel from "scratch".

It was emphasised that whereas the machinery for training the fighting arms has been proved, that for the training of Services is still in a relatively elementary stage. A Committee of Service heads might well express an opinion.

5. The solution of accommodation and location problems is merely ⁽¹⁾ arithmetic once the decisions asked for in (3) and (4) above have been taken. (This will be done by 'P' B.L. & F.H.)

6. Consideration must be given to whether Specialist Training can be carried out in Griffon. Although this has been accepted in British Divisions, it is not thought that Griffon are yet qualified to do this. It would be difficult to maintain a standard doctrine.

7. It is presumed that no leave will be granted during the training period at GRIFFIN.

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'C'.

8. Italian custom lays down that a recruit shall be allocated to a specific Arm from his first day of service. Is this essential or desirable?

If all basic training was in one place it would be a simplification. This can probably be arranged if required.

Documentation and initial equipment is more easily carried out at CHIARO than elsewhere.

Hence it is suggested that the location of Nos. 2 and 3 Regiments be changed over and the Pioneer Battalion moved to CHIARO.

APPL.
'D'.

9. The provision of a Regimental H.Q. for No.4 'Other Arms Regiment' is generally considered unnecessary.

10. Pioneers.

There is considerable doubt about what this category really means. It is pointed out that they require no advanced training whatsoever - certainly not under Sapper guidance. Hence, the provision of a Pioneer Advanced Training Battalion may be considered unnecessary. May a fuller

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definition of their status and duties be provided?

11. Does the H.M.I.A. have plans allow for enough Artillerymen -- it seems to be on the small side, but facilities exist for increase if found desirable?

12. It has been suggested that instead of recruits, C.S. Infantry, transferring from No. 1 Battalion including Regiment to No. 2 Advanced Training Regiment at the expiration of six (or eight) weeks, it would be preferable if a recruit stayed in one Regiment with his own Officers and N.C.O. Instructions for the whole period of twelve (or sixteen) weeks. This could easily be arranged and more closely conforms to British practice.

MEMORANDUM No. 4.

To: J. B. & J. B. Letter
AG/6/1009 dtd. 18/7/45)

AGENDA FOR PROPOSED M.M.I.A. MEETING.

- (1) (a) Is the Memorandum AG/6/976 of 11 July 45 approved in principle?
(b) Is a Recruits Holding Regiment necessary?
(c) If so, can GERVINO do what is necessary?
- (2) (a) Is a Reinforcement Holding Regiment (Trained Recruits surplus to CESANO W.R.) necessary?
(b) If so, is VIVENDO a good place for it?
- (3) (a) Is six weeks basic training adequate or would eight weeks be preferable?
(b) Are the period indicated for advanced training adequate, or would a 33.1/3% increase (i.e. from 6 to 8, or from 12 to 16 weeks) be desirable?
- (4) (a) Are the periods given in the Memorandum for advanced training adequate or excessive? What are the preferred periods?

	Proposed in Memo. (weeks.)	Amended, (weeks.)
Infantry.....	6	
Artillery.....	12	
Sappers.....	12	
Signallers.....	12	
Rly. & Dock Operators..	12	
S. & T. - (a) Drivers.....	6	
(b) Trudermen....	6	
Ordnance.....	6	
Workshops.....	12	
Medical.....	6	

(b) If so, is VIVERO a good place for it?

- (3) (a) Is six weeks basic training adequate or would eight weeks be preferable?
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Artillery.....	12	_____
Sappers.....	12	_____
Signallers.....	12	_____
Rly. & Dock Operators..	12	_____
S. A. T. -		
(a) Drivers.....	6	_____
(b) Tradesman....	6	_____
Ordnance.....	6	_____
Workshops.....	12	_____
Medical.....	6	_____
Pioneers.....	6	_____

- (b) Should a Committee of Service Heads be appointed to review the whole position and make recommendations on Training of Services personnel?

- (5) Should the accommodation decision be reserved until the Committee suggested in 4 (b) has made its rulings.

- (6) (a) Can Specialist training be carried out in Groups?

