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PROGRESS REPORTS ON C.S.C.M.

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SUBJECT: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY STAFF
(BAR: BRIX 470308)

Ref: AG/6/5/1950.

July 1946.

TO : All Officers 12 B.L.U.
Copy to: S.O. Sigs M.M.I.A.
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1. Commencing this month one copy only of the monthly Progress Report will be submitted by officers affiliated to schools. Reports will reach this office by the 10th of each month.

2. Reports will be prepared under the following headings:-

"A" Points

1. Instructors
2. Administrative Staff
3. Welfare
4. Discipline
5. Health
6. General

"B" Points

7. Accommodation
8. Clothing
9. Vehicles
10. Accommodation Stores
11. General

"C" Points

12. Training Stores
13. Training Areas
14. Training Accommodation
15. Courses completed during the month ✓
16. Courses in progress ✓
17. Forecast of courses ✓
18. General remarks, recruit training (Where applicable) ✓
19. General remarks, other training. ✓

✓ Give full comments.

3. D.M.A. & Q.M.G. will submit a report on 12 B.L.U., to include the following points:-

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c. Forecast of changes in officers and O.R's
d. Accommodation.
e. Vehicles
f. General points

4. Appendices to Progress Report.

Appendix		Responsibility
'A'	Course results	Officers affiliated to schools
'B'	Location Statement (Schools)	G.S.O. 3
'C'	Staff List (British)	" "
'D'	Staff List (Italian)	" "
'E'	Vehicle State, 12 B.L.U.	D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
'F'	Personnel State, 12 B.L.U.	" "
'G'	Extra appendices as required	

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5. Reports may be submitted to this office in legible manuscript.

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Progress Report. School of Administration and Welfare, Rab.

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A Points.

1. Instructors

a. Establishment W.E. complete, but only 2 out of the 23 have actually qualified as instructors from previous courses. The remainder must follow the courses to which they have been assigned, before they can be used as instructors. This is because the instructors allocated to the School have not been drawn from those officers who did best at the School of 'Logistics' at Nunyiawa.

b. Recs.

W.E is 26, but there are only 21 on strength, of which 4 are qualified instructors

2. Administrative Staff 2 ~~Recruits~~ In the opinion

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of the School Commandos. The G.E. is not sufficient
to allow the School to function with efficiency.
However this proposal for an increase in the G.E.
has rejected by higher authorities. Nevertheless, the
has pointed out that a School, where duty
N.C.O. & Coach education, hygiene and
Man-management, cannot be expected to
~~function properly~~ set a good example if it
has not sufficient personnel on the permanent
administrative staff. Unless the whole value
of the courses will be negatived. Hence the
total increase would be 3 officers
9 senior N.C.Os
6 junior N.C.Os
82 ORs
100 total

~~Obviously~~
The problem is being reconsidered in
conjunction with the Commando Schools.

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3 Welfare

Good

There is in existence a good officers mess and bar for all ranks. The Dopolavoro Piaggio, which was intended as a recreation centre and canteen and also as a model for similar centres in other Schools, is now to be reequipped. It has been suggested by MMIA that a new recreational centre can be set up in the Caserma Allessi. Sufficient.

4. Discipline Good.

5. Health. Good, in view of the fact that the Civilian water supply is limited. Water is only available for about ¼ of the day. A request has been made for a water trailer W4889. has not yet arrived

There are no arrangements for heating bathwater

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7. Accomodation

Much trouble and expense has been spent on converting officers' sleeping quarters. However at the last moment, it was discovered that the whole construction was faulty and in danger of collapse. For the time being officers are being accomodated in large Lanark rooms and in Scarborough hotels in Rich. Special pay allowances are being made.

The officers mess kitchen is not yet complete and all the cooking is done in the N.C.Os mess.

There are still adjustments to be made in the NCOs and CRs sleeping quarters and messes, but work is well under way. In addition there are several repairs and installations to be made in other parts of the barracks.

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8 Vehicles Clothing

In general the clothing of the Students Officers and NCOs is satisfactory, with the exception of 3 Officers in civilian clothes.

9. Vehicles

The vehicle situation is as follows:

Motorcycles	- 2	(one in workshops)
3 tonners	- 2	
15 cwt	- 1	(in workshops)
Jeeps	- 2	(in workshops)
~~Trucks~~	~~4~~	
~~Water Carts~~	~~2~~	

~~Ambulances~~

~~The number of vehicles~~
The situation as regards vehicles on the part of the Unit
The School is a self contained unit and must be supplied
on supplies (ex Base Rome (87 Km away)

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11. Accommodation Stores Nothing to report.

" General.

" G. " points.

12 Training Films

Many hygiene and medical models and posters have been procured from Allied and Italian sources.

13 Training Areas (See section 9 - Welfare)

14. Courses completed during month. None

15. Courses in progress.

The following courses commenced on 22 July and will finish on 17 Aug

Administration (Coffee mornings etc) - 35 Officers and 9 NCOs

Mess Management - 9 Officers and 21 NCOs

Hygiene and Sanitation - 21 Officers and 15 NCOs.

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17. Forecast of Courses.

The Course

Though On the 12th of August, for administrative
personnel (typists, storemen, accountants etc.)
will commence and will finish on 7 Sept.

18. General

The morale of the instructors is low, on
account of the economic situation. ~~Effect and~~
Instructors officers and N.C.Os, ~~have~~ who do not
live at Rieti, have not been able to find
lodgings for their families on account of the expense.
Rieti Thus it also happens because instructors at
the CAFs receive a special allowance, and it is
considered that the work at the school is just as
arduous.

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Progress Report:- Armoured Car School. July 46.

To.C.C.12. B.L.U.

1. Instructors.

Satisfactory.

2. Administrative Staff.

There is a rather large deficiency (qualitative) in the technical personnel required for the xxxxxx repair and maintenance of the Armd Cars. The school commander hopes that he will be able to obtain suitable personnel during the next month.

3. Welfare.

Since the School is very small and situated in Rome there is no big welfare problem. The school is not yet finished structually, but when it is there will be a canteen and the living conditions of the soldiers should be satisfactory.

Entertainments and recreational facilities are available at civilian centres.

4. Discipline.

The staff is composed almost exclusively of cavalry personnel. The standard of Officer and Man is thus above the average.The school is however situated in a very Communist quarter of Rome . This le d during the election period to a case of an N.C.O. engaging in subversive activities,however on the whole discipline appears to be good.

5. Health.

Nothing to xxxxxx report.

6. General.

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5. Health.

Nothing to ~~suggest~~. report.

6. General.

The poor condition of the Staghounds sent from Allied dumps has created a very unfavourable impression on the ~~XXXX~~ Italian Staff.

"Q" Points.

7. Accomodation.

The School is not yet structually complete , the workshops, sanitary fittings and electric lighting are the main items outstanding. These should be finished by the middle of August. The school when completed will have a high standard of accomodation .

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8. Clothing.

Nothing to report.

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9. Vehicles.

'B' Vehicles for administration are satisfactory except for a shortage of spare tyres for the Jeeps held. The Staghounds of the School are mechanically sound but there are no spares whatsoever. The problem of the special oil for the Staghound has not yet been solved.

The schoool has also acted as a delivery Squadron for the Staghounds for the divisions. The condition of these drew much adverse comment.

A practical deficiency of 9 of the 12 Dingoes on establishment exists.

10 Accomodation Stores.

Satisfactory.

11 General.

The school Commander is most energetic and obtains from the Italian side all he desires. The problem of spares is practically the only "Q" problem.

"Q" Points.

12 Training Stores.

The deficiency of dingoes is the main hinderance to training. The school has built a well arranged wireless room and is preparing similar exhibition rooms for gunnery and tactics.

Films and film strips can not yet be shown owing to the electric light transformer not being ready.

13. Training Areas.

Nothing to report.

14. Training Accomodation.

Classrooms are a little dark and are interfered with by pillars, otherwise are satisfactory. The Italian habit of drawing on the walls instead of using charts has unfortunately been used.

16. Courses Completed during the Month.

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16. Courses Completed during the Month.

IDO Carabineeri have been trained as drivers during the month.

17. Courses in Progress.

An internal course on Staghound at Centro Studii only.

18. Forecast of Courses.

The first full course embodying tactics will start on the 18 August.

This will last for 8 weeks.

Numbers expected.

	Officers	N.C.O.'s.
Cavalry	11	18
Carabineeri	20	20

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Armd Car Progress Report Cont

18. General Remarks Recruit Training.

Nil.

19. General Remarks other Training.

All courses run up to the present have been carried out with the school still under construction and with the added difficulties of internal security duties. The standard of driving instruction appears good , and the wireless instructors seems most enthusiastic.

Précis for the long course are almost ready but the detailed programme has not yet been received.

W.L. [illegible]

Major.

G.S.O. II

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programme has not yet been received.

Major.

G.S.O. II

Training and Infantry.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ITALIAN SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY
for the period ending July 31st 1946

"A" POINTS

1. Instructors.

There is a growing shortage in all branches of need instructors. The reasons are as follows:

(a) The slow but steady flow of instructors from Orvieto, where living conditions are poor, to home and elsewhere where living conditions for married officers and N.C.Os are much better.

(b) The need to maintain a minimum cadre of trained officers and N.C.Os in the gruppi. Replacement of released reservist officers by untrained returned prisoners of war is the main reason for this steady demand.

(c) Increased commitments at the School of Artillery.

(d) Anticipated increased number of Army recruits in the August call-up : from 1600 = 2100.

It is proposed to overcome these difficulties thus:

Ref (a) above, to move further elements of the School to the Rue D'Aosta barracks, Civitavecchia and there provide accomodation for families of the permanent staff within the barracks.

Ref (b) above, The shortage of instructors in the gruppi has been partially overcome by running a series of 2 week courses at the School of Artillery.

Ref (c) & (d) above, the School does not intend to accept any increased commitments before Jany. 1947. in order to concentrate on the production of instructors for itself and the Recruit Training Centre.

2. Administrative Staff.

Proposals for the re-organisation of the School of artillery are now being considered. Preliminary talks have taken place on Brig. Hope - Gen. Caretti level. On the receipt of written information this proposed reorganisation will be made the subject of a special report.

Briefly, the proposals aim at establishing the Recruit Training Centre at Civitavecchia under an independent command. It is proposed to achieve this in three stages.

Stage 1. July - August. The training of the additional instructional and administrative personnel by the parent School at Orvieto.

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Stage 3. Jany 1947 - The establishment of an independent Recruit training Centre at Duc d'Aosta barracks Civitavecchia, the total not to exceed 4000 all ranks, and the return of the A.A and A tk wings to the parent School at Orvieto.

This is an excellent plan allowing as it does for the training of the additional RAF and WAF personnel, the fact that the Duc D'Aosta barracks will not be ready for complete occupation before Dec 15, and the fact that the increased number of recruits makes Orvieto too small to accommodate everyone even on a temporary basis.

3. Welfare.

Welfare facilities continue to improve, but until either prices fall or the soldiers' pay is increased even the cheap et canteens will remain an expensive luxury to the ordinary soldier.

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"A" POINTS (Cont)

4. Discipline. The standard of discipline at the School of Artillery is good insomuch as there is invariably a very marked improvement in the discipline of recruits and students after a few weeks under Col Palma's command.

5. Health. Good. Average in hospital less than 2%.

6. General. No visible improvement has yet been made in hygiene, notwithstanding a special report by I2 H.L.O. to Central Military Schools. Troops continue to mis-use urinals. It is remarkable that the percentage sickness remains low.

"B" POINTS

7. Accommodation.

The reconstruction of the Duc D'Aosta barracks will not be completed until the 15 Dec. Until then accommodation will remain an acute problem.

Unless either family quarters are constructed at Orvieto or part of the barracks set aside for married families as at Civitavecchia, the married family accomodation at Orvieto will remain impossible. It is emphasised that Orvieto is little more than a village and that the troops outnumber the civilians.

8. Clothing.

By British standards clothing is very poor. Apart from the lack of uniformity, the shortage of soap and cleaning materials and the exorbit at price of such commodities means that articles of clothing and equipment are frequently worn in a dirty state.

9. Vehicles. Vehicles.

The release last month of 30 Class I vehicles has eased the M.T. situation considerably. Until the vehicle park is functioning at Bologna, however, many vehicles will continue to remain of the road awaiting spare parts.

10. Accommodation Stores.

Very considerable stocks have been received recently. It is regretted, however, that nothing of the British Welfare type of furniture is available for canteens.

11. General

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"C" POINTS

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Unless either family quarters are constructed at Bracciano or part of the barracks set aside for married families as at Civitavecchia, the married family accomodation at Bracciano will remain impossible. It is emphasised that Bracciano is little more than a village and that the troops outnumber the civilians.

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"D" POINTS.

12. Training Stores.

The bulk of the training stores have now been received Stores are continuing to arrive, however, in a bad state In a me cases the stores as they stand are completely worthless, e.g;

(a) Twelve 40mm guns were received with incomplete sighting gear.

(b) Of the thirteen 17 pre guns at the School only four have telescopes and one of these is U.S.

Although these shortages will undoubtedly be made good through the discrepancy reports, it is felt that such fundamental discrepancies should not arise.

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[redacted]. Training Areas.

(a) Last month the Commune of Brecciano ordered the School of Artillery to cease using the training area at Brecciano. As a result of pressure from higher authority this order has now been withdrawn.

(b) Modernisation and expansion of the anti-tank range at S. SEVERA is now under consideration. This is badly needed.

16. Training Accommodation.

Training accommodation will remain inadequate until the Duc D'Aosta barracks are completed in Dec.

17. Courses completed during the month.

Nil.

18. Courses in Progress.

Type of Course	Date of Commencement	Duration	No. of Officers	No. of O.R.s.
No 3 Course for Instructors for Heavy Horse Regiments: 25Pr	16 July	4 wks	10	15
17Pr	16 July	4 wks	8	30
40mm.	16 July	4 wks	8	20
Course for N.C.O. Instructors at School of Arty & R.T.C.: 25Pr only	18 July	4 wks	=	28

19. Forecast of Courses.

(a) A four weeks course starting in August to train additional instructors for the School.

(b) A similar course starting about the same time to train additional instructors for the Recruit Training Centre.

No further details are at present available as this change in training policy has only now been incurred by the announcement of an increased number of recruits allotted to the Artillery.

20. General Remarks, Recruit Training.

There is no recruit training at present. The next recruits are due on the 15th Sep.

21. General Remarks, Other Training.

Except for a series of three 2 week courses, the last [illegible] which is running now, all courses in 1940 have been

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16. Courses completed during the month.

Nil.

17. Courses in progress.

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No 3 Course for Instructors for Heavy Regt Regiments — 25 Pr	16 July	4 wks	10	15
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40 MM.	16 July	4 wks	8	20
Course for NCO Instructors at School of Arty & R.T.C. — 25 Pr only	18 July	4 wks	—	28

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19. General Remarks, Other Training.

Except for a series of three 4 week courses, the last which is running now, all courses in 1940 have been run primarily to produce instructors for internal use at the School and the Recruit Training Centre. This state of affairs is likely to continue until the Recruit Training Centre is established as an independent unit in late Dec. 1940. Then and only then can the School of Artillery function in its normal role. On return to normality, I would suggest that the course for potential instructors at the School of Arty. be very considerably lengthened. It is at present a 4 weeks' course, whereas its British equivalent is an 18 months' course with special qualification pay for the successful candidates.

Training Aids: Miniature Ranges.

The two miniature ranges, bequeathed by the British School of Arty. to the Italian School, have, as forecast in my last report, finally disappeared together with tactical model promised to the School of Co-operation. If at us are not taken to protect the 25 pdr. & 4.5 ranges during the present period of non-use a similar disintegration will occur.

George K. Alexander
Major RA (I.G.)

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PROGRESS REPORT ITALIAN ENGINEER SCHOOL.

MONTH ENDING 31 July 46.

"A" Points.

Instructors. The standard of Instruction at the School is fairly good. Over 50% of the present Instructors were British trained when the School was at Bracciano, and these are without doubt the best Instructors.
Bailey Bridge Instruction, during the month of June, was not ~~in my opinion~~ up to standard. Suggestions however, were made, to Lt Col Nisicaro (Chief Instructor) and during this month a great improvement has been made in the method of Bridge Instruction.
The School is slightly below strength in Instructors, and it is intended to make good the deficiency by selecting suitable personnel from the N.C.O. and Officers Courses now running.

Administration. The Administrative Staff is quite efficient. The School is awaiting a new Commandant, Lt Col Silvestri at present fulfilling the position.
Internal organisation of the Admin and Permanent Staffs is on the lines stated in the Training Pamphlet compiled for Major Gen. Browning, late Commander of M.M.I.A. Copy in possession of 12.B.L.U.

Welfare. During the months of May and June, troops Canteens were introduced both at Castle Barracks and at the Recruits Training Barracks at Aurelia. Cakes, soft drinks, and toilet requisites are sold in these Canteens, and they have both proved a success.
An endeavour was made to secure a cinema projector for film shows at Aurelia, this has so far proved unsuccessful, but to offset this arrangements have been made with local cinemas for price requotions for troops.
A certain amount of "liberty transport" is available for personnel wishing to visit Civitavecchia in the evening.

Discipline. Slackness by young Officers and Senior N.C.O. during the Election period, resulted in bad discipline and bad turnout amongst the men. Senior Officers however, have made great efforts and during July marked improvement has been shewn.

Health. Generally good. Minor ailments only. No Malaria.

General. NIL.

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"Q" Points.

Accomodation. Recruit Intakes are accomodated at the Aurelia Barracks. Owing to the lack of space, 2 Companies of Recruits had to be accomodated at the Permanent Staff Barracks at Caselle Civitavecchia. The Aurelia Barracks were in a bad condition on taking over, but repairs have been carried by Civil Contractors employed by the Italian Genio.

Clothing. Last Recruit intake arrived well equipped from their C.A.Rs. Clothing of the Permanent Staff however is not good, only poor quality stuff being available.

Vehicles. Present vehicle strength is given below.

