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12 M.I.U. Progress Reports of Italian Central Military Schools
for Period 1 - 31 March 1946.

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1 April 1946.

CHIEF.

Although good progress has been made by many schools, the main problem remains the delay in construction and completion of barrack buildings due entirely to financial reasons. A Memorandum by Colonel L.M. Mackay CBE, Commander 12 B.L.U. is attached as Appendix 'A' to this Report.

Detailed equipment staff tables have been prepared showing requirements for all schools in respect of weapons, ammunition etc for period April - December 1946.

1. School of Tactics.

With the exception of a short course of instruction in British tactics (training, instructional and administrative methods attended by six Colonels, the staff) under review has been spent in planning and organizing the School of Tactics at its new location at CIVILAVESCHIA. General Matteoli has devoted the energy and attention towards the formation of the School.

Progress has been retarded by:-

(a) the failure of building materials to arrive.

(1) the failure of S.M.R.E. to produce a W.E. for the School.

Provided that the project is approved from the financial view point it is hoped that the School will be ready to operate on 1 June 1946.

2. Armoured Car School.

The course which commenced in February was concluded in the early days of the month. The School has now moved to a new location at TUN IN GROSSO and is proceeding through a phase of reorganization. The release of a further 16 Staff Nurses and 3 Drivers has greatly increased training facilities.

3. School of Artillery.

The series of instructors courses which have been held during the past months are now nearing completion.

A further series of instructors courses, of 5 weeks duration, commenced on 10 March 1946.

The course is divided into two parts, the first three weeks being devoted to instruction in equipment, artillery theory, and in technical and technical use of instruments whilst the remaining fortnight is devoted to practical instruction in the field and instruction in "Methods of Instruction".

The officers under instruction are as follows

Officers NCOs	25pr	17pr 2 5pr	40 pr
	Instructors	Instructors	Instructors.
	18	24	4660
	50		

1. School of Section.

With the exception of a short course of instruction in British tactical training, instructional and administrative methods attended by six Colonials, the school under review has been spent in planning and organizing the School of Section at its new location at CIVITAVECCHIA. General Matteoli has devoted his energy and enthusiasm towards the formation of the School.

Progress has been reflected by:-

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The officers under instruction are as follows

Officers 1800s	25pr		17pr & 6pr		40 pr	
	Instructors	18	Instructors	50	Instructors	40
					21	4660

At the conclusion of this series of courses on 10 April 1946 the following courses will be run under British supervision.

- (a) 800 Instructors course.
- (b) 300 Instructors Course.
- (c) 5.5 and Instructors Course.

The transfer of the Genio Barracks at BRICOLANO has progressed smoothly throughout the month and all work will be completed by 1 May 1946. An application has been submitted for the transfer of the Duke of Aosta Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA from the British School of Artillery to the Italian School of Artillery on 15 April 1946. This would provide ample accommodation for the recruit training centre.

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3. Reconnaissance Artillery (Cont'd).

Results of courses completed on 10 March 1946 are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report. References should be made to the outstanding work of Major HOGG, R.A., whose enthusiasm and energy has contributed greatly to the progress of the School and rendered the task of his successor Major HARRISON S.E. considerably easier.

4. Infantry School.

No courses have been held during the month but time has been spent in the organisation of barracks and preparation of fieldwork, buildings and facilities often in readiness for the recruit training programme. The School is situated in a malarial area and steps are now in progress to reduce the danger of high incidence of malaria. The danger could be still further reduced by :-

- (a) The issue of spraying liquids and pumps.
- (b) A further processing of barracks with DDT.

Major HARRISON, R.A., has now replaced Major LAMBARTON S.E. as S.O. R.A.

5. Signal School.

With the exception of the building of partition walls for the class rooms, little structural work has been carried out on the barracks.

The W.S. has been finally approved and although the strength is 60 less than was intended, should prove adequate.

Ten 19 sets have been loaned by the Armoured Car School which has relieved temporarily the shortage of sets for instructional purposes but the shortage of wireless vehicles still renders the holding of mobile schemes difficult.

Two courses which commenced on 21 January 1946 were concluded in the early part of the month. Details are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

The third potential signal instructors course and a wireless course for Infantry Signals Officers and WO2s, both of six weeks duration commenced on 11 April 1946. The following personnel are under instruction :-

	Office	MOB	Total
No. 3 Signal Instructors Course	22	0	22
No. 1 Infantry Signals Course	10	19	29

Preparations have been prepared for recruits courses in May and approval obtained for the three months Infantry and Artillery Signalists courses.

6. Infantry School.

The courses for instructors for CAPs and for Territorial Officers are due to start in May. Preparations have commenced for the new Infantry School organisation.

The transformation is being made in the following stages :-

- (a) The appointment of Commanders of wings and the implementation of the establishment. This stage will be completed by 20 April.

(c) The issue of spraying liquids and paper.

(d) A further processing of barracks with LPT.

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No. 1 Infantry Signals Course	10		10

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- (a) The appointment of Commanders of wings and the implementation of the establishment. This stage will be completed by 20 April.
- (b) The preparation of training programmes and a detailed analysis of lessons to be taught. This stage will be completed by 6 April.
- (c) The training of a large number of new instructors required for the School. Provided that new weapons are forthcoming it is hoped that this stage will be completed in all branches, i.e. MGs and 4.2-in Mortar by the beginning of July.

7. Police School.

The 7th course for Military Police finished on 23 March with the following results.

Very Good.	2 Students.
Good.	12 "
Fair.	86 "
Failed.	10 "

7. Police School (Cont'd).

The standard of students on this course was below average.

The Carabinieri School accommodation has been improved by the addition of three quarters of the old hospital.

8. P.T. School.

The 3rd P.T. Course of eight weeks duration was concluded on 9th March 1946. Of an initial total of 56 students, 15 were returned to their units as being unsuitable to make instructors or through sickness. The results of the 11 Officers, 21 NCOs and 2 Carabinieri who concluded the course are as follows :-

Students suitable as School Instructors	MIL.
Very Good regimental instructors	3
Good "	19
Average	11
Unsuitable	8

Since the course ended a refresher course has been run for School Instructors in preparation for the three months course commencing 1 April 1946.

Replies have been made in previous reports on the vital necessity of the P.T. School receiving the consideration which is its due in the curriculum of training in the Italian Army. There is still a tendency to regard this School as a 'fad' of the British Army, whereas it should be a corner stone in the plan of reconstruction now being developed. Inadequate buildings and equipment and lack of enthusiasm in high quarters make the task of the permanent staff even more difficult than necessary.

9. School of Motorisation.

The need for early commencement of R.E. work at this School cannot be over emphasised. There now remain five weeks until the arrival of recruits. Officer Instructors for the School are arriving and the present strength is 42.

Training material (component parts of vehicles) and wall diagrams are being drawn, though the amounts to date are insufficient to meet instructional requirements.

The following courses are being held :-

- (a) Instructors course of 4 weeks duration which commenced on 5 March and is attended by 35 Officers and 109 NCOs. The aim of the course is to ensure that the future instructors of the School of Motorisation maintain uniformity in M.I. instruction and are conversant with the latest methods of instruction.
- (b) A short D & M Course for 30 drivers who have been posted to the School as drivers but are not in possession of Military driving licences.

The results of No. 7 D & M Course which ended on 1st March 1946 are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

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 Good 11
 Average 8
 Unsuitable

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10. R & M School.

Preparation for the move of the vehicle repair centre to the School of Motorization have progressed and it will move to CROQUIGNOLA during the first few days of this month. Some training models and wall charts have been obtained.

In the event of the Artillery Recruit Training Centre being established at the Duke of Aosta barracks CIVITAVECCHIA, it is proposed to move the School of Armour from the Saviolo barracks where it is at present located into the Duke of Aosta barracks and thus releasing the Saviolo barracks to the School of Engineers.

Results of courses which concluded on 30 March 1946 at the motorization repair centre are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

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11. School of Administration and Welfare.

A course for Medical Orderlies and assistants was commenced during the month. The object of the course is to provide OARs with the necessary number of medical orderlies and assistants to meet their requirements.

Repairs to the barracks are progressing slowly. These consist of :-

- (a) The partitioning of certain rooms to form small class rooms.
- (b) The provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers.

12. Accommodation.

(a) Quarantine Services.

Stocks of summer clothing held in the Italian storehouse, in particular at CIVITAVECCHIA and BRACCIANO are definitely insufficient to maintain units on the summer scale of clothing. The Captain QM's view the position with great concern as the prospects of satisfaction in this direction are very remote, especially as the clothing will be drawn from Italian sources and will consist mainly of cleaned and worn clothing withdrawn last year.

Collection has been arranged from NAPEZZ of gun stores for the School of Artillery and two of the 17pr gun barrels have been returned to the Return Gun Park, NAPLES.

The situation regarding M.T. spares particularly tyres, remains serious.

(b) R.N.M.E.

The 60 day Maintenance packs provided in Jan 1946 have not yet materialised. In spite of the difficulties of supply of spares the production curve shows a marked rise - 83 vehicles and 7 m/cs. Movement of the workshop to ROME has been resumed but beyond enquiries as to the composition of an augmented L.A.D. for servicing the vehicles at CESSANO, nothing definite has arisen.

During March 16 vehicles and m/cs have been passed back to A.C.R.N. Workshops at BOLOGNA.

(c) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

No noticeable change from conditions outlined in Progress Report No. 15 for February 1946.

(d) Morale.

Grounds for dissatisfaction exist for two main reasons :-

- (i) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.
- (ii) Financial reasons.

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The difficulties in finance for Italian Officers was outlined in detail in Progress Report No. 15. Little can be added except to point out that if conditions are not improved, the standard of efficiency of instructors will deteriorate rapidly.

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Colonel.

Cmd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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GSO II											
(Schools)	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
GSO II											
(Trg & Inf)	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
Instr. RE	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
Instr RA	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
Instr E. Sig	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
War Diary	2	2	2	2	2	-	2	2			
Float	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
File	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1			
Spares	2	2	2	2	2	-	2	2			

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Appendix 'A'

To: 12 B.I.U. Progress Report No. 16
dated 1 April 1946.

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF BARACK BUILDINGS.

During the month I have made a visit (in some cases more than one) to all the Schools comprising the Scuole Centrali Militari. With the possible exception of Civitavecchia, where the Contractors are working busily and considerable progress has been made, the standard is deplorable. The Italian military authorities have, in every case, prepared an estimate and detailed memorandum of their requirements. Genio Militare prepared financial estimates of the cost of the work involved. Up to this point there can be no criticism or suggestion of negligence on the part of either the personnel of Comando Scuola or Genio Militare. But virtually nothing has been done. The position caused me considerable alarm at the beginning of the month and I visited General Corteleza and consequently Signor Brozio, Minister of War, and endeavored to lay down upon them both, that unless funds were made available to implement essential work, the position on the 1st of May (when the Schools were supposed to start) would be a serious one. Both General Corteleza and the Minister were co-operative, but there was only one answer. The Italian Government has not yet authorized the funds to meet the cost of the contracts. In spite of promises and a certain amount of optimistic thinking the position is virtually the same at the end of the month. The work has not yet started. Without being defeatist, it can be said quite definitely that the essential buildings will not be in the condition which we hoped, by the 1st May. This fact must be accepted and I have therefore impressed on the Italian Commanders of all the Schools that this unfortunate situation must not allow them in any way either to lose hope or slacken their efforts. They must improvise.

I am glad to say that, with the possible exception of Colonel Mattioli, Commanding the Scuola Autieri, the response of the Commanders of the Schools has been most satisfactory. All of them have prepared interim plans to enable the Schools to operate under adverse conditions which are now inevitable. None of them have lost heart and I am confident that although we shall not attain the ideal for which we hoped, training will be able to commence and, to a large extent, the welfare factor, on which the Director has made so much emphasis, will not be neglected. Provisional Specchio's and welfare facilities have been organized and every effort has been made to provide the maximum possible comfort under existing conditions to improve the living conditions of the men. I am glad to say the response of the military officers concerned, although deploring the inaction of the Italian Government, is, to say the least, most fortunate. As an indication to the clarity of thought and thoroughness with which the Colonels are dealing with their problems I attach a memorandum written by Col. Mancuso on the conditions at Coochignola, and from personal observation I am satisfied that there is not one word of exaggeration in what he says. None the less, he is not allowing himself to be defeated and the Schools for which he is responsible will start on the 1st May.

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Enclosure with Appendix 'A'
to: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
Dated 1 April 1946.

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI GENIO
COMANDO

No. 02/66/Ris.

Rome 13, 10 March 1946.

Subject: Signal School - Barracks at Goodignola - Arrangements.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE GENERAL CASH. THE CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

GENIO DI ROMA.

As the moment when the Recruits will flow in for the Advanced Training by this School is getting near, I think it necessary to put things clear about the situation of the School with regard to the necessary accommodation and the training premises.

- Up to this date - 10 March - of all the works foreseen to give a simple but reasonable settlement to this School nothing has been done - not a single nail has been driven and not a single brick laid. Nothing has changed from the original conditions except for a very few works done by some workmen of the Pirellano Lavori for the accommodation of the permanent staff.