- (b) If so, is this method preferred to training centrally at ORELAND?

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- (7) Will any leave be granted to recruits while at CESAMO?
- (8) Is it essential that recruits should be divided into Arms at the commencement of their service?
- If not, all basic training can be identical and is better located in a single place (CESAMO?)
- Shall the accommodation schedule in the Memorandum be modified to give effect to this?
- (9) Is a Regimental Headquarters for No.4 Other Arms Regiment essential?
- (10) (a) What are Pioneers?
- (b) What are their duties?
- (c) What training do they require?
- (d) How long should they be trained?
- (e) Can the Pioneer Advanced Training Battalion be dispensed with?
- (11) Are there any modifications required to the N.M.I.A. breakdown?
- (12) Should recruits remain in one Regiment throughout the whole period of both Basic and Advanced Training, or should the change-over visualised in the Memorandum be adhered to?
- (13) Any other questions.

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SUBJECT: Re-organisation of the R.T.C., I.C.P.
at CERNARO and District.

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[P] British Liaison & Training
Unit, R.T.C., I.C.P.

Ref: AQ/6/865

25 June 1945.

1. A Meeting was held at H.Q., M.L.I.A. on 12 June 1945 to consider the problems caused by the termination of hostilities in connection with the re-organisation of the Italian Army.

2. The Chairman, Lieut-Col. S. Eggleston, gave as much information as was available, and it was finally decided that a specific proposal should be prepared to form a basis of discussion at a further meeting.

3. A draft proposal was prepared by Col. Mackay and the broad outlines discussed with Lieut-Col. Poddin of D.M.T., while a series of conferences were held at CERNARO to review all aspects of the problem. As a result of these conversations, the following memorandum was prepared and is submitted as a basis of discussion.

It is understood that G.3 CWD. A.P.H.Q. are preparing a memorandum on the same subject but it is considered that in view of the urgent necessity of ending the present uncertainty at Cernaro, it is better to submit this proposal without delay, so that, if desired, it may be considered at the same time as that coming from A.P.H.Q.

4. It is appreciated that any scheme of re-organisation must be divided into two phases. The first phase will cover the period during which the Italian forces of all types, both combat and service troops, will be utilised by the S.A.C. to assist in the re-organisation of Italy and in the control of enemy P.O.W. and Concentration Camps. This phase may last for as long as twelve months. The second phase covers the period when the Italian Army will gradually be developed into an independent National entity, free of Allied control, but assisted by Allied personnel, if such is the wish of the Italian Government.

5. The object of the present proposal is to evolve a scheme which will meet the requirements of the S.A.C. in all respects at present, but which can be merged into the second phase with the minimum of alteration or adjustment.

6. The ultimate object is to convert CERNARO and the associated military establishments at BRACCANO, MANLIANA, VERDEO and CERVINAVOXERIA into Italian "Allied" units.

7. Such being the case, it would appear that CERNARO district (the term is intended to include all the associated establishments referred to above), should be designed to have a dual function:

- (a) The first of these functions is to provide a training centre corresponding to the British Army Depot, where recruits may be received, equipped and given the main essentials of elementary military training, regardless of the line of the Service to which they will ultimately belong.

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To conform, however, to accepted Italian procedure, such recruits cannot be lumped together for this initial training, but the principle of separation of the various arms must be introduced from the first day of their service. This introduces certain complications, but as the nature of this elementary training is, nevertheless, identical, there is no insuperable difficulty.

- (b) The second function is to provide schools and specialized training establishments where refresher and advanced courses in all Arms of the Service may be provided. Pupils for these courses will be derived not from recruits, but from trained personnel of the Group or Service Divisions, who are in need of advanced training or refresher courses. Hence, the pupils of these Schools will not be included on the strength of R.T.C., but will merely be attached over Establishment for the duration of the respective Courses.
- (c) Facilities for both these functions already exist in CEMANO and District and the question resolves itself into ascertaining how best to make use of the existing facilities and, if necessary, to extend them in order to obtain the best possible results.