Light Vehicles	4
15 cwts	7
3 Tonners	16
Special Vehicles	
Autobuses, Compressors	4
Motor Cycles (2 w/s)	5
Bulldozers D4	2

The Vehicles above are proving adequate for the job at present. Spare parts are urgently required to keep them serviceable and on the road. Motor Cycle replacements are also urgently required.

Accomodation Stores. Position Bad. Countless efforts have been made to obtain Mess Tables and Forms both from British and Italian sources, to date, very little success.

General. All the above "Q" Points with the exception of "Accomodation Stores" have improved over the last two months. Proper Messes for the Recruits cannot be set up until the Tables and Forms required are forthcoming.

Tables required	770
Forms "	740

"G" Points.

Training Stores. Training of the last Recruit Intake was greatly impaired owing to the non arrival of [illegible] Major Chapman paid a visit to G.H.Q. Caserta on [illegible] and as a result has arranged for the collection of approx 50 tons of Training Stores. These Stores should be ample for the training of the next intake.

Training Areas. Main site is situated at Aurelia, this although ideal for Demolitions and General Fieldworks

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is most unsuitable for Bridging, there being no Bridge Gap. Gaps are formed by the building of "seatings" of bank timbers. It is also proposed to form a Gap by bulldozing. Subsidiary Training Site is near the Scelle Barracks Civitavecchia. This is satisfactory for all subjects with the exception of Pet Bridging.

Training Accomodation. Recruits for training are accomodated at the Aurelia Barracks. This is within five minutes march of the Training Grounds. The two Companies living at the Scelle Barracks are also within five minutes march of their Training Grounds.

Courses Completed during the Month.

Recruits Training Course ended 6 July 46.
Final Course Result not yet available.

Courses in Progress.

Advanced Recruits.	6 Weeks.	575 O.Rs.	Commenced	6 July.
N.C.O's Course.	4 Weeks.	40 N.C.Os.	"	8 July.
Junior officers.	6 Weeks.	20 officers.	"	8 July.

Forecast of Courses.

No further Courses will be run until the commencement of the No2 Recruits Training Course. This Course is not scheduled to begin before the first week of September. No definite date has yet been fixed.

General Remarks, Recruit Training. Apart from alterations to Training Programme made necessary by lack of Stores, the last training period for Recruits proved quite successful. The programme for the next period is an improvement on the first one, and should proceed as scheduled, with the receipt of the 50 tons of Stores.

General Remarks, Other Training. Nil to Date.

P.C. Chapman Maj. RE

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Police School :- Progress Report.

To:- OC. 12 . B.I.U.

Herewith Progress Report for the Police School.

"A" Points.

1 Instructors

There is little trouble in this respect except it seems that the Commander of the school Captain Scisoca is likely to be released shortly, he will be difficult to replace.

2 Administrative Staff

Nothing to report.

3. Welfare.

The School comes under the H.Q. Schools for this purpuse.

4. Discipline.

Is very strict at the Police school.

5. Health.

Nothing to report.

6. General.

A visit from the Commanding General of the Carabinieri is expected in the near future.

"B" Points.

7. Accomodation.

While this has been improved by the increased accomodation available due to the move of 12 B.I.U. the accomodation problem is not yet satisfactory as the school is split in a number of rooms dotted about the Palazzo Salviati.

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9 Vehicles.

Nothing to report.

10 Accomodation Stores.

Nothing to report.

11 General.

Nothing to report.

"G" Points.

Training stores.

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I2 Training Stores.

The Police ~~XXXXXX~~ School has not very need of a great number of training stores and the arrival of ~~fmt~~ the items requested is not very urgent. This are mainly ~~such~~ items as map cases etc which in ~~any case~~ can be bought in Italy.

I3 Training Areas

Nothing to report.

I4. Training Accomodation.

While two of the ~~three~~ classrooms are very well fitted one of them is extremely noisy as there is heavy traffic passes outside, and it is considered that other lecture rooms must be found. A further disadvantage is that there is no cinema in the present location as there was ~~such~~ at Cesano for the showing of training films and arrangement must be made with a civilian Cinema.

I5 Course Completed during the month ~~X~~

Nil.

I6 Courses in Progress.

There are two course in progress at the moment one for Regimental Police in its last week and one for Carabineeri which started on the 22nd.

Numbers attending.

Regimental Police ;- 35 O.R.s

Carabineeri. Officers 20 N.C.O. 25 ~~XXXXXX~~ Men 75.

I7. Forecast of Courses

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17. Forecast of Courses

No futher definite details but courses normally are run once every 6 weeks.

18 Recruit Training is not carried out at this school.

19 General Remarks , other Training.

It is considered that students benefit from these courses particularly due to the fact that a high standard of dicipline and turnout is demanded from the students.

Major.

G.S.O.II.

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Prog ss Report :- Physical Training hool. -July 1946.

To:-O.C. 12. B.I.U.

1. Instructors.

Under British Tuition a fair standard of instruction has been achieved,but performance remains weak.All British A.P.T.C. staff have now left. The C.I.(PT.) is due to be released and will be extremely difficult to replace.

A civilian instructor is being employed for gymnastics but the school still requires an expert boxing instructor.

2. Administrative Staff.

The W.E. is numerically inadequate and the appointments bear little relation to the needs of the school.

3. Welfare.

Nothing to report.

4. Health.

The Physical Condition of students on arrival is low, indicating poor selection. Complaints are made that the ration is not sufficient to sustain the strenous training carried out.Efforts are being made to secure an increase but are not likely to be successful.

The ~~insufficient~~ shortage of water and washing facilities have led ~~led~~ to a number of cases of scabies in the past. Work in progress should rectify this , but the allowance of fuel will in any case restrict the number of hot baths to one a week.

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5. Discipline.

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6. General

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6. General

A revision of the W.E. and careful selection of students are of vital importance to the school.

7. Accomodation.

A number of minor alterations are being made to improve the accomodation of the school. Without the expenditure of many million lire suitable training and living facilities cannot be provided at CESANO. A move to one of the 4873 sites previously recommended appears to be the only solution. S.M.E.E. have submitted to the Cabinet to proposals for the move to MONTE SACRO.

8. Clothing.

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9. Clothing.

The staff can be properly clothed out of the training grant, but this is not possible for the students. A problem is that the Italians issue a light boot in lieu of gym shoes . This is not suitable for indoor work and causes wear to apparatus.

10. Vehicles.

The school while it is at CESANO must have sufficient transport to lift the students for swimming instruction. This entails at least 4 x 3 ton lorries. At the moment the school has only two. Besides this two cars are required as a minimum for the school staff.

11 Accomodation Stores.

Nothing to report.

12. Training ~~Aids~~ Stores.

Purchases from surplus M.A.A.F.I. stores have enabled the school to have the bare essentials. There is still a lack of items as running shoes, wrestling mats , track suits , which are only obtainable at prohibitive prices.

13 Training ~~Accommodation~~ Areas.

The school at Cesano needs a proper ~~all weather~~ athletic track. Owing to the nature of the ground and the shortage of personnel the construction of this must be an Engineer Responsibility and will cost L 1000000.

14. Training Accomodation.

A new room for boxing instruction has been made. If the School was to remain at CESANO a swimming pool would be required and the floor of the gym should be re-tiled.

15 Courses Completed During the month.

Nil. Refresher activity only.

16. Courses in Progress.

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16. Courses in Progress.

Nil.

17 Forecast of Courses.

The next course start August 12. Duration 3 Months.

Students Attending.

30 Officers and 60 N.C.O.s.

18 General Remarks, Recruit Training.

Nil.

19 General Remarks Other Training.

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Prog re Regt Infantry School

To: O.C 12 B.L.U.

Herewith details in respect of Infantry School.

"A" Points

1 Instructors

The situation of Instructors at the Infantry Schools is far from Satisfactory. The Instructors held are in many cases below the standard required and moreover there is a big deficiency against the war establishment.

The reasons for the poor quality of the Instructors at the school are

(1) The demobilisation of reserved personnel

(2) The poor conditions of service at CESANO both from the pay and accomodation side To not attract the better elements.

The numerical deficiency of Instructors are as follows.

(1) 3" Mortar Instructors:-
5 Officers and 28 N.C.O's

(2) M.M.G Instructors
11 Officers and 24 N.C.O's

(3) Sniper Instructors
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(4) C.A.R Instructor Courses
17 Officers and 30 N.C.O's.

The above it must be addressed are ~~and~~ the numerical deficiencies. In addition 2nd 487½ must be remembered that some of the M.M.G instructors held have yet seen a complete M.M.G.

In addition to this the number of recruits expected on August the 10th is considerably above the numbers catered for on the O.E.

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They will arrive To find no equipment and only
50/0 of the required materials and these only
20/0 efficient.

2° Administrative Staff.

The Officer & NCO staff is satisfactory numerically but the quality is not high. A large percentage of the officers are married and too old for the job. The result is that they are mainly interested in the comfort of themselves and their families.

There is a Temporary shortage of N.D. men owing To recent demobilisation.

3 Welfare.

Is almost non existent & the Infantry School for the reasons given above. Welfare activities are as follows.

a. (1) The gift of money To soldiers families in financial difficulties.

b. (2) Unfurnished Canteens, badly stocked which are almost worthless.

c. (3) Cinema Performances, change of programme twice weekly.

d. (4) There is a open air theatre which is never used.

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4 Discipline.

There is an comparatively few serious crimes and outwardly discipline is average for the Italian Army. On the other hand a fatigue party under an NCO will do almost no work, and dress and Turnout is bad.

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5. Health.

Satisfactory.

4. (under) The school is quite clean but much must be done To improve The appearance and recreational facilities. At The moment there is no sports ground at all, Tennis courts or any other Type of sports field.

'Q' Rounds

I Accomodation

Work is in progress To rectify some of The major accomodation problems at CESANO. The cookhouses for The recruits are at last being constructed, and contracts for other works have been placed. In another 3 months Time The accomodation at CESANO should be fairly satisfactory though a revision of some of The work already done will be necessary. Particularly welcome would be The substitution of windowlike by glass, and further work is still required To complete sanitary and other fixtures

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7. Medicos.

A slight increase has been made in

The Total number of 'B' Vehicles however the school still is below establishment in the following:-

Moto Cycles - 8
3 Ton Lorries - 3
15 cwt " - 8.
Workshop Vehicles - 1.

Owing To the lack of spare parts and workshop organisation however the number of vehicles off The to road is large and Thus make a practical deficiency of:-

Moto Cycles - 12.
Cars - 2
3 Ton Lorries - 7
15 cwt - 12.

c If a vehicle has even a puncture it has To be sent To a civilian garage To be mended and for major works it must go To BOLOGNA. If units could hold at least a small number of spare it would be of The greatest assistance in keeping vehicles on The road.

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~~Now~~ The arrival of The further tracked vehicles required and spares To scale is urgent. If This is not possible Then suitable load carrying vehicles of ~~the~~ Italian Origin

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should
must be provided. The carriers held at the moment equipment on the
same as the normal to Train 1000 students
in M.M.G & 3" Mortar as it they were To Train 100 Students
from the vehicle side.

10 Accomodation Space.

A The arrival of No outstanding difficulties.

11 General.

A list of equipment was forwarded to M.M.I.A giving the requirements of the school to meet its Training and maintenance obligations. These items has not arrived, and the school is faced with 1000 recruits on the 10th August and no time kit to Train them with.

Moreover the Space already held suffer from the lack of any shoring materials and spare parts. As with vehicles, any rifle or other weapon requiring the normal unit repair must be sent over a hundred miles.

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Spares must be held by the school not only for the maintenance point of view but also Training.

12. "G" Points.

12. Training Stores

In 10 days Time 1000 appox recruits will arrive at CESANO To be Trained on 4868 Specialist weapons.

The items of equipment requested by this office have not arrived and it appears even now that it is not yet decided whether

recruits will be trained on the ~~Bren~~
BREDA & The Vickers.

After the arrival of the stores a fortnight at least will be required before training can start. Besides the major items

~~13. Training Areas~~

of equipment required, the smaller items are of equal importance. It is necessary that all items of equipment required be ~~in~~ met

13. Training Areas.

At the moment training areas are a little restricted owing to landslips. This applies particularly to Musketry Ranges and at present it is necessary for musketry training to take place a rather far from the camp.

The construction of a permanent rifle ranges, already mentioned in previous reports is of outstanding importance.

Repair of roads ~~repairs~~ in the camp has started but it is believed that no effort will be made to produce a good parade ground.

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14. Training Accomodation.

On the whole is satisfactory except for the C.A.R. instructors cannot be ~~held~~ 867 at MANZIANA when work is required to put the hutted camp in order.

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6 Courses completed during month.

Only internal courses were completed last month These were:-

3" Mortar
Carrier
Sniper.

Numbers attending were given in previous report but results have not yet been received

16 Courses in Progress.

The following courses are in progress

Company Commanders Course. Started 4th July
Numbers of students 41 of whom 16 are from The Air Force 41

Platoon Commanders Course. 27
27 Subalterns.

Senior Commanders Course. 39
39 Senior N.C.O's & 13 Junior N.C.O

Platoon Weapons Wks 210
Subaltern Officers 23.
& Senior N.C.O's 71 113
Junior N.C.O's 19.

3" Mortar. Course
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Snipers Course.

2. Officers

5. Senior N.C.O's 20

14 Junior N.C.O's

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17. Forecast of Courses.

Extra Previous forecast of course should be amended to read m.m.s Recruits 572 Aug?
date of commencement 10th otherwise as change.

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18. The Infantry owing to lack of equipment, shortage of instructors and incomplete accomodation is not ready for recruit Training. It would be extremely unwise to start training until at least 14 day, preferably 1 month after the arrival of stores

19. General Remarks: Other Training.

The schools run, but the standard of Training is not very high. Until being an instructor at the school is an advantage to a man's career & little improvement may be expected. The fact that an officer or N.C.O is an instructor at the Infantry School does not imply that he is any better than a m officer with a Regiment it is purely a matter of chance & posting.

The school functions because there are about 10 excellent officers. The rest however are far below the standard required.

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Subject:- Progress Report for July.

From:- G.2. Training (Schools).
12. B.L.U.

To:- G.1.
H.Q., 12. BL.U.

Date:- 27th. July 1946.

Reference your letter dated 23rd, July, subject method of preparing progress reports; attached is the report on the School of Co-operation for July.

As there is no clerk out here it would be a great help to me if the proforma fenpoints 1,2,5,7 & 9, could be typed and returned to me for future use.

Major.
The Royal Irish Fusiliers.

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School of Cooperation

Progress Report for July 46

1. Instructors (See attached proforma No. 1.)

There is a shortage of Instructors, but it is hoped that we will be able to find and retain suitable students, attending a special course for instructors commencing 5th August
I Forlotte are working to produce a high standard of instruction.
(a) Some instructors are ex S.I.V.A. school have a sound groundwork of Br methods but only up to a Col and Bn level
(b) Neb Instructors most senior officers often very learned gentlemen but with little or no knowledge of Br methods and often little inclination to adopt them.

2. Admin Staff. (See attached proforma No. 2)

These seem so far to be sufficient and efficient for the present needs of the school.
Other ranks are up to the Established approved and a copy filed at 12 Bde HQ. They are also sufficient, though there may be some difficulty in employing good civil labour locally

3 Welfare.

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The officers mess and club which should be furnished in 14 days is excellent and I expect that many students will bring their own transport, if not it is proposed to run a shuttle bus to ROME on Saturdays returning Sunday.

Arrangements with S' Marcella provide sufficient places for 400 Officers

The other ranks have a good canteen, reading room (with books) and a writing room. The canteen prices

Vino and games.
Troops can get transport to the sea for bathing every second afternoon. They can get to Rome by train, and also get weekend passes as required.
Adm Lod Cmdt is an excellent officer. He has procured a football and netball 'a bowling green'.

4 Discipline This has been excellent, especially during the elections, due to the fact that most of our soldiers are old and have been with the SIVA school for the past 12 months.

5 Health

A. Medical (See attached proforma No 5)

We have a good M.O. and therefore little sickness.

B. Hygiene This has been terrible during the beginning of the month it was found necessary to put on 7 day 'Strafe' on hair cutting, shaving, matters a little. The chief reasons and my suggested solutions are:

(a) Lack of knowledge — Films to be shown and regular talks by M.O.

(b) Shortage of water. — The General was to get in touch with Civil Authorities

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(b) Shortage of water.	The General was to get in touch with Civil Authority.
(c) Lack of interest and supervision.	M.O. to procure and display posters Daily inspection and hygiene book.
(d) Poor accomodation and buildings	General to have speed up of plumbing, closing of old huts, D.D.T. ing and fly proofing of as much of the Bks as material procurable.
(e) Lack of Hygiene discipline	Can only be cured by tightening up.
(f) Civilians working in Bks.	See Col Taylor

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Result - There has been a great improvement but I am not very satisfied with the results. I don't think that the authorities have their hearts in the task, rather I feel that they are trying to satisfy a [redacted] critical Br Office.

6. General The A side is quite good with the exception of Hygiene

7. Accomodation (see paragraphs 6 & 6(a))

The Barracks is only half complete but will when finished be excellent.

We have at the moment sufficient accomodation for the courses to be run up to the end of November but I feel that unless M. of War are pushed, the enlargement of the school from that date on will be held up by a shortage of accomodation for students

My only observations up to date are that money being short too much has been spent on Labour and not enough on the essentials.

8. Clothing Satisfactory, all troops here during latter is still a bit to be desired in the matter of the permanent staff.

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8. Clothing

Satisfactory, all troops here during winter is to be a lot to be desired in the turnout of the permanent staff.

10 Accomodation Stores There are satisfactory and if anything too elaborate.

9 Vehicles (See proforma 9)

The chief cause of vehicles being off the road are Pte Tyres and bad driving. Unless Pte Tyres are improved I can foresee a great increase in the cost of fuel and delay in the completion of programmes due to breakdowns of vehicles carrying students or lecturers etc.

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12. Training stores. There are two real training stores required for the school as most of the work is indoor or TEWT.