- Of all the following works planned:

To transform the stables into school-rooms - amounting to L.	8,000,000
Furniture for the school rooms	2,100,000
HQ Buildings, Barracks A & B etc	17,000,000
General services building	11,000,000
(Kitchens, latrines, Washing rooms etc)	15,000,000
To make or repair the fixtures for all the buildings	1,100,000
Water supply and hygienic installation	1,500,000
TOTAL	L. 54,200,000

Only the first one has been financially approved under the date of the 1st March last - the works for same will be started, let us hope, at the end of this month. All the others, although technically approved, are still - as far as of my repeated pressures - by the "Direzione del Genio" waiting for the expenditure to be approved by the "Cabinet". As it seems, the "Cabinet" will not approve for the moment any new expenditure.

- As I know something about this kind of work and about the difficulties to carry them on I can easily foresee that on the 1st May this situation will be about the following:

When the recruits will arrive, only a few class rooms will be ready, yet without doors or windows - the expenditure for same not having been granted as yet - and besides:

- (a) fairly good accommodation - as already ascertained by General Renzo - for 750 men;

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HQ Buildings, Barracks A & B etc -	17,000,000
General service building -	
(Kitchens, Baths, Washing rooms etc) -	11,000,000
To make or repair the fixtures for all the -	
Buildings -	15,000,000
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- (a) fairly good accommodation - as already ascertained by General Remoo - for 750 men;
- (b) Lodgings for some 2,300 - no doors, no windows, no light;
- (c) Hygienic installations very poor and such that may lead to dangerous epidemics: draining system needing badly to be repaired;
- (d) Water supply needing to be repaired and improved to satisfy the necessities of about 3,000 men, especially in summer;
- (e) Kitchens available - field kitchens - for 600 units only, that could be made sufficient for 900 units at the utmost, while the units to be fed are 3,000.

This is the situation as it actually is and as it will remain for a long time still if exceptional measures will not be taken.

General Remoo will agree that this situation is not such as to favourably impress the new recruits who from the start should receive the impression that everything has been conveniently prepared for them in a military fashion.

Now, even if decent accommodations must be put off for the present owing to particular reasons, even if the question of the Kitchens can be temporarily solved by using Field Kitchens, if available, even if provisionally I will try my best to provide for the electric light (switches, bulbs etc must be bought anyhow) nothing can be done to solve, in the same way the problem of the missing windows, doors, draining system and water supply.

According to my opinion it is necessary therefore, that the authority should be immediately given for the following expenditures:

Fixtures for the school rooms	Amounting to L. 2,100,000
Repairs and new fixtures for all the remaining buildings	15,000,000
Water supply and Hygienic Installations	1,100,000
	<u>L. 18,200,000</u>

Expenditures for all the remaining could be deferred to the next financial year, or considering it is an exceptional measure - it is not really exceptional at all - authority could be given for the works to be started and payment of same postponed until the next financial year.

I am sure that the Contractors would agree to a deferred payment.

I consider it my duty to inform General Ramoo of the above because it is necessary that - if he will consider it convenient - the real situation of the Schools should be taken up on a higher level.

The Colonel Commandant.
(S. MANTON)

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To:

RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

1. School of Artillery.

OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed
25 pr	48	43	35
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18
40 men	8	8	8
<u>NCOs.</u>			
25 pr	71	70	70
17 & 6 pr	23	23	15
40 men	14	14	14

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2. Signal School.

No. 2 Sign Instr Course	Officers.	13 Passed	2 Failed.
	NCOs.	Very Good.	Good.
		3	7
			15
No. 1 Course for O.C.M.	Officers	2	4
Wireless Operators.	NCOs.	6	11
	Carabinieri	1	16
			34

3. School of Motorisation.

No. 6 D & M Course	Total at Commencement of Course.	Total at end of Course.
	394	359

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25 pr	48	43	35
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18
40 ms	6	6	6
<u>NCOs.</u>			
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17 & 6 pr	23	23	15
40 ms	14	14	14

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2. Signal School.

No. 2 Sigs Instr Course	<u>Officers.</u>	13 Passed	2 Failed.
	<u>NCOs.</u>	Very Good.	Good.
		3	7
			14
No. 1 Course for OC.RR Wireless Operators.	<u>Officers.</u>	2	4
	<u>NCOs.</u>	6	11
	<u>Carabinieri</u>	1	16
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APPENDIX "B"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
Dated 1 April 1946.

RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed	Unclassified Our Officers	Failed.
25 pr	48	43	35	8	-
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18	-	-
40 WIA	6	6	6	-	-
<u>NCOs.</u>					
25 pr	71	70	70	-	1
17 & 6 pr	23	23	15	-	8
40 WIA	14	14	14	-	-

No. 2 Sign Instr Course	Officers.	13 Passed	2 Failed.		
	NCOs.	Very Good.	Good.	Average.	Fair.
		3	7	14	17
					10
No. 1 Course for C.J.R.R.	Officers	2	4	3	-
Wireless Operators.	NCOs.	6	11	5	-
	Carabinieri	1	16	34	-
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No. 6 D & K Course	Total at Commencement of Course.	Total at end of Course.	Passed.	Failed.
	394	359	264	95

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	Course.	Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	Pass
4. F & M School.					
	Veh Mech	Officer	11	1	-
		NCOs	7	7	7
		ORs	24	24	22
	Elect (v)	ORs	9	9	9
	Dvr Mech	NCOs	15	15	15
		ORs	152	148	141
	Turners	ORs	6	6	4
	Pitters (Gen)	ORs	19	19	17
	Elect (House)	ORs	12	12	9

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APPENDIX 'B' (Continued).

Course.	Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	Paused.	Failed,
Veh. Mech.	Officer	11	1	1	-
	NCOs	7	7	7	-
	ORs	24	24	22	2
Elect (v)	GRs	9	9	9	-
Dev. Mech.	NCOs	15	15	15	-
	GRs	152	148	141	7
Turners	GRs	6	6	4	2
Pitters (Gen)	GRs	19	19	17	2
Elect (House)	GRs	12	12	5	3

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APPENDIX 'C'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
Dated 1 April 1946.

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref Maps ITALY 1:200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference.
1.	HE Central Military Schools	CESANO	F.6286
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	TOR DI QUINTO	F.7372
4.	Artillery School	BRACCIANO.	F.4890
5.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
6.	Signal School	CERCHIENUELA	F.7458
7.	Infantry School.	CESANO	F.6286
8.	Police School	CESANO	F.6286
9.	P.T. School	CESANO	F.6286
10.	School of Motorization	CERCHIENUELA	F.7458
11.	E and M School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
12.	School of Administration and Welfare	RIMI	B.0723

APPENDIX 'D'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 10
Dated 1 April 1946.

12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST.
1 APRIL 1946

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSO I
GSO III

L/Cpl L.H. Mackay OBE (59336)
T/Capt A.W. Gibbins (233418) R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT AND
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

MAJ. & QMR
Staff Captain

T/Maj H.J. Harford (226359) R.A.O.
A/Capt W.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.R.

SEVICES.

LAKE
DAKOS
DAKES

T/Maj J.G. Holkot (95549) RAB.
T/Maj T.H. Shorthorn (127395) RAGC
A/Maj A.T. Twine (230619) RMSE.

TRAINING BRANCH.

STAFF

GSO II (Schools) Trg
GSO II (Schools) Trg

T/Maj W.L. Price MBE (74688) R. Staffs
T/Maj H.F. Chanon (67432) R.Tr. Mus

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major)

T/Maj G.K. Alexander (87447) R.A.

R.E.

Instructor R.E. (Major)

A/Maj W.E. Cheppan (210260) R.E.

R. Signals.

Instructor R. Sigs (Major)

A/Maj D.R. Schner (194077) R.Sigs.

SERIAL No.	VEHICLE TYPE.	REID. No.	EFFICIENT. (E).	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR (BLR).
1	Ford Staff Car.	1560133.		LR	
2	Dodge. 3-ton.	L.5687402	E		
3	Chevrolet 3-ton.	L.5686553	E		
4	Ford G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.5313398	E		
5	Dodge. G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.4982463	E		
6	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.5250009	E		
7	Austin P.U.	M.1137044		LR	
8	Hillman. P.U.	M.5100869	E		
9	Jeep.	5626871.	E		
10	Jeep.	5158386	E		
11	Triumph H/C. 500 cc.	C.5126264	E		
12	B.S.A. H/C. 500 cc.	C.5117266	E		
13	B.S.A. H/C. 500 cc.	C.1461106	E		
14	B.S.A. H/C. 500 cc.	C.5547039	E		

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CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE KEPT ON CHARGE, THAT THEIR CONDITION LOGS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

Date: 1 April 1945.

Coast. 12 British
Island Co.

APPROVED 'P'
To: 12 MA Program Report
No. 16 001. 1 Apr. 46.

RECD. No.	EXPERIMENT. (E).	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR (BLR).	REMARKS.
1560133.		LR		
L.5609402	E		4648	
L.5606553	E			
Z.5313598	E			
Z.4582463	E			
Z.5250009	E			
L.1137044		LR		
N.5100869	E			
5626871.	E			
5158386	E			
O.5426264	E			
O.5117266	E			
O.1461106	E			
O.5547039	E			

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT THEIR CONDITION IS AS STATED, AND THAT A.B.406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

[Signature]
Colonel.
Capt. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian General Military Schools

ANNEX 'G'

For 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
Dated 1 April 1946.

(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. CM/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945
(As amended)

(1) Officers - NIL.

(11) Other Ranks.

	WO	II's	Srta	Opia	Pten	TOTAL
Arm Art (Veh) (REME)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech "	-	1	-	-	-	1
eled Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	-	1
Veh Mech "	-	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman (RE)	-	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	-	-	1	1
Instr Op W/T (R. Sigs)	-	1	-	-	-	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cook ACC	-	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	-	2	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	1	6	1	3		11

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(B) Details of all Ranks on leave and when due for return.

(1) Officers.

LIAP - 1 Officer due to return 7 April 1946.

(11) Other Ranks.

LIAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 19 April 1946.

(C) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

(1) Due under LIAP, LILOP etc

Officers 1
ORs 3

(11) Due under GRO 1352/45

Officers 3
ORs 5

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILIT. Po:12 RUJ Progress Report
-Ufficio Personale e Affari Vari- No.16 Dtd 1 April 1946

Cesano di Roma, 11 27 marzo 1946-

ALFONSO EMILI UFFICIALI SUPERIORI IN FONIA AL COMANDO
SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI

-Colonnello Art. spe.--tit.3.6.--	MALAVASI Lodovico	-Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.-----	MEDULLA Ettore	-Capo Uff. Persen.
-Ten.Colonnello Art. spe.--tit.3.6.--	CARPA Salvatore	-Capo Uff. Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello Gren. spe.--tit.3.6.--	LANTIERI Luigi	-Capo Uff. Ordinamento e Mobilità
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.--tit.3.6.--	SIVO Ugo	-Capo Uff. Add.to
-Ten.Colonnello Aut. spe.4-----	PANELLA Giacomo	-Capo Sez. Istruzione
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.-----	VITERBO Ferdinando	-Addetto Comanda Scuole Centrali

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE VARESE ARMI

-Colonnello Art. spe.--	CARPITELLA Giuseppe	-Com.te la Scuola
-Colonnello Ptr. spe.--	GUIDA Osvaldo	-Com.te Serv.2.
-Colonnello Ptr. spe.--	CONTAMACCA Camillo	-----
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.--tit.3.6.--	GACHET Edoardo	-Com.te Scuole Servizi e Assistenza in Rio
-Ten.Colonnello Art. spe.--tit.3.6.--	PALOMBARINI Sergio	-----

SCUOLA DI PANTERIA

-Colonnello Ptr. spe.--	TANZI Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.--	CARLINI Giulio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.--tit.3.6.--	TRANUCCHI Delfino	-----
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.--tit.3.6.--	PAREGO Marco	-----
-Ten.Colonnello Ptr. spe.--tit.3.6.--	MASTRORUSSO Giuseppe	-----

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI

-Colonnello	Art.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	MALAVASI Iedovico	-Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.	-----	-Capo Uff.Person.
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	MECCIA Ettore	-Capo Uff.Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	Gren.spe.	--tit.S.G.--	GAMPA Salvatore	-Capo Uff.Ordina-
			LAMBARDI Luigi	mento e Mobilita
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	SIVO Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addito
-Ten.Colonnello	Aut.	spe.d	-----	-Capo Sez.Autor
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.	-----	-Addetto Comanda
			VITERBO Ferdinando	Suole Centrali

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERATIVE FARIE ARMI

-Colonnello	Art.	spe.--	CARPITELLA Giuseppe	-Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--	GRIDA Osvaldo	-Com/te Serv. Tr
-Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--	CONTAMONA Camillo	-----
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	GACHET Edoardo	-Com/te Scuola
				Servizi e am
				stems in Ric
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	PALOMBARINI Sergio	-----