8. The cessation of hostilities has entirely altered the function of CEMANO. Hitherto its work was confined to the training (as far as circumstances permitted) of recruits, to enable them to take their place in the line with the combat Groups in the shortest possible time. In view of the demand for reinforcements, many recruits were sent forward inadequately trained, and it was necessary for them to complete their training in actual service with the Groups. This was unsatisfactory but had to be accepted.

The position is now entirely changed. In the first place, the former differentiation between Combat and Service troops is to be virtually abolished. CEMANO will henceforward be the reinforcement Centre for the whole Italian Army, whatever the nature of the duties that may be assigned to it.

Secondly, the nature of the required training is altered. The intensive field training which was essential for a soldier who was intended to form part of a fighting division is now of infinitely less importance. What is now required is to produce a soldier who is well disciplined, capable of handling his personal weapons and with sufficient military background to enable him to execute the duties for which he is required.

9. Definite figures of the strength of the future Italian Army are not yet available but the existing Army (Combat and Service) is of the order of 160,500. It is believed that this figure will for the time being remain unchanged, but the breakdown will vary. The following breakdown has been proposed.

BR-ITI Unit ceiling.	-	145,000	
Rct. Holding (5%)	-	7,500	
A.P.H.Q. reserve.	-	10,000	
(against demobilization)			

160,500

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It is not considered necessary to discuss a further breakdown between Service units and Combat Groups, as the nature of the initial training for all branches of the Italian Army should be identical.

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The problem appears to define itself. Cesare and District must :

- (a) provide facilities for the initial training of 7,500 recruits of all arms, and
- (b) provide the equivalent of the C.M.T.C.

10. Although it is unnecessary to differentiate between Combat and Service troops it is necessary to assume an arbitrary breakdown of these 7,500 recruits into the Arms of the Service for which they are destined. For simplicity and only in so far as it relates to elementary training, I have included those intended for Service units under the heading of Infantry. The arbitrary breakdown on which all calculations have been based is as follows, although it is realised that this may be subject to drastic modification.

Infantry	-	4,500
Artillery	-	900
Engineers	-	450
Signallers.	-	450
Workshops.	-	400
Supply and Transport.	-	400
Medical.	-	100
Ordnance.	-	100
General.	-	200
		7,500

11. The next factor to be considered is that of accommodation. Proper accommodation is essential for the well-being and efficiency of every soldier. Whereas during hostilities a relatively low standard of accommodation had necessarily to be accepted, in the post-hostilities and peace period, the personnel of the Italian Army are entitled to proper accommodation in permanent buildings, with adequate amenities and sufficient space for recreation, etc. It is probable that the tentage at present on loan to the R.T.C. will be called in very shortly and so allowance must be made for the accommodation of all those at present under canvas. A revision of the war-time estimate of the capacity of the buildings occupied by the R.T.C. must therefore be made.

Although work is proceeding on the repair of all buildings, an immense amount still remains to be done and hence any estimate of accommodation must visualise not less than 33.1/3% of the total accommodation being unsuitable for habitation for a considerable time to come, due to the presence of civilian workmen engaged on repairs.

There appears to be no necessity to introduce these revised standards immediately. They should be regarded as a goal towards which all efforts should be directed, although in the meantime some measure of overcrowding and inconvenience must be accepted.

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12. The following estimates of available accommodation are therefore based on peace-time standards and allowance has been included for the non-availability of at least one-third of the total living space. In these figures the main number relates to accommodation for recruits, while the figure in brackets is an allowance for the subsidiary accommodation required for personnel of the Garrison Battalion to which reference is made in a later paragraph. No reference has been made to the accommodation required for the personnel of the R.T.C. Headquarters, or for the permanent training and administrative staff as it is considered that the accommodation at present occupied will prove to be adequate for the reduced establishment required for the smaller ceiling now envisaged.

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CESANO.

Buildings at present occupied by No.1 Regiment	Capacity	1500	(120)
Buildings at present occupied by No.2 Regiment		2000 ⁺	(180)
Buildings at present occupied by the E. & M. School and the D. & M. School.		600 ⁺	(60)
Carabinieri School.		200 ⁺	(---)

VITERBO.