However, A large scale permanent model, a film projector and episcope are required. Further upon my advice to Gen Mattioli about these things, especially the model, he took a great deal of personal interest in the matter, but I think he will have it made, if it is not underway in a few weeks I will have to the matter up again.

We have kept most of the S.I.R.A. Stores and though a lot of them will be of use to us I feel that we are hoarding some equipment that might be of use to Regional Police Schools.

13/14 Both excellent.

15/16 None, school has not yet opened.

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13/14 Both excellent

15/16 None, school has not yet opened.

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We have received the students names and I am told they are a good lot.

(b) It is proposed to start the first real coding for T/Cks from all arms on 1st Oct.

(c) A very vague forecast of the future of the school is given in the attached extract from the 1 MMIA handbook

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19. General remarks. Training

Owing to the long period between the breaking up of S.I.V.B. and first course at S.E.V.B. coupled with the changes in staff and command; a rather Cathaginian atmosphere has settled over the school, and the Commands and Staff failed to respond to suggestion that they should prepare for the first course. That is today with the exception of Col. Guida who has been working 100% thereto.

However, after weeks ago R. of W. Gen the order that the first course should start on 27th Oct. changed to 5th Nov. this order has induced people to wake up and after a terrible slow and stick start, the machine is beginning to work quite well; a shaved and clean chin should have been furnished weeks ago and being prepared and furnished off now.

I forecast that by the 1st of the end of November to get up to full efficiency. The school should be in good running order up to that date then and only then will the grave pains which will be incurred, change of staff, program, methods etc.

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that is to say with the exception of Col. Guida who has been working 100% to help us.

However a few weeks ago R. of W gave us orders that the first course should start on 27th Oct changed to 5th Nov; this order has caused people to work up and after a terrible slow and stiff start the machine is beginning to work quite well; a hundred and eleven which should have been finished weeks ago are being prepared and turned off now.

I forecast that by the 1st of end of November to get up to full speed the school should be on a good running course up to that date three and four to the group pairs which will be graduated, chiefs of staff, programme, methods etc.

Yours very truly,
The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

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School of Cooperation

No 1

Instructors

Appointment	Est.	Present		Name	Remarks
Tactics Section	19	9			
Chief Instructor			1	Col. Guida	Excellent
Arty Instructor			2	Ten Col Palombarini	New.
Signal Instructor			3	Mj Fontana	Sound
			4	Ten Col Soldani	due to leave soon
			5	Mj Castelli	Air Coop and Photography good
			6	Mj Filipponi	Good
			7	Mj Quadrani	On loan to Inf. School Exact
			8	Lt. Caldirola	" " "
			9	Lt of Anna	" " "
			10		
			11		
			12		
			13		
			14		
			15		
			16		
			17		
			18		
			19		
Admin Section	4	2			
Chief Admin Instructor			1	Col Rossi	New
			2	Mj Amendei	Small Arms and Pistol Inst

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Asst Instructor Signal Instructor			2	Lt Di Palombara	Nil
			3	Mj Fontana	Second
			4	Lt Col Soldani	due to leave soon
			5	Mj Castelli	Air Corp and Photography 2nd
			6	Mj Filippone	Good
			7	Mj Amadasi	On loan to Inf School. Exam
			8	Lt. Calderola	" " "
			9	Lt d'Ercole	" " "
			10		
			11		
			12		
			13		
			14		
			15		
			16		
			17		
			18		
			19		
Admin Section	4	2			
Chief Admin Instructor			1	Col Rossi	Nil
			2	Mj Amadei	Small Arms and Method of Inst
			3		on top piece
			4		

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SCHOOL OF TACTICS

POLICY

1. (a) The policy of the School is to produce a tactical doctrine which will be taught to Officers of All Arms and Services,

(b) All Officers of Battalion Commander or equivalent rank will eventually pass through the School. Courses will be by rank and will be composed of Officers from All Arms of the Service; all courses will contain a percentage from All Arms of the Service,

(c) The policy will be implemented in 1946 by running courses at which Officers will learn not only modern doctrine but also how to pass it on to their juniors. A special point will be made of setting and running TEWTS and Exercises, of umpiring and control of formation manoeuvres.

LOCATION

2. The School is situated near CIVITAVECCHIA.

A map showing locality is shown on page 164.

ESTABLISHMENT

3.

Offrs	NCOs	ORs	Total
41	35	139	215

As the details of this establishment are not yet complete no copy is enclosed in this handbook.

PROJECTED COURSES

4. (a) Schedule of Courses

(i) Regiment Commanders Course (COLONELS);

(ii) Potential Regiment Commanders Course;

(iii) Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers Potential Lt-COLONELS Course ;

(iv) Second in Command and Company Commanders. Potential Battalion etc Commanders Course;

(v) Special Courses.

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(v) Special Courses.

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4. (Continued)

(b) Detail of Courses

	Course	Duration (Weeks)	No to Attend	Courses in 1946	Total to Attend Courses in 1946
(i)	Regiment Commanders Course (COLONELS)	3	12	4	48
(ii)	Potential Regiment Commanders Course	8	30	4	120
(iii)	Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers - Potential Lt-COLONELS Course	8	75	5	375
(iv)	Second in Command and Coy Commanders Course, Potential Battalion etc Commanders Course	8	45	5	225
					768

(v) Special Courses

(c) Syllabi

(i) COLONELS Course

I. To study the characteristics of all formations under command of COLONELS (All Arms).

II. To study the characteristics and function of the Artillery, Armour and Support Weapons which may be placed under a COLONELS Command.

III. To study the organisation of supply as it affects formations of and below COLONELS Command.

IV To study the problems of tactics and administration and cooperation in battle.

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(ii)	Potential Regiment Commanders Course	8	30	4	120
(iii)	Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers - Potential Lt-COLONELS Course	8	75	5	375
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III. To study the organisation of supply as it affects formations of and below COLONELS Command.

IV To study the problems of tactics and administration and cooperation in battle.

V. To study the air problem.

VI. To study the setting and umpiring of TEWTS and Exercises, and the implementation of Training Policy.

(ii) Potential COLONELS Course

This course is eight weeks as against three weeks for COLONELS already in command. The syllabus is basically the same as for COLONELS as in paragraph 4 (c) (i) above, but in far greater detail and with more emphasis on study at the Battalion level.

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4. (c) (Continued)

(iii) Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers Potential Lt-COLONELS Course

This will be the basic course at the School. Lt-COLONELS will be accepted who are either Battalion Commanders or Seconds in Command of Regiments or Staff Officers earmarked for Battalion Commander or Second i/c of Regiment.
The course will :-

I. Study the characteristics of all units under command of Majors and Lt-COLONELS (All Arms);

II. To study the characteristics and function of the Artillery, Armour and Support Weapons which may be placed under a Major's or Lt-COLONEL'S Command;

III. To study the organisation of supply as it affects the comd at Battalion etc level;

IV To study the problems of tactics, administration and cooperation in battle;

V. To study the air problem;

VI To study the setting and umpiring of TEWTS, Exercises and the implementation of Training Policy.

(iv) Majors Potential Lt-COLONELS

The syllabus basically as in paragraph 4 (c) (iii) above but with additional emphasis on problems within the Battalion etc.

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I. Study the characteristics of all units under command of Majors and Lt-COLONELS (All Arms);

II. To study the characteristics and function of the Artillery, Armour and Support Weapons which may be placed under a Major's or Lt-COLONEL'S Command;

III. To study the organisation of supply as it affects the coat at Battalion etc level;

IV To study the problems of tactics, administration and cooperation in battle;

V. To study the air problem;

VI To study the setting and umpiring of TESTS, Exercises and the implementation of Training Policy.

(iv) Majors Potential Lt-COLONELS

The syllabus basically as in paragraph 4 (c) (iii) above but with additional emphasis on problems within the Battalion etc.

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SUBJECT: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: MIDDLE 476308)

REF: AQ/6/5/1950.

July 1946.

TO : All Officers 12 B.L.U.
Copy to: S.O. Sigs M.M.I.A.
'G' Trg. "
'G' SD "

1. Commencing this month one copy only of the monthly Progress Report will be submitted by officers affiliated to schools. Reports will reach this office by the 20th of each month.

2. Reports will be prepared under the following headings:-

"A" Points

1. Instructors
2. Administrative Staff
3. Welfare
4. Discipline
5. Health
6. General

"B" Points

7. Accommodation
8. Clothing
9. Vehicles
10. Accommodation Stores
11. General

"C" Points

12. Training Stores
13. Training Areas
14. Training Accommodation
15. Courses completed during the month ✓
16. Courses in progress ✓
17. Forecast of courses ✓
18. General remarks, recruit training (Where applicable) ✓
19. General remarks, other training. ✓

✓ Give full comments.

3. D.A.A. & Q.M.G. will submit a report on 12 B.L.U., to include the following points:-

a. Arrival and departure of officers.

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"A" Points

1. Instructors
2. Administrative Staff
3. Welfare
4. Discipline
5. Health
6. General

"B" Points

7. Accommodation
8. Clothing
9. Vehicles
10. Accommodation Stores
11. General

"C" Points

12. Training Stores
13. Training Areas
14. Training Accommodation
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/ Give full accounts.

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a. Arrival and departure of officers.
b. Changes in strength of other ranks.
c. Forecast of changes in officers and O.R's
d. Accommodation.
e. Vehicles
f. General points

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4. Appendices to Progress Report.

Appendix		Responsibility
'A'	Course result	Officers affiliated to schools
'B'	Location Statement (Schools)	G.S.O. 3
'C'	Staff List (British)	" "
'D'	Staff List (Italian)	" "
'E'	Vehicle State, 12 B.L.U.	D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
'F'	Personnel State, 12 B.L.U.	" "
'G'	Extra appendices as required	

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5. Reports may be submitted to this office in legible manuscript.

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G. S.

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SUBJECT: Progress Report.

HQ BRITISH EMBASSY CODE
For the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY ARCHIVES
(Tel: 4750H Ext. 3345)
Aug 26.
29 August 1946.

Dear

I am most grateful for the information forwarded under your 690/A&A of 29 July. I hope that I shall be able to visit you at Rieti again before long.

Yours

To: Ten. Col. (Engr)
Nicola Servidi X Quartiermastro,
Rieti.

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School of Cooperation

No 2

HQ and Admin Staff.

Appointment	Estb.	Present		Name	Remarks
Commander	1	1		Gen. Mattioli	
2 i/c	1	1		Col Timossi	
Staff Capt "A"	3	1	(A (C (B	Capt Vecchio	
Chief Admin Officer	1	1		Mj Ciampa	
Stores Officer	2	1	((C	Capt Celentano	
Pay Officers	2	2	((C	Ten Bartolozzi 1 Ten Bonino	
G I Training	1	1		Col Costamagna	
G Is Training Staff	6	3	(G (C (G (G (G (G	Mj Pennetti Cpl Raimondo Sgt Faubert	Transferred and GE Adj P.A. to Cmde
Ration Officer	1	1		Ten Onida	
Medical Officer	1	1		Cpt Melandri	

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Staff Capt	A	3	1	(2) (3)		
Chief Admin Officer		1			Mj Ciampa	
Stores Officer		2	1	1 (4)	Capt Celentano	
Pay Officers		2	2	(4) (4)	Ten Bartolozzi 2 Ten Bonino	
G I Training		1	1		Col Costamagna	
G Is Training Staff		6	3	(4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4)	Mj Pennetti Capt Raimondo Lt Faraber	transfer to 5th Army P.A. to Cmdr
Ration Officer		1	1		Ten Onida	
Medical Officer		1	1		Capt Melandri	
Admin Coy Officers	Coy Commdr	3	4	(4)	Capt Ruffo	
	2 i/c			(2)	Capt Fiorentino	
	Pl Cmdr			(4)	Lt. Principe	
	Pl. Cmdr				Lt. Rotondi	

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School of Cooperation No 5

Medical

	27th
Officers on sick leave	—
O.R " "	—
Officers admitted Infirmary	—
O.R " "	—
[redacted] Admitted Hospital	11

Complaints

bronchitis	2
gastritis	4
gastroenteritis	5

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Officers	admitted Infirmary	/
O.R.	" "	/
[redacted]	Admitted Hospital	11

Complaints

bronchitis	2
gastritis	4
gastroenteritis	5

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School of Cooperation

No 6(a).

Married Quaters

Number of Quaters required for	off	20	Remarks.
" " " "	O.R.		
Families at present in Quaters	off	9	satisfactory
" " " "	OR	5	" "
Number of Quaters being prepared	off	5	in the Barracks
" " " "	O.R	9	in the Hecker Barracks
When expected to be finished	off	5	End of August
" " " "	O.R	9	Not Known

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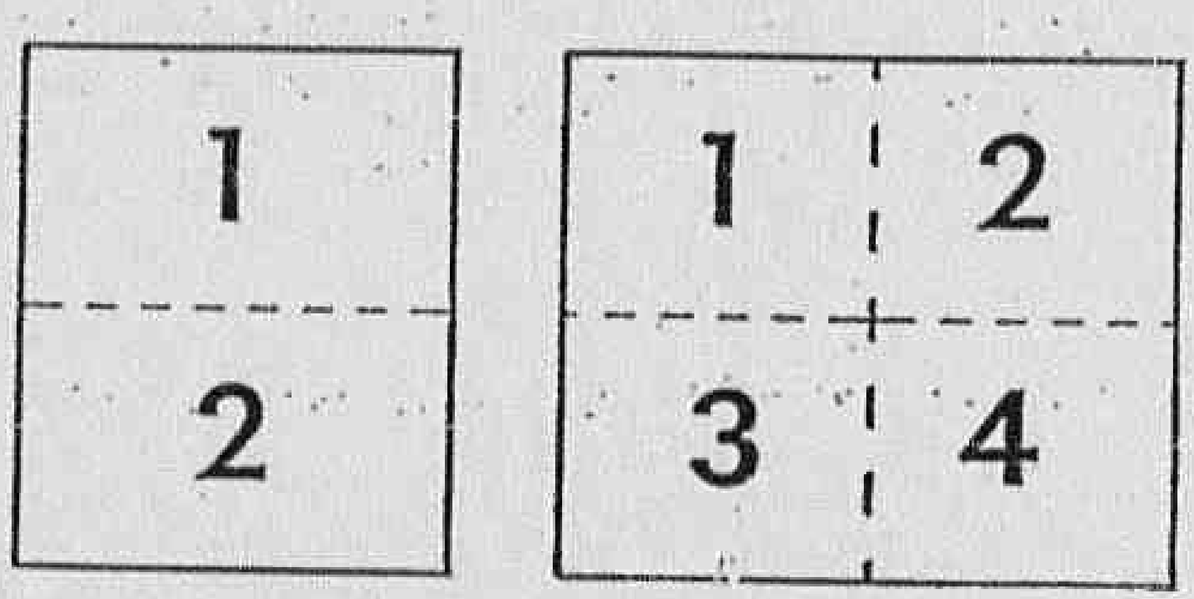

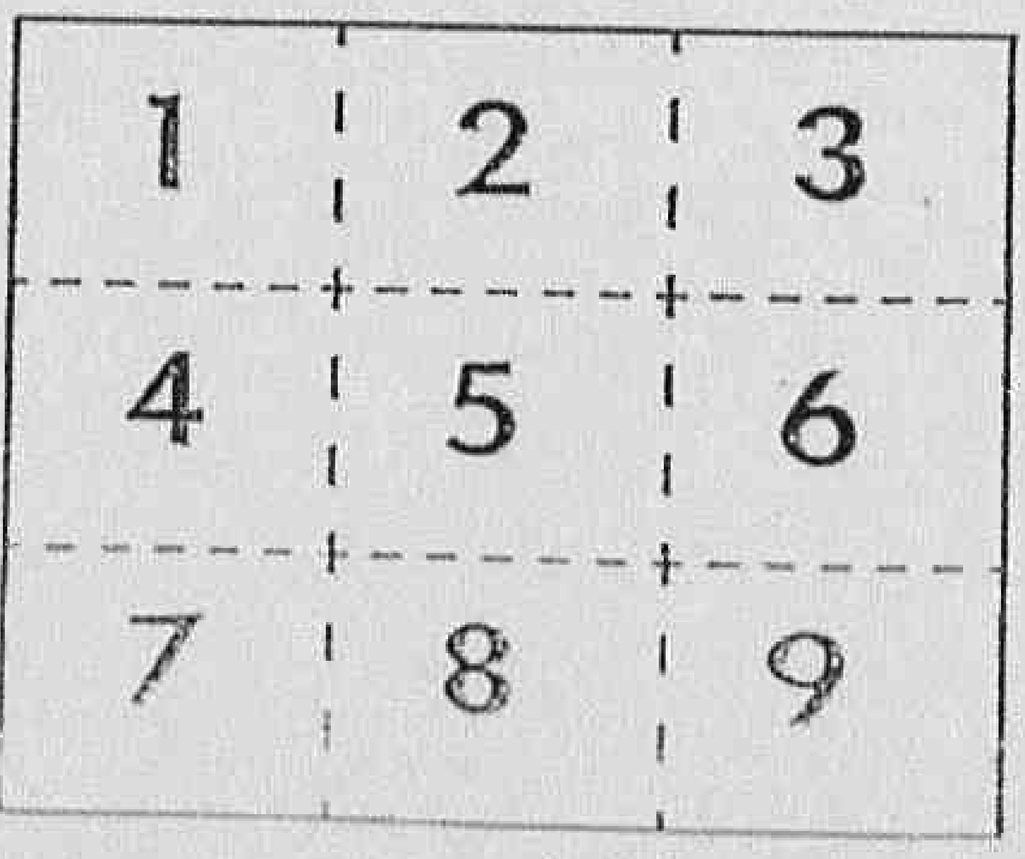

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Cinema and large permanent model room — very little work has been done. No work in progress.

Accomodation School of Cooperat

Carpenters shop	Accomodation stores 18	Armourers shop

suitable

Garage 9

suitable

very little work required to finish

QM stores 8
W.O. mess
OR cook house

requires decorations and furniture complete

should be finished in 14 days

Showers

Officers

degli Abruzzi.

