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1 July '45.

Herewith report for the month of June '45.

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There have been some improvements in Methods of Instruction and good all round progress, but this has not been a profitable month. Improvements have also been made to the Regimental Sports Ground and the Range.

(c) No 2 Regt.

Improvement here has been more marked but is only a relative improvement and the standard is still far from good. Constant changing of establishment does not help this Regiment, which has all the additional disadvantages of having the Special Corps Recruits i.e. Grenadiers, Marines, Bersaglieri and Paratrooptists etc, all of whom must be kept separate with their own Officers etc. The turnout and discipline of the Regiment has improved but will not be really good until better accommodation and facilities are provided, and a higher standard demanded.

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1. (c) Continued.

The Colonel has made big efforts to improve matters and with various competitions and better man management has greatly improved the spirit in his Regiment.

(d) Infantry School.

The School was closed for three weeks to carry out structural improvements but re-opened on 18 June, the opening was marked with an inspection by the General, and as the time spent during alterations was not wasted the buildings now present an excellent example of what can be done, and are comparable with anything of its kind yet seen in Italy.

The students on the present course are of a rather lower standard than previous courses due to the smaller numbers of men to choose from and are nearly all selected privates as opposed to Junior NCOs. For these reasons the course will now be lengthened a week and a higher standard of drill, regulations and discipline be demanded.

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(i) Signals School.

Now that the School has settled down at BRACCIANO it has been possible to improve and augment facilities for instruction. A second Morse practice room is nearing completion which will provide instruction for 20 - 30 pupils at a time. A "Tape-Machine" room of 20 machines is now in use which enables operators to check visually that their Morse characters are correctly sent.

There has been an all round improvement particularly in instruction and generally discipline is better.

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1. (f) (i) Continued.

Demobilisation of certain classes threatens to deprive the School of some good Instructors but it is hoped to overcome this by promoting certain suitable officers to keep them within the "age limit for rank".

Exchange of instructors with men from the Drogpi world be helpful, as many of the subaltern Instructors at present at the School have had no other opportunity to acquire Military bearing and a sense of discipline.

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The 25 pr section still running disappointing, due largely to Instructors not demanding a sufficiently high standard. Shooting continues to show a marked improvement.

The Regiment recently held their annual "Artillery Day" and gave an excellent display of all types of Artillery Training, showing how well this can be done.

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1. Continued.

(c) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The Chain of Command has now passed to Comando di Scuola and the British Provost Officer is now only in an advisory capacity which shows a stage of progress very much to the good. No particular difficulties have arisen during the month and the School continues to function very satisfactorily.

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Training in Driving and Maintenance has been satisfactory and the School is running efficiently. The new CO has made many improvements and generally progress can be clearly seen in spite of the present condition of Class V vehicles.

The standard of pupils is not good. Far too many are lacking in mechanical aptitude which again indicates bad selection on the part of Units. This matter is being continually taken up with the Comando Scuola here.

Present state of vehicles :-

3 Ton efficient	49
VOR in workshops	13
VOR awaiting repair	29
BER	10
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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The third SIVA course is in progress at present and continues to make good progress. The start of the course was delayed one week due to students not arriving on time, also a general shortage in numbers of students from the Gruppi. However, this whole question has been taken up with both SMMA, the Ministry of War and the Gruppi and an arrangement made whereby all vacancies are allotted by the Comando Scuola here, from the recent correspondence it would appear that the main difficulties have been overcome and there should be no shortage of students for the future.

All courses at SIVA have now been increased to four weeks instead of three, this has been found necessary as so many students arrive with little knowledge of British Methods and Weapons and this extra time allows the necessary basic instruction.

A new course on "Man Management" is at present being planned to commence for the next session and will be run by the School of Administration (see appendix 'G') this will take Junior Officers and Senior Officers on a special course dealing with Man Management from every aspect and will instruct students to be capable themselves of instructing their own units.

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2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

The School reopened on 18 June. The following courses were commenced :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	25
6 pr Anti Tank Gun	40
Mortar 3-in	33
Pioneer	20
Carrier	30

The shortage of students is entirely due to the small number of men at present available in the Infantry Regiments at this Centre.

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2. (c) Continued.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

Additional students accepted for training during the mo

(A) Genio

Operators Switchboard.	20

(B) Artillery

All Trades	21

(c) Infantry.

All Trades	28
	69

Courses completed during the month.

(A) Genio

Operators Wireless.	38
" Switchboard	9
Linesmen	4
Radio Mechanics	16

(B) Infantry.

Operators Wireless.	16
" Switchboard	8
	91

(iii) Engineer Training.

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(iv) Provost School.

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Course No 2 (Regimental Police) finished on 16 June, also producing satisfactory results.

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(b) Artillery
All Trades 21

(c) Infantry.
All Trades 28

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Radio Mechanics 16

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Results as follows :-

Passed	62	
Failed	2	11 Failures.
Not classified	9	

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2. (a) (v) Continued.

(B) Twelve Armourers were given a refresher course on British Small Arms for one week under the British Staff Sergeant Armourer. The students are making good progress and are eventually to be Unit Armourers at this Centre. At present they are examining all Small Arms in the Centre under the supervision of the Staff Sergeant. This course will continue for five weeks.

(C) The first Gun Fitters Course finished on 30 June and has produced 11 trained students. Although students are keen and hard working they need more experience and will have to work under supervision at their Units.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

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(vii) Artillery Training.

The following courses continued during the month :-

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Offrs	ORs	ORs	ORs	ORs.
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Junior Leaders	26	-
Weapon Training Wing.		
Platoon Weapons.	13	18

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6 pr Anti Tank	7	12
Sniper	8	6
Administration Wing		
Junior Course	15	13
Senior Course	12	-
Hygiene Course (due 2 July)	20	11

Students made up as follows :-

Gruppi	68
RPC ICF	69
Service Battalions	28
MOGILNONE	10
	176

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2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

With an increase in numbers at the Infantry Regiments the following courses will take place :-

Junior Leaders Tactical and PI Weapons Course	60 students	4 weeks.
Anti Tank 6 pr	40 "	4 "
3-in Mortar	40 "	4 "
Sniper	10 "	4 "
Mines Course	20 "	4 "

(ii) Infantry Specialists Training.

Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr Anti Tank, Mines and Carriers.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

Courses for the existing instruction will continue in all branches until further reinforcements are available for training.

(v) Provost School.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

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(vii) D & M School.

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Normal courses to proceed. Some additional courses for Instructors as required.

(ix) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix 'G' attached.
Fourth session of courses commences 4 August, assembles 2 August.

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2. Continued.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses during June.

(i) Provost School.

5 Officers 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

MANTOVA	4
MERULI	40
POLESINE	12
	56

(iii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

Offrs and NCOs 59.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of Projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

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(e) Number of Personnel from MTO attending Courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Ammunition Storemen.		10 Gns.
(ii)	Technical Storemen MT.	2 Offrs	17 Gns.
(iii)	General Procedure RAOC.	3 Offrs	15 Gns.

NOTE. All the above Courses were held at RAOC Training Depot, PONTECORVO.

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3. NUMBERS NEED.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending	2 June	-	46
" "	9 "	-	120
" "	16 "	-	106
" "	23 "	-	130
" "	30 "	-	194
			596

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 30.
Infantry	9	11	13	27	25
Artillery	4	44	27	55	41
Engineers (incl Sigs)	7	13	33	26	21
Other Arms	11	16	20	42	23
Total	31	84	93	150	110

(c) Reinforcements held at 30 June '45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	A Hospital	B Leave	S INCL.	S Other	T Causes	Total Absent.
Infantry	2,935	1,377	312	477	302	457		1,558
Artillery	778	393	18	245	21	101		385
Engineers	1,056	717	57	151	52	59		319
Other Arms	2,347	1,169	302	333	173	370		1,178
Total	7,096	3,656	689	1,206	548	997		3,440

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian).

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(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The progress of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on Establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Continues to improve. Satisfactory.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction. # 4567

Good and steadily improving with experience. Much more confidence now being shown and some good attempts to use New Methods.

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4. Continued.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and steadily improving.

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(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

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Very good.

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Vehicle Mechanic Instructors.	9
Driver Mechanic Instructors	18
Gun Fitters	1
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The Instructional Staff have worked well despite changes in Officer personnel and have shown greater keenness than in previous courses. Owing to leave, sickness and demobilisation the present establishment is inadequate to provide one driver per vehicle and an amendment is being prepared with a view to increasing the strength authorised under WE 04/99/1.

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4. Continued.

(g) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Tactical Wing 4 Officers
Weapon Training Wing. 10 NCOs.
Administration wing. - The new Man Management Course complicates the present list of Instructors but new Instructors are being selected from existing courses and will be suitably briefed before the commencement.

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(h) Artillery School.

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(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the Month.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

As all the main items of equipment have now been received, there are now no really outstanding items [illegible]

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Item No.		
98	98	No 4 Pumping Set
	99	No 5 Pumping Set
	WX 1457	Plant Welding and Cutting HPO/A Lt Wt.
	WX 0495	Plant Welding Electric Single Operator Motor Driven 110 Volt DC.
		Stereoscopes for Interpreting Air Photographs.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regts.

There has been little or no improvement in the condition of the buildings. Very few men are at work and these buildings lag very far behind those in the rest of the Centre. In spite of the lack of help, both Regimental Commanders have done quite a lot to improve the barracks with very limited resources and at the cost of Regimental funds.

(ii) No 3 Regiment and Artillery Barracks.

There has been a very great improvement in the general condition of both these barracks. Work is proceeding steadily at the Artillery barracks and though not completed, the end can be visualised. In the Genie barracks the kitchen is an example of what such should be. The fact that this month has witnessed the "fiestas" of both these units has afforded an opportunity for a real attempt to be made to clean up the whole place with very marked results.

The main deficiencies are windows and doors. This is becoming serious as in order to provide some measure of ventilation in the present warm weather a great part of the brick filling of the window spaces has been removed and it is essential that proper arrangements are made before the wet falls due. In view of the extent of work involved, this necessity should be given a very high priority.

(iii) Provost School.

Accommodation good.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

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As has already been pointed out in previous reports the School are accommodated largely in requesitioned houses. Apart from the Tactical Wing none of the accommodation specially constructed is yet in use. The "huts" are not completed and are without water. If the Schools are to function really well extra accommodation is necessary and any chance of expanding to take larger numbers of students will of necessity need extra accommodation. It is felt a great deal more could be done by Italian sources to help with the efficiency of the Schools in this way. Accommodation is mainly bad.

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6. Continued.

(b) Hygiene.

The improvement in Hygiene slowly continues. While the attitude of the majority of Italians still remains rather sceptical to what is considered a British obsession, it seems to have been appreciated that it is far less trouble to comply with the more obvious rules than to attempt to avoid them. There is a welcome absence of indescriminate defecating which was such a notable feature in the early days of the Centre. Even the confirmed offender now takes the trouble to walk some considerable distance to avoid being seen and hence efforts are being concentrated on making it easier for him to utilise a properly constituted latrine than to seek seclusion. This improvement is largely to be attributed to the institution of the Hygiene Course and the insistance that even Senior Officers must regard this subject as an essential part of their training.

It has not yet been possible to persuade the Italians to replace the lids of latrines (where such exist) but thanks to the continued efforts of the attached Sergeant Majors, some improvement has been noticed.

In spite of the very hot and dry weather the fly menace has not assumed the proportions that were feared and this must in a large measure be attributed to the insistance on the use of proper latrines and of the disposal of all rubbish and tins.

Efforts will be continued and it is hoped that we may yet arrive at a standard which would not be a disgrace to a British Regiment.

Attention has been drawn to the fact that the Hygiene Section was not being put to its proper use and this is being remedied.

(c) Welfare.

While the British standard of relations between Officers and men has in no possible sense been reached, the deadly apathy and lack of interest in the soldiers under their care appears to be less noticeable among the majority of Officers. This is particularly noticeable in No 2 Regiment which formerly lagged far behind others in this respect, but which under the command of Col TOSCHI has shown a marked improvement. Films and entertainments (the latter organised by the men themselves) are now a regular feature.

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A very high percentage of the troops in the Centre have now had or are still on leave and this contact with their families has relieved a great deal of the uncertainty and discontent which prevailed prior to the cessation of hostilities.

It would be a factor of the greatest importance if the carriage of Italian mail between the South and North could be improved. It is axiomatic that the soldier loves writing and receiving letters and the Italian is no exception.

Every effort has been made by the Italian Command to facilitate the journeys of men going to and from NGEE on short pass and this has had its effect, not only in the more cheerful outlook of the average soldier but in the reduction of incidents associated with getting 'lifts' on Route 2. It is only fair to add that the efforts of the CC.RR have been most praiseworthy in this respect.

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6. Continued.

(d) Morale.

The paragraph on this subject written at the end of May applies even more forcibly . Morale is certainly no higher and the cause is identical. Uncertainty as to the future; lack of knowledge as to whether all the efforts put in by the permanent staff are going to bear fruit - whether even CMSINC is to remain as a Training Centre all tend to breed some measure of discontent.

In this atmosphere credence is readily given to the most unreliable rumours and although every effort has been made to impress on all ranks that the future of the Italian Army and in fact the Nation depends on the efforts of the Italians themselves there is an atmosphere of doubt which a clear cut directive from Higher Authority would very rapidly dispel. It is realised that political considerations make the immediate issue of such a statement highly improbable, but it would be of the greatest importance in maintaining the enthusiasm and energy of the Command and Staff.

7. GENERAL.

The importance of a definite policy has already been emphasised. The Senior Italian Officers have been informed that Higher Authority and the staff of the British Liaison and Training Unit have the vital necessity of a clear cut plan very definitely in their minds and that proposals to put this into effect have been prepared.

In the meantime training continues to improve particularly in quality if not in quantity and each month sees the introduction of extra aids and methods all leading to a better standard. The main problem now is becoming one of making the Italian Officers realise that the standard of efficiency and training they think is suitable is in fact far below the standard they can achieve by more careful organisation, proper periodical inspections and the rightful decentralisation of Command to their Juniors.