Buildings occupied by the Garibaldi Regt.	1500	(180)
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CIVITAVECCHIA.

Empty Barracks and part of those at present occupied by R.A.	3000	(300)
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BRACCIANO.

Buildings occupied by the Artillery Bn.	600 ⁺	(120)
Barracks occupied by the Engineers and Signallers Battalions.	600 ⁺	(60)

MANZIANA.

S.I.V.A. Schools.	500 ⁺	(120)
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Hence, if all the accommodation referred to is available we have :-

At CESANO	3000 Recruits	360 Garrison.	+1300 Students
VITERBO.	1500 "	180 "	
CIVITAVECCHIA.	3000 "	300 "	

*The accommodation at BRACCIANO and MANZIANA will not be occupied by recruits and similarly out of the available space for 4,300 at CESANO, space will be required for 1,300 Students not included in the recruits ceiling.

The whole subject of advanced training for students other than recruits is dealt with in a later paragraph.

13. The next problem to be considered is the time factor. What is the minimum period required to train a raw recruit to such a state of military efficiency that he is able either :-

- (a) to fulfil the requirements of guard or garrison duties,
- (b) to have sufficient military background to assimilate the specialised military training of his particular Arm (provided he is destined for the Combat force).

Considerable discussion has taken place on this matter and the consensus of opinion appears to place the minimum time required at eight weeks. At the end of this period, it should be possible to assess the recruit's capabilities and to devise some form of category of his probable military aptitude.

14. If this period of eight weeks basic training is accepted and the ceiling figure of 7,500 at CESANO is confirmed, it will be seen that the essential period of military service (requiring a conscript army) can be readily calculated. Current output will be 7,500 every two months; (actually it would be preferable to send forward 3,750 every month).

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The proposed BR-FRI ceiling is 143,000, so that to maintain this ceiling permanently at full strength, the soldier will be required to serve for a minimum period of :-

$$\frac{143,000 \times 2}{7,500} \text{ months}$$

= 38 months, or say, three years.

143,000 include permanent staff which approx 50% = 71,500

This period may be considered to be excessive. One solution would be to increase the ceiling at Cesano or to reduce the period of training. Neither would be entirely satisfactory, but it should be borne in mind there is another factor which materially affects the issue. Provided the terms of engagement were made sufficiently attractive, a large number of officers and soldiers would be prepared to sign on for long term permanent engagements. If the number so doing were to approach one-third of the total strength of the Army, the period of conscript service for the remainder would automatically be reduced to two years, which may well be considered acceptable.

In the meantime all calculations are based on a ceiling of 7,500 at CESANO and an arbitrary breakdown as indicated in paragraph 10.

15. It is now possible to consider in greater detail how best to utilize the available accommodation to meet the training requirements of 7,500 recruits and to provide advanced training for the maximum number of students from the Gruppo.

In the Chart given at Appendix 'A' a practical solution of this problem is indicated.

Analysis of this chart shows the actual location of all recruits and also the amount of space available for students, from the Combat Groups, not included in the Recruits ceiling. This analysis is given at Appendix 'B'.

It will be seen that 7,500 recruits are accommodated at CESANO, VITEBSO and CIVITAVECCHIA and instructional and accommodation facilities are provided for 3,000 students at CESANO, BRACCIANO and MONZIANA.

It is submitted that this solution fully meets the requirements of the Centre, as set out in paragraph 7, sub-para (a) and (b).

16. No mention has yet been made of one essential requisite, which, in the writer's opinion is of the most vital importance. Training, to be effective, must be continuous and uninterrupted. One of the gravest handicaps of the present system has been the constant demand for guards, fatigues and other duty men, which has reached such a pitch that between 25% and 35% of the men who should be under training are employed for this purpose. This reduces the effectiveness of training by a much higher percentage and should be avoided at all costs. The writer suggests that the Cesano District should have a permanent Garrison Battalion of at least 1,200 who will be attached to the Centre and will carry out all fatigues and duties. This unit will not be on the establishment of the R.T.C., I.C.C. but will be attached to it in the same way as a Battalion of the Cheshire 4250 is attached to R.A.A.C. for similar duties. The importance of this provision cannot be over-emphasized and hence in the accommodation schedule provision for their accommodation has been included in the figures shown in brackets.