SCUOLA DI PANTERIA

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-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--	CARLINI Giulio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	TRABUCCI Delfino	-----
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	PERGO Marco	-----
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	MASTROSONO Giuseppe	-----

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SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

-Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	FISSI Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ptr.	spe.--	BARATTI Eugenio	-Vice Comandante

SCUOLA DI ARTIGLIERIA

-Colonnello	Art.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	PALMA Marcello	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.--tit.S.G.--	ARACCHI Renato	-----

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(segue Scuola di Artilleria)

-Ten.Colonnello Art. spe.--tit.3.6.-- DI LORENZO GIOVANNI -
 -Ten.Colonnello Art. spe.--tit.3.6.-- SALINARI Salvatore -
 -Ten.Colonnello Art. spe.--tit.3.6.-- RIDOLFI Guido -

SCUOLA ARTIGLIERI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello Genio spe. - DI MARTIS GERARDO - Comandante
 -Ten.Colonnello Genio spe. - SILVERI VIRGILIO - Vice Comandante
 -Ten.Colonnello Genio spe.--tit.3.6.--PICCARO Salvatore - Comandante Scuola Artiglieri
 -Ten.Colonnello Genio spe. - ATTENTI GIUSEPPE - Relatore
 -Ten.Colonnello Genio spe.--tit.3.6.--AUTILIO GIANNUARIO - a disposizione

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello Genio spe. - VARCHIO Salvatore - Comandante

N.B. Nella presente situazione non si segnalano i Ten.Colonnelli BOFFA
 Costantino e DI MARINIS GIOVANNI perché in attesa di trasferimen-
 te ad altra sede.-



SCUOLA ARTIGIANI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Genio spe.	- DE MATTEO Gennaro	- Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Genio spe.	- SIVIGNINI Virgilio	- Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Genio spe.	-tit. S.S. - FIOCCARO Salvatore	- Comandante Scuola Artigiani
-Ten.Colonnello	Genio spe.	- ATTENTI Giuseppe	- Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Genio spe.	-tit. S.S. - AURELIO Giannuario	- a disposizione

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Genio spe.	- MARCUSO Salvatore	- Comandante
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to ad altra Sede. -



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1. There is no materialization of the 60 day maintenance points required in and on by G-4, (R).
2. In spite of the distribution of supply of supplies, the production curve for March shows a uniform rise, the figures being:-

Vehicles

83

Motor Cycles

7

3. Attachment - No change.

4. Prisoner Release

Movement of this section to R&S has been measured, but beyond inquiries by Commander 12 British Indians left as to the composition of an augmented I.S.B. for servicing the vehicles at Gurnee, nothing definite has appeared.

5. Production of R.I.B. Vehicles - 16 March - 4 R.I.B.

Testing across Vehicles and Motor Cycles have been passed back to I.O.B.I. Workshops at BHOCHI.

6. Deficiencies in Personnel - are as follows:-

Personal 61 Machine	} No change at R&S.
Artist Mechanic	
Electrician	
Engineer	
Laborer	

7. Two General recovery vehicles are held, but one has been P.O.B. all the month owing to non arrival of tubes previously, indicated for in February.

AA & QMG	
DIA & QMG	
SC & A & P & Q	
EC & P	
P & P	
EC & P	

SUBJECT. Progress Report Engineers.

TO: Commanding Officer,
12.B.L.U.

31 march 46.

Herewith Progress Report in respect of Italian Engineer School,
for month ending 31 March 46.

Copy to G.III. ✓

R. E. K.
Major. R. E.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ITALIAN ENGINEER SCHOOL.

MONTH ENDING 31 MARCH 46.

GENERAL REMARKS.

No Courses in progress at present. General organization of barracks in preparation to receive students is in progress. Fieldworks, bridging, and Demolition sites have been selected, and are in process of being prepared.

PROPOSED COURSES.

Details of Courses for Officers, N.C.O.s. and Pioneers have been prepared. Courses are not expected to start before 1 May 46.

DISCIPLINE AND MORALE.

General state of Discipline and Deportment of the Troops has improved since the School has been at AURELIA. Standard of morale is good.

General cleanliness of barracks is good.

HEALTH.

Health generally is good. Italian C.O. is fully aware of the seriousness of malaria and is keen to do everything possible to combat same. Two anti malarial squads are at present working on the area surrounding the School, cleaning of ditches, canalisation etc. Spraying liquids and pumps have been asked for through SOEX.

31 March 46.

Major R.E.

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31 March 46.

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AA & QMC	
BIA & QMG	
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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

Ref: AG/6/5/1297

30 March 46.

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SUBJECT: Memorandum by Commander for Inclusion in Progress Report
(Month ending 31 Mar. 46)

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF BARRACK BUILDINGS.

During the month I have made a visit (in some cases more than one) to all the schools comprising the Scuole Centrali Militari. With the possible exception of Civitavecchia, where the Constructors are working busily and considerable progress has been made, the standard is deplorable. The Italian military authorities have, in every case, prepared an estimate and detailed statement of their requirements. Genio Militare prepared financial estimates of the cost of the work involved. Up to this point there can be no criticism or suggestion of negligence on the part of either the personnel of Comando Remio or Genio Militare. But virtually nothing has been done. The position caused me considerable alarm at the beginning of the month and I visited General Cortalanza and subsequently Signore Brosio, Minister of War, and endeavoured to impress upon them both that unless funds were made available to implement essential work, the position on the 1st May (when the Italians were supposed to start) would be a serious one. Both General Cortalanza and the Minister were co-operative, but there was only one snag. The Italian Government has not yet authorised the funds to meet the cost of the contracts. In spite of promises and a certain amount of optimistic thinking the position is virtually the same at the end of the month. The work has not yet started, without being defeated, it can be said quite definitely that the essential buildings will not be in the condition which we had hoped, by 1st May. This fact must be accepted and I have therefore impressed on the Italian Commanders of all the Schools that this unfortunate situation must not allow them in any way either to lose hope or slacken their efforts. They must improve.

I am glad to say that, with the possible exception of General Materis, Commanding the Scuole Centrali, the response by the Commanders of the Schools has been most satisfactory. All of them have prepared interim plans to enable the Schools to operate under adverse conditions which are now inevitable. Some of them have lost heart and I am confident that although we shall not attain the ideal for which we hoped, training will be able to continue and, to a large extent, the

During the month I have made a visit (in some cases more than one) to all the schools comprising the Scuola Comandante Militari. With the possible exception of Civitavecchia, where the Constructors are working busily and considerable progress has been made, the standard is deplorable. The Italian military authorities have, in every case, prepared an estimate and detailed memorandum of their requirements. Scuola Militare prepared financial estimates of the cost of the work involved. Up to this point there can be no criticism or suggestion of negligence on the part of either the personnel of Scuola Comanda or Scuola Militare. But virtually nothing has been done. The position caused me considerable alarm at the beginning of the month and I visited General Castellana and subsequently Signorelli, Minister of War, and endeavored to impress upon them both that unless funds were made available to implement essential work, the position on the 1st May (when the Schools were supposed to start) would be a serious one. Both General Castellana and the Minister were co-operative, but there was only one answer. The Italian Government has not yet authorized the funds to meet the cost of the contracts. In spite of promises and a certain amount of optimism thinking the position is virtually the same at the end of the month. The work has not yet started. Without being defeatist, it can be said quite definitely that the essential buildings will not be in the condition which we had hoped, by 1st May. This fact must be accepted and I have therefore expressed to the Italian Commanders of all the Schools that this unfortunate situation must not allow them in any way either to lose hope or slacken their efforts. They must improve.

I am glad to say that, with the possible exception of General Materis, Commanding the Scuola Artillery, the responses by the Commanders of the Schools has been most satisfactory. All of them have prepared detailed plans to enable the Schools to operate under adverse conditions which are now inevitable. None of them have lost heart and I am confident that although we shall not attain the ideal for which we hoped, training will be able to continue and, to a large extent, the welfare factor, in which the Director has made so much emphasis, will not be neglected. Provisional Spaulo's men and welfare facilities have been organized and every effort has been made to provide the maximum possible comfort under existing conditions to improve the living conditions of the men.

I am glad to say the responses of the military officers concerned, although deplored the situation of the Italian Government, is, to say the least, most fortunate. As an indication of the clarity of thought and thoroughness with which the Commanders are dealing with their problem I attach a memorandum written by Col. Mancuso on the conditions at Civitavecchia, and from personal observation I am satisfied there is not one word of exaggeration in what he says. None the less, he is not allowing himself to be defeated and the Schools for which he is responsible will start on the 1st May.

Subject :- Progress Report - School of Artillery

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : RUCS 66348-9)

Ref : G/A.3/1069

30 March 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.
C30 III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General Program.

The series of Instructor courses which have been running successfully during the past months are now nearing completion. Preparations are thus well in hand to meet the Instructor requirements of the Recruit Training Centre.

2. Details of Present Courses.

- (a) Duration of Courses 5 weeks. This is a curtailment of one week on previous courses due to enhanced training conditions.
- (b) Courses commenced 10th March '46.
- (c) All courses are divided into two parts :-
 - (i) The first three weeks for instruction in equipment and Artillery theory, and in technical and tactical use of instruments.
 - (ii) The last two weeks - practical instruction in the field, instruction in 'Methods of Instruction' and testing students' suitability as Instructors.

3. (a) Numbers under Instruction.

Courses.	25 pr	17 pr & 6 pr	40 pr
	Instructors	Instructors	Instructors

301 Command, 12 British Liaison Unit, 30 March 1946.

330 III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

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3. (a) Numbers under Instruction.

Course.	25 pr Instructors	17 pr & 6 pr Instructors	40 men Instructors.
Officers	18	-	-
MOOs	50	24	24

(b) Results of previous courses completed on 10 March 1946

OFFICERS.	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Total at Passed	Unqualified (Senior Officers)	Failed.
25 pr	43	43	35	8	-
17 pr & 6 pr	18	18	18	-	-
40 men	0	0	0	-	-

3. (b) Cont'd.

WOS.	Total at Commencement and of Course.	Total at Dissem.	Unclassified (Senior (27th))	Relied.
25 Pr	71	70	-	1
17 Pr & 5 Pr.	23	23	-	3
40 Pr	14	14	-	-

4. Factors Detracting from the Value of Courses.

Technical stores are still urgently required particularly the gear and equipment for Recruit Training Center.

5. Future Courses.

The present courses finish on 10 April '46 and are the last of the series.

Arrangements are well in hand for :

- (a) R.S.O. Distribution Course.
- (b) WPA " "
- (c) S.S. Training " "

These courses are to be run at CIVITAVARELLA under British Instruction.

6. Administration Report.

- (a) The barracks at BRADDOCK which are being made ready for the Recruit Training Center are now moving towards completion. There should be little or no outstanding work there by 1st May.
- (b) Application is being made for the lease of Acosta Barracks at CIVITAVARELLA to permit the overflow courses mentioned in para (5) to be run also with a view to the future location of the Recruit Training Center.
- (c) Application is also being made for a Villa at S. JERONIMO to be used for accommodation of the maintenance personnel on the A.A. ranges there.
- (d) Attention is still badly stocked. If no more is available the Major I.G. proposes to carry out his own inspection.

Factors Detracting from the Value of Courses

Technical courses are still urgently required particularly the gas and equipment for recruit training proper.

5. Future Courses

The present courses finish on 10 April 46 and are the last of the series.

Arrangements are well in hand for:

- (a) R.S.O. Instruction Course.
- (b) ISEA " "
- (c) S.S. Training " "

These courses are to be run at CIVITAVARELLA under British Instructions.

6. Administration Matters

- (a) The barracks at IMBROZZO which are being made ready for the Recruit Training Centre are now making towards completion. There should be little or no outstanding work there by the day.
- (b) Application is being made for the lease of some barracks at CIVITAVARELLA to permit the overflow courses mentioned in para (5) to be run and also with a view to the future location of the Recruit Training Centre.
- (c) Application is also being made for a Villa at S. SEVERA to be used for accommodation of the maintenance personnel on the A.A. Barges there.
- (d) Ammunition is still badly stocked. If no IOC is available the Major I.G. proposes to carry out his own inspection.
- (e) The hygiene and general living conditions of out-lying detachments shows a very marked improvement.

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G.L. ALEXANDER.

Major RA

Instructor RA

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : C/L.3/1069

30 March 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

CSO III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit,

1. General Progress.

The series of Instructor courses which have been running successfully during the past months are now nearing completion. Preparations are thus well in hand to meet the Instructor requirements of the Recruit Training Centre.

2. Details of Present Course.

- (a) Duration of Courses 5 weeks. This is a curtailment of one week on previous courses due due to enhanced training conditions.
- (b) Courses commenced 10th March '46.
- (c) All courses are divided into two parts :-
 - (1) The first three weeks for instruction in equipment and Artillery Theory, and in technical and tactical use of instruments
 - (2) The last two weeks - practical instruction in the field, instruction in "Methods of Instruction" and testing students' suitability as Instructors.

3. (a) Numbers under Destruction.