M I room (ten beds)	Instructors Quarters 6

complete — Work proceeding satisfactorily

Admin Coy Offices Quarters Dining hall Canteen 3

complete

as for 1

2

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Accomodation School of Cooperation - No 6

very little work has been done
No work in progress

Carpenters shop	Accomodation stores 18	armourers Shop

suitable

Garage 9

suitable

Accomodation stores 8	Mess	Cook house

M I room (ten beds)	Instructors Quarters 6

complete — Work progressing satisfactory

should be finished in 14 days

Showers

Officers Mess

as for 1

2

very little work has been done

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- Cas.ma Duca degli Abruzzi -

Regimental dispensary and Inspection

W.O. mess

OR workhouse

complete

M I room (ten beds)

Instructors quarters 6

complete

Work proposing satisfactory

Admin Coy Offices Quarters Dining hall canteen 3

complete

as for 1

2

as for 1 and 2

4

ground floor Lecture rooms and offices

1st and 2nd floors students quarters for 60 students

1

very little water per house

6 Married officers' quarters 5

2 complete
4 by end of August.

- Via Cassia to ecelle -

Note Ink = Final plan
Pencil = Present position

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W.O. mess

R cookhouse

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M I room (ten beds)

Instructors quarters 6

Complete

Work progressing satisfactorily

Admin Coy
Offices
Quarters
Drill hall
Canteen
3

as for 1

2

very little work has been done

as for 1 and 2

4

6 Married Officers' Quarters
5

2 complete
4 by end of August.

Ground floor
Lecture rooms and offices
1st and 2nd floors
students grating for 60 students

1

Building all almost complete at present used for instructors and students quarters

- Via Centocelle -

nk = Tinned plan
eil = Present situation

School of Cooperation No 9.

Transport

Type	Est.	Present	Fit	Unserviceable	BLR	Remarks
Bus	5	1	1			
3 Ton	3	7	4	3		2 Engine Trouble 1 Body
15 Cwt	3	3		3		2 Engine 1 Body
Jeep	3	3	1	2		1 Engine 1 Gearbox and Diff
P U		3	1	2		1 Engine and tyres 1 tyres
Civilian Cars	4	4	2	2		tyres
m/c	6	7	4	3		2 Engine 1 frame

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						1 Body
.15 Cwt	3	3		3		2 Engines 1 Body
Jeep	3	3	1	2		1 Engine 1 Gearbox and Aff.
P U.		3	1	2		1 Engine and tyres 1 tyres
Ciwham Cars	4	4	2	2		tyres
m/c	6	7	4	3		2 Engine 1 frame

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SUBJECT: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report

12 [illegible] LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: [illegible] 478308)

Ref. No/6/5/1950.

July 1945.

TO : All Officers 12 B.L.U.
Copy to: S.O. Sigs M.M.I.A.
'G' Trg. "
'G' SD "

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2. Reports will be prepared under the following headings:-

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2. Administrative Staff
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4. Discipline
5. Health
6. General

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8. Clothing
9. Vehicles
10. Accommodation Stores
11. General

"C" Points

12. Training Stores
13. Training Areas
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15. Courses completed during the month /
16. Courses in progress /
17. Forecast of courses /
18. General remarks, recruit training (Where applicable)/
19. General remarks, other training. /

/ Give full comments.

3. D.A.A. & Q.M.G. will submit a report on 12 B.L.U., to include the following points:-

A. Arrival and departure of officers.

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'F'	Personnel State, 12 P.L.U.	" "
'G'	Extra appendices as required	

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5. Reports may be submitted to this office in legible manuscript.

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C. O.
Lt. Col.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 19 — CONFIDENTIAL

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12 B.I.U. Progress Report of Italian Central Military Schools for Period 1 - 30 June 1946

Ref : G/I.3/115

1 July 1946.

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GENERAL.

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For the first fortnight of the month, training at the various Schools was interrupted by the absence of recruits and permanent staff on security measures required for the election and referendum period. The outcome of the referendum was greeted with great disappointment by many of the officers, whose initial thoughts favoured resignation of their commissions. Training, however, has now recommenced and is progressing favourably. Shortage of equipment and slowness of constructional work to buildings still renders it impracticable to run courses at the Infantry and Tactical Schools. An effort is being made to organise non-political, civilian sponsored cartoons at the H.Q. Central Military Schools and eventually at all schools. If successful, this scheme will improve the present extremely low standard of welfare facilities.

1. School of Tactics.

The constructional work on the buildings of this School are progressing but at a rate which is far from satisfactory. The new instructors who were promised by SHAEF have not yet arrived and it appears that this is due to the reluctance on the part of officers to serve at Civitavecchia. Throughout the month Colonel Guida and the old Instructors from SIVA have been preparing lectures and forming a programme for future courses. A course will be held commencing on 20 July to train instructors for the School and it is not envisaged that the School will be ready for student courses until September unless the most vigourous action is taken by SHAEF to accelerate the speed of constructional repairs.

2. Armoured Car School.

Excellent progress has been maintained in the constructional works in progress at this School. Over the election period 60 Officers and NCO's were received from the Divisions for training and to form crews for Staghounds which were 'earmarked' for operational duties.

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1. School of Tactics.

The constructional work on the buildings of this School are progressing but at a rate which is far from satisfactory. The new instructors who were promised by SMME have not yet arrived and it appears that this is due to the reluctance on the part of officers to serve at Civitavecchia. Throughout the month Colonel Guida and the old Instructors from SIVA have been preparing lectures and forming a programme for future courses. A course will be held commencing on 20 July to train instructors for the School and it is not envisaged that the School will be ready for student courses until September unless the most vigourous action is taken by SMME to accelerate the speed of constructional repairs.

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2. It is not possible to train Anti Tank gunners efficiently without the use of a 125 type of miniature range. The use of the guns at the moment fitted with .22 rifle adaptors has been stopped owing to the shortage of ammunition.
3. Although daily silent practice shooting with 40 mm guns is now possible no method is yet available for live shooting, other than against ground targets. SMME have been urged to pursue this matter in liaison with the Air Force Sub Commission. A letter has been received at the School of Artillery from the Mayor of BRACCIANO which demands that the ranges in the proximity of the School be closed. It is felt that the main advantage of the School of Artillery being located at BRACCIANO lies in the fact that good 25 pr ranges are available in that area.

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3. School of Artillery (Continued)

Most of the essential training equipment has been released during the month.

4. School of Engineers.

The training of recruits has progressed during the month. Their morale and health have shown a marked improvement. The course for recruits is due to terminate on 6 July '46 and the results of the sixth week examinations are as follows :-

Coy.		Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average
1	Field Works	12	27	-	54	10
2	Defences	10	-	90	56	17
3	Bridging	6	-	70	82	20
4	Mines &	6	-	100	64	12
5	Explosives	15	12	34	105	21
6	Roadworks	10	8	20	102	13
7	& Water	25	15	30	130	20
8	Supply	10	36	52	102	5
		94	98	396	695	118

TOTAL = 1,401.

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A detailed report by the GSO II (Schools) Training, 12 H.I.G. is forwarded as Appendix 'A' to this Report.

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7. Police School.

The next course at this School will commence on 6 July 1946 and will consist of training 60 Regimental police for the Schools. Before the course is able to take place assistance in the allocation of accommodation at the Collegio Militare will be necessar

8. M.T. School.

The three months course was completed on 22 June '46. The course, whilst on the whole satisfactory, did not achieve all the results hoped for. The standard of recruits on arrival was low and many failed to complete the course.

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11. M.O.A.

The course of instruction on Inspection of Artillery equipment has continued during the month. It is attended by fourteen civilians and one Artillery Captain. All the civilians have had previous experience in Armament factories and the standard is fair. Four of the civilians are instrument specialists and having studied the sighting arrangements on British Artillery carriages are now specialising on British instruments. This course has been very seriously held up by lack of stores.

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11. M.O.A. (Continued).

A small workshop has been formed at the School of Artillery to carry out first line repairs to Artillery Equipment and to facilitate repairs to training aids, e.g. targets etc. Two Italian NCO Mechanics have now been trained to supervise repairs and another two are now proficient Instrument Mechanics.

12. School of Administration and Welfare.

Constructional work has progressed satisfactorily but there is still room for much improvement in the water and lighting installations. The students coalhouse is also as yet unfinished. The general standard of accommodation is however, sufficiently high to commence courses on 15th July, the date fixed by the Ministry of War. A grant of 380,000 Lire has been made to the School for the purchase of training stores. Visits have been made during the month by members of the permanent staff to the C.W.I. Canteen in Rome and the U.S. School of typing at Caserta. Arrangements have been made for the Chief Instructor of the Medical Assistants course to visit 76 A.M.C.I.U. and 62 Field Hygiene Section at NAPLES.

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G.S.O. II (Schools).	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
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for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 473808)

SUBJECT: Progress Report Infantry School

TO : Commander 12 B.L.U.
G.S.O. III

1. General Progress

The absence of a complete Company in Rome on Public security duties has hampered the formation of Instructors. However a certain amount of useful training has been possible. The worries of the school are principly two, the lack of any progress in resolving the accommodation problems and the non arrival of training equipment.

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Further the conditions of accomodation for the Officers is still extremely bad. An Officer is likely to get a room where there is no electric light, furniture, other than a bed, and with no glass in the windows.

Moreover the mess will have tables and utensils, but there is no form of ante-room or canteen or club which can offer any attraction to the student to remain in billets.

If the Officer accomodation is bad, that of the men is far worse, though the N.C.O's are probably better off than the remainder.
The men's kitchens remain in the same crude condition as in February 1945 in any cases. As is known, trouble was not with the soldiers at that time who were prepared to put up with bad living conditions. Incidents may confidently be expected if and when a large number of recruits are received from the C.A.R.s.
Dining halls are only available for a very small percentage of the soldiers.

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While it is considered that the School Commander in many ways lacks drive and energy, on the other hand comparisons with schools about the size of the Infantry School Headquarters with adequate funds to spend, are unfair to the Commander.

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Again the School Commander of a school of this size has plenty to think about in the training and normal administrative functions without having to bother himself in the scrounging of items which it might be expected to be automatioly issued.

It is believed correct when it is stated that neither the General Commanding nor any of his senior officers have visited the Infantry School since the transfer to Rome. Nor for that matter has the General ever inspected, in the British sense of the word, the Infantry School.

Lack of visits equally apply to representatives of ROME TERRITORIAL COMMAND and the Ministry of War.

+++ Again training is impeded by the vehicle situation. The State Maggiore have frequently been approached about this and promises have been received but little concrete results have been observed.

As it will be remembered, the Infantry School received the vehicles of such units as the 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1500 Transport Platoon etc. These vehicles were received in an appalling condition which accounts for the list of vehicles below looking more like the inventory of R.A.P. than Transport held by an Infantry School.

Type	Establishment	On Charge	Paper Deficiency	B.E.R.	Actual Deficiency
M/C	20	12	8	9	17
Cars	8	8	=	5	5
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Workshop Lorry	1		1		1
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Again, the appearance of the soldiers is still far from satisfactory though saluting has improved. This is blamed by the school on the fact that all the summer uniform issued is part worn material from last year and is in a very bad state of repair.

It will be seen from the above remarks that the progress of the school is such that unless miracles happen the advisability of starting courses as given in a subsequent paragraph is open to question.

2. Detailed Progress by Courses.

Tactical Courses.

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Owing to the uncertainty of the arrival of some items of equipment the tactical course will be less ambitious than had been hoped.

Moreover while each school could help the others by demonstrations etc. and the aid of other arms, i.e. Air Force could be requested, little support for this is obtained from the H.Q. Schools who are acting more and more as a post office and less as a body

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control and direct training.

The result is a course which will be useful to those units who have little knowledge of British methods and equipment, but of little use as the permanent course of the Central Infantry School.

At present copies of the programmes, precis etc. are being printed and will be distributed when received.

A further point concerning the tactical and also the other courses of the Infantry school, is that the Ministry of War look on the Infantry School as a place where an Officer or NCO who has been a P.o.W., or is otherwise out of touch with Infantry matters may be sent to gain a knowledge of British Minor Tactics and Weapons. The result being that much has to be included in the programme which otherwise would not be taught.

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Another minor disadvantage is the shortage of training manuals dealing with the employment of major units in the Italian Army. British Manuals and Methods go a certain way but there is need for definite instruction on the employment of the Italian Infantry Division and the administrative background.

Sniper Course.

Was suspended during the elections but started again on the 6th. Nothing to report.

Platoon Weapons Course

Internal Instruction continues and some work is being put in on the ranges. It is however essential that a proper range be built on the lines of the plans submitted some months ago. It is all wrong that C.A.R's should have proper ranges and the Central School be forced to put up with a glorified Aitch.

Machine Gun Instruction.

Within the limits of the material and Training Instructions available, some quite useful work has been put in. Fortunately, it has been discovered that the Regia Aeronautica has in the past used the Vickers, and a number of armourers are being trained by them. In addition the technical instructions held by them has assisted in the translation of the British Manuals.

Carrier Course.

Restarted a week after the elections. The Carriers are on the whole well looked after, and the Officer in charge is quite efficient but there are no spare parts and no workshop facilities. Owing to the fact that the carrier platoon has been abolished, training is confined to driving and maintenance. Convoy control is made difficult by the shortage of motorcycles.

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Another minor disadvantage is the shortage of training manuals dealing with the employment of major units in the Italian Army. British Manuals and Methods go a certain way but there is need for definite instruction on the employment of the Italian Infantry Division and the administrative background.

Sniper Course.

Was suspended during the elections but started again on the 6th. Nothing to report.

Platoon Weapons Course

Internal Instruction continues and some work is being put in on the ranges. It is however essential that a proper range be built on the lines of the plans submitted some months ago. It is all wrong that C.A.R's should have proper ranges and the Central School be forced to put up with a glorified Mitch.

Machine Gun Instruction.

Within the limits of the material and Training Instructions available, some quite useful work has been put in. Fortunately, it has been discovered that the Regia Aeronautica has in the past used the Vickers, and a number of armourers are being trained by them. In addition the technical instructions held by them has assisted in the translation of the British Manuals.

Carrier Course.

Restarted a week after the elections. The Carriers are on the whole well looked after, and the Officier in charge is quite efficient but there are no spare parts and no workshop facilities. Owing to the fact that the carrier platoon has been established, training is confined to driving and maintenance. Convoy control is made difficult by the shortage of motorcycles.

3" Mortar Training.

This was broken by the elections. The final 10 days of the course, however, will be started on the 15th of the month.

3. Projected Courses.

The following are the projected future courses. It will be seen that a number of students from other arms will be attending and that courses outside the scope of the Infantry School are being run. This has been opposed without success.

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Course	Marines O	N	T	Air Force O	N	T	Army O	N	T	Total O	N	T	Starts	
Tactics														
Coy Cmdrs				17			30			47			July	1
Pl " "				12						12			"	"
Sec " "					24			90			144			
W.T.	7			12	24		33	90		46	144		July	8
3" Mortar							36	36		36	36		"	"
Sniper							10	20		10	20		"	"
Couriers							10	20		10	20		"	"
3" Mortar									390			390	August	
Snipers									60			60	"	"
Visitors									275			275	"	"
C.A.J.R. Dist.														
Musketry											50	150	August 26th	

O = Officers
N = N.C.O.'s
T = Troops

4. Deficiencies of Instructors

There is still a very considerable deficiency in Instructors, even allowing for those who at the moment are under training. The principle ones are at the moment:

For training personnel for C.A.J.R.s
Captains 3
Subalterns 13
N.C.O.'s 32

Instructors for Machine Guns.
N.C.O.'s 16

There are the principle deficiencies. The 4.2" Unit is almost completely deficient as this is not important as no weapons are as yet available. Many of the personnel earmarked, specially as instructors, are far from satisfactory but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining good material at Gormna.

5. MORALE.

Among the Senior Officers there is a feeling that the Infantry School is neglected and that they have to work with little encouragement in most unattractive conditions, while there are many officers at Rome drawing full pay and doing nothing. Many of the Senior Officers, however, work very hard and are keen, but the many difficulties are gradually causing them to lose heart.

Probably the worst Officers are the junior ones, many of whom take every opportunity to go to Rome.

On the whole the defeat of the Monarchy has had not a very marked effect on the Officers and if the Republic makes an effort with the army most will stay on.

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Fishers	275	275	"	"

C.A.R. Inst.
Umtali

50 150 August 26th

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Subalterns 13
N.C.O.'s 32

Instructors for Machine Guns.
S.A.N.C.'s 16

There are the principle deficiencies. The A.Z^n staff is almost completely deficient but this is not important as no weapons are as yet available. Many of the personnel however, trade as instructors, are far from satisfactory but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining good material at Cosmo.

5. Morale.

Among the Senior Officers there is a feeling that the Infantry School is neglected and that they have to work with little encouragement in most unattractive conditions, while there are many officers at Rose drawing full pay and doing nothing. Many of the Senior Officers, however, work very hard and are keen, but the many difficulties are gradually causing them to lose heart.

Probably the worst Officers are the junior ones, many of whom take every opportunity to go to Rose.

On the whole the defeat of the Kenyatta has had not a very marked effect on the Officers and if the Republic makes an effort with the army most will stay on.

There are very few soldiers at Cosmo at the moment.
The demonstration Company is the only body with any recruits from C.A.R's. These do not find Cosmo very comfortable and 7 of them decided to return to their C.A.R. at Vorna.

6. WELFARE

This is almost non existent.

7. Recommendations

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The Ministry of War is not very school conscious, in fact in a list of what the army consists of issued to the recruits the Schools are left out all together.

It is felt that far more visits and inspections should be made not just "Shows" where all that is seen are a few specially cleaned class rooms and specially arranged classes.

From the British angle every effort must be made to press for the Completion of works at the Infantry School. Cosmo was selected by the British and if it is left in the

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stage it is now, it will always be unpopular and a bit of a white elephant.

It is further recommended that the Commander of the Infantry School should be a Brigadier. This would offset the Infantry weakness in having no inspectorate at the Ministry of War. This would leave the present School Commander free to supervise the training while the Brigadier deals with the accommodation and administrative problems that occupy the majority of his time at the moment.