17. In the analysis it has been shown that accommodation has been allowed for a total of 3,000 students for advanced courses and refresher training.

The present training plan has been devised to provide two forms of advanced training.

The first, which is typified at the SIVA Schools, is to provide a standard of instruction which will enable successful students to qualify as Unit instructors. The second, which is included in the Engineers, Signallers and Artillery courses at BRACCIANO and in the Infantry Arms courses at CESANO, aims at providing a standard of instruction which will enable the successful student to pass the various P.O.E.T's of his particular Arm.

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Schools and Courses at present established are as follows :-

MACELLAIA.

SIVA Schools.

Primary object - the production of Unit Instructors.

TACTICAL SCHOOL.

Senior Officer's Wing.

Company Commander's Wing.

Junior Leader's Wing.

SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Administrative Course.

Person Management Course.

Hygiene Course.

Water Duties Course.

WEAPON TRAINING SCHOOL.

Platoon Weapons Wing.

6 pdr. A/Tk. Gun Course.

3" Mortar.

Snipers and Field Craft Course.

The capacity of the School can readily be increased to - 500

MACCIANO.

Engineer's, Signaller's and Artillery Schools.

Primary object: These schools provide both forms of training. While they are essentially designed to teach the essentials of their subjects to the individual Soldier, Signaller or Gunner, they also include advanced instruction with the object of turning out unit Instructors.

ENGINEER'S SCHOOL. - Capacity. - 300

All branches of R.E. duties and handling of equipment.

SIGNALLER'S SCHOOL. - Capacity - 300

Trained Signal operators up to the requirements of Gruppo R.Q.

ARTILLERY SCHOOL. Capacity - 600

25 pdr.

18 pdr.

6 pdr.

40 mm. Rifles.

CELANO.

INFANTRY SPECIALIST Training Courses.

Capacity. - 500

Platoon Weapons.

6 pdr. A/Tk. Gun.

3" Mortar.

Carriers.

Mines and Pioneers.

The object of these courses is to train the individual soldier to be proficient in his own arm and it is not intended that any attempt should be made to produce Instructors. Hence there is no suggestion of duplication with the same subjects which are taught at SIVA Schools with a different object. None the less, any outstandingly promising pupil may well be earmarked as a unit instructor if this is considered advisable.

CELANO.

PROVOST COURSE. - Capacity - 200

C.O.R.R. Training.

Regimental Police Course.

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CENTRO DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL. - Capacity - 360
Maintenance Tank System.
Training of Drivers.

Primary object - - to maintain a constant reserve of trained drivers in the Gruppi and Divisions to meet normal wastage.

CENTRO ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICS SCHOOL. - Capacity - 240
Vehicle Mechanics.
Driver Mechanics.
Gun Fitters.
Artisans.

Primary object. To meet the requirements of Gruppi and Divisions for this class of Specialist. It is of the utmost importance that students should be carefully screened as it is obviously impossible in a conscript army to train completely ignorant men to the necessary standard of proficiency. All students must have the essential basic knowledge derived from their civil occupation, and where possible preference should be given to men who have signed long term engagements.

It is obvious that additional courses and instruction beside that enumerated above can be included in the training syllabus as required. It is submitted, however, that the training facilities already available are of sufficient vital importance to justify the retention of these Schools and Courses.

18. A comprehensive reorganisation such as has been indicated in this memorandum will require a certain period to implement. It is believed that R.M.I.A. have this factor fully in mind and are contemplating drafting as many as possible of the recruits at present under training to enable the re-organisation to be carried out with the minimum of difficulty. Only sufficient personnel will be left to carry out essential guard and maintenance duties.