Course.	25 yr Instructors	17yr & 6yr Instructors	40 ms Distributors.
1. <u>English</u>	1	1	1
2. <u>Mathematics</u>	1	1	1
3. <u>Science</u>	1	1	1
4. <u>History</u>	1	1	1
5. <u>Physical Education</u>	1	1	1
6. <u>Art</u>	1	1	1
7. <u>Music</u>	1	1	1
8. <u>Foreign Languages</u>	1	1	1
9. <u>Health</u>	1	1	1
10. <u>Life Science</u>	1	1	1
11. <u>Earth Science</u>	1	1	1
12. <u>Humanities</u>	1	1	1
13. <u>Business</u>	1	1	1
14. <u>Computer Science</u>	1	1	1
15. <u>Engineering</u>	1	1	1
16. <u>Architecture</u>	1	1	1
17. <u>Law</u>	1	1	1
18. <u>Medicine</u>	1	1	1
19. <u>Education</u>	1	1	1
20. <u>Psychology</u>	1	1	1
21. <u>Sociology</u>	1	1	1
22. <u>Political Science</u>	1	1	1
23. <u>Philosophy</u>	1	1	1
24. <u>Religion</u>	1	1	1
25. <u>Other</u>	1	1	1

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20 March 1946.

For Commander,

12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

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 - (i) The first three weeks for instruction in equipment and Artillery Theory, and in technical and tactical use of instruments.
 - (ii) The last two weeks - practical instruction in the field, instruction in 'Methods of Instruction' and testing students' suitability as Instructors.

3. (a) Numbers under Instruction.

Course.	25 pr Instructors	17 pr & 6 pr Instructors	40 ms Instructors.
Officers	18	-	-
NCOs	50	24	24

(b) Results of previous courses completed on 10 March '46.

OFFICERS.	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed (Senior Officers)	Unclassified	Failed.
25 pr	48	43	35	8	-
17 pr & 6 pr	18	18	18	-	-
40 ms	8	8	8	-	-

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3.	(b) Cont'd.	NOOS.	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course.	Passed.	Unclassified (Senior Offrs)	Failed.
25 Pr	71	70	70	70	-	-	1
17 Pr & 6 Pr.	23	23	23	15	-	-	8
40 mm	14	14	14	14	-	-	-

4. Factors Detracting from the Value of Courses.
Technical stores are still urgently required particularly the guns and equipment for Recruit Training proper.

5. Future Courses.
The present courses finish on 10 April '46 and are the last of the series.

Arrangements are well in hand for :

- (a) R.S.O. Instructors Course.
- (b) HBA " "
- (c) S.S. Medium " "

These courses are to be run at CIVITAVECCHIA under British Instructors.

6. Administration Report.

- (a) The barracks at BRACCIANO which are being made ready for the Recruit Training Centre are now moving towards completion. There should be little or no outstanding work there by 1st May.
- (b) Application is being made for the Duke of Aosta Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA to permit the overflow courses mentioned in para (5) to be run and also with a view to the future location of the Recruit Training Centre.
- (c) Application is also being made for a Villa at S. SEVERA to be used for accommodation of the maintenance personnel on the A.A. Ranges there.
- (d) Ammunition is still badly stocked. If no IOC is available the Major I.S. proposes to carry out his own inspection.
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(e) The hygiene and general living conditions of out-lying detachments shows a very marked improvement.

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G.K. ALEXANDER.

Major RA

Instructor RA

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Administration and Welfare.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : AQ/6/5 1296

30 March 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to : GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. This month has seen the commencement of the first course at EIMTI. The course was a special one for Medical Orderlies and assistants. The object of the course being to provide all the CAPs with the necessary number of Medical Orderlies and assistants to meet the requirements. On completion of the course, SMOE will detail students at the rate of 4 for every Military Territorial H.Q.

2. Repairs are going on slowly in the Barracks with the object of :-

(a) Partitioning certain rooms to form small class rooms. The barracks consisting of large blocks of buildings and whilst suitable for MESSSES and SLEEPING accommodation, they are not adaptable for Lecture Rooms without alterations.

(b) Provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers. The accommodation, whilst suitable for war time conditions, it is considered that more comfort should be given in PEACE TIME.

3. With the facilities existing at EIMTI, the School have every prospect of becoming a first class running concern.

H. J. Bonfanti

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Major RAC
DAA & QMC

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

12 British Indian Unit.

1. This month has seen the commencement of the first course at RIMFI. The course was a special one for Medical Orderlies and assistants. The object of the course being to provide all the CARs with the necessary number of Medical Orderlies and assistants to meet the requirements. On completion of the course, SARE will detail students at the rate of 4 for every Military Territorial H.Q.
2. Repairs are going on slowly in the Barracks with the object of :-
 - (a) Partitioning certain rooms to form small class rooms. The barracks consisting of large blocks of buildings and whilst suitable for MENSTRU and SLEEPING accommodation, they are not adaptable for Lecture Rooms without alterations.
 - (b) Provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers. The accommodation, whilst suitable for war time conditions, it is considered that more comfort should be given in PEACE TIME.
3. With the facilities existing at RIMFI, the School have every prospect of becoming a first class training concern.

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Major R.A.
W. H. Langford

Major RAC
DAA & QAC

12 British Liaison Unit for the Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Administration and Welfare.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318-3)

Ref : 44/6/5 1236

30 March 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to : CSD III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. This month has seen the commencement of the first course at RIMI. The course was a special one for Medical Orderlies and assistants. The object of the course being to provide all the OAs with the necessary number of Medical Orderlies and assistants to meet the requirements. On completion of the course, SEM will detail students at the rate of 4 for every Military Territorial N.Q.

2. Repairs are going on slowly in the barracks with the object of :-

(a) Partitioning curtain rooms to form small class rooms. The barracks consisting of large blocks of buildings and whilst suitable for Messes and SLEEPING accommodation, they are not adaptable for Lecture Rooms without alterations.

(b) Provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers. The accommodation, whilst suitable for war time conditions, it is considered that more comfort should be given in PEACE TIME.

3. With the facilities existing at RIMI, the School have every prospect of becoming a first class reading room.

Sgt. Langford.

Major P.M.C.
D.M.A. & C.M.C.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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Donola della Inferioresse Conchitula

1. During March, in spite of frequent representations of the urgency of the situation to the S.M.S. 2., nothing concrete has evolved and the state of disrepair of the buildings continues.
2. An attempt was made to secure the allotment of the above school of the 1 Military Prison Conchitula in order to establish there the Scuola di Specializzati Ingegnieri. A previous allotment however temporarily suspended this action, but it is understood to be in hand with S.M.S. 2. with a view to reversing this allotment.
3. Approximately sixty officers and men of the permanent staff are in residence and they have some their cost to make their buildings habitable. One building has been made secure and is to be the domestic quarters for all the transport of the school. Such tools and material as are in possession are properly stored, and a stock record or ledger is in preparation. This building has a granite chip floor and needs to be cement floored.
4. Some training models have arrived, and wall charts issued by S.M.S. 2. are expected to reach a total of 2,000 sheets. Many of them in possession are dilapidated and are being either repaired or replaced.
5. The preparation of the school is being pressed forward with as much success as can be expected under the not too favorable circumstances.
6. It is understood from S.M.S. 2., S.M.S. 4., that tented accommodation is being considered as a temporary substitute, while the buildings are being repaired.
7. S.M.S. 2. also informs that he understands that the Commander of S.M.S. 1. is to visit S.M.S. 2. this day, and ask for a definite ruling on whether or not this school is to be founded.
8. This report should be read in conjunction with report by S.M.S. 2., 12 British Liaison Unit.

the building has been made. Some of the items to be sent to the building are: the transport of the school, such tools and material as are in possession are properly stored, and a school record or ledger is in preparation. This building has a granite chip floor and needs to be cement floated.

4. Some training schools have arrived, and will shortly be issued by S.M.S.A. are expected to reach a total of 2,000 sheets. Many of these in possession are illustrated and are being either repaired or replaced.

5. The preparation of the school is being pressed forward with as much speed as can be expected under the not too favorable circumstances.

6. It is understood from A.D.V.S. H.M.I.A. that United accommodation is being considered as a temporary substitute, while the buildings are being repaired.

7. A.D.V.S. also informs that he understands that the Commander of H.M.I.A. is to visit S.M.S.A. this day, and ask for a definite ruling on whether or not this school is to be funded.

8. This report should be read in conjunction with report by S.M.S.A., 12 British Mission Unit.

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S.S.A. CIVILIAN VOUCHER

1. Current course on Information Repair concluded 30 March 46 with following results:-

Course	Rank	No. on Course	Days	Referred	Reinstated
Inf. Tech.	Officers S.S.A. Men	11 7 25	1 7 22	- - 2	11 - 4
Elect(V)	Men	8	3	-	-
Dr. Insp.	S.S.A. Men	15 154	15 144	- 7	- 4
Steno	Men	6	4	2	-
Printer Mech.	Men	17	17	8	-
Elect. (Repair)	Men	10	9	3	-
TOTAL		253	104	16	15

2. The new Steno course has concluded with 45 students; 15 non survivors.

3. Arrived 1st. There will be arrival this course S.O.P. Monday 1st. April 46.

4. On 1st. April, a course of instruction is due to commence. Five officers (Artillery) and ten civilians will attend this course on the inspection of Artillery Regiment.

5. Distributors:-

	S.S.	Inf.	Artillery
Officers	1	1	-
S.O.O.s	10	6	1

6. The Information Repair Division Centre will start with its instructors and students from S.S.A. to completion during April 1st. week.

S.L.S.A. Civilians Training

1. Current course on Information Regard concluded 30 March 46 with following results:-

Course	Rank	No. of Civilians	Days	Enrolled	Discontinue
Inf. Regd.	Officers	14	-	-	11
	S.L.S.A. Men	7	7	-	-
		24	22	2	-
Electr.	Men	9	3	-	-
Inf. Regd.	S.L.S.A. Men	15	13	-	-
		158	244	7	4
Engineers	Men	6	4	2	-
Artiller Com.	Men	19	17	2	-
Crest. (Machine)	Men	42	9	3	-
	TOTAL	259	254	46	15

2. The new Information course has commenced with 45 students, 15 men arrive.

3. Engineer Sgt. Ware will arrive this course t.o.f. Monday 1st April 46.

4. On 1st April, a course of instruction is due to commence. Five officers (Artillerists) and ten civilians will attend this course on the inspection of Artillery Regiment.

5. Discontinue:-

	S.L.S.	Enroll	Discontinue
Officers	1	1	-
S.L.S.A.	40	6	1

6. The Information Regard training centre will move with the instructors and material from S.L.S.A. to Ouchigoula during April 1st. with.

Gr. No.	U.S.O. No.	13	14	15	16	17
Course	Man	6	4	2	2	2
Officer	Man	12	9	5	3	1
Class (House)	Man	12	9	5	3	1
TOTAL		35	24	16	15	

2. The new Ammunition Course has commenced with 13 students, 13 non arrivals.

3. Ammunition Sgt. Ware will supervise this course U.S.O. Monday 1st. April 16.

4. On 1st April, a course of instruction is due to commence. Five officers (Artificers) and ten civilians will attend this course on the inspection of Artillery Equipment.

5. Instruction:-

	U.S.O.	U.S.A.	Deficiencies
Officers	1	1	-
N.C.O.s	10	5	5

6. The Ammunition Repair Training Centre will move with its instructors and material from U.S.O. to Gooding's during April 1st. week.

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12 British Liaison Unit for
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(Tel: ROME 66318 - 9)

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30 Mar 46

Arthur H. Hume.

Major **ELMER DADGE**

12 British Liaison Unit for Italian Central Military Schools.

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Scuola della Motorizzazione Cecchiagnola.

1. During March, in spite of frequent representations of the urgency of the situation to the S.M.R.E., nothing concrete has evolved and the state of disrepair of the buildings continues.
2. An attempt was made to secure the allotment of the above School, of No. 1 Military Prison Cecchiagnola in order to establish there the Scuola di Specializzati Reparazione. A previous allotment however temporarily suspended this action, but it is understood to be in hand with M.M.I.A. with a view to reversing this allotment.
3. Approximately sixty officers and men of the permanent staff are in residence and they have done their best to make their buildings habitable. One building has been made secure and is to be the domestic workshop for all the transport of the school. Such tools and material as are in possession are properly stored, and a stock record or ledger is in preparation. This building has a granite chip floor and needs to be cement floated.
4. Some training models have arrived, and wall charts issued by S.M.R.E. are expected to reach a total of 2,000 sheets. Many of these now in possession are dilapidated and are being either repaired or redrawn.
5. The preparation of the School is being pressed forward with as much success as can be expected under the not too favourable circumstances.
6. It is understood from A.D.M.E.; M.M.I.A., that tented accommodation is being considered as a temporary substitute, while the buildings are being repaired.
7. A.D.M.E. also informs that he understands that the Commander of M.M.I.A. is to visit S.M.R.E. this day, and ask for a definite ruling on whether or not this school is to be founded.
8. This report should be read in conjunction with report by E.A.D.S.F.; 12 British Liaison Unit.