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TRAINING SIGNALS SCHOOL, RAC ICF.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	
(a) Operators Wireless Course +	60	22	17 Weeks	Operating procedure, instruments, 9, 19, batteries and charg Exercises.
(b) Operators Line Course + " " " (Inf) + " " " (Arty) +	40 40 20	25	13 Weeks	Operating procedure, Instruments - Testi Exercises.
(c) Switchboard Operators Course + " " " (Inf) + " " " (Arty) +	20 10 10	28 3	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, Instruments. Tele UO 10 Line. P and Operating - Scheme
(d) Short Course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	7	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary Bullerphones, Switc Units, cable laying
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course+	20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Traini testing - wireless tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manual E & M. Electrical Telephones. Terrai Map reading.

NOTE :- + = Number already trained.

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Appendix 'A' to G/A.3/542
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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, MTO ICF.

Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
60	22	17 Weeks	Operating procedure, E & M wireless theory, wireless instruments, 9, 19, 22 sets, faultfinding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
40 } 40 } 20 }	25	13 Weeks	Operating procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
20 } mr) + 10 } rty)+ 10	28 3	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and P and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. P and P. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
30 - 40	7	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Fullerphones, Switchboards. Test Set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line Testing and maintenance.
20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to manuals in use. E & M. Electrical Testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging Engines. Map reading.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL MTO ICP (Continued).

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At Present under Training.	Duration of Course	
(g) Regimental Operators + Course (Arty)	40	33	13 Weeks	R & M. Operating, Security. Instrum and maintenance. and test set, port. Invertors. Charg laying.
(h) Regimental Operators + Course (Inf)	40	28	13 Weeks	R & M. Operating, Sigs security. In Pullerphones. 10 18 and 48. Test s
(i) DRs Course +	25	17	4 Weeks	DR duties. Mainte Linesman duties. (men who claim to h selected for this C

NOTE + = A number already trained.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL NTC ICF (Continued).

Max No of Students	At Present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
40	33	13 Weeks	E &.M. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, tests and maintonnnce. Telophones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Invemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
40	28	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and Signal Office duties. Sigs security. Instruments R/T and W/T, telephones and Fullerphones. 10 Line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Excercises.
25	17	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of MC. Map reading. Linesmen duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous MC experience are selected for this Course).

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PIONEER TRAINING.

Subject	Duration of Course	Outline of Syllabus
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, level[illegible] Geometry, constructing trenches, drai[illegible] tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, [illegible] Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, [illegible] Water supply equipment, use of compressor[illegible]
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, shore[illegible] of bar cribs, construction of timber tres[illegible]
(c) Mine Warfare.	2 Weeks	Course on Anti explosives, methods of in[illegible] mine charges, improvised bombs, mines [illegible] mines and recording discarded mines, tw[illegible] gap marking equipment, minefield mapping [illegible] road clearing drill, booby traps.
This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.		

These courses will take place again as soon as reinforcements arrive for Training.

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MINIMUM TRAINING.

Duration of Course	Outline of Syllabus
3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sandbag walling, Pd Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, barricks and shoers, wire fencing, Somerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local Timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span NW improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
2 Weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Sechivas, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and Enemy, laying mines and recording disarmed mines, use of prodders and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield clearing drill and rocco, road clearing drill, booby traps.
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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTO ICE.

Name of Course	Number on Course		Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus
	Offrs	NCOs.		
Pre course for OC. NR of Pre sections Italian Combat Groups.	5	50	5 Weeks	For OC.NR. Drill, PT, Unpreading, pro duties in th and practice) veh classifications, meth parking, rl discipline and org, and co of OC.NR within the Group. For Pull Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on c ess and parking of vehs in the fd, div

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICE.

Appendix 'D' to G/A.3/542
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Course	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
NCOs.		
50	5 Weeks	For CC.RM. Drill, PT, Bayonetting, pro duties in the fd, MT trg, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of move during hr, the functions of CC.RM within the Group. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, conv and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ITALIAN TECHNICAL SCHOOL, RTC ICP.

Name of Course	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus of cour
(a) Vehicle Mechanics	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and to appt of his unit, test and adjust a and execute simple improvised repairs, Class III.
(b) Driver Mechanics	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitu practical knowledge of gear box, transf practical faultfinding, read mech drawi execute roadsg repairs. Class II
(c) Gun Fitters.	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience, simple sketches, mark accurately, corre tools, simple soldering operations. (2
		Must have working knowledge of 6, 17 or repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and elevating and traversing gears and assoc Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good shop experience. Prin .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mor Class III.
(e) Maintenance of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LL

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

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Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus of course, and Standard.
6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
6 Weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience. Tested to work to .002-in, read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 Weeks).
	Must have working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25pr or 40mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 Weeks). Class III.
2 Weeks	Must have a good shop experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III.
1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD carriers.

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration.	Outline of Syllabus.
(a) D & M Students.	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving Inst
(b) D &.M Students.	300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Dri
(c) D & M Students.	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repairs, repair AB 412, discipline on the road, movem vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, from ditches, soft ground etc, system of vehicle for complete inspection, co discipline, convoy platoon commanders air attacks, anti gas defence, anti sk precautions to be taken when temperatu load carrying convoys, carrying of sma of fire extinguishers, fire precautions day and night convoy exercises.

The programme is based on the British Task system of maintenance, explaining the task in detail and fi carrying out the task. The course is divided into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work explanation. The organisation of the School allows for four to five pupils to each training vehicle and Dr all class V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle.

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Appendix 'F' to G/...3/542
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or attending Course	Duration.	Outline of Syllabus.
300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving Instruction.
300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving Instruction.
300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Fault finding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instrs for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals-air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding means, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

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TABLE 2 (A) - NEW ESTABLISHED WING.

Name of Course	Capacity Offrs	Capacity JCOs	Duration.	Brief Syllabus and Sc
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactic supporting arms and to consider the p consider the training of a Battalion.
(b) Coy Commanders.	20		3 Weeks	To train officers in the tactical hand supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior officers in the tactic of Battle. To give them a sound bas
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical
(c) 6pr Anti Tank Gun	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of and snipers in their own units.
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Officers in unit administrati
(b) Hygiene.	10	10	3 Weeks	Unit Hygiene.
(c) War Management.	15	-	12 Days	Two courses during each XIV Army Corps Officers. To train Officers in all b then to act as staff Instructors in the

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UNIT [illegible] INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

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Capacity		Duration.	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
[illegible]5		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
[illegible]0		3 Weeks	To train officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
[illegible]5		2 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of Battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
[illegible]0	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 3-in Mortar.
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk Gun.
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own units.
[illegible]0	20	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	Unit Hygiene.
[illegible]	-	12 Days	Two courses during each [illegible] session. First of Junior Officers, latter Senior Officers. To train Officers in all branches of Man Management and to enable them to act as Unit Instructors in this subject.

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The arrangements made for Specialist Training are now producing good results. All types of training have shown good progress and no inforcements of all are available.

3-in Mortar Training. The previous weaknesses have been improved by a change of instructors, and training is satisfactory.

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1. (e) Continued.

Carriers. Now working well. Out of 69 men under training 67 were found to be satisfactory. Maintenance difficulties have been partly overcome by obtaining a further small supply of tools and the workshop is beginning to function well.

Anti Tank Gun. Proceeding satisfactorily and the students keen. A miniature range for scale shooting at present being constructed. Results from recent firing live ammunition were excellent.

Mines Course. Considerable interest being shown and a good standard of instruction. Recently a larger selection of mines have been obtained.

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Far more of the training is now being accepted by the Italian Staff though the standard of their instruction is not good. Practical Mine Training especially in the Specialist School is progressing but does not instil confidence in the students who are allowed to ignore safety precautions and will run away from a lighted charge. Lack of basic discipline accounts for the major criticism. A policy of giving preference to Training as Artieri first as a soldier, and secondly as an Engineer has been instituted as opposed to the reverse which was necessary previously due to the urgent need for Sappers. Drill and PT are receiving more attention and special lectures and schemes for Officers have been introduced.

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1. Continued.

(g) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The main problem is the difficulty of obtaining students at the right time, this is largely due to the Gruppi not releasing their students as we require them, but a pool of 50 Carabinieri has been formed fully equipped and trained and in future any group sending in Carabinieri for training can if necessary obtain replacements at once.

The Italian Provost Section are now fully trained and up to strength, carrying out their work at the Centre most efficiently. Lack of transport, with over 90% of the vehicles requiring attention makes both work and training difficult.

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

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(i) The second course finishes this week end. Results are good and progress continues in every respect. The standard of instruction has improved including use of "The New Methods" and generally discussion and instruction are developing well.

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1. (h) Continued.

(ii) The Tactical School moved into its new premises for this Course and is now getting that exchange of ideas and experience so valued at CMTC. The standard of instruction is improving with experience and students are most enthusiastic in their interest. A number of Senior Italian Officers have visited the School.

(iii) The Weapon Training School, having overcome its teething troubles has developed well and the standard of instruction continues to make progress. The School is being supervised by Sgt BARNES, who was at CMTC.

(iv) The School of Administration is running two courses, one for Officers and one for Senior NCOs and an interesting syllabus has included visits to British Establishments in RGK. The third week of the course is spent on Hygiene as the School of Hygiene is still only partly functioning but it is hoped will start the full course next session.

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(f) Physical Training Course. A short course for NCO Unit Instructors has produced good results.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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2. (a) Continued.

(iii) Engineer Training.

Due to the end of the war the course planned for Engineer Specialist Training with an intake from the Groupe 'Ali not take place and is temporarily with-held. This course could be laid on if students are forth-coming.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 2 Provost Training Course did not commence until 28 May due to the delay in obtaining students. It is proceeding satisfactorily.

Course No 2 Regimental Police also commenced 28 May. In the meantime training of the pool and Carabinieri from this Centre has been well in hand.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following students commenced on 20 May - the delay in starting was due to the delay in students arriving.

	Capacity of School	At Present Attending.
Driver Mechanics	144	106
Armourers	8	NIL
Vehicle Mechanics	90	NIL
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Of the 270 students who were ordered for these courses 167 duly arrived, 50 were returned to Unit after testing and a further 50 after 7 days working as unsuitable.

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Of the 182 who passed 41 have been posted to the strength as Instructors, 24 to the new No 3 GP Company (at present forming and being trained at this Centre), the balance to their Units here.

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The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 200 students - this will be a five weeks course.

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2. (a) Continued.

(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

	Col/Maj	Capt/Lt	NCOs.
Tactical Wing.			
Senior Officers and Coy Cmds	6	23	
Junior Leaders		18	
Weapon Training Wing.			
Platoon Weapons		18	21
3-in Mortar		9	9
6pr A Tk		9	8
Snipers		5	7
Administration Wing.			
Senior	1	8	
Junior		15	12
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Returned to Unit - 4 Officers, 5 NCOs.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

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Anti Tank 6 pr	40 "	3 "
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(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr, Signals, Carriers and Mines.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The courses projected for the Group will be commenced as soon as conditions and accommodation are suitable.

(v) Provost School. 4549

See Appendix "C" attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

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2. (b) Continued.

(viii) SIVE All Arms Instructors School.

In order to give the Instructional Staff leave in the North of Italy, as the majority come from that area, SIVE will not re-open until 18 June. Also it has been found necessary to increase the duration of all courses to four weeks, so few students arrive with any real knowledge of British equipment or methods and extra time is required to start on a slightly lower level. Also, the extra time will give more instruction in administration, and improvement of general training.
See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses during May.

(i) Provost School.

10 Officers, 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

167 ORs arrived.
56 Remained under instruction.

(iii) SIVE All Arms Instructors School.

99 Officers and NCOs.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

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(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

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(c) Number of Personnel from RTC attending Courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Hygiene Course.	6 Offrs		BENEVENTO
(ii)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offrs	16 ORs	PONTECORVO
(iii)	Photo Intelligence.	5 Offrs		S.SEVERO.
(iv)	Gun Fitters		12 ORs	SCAFATI

3. NUMBERS HELD.

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" " 19 "	-	626
" " 26 "	-	157
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(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	
Infantry	18	196	150	543	
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Engineers (LC Sigs)	-	-	33	44	
Other Arms	-	-	-	19	
Total	18	196	183	606	1003

(c) Reinforcements held at 20 May 45.

(N.B. Strength figures are only available fortnightly from RTC).

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

(a) No 1 and 2 Regts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The process of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and Improving.

(b) Signals School.

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Of the following :-

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Driver Mechanic Instructors	21
Armourers	1
Gun Fitters	3
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Five (5) only are left now that the over age 30's group have been demobilised, but as stated earlier in this report it is hoped to find some Instructors from the School at TRNI.

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4. (e) Continued.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

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(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

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(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the Month.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of Outstanding Urgency.

The main items of equipment having been received, there are no really outstanding items.

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regiments.

Some improvements are still required to buildings, particularly to No 2 Regiment. After five months not one barrack room has a proper door or window.

(ii) No 3 Regiment.

(a) Signals School.

After again taking up the building problem thoroughly with the Italian HQ the Main School Block is almost finished and the accommodation building is going well. The whole place is still littered with sleeping Italian workmen and building materials.

(b) Engineer Training.

Accommodation improved.

(iii) Provost School.

The new block added has improved the previously cramped quarters.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

A considerable improvement over the first course. The huts originally intended for the WT Wing were not completed in time to commence the course but will now be used for the Administration Company. WT Wing is well accommodated.

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NOTE :- Since taking up the whole question of accomodation with the Italian War Ministry improvements have been made but there is still a lot of work on hand to be completed and their progress is appallingly slow.

(b) Hygiene.

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Hygiene is slowly improving. The main trouble is that the Italian Senior Officers cannot see the importance of the subject, they pay lip service to hygiene infront of British Officers because they think it is what is expected of them but they do not believe in it as a prevention of disease and consequently few steps are taken to enforce hygiene rules laid down. An example is the Commander of No 1 Regiment who went to GHQ on a two day hygiene course and since his return has really put his knowledge into effect. As we now have two Hygiene Schools at this Centre, both well organised and teaching GHQ standards, these should eventually have effect.

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6. Continued.

(c) Welfare.

A system of investigation of the conditions of the families of soldiers in newly occupied territory was organised before the present leave policy was put into force. This gave relatively quick news of families and helped to keep morale up.