19. In conclusion, attention is drawn to some of the major, general problems which continue to affect the overall efficiency of the Centre.

(a) TRANSPORT.

The vital importance of proper vehicle maintenance and discipline has repeatedly been impressed on all ranks at R.T.C., I.C.B. It is to be regretted that a most condemnatory report has been received on the condition of the vehicles at the Centre, as a consequence of which, energetic steps have been taken in an endeavour to remedy the present position. Although to some extent the condition of the transport may be attributed to the state of the roads, the most serious factors are:

- (i) the majority of vehicles when received were Class Y and receipt have done considerably more than the 1,000 miles estimated life, and
- (ii) nearly every vehicle was received without tools or spares, and though repeated indents have been submitted, very few have been received.

In consequence, while not condoning the lack of maintenance, there is, unfortunately, a great deal of justification for the excuse which are made.

(b) WORKSHOPS.

The workshop organisation in the Italian Army is at present virtually non-existent and although a Workshop for the R.T.C. has now been approved, the whole problem requires review on a very high level. It is believed however, that A.S.H.Q. are fully aware of the defects of the present Italian organization and are taking steps to provide a remedy./6.

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(c) ACCOMMODATION.

This subject has been fully discussed but the main problem still remains: that of basic structural repairs.

It is recommended that a Standing Committee should be formed comprising representatives for each of the following :-

H.Q., R.T.C., I.O.F.
Genio Militare.
Ministro della Guerra.
M.M.I.A.
'P' B.L. & T.U.

This Committee should meet very frequently to consider plans for expediting the completion of all buildings in CESSANO and District. It is also recommended that they should include in their terms of reference the maintenance of roads and approaches. A great deal of the present transport difficulties are due to the almost incredible condition of the only approach roads to CESSANO.

(d) PAY.

There is at present no special pay for skilled tradesmen or any form of proficiency pay for specialists. Neither is there any proper form of documentation for these invaluable personnel. Hence it frequently happens that after a great deal of time has been spent in training an important specialist he is lost sight of and reverts to the general level of the ordinary untrained soldier. This is not only grossly wasteful but leads to a great deal of discontent and to complete lack of enthusiasm among those selected for specialist training. This is a matter of the greatest importance.

20. It is suggested that this memorandum should be considered by M.M.I.A. and D.M.T., and if it is thought to be of value, a further meeting should be called to obtain the views of branches and departments.

DBM/sh.

Colonel.

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APPENDIX 'A'

<u>CELANO</u>	<u>VITERBO</u>	<u>CIVITAVECCHIA</u>	<u>BRACCIANO</u>	<u>BRACCIANO</u>
No. 1 Infantry Basic Training Regt. Capacity 3,000 <u>Location:</u> No. 1 Regt. Block. No. 2 Regt. Block.	No. 3 Infantry Basic Training Regt. Capacity 1,500 <u>Location:</u> Italian Air Force Barracks	No. 3 Other Arms Basic Training Regt. Capacity 3,000 <u>Location:</u> Available Barracks at Civitavecchia.	Artillery Bn. Capacity 600 <u>Location:</u> Artillery Barracks, Bracciano (Students from Combat Force not included in Recruits ceiling).	Engineers Capacity <u>Location:</u> Barracks, (Students Force not Recruits
Bn. Comd. 60 and 5 Platoons of 60 each.	3 Platoons of 60 each.	5 Platoons of 60 each	2 Platoons of 60 each	

R.T.G., I.C.F. COMMAND.

BRACCIANO.
 Artillery Bn.
 Capacity 600
Location: Artillery
 Barracks, Bracciano

(Students from Combat
 Force not included in
 Recruits ceiling).

2 Platoons
 of 60 each

BRACCIANO.
 Engineers Bn.
 Capacity 300
Location: Genio
 Barracks, Bracciano.

(Students from Combat
 Force not included in
 Recruits Ceiling).

1 Platoon of 60.

BRACCIANO.
 Signallers Bn.
 Capacity 300
Location: Genio
 Barracks, Bracciano

(Students from Combat
 Force not included in
 Recruits ceiling).