It is also time to say that the present commander of the Infantry School has recently become very tired and possibly looks drive. The question is however whether one would find a better Commander.

Further it has always been considered that the Infantry School has too many wings, Tactical, Platoon Weapons and Infantry Support Weapons, better results would be achieved in the long run, recruits being trained in specialist weapons at their units.

(Signed) J.L. IRBE.

Major G.S.O. II
Trg. & Inf. Trg.

Internal

File

Floor

M.L/rm.

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GTR :- It would seem that since writing this report there is now the hope of some action in the case of vehicles.

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(Signed) .L. REDE.

Major G.S.O. II
Trg. & Int. Trg.

Internal

File

Post

W.O/R.

CPT : - It would seem that since writing this report there is now the hope of some action in the case of vehicles.

Reinstated C.O. 11083 Section 1-168/7000 as 285020

APPENDIX 'B'

To: 12 B. L. U. Progress Report No. 19
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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Ref. Maps ITALY 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.
1 : 10,000 Town plan of Rome (South).

Serial No.	Schools	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	HQ, Central Military Schools.	ROME	F. 724672
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	2GR di QUINTO	F. 738727
4.	School of Artillery (Fd. Branch).	MACCIANO	F. 4890
5.	School of Artillery (AA & A/T Branch).	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
7.	Signal School.	CECCHIGNOLA	F. 7458
8.	Infantry School.	CESANO	F. 6286
9.	Police School.	ROME	F. 724672
10.	P.T. School.	CESANO	F. 6286
11.	School of Motorisation.	CECCHIGNOLA	F. 7458
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI	B. 0723

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Serial No.	Schools	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	HQ, Central Military Schools.	ROME	F. 724672
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	TOR di QUINTO	F. 738727
4.	School of Artillery (Fd. Branch).	TRACCHINO	F. 4890
5.	School of Artillery (AA & A/T Branch).	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1891
7.	Signal School.	CECCHIGNOLA	F. 7458
8.	Infantry School.	CESANO	F. 6286
9.	Police School.	ROME	F. 724672
10.	P.T. School.	CESANO	F. 6286
11.	School of Motorisation.	CECCHIGNOLA	F. 7458
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI	D. 0723

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APPENDIX 'C'

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1 July 1946

HEADQUARTERS STAFF

OBE I
OBE II

T/Capt. A.W. Gibbins (233416) R.A.

HEADQUARTERS GREATER NORTH CENTRAL REGION.

DAA & QMG

Staff Captain

ADMINISTRATIVE

DADOS

DADOS

DADOS

TRAINING BRANCH
Staff

GSO II (STUDIES) Trg.

GSO II (STUDIES) Trg.

Radio

Instructor R.A. (Major)

R.E.

T/Maj. R.M.J. Hibbard (236667) R.E.

T/Capt. W.R. Trevelyan (256125) R.E.

W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (120450) RAOC.
T/Maj. J.C. Holkot (95549) RAOC.

T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127305) RAOC.

T/Maj. A.T. Twine (230619) REME.

T/Maj. W.L. Price RHE (74086) R.Staff

T/Maj. H.P. Chance (67432) R.Ir.Fu

T/Maj. G.K. Alexander (87407) R.A.

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~~[illegible] STAFF [illegible].~~

~~[illegible]~~ I
~~[illegible]~~ II

~~[illegible] AND [illegible] ROYAL NAVAL [illegible].~~

~~[illegible]~~ & Q.M.G

~~[illegible]~~ Captain.

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~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible] TRAINING [illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ STAFF

~~[illegible]~~ II (~~[illegible]~~ SCHOOLS) Trg.

~~[illegible]~~ II (SCHOOLS) Trg.

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Instructor R.A. (Major)

~~[illegible]~~

Instructor R.E. (Major)

~~[illegible]~~ Signals

Instructor R.Sigs. (Major)

T/Capt. A.W. Gibbins (233416) R.A.

T/Maj. E.W.J. Hibbard (236667) R.E.

T/Capt. W.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.E.

W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (120450) RASC.
T/Maj. J.C. Hallet (95549) RASC.

T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127395) RAOC.

T/Maj. A.T. Twine (230819) RAMC.

T/Maj. W.L. Price MBE (74588) R.Staff

T/Maj. H.F. Chance (87432) R.Ir.Fus

T/Maj. G.K. Alexander (37417) R.A.

T/Maj. W.E. Chapman (210260) R.E.

T/Maj. D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.

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APPENDIX 'D'
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COMANDO SCUOLA CENTRALI MILITARI
-Ufficio Personale e Affari Vari-

Roma, li 27 giugno 1946-

ELENCO DEGLI UFFICIALI SUPERIORI IN FORZA AL COMANDO
SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

-Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	MILAZZI	Ludovico	-Colonnello Addetto
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe. --- -	MERCIA	Ettore	-Capo Uff.Personale
-Ten.Colonnello	Gran.spe.-T.S.G.-	LOMBARDI	Luigi	-Capo Uff.Studi e Cpd/TO
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SILVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addestramento
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	VACCARILLO	Vittorio	-Add.al Com.Scuole Centr.

COMANDO SCUOLE COMUNICAZIONI VARIE ARMI

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-T.S.G.-	GUIDA	Osvaldo	-Com/te Serv.Tatt.
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	COSTANZOSA	Camillo	-Capo Uff.Studi
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	PALOMBARINI	Sergio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SOLDANI	Antonio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA

-Colonnello Pag	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	TANZI	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	CORSINI	Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	TRAMUCCHI	Delfino	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	PARENZO	Marco	-Capo Uff.Addestr/to
-TenColonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	MASTROMARCO	Giuseppe	-Comandante di Btg.

SCUOLA DELLE MOTORIZZAZIONI

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

-Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Ludovico	-Colonnello Addetto
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe. ---- -	[illegible]	Stiero	-Capo Uff.Personale
-Ten.Colonnello	Sman.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Luigi	-Capo Uff.Stralcio Crd/TO
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addestramento
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Vittorio	-Add.al Com.Scuole Centr.

COMANDO SCUOLA CONTRAEREA TERRA ARIA

-Colonnello	Ftr. .s.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Osvaldo	-Com/te Serv.Tatt.
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Camillo	-Capo Uff.Studi
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Sergio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Antonio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA

-Colonnello Per	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	[illegible]	Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Delfino	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Marco	-Capo Uff.Addestr/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Giuseppe	-Comandante di Btg.

SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	[illegible]	Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	[illegible]	Eugenio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Aut.-me.- --- -	[illegible]	Giacomo	-Addetto al Comando

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SCUOLA DI ARTIGLIERIA

-Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	PALMA	Marcello	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.- ---	- PASSIONI	Umberto	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.- ---	- RENZONI	Renzo	-Dirett.Corsi Topog/fi
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	SALINARI	Salvatore	-Com/to III° Gruppo
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	DI LORENZO	Giovanni	-Com/to IV° Gruppo
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	NICOLAI	Guido	- Com/to V° Gruppo

SCUOLA ARMIERI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- DE MATTEIS	Gennaro	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- SILVESTRI	Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	FISTOLO	Salvatore	-Capo Uff.Addestr/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	AUTILIO	Giannuario	-a disposizione
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	MAZZA	Umberto	-Comandante Caserma

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	MANCUSO	Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	SESSA	Luigi	-Comand/te Stg.Tele/sti
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-ISTRUTTORI		Dante	-Capo Uff.Addestr/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	& CARCANI	Lelio	-Vice Com/te e Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- VIALE	Carlo	-Capo Uff.Materiali

SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	GAGNAT	Edoardo	-Comandante

SCUOLA DI RIEDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	DEMANI	Giuseppe	-Comandante

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-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	DI LORENZO	Giovanni	-Com/te IV° Gruppo
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	MIDOLFI	Guido	- Com/te V° Gruppo

SCUOLA ARTIERI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- DE MATTEIS	Gennaro	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- SILVESTRI	Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	FISICARO	Salvatore	-Capo Uff.Addestr/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	AVITABILE	Giannunzio	-a disposizione
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	MARRA	Umberto	-Comandante Caserma

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	MARCHESE	Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	ZAZZA	Luigi	-Comand/te Btg.Tele/sti
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-[illegible]IERI		Dante	-Capo Uff.Addestr/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- CARCANI	Lelio	-Vice Com/te e Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	- VIALE	Carlo	-Capo Uff.Materiali

SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SACHET	Edoardo	-Comandante

SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	ROMANI	Giuseppe	-Comandante

SCUOLA AUTOMEZZI

Ten.Colonnello	Cav.spe.- ---	- GRISENATI	Alberto	-Comandante

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	
1	STAFF CAR FORD	1560133		324196		LR		
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L.5689402	R 6191	D.604206	E			
3	CHEVROLET 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5686553	R 2920	3154.305.134	E			
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5313398		F.1542[illegible]	E			
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5230009	4282-1393	91018097	E			
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5338223	"		E			Held on 12 B.L.
7	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S.1443	1560069	E			
8	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M.6175674	23/38535	UW.6144		LR		Held in Authy B
9	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871		GPW 154042	E			
10	"	5150306						
11	"	L.5527654						

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
	524196		LR		
K 6191	D.604206	E			
K 2920	3154.395.134	E			
	F.15421/1	E			
4282-1958	91018097	E			
		E			Held on T.E. of HQ, 12TIA. Loaned to 12 B.L.U.
8.1443	1560069	E			
23/83555	W.6144		LR		Held in lieu of 15 cwt Dodge Z.4962463 Auth: HQ 12TIA Q.204 dated 27 May 1946
	GBT 154042	E			
		E			

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair
12	TRIUMPH 1/0 SOLO 500 C.C	C.5426254	S.2956		E		
13	DGA 1/0 SOLO 500 C.C.	C.511 7266	23/S/1048		E		
14	"	C.1461106	S. 102		E		
15	"	C.5547039	23/S35/5209		E		
REAR THE DESPATCH.							
1	SOLO TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	C.1740602	23959	C/D.2079	E		
2	DGA 1/0 500 C.C.	C.1431656		Mk. 20-21287	E		
3	"	C.5548660		Mk. 20-106553	E		
4	"	C.1706071		Mk. 20-73709	E		

Certified that above vehicles are held on charge and that their condition is as stated.

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Capt.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
S.2956		E			
23/3/1048		E			
S. 152		E			
234/235/5309		E			
23059	C/D.2079	E			
	W. 20-21207	E			
	W. 20-106563	E			
	W. 20-73709	E			

are held in charge and that their condition is as stated.

.....Capt. R.E.
for Colonel,
Asst. AG British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Control Military Commission.

APPENDIX " F "

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(A) Deficiences in all Ranks as against W.E. C6/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945. (As Amended)

(i) Officers.

Commander - Lt. Col.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	S/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes.	Total.
Clerk RAOC L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
Arm. Art. (RE) S/Sgt. REME.	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech. Sgt. REME.	-	1	-	-	1
Elect. Veh. & Plant Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Mech. Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech. Cpl. "	-	-	1	-	1
Instructor Sgts. RA.	-	2	-	-	2
Clerk GD. "	-	-	-	1	1
Instructor 6 pr. A/T Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks GD. (any Arm)	-	-	-	2	2
Cook ACC.	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreter	-	1	-	-	1
	1	8	2	4	15

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(ii) Other Ranks.

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Transferred to the War Office under the Public Records Act 1958 Section 3 (1) (a) on 28/2/20

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Commander - Lt. Col.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	S/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes.	Total.
Clerk RAOC L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
Arm. Art. (Pd) S/Sgt. REME.	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech. Sgt. RAOC.	-	1	-	-	1
Elect. Veh. & Plant Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Mech. Sgt. "	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech. Cpl. "	-	-	1	-	1
Instructor Sgts. RA.	-	2	-	-	2
Clerk GD. "	-	-	-	1	1
Instructor 6 pr. A/T Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks GD. (any Arm)	-	-	-	2	2
Cook ACC.	-	-	1	-	1
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(C) Details of all Ranks due for Leave in the immediate future.

(i) Due under LIAP, LILOP etc. NIL.
(ii) Due under GRO 1352/45 Officers. - 3
O.R.'s. - 2
(iii) Due for Release A/S Gps 34 & 35 O.R's. - 5
(iv) Due for PTENN during JULY. O.R's. - 3

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SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 19

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel. [illegible])

To : H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Herewith please find 7 (seven) copies of Progress Report No 19 for June 1946 in respect of this Centre.

Major H. Staffa
Comd. 12 British Liaison for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT :-Progress Report Infantary School

Appendix
To 12 Bde H. Progress Report
No 19 of [illegible]

This report will be included in the later as amended by Maj Rae on [illegible]

To : Commander 12 B.L.U.

Copy to : G.S.O. III.

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25 June

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2. Sniper Courses.
3. Carrier Driving and Maintenance.

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However the above points are only a small part of the troubles of the school.

The main trouble is undoubtedly the shortage of water.

It is considered unreasonable to invit officers and men to a school in peace time where there is an unreliable water supply. As has been stated before in a different letter, there is a fair incidence of scabies at CSSAMC which is likely to increase if measures are not taken to deal with the water supply. At present little real effort appears to be made to end this state of affairs.

Further the conditions of accommodation for the Officers is still extremely bad. An Officer is likely to get a room where there is no electric light, furniture, other than a bed, and with no glass in the windows.

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Moreover the mess will have tables and utensils., but there is no form of ante-room or canteen or club which can offer any attraction to the student to remain in billets.

If the Officer accommodation is bad, that of the men is far worse, though the N.C.O.'s are probably better off than the remainder.

The mens' kitchens remain the same as in February 1945 in many cases.

As is known, trouble was met with the soldiers at that time who were prepared to put up with bad living conditions. Incidents may confidently be expected if and when a large number of recruits are received from the C.A.R.'s.

Dining halls are only available for a very small percentage of the soldiers.

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Again the School Commander of a school of this size has plenty to think about in the training and normal administrative functions without having to bother himself in the scrounging of items which it might be expected to be automatically issued.

It is believed correct when it is stated that neither the General Commanding nor any of his senior officers have visited the Infantry School since the transfer to Rome. Nor for that matter has the General ever inspected, in the British sense of the word, the Infantry School.

Lack of visits equally apply to representatives of ROME TERRITORIAL COMMAND and the Ministry of War.

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15 cwt	24	16	8	10	18
Workshop Lorry	1		1		1
Water Trucks	2		2		2

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There is a similar though not so important deficiency in tracked vehicles.

Although it is considered that the transport of the Infantry School is not very well maintained nor well driven, unless speres, tools and reasonable vehicles in the first place are provided, excuses are difficult to answer.

Combined with the petrol restrictions this shortage of transport makes the organization of training particularly difficult.

Though promises have been received, no work has started on the squares. This combined with the overgrown appearance of the school grounds, makes the school appear extremely shabby. The cutting of the grass by hand being an extremely slow process.

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I have constantly stressed on the Italian H.Q. the importance of issuing clear joining instructions and if students arrive below the standard requested, of returning them to their units. Little notice, it is regretted, has been taken of this advice with the result that training is done at the Infantry School which should be done at the unit.

Another minor disadvantage is the shortage of training manuals dealing with the employment of major units in the Italian Army. British Manuals and Methods go a certain way but there is need for definite instruction on the employment of the Italian Infantry Division and the administrative background.

Sniper Course.

Was suspended during the elections but started again on the 6th.

Nothing to report.

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Platoon Weapons Course

Internal Instruction continues and some work is being put in on the ranges. It is however essential that a proper range be built on the lines of plans submitted some months ago. It is all wrong that C.A.R's should have proper ranges and the Central School be forced to put up with a glorified ditch.

Machine Gun Instruction.

Within the limits of the material and Training Instructions available, some quite useful work has been put in. Fortunately, it has been discovered that the Regia Aeronautica has in the past used the Vickers, and a number of armourers are being trained by them. In addition the technical instructions held by them has assisted in the translations of the British Manuals.

Carrier Course

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3" Mortar Training

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Pl " "				12						12			" "
Sec " "					24			90			144		
W.T.	7			12	24		33	90		45	144		July 8
3" Mortar							36	36		36	36		" "
Sniper							10	20		10	20		" "
Carriers							10	20		10	20		" "
3" Mortar								390			390		August 1
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O = Officers
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T = Troops

Deficiencies of Instructors

There is still a very considerable deficiency in Instructors, even allowing for those who at the moment are under training. The principle ones are at the moment:

For training personnel for C.A.R.s
Captains 3
Subalterns 13
N.C.O.'s 32

Instructors for Machine Guns.
N.C.O.'s 16

These are the principle deficiencies. The 4.2" staff is almost com-

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pletely deficient but this is not important as no weapons are as yet available. Many of the personnel however, termed as instructors, are far from satisfactory but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining good material at Cesano.

MORALE

Among the Senior Officers there is a feeling that the Infantry School is neglected and that they have to work with little encouragement in most unattractive conditions, while there are many officers at Rome drawing full pay and doing nothing. Many of the Senior Officers, however, work very hard and are keen, but the many difficulties are gradually causing them to lose heart.

Probably the worst Officers are the junior ones, many of whom take every opportunity to go to Rome.

On the whole the defeat of the Monarchy has had not a very marked effect on the Officers and if the Republic makes an effort with the army most will stay on.

There are very few soldiers at Cesano at the moment. The demonstration Company is the only body with any recruits from C.A.R.'s. These do not find Cesano very comfortable and 7 of them decided to return to their C.A.R. at Verona.

WELFARE also?

This is non existent.

Recommendations

The Ministry of War is not very school conscious, in fact in a list of what the army consists of issued to the recruits the Schools are left out all together.

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It is further recommended that the Commander of the Infantry School should be a Brigadier. This would offset the Infantry weakness in having no inspectorate at the Ministry of War. This would leave the present School Commander free to supervise the training while the Brigadier deals with the accomodation and administrative problems that occupy the majority of his time at the moment.

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Further it has always been considered that the Infantry School has too many wings. This makes it expensive in permanent staff and makes control difficult.