Once again, welfare education is still in the kindergarten stage in the Italian Army - no one really sees the necessity of Welfare except in as far as it affects the soldiers stomach (miglioramento rancio) or his genitals.

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With the war in Europe over, the position of Training has of necessity been adjusted to lay more stress on the production of a well disciplined soldier even at the expense of spending less time on his Field Training. This would not be a difficult undertaking if the general constitution of the average Italian man called up had any bearing on either his will to be trained as a soldier, or his general interest in the New Italian Army. Unfortunately the average Italian man who comes to this Centre is not very interested in either nor can he be made to be.

This fact, together with the so often reported weakness of their officers and inefficiency of their NCOs goes to make basic discipline far below standard and until a higher standard of discipline is demanded and enforced by the Italian HQ progress will not be really effective. At this stage it has again been suggested that an exchange of Instructors with the Gruppi should take place. This would not only lead to more experienced instruction but should also help to establish the much needed basic discipline.

However, training continues to make good progress and show improvement, and during the last month considerable headway has been made in every respect.

It is hoped that at an early date some clear cut policy about the future of this Centre will be forth coming and will enable us to review once again the whole Training Programme and adjust to fit the new conditions.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTO ICF.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	15.12
(a) Operators Wireless Course +	60	59	17 Weeks	Operating, procedure, M instruments, 9, 19, 22, batteries and charging. Excercises
(b) Operators Line Course +	40	28	13 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E Instruments - Testing, Excercises.
" " " (Inf)+	40	11		
" " " (Arty)+	20	19		
(c) Switchboard Operators Course +	20	10	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, Indi Instruments. Telephone UC 10 Line. F and F. Operating - Schemes and
" " " (Inf)	10	7		
" " " (Arty)	10	5		
(d) Short course for Liaisons +	30 - 40	5	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary princ Fullerphones, switchboar Units, cable laying drill
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course +	20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training M testing - wireless and l tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals app E & M. Electrical test Telephones. Manipulati Map reading.

NOTE :- + = A member already trained.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, NTC ICM.

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Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
60	59	17 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, wireless instruments, 9, 19, 22, sets, faultfinding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Exercises Periodical Testing.
40 40 20	28 11 19	13 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises. Periodical Testing.
20 10 10	10 7 5	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. F and F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
30 - 40	5	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Pullorphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to Manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

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TRAINING SIGNALS SCHOOL, NTC ICF (Continued)

	Name of Course	Max No of Students	At Present under Training	Duration of Course	Brief Syll
(g)	Regimental Operators+ Course (Arty)	40	21	13 Weeks	Z & M. Operating, proc Security. Instruments and maintenance. Telepho and test set, port. W Wavemeters. Charging b laying.
(h)	Regimental Operators + Course (Inf)	40	16	13 Weeks	Z & M. Operating, proc Sigs security. Instru Pulleyphones. 10 Line 18 and 48. Test set.
(i)	DR Course +	25	10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance Lineman duties. Telep (men who claim to have b for this course).

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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TRAINING SIGNALS BUREAU, NTC IND (Continued)

Max No of Students	At Present under Training	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
40	21	13 Weeks	R & T. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal Security. Instruments -- setting up and operating, tests and maintenance. Telephones and Pullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
40	16	13 Weeks	R & T. Operating, procedure R/T and Signal Office duties. Sign security. Instruments R/T and W/T, telephones and Pullerphones. 10 line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Encoding.
25	10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of MC. Map reading. Lineman duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous LC experience are selected for this course).

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ENGINEER TRAINING.

Subject	Duration of Course		Outline Syllab
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	By	Care of tools, knots and Rd Geometry, constructing and tackles, anchorages, Somerfield Tracking, con timber for tracks, Wat
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks		Elementary Bailey - day use of br cribs, constru
(c) Mine Warfare.	2 Weeks		Course on Brit explosive Beehives, mine charges, Prazy, laying mines and and detectors, gap markin and rocco, road clearing
This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.			

So far, no Engineers have left the Centre as reinforcements (the Group do not need them). The intake

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ENGINEER TRAINING.

Duration of Course	Outline Syllabus.
3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, scaling walling, Pd Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Somerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RBJ improvised br use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
2 Weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and Enemy, laying mines and recording discarded mines, use of prodders and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, PTO ICE.

Name of Course	Number in Course		Duration of Course	Brief D
	Offrs	ORs		
Pro course for OO, RR of pro sections Italian Combat Groups.	5	50	5 Weeks	For OO, RR. Drill, PT, Marrooding, pro lutics in and practice) veh classifications, m parking, rd discipline and org, and of OO.RR. within the Gp. For All Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on occa and parking of vehs in the fl, d

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MOTOR SCHOOL, RTC ICM.

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ber on Course	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
ORs		
50	5 Weeks	**Pos CC.RR.** Drill, PT, Maprending, pro lution in the fd, MT training, TC, (oept, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of move during hr, the functions of CC.RR. within the Gp. **For All Ranks and Officers.** The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, ocs and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Duration of Course.	Brief Syllabus of cour
(a) Vehicle Mechanics.	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC a to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust and execute simple improvised repairs Class III
(b) Driver Mechanics.	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech apti practical knowledge of gear box, tran practical faultfinding, road mech dre execute running repairs. Class II
(c) Gun Fitters	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr wkap experien simple sketches, mark accurately, cor tools, simple soldering operations. Must have working knowledge of 6, 17, repairs to breach mechanisms, buffer elevating and traversing gears and n Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good wkap experience. P .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Class III
(e) Maintenance of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Appendix "E" to BTU letter
BTU/A.1/429 dated 1 June 45.

Duration of Course.	Brief Syllabus of course, and standard.
6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III
4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
6 Weeks	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002 - in read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks). Must have working knowledge of 6, 17, or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
2 Weeks	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III
1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD carriers.

DRIVERS AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration.	Outline of Syll
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving instruc
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Drivin
(c) D & M Students.	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Fault finding, running repairs, repairs a AB 412, discipline on the road, movement vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, tow from ditches, soft ground etc, system of of vehicle for complete inspection, convo discipline, convoy platoon commanders dut air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidd precautions to be taken when temperature load carrying convoys, carrying of ammuni of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, day and night convoy movements.

The programme is based on the British tank system of maintenance, explaining the task in detail and firs carrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical wor explanation. The organisation of the School allows four to five pupils to each training vehicle and driver class V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle.

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DRIVING AND INSTRUCTION SCHOOL.

Appendix "J" to DTU Letter
DTU/A.1/429 Dated 1 June 45.

ttending no	Duration.	Outline of Syllabus.
300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving instruction.
300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.
300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instrs . for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding rules, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Capacity. Offrs	NCOs	Duration.	Brief Syllabus and
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactic arms and to consider the problems of training of a Battalion.
(b) Company Commanders	20		3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical hand supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders.	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactic of battle. To give them a sound basi
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical
(c) 6 pr Anti Tank Gun.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sni snipers in their own unit.
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	30	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administrati
(b) Hygiene	10	10	3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipline.

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Appendix "C" to HTU Letter
HTU/A.1/429 Dated 1 JUNE 45.

TALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

...ry. ...COs	Duration.	Brief Syllabus and standard.
	3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
	3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
	3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk Gun.
10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own unit.
30	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
10	3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipline.

INTERNAL REPORT No 5.

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1st Training Unit to the Italian Army,
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Ref 320/A/50,III.

1 May 45.

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1st SAF BDE HQ (7)

Internal report for the month of April 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The general air room of training, continues to be satisfactory and show marked improvement over last month. Although the standard of instruction is not yet of first quality, improvement continues, particularly as all Friends have now graduated at least one output from which to select a better standard of instructor. It is also noticeable that now the Centre is more settled and organised, far more attention is being paid to the selection of the right individuals for the various courses.

(b) No 1 Sqn.

This squadron continues to make steady progress. A lot has been done by the British staff to improve general routine and administration, which in turn has resulted in a considerable improvement in turnout and discipline. There is still difficulty in getting training equipment or aircraft, but this should improve now Transporters are coming in from Sicily. However, the attendance on parade is satisfactory, and new ideas of instruction include drill, PT, and a fair proportion of flying all arms. Recently this squadron carried out a battalion drill display, which was extremely well done, with the regimental band playing, and a good degree of smartness in drill.

(c) No 2 Sqn.

Now has a new Regimental Commander, who no doubt will produce results. There is a welcome change in the type of men under training, as there are now a fair number of Friends, Pioneer units etc, as opposed to Garrison Battalions. The officers, however, are still weak, and far too few of them. Training is a real difficult problem, largely due to bad administration within the Regiment, but there are definite improvements indicated.

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1. GENERAL REMARKS.

(a) The general progress of training continues to be satisfactory and shows marked improvement over last month. Although the standard of instruction is not yet of first quality, improvement continues, particularly as all schools have had produced at least one output from which to select a better standard of instructor. It is also noticeable that now the Centre is more settled and organised, far more attention is being paid to the selection of the right individuals for the various courses.

(b) No 1 Unit.

This unit continues to make steady progress. A lot has been done by the British Staff to improve general routine and administration, which in turn has resulted in a considerable improvement in turnout and discipline. There is still difficulty in raising training conditions or amenities, but this should be overcome now Lamphun has moved in from Hill. However, the attitude on parade is satisfactory, and new items of instruction including Sten, Pistol, and a good proportion of firing all round. Recently this unit has done extensive battalion drill training, which has advanced well done, with the regimental band playing, and a good degree of enthusiasm is built.

(c) No 2 Unit.

This unit is now in Chanthaburi Province, and so far will produce results. There is a welcome change in the type of new trainee intake, as there are now a fair number of Veterans, Phuenkhatok etc, as opposed to Thawan Partisans. The officers, however, are still weak, and for the most of them. Training has made difficult progress, largely due to lack of instructors within the unit, but there is definite progress indicated, particularly now the new permanent Commandant has taken over, and a considerable improvement in discipline since last month. As this unit is at present short of numbers for training, this should enable the necessary room adaption to an improved standard to take place.

(d) Infantry School.

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The Infantry School functions well. Organisation is good, and good improvisation has produced suitable aids for training, such as that in every way the efficiency of the School has improved. Courses are well run and organised, and although suffering from the general complaint of lack of transport, follow a lively and interesting syllabus. The British Staff have been asked to give more attention to the selection of students, as it has been found that instruction of this type is often wasted on the type of student they are inclined to send in. The buildings of the School are particularly well laid out. The standard of instruction is improving.

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(a) Infantry Specialist Training School.

Under existing organizational arrangements, Specialist Training in Anti-Tank, [illegible] and Gunnery is proceeding well. The 6 [illegible] Training Centres first completed produced approximately only 60% of the students who completed the course owing to problems of accommodation, however the accommodation problem and administration and the training pool. The training is very hard on this type of work, and training is well up to British standards.

Course instruction is now on a fixed routine. The arrival of the British Officer Instructor and the Sergeants has overcome the main problem, but there are now not enough officers trained for proper instruction to be carried out daily. The month of May, will then be the schools at least to have their own [illegible].

The main difficulty now is the supply and distribution of the vehicles, as all the Sherman carried in a port state of repair, and the establishment allows no provision for repairs, also at present there is a shortage of tracks and [illegible]. The [illegible] improvement in establishment and better supplies will overcome a lot of these troubles.

Instruction in 21 Indn to area of attacks to proceed, - eventually these students will be sent to Sinaia school, where they are provided as reinforcements in the meantime.

A Flamethrower Training Instructor course has recently run with 15 students, under the British ATC.

The Bayonne School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in about 7 days time.

(b) No 9 Unit.

In the past, due to thoroughly inadequate administration, training has often been seriously delayed, the Regimental Depot having a staff of only 2 [illegible], the 4th Little Regiment in worst condition. It has been been recommended that this Unit be disbanded and in addition, a British officer will now be attached to advise and supervise the administration, which at present is far below standard.

(c) Sinaia School.

The School reopened from COLD on April 21, and training is now proceeding in the usual manner at CAMPIANI. It was hoped to fill the School to capacity, i.e. (5) students, but due to poor admin difficulties, only 320 are under training at present, however, it is still

[illegible] for [illegible] to be carried out [illegible] the point of view, not [illegible] the schools [illegible] to have their own [illegible].

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Instruction in [illegible] to some 25 students is proceeding satisfactorily. These students will be sent to [illegible] school, where they are received as reinforcements in the regiment.

A Royal Engineer Instructor course was recently run [illegible] 25 students, under the [illegible] ATC.

The Engineer School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in [illegible] five days.

(3) [illegible].

In the past, due to [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] has often been seriously delayed, the [illegible] Course was delayed early in April, but with little improvement in overall conditions. It has again been recommended that this Course be [illegible] out in [illegible], in which [illegible] will [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] to a [illegible], which is [illegible] in the [illegible].

(4) Signals School.

The School moved up from [illegible] on April 26, and [illegible] in our progress on the School School at [illegible]. It was hoped to fill the School to capacity, i.e. [illegible] students, but due to accommodation difficulties, only [illegible] are [illegible], [illegible] at present, however, it is still hoped to reach the required [illegible] before the end of the month. [illegible] 4534 [illegible] the general standard of the [illegible] [illegible] above average [illegible] of the School Staff. [illegible] of certain officers due to inefficiency [illegible].

(5) Engineer Training.

This training has been [illegible] during the last month. The Training Staff are doing [illegible] themselves, and a [illegible] effort is [illegible] in the training period, and problems are [illegible] training in [illegible]. The general complaint of a [illegible] percentage of attendance on training [illegible], also the usual complaint [illegible] the [illegible] officers and NCOs, but little effort is made to [illegible] [illegible]. However, there is a noticeable improvement in [illegible], and [illegible] are now available.

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(r) **Schools.**

(i) Provost School.

General Progress in training is satisfactory and proceeding well. The Provost Training Course duly commenced on 7 April and the course for Regimental Police on 16 April, so that shortly, reinforcements will be ready for posting. The general tone of the School is good and a high standard of discipline and turnout most noticeable. Many recent improvements, on and door premises have been completed.