S.M.O.A. Civitta Vecchia.

1. Current course on Motorisation Repair concluded 30 March 46 with following results:-

Course	Rank	No. on Course	Pass	Failed	Absentees
Veh. Mech	Officers	11	-	-	11
	N.C.O.	7	7	-	-
	Men	24	22	2	-
Elect(V)	Men	9	9	-	-
Dr. Mech	N.C.O.	15	15	-	-
	Men	152	141	7	4
Turners	Men	6	4	2	-
Pitter Gen.	Men	19	17	2	-
Elect. (House)	Men	12	9	3	-
TOTAL		255	224	16	15

2. The new Armourers Course has commenced with 45 students, 15 non arrivals.

3. Armourer Sgt. Ware will supervise this course w.e.f. Monday 1st. April 46.

4. On 1st. April, a course of instruction is due to commence. Five officers (Artigliaria) and ten civilians will attend this course on the Inspection of Artillery Equipment.

5. Instructors:-

	<u>N.E.</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Deficiencies</u>
Officers	1	1	-
N.C.Os.	10	6	4

6. The Motorisation Repair Training Centre will move with its instructors and material from S.M.O.A. to Cecognola during April 1st. week.

Dr. Mech	N.C.O. Men	15 152	15 141	7	4
Turners	Men	6	4	2	-
Pitter Gen.	Men	19	17	2	-
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5. Instructors:-

	<u>I.E.</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Deficiencies</u>
Officers	1	1	-
N.C.Os.	10	6	4

6. The Motorisation Repair Training Centre will move with its instructors and material from S.M.O.A. to Cecchiagnola during April 1st. week.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Police School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : G/A.3/1068

30 March 1946.

To : Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

C90 III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. The Carabinieri School accommodation has been improved by the addition of three quarters of the old hospital, which has greatly improved the layout of the School.

However, the Italian Headquarters are rapidly coming to the conclusion that there will not be sufficient room for the Infantry Subschool Police School and Physical Training School at CISA/O.

2. The 7th course for Military Police finished on the 23rd, with results as in para 3. The course is fairly adequate and a fair standard of smartness is achieved. However, there are items on the programme which require revision in view of the changed conditions which it is hoped to rectify before the next course.

3. The standard of the students on this course was below average as is shown by the few students with outstanding results.

	Very Good	Good	Fair	2 Students.
Not up to standard				12
Did not complete owing to sickness				86
Returned to Unit				10
				5
				1
Total				115

4. Future Courses.

The next course begins on 8th April '46. Details of numbers of

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Police School.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : G/A.3/1068

30 March 1946.

To : Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. The Carabinieri School accommodation has been improved by the addition of three quarters of the old hospital, which has greatly improved the layout of the School.

However, the Italian Headquarters are rapidly coming to the conclusion that there will not be sufficient room for the Infantry School Police School and Physical Training School at CESSANO.

2. The 7th course for Military Police finished on the 23rd, with results as in para 3. The course is fairly adequate and a fair standard of smartness is achieved. However, there are items in the programme which require revision in view of the changed conditions which it is hoped to rectify before the next course.

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	Very Good	Good	Fair	Not up to standard	Did not complete owing to sickness	Returned to Unit	Total
Students.	12	86	10	5	1		115

4. Future Courses.

The next course begins on 24th March 1946.

12 British Liaison Unit.
C80 III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. The Carabinieri School accommodation has been improved by the addition of three quarters of the old hospital, which has greatly improved the layout of the School.
- However, the Italian Headquarters are rapidly coming to the conclusion that there will not be sufficient room for the Infantry School Police School and Physical Training School at CESANO.
2. The 7th course for Military Police finished on the 23rd, with results as in para 3. The course is fairly adequate and a fair standard of smartness is achieved. However, there are items on the programme which require revision in view of the changed conditions which it is hoped to rectify before the next course.
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Not up to standard				12
Did not complete owing to sickness				86
Returned to Unit				
				10
				5
				1
Total				115

4. Future Courses.
- The next course begins on 8th April '46. Details of numbers of students are still awaited.

W. L. Lee
Major C80 II
Trg & Inf Trg
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT. Progress Report Engineers.

To. Commanding Officer,
12.B.L.U.

31 March 40.

Herewith Progress Report in respect of Italian Engineer School,
for month ending 31 March 40.

Copy to G.III.

R. Chapman
Major. S.E.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ITALIAN ENGINEER SCHOOL.

MONTH ENDING 31 MARCH 46.

GENERAL REMARKS.

No Courses in progress at present. General organization of barracks in preparation to receive students is in progress. Fieldworks, bridging, and Demolition sites have been selected, and are in process of being prepared.

PROPOSED COURSES.

Details of Courses for Officers, N.C.Os. and Pioneers have been prepared. Courses are not expected to start before 1 May 46.

DISCIPLINE AND MORALE.

General state of discipline and deportment of the Troops has improved since the School has been at AUNELLIA. Standard of Morale is good.

General cleanliness of barracks is good.

HEALTH.

Health generally is good. Italian C.O. is fully aware of the seriousness of malaria and is keen to do everything possible to combat same. Two anti malarial squads are at present working on the area surrounding the School, cleaning of ditches, canalisation etc. Spraying liquids and pumps have been asked for through SURE.

31 March 46.

W. R. L. Jones

Major, R.E.

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PROPOSED COURSES.

Details of Courses for Officers, N.C.O.s. and Pioneers have been prepared. Courses are not expected to start before 1 May 45.

DISCIPLINE AND MORALE.

General state of discipline and Deportment of the Troops has improved since the School has been at AURILLIA. Standard of Morale is good.

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Subject:- Progress Report - Ordnance Services.

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To: Commander,
12, British Liaison Unit.

12, British Liaison Unit, for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

Copy to:
G.D.O. III,
12, British Liaison Unit.

Ref : ORS/4/23
Date : 31st Mar '46.

1. Clothing & Stores.

Stocks of Summer Clothing held in the Italian Storehouses, in particular at Civitavecchia and Bracciano are definitely insufficient to maintain the Units on the Summer Scale of Clothing, and the Captain Q.I.'s view the position with great concern, as the prospects of satisfaction in this direction are very remote, especially as the clothing will be drawn from Italian sources, and will consist mainly of cleaned part-worn clothing withdrawn last year.

Collection has been arranged from Base of Gun stores for the School of Artillery, and two of the 17-Pdr Gun Barrels have been returned to the Return Gun Park Naples.

The situation regarding M.T. Spares, particularly Tyres is causing worry to the authorities at Civitavecchia, and our representative was informed on his visit that NO Transport would be available in the very near future owing to the lack of spares.

2. Control.

The main Storehouse at Cesano has improved considerably, there now being an Officer i/c of each section, stores are correctly stacked and checked, and Bin Cards are in position on all stores. Improvement can also be seen in the Unit and Regimental Stores.

3. Administration.

A complete inspection of all Rifles in the Centre is now in progress, at the end of which the necessary repairs will be carried out, supplies of spare parts permitting, lists of spare parts required are now in preparation.

Cleaning material is required for all Units, for maintenance of Small Arms, and the question has been taken up with the Italian H.Q.

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S/Cdr.
for Major. D.A.D.O.D. 12 B.L.U.

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12, British Liaison Unit, for the Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref ; ORD/4/23
Date : 31st Mar '46.

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S. L. Haskley
for Major. D.A.D.O.D. 12 B.L.U.
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SUMMARY :- Progress Report - School of Administration and Welfare.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : AQ/6/5 1238

30 March 1946.

For Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to : GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. This report has been the commencement of the first course at RIMEI. The course was a special one for Medical Officers and assistants. The object of the course being to provide all the GALLS with the necessary number of Medical Officers and assistants to meet the requirements. On completion of the course, SOGH will detail students at the rate of 4 for every Military Territorial H.Q.

2. Repairs are going on slowly in the Barracks with the object of :-

(a) Partitioning certain rooms to form small class rooms. The barracks consisting of large blocks of buildings and whilst suitable for MESSSES and SLEEPING accommodation, they are not adaptable for Lecture Rooms without alterations.

(b) Provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers. The accommodation, whilst suitable for war time conditions, it is considered that more comfort should be given in PEACE TIME.

3. With the facilities existing at RIMEI, the School have every prospect of becoming a first class training centre.

Major RAC
DIA & QHQ

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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1. The month has seen the commencement of the first course at RML. The course was a special one for Medical (Italian) and assistants. The object of the course being to provide all the GAs with the necessary number of Medical (Italian) and assistants to meet the requirements. In completion of the course, GAs will detail students at the rate of 4 for every Military Territorial H.Q.

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Major RAC
Dad & GAC

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report for March 1946 - D.A.D.S.T.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 66318/3)

Ref: ST/27/1295

30 March 46.

To: Comd,
12 British Liaison Unit, ✓

Copy to: G.S.O. III
12 British Liaison Unit,

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1st Part: TRAINING.

(A) COURSES.

1. D & M Course.

The results of VI 5 week D & M course that ended on 1st March 1946, attended by 394 G.Ns were as follows:-

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------|
| passed the course | - | 264 |
| failed the course | - | 95 |
| did not complete the course | - | 35 |
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ii. Instructors' Course.

The objects of this course are as follows:-

- (a) To go through the different sections of M.T. instruction with the officers and N.C.Os, who will be the future instructors of the School of Motorisation to ensure uniformity of training throughout the School and to act as a refresher course.
- (b) To ensure that all officers and N.C.O's are thoroughly conversant with the latest methods of instruction.

This course commenced on 5th March 1946 and will continue for 4 weeks. It is attended by 15 officers and 100 N.C.O's. The course is of great value

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12 British Liaison Unit.

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iii. Internal D & M Course.

A short D & M course is being run at the school for 30 drivers who have been posted to the school as Drivers but are not in possession of Military Driving Licences (Med. 1 Certificate).

iv. P.O.L. Courses.

H.Q. Central Military Schools have submitted proposals to Ministry of War for the following personnel to attend a P.O.L. Course of a fortnights duration:-

2 Officers
4 M.C.O's

These personnel will, on return, act as instructors to a larger P.O.L. course aiming eventually at improving Regtl petrol points and P.O.L. depots in

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the Italian Army and training a certain number of personnel in P.O.L. duties.

(v) Supply Courses.

The syllabi for supply courses for the Commissariate School of Applications have not yet been received.

(B) SCHOOLS.

i. School of Motorisation.

No R.E. work has yet been commenced at the school. It is of extreme urgency that this work be commenced immediately since approximately 5 weeks remain until the arrival of recruits.

Officer instructors are arriving and the present strength is 42.

Training material (component parts of vehicles) and wall diagrams are being drawn, though the amounts to date are insufficient to meet instructional requirements. Sectionalising of parts for use as models is an urgent problem.

The following vehicles have been allocated to the school following upon the disbandment of 1500 Transport Platoons:-

| | | |
|---------------|---|--------|
| M/C's | - | 3 |
| Lead Carriers | - | 25 X 3 |
| Water Trucks | - | 1 |

Thus with the vehicles received from the old D & M School the vehicle strength will be at present (approximately):-

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------|
| M/C's | - | 8 |
| Cars & stater | - | 1 |
| P/U | - | 1 |
| 15 cwt | - | 5 |
| Water Trucks | - | 1 |
| Lead Carriers | - | 122 X 3 |

ii. Commissariate School of Application.

The W/E of this school has not yet been approved. The school will require to cater for, each year:-

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| Commissariate) | |
| Subsistence) | Officers - 60. |
| Administration) | |

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PART II.

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3. P.O.L.

Nothing to report.

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P. J. Walker.
Maj. R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.S.T.
12 British Liaison Unit.

SUBJECT:- Progress Report for March 1946 - D.A.D.S.P.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 66343/9)

Ref: ST/27/1295

30 March 46

To: Comd
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to: G.B.C. III
12 British Liaison Unit. ✓

1st Part: TRAINING.

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- To ensure that all officers and N.C.O.'s are thoroughly conversant with the latest methods of instruction.

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| | | |
|---------------|---|--------|
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| Load Carriers | - | 25 x 3 |
| Water Trucks | - | 1 |

Thus with the vehicles received from the old B & K School the vehicle strength will be at present (approximately):-

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------|
| M/C's | - | 8 |
| Cars 4 stator | - | 1 |
| P/U | - | 1 |
| 15 car | - | 3 |
| Water Trucks | - | 1 |
| Load Carriers | - | 122 x 3 |

11. Condannato School of Application.

The 2/3 of this school has not yet been approved. The school will require to cater for, each year:-

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Condannato) | |
| Subalterns) | (Officers - 60. |
| Administration) | |

PART II.

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1. Transport.

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| Water Trucks | - | 1 |

Thus with the vehicles received from the old D & M School the vehicle strength will be at present (approximately):-

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| | |
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| Sustenance) | |
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Nothing to report.

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ON *A.R. Walker.*

Major, R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.S.T.
12 British Liaison Unit.

Subject :- Program Report - Infantry School.