CELANO.
 D & M School.
 Capacity 380
Location: D & M.
 School, CELANO.

(All students from
 Combat Force not
 included in Recruits
 ceiling.)

1 Platoon of 60

GAULISON BN. OF 1200

CESANO.
D & M School.
Capacity 350
Location: D & M.
School, CESANO.

(All students from
Combat Force not
included in Recruits
ceiling.)

1 Platoon of 60.

CESANO.
E & M School.
Capacity 240
Location: E & M
School, CESANO.

(All students from
Combat Force not
included in
Recruits Ceiling).

CESANO.
Garbini School.
Capacity 200.
Location: CC.RR.
Block, CESANO.

(All students from
Combat Force not
included in
Recruits ceiling).

CESANO.
Infantry, Specialists
Schools.
Capacity 500
Location: Schools
Buildings, CESANO.

(Note: All students from
Combat Force not included
in Recruits ceiling -
Accommodation is allowed
in building at present
occupied by No.2 Infantry
Regiment).

MARZIANA
S.I.V.A.
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CESANO.
E & M School.
Capacity 240
Location: E & M
School, CESANO.

(All students from
Combat Force not
included in
Recruits Ceiling).

CESANO.
Carabinieri School.
Capacity 200.
Location: CC.RR.
Block, CESANO.

(All students from
Combat Force not
included in
Recruits ceiling).

CESANO.
Infantry, Specialists
Schools.
Capacity 500
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in building at present
occupied by No.2 Infantry
Regiment).

MARZIANA.
S.I.V.A. Schools.
Capacity 400 now.
Can be increased to 500 with
additional accommodation
and staff.
Location: Buildings,
Marziana.

(All students from Combat
Force. The primary intention
of these Schools is advanced
training for instructors and
Senior Officers).

of 60.

2 Platoons of 60 each.

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ANALYSIS OF AGGREGATION AND LOCATION OF SOLDIERS.

RECRUITS.

		Capacity.	Infantry Recruits.	Garrison.	Available
(1)	Infantry Barracks, CERSANO.	4,450	3,000	360	
(2)	Barracks, VITERBO.	1,680	1,500	180	
(3)	Barracks, CIVITAVECCHIA.	3,500	Other Arms Recruits.		
			3,000 (For breakdown see para. 10)	300	
			7,500		

STUDENTS From COAST FORCE.

(4)	Artillery Barracks, BRACCIANO.	720	Arty Students.	
			600	120
(5)	Genie Barracks, BRACCIANO	660	Eng. Students.	
			300	
			Signalers Students.	60
			300	
(6)	D. & M. School. CERSANO	400	D & M Students. } ++	
			360	30
(7)	E & M School. CERSANO	270	E & M Students. }	
			240	30
(8)	Carabinieri School CERSANO	200	Military Police Students.	
			200	—
(9)	Infantry Specialist School CERSANO	500	Infantry Students.	
		(Incl in No 1 above)	500	—
(10)	S.I.V.A. Schools. MARZIANA	620	All Arms Students.	
			500	120
			3,000	1,200

NOTE :- ++ Included in No. 1 above.

ANALYSIS OF ACCOMMODATION AND LOCATION OF SOLDIERS.

APPENDIX 'B'.

NO.	Capacity.	Infantry Recruits.	Garrison.	Available for Inf. Combat Students.
	4,450	3,000	360	1,100
BO.	1,680	1,500	180	---
AVBOCHIA	3,300	Other Arms Recruits.		---
		3,000 (For breakdown see para. 10)	300	
		7,500		
		Arty Students.		
ULANO.	720	300	120	
ULANO	660	Engr. Students.		
		300		
		Signaller Students.	60	
		300		
NO	400	D & M Students. } ++	30	
		360		
NO	270	E & M Students. }	30	
		240		
NO	200	Military Police Students.	---	
		200		
NO	500	Infantry Students.	---	
		500		
(Incl in No 1 above)				
ANA	620	All Arms Students.	120	
		500		
		3,000	1,200	

in No. 1 above.