The Italian Provost Sections employed at the Centre are about up to strength, and daily useful work.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The training of 80 Motor Mechanics duly commenced on 11 April, and the other courses of the School are now proceeding. All sections of the School are completed after real good improvisation, and the larger part of the Controlled Stores have been received. The buildings have been really well equipped, mostly by improvisation, and good accommodation for the School completed.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding students for the first course from this Centre, particularly as most of the courses need students with a real basic knowledge in their subject, and the School thus merely needs to teach conversion to the new British methods and types of vehicles, however, it is hoped the intake from the Drogd activity on 3 May will produce suitable material. Another difficulty is the fact that there is no Corps of Mechanics or REME in the Italian Army. Also the age limit of 30 years for posting to Formed units rather narrows down possibilities.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 210 students duly commenced on 8 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V vehicles received, the following gives the present state :-

Vehicles in Workshops (Part MPT on, part hand)	37
Vehicles awaiting Workshop Repair	20
Vehicles available for training	18
	75

The proposed Mechanical establishment requires for an increased

[illegible] Centre, [illegible] North Rim.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The training of 30 Driver Mechanics duly commenced on 11 April, and the other courses of the School are now proceeding. All sections of the School are completely after real pool improvisation, and the larger part of the Controlled Stores have been received. The buildings have been really well equipped, mostly by improvisation, and good accommodation for the School provided.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding students for the first course from this Centre, particularly as most of the courses need students with a real basic knowledge in their subject, and the School then merely needs to teach conversion to the new British methods and types of vehicles, however, it is hoped the intake from the Drivers arriving on 5 May will produce suitable material. Another difficulty is the fact that there is no Corps of Mechanics or REME in the Italian Army. Also the age limit of 30 years for posting to forward units rather narrows down possibilities.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 20 students duly commenced on 8 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V vehicles received, the following gives the present state :-

Vehicles in workshops (Part REME and part here)	37
Vehicles awaiting Workshop Repair	20
Vehicles available for training	15
	72

The proposed new establishment providing for an increased number of Mech Drivers, also Spare Drivers, is at present this Command's problem to provide the supervision of extra training. Also at present, as there is no Depot at this Centre, vehicles for School Administration have to be taken from the already depleted reserve of training vehicles.

If the second course, due to commence on 6 May and taking 40 vehicles, is to be kept moving, either better quality vehicles will have to be made available, or an increased number of class V vehicles allotted.

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The School has now completed one course in each Wing and the results are well up to expectations, in fact better than we expected for a first course.

A considerable amount of energy and enthusiasm on the part of all Instructors has helped to launch this Centre successfully against most difficult conditions. Lack of transport - the whole School has been run on never more than four 3Ton Trucks and four 15cwt Trucks. Accommodation difficulties - none of the Schools or accommodation for students are in their originally allotted buildings, and considerable improvisation was needed at short notice, due to Contractors not finishing their work to time.

(ii) During this break between courses a regrouping is taking place in order to centralise the Wings. This arrangement will make use of the buildings now completed which together with certain alterations to HQ will make the whole set-up more workable and easier to administer.

(iii) The School of Administration planned to open for the next course has been designed to follow the equivalent at CEXC, but only two courses within the School, one for officers and one for Senior NCOs.

(iv) The School of Hygiene also planned should commence during the month of May but has been somewhat delayed due to the British MO from this Centre who was assisting in the Planning, being posted away - however, at least a Unit Hygiene course will be arranged. It is hoped to send someone down to MONTEMARIO to discuss possibilities with CI Hygiene School at CEXC as it is felt a complete School of Hygiene must be properly planned by the Medical Staff.

(v) Generally SIVA is a successful undertaking, lacking transport and the right accommodation, the latter is being corrected.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the Month.

(i) Infantry School.

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(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. The young officers course made good progress, and a further course of 80 students, 36 from the Airborne Division, is now

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to contribute his thinking under this to this.

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(v) Generally SIWA is a successful undertaking, lacking transport and the right accommodation, the latter is being corrected.

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(a) Courses run during the Month.

(i) Infantry School.

4532

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(b) 3-in. Mortar Course. 30 students commenced the course, but owing to postings and unsuitability, only 60% completed. A fair standard was reached.

(c) 6pr Anti Tank Course. 30 students commenced, 60% finished. Good standard, and results of firing very good.

(d) Mines Course. Instructors were trained at the Engineers Training Battalion, and have just completed their first course of 20 students, with good results.

(e) Snipers. Owing to shortage of equipment, now received, did not start well, but 5 students have been trained so far.

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2. (a) (i) (Continued)

(f) Physical Training Course. A Physical Training Instructor course of 25 young officer students under the British APTC Instructors has produced good results and a pool of Instructors made available.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses outside normal routine training, but it is planned to start the first intake from August towards the end of May, when Instructors will be available.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 1 (Provost Training Course) commenced 9 April, and students are now in their third week of training.
Course No 1 (Regimental Police) commenced 16 April, and students are now in their second week of training.

(v) Mechanics School.

The Driver Mechanics Course commenced on 11 April with 80 students.
All potential Instructors for the other courses have been under test and instruction, ready for the complete course starting 6 May.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course of 200 pupils commenced on 8 April.
During the week 22 - 28 April, a subsidiary course for 25 Carabinieri was run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.

(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The following courses of 3 weeks have been completed.

April 8 - 29.

Weapon Training Wing	Platoon Weapons	39	students.
	3-in Mortar	13	"
	6 pr	17	"
Tactical School	Junior Leaders	26	"

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(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The following courses of 3 weeks have been completed.

April 8 - 29.

Weapon Training Wing	Platoon Weapons	39	students.
	3-in Mortar	15	"
	6 pr	17	"
Tactical School	Junior Leaders	26	"

April 16 - May 4.

Tactical School	Senior Officers	20	"
	Company Commanders	25	"

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(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

At present restricted by the number of men available in the Centre for courses, but it is proposed to run the courses at full numbers.

Minor Tactical Course	30	students	3 weeks.
A Tk 6pr	40	"	3 "
3-in Mortar	40	"	3 "
Mines Course	30	"	3 "
Snipers Course	10	"	3 "

These courses will continue.

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2. (b) (Continued).

(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

The existing arrangements will continue, producing trained reinforcements every three weeks. Depending on suitable men being available for training.

3-in Mortar.
6pr A Tk
Carriers.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.
It is hoped to increase the number as accommodation becomes available.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The following courses for the Gruppd are projected to commence 26 May. Duration 2 weeks.

Officers Refresher (Man Management organisation of work, Recce's etc).
Officers and NCOs Bailey elementary.

Officers and Senior NCOs Mine Warfare.

(v) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SEAC All Arms Instructors School. 4530

See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses during April.

NIL.

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(v) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SEM All Arms Instructors School.

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See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses during April.

NIL.

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

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2. (d) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "I" attached.

(v) Driver Maintenance School.

See Appendix "J" attached.

(vi) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(e) Number of Personnel from RTO attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Vehicle Mechanics		10 ORs	SCAPAT
(ii)	Water Purifiers	10 Offrs	5 ORs	CEME
(iii)	Gas Fitters		24 ORs	SCAPAT
(iv)	Photo Intelligence	8 Offrs		C.SIGNAL.

3. WOUNDED DEAD.

(a) Weekly Intake

Week ending: 7 April	-	105
14 April	-	581
21 April	-	182
28 April	-	404

(b) Site Daughtered.

Arm	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Inf	247	608	206	791
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	46	7	15	45
Other Arms	45	20	22	111
Total	348	642	245	951

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(c) Number of Personnel from RTC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the courses.

(i)	Vehicle Mechanics	10 ORs	[illegible]
(ii)	Motor Duties	10 Offrs 5 ORs	[illegible]
(iii)	Gun Fitters	24 ORs	[illegible]
(iv)	Radio Intelligence	3 Offrs	[illegible]

3. [illegible] (XXX).

(a) Weekly Intake

Week ending: 7 April	-	105
14 April	-	541
21 April	-	182
28 April	-	44

(b) Site Daily total.

Arm	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Inf	247	508	206	720
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	46	7	15	23
Other Arms	45	20	22	104
Total	348	542	245	921

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(c) Site held at 28 Apr 46.

Arm	Posted Strength	Female Strength
Inf	4975	3993
Arty	977	787
Engrs (incl Sigs)	850	700
Other Arms	2185	1023
Total	9035	6506

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

An amended War Establishment is at present in course of preparation, and this includes slight increases in Instructional Staff. In most cases, where these are recommended, it is understood there should be no difficulty in filling them.

(a) No 1 and 2 Depts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Although a shortage of first class Instructors, members on establishment are filled and the worst Instructors gradually replaced as courses proceed.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and progressively improving.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

W.E. almost complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A study of daily activity has shown that most Instructors fail due to ignorance of the basic principles of teaching methods - this is being corrected and a system of Teaching Memoranda introduced to give a weekly Summary of technical instruction and faults to be corrected.

Generally speaking instruction is satisfactory and improving.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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No deficiencies but Officer Instructors have a habit of changing, which makes progress difficult.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of Instruction is improving but NCOs and Officers still lack any degree of effort.

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Generally speaking instruction is satisfactory and improving.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE. 4528

No deficiencies but Officer Instructors have a lack of training, which makes progress difficult.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of Instruction is improving but NCOs and Officers still lack any showing of effort.

It is interesting to note that the British Instructor NCOs make a point of saying that the men are interested in their training, whereas officers and NCOs take all opportunities to avoid learning. The standard of Instruction however continues to improve slowly.

(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Nil.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Well up to standard.

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4. (Continued)

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

(a) Twenty six Instructors, who are at present being trained and are eventually to be found.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving with experience.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Medical Officer	1 (Posted but not yet arrived).
Platoon Sergts	1
L Sgt Instructors	4
Drivers 1/c	6
Motor Cyclists	1
Driver Instructors	38

The deficiency of 38 Driver Instructors will be made up from pupils who pass as suitable at the end of the current course.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good, though handicapped on the practical side by the shortage of vehicles, tools and equipment for maintenance. All unsatisfactory Instructors are being replaced.

(g) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

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(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WRS Officers	NIL	NCOs	10
The School "	4	"	NIL
Adm " "	2	"	NIL

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The Training, both practical and theoretical has closely

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(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving with experience.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Medical Officer	1 (Posted but not yet arrived).
Platoon Sergts	1
L Cpl Instructors	4
Drivers 1/o	8
Motor Cyclists	1
Driver Instructors	30

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(g) SIVR All Arms Instructors School.

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(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WO3 Officers MIL		NCOs 10
The School "	4	" MIL
Adm " "	2	" MIL

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The Training, both practical and theoretical has closely followed the British methods used at CSDD and for the first course the standard of Instruction has been good. In the Tactical School discussions have been well organised and run, and the standard is high. Any Instructors who have not made the grade on this Course will be changed.

The Demonstration Company have done some very good work and are been and unusually smart Troops.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of April was satisfactory. All major items indented for on IIE/81/1/AT.1 of 2 Feb have now been received with the exception of items 115 and 116 - Welding Plants. These plants are needed urgently in order to facilitate the training of men in their use, although the welders tools have been received.

The majority of the Fitters Tools and Tools and spare parts mentioned in the last report have now been received.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the month.

See Appendix "H" attached.
Included in the Appendix are many items not necessarily critically received during April, handed over by 10 Training Team RA. Most of the items appearing under column (n) Artillery School are from this source.

(c) Details of Deficiencies ofoutstanding urgency.

See Appendix "I" attached.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regts.

Nothing to report since last month.

(ii) No 3 Regt.

(a) Signals School.

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Three Barrack Blocks have been taken over at IRMOCIANO all of which are still being renovated and will not be completed for a few weeks.

Eventually when the main School Block is finished, the whole School will be centralised in one Block. At present there is sufficient accommodation for the number on courses (350) but the ceiling of 500 students cannot be reached until the main block is completed, thus releasing room for accommodation.

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(b) Engineer Training.

With the slightly decreased numbers, overcrowding is not so bad as last month, and there is a definite improvement.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School now has a complete block of buildings with a central parade ground and is well accommodated.

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5. (a) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

No difficulties. School well laid out and accommodation for students in tents.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The Contractors are slow but have again given a definite promise to have all buildings ready for the course commencing. Once the Schools are in the right buildings, accommodation will be good.

NOTE :- During the month there was a complete review of Civilian Contracts by the Italian Ministry of War. There is an acute shortage of glass for windows, wood and the usual electric light fittings.

(b) Hygiene.

There is a considerable improvement in hygiene. Water supply is now almost completed at the Centre.

It is hoped that the number of Instructors already trained at CRPO and the courses about to commence at the Centre will do a lot to improve the Italian complete disregard of prevention of disease. The urgency of this matter is kept continually in front of Italian Staff, who are beginning to take action to some effect.

Billets are on the whole much cleaner, and with the warmer weather are being better ventilated. The general cleanliness in the whole Centre presents a cleaner picture than previously, and much has been done to clean the place up.

(c) Welfare.

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Little to report since last months report. The same arrangements exist and continue and this problem is receiving due consideration. A Syndicate hold on 1 May for all ranks of the Centre was most successful, and prizes to the value of L10,000 were given by the Italian Welfare funds.

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(b) Hygiene.

There is a considerable improvement in hygiene. Water supply is now almost completed at the Centre.

It is hoped that the number of Instructors already trained at GMC and the courses about to commence at the Centre will do a lot to improve the Italian complete disregard of prevention of disease. The urgency of this matter is kept continually in front of Italian Staff, who are beginning to take action to make effect.

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(d) Morale.

There has been a notable improvement during the month in the Military bearing of all ranks of the Centre. This will be increased by the addition of 68 personally selected officers derived from our POW sources in MTFT. Some Officers and the majority of the NCOs are still too diffident and either through lack of interest and insufficient confidence fail to assert their authority and check offences.

Much remains to be done, but given sufficient time it is confidently hoped that the Centre will become a sound Military organisation.

There has been no political incident during the month, due perhaps to the reduction of partisans in the Centre.

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7. GENERAL.

The past month has again shown progress and improvement in every respect. The general tone of training at the whole Centre improves week by week and it can be safely said that the present standard is a fair one and far better than was anticipated.

The general bearing of the Italian Soldiers and their discipline have in turn improved a lot, this is particularly noticeable when moving round the Centre as a good state of orderliness prevails, there is far more saluting and work is better organised.