12 PENSION LIAISON UNIT

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BLOOD'S IMPACT ON THE
FUTURE OF THE NATION

(Tel: 0912 66348-9)

Ref: 07A.3/1056

30 March 1966

For Commander,
12 British Indian Bde.

use III (Training),
12 British Imperial Unit.

In the period since the last progress report was written, little of outstanding importance has taken place. The course for instructors at OJAS and the course for Territorial Officers continues. ⁺⁺⁺ The programme is carried out and training runs smoothly if not brilliantly.

At the same time preparations are beginning to be made for the new Infantry School organization. This, however, can not be achieved very quickly as most of the staff is fully occupied in the running of present courses.

The transformation is being made in the following stages.

- (a) The expenditure of Commanders of Wings and the implementation of the Establishment.
This stage should be completed before Easter.
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This stage to be completed by 6 March.
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This stage to be completed for the whole School by the beginning of July if possible, or the end of July, if new weapons are not immediately forthcoming. This does not mean of course, that no courses will be run outside students before July. As sections are ready they will open up their courses.
For example, the Piston Commanders Technical course and Platoon Weapons will be able to start long before the 4.3. in March and 1943 courses.
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The allocation of staff for the Infantry School as detailed in para 1 is already in progress. Some officers coming from the disbanded GIVs and some from the Ministry of War. The impression gained, however, is that most of the officers are posted, particularly the higher ranks, more for old times sake rather than any outstanding military virtues shown. Moreover, the work is being impeded by the fact that the new establishment is still not known so that any action taken is purely guesswork.

From the British side, efforts are being made to produce as many training instructions and translated pamphlets etc, to make the work of places II simple. As regards Phase III, certain preliminary courses, i.e. wireless instructors, ancillary courses etc are in progress.

+++ Fourth Week finished.

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2. Factors Preventing Progress.

In many ways not only has there been little progress made in the last month but also there has been a deterioration in many aspects. It is therefore proposed to go into these in some detail though they may not be suitable material for a progress report.

(1) All expenditure on barracks has been stopped. This means that many buildings have been left in a half repaired condition and many urgent works are left uncompleted. The provision of proper drill squares and roads is still in the same stage as it was 5 months ago, i.e. stalled. The building of permanent ranges project appears to have gone nowhere. The water supply does not function on an average 4 days a month, this will get worse as the summer comes on. The proposed HQ and Officers quarters of the Infantry School still have no windows (see plans here) and no proper lavatories. Proper cooking facilities exist for only about 50% of the numbers catered for. The "Pettings" for example, has cooking facilities for only 50%. The other cook houses still in existence have been condemned by Allied Officers times without number.

If a school is to be found at CASABU it must at least provide the minimum facilities and possibly a medium of comfort. If financial considerations exist as to prevent the achievement of this then the scope and extent of the school should be modified in proportion.

(2) Control of Training.

While the Artillery, Engineers etc each have special directorates to direct their training and policy, and, more important, to press their case at conferences, the Infantry has nobody. Usually, if a criticism might be made, the Infantry is in the same way at a disadvantage on the British side. The result is that while many Senior Officers inspect CASABU, little if anything, ever comes out of the inspections and the Infantry case tends to be overlooked. The British Liaison Officer can suggest but if no action is taken on the suggestion, he wastes his time. The standard of Infantry, Morale, discipline and training is indifferent. The Commander of the Infantry School is quite able but a little too quiet and needs shaking every now and again. He needs also a measure of assistance and clear directives from his Commanders. None of these does he get at the present. The remarks made by Colonel CHURCHILL are in every way true, though they should have been submitted in a different form.

In short, it is considered to be the task of higher authority to relieve the School Commander of his administrative worries - the constant threat of water shortages etc- and to keep the school up to the mark in such matters of discipline etc, and by the issue of

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5. Morale, Welfare etc.

This has been dealt with many times before and no change exists. However, it is considered essential that some action be taken as regards married families.

The situation, both here and at CORDONELLA is that there is accommodation available in army quarters. These quarters, however, are occupied by refugees who cannot accordingly to the Italians be moved. This seems extremely unjust to the soldiers' families and it is believed that an investigation would reveal that many of the refugees have no right whatsoever to be in these houses.

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Major GSO II
 Trg & Inf Trg

12 British Liaison Unit for the
 Italian Central Military Schools

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Ref : G/A.3/1066

30 March 1966

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

CBO III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

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At the same time preparations are beginning to be made for the new Infantry School organisation. This, however, can not be achieved very quickly as most of the staff is fully occupied in the running of present courses.

The transformation is being made in the following stages.

- (a) The appointment of Commanders of Wings and the implementation of the Establishment.
This stage should be completed before Easter.
- (b) The preparation of training programmes and detailed analysis of lessons to be taught.
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The allocation of staff for the Infantry School as detailed in para 1 is already in progress. Some officers coming from the disbanded SIVA and some from the Ministry of War. The impression gained, however, is that most of the officers are posted, particularly the higher ranks, more for old times sake rather than any outstanding military virtues shown. Moreover, the work is being impeded by the fact that the new establishment is still not known so that any action taken is purely guesswork.

From the British side, efforts are being made to produce as many training instructions and translated pamphlets etc, to make the work of phase II simple. As regards Phase III, certain preliminary courses, i.e. wireless instructors, armours courses etc are in progress.

+++ Fourth week finished.

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2. Factors preventing Progress.

In many ways not only has there been little progress made in the last month but also there has been a deterioration in many aspects. It is therefore proposed to go into these in some detail though they may not be suitable material for a progress report.

(1) All expenditure on barracks has been stopped. This means that many buildings have been left in a half repaired condition and many urgent works are left uncompleted. The provision of proper drill squares and roads is still in the same stage as it was 5 months ago, i.e. shelved. The building of permanent ranges project appears to have gone nowhere. The water supply does not function on an average 4 days a month, this will get worse as the summer comes on. The proposed HQ and Officers quarters of the Infantry School still have no windows (few places have) and no proper lavatories. Proper cooking facilities exist for only about 50% of the numbers catered for. The "Petline" for example, has cooking facilities for only 300. The other cook houses still in existence have been condemned by Allied Officers times without number.

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While the Artillery, Engineers etc each have special directorates to direct their training and policy, and, more important, to press their case at conferences, the Infantry has nobody. Equally, if a criticism might be made, the Infantry is in the same way at a disadvantage on the British Mission.

The result is that while many Senior Officers inspect CESANO, little if anything, ever comes out of the inspections and the Infantry case tends to be overlooked. The British Liaison Officer can suggest but if no action is taken on the suggestion, he wastes his time. The standard of Infantry, Morale, discipline and training is indifferent. The Commander of the Infantry School is quite able but a little too quiet and needs shaking every now and again. He needs also a measure of assistance and clear directives from his Commanders. None of these does he get at the present. The remarks made by Colonel GUZZINATI are in every way true, though they should have been submitted in a different form.

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3. Morale, Welfare etc.

This has been dealt with many times before and no change exists. However, it is considered essential that some action be taken as regards married families.

The situation, both here and at CECCHINUOLA is that there is accommodation available in army quarters. These quarters, however, are occupied by refugees who cannot accordingly to the Italians be moved. This seems extremely unjust to the soldiers families and it is believed that an investigation would reveal that many of the refugees have no right whatsoever to be in these houses.

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12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

Progress Report No 14.

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12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref. G/A3.
29 March 46.

TO: Capt. 12 B.L.U.

CMD III Div. and 2nd Div 12 B.L.U.
S.O.B. Signals, M.H.I.A.

Ref 12 B.L.U. Letter G/A3/960 dated 23 Jan 46.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Signal Training Centre for the month of March 46.

(a) General Progress.

Little progress has been made of the re-conditioning of the barracks during the month. The building of partition walls for the class room has, however, been commenced during the last few days. The building of the D & M school which are to be taken over have not yet been occupied but the D & M school is now in the process of evacuating the barracks.

The War Establishment has finally been approved by the Italian War Establishment Committee with a total of 838 all ranks. This is approximately 60 less than was demanded by the School but it should prove adequate.

(b) Courses.

The two courses which were commenced on 21st. Jan 46, finished during the early days of the month. The results of these courses are shown in Appx 'A' to this letter. Two further courses were commenced on 11 March 46, both of six weeks duration. These courses are No. 3 Potential Signals Instruction Course and a Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs. Details of the personnel under training are shown in Appx 'A' to this letter.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of Courses.

The 19 set situation has been relieved owing to the fact that the Amoured Cars released to the Amoured School were complete with wireless sets and consequently the ten 19 sets borrowed for that School from 6th have been loaned to the Signal School. The shortage of wireless vehicles still renders the holding of mobile schemes difficult.

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(d) Future Courses.

No fresh courses are contemplated before the recruits courses in May. Approval has now been obtained for the three months Regimental Signallers Courses for Inf. Signallers and Arty. Signallers. Progress for all the courses have been prepared.

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(e) Administration.
Continues to be efficient.

(f) Other matters.

The School was visited on 28th Feb 46 by the O.S.O. GEN
Brig. A.E. Harrison, O.S.R. who expressed satisfaction with the
progress made.

S.R. Quinn

D.A. GILBERT, Major R. Sign.,
Maj. Instructor,
12 B.L.S.

Avgs. 'A'

Results of Course.

No. 2 Signal Instructions Course.

Officers.

Passed 13
Failed 2

NCOs.

Very good 3
Good 7
Average 16
Fair 17
Failed 10

No. 1 Course for C.O. in Wireless Operations.

Officers.

Very good 2
Good 4
Average 3
Failed 2

NCOs.

Very good 6
Good 11
Average 5
Failed 6

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Very good 1
Good 16
Average 20
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Carabinieri.

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Returned under training - 28 March 16.

No. 2 Signal Detachment Course.

Officers 22
NCOs 70
Total 92

No. 1 Infantry Signal Course.

Officers 10
NCOs 12
Total 22

Total Under training 121.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Physical Training Schools.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : G/G.21/1064

29 March 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.
C20 III (TFS)
12 British Liaison Unit

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Secondly a Director of Physical Training. As a background to these remarks it must be remembered that organised physical training, or at least methodical physical training, played no part in the Italian Army, being reserved for adolescents at Specialised training centres. Therefore there is no organisation to build up from and with the exception of C.C.N.I., no athletic organisation which can possibly assist.

At the moment SERG, far from assisting, by producing assinine establishments only impede and restrict the natural growth of the School. No trouble is over taken to provide suitable students, nor is there any guarantee that students will be employed as instructors on their return to Units.

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3. A director of physical training with ability and enthusiasm is a vital necessity as a start to the proper organisation of army physical training.

Thirdly a proper Central School. While originally it was undesirable to be too ambitious, the moment has come where the School should move to a proper site. At the moment it is merely an embarrassment to the Infantry School. The requirements of the site are:

- (1) A Gymnasium.
- (2) A swimming pool (Indoors)
- (3) An Athletic Track.
- (4) A football field.
- (5) Facilities for recreational games as basketball, volley ball etc.

It must also be near the Centre of a Nations sport so that outside demonstrations are available and the army can compete in civilian events. There is only one suitable site:-
The FORD IN ITALY.

It is essential that this be secured now or C.O.N.I. will get there first.

4. Progress and Results.

The first course run by the School finished on 9th March (duration eight weeks). A final demonstration was given to a number of Italian Generals, members of the press and other distinguished visitors. It was quite successful.

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It had been hoped that the Italians would have provided additional apparatus and sports kit from MAAF/EFI sources at NAZAS but have not yet done so. Neither are the manuals yet available. The course will therefore work under difficulties.

5. Facilities and Changes.

Credits side.

The new Commandant, Colonel DEBARI is a big improvement on his predecessor, with support he should make a satisfactory Commandant.

A sports ground is being constructed to enable athletics to be taught properly at the School. However, owing to the inability of HQ Central Military Schools to provide adequate means, the work is proceeding very slowly.

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Accommodation for students has also been improved by half of a block in the 1st lot being given to the School. In addition, the School now has a certain amount of transport which is remarkable, mainly for its mechanical efficiency and structural defects.

Debit Side.

The few items of sports kit available to the School are rapidly becoming unserviceable as are 50% of the shoes to be issued to the students.

6. Conclusion.

Owing to the outstanding work of S.M.I. MADISON on the English side and Captain VIANELLO on the Italian side, the School makes progress but efforts from above must be made if the School is to achieve its purpose.

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With the death of S.I.V.P. the gift of The School of Teachers has been placed, but the school is on a cliff in the future.

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SUBJECT: Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government

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26 Mar 46

To : See Dist. below

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Ref MMIA Directive No 1 (G/7 dated 8 Nov 45) subject: Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government, and MMIA letter G/7 of 8 Mar 46.

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Centralized training is to be provided for the Liaison Unit only. It will be organized in a separate unit.

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To: Commander,
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Recreational training must be especially important in the Italian Army to atone in some way for the otherwise pitiable conditions of service. Well organised games and sports are the quickest way to favourable publicity in the National Press.

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A director of physical training with ability and enthusiasm is a vital necessity as a start to the proper organisation of army physical training.