It is considered that if, as has been proposed before, the school consisted of only three wings, Tactical, Platoon Weapons and Infantry Support Weapons, better results would be achieved in the long run, recruits being trained in specialist weapons at their units.

D.L. Price

Major G.S.O. II
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* It would seem that since writing report there is less the hope of low action in the case of attacks.

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MAJ. PRICE

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(Tel: ROME 478808)

Ref: LO/6/5/1726

14 June 1946

SUBJECT : Progress Report.

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To : All Officers

In view of my departure on the 29th June, I would be glad if officers could submit their progress reports for June by the 26th at the latest, so that I may complete my final report before I leave.

H H Mack.
Col.
Cond. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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PROGRESS REPORT ITALIAN ENGINEER SCHOOL.

MONTH ENDING 30 JUNE 46.

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MORALE.

During this month, the standard of Morale amongst Junior Officers, N.C.O's and men has greatly improved, and a general air of cheerfulness and good spirits is now apparent.
The Italian Army Engineer Day celebrations were held at the Aurelia Barracks on Monday, 24 June 46. The celebrations took the form of a Field Day, the programme including an inter battalion Bailey Bridge competition; athletic sports; and a Demolitions' demonstration.
The Bailey Bridge event, particularly, showed that Training had been quite well carried out, in spite of the time lost by its suspension due to the Italian Elections. A healthy spirit of rivalry had been cultivated between the two Recruit Cos, and in my opinion, the day proved invaluable.

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3	Bridging,	5	-	70	52	20
4	Mines and	6	-	100	64	12
5	Explosives,	15	12	34	105	21
6	Roadworks	10	8	20	102	13
7	and	25	15	30	130	20
8	Water Supply.	10	36	52	102	5
		94	98	356	695	118

Total 1491

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NOTE. The above results are based on the Recruit's knowledge of ALL the subjects taken in the Course, and NOT of individual subjects.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

2 No. D4 Bulldozers have now arrived, on loan from G.H. Tractor Pool, Torre Annunziatta, also Equipment for sections of Bailey Pontoon Bridge, arrived 5 June 46 from No.2 Base.

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TRANSPORT.

The situation has improved greatly, and although all the Vehicles now Related are not in the best of condition, Transport is reasonably adequate for requirements.

POST ELECTION FEELING.

A General disappointment and trepidation is shown by all Officers at the Monarchist defeat. This is most marked in Senior Officers. Younger Officers seem to take the view "that it will all come right in the end".

HEALTH. Generally Good, no serious ailments.
No cases of Malaria have yet occurred.

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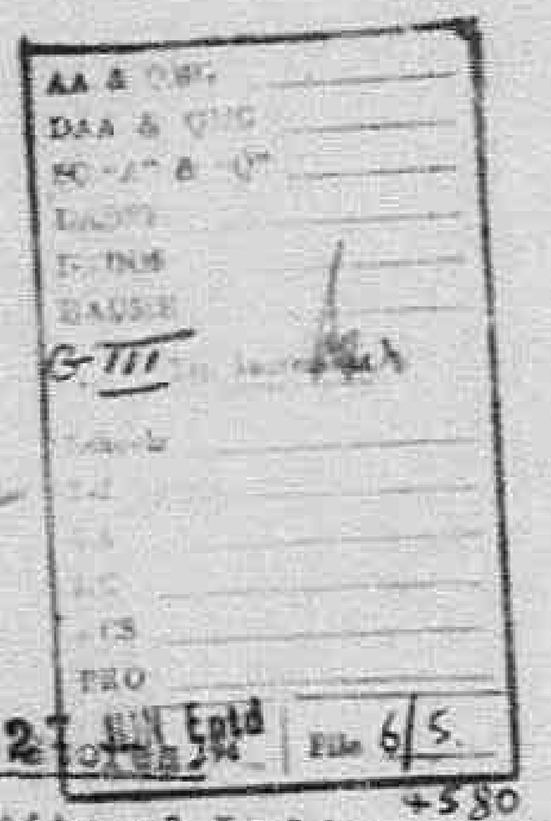

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Tel:- ROME 476808.
Ref:- ORD/4/29.
Date:- 25th June 1946.

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1. Clothing and Stores.

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The situation regarding M.T. Spares and the No of vehicles off the road has not improved and is liable to become more serious in the future.

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V. Gabriel Cpl

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for Major, D.A.D.O.S.
12 B.L.U. for the Italian
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Progress Report of the Italian Schools of Artillery.
for period 1 - 31 June 1946

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Tuesday 25 June.

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It is considered unreasonable to invit officers and men to a school in peace time where there is an unreliable water supply. As has been stated before in a different letter, there is a fair incidence of sickness at [illegible] which is likely to increase if measures are not taken to deal with the water supply. At present little real effort appears to be made to end this state of affairs.

Further the conditions of accomodation for the Officers is still extremely bad. An Officer is likely to get a room where there is no electric light, furniture other than a bed, and with no glass in the windows.

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Moreover the mess will have tables and utensils , but there is no form of ante-room or canteen or club which can offer any attraction to the student to remain in billets.

If the Officer accommodation is bad, that of the men is far worse, though the N.C.O.'s are probably better off than the remainder.

The mess' kitchens remain the same as in February 1945 in many cases.

As is known, trouble was met with the soldiers at that time who were prepared to put up with bad living conditions. Incidents may confidently be expected if and when a large number of recruits are received from the C.A.R.'s.

Dining halls are only available for a very small percentage of the soldiers.

While it is considered that the School Commander in many ways lacks drive and energy, on the other hand comparisons with schools about the size of the Infantry School Headquarters with adequate funds to spend, are unfair to the Commander.

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3 Ton	16	14	2	6	8
15 cwt	24	16	8	10	18
Workshop Lorry	1		1		1
Water Trucks	2		2		2

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There is a similar though not so important deficiency in tracked vehicles.

Again while it is considered that the transport of the Infantry School is not very well maintained nor well driven, unless spares, tools and reasonable vehicles in the first place are provided, excuses are difficult to answer.

Combined with the petrol restrictions this shortage of transport makes the organisation of training particularly difficult.

Again, though promises have been received, no work has started on the squares. This combined with the overgrown appearance of the school grounds, makes the school appear extremely shabby. The cutting of the grass by hand being an extremely slow process.

Again, the appearance of the soldiers is still far from satisfactory though saluting has improved. This is blamed by the school on the fact that all the battle dress issued is part worn material from last year and is in a very bad state of repair.

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I have constantly stressed on the Italian H.Q. the importance of issuing clear joining instructions and if students arrive below the standard requested, of returning them to their units. Little notice, it is regretted, has been taken of this advice with the result that training is done at the Infantry School which should be done at the unit.

Another minor disadvantage is the shortage of training manuals dealing with the employment of major units in the Italian Army. British Manuals and Methods go a certain way but there is need for definite instruction on the employment of the Italian Infantry Division and the administrative background.

Sniper Course .

Was suspended during the elections but started again on the 6th. Nothing to report.

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Platoon Weapons Course

Internal instruction continues and some work is being put in on the ranges. It is however essential that a proper range be built on the lines of Mr Plans submitted some months ago. It is all wrong that C.A.F's should have proper ranges and the Central School be forced to put up with a glorified ditch.

Machine Gun Instruction.

Within the limits of the material and Training Instruction available, some quite useful work has been put in. Fortunately, it has been discovered that the Royal Aeronautics has in the past used the Vickers, and a number of armourers are being trained by them. In addition the technical instruction held by them has assisted in the translations of the British Manuals.

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C.A.A.R. Inst.													
Bandsmen										50	150		August 26th

Deficiencies of Instructors

There is still a very considerable deficiency in Instructors, even allowing for those who at the moment are under training. The principle ones are at the moment:

For training personnel for C.A.A.R.s
Captains 3
Subalterns 13
N.C.O.'s 32

Instructors for Machine Guns.
N.C.O.'s 16

These are the principle deficiencies. The 4.2" stuff is almost com-

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pletely deficient but this is not important as no weapons are as yet available. Many of the personnel however, termed as instructors, are far from satisfactory but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining good material at Cesano.

MORALE

Among the Senior Officers there is a feeling that the Infantry School is neglected and that they have to work with little encouragement in most unattractive conditions, while there are many officers at Rome drawing full pay and doing nothing. Many of the Senior Officers, however, work very hard and are keen, but the many difficulties are gradually causing them to lose heart.

Probably the worst officers are the junior ones, many of whom take every opportunity to go to Rome.

On the whole the defeat of the Monarchy has had not a very marked effect on the Officers and if the Republic makes an effort with the army most will stay on.

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Further it has always been considered that the Infantry School has too many wings. This makes it expensive in permanent staff and makes control difficult.

It is considered that if, as has been proposed before, the school consisted of only three wings, Tactical, Platoon, Weapons and Infantry support Weapons, better results would be achieved in the long run, recruits being trained in specialist weapons at their units.

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General Progress.

1. The 12 week course finished on the 22nd of June. The course, while on the whole satisfactory, did not achieve all the results that had been hoped for.

The main reasons for this were

(a) Low standard of students on arrival.
(b) Lack of facilities at the School.

2. As regards (a) it will be seen that a large percentage of the students did not even complete the course (see para. on result of course) and that, of those who did, the results are only average. Though the students and instructors worked very hard it is impossible to produce physical training instructors unless the students have a certain amount of physical aptitude.

3. Concerning (b) while some essential items of sports equipment have been received, short of spending many millions of lire at CERRO it will never be possible or desirable to produce a properly equipped school.

This subject is dealt with more fully under "accommodation."

Results of Course.

4. Out of the 77 Students who commenced the course 60 only completed the course.

Results are as follows :-

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To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
C.S.O. III.

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General Progress.

1. The 12 week course finished on the 22nd of June. The course, while on the whole satisfactory, did not achieve all the results that had been hoped for.

The main reasons for this were

(a) Low standard of students on arrival.
(b) Lack of facilities at the School.

2. As regards (a) it will be seen that a large percentage of the students did not even complete the course (see para. on result of course) and that, of those who did, the results are only average. Though the students and instructors worked very hard it is impossible to produce physical training instructors unless the students have a certain amount of physical aptitude.

3. Concerning (b) while some essential items of sports equipment have been received, short of spending many millions of lire at [redacted] it will never be possible or desirable to produce a properly equipped school.

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Suitable as Instructor at a School..... 4
Regimental Instructors above average..... 6
Regimental Instructors.....11
Assistant Instructors.....24
Failed.....[redacted]

Total 60.

The examination for the above qualifications is very thorough and ensures a fairly high standard.

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Accomodation.

5. As has already been reported in previous reports, swimming Training has not been able to be included owing to the lack of a swimming pool at the School and to the absence of transport to convey students to any suitable piece of water.

Moreover the living conditions of students and permanent staff are most uncomfortable and in some cases unhygienic.

6. The School also occupies accomodation required by the Infantry School.

7. The buildings at Monte [illegible] would meet all requirements of the School. To achieve the move of the School, however, requires the active interest of M.M.I.A. as the Ministry of War, unless pushed, will take little interest themselves.

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SUBJECT : Progress Report Tac. School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478603)

Ref : G/A. 3/1143

17 June 1946.

To: Comd. 12 B.L.U.
G.S.O. III.

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1. The work on the building is still far from satisfactory, it progresses but terribly slowly, chiefly because the contractor has tendered too low a price and is not employing enough labour.

2. Instructors.

A. The new instructors who SMRE have promised to send have never arrived and the only explanation which I can get is that Officers don't want to go to CIVITAVECCHIA.

B. Some of my best instructors have suggested that they will soon be sent to Command Units, as is the practice in the Italian Army after a tour of duty on the staff. I would suggest that SMRE be asked to make it clear to all instructors, that they will be kept on until suitable replacements have been trained, and that their retention as instructors will in no way have an adverse effect on their promotion.

3. Training.

Col. Guida and his old instructors from S.I.V.A. are really getting down to the programme, lectures, etc. but it is my opinion that there are too many new senior colonels who have jobs such as Chief of the Admin. Instructors, Chief of the Study Office, etc. who in fact do nothing.

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This will make the machine start and even if the first course is not a great succes it might produce some instructors from the 10 students and will give us something to improve on.

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(Sgd) N. F. CHANCE.

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G.S.O. II Schools.

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(sgd) N. F. CHANCE.

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Major.
G.S.O. II Schools.

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SUBJECT : Progress Report Tac. School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : G/A.3/1143

17 June 1946.

To: Comd. 12 B.L.U.
C.S.O. III.

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3. Training.

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(Signed) N.F. CHANCE.

Major.
C.S.O. II Schools.

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(Signed) N.F. CHANCE.

Major.
G.S.O. II Schools.

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SUBJECT : Progress Report- Tac. School

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 478[illegible])

Ref: G/A.3/1147

21 June 1946

To : H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

(For attention of Lt. Col. W.L. Medlam)

Herewith, for information, please find copy of the above Progress Report.

R.H.J. HIGHAM. Major
for Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT : Police School - Progress Report.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 47080)

Ref : G/A.3/1150

24 June 1946

For Commander 12 B.L.U.
G.S.O. III.

The Police School, owing to the continued dislocation of the C.C.R.R., will not be running a regular course the next week but instead will be training 60 regimental Police for the Schools. This will start on the 6th July.

There is a certain amount of difficulty at present with the accomodation of the School. However, the Italian H.Q. has promised that this will be resolved before the start of the course.

D.L. Price
Major. G.S.G. II
Trg. & Def. Trg.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT : Progress Report

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel.: ROME 478013)

Ref: BU/1

24 June 1946.

TO : Comd
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
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12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

I Scuola di Specializzati Riservisti

1. At the opening of the month, at Cecchignola, some 440 Recruits were already through the primary selection course and had more or less settled down to the C. of I for Meccanici di Scuola.

2. 240 Recruits, also having passed the selection course had been settled at the Caserma Regina Margherita.- Rome. 100 of them for instruction at Scuola Industriale Don d'Acosta and 140 for instruction at the Centro Studi.

3. In anticipation of civil disturbances during the Election period, the 240 in para 2 were removed to Cecchignola, to make room within Rome for soldiers of more experience.

4. Instruction in trades for these 240 - hardly commenced - at once ceased.

5. Appendix A. deals fully with the subsequent situation and though it was anticipated that circumstances would be restored to normal and that instruction would be resumed by 15 June, it was apparent on 17th that there was little hope of this being realised, unless some pressure could be applied to the Ministry of War.

6. In this connection, A.D.M.E. M.M.I.A. visited the M. of W. on 18th, as it was thought, and rightly so, that there was no need to wait until the 240 in para 2 were moved back into Rome before instruction recommenced. Alternative arrangements were not impracticable (App. A para 7).

7. On Friday 7th further efforts were made in conjunction with A.D.M.E. and C II Trg. M.M.I.A. to expedite the release of tools and equipment as per lists submitted by 12 B.L.U.

8. The "dramatic" workshop at Scuola della Motorizzazione, erected

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Scuola di Specialisti Riparatori

1. At the opening of the month, at Caserma Fanfulla Cecchignola, some 400 Recruits were already through the primary selection course and had more or less settled down to the C. of I for Reparti di Servizio.

2. 240 Recruits, also having passed the selection course had been settled at the Caserma Regina Margherita.- Rome. 100 of them for instruction at Scuola Industriale Duc d'Aosta and 140 for instruction at the Centro Stadi.

3. In anticipation of civil disturbances during the Election period, the 240 in para 2 were removed to Cecchignola, to make room within Rome for soldiers of more experience.

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8. The "domestic" workshop at Scuola delle Motorizzazione, supported by the absorption of 155 Veh. Rep. W/S proved unsatisfactory, being only granite chip floor, and arrangements were put in hand for the making secure of the next building which has a cement floated floor over its entire area.

9. Sgt. Stead (Storeman) attended this W/S [redacted] and advise in sorting, identifying and cataloguing all M.T. Spares and Tools in possession and also preparing for new receipts.

10. S/Sgt. Ridgwood, in company with other vehicle crafts[illegible] of the Trg. Instrument as they could be detailed, attended daily at the Centro Stadi where civilian personnel under M. of W. arrangements are stripping down a Staghound Armoured Car and preparing a course of instruction on this vehicle. Four instructors (1 officer & 3 NCO's) are also attending from the Scuola di Preparazione Specialisati.

11. In addition to this work, [redacted] Staghound Spares for 12 months also proceeded.

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II. Batteria di Reggimento e Gruppi d'Artiglieria.

1. Activity during June was very little.
Fourteen civilians and one Captain of Artillery (Technical) undertook the course of Instruction on Inspection of Arty Equipment.

2. Four of the 14 are Instrument specialists and during the month were under L/Bdr Jones, on a C. of I on British Instruments, having already studied the sighting arrangements on British Artillery carriages.

3. In late May S/Sgt Hope was despatched to UK under PYTHON arrangements and S/Sgt Yorke of the Try. Instrument was sent in replacement.

4. On Monday 10th S/Sgt. Bennett was despatched to UK on Amn. Art. course and Amn. Q.M.S. Moriarty arrived from 6 M.A.U. to replace him.

5. The present position now is:

Instructor -	Amn. Art. A.A.	Amn.	Q.M.S. Moriarty
"	" " Fd.	"	S/Sgt. Yorke
"	Instrument Mech.		L/Bdr. Jones
"	Armorer Sgt.		Sgt. Hope

6. The course in para 1 is now very seriously held up by lack of gauges. This has been reported to A.D.A.S. M.T.A.A. and by report for May.

7. New recruits had arrived during the month and were started on a selection and aptitude course on Tuesday 11th. This course will extend to 1st or 2nd July, and on their results students will be:

a. Failed as unsuitable
b. allocated to C of I for Armourers
c. " " " " " Gun Mechanics.

III. Scuola d'Artiglieria - Officine.

1. This is the first report on this workshop as such.

2. As a result of my report of 11 March 46, S/Sgt Yorke by arrangements with the Col. Comdt of the A/A School, established a small workshop, with a view to carrying out first line repairs to Arty Equipt. and to manufacture & repair of training aids e.g. targets etc.