The weak link is still the inefficiency of a large number of their officers and the general desire on their part to take the minimum amount of control, this is made very apparent by a few officers of outstanding ability. However they continue to learn our ways and methods and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staff is a sure way of removing these difficulties.

We have recently reviewed the War Establishment for the whole Centre and at present a Committee of British and Italian Senior Officers are preparing the recommended establishment considering both sides, and when adopted this will do much to produce better administration and the smoother working of training.

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TRAINING SIGNAL SCHOOL, RTO ICF.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	Duration of Course	
a) Operators Wireless Course	40	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, Instruments, -9, 19, Lettering and charging Exercises.
b) Operators Line Course " " " (Inf) " " " (Arty)	40 40 20	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, Instruments - Testing Exercises
c) Switchboard Operators Course + " " "(Inf) " " "(Arty)	20 10 10	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, Instruments. Telep 10 Line. F & F. Operating - Schedule
d) Short Course for Kinnaman +	30 - 40	4 weeks	E & M - elementary Pulleryfones, Switch Units, Cable laying
e) Instrument Mechanics Course.	20	17 weeks	Knowledge of trouble testing - wireless tools.
f) Electrician Signal + Course	5 - 10	8 weeks	Knowledge of usual E & M. Electrical to Telephones. Sound ing reading.

NOTE :- + = a minor already trained.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTO 102.

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Unit No of Students	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
40	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, Wireless Instruments, -9, 19, 22 set, fault finding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Excursions. Periodical Testing.
40 40 20	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Excursions. Periodical Testing.
20 10 10	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones D5 and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 line. P & F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
30 - 40	4 weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - Telephones Fullerphones, Switchboard. Test Set. Superimposing Units, Cable laying Drill. Line testing and maintenance.
20	17 weeks	Knowledge of training manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5 - 10	8 weeks	Knowledge of manuals applicable to manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

Number already trained.

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me of Course	~~Max~~ No of Students	Duration of Course	
) Regimental Operators Course (Arty)	40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, p security. Instrum nal maintenance. To and but not, part. Wavemeters. Charging laying.
) Regimental Operators Course (Inf)	40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating. P Sign security. Inst Fullerphones. 10 li 18 and 48. Test not
DRs Course. +	25	4 weeks	DR duties. Maintenan Linesman duties. To (Men who claim to hav selected for this co

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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TEXAS SIGNAL SCHOOL, RAF IOF (Continued)

Approx No of Students	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal security. Instruments - setting up and operating, test and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, part. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and Sigs Office duties. Sigs security. Instruments R/T and W/T, Telephones and Fullerphones. 10 line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Stoomrison.
25	4 weeks	IR duties. Maintenance of IR. Map-reading. Ignorant duties. Telephones. (Men who claim to have had previous IR experience are selected for this course).

+ = A number already trained.

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ENGINEER TRADES

Subject	Duration of Course	Outline
a) Fieldwork	3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, lo[illegible] constructing trenches, drainage, reve[illegible] derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Sc[illegible] Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for [illegible] of compressor.
(b) Bridging	3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, alu[illegible] br cribs, construction of timber tront[illegible]
(c) Mine Warfare	2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of [illegible] charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allie[illegible] discarding mines, use of produces and [illegible] minefield jigging drill and rocco, re[illegible]
This course also for Infantry Pioneers Instructors.		

The first three parties will have completed training on 30 April, and produced 100 trained S[illegible]

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ENGINEER TRAINING

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HTU/4/D9/333 Dated 1 May 45.

Duration of Course	Outline Syllabus.
3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sawing walling, Pd Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Bozenfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span PBJ improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Bookiyes, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and enemy, laying mines and recording discarding mines, use of probers and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and rocco, road clearing drill, booby traps.
r Infantry Pioneers Instructors.	

tion will have completed training on 30 April, and produced 100 trained Sappers.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Vacancies		Duration of Course	Period Sch
	Offrs	CRs		
Pre course for CC,NR of pre scos Italian Combat Gps.	5	50	5 weeks	For CC.NR. Drill, PT, impressing, (capt, use and practice tfc circuits, veh stag cry, and control of mov within the Gp. For Full Ranks and OFF The above, together wi and control of PL, cou rcv, adv notes on Elec

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Appendix "D" to PTO Letter
PTO/4/29/333 Dated 1 May 45.

PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Numbers	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
Cls		
50	5 weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, impending, pro dution in the fd, MT trg, TO, (oppt, use and prontics) veh classifications, control of tfc circuits, veh stacking and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of row during hr, the functions of CC.RR within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instrn on treatment, duties and control of PW, occ and parking of vehs in the fd, Div rev, adv notes on discipline.

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TRAINING SERVICES SCHOOL NO IOF.

me of Course	Vacancies Offrs	Vacancies Clks	Duration of Course	Brief Sylla
a) VEHICLE MECHANICS		90	6 weeks	Test of Mech aptitude, theory of adjustments to cept of his unit, electrical faults and accurate sig ment of nonmechanics. Class III.
b) DRIVER MECHANICS		144	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech practical knowledge of gear box, practical fault finding, road te accurate running repairs. Class
c) GUN FITTERS		28	6 weeks	Must have previous exp wkp exp read single shotgun, mark mecha sharpening tools, single solderi
				Must have a working knowledge of minor repairs to branch mechanis sighting, elevating and traversi Class III.
d) ARMOURERS		8	2 weeks	Must have a good wkp experience rifles, .38 Pistol, Bren, 2-in gun. Class III.
e) MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSAL AND HEAVY CARRIERS		6	1 week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSA

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EMERGENCY REPAIRS SCHOOL RTC ICE.

Code	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus of Course, and Standard.
90	6 weeks	Test of lock aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, repairs and adjustments to engt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
44	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of lock aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical fault finding, road lock drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
28	6 weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience. Tested to work to .002 -in, read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
		Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanism, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks Class III.
6	2 weeks	Must have a good shop experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 Pistol, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT and Thompson gun. Class III.
		Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LAND carriers.
6	1 week	

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TRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

	Course	Number attending Course	Duration	Outline of
(a)	D & H Students	300	1st week	Drivers responsibilities, ex engine, detail of tasks 1 -
(b)	D & H Students	300	2nd week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AD
(c)	D & H Students	300	3rd week 4th week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Faultfinding, reading repair Tickets, AD 412, discipline for military vehicles, road recovery of vehicles from of petrol and oil, preparati camouflage, convoy control a commanders duties, drivers d gas defence, anti skid in; p precautions to be taken short carrying and load carrying e and inflammables, use of fire of vehicle repair service,

The programme is based on the British task system of instruction, explaining the task in detail and fin carrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practic explanation. The organisation of the School allows 4 - 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver i V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 M workshops undergoing repairs. 15 702 awaiting small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting larger workshop

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

Appendix "F" to DTU letter DTU/A/D9/333 dated 1 July 46.

or attending Course	Duration	Outline of Syllabus.
300	1st week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of tank system, four stroke engine, detail of tanks 1 - 7. Driving instruction.
300	2nd week	Details of tanks 8 - 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.
300	3rd week 4th week	Tanks 1 - 8 Tanks 9 - 16 Fault finding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special inst: for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding gears, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

British tank system of maintenance, explaining the tank in detail and fully supervision of the driver course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work and the other two theoretical. The School allows 4 - 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. The vehicles are all class one, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 March, of 75 vehicles held 10 were in 15 WSR awaiting small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting larger workshop repairs.

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S.E.A.C.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL.

Nature of Course	Establishment Officers	Other Ranks	Duration	Brief Syllabus
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 weeks	To train Senior Officers [illegible] battalion with supporting [illegible] of a Brigade Commander [illegible] battalion.
(b) Coy Commanders	20		3 weeks	To train Officers in the [illegible] with supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 weeks	To train Junior Officers [illegible] under conditions of battle [illegible] which to train their own [illegible]
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons	20	20	3 weeks	To train Instructors in [illegible] of the platoon weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the 3-in Mortar.
(c) 6pr A Tk Gun	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the 6pr A Tk gun.
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the [illegible] of training Snipers in the [illegible]
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration			3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit [illegible] of war including unit hygiene.
(b) Hygiene			3 weeks	

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INFANTRY AND TANK INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Appendix "G" to HQ Order
DZO/1/29/333 Dated 1 May 45.

...ions HQOp	Duration	Brief Syllabus and Structure.
	3 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
	3 weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Coy with supporting arms.
	3 weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a Pln under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoon.
20	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6 pr A Tk gun.
10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training Snipers in their own Unit.
	3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including Unit hygiene and discipline.
	3 weeks	

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Appendix "I" to BTU letter
BTU/A/Ln/533 Dated 1 May 45

DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS OF OUTSTANDING URGENCY.

BMT/88/1/Ln.1 2 Feb Ref	Description	Quantity.
46	Fitters RE Tools	1
47	Electricians Tools	1
50	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
51	Fd Forge HW	1
56	"S" Tanks	3
57	Tarpaulin 30-ft x 30-ft	1
98	No 4 Pumping Set Complete	1
99	No 5 Pumping Set Complete	1
115	Plant Welding and cutting HP	1
116	Plant welding electric	1
122	Cable electric D VIII twisted pilot	5
133	Ladders RE	2
143	Wireless Sets No 11	15
150	Charging Sets 4HW or substitute	1
154	Aversiors	2

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'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref BTU/09/18

3 Apr 45.

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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MCIA)
Gp' HLS RTO ICF.

Meredith Progress Report for the month of March 45.

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The disturbing factor is the Infantry Specialist training which is only just starting, due largely to shortage of instructors, but also to lack of appreciation and interest on the part of Regimental Commanders. Proposals have been made, also slight internal adjustments of organisation which it is hoped will produce results during the next month.

(d) Infantry School.

The Infantry School functions efficiently provided they are on subjects where the Officer instructors have been to British Schools of Instruction. The tactical instruction is sound and specialist weapons instruction is improving. This School is being well run and will produce good results.

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(e) No 3 Regt.

(i) Signals School.

Classes at the Signal School, NOCERA are now in their eighth week of training and fairly satisfactory progress is being made. DR Training, which was lagging behind the rest of the courses, is now making good progress since the receipt of ten MCs.

The School will move up to this Centre on 12 April. Good accommodation is being completed at BRACCIANO next to the Engineers School.

(ii) Engineer Training.

Only recruit training is being undertaken at present and this is making satisfactory progress in spite of the shortage of good Italian Instructors. There have been many administrative difficulties to overcome, particularly feeding arrangements and generally bad discipline, but this situation is improving and progress is speeding. The training of Infantry Pioneer Training Instructors is working smoothly and includes a mine museum, minefields and suitable equipment.

(f) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

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To strength less 2 men. The Section is fully equipped and working very satisfactorily.

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(ii) Mechanics School.

The Mechanics School will be ready to commence training on 8 April. The Italian Instructors have all been trained and are quite competent to commence instruction. The delay in starting is caused by buildings for administration still to be completed, but in the meantime a considerable amount is being done to improve training facilities and much equipment has been improvised. The British REME instructors establishment is complete.

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(f) Schools (Continued).

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The School opens on 8 April having an intake of 300 trainees. Instructors have been trained and will have reached the required standard. Constructional work, which was holding up this course, will be sufficiently advanced to start on this date.

(g) SIVA (All Arms Instructors School).

(i) It was originally hoped to commence the first courses at the beginning of April, but owing entirely to slow progress on the part of the Contractors, the opening dates have been postponed. This extra time will also allow the various Wings further time to tie up their instruction. Work on all buildings is progressing well with the additional help from Italian Engineers from CSSALNO.

(ii) The NLW and WTS courses commencing 8 April will be accomodated in makeshift premises and not in all the buildings finally to be allotted to them.

(iii) SO and SUOC of the Tactical Wing will commence on 15 April.

(iv) The Administration Wing and Hygiene Wing will not be opened until early in May, when the other Wings have been launched. Time is needed to arrange the accomodation and the advice of the CMPC is being sought for the organisation, staff and detailed equipment for the Hygiene Section. Major HUNTINGDON will visit CMPC on Wednesday 4 April 45.

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(b) A 3-in Mortar Course with 20 students provided excellent instruction. Shortage of Signal Equipment and late arrival of carriers produced difficulties but the course went well.

(c) 6 pr Course of 20 students. Drill was good and all students have fired, including firing against moving targets with good results.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses have yet started for intake from the Gruppi, due to shortage of trained instructors, but it is hoped to start this intake in about six weeks.

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2. (a) Courses run during the month (Continued).

(iv) Provost School.

Regimental Police course for Arty personnel 10 ORs were trained. Traffic Control course for the squad on NOVIBRI of the Camp 20 ORs were trained.

(v) Mechanics School.

No courses run.

(iv) Driving and Maintenance School.

For the purpose of training and selecting potential driving instructors for the School, the initial 14 days D & M course was completed and 55 drivers passed out as suitable. 75 driver instructors will be ready for the first four weeks course.

(vii) SIWA All Arms Instructors School.

No course run.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

During April the existing courses will continue. In addition, a Snipers Course of 5 students to produce instructors for the Snipers School commencing in May. Also to provide instructors for the 2nd Regiment.

Carriers. A small carrier course is running at present, but instruction is poor and will not be efficient until the British Instructional Staff of 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants arrive. Six men are sent weekly to the Mechanics School for training, but the present difficulties cannot be overcome until the wile of the instruction is on a firm footing. At present, the output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected before the end of May, unless the British staff arriving can speed this up.

The 3-in Mortar Course will take 30 students. The [illegible] Course 30 students. The Tactical Course a further [illegible] officers and 60 NCOs. Mine Warfare 20 students.

During May the Infantry School will function to capacity as intended in the War Establishment.

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(ii) No 2 Regiment Specialist School.

Starting on 3 April and will train 30 A Tk personnel and 30 3-in Mortar personnel by the end of the month. In addition the Carrier Course should produce sufficient drivers to man all carriers at this Centre.

Pioneer Training will be confined to the production of sufficient instructors to fill requirements at the beginning of May also of instructing a number of Regimental Officers to be capable of instructing in elementary Mine Warfare.

A short Hygiene Course of one week will commence on the 9 April and continue. This course will deal with unit hygiene and will train unit Sanitary men.

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(b) Courses projected for the next two months (Continued).