Thirdly a proper Central School. While originally it was ^{undoubtedly} ~~unsuitable~~ to be too ambitious, the moment has come where the School should move to a proper site. At the moment it is merely an embarrassment to the Infantry School. The requirements of the site are :

- (1) A Gymnasium.
- (2) A swimming pool (Indoors)
- (3) An Athletic Track.
- (4) A football field.
- (5) Facilities for recreational games as basketball, volley ball etc

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28 Officers.
26 NCOs.
2 Carabinieri.

Of these, 15 students were returned to their Unit as unsuitable to make instructors or for sickness. Of the 18 Officers, 21 NCOs and 2 Carabinieri who finished the course, the results were :-

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| Students suitable as School Instructors | None. |
| Very good regimental instructors | 3 |
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| Average | 11 |
| Unsuitable | 55 |
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It had been hoped that the Italians would have provided additional apparatus and sports kit from MAAPI/MI sources at NAPLES but have not yet done so. Neither are the manuals yet available. The course will therefore work under difficulties.

5. Facilities and Changes.

Credit side.

The new Commandant, Colonel DEMARI is a big improvement on his predecessor, with support he should make a satisfactory Commandant.

A sports ground is being constructed to enable athletics to be taught properly at the School. However, owing to the inability of HQ Central Military Schools to provide adequate means, the work is proceeding very slowly.

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Accommodation for students has also been improved by half of a block in the 1st lot being given to the School. In addition, the School now has a certain amount of transport which is remarkable, mainly for its mechanical inefficiency and structural defects.

Debit Side.

The few items of sports kit available to the School are rapidly becoming unserviceable as are 50% of the shoes to be issued to the students.

6. Conclusion.

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12 British Liaison Unit

for the

Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref. G/43.

29 March 46.

FO: Comd. 12 B.L.U.

GSO III ~~Reg. and Inf. Reg~~ 12 B.L.U.

S.O.R. Signals, M.M.I.A.

Ref 12 B.L.U. letter G/43/960 dated 25 Jan 46.

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(d) Future Courses.

No fresh courses are contemplated before the recruits courses in May. Approval has now been obtained for the three months Regimental Signallers Courses for Inf. Signallers and Arty. Signallers. Programmes for all the courses have been prepared.

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(e) Administration.

Continues to be efficient.

(f) Other matters.

The School was visited on 23th Feb 46 by the C.S.O. Genl Brig. A.E. Morrison, O.B.E. who expressed satisfaction with the progress made.

J.R. Skinner

D.R. SKINNER, Major R. Sigs.,
Maj. Instructor,
12 B.I.U.

Avia. 'A'

Results Of Courses.

No. 2 Signals Instructors Course.

Officers

Passed 13
Failed 2

MOs.

Very good 3
Good 7
Average 14
Fair 17
Failed 10

No. 1 Course for O.T.M. Wireless Operators.

Officers.

Very good 2
Good 4
Average 3
Failed 2

MOs.

Very good 6
Good 11
Average 5
Failed 4

Carabinieri.

Very good 1
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Average 34
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Personnel under training - 28 March 46.

No. 3 Signals Instructors Course.

Officers 22
NCOs 70
Total 92

No. 1 Infantry Signallers Course.

Officers 10
NCOs 19
Total 29

Total Under training 121.

SUBJECT: Progress Reports.

12 BRITISH BARRON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66216/9)

Ref: AQ/6/5/1266

26 March 46.

To: All Officers,
12 B.L.U.
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12 BRITISH LEADERSHIP UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 06518/5)

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(Tel: ROME 6646/5)

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : RMSE 66319)

Ref : AQ/6/5/1166

7 March 1946.

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Stp Comd AG (SMIA).

Herewith please find seven (7) copies of Progress
Report No. 15 for February 1946, in respect of this Centre,
together with Appendices as under :

- Appendix 'D' - In triplicate for SMIA.
- Appendix 'E' - To SMIA only.
- Appendix 'F' - In triplicate for SMIA
- Appendix 'G' - - do -



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Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit For the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report - School of Administration and Welfare (MILIT)

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 66319)

26 February 1946

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2. The syllabus of courses to be run at the School is as follows :-

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- (c) Supplies in general composition of rations improvements.
- (d) Organisation of function of Messes, canteens etc.
- (e) Accommodation General Camp sites, permanent sites.
- (f) Hygiene, Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases, Unit Infirmary, Medical Orderlies, Prophylactic Stations.
- (g) Welfare of personnel, discipline, basic ideas, relations between army ranks and duties toward same.
- (h) Maintenance of Vehicles.

Hygiene Course.

- (a) Hygiene Installations - permanent and occasional.
- (b) Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases.
- (c) Precautions to be followed for the good health of soldiers.
- (d) Food composition of rations, effects in varied

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- (f) Organisation of Infirmaries, Medical Inspection Rooms, First Aid.
- (g) P.F. Sports and amusements.
- (h) Duties of a Medical Officer.
- (i) Training of Medical Assistants.

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per day
4 periods
per week.
3 weeks
4 weeks

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Care and Welfare of Soldiers.

- (a) Unit Administration, Scope of Allowances and Grants.
- (b) Clothing, equipment, accommodation and maintenance.
- (c) Supplies, Rations, composition cooking.
- (d) Hygiene.
- (e) Control of personnel, discipline, basic ideas, rewards, leave etc.
- (f) Welfare and assistance organisations.
- (g) Canteens administration.
- (h) Organisation of Theatres, Cinemas, Clubs, Libraries and Schools.
- (i) Prison Controls, Families assistance organisations.
- (j) P.T., Games, Sports.
- (k) Religious Assistance (Chaplains).

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Education and Democracy.

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NCOs &
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Duration of Course.
4 Weeks.

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- (iii) Course for Storekeepers.
- (iv) Course for Stenographers.
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- (vi) Course for draughtsmen.

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5. Some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining certain accommodation and R.E. supplies but the situation is expected to improve shortly, finance being the chief factor preventing certain work being effected.

6. The first course and transfer from SIVA to RIETI will take place at the beginning of next month.

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Major RAC
DMA & QMG

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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Subject:- Progress Report - Ordnance Services Italian Central
Military Schools.

Commander,
12, British Liaison Unit.

12, B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools.

Copy to:
G.S.C.II Training & Inf.

Ref : ORD/4/21
February 28th 1946.

1. Clothing & Stores.

All stores have been cleared from the D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse, and the Storehouse handed over to the Italians. The P.T. suits have arrived and have been issued to the Unit.

2. Control.

The extra space has been used to advantage, a marked improvement can be seen in the storehouse, stores are now kept in their respective storehouse groups.

Fire Points are now established in all Ordnance installations in this Centre. There still remains a number of Fire Extinguishers to be filled. A few stores demanded on special authority of G.H.Q. have arrived, including 17-pdr Barrels.

3. Administration.

The Italian H.Q. have been advised that a number of Rifles and Small Arms are in need of repair, these are held in the various G.H.Q. Stores, and steps have been taken to put the necessary work in hand immediately.

4. Personnel.

A change of Officers in the Storehouse has been advantageous to the administration of the Storehouse.

The Italian Section attached to the D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse, since closed, has been disbanded, the personnel have been distributed to other Ordnance installations.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report for February 1946.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66319)

Ref : ST/27/1117

28 February 1946.

To: Comd,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO II Trg & Inf Trg,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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(b) Suitable accommodation for the School has been allocated, the H.Q. set up and a guard placed on all other premises. The 2 Battalions (D & M) have been allocated to the site vacated by C.M.P. (LOT 700; American Plan: CROCHUQUOLA) through this requires confirmation in writing.

(c) The supply of training material is urgent. The School has only a small quantity from the old D & M School.

3. Instructors' Course (Refresher)

Approximately 30 Officers and 150 NCOs will attend a 4 weeks M.T. Instructors course at the School of Motorisation commencing 5th March '46. These Officers and NCOs were instructors in the old D & M School and are attending this refresher course prior to becoming instructors in the School of Motorisation.

P.O.L. Courses,

Progress has been made in that the Comando Scuole have agreed to a course at the Petrol Depot ~~and~~ or an RASC petrol Depot, in the first place, for Officers and NCOs of all arms to improve Regimental Petrol Stores and later for automobilisation corps for Officers, NCOs and men for Bulk Storage. Arrangements are in hand for fixing up these courses.

5. Commissariate - School of Application (ROME)

Syllabi of courses are being drawn up through W.E. of School is not yet forthcoming from SUEZ. Courses will be for 1 year for 60 students Officers to train commissariats, ~~SUEZ~~ and administrative Officers.

2nd Part - S & T.

1. Transport.

2nd G.I. Coy and 1500 Transport Company inspected this month by DADST. Chief difficulty is lack of driver reinforcements, and Officer personnel of Automobilisation Corps. 2 Platoons of 2 G.I. Coy and Coy Bq are formed at the moment. When reinforcements arrive, No. 3 platoon and Workshop platoon will be formed.

2. Supplies.

Suggestions for improvement of Bakery and Distribution Depot by DADST in reports on inspections made in January have been put into effect. The railway track is to be extended to Distribution Depot enabling incoming transfers to be shunted on to the Depot and saving M.J. and documentation in Road-Rail clearance.

3. P.O.L.

Petrol Point CESSANO is now functioning on the new basis using the bulk tanks.

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Subject:- Progress Report for Feb 46

to:- Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit

12 British Liaison Unit for
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(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: REF/2/8

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1. Attached herewith Progress Report for Feb 46:-

- (i) Appendix 'A' - 155 Platoon Workshops
- (ii) Appendix 'B' - Mechanics School Civitavecchia
- (iii) Appendix 'C' - Scuola di Motorizzazione Cecchinaglia

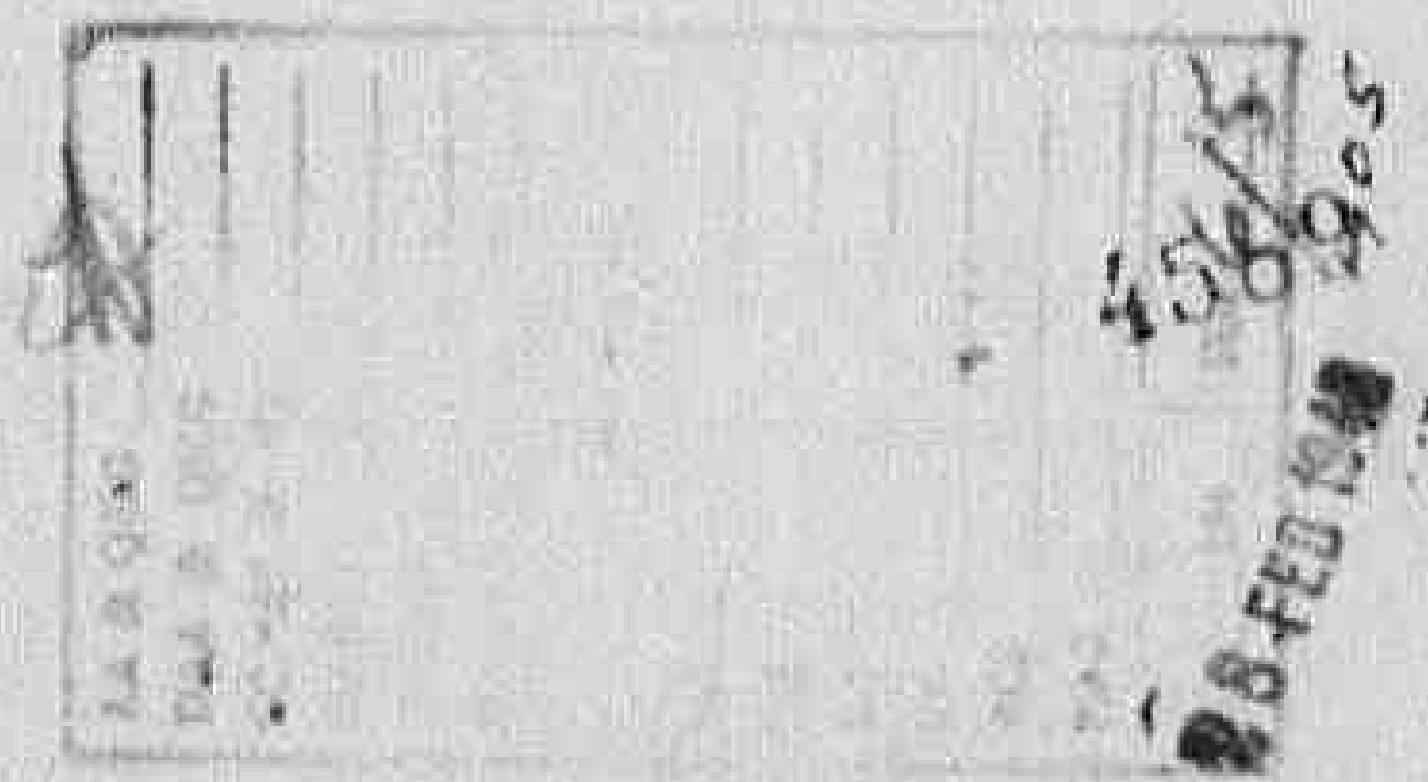
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155 PLATOON WORKSHOPS PROGRESS REPORT FOR FEB 461. PROGRESS MADE

Vehicle repairs have been held up by the switch over of drawing stores from English sources to drawing from Italian sources. Applications for spare parts to Italian Ministry of War show that stocks are not yet available, but are on the way, many vehicles are still held in Workshop, repaired but awaiting small parts such as Spark Plugs. Repairs turnover is still hampered by shortage of skilled tradesmen (see para.5).