3. P.O.W.s (Regular Soldiers) Mechanics, were detailed to S/Sgt Yorke for training and by the middle of May, it was thought that these PW's could safely be left to carry on without further tuition but with an occasional visit by S/Sgt Yorke or myself.

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5. The present position now is:

Instructor -	Asst. Art. A.A.	Asst.	Q.M.S. Moverly
"	" " Pd.	"	S/Sgt. Yorke
"	Instrument Mech.		L/Cpl. Jones
"	Armourer Sgt.		Sgt. Ware

6. The course in para 1 is now very seriously held up by lack of stores. This has been reported to A.D.A.S. M.A.I.A. see my report for May.

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3. N.C.O.s (Regular Soldiers) Mechanics, were detailed to S/Sgt Yorke for training and by the middle of May, it was thought that these NCO's could safely be left to carry on without further tuition but with an occasional visit by S/Sgt Yorke or myself.

4. During the same period, L/Cpl Jones, instructed two chosen Regular Soldiers in the Care & Preservation of Instruments. He reorganised the Instrument Storeroom and designed cupboards.
These two men were also judged to be sufficiently proficient to be left to carry on without supervision beyond the occasional visit.

Major, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.M.S.

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Appendix "A" to

12 S.L.U. IT/1 dated 24 June 1946.

Following the visit to the a/m School (Caserma Funzionale Cecchignola) today 17th June the following observations were made.

1. Total Intake of recruits — Approx 640
2. Total number of recruits that can be catered for at the a/m Caserma — Approx 400
   This body of men is known as No. 1 Company.
3. Total number of recruits to be catered for at other Schools - Centro Studi and Scuola Industriale "Duca d'Aosta" — Approx 140
   This body of men is known as No. 2 Company.
4. No. 2 company was to be accommodated in the Caserma Regina Margherita and fed from there.
5. As a temporary measure during the period of unrest associated with the recent election, No. 2 Company was moved to Cecchignola, in order to vacate the Caserma R.M. for more experienced soldiers.
6. The temporary nature of this move seems to be unnecessarily protracted with the result that No.2 Company are not receiving any instruction for the main reason that there are not sufficient instructors at Cecchignola for the two companies, nor are there resources for practical work.
7. It is thought to be not impracticable for the vehicles of Scuola Autieri.(not more than 7) to lift these men each morning and carry them to their respective centres of instruction and to collect them at the conclusion of the days work for return to Cecchignola. These two journeys forming part of the Driving Instruction for students at Scuola Autieri.
8. I was given to understand that this proposal has already been made to Commandante Scuola della Motorizzazione who opposes it. And I was further informed that the Scuola Industriale Duca d'Aosta is not yet ready.
9. I have not yet taken up his objection with Col. Nigri; With reference to the School not being ready, this is a shattering surprise for I understood as a result of my visit to Scuola Industriale Duca d'Aosta with Col.Morani (Fri 3 May) that the School was waiting for the students.
10. With No. 2 company in at Cecchignola there is only

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10. While No. 2 company is at Cecchignola there is only one officer i/c discipline and No NCO's at all, and 640 men is too big a command for 1 Major and 1 Captain with NCO's.

11. May the principle points of this interim sitrep be brought to the attention of the Comdr. Central Schools, stress being laid on the possible loss of morale of students with too much leisure time.

Major, R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.
12 B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT : Progress Report

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 478808)

Ref: TT/1

24 June 1946.

TO : Comd
12 British Liaison Unit for the
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Italian Central Military Schools.

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8. The "domestic" workshop at Scuola della Motorizzazione, augmented

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10. S/Sgt. Ringwood, in company with other vehicle craftsmen of the Trg. Increment as they could be detailed, attended daily at the Centro Studi where civilian personnel under M. of W. arrangements are stripping down a Staghound Armoured Car and preparing a course of instruction on this vehicle. Four instructors (1 officer & 3 NCO's) are also attending from the Scuola di Preparazione Specializzati.

11. In addition to this work, Sealing of Staghound Spares for 12 months also proceeded.

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II. Batteria di Meccanici e Operai d'Artiglieria.

1. Activity during June was very little.
Fourteen civilians and one Captain of Artillery (Technical) maintained the course of Instruction on Inspection of Arty Equipment.

2. Four of the 14 are instrument specialists and during the month were under L/Cpl Jones, on a C. of I on British Instruments, having already studied the sighting arrangements on British Artillery Carriages.

3. In late May S/Sgt Moys was despatched to UK under PYTHON arrangements and S/Sgt Yorke of the Trg. Increment was sent in replacement.

4. On Monday 10th S/Sgt. Beaumont was despatched to UK on Armt. Art. course and Armt. Q.M.S. McCarthy arrived from 6 B.L.U. to replace him.

5. The present position now is:

Instructor -	Armt. Art. A.A.	Armt.	Q.M.S. McCarthy
"	" " Fd.	"	S/Sgt. Yorke
"	Instrument Mech.		L/Cpl. Jones
"	Armourer Sgt.		Sgt. Ware

6. The course in para 1 is now very seriously held up by lack of gauges. This has been reported to A.D.M.E. M.M.I.A. see my report for May.

7. New recruits had arrived during the month and were started on a selection and aptitude course on Tuesday 11th. This course will extend to 1st or 2nd July, and on their results students will be:

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b. allocated to C of I for Armourers
c. " " " " " Gun Mechanics.

III. Scuola d'Artiglieria - Officina.

1. This is the first report on this workshop as such.

2. As a result of my report of 11 March 46, S/Sgt Yorke by arrangements with the Col. Comdt of the a/a School, established a small workshop, with a view to carrying out first line repairs to Arty Equipt. and to manufacture & repair of training aids e.g. targets etc.

3. N.C.O.s (Regular Soldiers) Mechanics, were detailed to S/Sgt Yorke for training and by the middle of May, it was thought that these NCO's could safely be left to carry on without further tuition but with an occasional visit by S/Sgt Yorke or myself.

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4. During the same period, L/Cpl Jones, instructed two chosen Regular Soldiers in the Care & Preservation of Instruments. He reorganised the Instrument Storeroom and designed cupboards.
These two men were also judged to be sufficiently proficient to be left to carry on without supervision beyond the occasional visit.

Major, R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.

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Appendix "A" to

12 B.L.U. I/1 dated 24 June 1946.

Following the visit to the a/m School (Caserma Funzionale Cecchignola) today 17th June the following observations were made.

1. Total Intake of recruits — Approx 640
2. Total number of recruits that can be catered for at the a/m Caserma — Approx 400
   This body of men is known as No. 1 Company.
3. Total number of recruits to be catered for at other Schools - Centro Studi and Scuola Industriale "Duca d'Aosta" — Approx 140
   This body of men is known as No. 2 Company.
4. No. 2 company was to be accommodated in the Caserma Regina Margherita and fed from there.
5. As a temporary measure during the period of unrest associated with the recent election, No. 2 Company was moved to Cecchignola, in order to vacate the Caserma R.M. for more experienced soldiers.
6. The temporary nature of this move seems to be unnecessarily protracted with the result that No.2 Company are not receiving any instruction for the main reason that there are not sufficient instructors at Cecchignola for the two companies, nor are there resources for practical work.
7. It is thought to be not impracticable for the vehicles of Scuola Autieri.(not more than 7) to lift these men each morning and carry them to their respective centres of instruction and to collect them at the conclusion of the days work for return to Cecchignola. These two journeys forming part of the Driving Instruction for students at Scuola Autieri.
8. I was given to understand that this proposal has already been made to Comandante Scuola della Motorizzazione who opposes it. And I was further informed that the Scuola Industriale Duca d'Aosta is not yet ready.
9. I have not yet taken up his objection with Col. Migri; With reference to the School not being ready, this is a shattering surprise for I understood as a result of my visit to Scuola Industriale Duca d'Aosta with Col.Morani (Fri 3 May) that the School was waiting for the students.
10. While No. 2 company is at Cecchignola there is only

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10. While No. 2 company is at Cecchignola there is only one officer i/c discipline and No NCO's at all, and 640 men is too big a command for 1 Major and 1 Captain with NCO's.

11. May the principle points of this interim sitrep be brought to the attention of the Comdr. Central Schools, stress being laid on the possible loss of morale of students with too much leisure time.

Major, R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.S.
12 B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT : -Progress Report No. 17-

CONFIDENTIAL

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 476806)

Ref :SC/1/

25 June 1946

To : Comd. 12 B.L.U.
SSO III. 12 B.L.U.

To : S.C. R.Sigs.
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Ref. 12 B.L.U. letter G/A3/960 dated 25 June 46.

1. Herewith Progress report in respect of the Italian Signal School for the month of June 1946.

(a) GENERAL PROGRESS

Progress during the month has been disappointing. This can be attributed almost entirely to causes arising from the state of uncertainty created by the elections and the subsequent prolonged doubt regarding the fate of the monarchy. The re-conditioning of the barrack accommodation has suffered and the main block of classrooms, which should have been ready for occupation by 1 June, are still uncompleted. It is now hoped that they will be finished by 30 June.

(b) COURSES

No new courses have been commenced during the month and none has been completed. All the recruits courses have continued and the courses of two months' duration for Switchboard Operators, Linesmen and Despatch Riders are due to finish on 15 July.

(c) FACTORS DETRACTING FROM THE VALUE OF COURSES

For a period of ten days over 1500 students were away on guard duties in connection with the elections. About 200 were away for a considerably longer period. Nearly 60 NCO instructors have been away for approximately three weeks on duties with wireless communications established to control the elections.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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For a period of ten days over 1900 students were away on guard duties in connection with the elections. About 200 were away for a considerably longer period. Nearly 60 NCO instructors have been away for approximately three weeks on duties with wireless communications established to control the elections. Consequently training has suffered throughout the month and in addition, little progress concerning the reduction of the size of classes has been possible.

(d) OTHER MATTERS

Steady progress has been made by the team of personnel engaged in the unpacking and assembling of the equipment issued to the School. Some of the equipment has been found to be in a bad state and a detailed report will be submitted when the assembling has been completed.

Maj. R.Sigs.
Instr.R.Sigs.

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SUBJECT : -Progress Report No. 17-

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 476808)

Ref :SO/1/

24 June 1946

To : Comd. 12 B.L.U.
680 III. 12 B.L.U.

To : S.O. R.Sigs.
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Maj. R.Sigs.
Instr.R.S.

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

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478803)

Ref : AG/6/3/177.

22 June 1946.

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
C. III 12 B.L.U.

1. Constructional work continues satisfactorily though there is still much to be done to improve water and lighting installations. The student officers' quarters is as yet unfinished.

2. However, the School as a whole will be sufficiently well equipped to take in students on the 15th July, which is the date fixed by the Ministry of War for the commencement of all the courses.

3. 300,000 lire has been allocated for the purchase of training stores.

4. Visits have been made by members of the Staff to the Catholic Women League Canteen at Rome and also to the American School of Typing at Caserta. Other visits will shortly be made to 76 A.M.C.U. and P.A. Centres at Rome and 62 Field Hygiene Section at Naples by the Chief Instructor of the Medical Assistants Course.

Capt. R.E.
Staff Capt.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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G. III 12 B.L.U.

1. Constructional work continues satisfactorily though there is still much to be done to improve water and lighting installations. The student officers' canteen is as yet unfinished.

2. However, the School as a whole will be sufficiently well equipped to take in students on the 15th July, which is the date fixed by the Ministry of War for the commencement of all the courses.

3. 500,000 lire has been allocated for the purchase of training stores.

4. Visits have been made by members of the Staff to the Catholic Women League Canteen at Rome and also to the American School of Typing at Caserta. Other visits will shortly be made to 76 A.M.G.O.T. and P.W. Camps at Rome and 62 Field Hygiene Section at Naples by the Chief Instructor of the National Assistance Course.

Capt. R.B.
Staff Capt.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : AQ/6/5/1774

22 June 1946.

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
C. III 12 B.L.U.

1. Constructional work continues satisfactorily though there is still much to be done to improve water and lighting installations. The student officers' cookhouse is as yet unfinished.

2. However, the School as a whole will be sufficiently well equipped to take in students on the 15th July, which is the date fixed by the Ministry of War for the commencement of all the courses.

3. 380,000 lire has been allocated for the purchase of training stores.

4. Visits have been made by members of the Staff to the Cathelic Women League Canteen at Rome and also to the American School of Typing at Caserta. Other visits will shortly be made to 76 A.M.C.U. and P.A. Centres at Rome and 62 Field Hygiene Section at Naples by the Chief Instructor of the Medical Assistants Course.

H.R. Lunkyn

Capt. R.B.
Staff Capt.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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Declassified E.O. 12958 Section 3.4(b)/NNMM No. 285020

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
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R. Lindgren

Capt. R.E.
Staff Capt.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478908)

Ref : AQ/6/5/17A

22 June 1946.

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
G. III 12 B.L.U.

1. Constructional work continues satisfactorily though there is still much to be done to improve water and lighting installations. The student officers' cookhouse is as yet unfinished.

2. However, the School as a whole will be sufficiently well equipped to take in students on the 15th July, which is the date fixed by the Ministry of War for the commencement of all the courses.

3. 380,000 lire has been allocated for the purchase of training stores.

4. Visits have been made by members of the Staff to the Catholic Women Leagues Canteen at Rome and also to the American School of Typing at Caserta. Other visits will shortly be made to 76 A.M.C.U. and P.A. Centres at Rome and 62 Field Hygiene Section at Naples by the Chief Instructor of the Medical Assistants Course.

Capt. R.H.
Staff Capt.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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2. However, the School as a whole will be sufficiently well equipped to take in students on the 15th July, which is the date fixed by the Ministry of War for the commencement of all the courses.

3. 360,000 lire has been allocated for the purchase of training stores.

4. Visits have been made by members of the Staff to the Catholic Women Leagues Canteen at Rome and also to the American School of Typing at Caserta. Other visits will shortly be made to 76 A.M.G.O.T. and F.A. Centres at Rome and 62 Field Hygiene Section at Naples by the Chief Instructor of the Medical Assistants Course.

Capt. R.N.
Staff Capt.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT : Police School - Progress Report.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROSS 4788CE)

Ref : G/A.3/1150

24 June 1946

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
C.S.O. III.

The Police School, owing to the continued dislocation of the C.C.R.E., will not be running a regular course the next term but instead will be training 60 regimental Police for the Schools. This will start on the 6th July.

There is a certain amount of difficulty at present with the accommodation of the School. However, the Italian H.Q. has promised that this will be resolved before the start of the course.

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Major. G.S.C. II
Trg. & Inf. Trg.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT : Police School - Progress Report.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : G/A.3/1150

24 June 1946

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
C.S.O. III.

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Major. G.S.O. II
Trg. & Inf. Trg.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT : Physical Training School Progress Report.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : G/A.3/1149

24 June 1946.

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To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
G.S.O. III.

General Progress.

1. The 12 week course finished on the 22nd of June. The course, while on the whole satisfactory, did not achieve all the results that had been hoped for.
The main reasons for this were

(a) Low standard of students on arrival.
(b) Lack of facilities at the School.

2. As regards (a) it will be seen that a large percentage of the students did not even complete the course (see para. on result of course) and that, of those who did, the results are only average. Though the students and instructors worked very hard it is impossible to produce physical training instructors unless the students have a certain amount of physical aptitude.

3. Concerning (b) while some essential items of sports equipment have been received, short of spending many millions of lire at CESANO it will never be possible or desirable to produce a properly equipped school.
This subject is dealt with more fully under "accommodation."

Results of Course.

4. Out of the 77 Students who commenced the course 60 only completed the course.
Results are as follows :-

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C.S.O. III.

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Suitable as Instructor at a School.....	4
Regimental Instructors above average.....	6
Regimental Instructors.....	11
Assistant Instructors.....	24
Failed.....	5
Total	60.

The examination for the above qualifications is very thorough and ensures a fairly high standard.

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Accommodation.

5. As has already been reported in previous reports, swimming Training has not been able to be included owing to the lack of a swimming pool at the School and to the absence of transport to convey students to any suitable piece of water.

Moreover the living conditions of students and permanent staff are most uncomfortable and in some cases unhygienic.

6. The School also occupies accommodation required by the Infantry School.

7. The buildings at Monte SACRO would meet all requirements of the School. To achieve the move of the School, however, requires the active interest of M.M.I.A. as the Ministry of War, unless pushed, will take little interest themselves.

W.L.P.C.

Major. C.S.O. II
Trg. & Inf. Trg.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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School.

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Major. G.S.O. II
Trg. & Inf. Trg.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT : Physical Training School Progress Report.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROMA 478208)

Ref : G/A.3/1149

24 June 1946.

To: Commander 12 B.L.U.
C.S.O. III.

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Failed.....	5
Total	60.

The examination for the above qualifications is very [illegible] and ensures a fairly high standard.

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Accomodation.

5. As has already been reported in previous reports, swimming Training has not been able to be included owing to the lack of a swimming pool at the School and to the absence of transport to convey students to any suitable piece of water.

Moreover the living conditions of students and permanent staff are most uncomfortable and in some cases unhygienic.

6. The School also occupies accomodation required by the Infantry School.

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SUBJECT:- School of Motorisation.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 476207
ST/142

17 June 46.

S.M.E.F.

Copy to:- 12 BLU (ref your AG/6/5/1726 of 14 June 46.)

1. The progress of the present driving course which started on May 16th has been considerably interferred with due to the state of alarm which prevailed during the election period. Of the 2139 recruits undergoing tuition 280 were removed on May 28th for guard duties in Rome and only 180 have been returned. Petrol supplies to the School were curtailed to meet any emergency and in consequence practical training was suspended for some days, the deficit however has now been made up.

2. The standard of discipline is still unsatisfactory due to lack of Regimental Officers (see my report of 24th May) and although the Commandant has requested another ten officers only two have arrived. Far too many recruits are going sick on frivolous excuses in order to be excused duty.

3. A large number of the Italian vehicles supplied are very old and nearly 50% are permanently off the road. In view of the fact that most of the Allied vehicles are of different manufacture the acquisition of spares is made more difficult and Col. NIGRI suggested that efforts be made to try and standardise the makes used. A list of the various types is being prepared and this department will endeavour to effect exchanges with other Italian units.