(iii) Signals School.

see Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

As soon as the recruits training can carry on without British supervision a special course will be run for officers the programme of which is not yet available. It is hoped to start Engineer Training for an intake from the Gruppd in about six weeks. For programme of present course see Appendix "C".

(v) Provost School.

319 Italian Provost Section will have 51 students to complete the course. See Appendix "D". 5 Officers and 50 students from the Combat Groups are scheduled to commence this course immediately after this first course is finished.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

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(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

Courses projected for April and May are as follows :-

Date of Assembly	Course.	
8 April	Junior Leaders Tactical Wing.	
8 April	Platoon Weapons.	Weapon Training Wing.
8 April	3-in Mortar	
8 April	6pr A Tk	
8 April	Snipers	
13 May	All the above and in addition :- School of Administration. School of Hygiene.	

Detailed syllabus. See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses.

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(viii) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

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8 April	Platoon Weapons. } Weapon Training Wing.
8 April	3-in Mortar } Weapon Training Wing.
8 April	6pr A Tk } Weapon Training Wing.
8 April	Snipers } Weapon Training Wing.
13 May	All the above and in addition :- School of Administration. School of Hygiene.

Detailed syllabus. See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses.

(i) Infantry School. NIL.

(ii) No 2 Sqdt Specialist School. NIL.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(iv) Engineers Training. NIL.

(v) Provost School.

During May the 5 Officers and 50 students mentioned in para (b) (v).

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2. (c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses (Continued).

(vi) Mechanics School. NIL

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

100 from MANTOVA Div on 8 April.
400 from Orvieto on 6 May.

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

In order that the organisation may be kept as simple as possible in the opening stages, the first course of each Wing will be made up of students from this Centre. The Second course will be made up as follows :-
Commencing 13 May.

Course	Total	RTC	MANTOVA	15 Army
J.L.W.	36	6	6	24
SMGL } SO }	35	5	10	20
P2 Gun	40	10	10	20
3-in Mortar	20	5	5	10
6pr A Tk	20	5	5	10
Snipers	20	5	5	10
Administration	30	7	8	15
Hygiene	20	5	5	10
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(d) Syllabus and programme of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Pioneer School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

MECHANICS SCHOOL APPX "E"

(iv) Driving Maintenance School.

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Wing will be sent up or stationed from this Centre. The General course will be made up as follows :-
Commencing 13 May.

Course	Total	RTC	MANTOVA	15 Army
J.L.W.	36	6	6	24
NCOC)				
SO)	35	5	10	20
Fl Wpns	40	10	10	20
3-in Mortar	20	5	5	10
6pr A Tk	20	5	5	10
Snipers	20	5	5	10
Administration	30	7	8	15
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(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

MECHANICAL SCHOOL APPX "E"

(iv) Driving Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(v) SEVR All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

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(e) Number of personnel from RTC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	PM Sanitation and Anti Malaria.	8 Offrs		MERVENTO.
(ii)	Hygiene and Sanitation	6 "		"
(iii)	Anti Gas	9 "		"
(iv)	Vehicle Mechanics		10 ORs	SCAFATI
(v)	Gun Fitters		24 ORs	"
(vi)	Issuers and Storemen (Rations)	1 "	4 ORs	ROME
(vii)	Photo Interpretation.	3 "		S.SEVERO.

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 3 Mar	-	1685
10 Mar	-	195
17 Mar	-	509
24 Mar	-	335
31 Mar	-	536

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(b) Rifle Despatched.

Arms	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	660
Cavy	-	-	-	-	-
Engrs	-	-	-	-	-
Other Arms	168	64	-	22	274
	168	64	-	422	934

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(iv)	Vehicle Mechanics		10 Cks	SEIPATI
(v)	Gun Fitters		24 Cks	"
(vi)	Issuers and Storemen (Rations)	1 "	4 Cks	NONE
(vii)	Photo Interpretation.	3 "		S.SNYERO.

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 3 Mar	-	1685
10 Mar	-	195
17 Mar	-	508
24 Mar	-	335
31 Mar	-	536

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(b) Rifts Despatched.

Arm	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	660
Arty	-	-	-	-	-
Engrs	-	-	-	-	-
Other Arms	168	64	-	22	274
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(c) Rifts held at 31 Mar 45.

Arm	Posted Str	Parade Str.
Inf	7859	4208
Arty	727	592
Engrs	1170	840
Other Arms	1589	649
	11,145	6,289.

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (ITALIAN).

(a) No 1 and 2 Regts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Numerically no deficiencies but instructors in Signals, Pioneers and Carriers are still under training. It is hoped that by the end of April all instructors will be available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Improving, still not up to standard, but will be satisfactory by the end of April.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Deficiencies in Specialist Instructors to complete WE are being found by SCAE but the deficiency figure is small. Up to date details are not available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical instruction is fairly good but supervision other than by British staff is poor. The Italian Staff is inclined to be inconsistent except under close British supervision.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete except for one Major who is on his way.

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Standard of instruction is passable with NCOs and improving with experience, but bad in respect of officers. It is hoped to improve the officers by running their special course.

(d) Provost School.

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(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Does not apply.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

29 Vehicle Mechanics - these are to be found from trainees entering the School.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Up to the standard of Army tradesmen tests.

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6. ADMINISTRATION (Continued).

(ii) No 3 Regt.

(a) Signals.

The accommodation at BRACCIANO when finished will be good and arrangements are proceeding to move up the School complete on 10 April.

(b) Engineer Training.

At BRACCIANO the present overcrowding is being gradually improved by the provision of some beds and eventually tentage. Feeding has been the worst problem but arrangements are in hand to improve the present cook-house.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School has received its fair share of the accommodation available, and although rather cramped has no real accommodation problem. Further accomodation has been asked for to improve the situation. During the period of waiting the buildings have been improved and arranged most efficiently.

(iv) Mechanics School.

Accomodation is being completed and will be good. At present 95% completed for instructors and 10% completed for students, tents will be used if not finished in time. The School is really well laid out and well decorated.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

Accomodation will be sufficiently completed and adequate for the first course. Accomodation is good.

(vi) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

The Schools buildings have been all allotted and now it is a question of speeding up the Contractors. Everything is being done to assist them. The attached sketch shows system of accomodation.

(b) Hygiene.

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(b) Hygiene.

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6. ADMINISTRATION (Continued).

(c) Welfare.

(i) This problem is now receiving the due consideration and a general effort is being made. There is an Italian Welfare Officer appointed and although he complains they are unable to carry out a welfare programme on anything like the scale of the British, the following arrangements are in operation.

(ii) CRAIGH.

Theatre plans are in preparation for an open air theatre to accommodate 2,000. Throughout the month instrumental and vocal concerts have been given to an average attendance of 400.

Cinema. There is a cinema operating at present and shows are given every evening. An additional cinema is under construction.

Canteen. Each Bn has a canteen.

Rest Rooms. The two Regiments are organising rest rooms, libraries etc.

(iii) BRACCIANO.

Arrangements are being made to use the civilian theatre.

(iv) MARTIANA.

An officers club is planned and nearing completion, this will be staffed by the Italian Red Cross. There is a good local cinema, also used for training film.

(v) Newspapers.

2,900 copies of 'La Patria' are distributed daily. 1,500 copies of 'Italia' weekly and over 4,000 books have been distributed.

(vi) Sports.

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(d) Morale.

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The introduction of British Battle Dress and Equipment has played a large part in the uplift in morale, which continues to improve as shown by the outward signs, such as saluting, personal cleanliness etc. Morale is not good and the resultant laxity of discipline and sloppy attitude to hard training on the part of the individual soldier makes the job of the British Staff an up-hill one. However, a lot more has been achieved and morale shows a marked improvement, particularly now the individual soldiers life is becoming more interesting. It is felt a lot more can be done by the Junior Officers to build up the morale, particularly in applying man management which is being taught and stressed on every available opportunity.

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7. GENERAL.

Generally it can be said that the past month has shown a considerable improvement in many respects. Morale is better, discipline is better, and the cycle of training is beginning to turn. However, there are many deficiencies. Unless training is kept right to the fore part in the minds of the Italian Officers, any excuse is accepted as a chance to miss it. Fêtes, holidays, wet weather, too many fatigues, anything is accepted as a chance to let the men off, with the result that unless this matter is carefully controlled, progresses are not completed. The Senior Officers will not delegate responsibility and do not understand the benefits of decentralisation, but more and more thought is being given to these matters and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staffs is producing the good results. So far as the individual soldier is concerned, this 'ego' needs building up, and until he has more confidence in himself and his officers, training is bound to suffer through his lack of interest. However, progress continues and each day sees improvement. Recently General [illegible], the Italian Officer Commanding, wrote a letter to his Regimental Commanders framed on definite and direct lines impressing the need for discipline and the weeding out of inefficient officers. A copy of this letter has been seen and it reflects creditably on the genuine effort now being made by the Italian Officers to produce results.

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TRAINING SIGNALS SCHOOL, BTO 107

Name of course.	AT present in course	MAX. No of Students.	Duration of course.	Subject
(a) Operators Wireless course.	20	40 ~~30~~	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, Instruments, - 9, 19, Batteries and charging. Searchlight.
(b) Operators Line course.	27	40 ~~27~~	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, Instruments - Testing, Recording.
" " " (INF)	~~40~~	40		
" " " (ARTY)	~~20~~	20		
(c) Switchboard Operators course.	*	20 ~~8~~	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, Instruments. Telephones US 10 line. F & R. Operating - Boards and
" " " (INF)		10		
" " " (ARTY)		10		
(d) Short courses for linemen.	*	30-40 ~~9~~	4 weeks	E & M - elementary pri Telephones, switchbo Cable laying drill.
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course.	17.	20 ~~15~~	17 weeks	Knowledge of Training testing - wireless and tools.
(f) Electrician Signals course.	*	5 ~~10~~	8 weeks	Knowledge of Materials Electrical testing and Manipulative work.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, NTO ECF

Appendix "A" to NTU/09/18
Dated 3 April '46.

	No of Students.	Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus.
10	40 30	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, Wireless Instruments, - 9, 19, 22 set, fault finding and maintenance, Batteries and charging. Exercises. Periodical testing.
7	40 27 40 20	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises. Periodical testing.
2	20 8 10 10	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DP & F and line. Switchboard UC 40 line. P & E. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Scheme and phonograms.
4	30 40 8	4 weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - Telephones, Pullerphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing units Cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
17	20 19	17 weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5	5 10	8 weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to apparatus in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.
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TRAINING SIGNALS SCHOOL RTU ETO (Cont'd)

Name of course.	No of Students.	Duration of course.	Brief Syll
(g) Regimental Operators course. (Arty).	26 ~~37~~ 40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, pr Instruments - setting Telephones and Pulleys W/T sets 19, 22, 11, & maintenance of batteri
(h) Regimental Operators course. (Infantry)	16 ~~182~~ 40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, p Sign security. Inst Pulleyphones. 19 11 set 18 and 48. Test
(i) DR's course.	4 ~~4~~ 25	4 weeks	DR duties. Maintenan Dingman duties. To (men who claim to have are selected for this

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL RCU DEP (Cont'd)

No of Students.	Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus.
26	13 weeks	S & M. Operating, procedure R/T & W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, Test and maintenance. Telephones and Pullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. R/T sets 19, 22, 11, & 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries. Line laying.
16	13 weeks	S & M. Operating, procedure R/T & Sigs office duties. Sigs security. Instruments R/T & W/T, Telephones and Pullerphones. 10 line and super-imposing unit. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Searchlights.
25.	4 weeks	MR duties. Maintenance of M/C. Map-reading. Linesman duties. Telephones. (Men who claim to have had previous M/U experience are selected for this course).

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INCREASED INTAKE AND OUTPUT OF STORES TO ITALIAN SOCIAL TRANSPORT

Trade	INTAKE Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	OUTPUT Feb	Mar
Operators, Wireless	25	-	50	-	25	-	-
Operators, Line	27	-	-	27	-	-	-
Switchboards ops	4	-	8	4	4	5	-
Linesmen	-	-	9	9	9	-	-
Mts	11	-	11	-	11	-	10
Instrument Mechanics	16	3	-	-	13	-	-
Electricians, Sigs	5	-	5	-	5	-	4
Inf Sigs.							
Regtl Opers (Inf)	49	-	98	49	49	-	-
Regtl Linesmen (Inf)	-	-	22	22	22	-	-
Switchboard Ops (Inf)	9	-	9	9	9	8	-
Arty Sigs							
Regtl Opers (Arty)	30	-	60	30	30	-	-
Regtl Linesmen (Arty)	-	-	18	18	18	-	-
Regtl Switchboard Opers (Arty)	9	-	9	9	9	8	-
TOTALS	185	3	289	177	204	19	14

NOTE :- (a) No intake during March owing to accommodation difficulties.

(b) No intake of Linesmen (for Signals, Arty and Inf) during Feb on instruc

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PROGRESSIVE INTAKE AND OUTPUT OF NEWCOMERS TO ITALIAN CIVIL TRAINING CENTRE.

Appendix "B" to HTU/59/15
Dated 3 April 45.

	INTAKE						OUTPUT at END of each month.				
	Year	Apr	May	June			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
[illegible]		50	-	25			-	-	-	23	-
[illegible]		-	27	-			-	-	24	-	-
[illegible]		8	4	4			5	-	6	3	3
[illegible]		9	9	9			-	-	8	8	8
[illegible]		11	-	11			-	10	-	10	-
[illegible]		-	-	13			-	-	-	18	-
[illegible]		5	-	5			-	4	-	4	-
[illegible]		98	49	49			-	-	45	-	90
[illegible]		22	22	22			-	-	20	20	20
[illegible]		9	9	9			8	-	8	8	8
[illegible]		60	30	30			-	-	27	-	54
[illegible]		18	18	18			-	-	16	16	16
[illegible]		9	9	9			8	-	8	8	8
Total		299	177	204			19	14	162	116	207

No intake during March owing to accommodation difficulties.