101 INNO ICE

Ref: AG/5/73

17 June 45.

To: Commander 101 INNO.

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2000 No.2 " " "	"	^{Company} CIVITAVECCHIA ^{and Cavalry}
2000 No.3 Other Arms Training Regiment	-	CESANO.
300 Artillery School Specialists	-	BRACCIANO.
250 Sapper School Specialists	-	BRACCIANO.
250 Signal School Specialists	-	BRACCIANO.
200 D & M School Auto Corps	-	CESANO.
--- N & M School	-	CESANO.

TOTAL 7500

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The only personnel to stay at RNO NY after the first two months' supplementary training would be :-

Artillery Specialists
Sapper
Signal
Drivers of Auto Corps.

So much for my outline solution.

5. Second.

To current on proposed layout :-

- (a) Infantry and Genie. No courses from A & Q angle.
- (b) Workshops. There is no Workshop (WMS) Corps in the Italian Army - the nearest thing is Genie (Mechanical). Personnel trained at E & M School come from:

Genie
Artillery
Infantry

So there would be no "Working" personnel in basic training Regts. To start training a fitter from scratch takes literally years. RAME advises that in a fitter's life the first six months are spent "chipping and filing". RAME is of the opinion that only basically trained fitters or apprentices can be accepted for courses at E & M School. These courses must be available only for personnel that are on long military engagements and will take from 5 - 8 weeks.

Capacity of School is 270 students.

- (c) D & M. There is no S & T in the Italian Army. Drivers are supplied by Corps Automobiles.

Capacity of School is 400 students. Course will take six weeks. 4253

The figures in your memo of 200 at Basic Training Regt and 200 at School refer, no doubt, to Corps Auto.

The remaining 200 vacancies can be allotted to units for courses.

- (d) Ordinance. Ordinance personnel must be on long engagements. Training of Ordinance personnel in short engagements of 10 months or so is not worth while.

Ordinance in position is an extremely small affair. 40 at basic training is adequate. Advance training must be at the Advanced Depot and therefore not on strength of 200 men.

(2) Training. There is no workshop (shop) course in the Italian Army - the nearest thing is Carbine (secondary). Personnel trained at E & M School come from:

Carbine
Artillery
Infantry

So there would be no "workshop" personnel in basic training Regts. To start training a fitter from scratch takes literally years. DAIES advises that in a fitters life the first six months are spent "engaging and filing". DAIES is of the opinion that only basically trained fitters or apprentices can be accepted for courses at E & M School. These courses must be available only for personnel that are on long military engagements and will take from 6 - 8 weeks.

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- (d) Ordnance. Ordnance personnel must too be on long engagements. Training of Ordnance personnel on short engagements of 18 months or so is not worth while.

Ordnance in peacetime is an extremely small affair. 40 at basic training is adequate. Ordnance training must be at the Ordnance Depot and therefore not on strength of REG INF.

4. Accommodation.

Your comments are fully agreed. It is recommended strongly that, once the basic layout of Regiments is agreed, a standing Accommodation Committee be formed.

This Committee to be composed of representatives from :-

REG INF INF
Carbine Militaire
Ministero della Guerra
M. M. M.
M. M. M.

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The Committee should agree a plan of work for each Building and allot priorities.

It should sit every two weeks to review progress made and take any action needed to ensure work goes according to plan. One member of each firm should be in attendance at these meetings to answer for his firm.

5. Garrison Battalion.

Fully agreed but I doubt if MIA will agree to it in this form.

Would it be possible, if MIA do disagree, to put it in the new HQs of the RVC HQ? On the basis of say one Guard and Detach Platoon of 60 all ranks per Battalion and Regimental HQ?

This would mean :-

Unit.	Garrison No.	Guard and Detach Pls.
1 Regt	300	250 (HQ 4 Pls).
2 "	400	250 (HQ 4 Pls).
3 "	600	440 (HQ 7 Pls).
Arty	450	130 (HQ 2 Pls).
Cenilo	150	130 (HQ 2 Pls).
Total.	1600	1200

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