Vehicle repairs for Feb 46

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| 'B' Vehicles | M/Cycles |
| 63 | 18 |

2. NUMBERS UNDER TRAINING

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3. EQUIPMENT

Equipment has sustained normal breakages through fair wear and tear and replacements are being obtained.

4. FUTURE MOVES

No future move is expected.

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Personnel deficiencies

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|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
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| Lancieri | 1 | - | 1 |

MECHANICS SCHOOL (CIVITAVECCHIA) PROGRESS REPORT FOR FEB 461. PROGRESS

More complete picture will be obtainable at conclusion of present courses.

2. NUMBERS UNDER TRAINING

| <u>Trade</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Driver Mechs | 172 |
| Vehicle Mechs | 42 |
| General Fitters | 19 |
| House Electricians | 9 |
| Turners | 6 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>248</u> |

3. EQUIPMENT

While ample equipment is available and the lay-out of the School good, there is still a big shortage of instructors (see below). This is causing difficulty and detracting from the value of the courses now being held.

| <u>Officers</u> | <u>Instructors - Deficiencies</u> | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | <u>W.B.</u> | <u>Held</u> | <u>Deficient</u> |
| Driver Mech | 1 | 1 | - |
| Motor Mech | 1 | 1 | - |
| Armourers and
Gun Fitter | 1 | - | 1 |
| W/Shop Officer | 1 | 1 | - |
| Senior N.C.O.s. | | | |
| Driver Mechs | 25 | 9 | 16 |
| Electricians | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| " (House) | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Vehicle Mechs | 16 | 1 | 15 |
| General Fitters | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Armourers | 2 | 2 | - |
| Workshop | 1 | 1 | - |

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5. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to report.

SCUOLA DI MOTORIZZAZIONE - CECCHIENUOLA

1. During February various surveys have been made of the buildings and proposed layout, with a view to assisting in preserving the correct proportion of floor space for administration and instruction.
2. In spite of many visits by the civil engineering contractors no start has yet been made on the wide-spread repairs required.
3. I have personally recommended to Col. Negri that he regard 23 April 46 as the "dead line" date, so as to assure himself of at least five days in hand before the first course commences; and on each of my visits (alternate days), I have made a point of drawing his attention to the number of days yet remaining.
4. Although it is stressing the obvious to say so, it is pointed out, that unless strenuous pressure can be brought to bear on the authorities concerned, it is very doubtful whether the work and repairs required will be completed in time to open the school on 1 May 46.
5. Two engines have been obtained - one Bedford and one Dodge, and these are being sectionalised by Major Di Rosa at the Centro Studi Workshops.

It is estimated that, owing to lack of electric power, this work will occupy at least sixty days for the two engines.

When completed, they will be transported to Cecchienuola. Other components from English and American vehicles will be similarly treated as and when they become available.

3. I have personally recommended to Col. Hegri that he regard 25 April 46 as the "dead line" date, so as to assure himself of at least five days in hand before the first course commences; and on each of my visits (alternate days), I have made a point of drawing his attention to the number of days yet remaining.

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for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : ROME 66349)

Ref : G/A.3/1012

27 February 1945.

Comd,
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2. Results of Courses.

The following are the results of the courses which ended on 23 February. All courses started on 14 January.

| Course | Students | | Results of Course. | |
|--|----------|------|--------------------|--|
| | Offrs | NCOs | Passed | Failed Did not Complete. Sick etc |
| 25 pr Officer Instructors | 43 | - | 44 | - 4 |
| 17 pr }
86 pr } Officer Instructors | 18 | - | 18 | - 4500 |
| 40 mm Officer Instructors | 9 | - | 8 | - 1 A/7k shooting with live shell practiced in lieu of practice at towed aerial targets. |
| 25 pr NCO Instructors | - | 74 | 69 | 2 - |

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| 25 pr NCO Instructors | - | 71 | 69 | 2 | - |
| 17 pr } NCO Instructors
86 pr } | - | 23 | 15 | 8 | - Course below standard. |
| 40 mm NCO Instructors. | - | 14 | 14 | - | - A/Tx shooting with live shell practiced in lieu of practice at towed aerial targets. |

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3. Factors detracting from the value of the course.

- (a) The 17 pr and 6 pr course would have been improved if the three 17 pr barrels ~~now available~~ had been available three weeks earlier. There was only one 17 pr gun fit for firing on the ranges at the time the students were requiring the guns for practice with live shell.
- (b) The 40 mm courses have been unable to fire live shell at towed aerial targets as, in spite of efforts of the British School of Artillery to help, it has not been possible to get a 'target towing plane' over the ranges. The Americans have taken over the Aerodrome at CLAREMONT, and 23 AACU (now being run with Italian Pilots) has as yet no aerodrome from which they can fly for the British and Italian Artillery Schools. A/Tk shooting had to be done instead of the shooting at aerial targets, to give the students some shooting at with live shell.
- (c) The lack of some form of L.A.D. at the Schools at BRACIANO (at present not possible owing to there being insufficient equipment to produce an adequate workshop) causes serious delays in the repair of Anti Tank targets etc for the Anti Tank ranges. A welding apparatus is essential to help to keep sufficient targets etc in first class order for the efficient working of the Anti Tank Range. The problem of gun repairs still continues. Until some form of adequately equipped L.A.D. is produced at BRACIANO, all courses must also lose the benefit of the many small training aids which could be produced in a small local workshop.

4. Future Courses and Moves.

The final course for Officer and NCO Instructors for the Recruit Training Centre begins on March 10th, details being as follows :-

| Course | 25 pr | 17 & 6 pr | 40 mm. |
|----------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Officers | 10 | - | - |
| NCOs | 40 | 15 | - |
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5. Administration.

Administration is satisfactory with the following exceptions :-

- (a) The ammunition dump still requires reorganisation (a request for an I.O.O. to visit the School to advise on this has been submitted). Much maintenance is still required on the ammunition in the dump.

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- (b) Fire precautions are still unsatisfactory owing to lack of fire extinguishers etc - a short sighted policy with so much valuable equipment in so small a space.
- (c) The supply of many essentials e.g. tyres, buffer oil etc through Italian channels is still proving very difficult and slow.
- (d) The Pay Regulations (fully dealt with in a separate letter) are most unsatisfactory, and are causing the loss to the School of Artillery of some of its most experienced instructors.

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12 British Liaison Unit
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Ref: G/A3
26 Feb 46.

TO: Comd. 12 B.L.U.

GSO II Trg and Inf. Trg 12 B.L.U.
S.C.R. Sigs. M.M.I.A.

Reference 12 B.L.U. letter G/A3/960 dated 25 Jan 46.

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(a) General Progress.

Progress on the re-habilitation of the barracks has been slow during the month and no start has yet been made upon the large scale repairs. The additional building referred to in last months report has now been occupied and it is hoped, in the near future, to occupy additional buildings, to the East of the existing barracks, which are at present occupied by the D & M School.

Considerable discussion has taken place concerning the War Establishment of the school and it has been agreed that if the school is to cater for over 2,000 students at a time, a W.E. of approx 900 personnel is necessary. The final W.E. has not yet been approved by the Italian War Establishments Committee.

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(d) Future Courses.

Much discussion has taken place between the Commandant of the School, the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari, S.C.R. Sigs, 12 B.L.U., S.O.R. Sigs, M.M.I.A. and a representative of SIME concerning the proposed training of recruits. It has been tentatively agreed that signallers for the Inf. and Arty. must be trained as regimental signallers and not as specialists and it has also been agreed that considerable re-arrangement of the allocation of the personnel of Signals to various trades will have to be undertaken.

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APPENDIX A.

Personnel under training 1st Feb 46. 181
(84 on CC.RR W/T course - 97 on potential instructors course)

Personnel joined during month.

CC.RR. W/T Course NIL
Potential Instructors Course NIL

Personnel departed during month.

CC.RR. W/T Course NIL
Potential Instructors Course 10

Total under training 26 Feb 46 171

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1. The problem of the implementation of the suggested War Establishment was finally solved at a conference at MHA at the beginning of this month. It was decided that a W.S. of 43 all ranks instructors would be required for the courses to be run at the school. The total personnel to be 130 all ranks (18 Officers, 25 NCOs, 87 O.Ss) which would allow the Unit to work self contained with the necessary implementation of Medical Officer and Medical orderly for the proposed hospital.

2. The syllabus of courses to be run at the School is as follows :-

Services - Courses.

- Unit administration and accounts.
- Care and maintenance of stores, arms, ammunition etc.
- Supplies is general composition of rations improvements.
- Organisation of function of Messes, canteen etc.
- Accommodation General Camp sites, permanent sites.
- Hygiene, Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases, Unit Infirmary, Medical Orderlies, Prophylactic Stations.
- Welfare of personnel, discipline, basic ideas, relations between army ranks and duties toward mass.
- Maintenance of Vehicles.

For Junior
Officers of
all Arms.
TOTAL 30
1/3 Capt.
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6 periods
per day.
Duration
4 weeks.

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Hygiene Course.

- Hygiene Installations - permanent and occasional.
- Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases.
- Precautions to be followed for the good health of soldiers.
- Food composition of rations, effects in varied climatic conditions.
- Welfare discipline, relations between Medical and Regimental Officers, Medical Adviser to Commanding Officers.
- Organisation of Infirmary, Medical Inspection Room, First Aid.
- P.F. Sports and amusements.
- Duties of a Medical Officer.
- Training of Medical Assistants.

Junior
Medical
Officers
3 Capt.
2/3 Sub.
TOTAL 30
6 periods
per day
4 weeks
Duration
4 weeks.

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Care and Welfare of Soldiers.

- (a) Unit Administration, Scope of Allowances and Credits.
- (b) Clothing, equipment, accommodation and maintenance.
- (c) Supplies, Rations, composition cooking.
- (d) Hygiene.
- (e) Control of personnel, discipline, basic ideas, rewards, leave etc.
- (f) Welfare and assistance organizations.
- (g) Canteens administration.
- (h) Organization of Theatres, Cinemas, Clubs, Libraries and Schools.
- (i) Price Controls, Families assistance organizations.
- (j) P.F., Games, Sports.
- (k) Religious Assistance (Chaplains).

Junior Officers
All Arms.
Days 2/3 Sides
6 periods per day
Duration of course
4 weeks.

Education and Democracy.

The programme is still not complete and is being revised.

Junior Officers All
Arms
MCOs
TOTAL 100
6 periods per day.
Duration of Course.
4 weeks.

3. (a) Vocational Training Courses will also be run at the School for specialists as follows.

- (i) Course for MUs - Accountancy.
- (ii) Courses for typists.
- (iii) Course for Stenographers.
- (iv) Course for Stenographers.
- (v) Course for relief draughtsmen.
- (vi) Courses for draughtsmen.

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(b) The programme for the above courses is being revised. Each course will consist of 30 MCOs.

4. Other courses for Senior Regimental Officers will also be introduced as and when the situation permits.

- (g) Cantenens administration.
- (h) Organization of Theatres, Cinemas, Clubs, Libraries and Schools.
- (i) Price Controls, Families assistance Organizations.
- (j) P.T., Games, Sports.
- (k) Religious Assistance (Displaced).

Education and Recreation.

The programs is still not complete and is being revised.

Juvenile Offrs All
Arms
HDOs
TOTAL 100
5 periods per day.
Duration of Course.
4 Weeks.

3. (a) Vocational Training Courses will also be run at the School for specialities as follows.

- (i) Course for HDOs - Accountancy.
- (ii) Course for typists.
- (iii) Course for Stenographers.
- (iv) Course for Stenographers.
- (v) Course for relief draughtsmen.
- (vi) Course for draughtsmen.

- (b) The programs for the above courses is being revised. Each course will consist of 30 HDOs.

4. Other courses for Senior Regimental Officers will also be introduced as and when the situation permits.

5. Some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining certain accommodation and R.A. supplies but the situation is expected to improve shortly; finance being the chief factor preventing certain work being effected.

6. The first course and transfer from SIVA to RIMEI will take place at the beginning of next month.

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SECRET :- Morale at Central Military Schools.

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Morale at the Central Military Schools has greatly improved during the past month, chiefly on account of the fact that students at present are not raw recruits but personnel selected from Units. There is, of course, much dissatisfaction and alarm arising from the low rate of pay and the general cost of living as affecting soldiers' families. Regular Officers have also complained of the uncertainty in which they find themselves, no cut and dried policy having yet been laid down regarding their own future in the Army.

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