No intake of linemen (for Signals, Arty and Inf) during Feb on instructions from HMTA

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Subject	Duration of Course	Outline Syllabus
(a) Field craft	5 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashing[illegible] of poncho, construction [illegible] and tackles, entrenchments, [illegible] essential trenching, construction [illegible] tables for tracks. Water supp[illegible]
(b) Bridging.	3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and nig[illegible] ge, use of ir cribs, construction
(c) Mine Warfare	2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, mobile [illegible] Sections, stand charges, unexpl[illegible] mony, laying mines and recognition [illegible] problems and detectors, gas mask [illegible] drill and room, road clearing [illegible]
This course also for Infantry Pioneers Instructors		

~~Daily intake is tentatively 35 men to [illegible] have been two intakes of 200 and 100 respectively~~

The first three parties will have completed training by 30 April, and ~~all prisoners evacuated by 15~~ [illegible] 15 [illegible]

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Description of Course	Outline Syllabus
3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sorting walling, fd gun-stay, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, mechanics, derricks and shears, wire fencing, Bangalore Breaching, construction of jeep tracks, use of local timber for tracks. Water supply equ, use of compressor.
3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, about seven 75% logs overload lw, use of ir cribs, construction of timber trestles.
2 weeks Infantry Pioneers Instructors	Charge on Part explosives, methods of initiating charges, Bickford, shock charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and enemy, laying mines and recording, disarming mines, use of problem and detectors, gas marking equ, mechanical pending drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

~~Only 50 and 45 cadre there have been two intakes of 200 and 400 respectively.~~

All have completed training by 30 April, and ~~all trained~~ Predecessor 150 ~~approximately 75~~ trained engineers.

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[redacted] SECRET SERVICE, AFO 512.

Date of course.	Vacancies.		Duration of course.	Brief syllabus
	Offrs	Wkr		
Pre course for OSSR of pre sess Italian Combat Sqn.	5	50	5 weeks	For OSSR Field, PI, supervising (sept, use and repair) two circuits, wireless, arms, and control of [illegible] within the Sqn. For full Sqns and [illegible] the above, together [illegible] and control of PI, [illegible] now, only notes on [illegible]

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Appendix "D" to HTU/D9/18
Dated 3 April 45.

MIDFORT MUNCH, HTU 129.

Instructors.	Duration of course.	Detail Syllabus and Standard.
Cfm		
50	5 weeks	**Per OSM** Detail, PT, engineering, pre duties in the fd, RT tng, TO, (eqpt, use and preventive) veh classifications, method of life signalling, veh stoppg and parking, MT discipline and org, and control of new during tr, the functions of CMP within the Sq. **Per Pdl Serls and Officers.** The above, together with adv tactr on treatment, duties and control of PW, care and parking of veh in the fd, div ops, adv notes on discipline.

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[illegible] MOTOR MECHANICS SCHOOL, NO 102

Name of course.	Vacancies. Officers.	Vacancies. Other.	Duration of course.	Detail syllabus of [illegible]
(a) VEHICLE MECHANICS.		90	6 weeks	Test of rank qualifications, theory of TU & [illegible] cept of the unit, test and adjust [illegible] remove simple improvised repairs, [illegible] Class III.
(b) DRIVER MECHANICS.		44	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of rank qualifications knowledge of gear box, transfer box, [illegible] fault finding, road test driving, [illegible] repairs. Class II.
(c) GUN FITTERS.		28	6 weeks	Must have previous gun shop experience [illegible] simple sketch, work accurately, [illegible] simple soldering operations. (2 weeks)
				Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 [illegible] repairs to breech mechanism, buffer [illegible] elevating and traversing gears and [illegible] Class III.
(d) ARMOURERS.		6	2 weeks.	Must have a good shop experience. [illegible] .38 pistol, Sten, 2-in mortar, 3-in [illegible] Class III.
(e) MAINTENANCE OF UNIFORMS AND FLAME CARRIERS.		6	1 Week	Detail and adjustment of UNIFORMS and [illegible]

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FAILURE RESEARCH SCHOOL NO 308

Grade	Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus of course, and Standard.
30	6 weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of DI & CI engines, repairs & adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple inservicing repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
24A	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of DI & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential, practical fault finding, road mech driving, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II.
23	6 weeks	Must have previous mge shop experience. Tested to work to .000-in, read simple sketch, work generally, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
		Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. To effect repairs to breech mechanism, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
6	2 weeks.	Must have a good shop experience. Inspection of and repairs to .303 rifle, .38 pistol, bren, 3-in mortar, 3-in mortar, PIAT and Sharpen gun. Class III.
6	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERS and LLOYD carriers.

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration	Outline of Syllabus.
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of detail of tasks 1 - 7. Driving instruct
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AB 406. Drivin
(c) D & M Students	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a AB 412, discipline on the road, movement military vehicles, road accidents, breakd of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc oil, preparation of vehicle for complete and convoy discipline, convoy platoon co convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas de of anti skid chains, precautions to be t troop carrying and load carrying convoys, and inflammables, use of fire extinguish repair service, day and night convoy co

The programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the tasks in detail and fin out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work an explanation. The organisation of the School allows 4 to 5 pupils to each trying vehicle and driver ins V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 M workshops undergoing repairs. 15 VUK awaiting small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting larger workshop r

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Appendix "F" to MTU/D9/18
Dated 3 April 45.

...ding	Duration	Outline of Syllabus.
	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 - 7. Driving instruction.
	2nd Week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.
	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instructions for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing of vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding means, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Attendance Officers	NCOs	Duration	Brief Syllabus and Stand
1. Tactical Div.				
(a) Unit Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the t battalion with supporting arms an problems of a brigade commander a training of a battalion.
(b) Coy Commanders	20		3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical company with supporting arms.
(c) Platoon Leaders	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the t Platoon under conditions of battl basis on which to train their own
2. Weapon Training Div.				
(a) Platoon Weapons	20	20	3 Weeks	To train instructors in the techni handling of the platoon weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the techni handling of the 3-in mortar.
(c) 6 pr. AT Gun	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the techni handling of the 6 pr. AT Gun.
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of capable of training snipers in the
3. Administration Div.				
(a) General Administration.			3 Weeks	To train Officers in what constitu conditions of war including unit
(b) Hygiene			1 Week.	

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Lesson No.	Duration	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
5	3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a brigade commander and to consider the grouping of a battalion.
[illegible]	3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an infantry company with supporting arms.
[illegible]	3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a Platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
[illegible]0	30	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 3-in mortar.
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6 pr. AT Gun.
[illegible]0	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own units.
[illegible]		3 Weeks.	To train Officers in unit administration under all conditions of war including unit hygiene and discipline.

Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

1. Signal School.

Cable Nl D.VIII Single, miles	2
Cable Nl D.VIII Twisted, miles	5
Reels, cable, No 1	47
Apparatus Cable Laying, (No 2 or 6)	17
" " " (NO 3)	1
Ladders, FT	2
Wireless Sets No 11	15
" " " 18 or 48	35
" " " 21	5
Charging Sets 1260 w	1
" " 4 KW	1
Belts Linesmen	28
Frogs Pliers	48
Pliers Sidecutting 7", Pairs	48
Poles, Tele, wood, light, 17 ft	20
Pins, earth	52
Pipes earth,	6
Lamps DSSR (with stand)	3
Buzzers, Signal Training	30
Training Sets W/T	4

2. Mech School.

FA 20201.	Tool Kits Arm Arts GS	1
FA 20221.	Tool Kits Veh Mechs & Arms Vehs - Basic	42
FA 20210.	Tool Kits Dvr Mechs GS	44
FA 20214.	Tool Kits Electricians Basic	2
FA 20216.	Tool Kits Electricians MT and GS Supplementary	2
FA 20224.	Tool Kits Fitters GS Basic	17
FA 20225	Tool.Kits Fitters Supplementary	17
FA 20251	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Basic	2
FA 20252	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Supplementary	2
FA 19513	Vices Bench (4" Jaw)	118
	Jacks 2-3 Ton	10
FA 10013	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
FA 20264	Tool Kits Welders acet & elect	2
FA 15823	Plates Surface 36" x 24"	1
FA 13876	Guage Surface Universal No2'4 Base 12" x 18" Spindle	1
FA 14570	Indicator Dial Test	1

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	Charging Sets 1260 w	3
	" " 4 KW	1
	Belts Lineamen	1
	Prags Pliers	28
	Pliers Sidecutting 7", Pairs	48
	Poles, Tele, wood, light, 17 ft	48
	Pins, earth	20
	Pipes earth,	32
	Lamps DBGR (with stand)	6
	Buzzers, Signal Training	3
	Training Sets W/T	30
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2. <u>Mech School.</u>

FA 20201.	Tool Kits Arm Arts GS	1
FA 20221.	Tool Kits Veh Mechs & Arms Vehs - Basic	42
FA 20210.	Tool Kits Dvr Mechs GS	44
FA 20214.	Tool Kits Electricians Basic	2
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FA 10013	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
FA 20264	Tool Kits Welders acet & elect	2
FA 15823	Plates Surface 36" x 24"	1
FA 13876	Guage Surface Universal No2[illegible] Base 12" x 18" Spindle	1
FA 14570	Indicator Dial Test	1
SBO E. 3	8 cwt Pulley Blocks	2
SBO E. 3	2 ton Pulley Blocks	1
WK 0025	Benches Portable 7 feet	59
WX/0017	Pumps Portable 26" x 20" with hand and electric fan 110 v DC	1
WX/0457	Plant Welding and cutting HP O/A (Lightweight)	1
WX/0495	Plant Welding electric, single operator, motor driven 110 v DC	1
LW6.MT2	Engine Stands Various (if available)	16
LW6.MT2	Axle Stands various (if available)	12
LW6/MT2	33732 Guages Camber and front axle aligning	1
WX0454	Avometers Universal	1
	Batteries, Sec Port 6v 125 AL.	20

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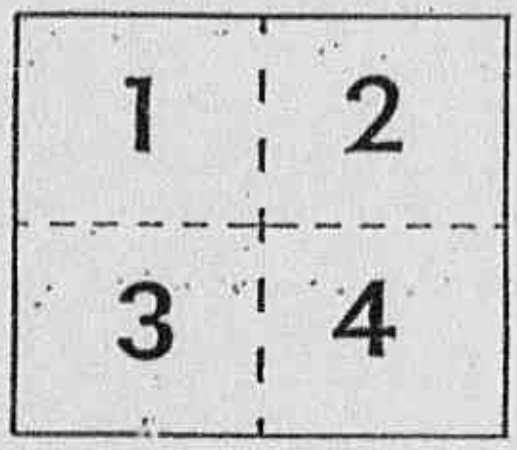

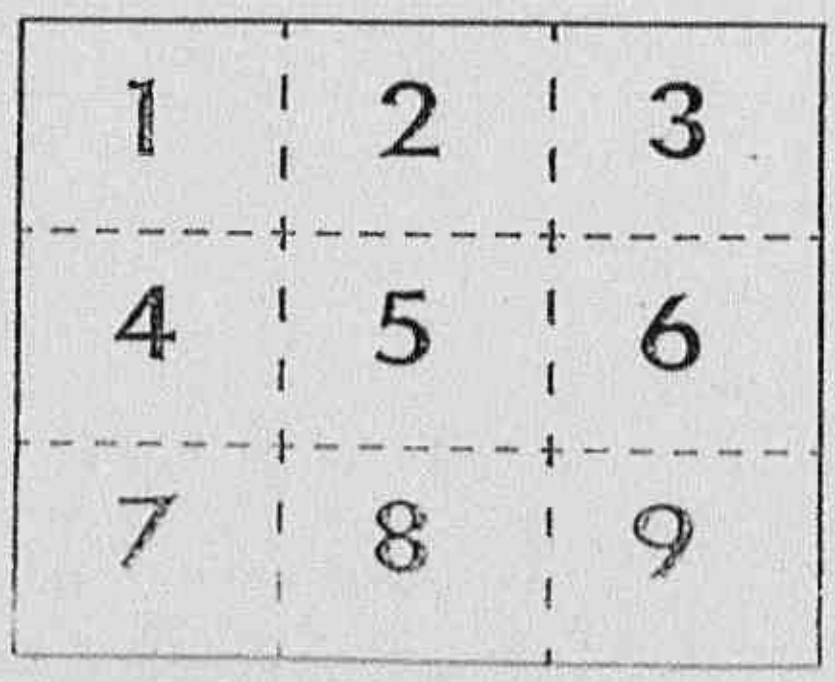

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Schedule of Controlled

Serial (a)	DET/GS/4/Ord. of 2 Feb. (b)	Description. (c)	Total Received During Month (d)	Distrib: No 1 Dept (e)	No 2 Regt (f)	No 3 Regt (g)	Provost School (h)	Instrs Wpn Trg School (j)
1.	1.	Carriers Universal	23		7			
2.	2.	Carriers 3" Mortar	16		6			6
3.	3.	Carriers Universal Mon Runners	1					
4.	4.	Carriers Lloyd	8					5
5.	6.	15 cwt Trucks 4 x 2 GS	5				3	
6.	7.	3 Ton Lorries 4 x 2 GS	4					
7.	8.	M.C Mole	31			4	15	
8.	11.	15 cwt/3 Ton Lorries FORD	3					
9.	12.	15 cwt/3 Ton Lorries DODGE	2					
10.	14.	" " " " BEDFORD	6					
11.	15.	" " " " Mon Runners	11					
12.	-	3 Ton Winch	1					
13.	-	15 cwt Compressor	1					
14.	-	Tractors LAA	10					
15.	17.	Rifles No 4	24					
16.	18.	Bren LMG	17					
17.	19.	VBC	83			40		8
18.	20.	PIAT	57	24	24			5
19.	21	Pistol Signal	4					
20.	22.	Binoculars No 2.	75					8
21.	23.	Compasses Prismatic	48					14
22.	24.	Mortars 2"	42	10	25			4
23.	25.	Mortars 3"	7		3			4
24.	26.	Mine Detectors American.	2		2			
25.	27.	Mine Detectors Polish No 1[illegible]	7		3			
26.	28.	Watches GS.	9					
27.	29.	QQF 6pr Complete	7		6			1
28.	30.	QQF 6pr (DF)	27					
29.	31.	Rangefinder No 2 Mk II	2		1			1
30.	32.	Rifles Telescopic	37					27
31.	33.	Pistol Revolver .38	23	12		3		6
32.	34.	Binoculars Prismatic No 5	3					
33.	52.	Block	1					
34.	63.	Sledges Hammer	6					
35.	64.	Handspikes	6					
36.	78.	Sights 18" Mk II	6					
37.	88.	Lamps Aiming MG Mk II	9		4			
38.	89.	Telescopes Sighting No 22 Mk I	6					
39.	91.	Exploders Dynamo Mk VII	5					1
40.	92.	Tent Sets Demolition.	2					
41.	93.	Camouflet Egyt Light	1					
42.	95.	Field Levels	4					
43.	96.	Tapes Measuring 100 ft	7					
		[illegible]	[illegible]					

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Schedule of Controlled Stores received during the month of March A5.

Distribution to sub-units.									
			Instrs School						
No 2 Regt	No 3 Regt	Provost School	Wpn Trg School	Tac School	D & M School	Mech School	Infantry School	Artillery School	Engineers School
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s received during the month of March 45.

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Chemical Warfare School (k)	D & K School (l)	Mech School (m)	Infantry School (n)	Artillery School (p)	Engineers School. (q)	Signal School (r)	Reception Camp. (s)
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34.	63.	Sledges Hammer	6			
35.	64.	Hammydikes	6			
36.	78.	Sules Sight 18" Mk II	6			
37.	88.	Lamps Aiming MG Mk II	9		4	
38.	89.	Telescopes Sighting No 22 Mk I	6			
39.	91.	Exploders Dynamo Mk VII	5			1
40.	92.	Test Sets Demolition.	2			
41.	93.	Camouflet Expt Light	1			
42.	95.	Field Levels	4			
43.	96.	Tapes Measuring 100 ft	7			
44.	97.	Augers Earth 9"	1			
45.	101.	Pump Contract or Lift	1			
46.	102.	Hose Armoured Lengths	6			
47.	103.	Hose Delivery Lengths	18			
48.	104.	Tripods Gren	7½	30	30	4
49.	106.	Sight Correctional Mk V	6			
50.	107.	Sights Checking Layers 40 mm	6			
51.	108.	Watches Stop 1/10 second	5			
52.	109.	Machine Sawing Petrol Driven	1			
53.	110.	Concrete Breaker Pneumatic	1			
54.	111.	Light Picks Pneumatic	2			
55.	112.	Rock Drills Pneumatic	2			
56.	113.	Wood Borer Pneumatic	1			
57.	117.	Engine Stands Various	6			
58.	125.	Play Wire 1½ miles	1			
59.	130.	Frames D & P 10 Wire (sets)	2			
60.	132.	Fullerphones	14			
61.	134.	Superposing Units	4			
62.	138.	Telephones D Mk V	34			
63.	139.	Telephones L	4			
64.	155.	Instruments Testing No 1	4			
65.	162.	Cable Electric E1 Mk II yds	400			
66.	168.	Bailey Bridge Grillage Aerial	3			
67.	169.	20 Ton Pr Cribs with Clamps	12			
68.	182.	Thermometers Survey	5			
69.	-	Bailey Bridge (56 HLU)	1 set			
70.	-	Directors No 7	1			
71.	-	Instruments Drawing HE	2			
72.	-	Exchange 6 Line	1			
73.	-	Heliographs	2			
74.	-	Lamps Lamps	2			
75.	-	Cable Mk V Reels	1			
76.	-	Cable Layer	1			
77.	-	Chests Tools Armourers	4			

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BTU for Training Progress Report No 3.

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'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army
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17 Mar 45.

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1. Introductory Remarks.

During the last 3 weeks a very marked improvement has taken place in the Training. Previously, training had been hindered by shortages of clothing and equipment, accomodation and water. The solving of these problems has had a most noticeable effect on both the officers and the men. The officers are beginning to realise that CESANO could be an excellent Training Centre, and the attitude of the men towards their officers is improving.

Whilst in early February training was almost non - existent, now programmes are being adhered to and carried out fairly efficiently. The number of men doing nothing, from being the majority has dwindled into very small proportions.

The standard of instruction and shortage of instructors is probably the weakest point at present. Most of the instructors have only the manuals as a basis of instruction. There are few officers with Battle Experience, or who have attended courses of instruction. The matter of instructors has been taken up with M.I. and SOE. It is hoped that the Gruppi will be able to spare a few good instructors. It is certain such a policy would produce results, out of all proportion to the numbers required. The Schools here will quickly raise the general standard of instruction provided they are provided with the best instructors.

This is of paramount importance. Now it is often a case of the blind leading the blind. It is essential that officers detailed as, for example, Signal Instructors in the establishment can instruct in British material. If this is NOT the case there must be a considerable delay, while the instructor is himself trained. When 36 carriers arrived at TOR SAPIENZA it was necessary to use British personnel from various units to drive them to CESANO, as only 1 Italian, an officer, can drive. These shortages have been pointed out before but until they are made good, the demands of the Gruppi cannot be met. If M.I. and SOE can not find Italian instructors, then more British Instructors will have to be asked for, and the whole conception of the Centre changed.

2. Signal Training.

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Continues to function at MOCERA DAMMIONE with groups as under.

Trade	No	Due to complete.
Wireless Operators (Genio)	22	6th June.
Line Operators (Genio)	27	9th May.
Operators Artillery	26	9th May.
Operators Infantry	16	9th May.

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Wireless Operators (Genio)	22	6th June.
Line Operators (Genio)	27	9th May.
Operators Artillery	26	9th May.
Operators Infantry	46	9th May.
Instrument Mechanics (Genio)	16	6th June.
Electricians Signals (Genio)	5	4th April.
Despatch Riders (Genio)	15	????
Switchboard Operators (Genio)	9	5th March.
Switchboard Operators Artillery	3	5th March.
Switchboard Operators Infantry	6	5th March.

The above courses have run satisfactorily with the exception that DR training has been held up by shortage of motor cycles. 14 WT Trucks are also still to be received.

Two courses are being run at BRACCIANO.

(a) A four week conversion course for 83 wireless operators, previously trained in Italian Equipment.

(b) A preliminary training course for 15 officers and 124 other ranks. Syllabus includes : Electricity and Magnetism, Wireless Theory and Procedure and Map Reading.

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Infantry Signal Training other than courses at Signal School has not yet commenced. Signal Instructors are now in transit and it is hoped to start in about 1 week's time, on a small scale.

The Signal School expects to move to BRACCIANO on 30 March 45.

3. Engineer Training.

(a) General. There is a complete lack of Italian Instructors and the training is being run almost entirely by the British. Non officers (Italian) have been asked for and demands are being partially met.

The men under instruction are keen and learn quickly.

The equipment situation is generally satisfactory.

At present it has not been found possible to divide the Engineer Training into Engineer School and Engineer Reinforcements owing to shortage of instructors.

(b) Courses in progress. 5 parties of 55 men are under training. The course is divided into sections as under.

2 weeks Bridgeheads (including roads and Water Supply).

2 weeks Elementary Demolitions and Minewarfare.

2 weeks Bridging.

1 week Weapon Training.

(c) Facilities. The Contractors have proved to be disappointingly slow in preparing the class rooms etc, but under strong pressure are beginning to show results.

4. Mechanics School.

Instructors and Stores are now satisfactory. The state of the buildings is the main limiting factor.

The first course, Vehicle Mechanics and Armourers, starts on 1 April 45.

Armourers	8
Vehicle Mechanics	90

The above personnel will be found from this Centre. The remaining courses commence as under.

14 April 45 Pitters Course
2nd April Driver Mechanics Course.

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The equipment situation is generally satisfactory.

At present it has not been found possible to divide the Engineer Training into Engineer School and Engineer Reinforcements owing to shortage of Instructors.

(b) Courses in progress. 5 parties of 55 men are under training. The course is divided into sections as under.

2 weeks Blackdown (Including roads and Water Supply).

3 weeks Elementary Demolitions and Minewarfare.

2 weeks Bridging.

1 weeks Wagon Bridging.

(c) Facilities. The Contractors have proved to be disappointingly slow in preparing the class rooms etc, but under strong pressure are beginning to show results.

4. Logistics School.

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Armourers	8
Vehicle Mechanics	90

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14 April 45 Pitters Course.
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5. Instructors Schools [illegible].

(a) Headquarters and administrative staff are installed.

(b) A demonstration company has been formed and trained.

(c) Preparatory work of preparing exercises, constructing ranges, collection of stores and preparation of proofs is now in progress.

(d) Instructional Staff is expected back on the 17th.

(d) It is hoped to start the Junior Leaders Wing on the 2 April, the other courses on the 8th.

GSO II (Schools) considers that he will be able to make a first class School at [illegible].

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6. Driving and maintenance staff.

Owing to operational requirements No 2 GP Company, which was to have provided the permanent staff for the School is no longer available.

This has entailed the training of a fresh staff. Of 100 drivers required as instructors, 40 are now fully trained, but 60 still require further training.

Whilst if it would assist, a specialist course could be run to help 56 IRU, it would be a very improvised course.

Neither the staff nor the accommodation is ready, but it is hoped to commence properly on 3 April 45.

7. Infantry Training.

(a) The present state of training is as follows :-

370 have completed 5th week of training.
3,404 have completed 4th week of training.
1,113 have completed 3rd week of training.
1,100 are undergoing preliminary training.
400 Artillery are being converted into Infantry and have started short conversion course.

The programme is being followed and all the basic periods of weapon training and fieldcraft are being taught fairly satisfactorily, with the exception of rifle grenade and 2in mortar. The first is due to lack of instructors, the second by shortage of equipment, though this is improving.

(b) The Infantry School is at present running courses as follows :-

(i) Tactical Course 100 pupils.

(ii) 3in Mortar Course 20 pupils.

(iii) 6 pdr course 20 pupils.

The remaining courses have not yet started for running 4442 :-

(i) Carrier Course. Carriers only just in process of arriving. It will be necessary to run an Instructors Cadre first.

(ii) Snipers Course. The officer sent down to [illegible] was retained for another course by [illegible].

(iii) Mine Warfare Course. No suitable Infantry Instructors available. 6 are at present being trained on RE course at [illegible].

(c) Courses on individual subjects.

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(c) The present state of training is as follows :-

170 have completed 5th week of training.
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(ii) Snipers Course. The officer next down to [illegible] has retained for another course by [illegible].

(iii) Mine Warfare Course. No suitable Infantry Instructors available. 6 are at present being trained on all course at [illegible].

(e) Reports on individual subjects.

(i) Rifle. With the completion of 600 yards range, the course is being completed more fully. When each man has his own rifle the standard of shooting and care of arms should improve.

(ii) Bren. Shooting with this is quite good.

(iii) 2in Mortars. Training is held up by small numbers available for training.

(iv) PIAT. The situation is satisfactory.

(v) PT. Instructors courses have been run and all men do 40 minutes daily.

(vi) Tactical and Fieldcraft Instruction. The standard of instruction is rather low. Senior Officers tend to cramp the style of the Junior Officers by over centralisation of training.

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8. Carabinieri School.

(a) The whole School site is ready, classrooms, manuals and training programmes prepared. The British Staff is here, accommodation is ready and the School is ready to function when the two following demands are met.

(i) Release of ADOS formed training stores based on 1½ Sections Provost.

(ii) The posting in of Italian Instructors.

(b) Formations of Carabinieri Company.

(i) These are being clothed in BD and equipped as British Provost.

(ii) Equipment is in process of being received.

(iii) The Company is undergoing training as a British Provost Company.

(iv) One Section and Company HQ are still awaited.

(c) Traffic Control Personnel. 20 men other than CC.RR have already been trained, a futher 20 Artillery are due for Regimental Police Training.

(d) General. The standard of discipline, drill, turnout etc of CC.RR personnel is improving and will shortly reach a standard comparable with the British Provost.

9. Artillery School.

As the Artillery Training Team has had no chance to correctly ascertain the state of Training, Lt-Col DERM's training memorandum No 6 is included with this report. Training is in progress in elementary stages but has not yet reach the firing stage, so that it is difficult to judge the standard reached.

The artillery, however, appear both disciplined and enthusiastic.

10. Conclusion.

As yet, returns as to numbers under training submitted by the Italians have been inaccurate. Attention is being paid to this, as also to the correct documentation of individuals.

This report therefore, includes no detailed appendices. Future reports will do so.

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10. Conclusion.

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The Courses arranged to train the Instructors who are to teach at the School and Depot at BRACCIANO have now finished. The duration of courses was as follows :-

COURSE.	DURATION.	DATES.
Anti Aircraft	3½ weeks	31 Jan - 24 Feb.
Anti Tank	3½ Weeks	31 Jan - 24 Feb.
25 pr	5½ Weeks	31 Jan - 9 Mar.

Students attended as follows :-

	25 pr	40 pr	17 pr.
Officers from IOWERD	10	8	5
NCO's from IOWERD	33	21	25
Officers from LIMOVA Gruppo	-	-	4
NCO's from LUPTON Gruppo	-	-	6
NCO and O.R. from WOLXHE Gruppo	-	2	-

On termination of the Courses recommendations were made as to which officers and NCO's would, from the technical point of view be best suited for the posts of permanent instructors. The quality of the 40 pr and 17 pr Courses was high and the selection of suitable instructors easy. The standard of the 25 pr Course was disappointing. Only 1 Officer and 8 NCO's reaching the modest standard required by us to qualify them as instructors at Depot Artillery School. In order to deal with the trg problems it was recommended that a further 5 Officers from among the students be appointed as instructors in a temporary capacity. Seven other NCO's were considered to be capable of instructing in one or other branch of the art and their nomination as Instructors was recommended on the understanding that their instruction in the early stage be limited to those spheres in which they were considered proficient. In this manner all the Officer vacancies for Instructors can be filled and 15 out of the 24 vacancies for Sergeant Instructors. I am examining the Instructor situation and in view of the excess of gunner officers shall probably recommend that part of the W.E. of NCO's be filled by young officers. The instructional difficulties will be overcome in a short period and the standard of Instructors is being regarded as a stimulus to increased activity rather than as a cause for regret.

On 13 & 14 Mar this unit arrived in BRACCIANO to supervise the training of reinforcements and is now established here. Signals etc are collected

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	25 pr	40 mm	17 pr.
Officers from [illegible]	10	8	5
NCO's from [illegible]	33	21	25
Officers from [illegible] Gruppo	-	-	4
NCO's from [illegible] Gruppo	-	-	6
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