4. The RE work progresses slowly on the cookhouse and it would appear that this will be completed towards the end of this month.

5. The canteen continues to flourish and now shows a profit of 14,000 lire and it is proposed to expend this on the purchase of an automatic bacon slicer and macaroni making machine.

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Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(SMIA).

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 1,76308)

SUBJECT : Progress Report.

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Ref: 10/6/3/1726

To : All officers

14 June 1946

In view of my departure on the 29th June, I would be glad if officers could submit their progress reports for June by the 26th at the latest, so that I may complete my final report before I leave.

Col.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT : Progress Report No. 18.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : AC/G/S/1688

6 June 1946

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMLA)

Herewith please find seven (7) copies of Progress Report No 18 for May 1946, in respect of this Centre.

Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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12 B.U. Progress Report of Italian Central Military Schools
for period 1 - 31 May 1946.

Ref : G/A.3/1132

1 June 1946.

GENERAL.

The training of the initial intake of recruits from Cells, Engineer, Signal and Motorisation Schools has progressed during the month. It was apparent that the standard of accommodation and welfare facilities at Cells was much higher than it has been possible to attain at the Schools and for the first few days the recruits at the Engineer and Artillery Schools showed great dissatisfaction at existing facilities.

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A great effort has been made on the part of School Commanders to provide recreation for their men. In all cases buildings have been allocated for this use and suitable commodities obtained for re-sale but there is an urgent need for furniture of all types. Little further progress can be made in providing welfare amenities for the troops until a substantial monetary grant is made for welfare purposes.

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2. Armoured Car School.

Excellent progress has been made during the month on constructional work of their barracks.

By 1 August 1946 all R.M. work should have been completed. Arrangements have been made for the training of " Staghound " mechanics with the Centro Studio Rome.

The second full course with instruction in tactics will commence on 24June. It will be attended by a total of 20 officers & 40 NCOs. consisting of 10 officers and 20 NCOs. from the Cavalry & 10 officers & 20 NCOs. of the Carabinieri.

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3. School of Artillery.

The release of equipment which was obtained a few days ago will greatly improve the training facilities for the recruits.

After a few days the recruits settled down to training and have shown keenness and good progress. They are being trained with the exception of one battery at Bracciano.

There is an urgent need for facilities to equip the 'spaccio' both at Bracciano and at the Duke d'Aosta barracks Civitavecchia.

In addition to recruit training a course has been held for regimental instructors and reserve instructors for the school. It was concluded on 23 May with the following results:

		Commenced course	Finished course	Passed	Failed or Unclassified
Officers	25pdr.	13	13	13	-
	2			1.	-
	6 pdr.	16	16	16	-
NCOs.	25 pdr.	21	21	18	3
	6 pdr.	32	32	29	3

The R.S.O's course run under British Instruction was completed during the month. All nine students were passed out as suitable Instructors for the School of Artillery.

It is intended to hold the second course in the series for Regimental Instructors for newly formed Artillery units in the second half of June.

4. Engineer School.

The recruits on arrival expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the standard of facilities at this School and attempted to return to the CARs. However, by 7 May, the recruits had settled down and training commenced. Their moral is not high. There is also a marked lack of enthusiasm on the part of junior officers and NCOs. of the instructional staff.

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As a result of the disturbances Col. De Matteis was relieved of his Command and was replaced by Lt. Col. V. Silvestri.

Training has been on a limited scale on account of the lack of adequate training materials. For instructional purposes the recruits are split into 8 training companies - with 2 companies taking the same subject simultaneously.

The results after two weeks training are as follows :

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Coys	Subject	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below average	Total
1 & 2	Field works & Defences	15 -	45 16	50 52	15 77	5 14	130 159

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Boys.	Subject.	Excellent.	Very good.	Good.	Average.	Below average.	Total
3 & 4	Bridging	-	27	65	75	15	182
4		7	53	60	36	4	160
5 & 6	Mines & Explosives	-	-	9	105	-	114
		2	3	15	90	40	150
7 & 8	Road works & Water Supply	8	16	32	162	12	230
		12	42	60	116	3	233
						Total	1358

5. School of Signal.

Considerable progress is now being made in the constructional work of the barracks. The classrooms are nearing completion and should be ready for use by mid June.

Training of recruits was commenced on 15 May and the details of numbers under .. training are as follows :

Course	No. of Students	Duration in Months
W/T Operators	440	4
Electricians	65	4
Radio Mechanics	65	6
Instrument Mechanics	45	4
Line Operators	135	4
Switchboard Operators	145	2
Linesmen	380	2
Dispatch Riders	105	2
Artillery Signallers.	560	3
Total	1960	

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The unusually bad weather for May has made the holding of outdoor classes more difficult than was anticipated.

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During the month sports kit to the value of 20,000 lire was purchased by the School from HQ. E.F.I. Naples. This has proved an immense asset and is helping considerably the welfare of the troops.

6. Infantry School.

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This School has benefited greatly by the move of the Comando Scuole from Cesano to Roma. In addition to the use of extra accommodation it is now able to function as a completely independant School.

Training activity during the month has been confined to the running of internal courses to increase the number of Instructors, where necessary and in all cases a detailed preparation of exercises & demonstrations has been carried out.

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Shortage of transport and lack of petrol on account of the recent petrol strike has restricted training.

(a) Tactical Wing.

HQ tactical wing is not running a regular course but is preparing all the exercises, training aids etc, necessary for the running of future courses.

The demonstration company has been brought up to strength and is under intensive training.

(b) Carrier Course.

To increase the number of instructors, a course was started on 6 May for 14 pupils but on account of the petrol shortage, the course was abandoned after the first week.

(c) Platoon Weapons.

The seventeen instructors have been running over the proposed programme with a view to improving their standard of instruction. The construction of ranges remains a matter of high priority.

(d) 3-in Mortar.

A course for 78 students, potential instructors, commenced on 6 May. The standard of the course is good but much valuable training is missed owing to the lack of 38 sets and other signal equipment.

(e) Vickers M.M.G.

Sixteen Vickers MMG were released from the 'Legnano' Division but since they arrived without spare parts or connected equipment, they are of little value except for instruction in mechanical subjects.

It is hoped that the Tactical, Weapon Training, 3-in Mortar and Sniper Instruction will commence on 1 July 1946. The date for the commencement of recruit instruction depends upon the arrival of weapons and equipment.

7. Police School.

The Police School is now accommodated with the H.Q. Military Schools, in ROME.

The last course finished at CESANO on 4 May and the standard was above average. Results were as follows :-

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In view of the elections, no further course will be run until 1 July 1946.

8. P.T. School.

The School has now completed two of the three months courses. Within the limits of material available, training is quite satisfactory. Swimming training, forming part of the syllabus, had to be abandoned owing to transport difficulties. It is regretted that none of the sports kit and training material so desperately required has materialised. A suitable site for the P.T. School exists at Monte Sacro, which if it could be obtained, would cancel many of the disadvantages of the present School.

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9. School of Motorisation.

Good progress has been made in R.E. work, at this school and the only urgent outstanding item is the renovation of the cookhouse.

The first driving course started on 16 May and is attended by 2,139 recruits, which is 539 more than was expected. A considerable number of the intake are able to drive already and it is anticipated that they will be passed out before the scheduled 12 weeks has elapsed. The recruits are keen and are anxious to absorb mechanical knowledge which would be of use to them in civilian life. The standard of instructors is poor and many have been found totally unsuitable. There is also a large deficiency of personnel on the permanent staff. This makes the enforcement of discipline amongst the recruits a difficul problem.

10. R.A.M. School.

On 17 May, 640 recruits had assembled at Cecchignola. It was then decided after a selection period that 400 would be retained at Cecchignola to attend a course for Section Mechanics, that approximately 100 would attend course for Turners, Blacksmiths, Fitters, Carpenters and Painters at the Scuola Industriale Duc d'Aosta and that 140 would attend courses at the Centro Studio - Via Pinturicchio in trades of Fitters, Electricians and CI engine fuel pumps. The students in the latter two schools are being accommodated at the Caserma Regina Margarita - Viale Milizie.
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2	Failed.
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12. (a) Administration.
Ordnance.

It was understood that the Italian Ministry of War would equip the permanent staff of the Schools with summer clothing but this has not yet been done.

The lack of M.T. spares is a state which becomes more serious every day. No M.T. spares have been released except the 60 day maintenance packs from NAPLES, which have proved inadequate to meet the demand for vehicle spares.

Forty two Artillery trailers have been released and arrangements have been made for their collection. A quantity of signal stores have been collected from 557 B.O.D. by the School of Signals.

(b) RASC.

155 Vehicle Repair Workshop was disbanded on 20 May and all personnel, stores and vehicles are being absorbed in the School of Motorisation.

(c) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

Apart from disorders caused by the recruits on arrival, the standard of discipline has been satisfactory taking into account the rather unsuitable times, due to elections in which the Italians are living. Conditions of Hygiene and Welfare are outlined in the general remarks to this report.

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Unchanged. As outlined in all previous reports, the main grounds for dissatisfaction remain :-

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APPENDIX "A"

To: 12 S. L. U. Progress Report No. 18
Dated 1 June 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS

Ref. Maps ITALY 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17
1 : 12,000 Town plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	ROME	M.724672
2.	School of Tactics	CIVITAVECCHIA	M.1891
3.	Armoured Car School	TOR di QUINTO	M.739727
4.	School of Artillery (Mt. Branch)	CIVITAVECCHIA	M. 1891
5.	School of Artillery (A.A./A.T. Branch)	CIVITAVECCHIA	M. 1891
6.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	M. 1891
7.	Signal School	CIVITAVECCHIA	M. 7458
8.	Infantry School	CESANO	M. 6286
9.	Police School	ROME	M. 724672
10.	M.T. School	CESANO	M. 6286
11.	School of Motorisation	CIVITAVECCHIA	M. 7458
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	ROME	M. 0773

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1.	C., Central Military Schools	ROMA	P.724672
2.	School of Tactics	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.1891
3.	Armoured Car School	ZOR di CUNEO	P.738727
4.	School of Artillery (Fd. Branch)	[illegible]	P. 4490
5.	School of Artillery (A.A./T Branch)	CIVITAVECCHIA	P. 1891
6.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	P. 1891
7.	Signal School	CIVITAVECCHIA	P. 7458
8.	Infantry School	CESANO	P. 6286
9.	Police School	ROMA	P. 724672
10.	P.T. School	CESANO	P. 6286
11.	School of Motorisation	CIVITAVECCHIA	P. 7458
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	ROMA	P. 0715

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APPENDIX "B"

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

12 B. L. B. STAFF LIST
1 JUNE 1946

GENERAL STAFF, BLOCK.

G.S.O. I — L/Col. L.H. Mackay OBE (51836)

G.S.O. III — T/Capt. A.W. Elkins (233416) R.A.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH.

A.A. & Q.M.G. — Staff Captain — T/Capt. W.R. Trevelyan (256120) R.E.

ADJUTANT

Adjt — W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (123450) R.A.O.C.
T/Maj. J.C. Walker (95549) R.A.O.C.

D.A.A.G. — T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127595) R.A.O.C.

D.A.Q.M.G. — T/Maj. A.T. Twine (250919) R.A.S.C.

QUARTERMASTER BRANCH

Ord.

G.S.O. II (Ammunition) Trg. — T/Maj. W.I. Price MBE (74096) R. Staffs

G.S.O. II (Ammunition) Trg. — T/Maj. H.F. Chenon (67432) R.Ir.F.

Tn.

Instructor R.T. (Major) — T/Maj. C.E. Alexander (67447) R.T.

Fd.

Instructor R.E. (Major) — T/Maj. W.E. Chapman (210250) R.E.

Recruits

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[redacted]/Capt. A.V. Gibbins (23416) R.A.

[redacted] & G.S

Staff Captain — T/Capt. V.R. Trowelyan (256126) R.D.

[redacted]

[redacted] — W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (100450) R.A.C.
T/Maj. J.C. Talbot (99549) R.A.C.

[redacted] — T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127595) R.A.C.

[redacted] — T/Maj. I.I. Tvins (230319) R.A.C.

[redacted]

[redacted]

G50 II (STC/T.A.) Trg. — T/Maj. [redacted] Price AEC (74638) R.Sig.s

G50 II (STC/G.S.) Trg. — T/Maj. H.P. Chance (97452) R.Tk.r

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major) — T/Maj. G.F. Alexander (87447) R.A.

R.E.

Instructor R.E. (Major) — T/Maj. W.E. Chapman (210260) R.E.

R.Signals

Instructor R.Sigs. (Major) — T/Maj. D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
=Ufficio Personale e Affari Vari=

Roma, li 27 Maggio 1946-

ELENCO DEGLI UFFICIALI SUPERIORI IN FORZA AL COMANDO
SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

-Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	MALAVASI	Lodovico	-Colonnello Addetto
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	MECCIA	Ettore	-Capo Uff.Personale
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	CAMPA	Salvatore	-Capo Uff. Servizi (Uff.Stralcio)
-Ten.Colonnello	Gran.spe.-T.S.G.-	LAMBARDI	Luigi	-Capo Uff.Ordinamento
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SILVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addestramen.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	VASSALLO	Vittorio	-Add.al Com.Scuole Centrali

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE VARIE ARMI

-Colonnello	Art.spe.- --- -	CARPITELLA	Giuseppe	-Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	GUIDA	Osvaldo	-Com/te Serv.Tatt.
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	COSTAMAGNA	Camillo	-Capo Uff.Studi
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	VITERBO	Ferdinando	-Add.Comando Presidio
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	PALOMBARINI	Sergio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SOLDANI	Antonio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA

-Colonnello	Ftr;spe.-T.S.G.-	TANZI	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	CARLINI	Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	TRABUCCHI	Delfino	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	PEREGO	Marco	-Capo Uff.Addestram.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	CASTROBUONO	Giuseppe	-Comandante di Btg.

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

-Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	MALAVASI	Lodovico	-Colonnello Addetto
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	MECCIA	Ettore	-Capo Uff.Personale
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	CAMPA	Salvatore	-Capo Uff. Servizi (Uff.Stralcio)
-Ten.Colonnello	Gran.spe.-T.S.G.-	LAMBARDI	Luigi	-Capo Uff.Ordinamento
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SIVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addestramen.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	VASSALLO	Vittorio	-Add.al Com.Scuole Centrali

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE VARIE ARMI

-Colonnello	Art.spe.- --- -	CAMPITELLA	Giuseppe	-Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	GUIDA	Osvaldo	-Com/te Serv.Tatt.
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	COSTAMAGNA	Camillo	-Capo Uff.Studi
-Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	VITERBO	Ferdinando	-Add.Comando Presidio
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	PALOMBARINI	Sergio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	SOLDANI	Antonio	-Istrutt.Sez.Tattica

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA

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-Colonnello	Ftr;spe.-T.S.G.-	TANZI	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.- --- -	CARLINI	Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	TRABUCCHI	Delfino	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	PERUGO	Marco	-Capo Uff.Addestram.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.-T.S.G.-	MASTROBUONO	Giuseppe	-Comandante di Btg.

SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

-Colonnello FTR.spe.	-T.S.G.-	MIGAI	Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr;spe.- --- -	BARATTI	Eugenio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Aut.spe.- --- -	PANZICA	Giacomo	-Add.al Comando

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SCUOLA DI ARTIGLIERIA

-Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	PALMA	Marcello	-Comandante
-TenColonnello	Art.spe.- --- -	PAGNONI	Umberto	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.- --- -	REZZESI	Rezio	-Dirett.Corsi Topog/fi
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	SALINARI	Salvatore	-Com/teIII°Gruppo
-TenColonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	DI LORENZO	Giovannie	-Com/te IV°Gruppo
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.-T.S.G.-	RIDOLFI	Guido	-Com/te V°Gruppo

SCUOLA ARTIERI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.- --- -	DE MATTEIS	Gennaro	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- --- -	SILVESTRI	Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	FISICARO	Salvatore	-Capo Uff.Addestram/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	AUTILIO	Giannuario	-a disposizione
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.-T.S.G.-	MAZZA	Umberto	-Comandante Caserma

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	MANCUSO	Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	ZEZZA	Luigi	- Comandante Btg. Telegrafisti
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	IMPERIZZERI	Sante	-Capo Uff.Addestram/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	-	CANCANI	Lelio	-Vice Com/te e Relatore
-TenColonnello	Gen.spe.- ---	-	VIALE	Carlo	-Capo Uff.Materiali

SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.	-T.S.G.-	GACHET	Edoardo	-Comandante

SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.	-T.S.G.-	DENARI	Giuseppe	-Comandante

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-TenColonnello	Art.spe.	-T.S.G.-	Di LORENZO	Giovannino	-Com/te IV°Gruppo
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.spe.	-T.S.G.-	RIDOLFI	Guido	-Com/te V°Gruppo

SCUOLA ARTIERI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.	---	- DE MATTEIS	Gennaro	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	---	- SILVESTRI	Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	PISICANO	Salvatore	-Capo Uff.Addestram/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	AUTILIO	Giannuario	-a disposizione
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	MAZZA	Umberto	-Comandante Caserma

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	MANCUSO	Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	ZEZZA	Luigi	- Comandante Btg. Telegrafisti
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	-T.S.G.-	IMPERIALI/ZERI	Sante	-Capo Uff.Addestram/to
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.spe.	---	- CARCANI	Lelio	-Vice Com/te e Relatore
-TenColonnello	Gen.spe.	---	- VIALE	Carlo	-Capo Uff.Materiali

SCUOLA SERVIZI E ASSISTENZA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.	-T.S.G.-	GACHET	Edoardo	-Comandante

SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe.	-T.S.G.-	DENARI	Giuseppe	-Comandante

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SCUOLA AUTOBLINDO

-Ten.colonnello	Cav.spe.		- GUZZINATI	Alberto	-Comandante

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To: 12 H.A.U.
Dated

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Registration (R)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	
1	STAFF CAR 8CWT.	1560133		52A1956	E			
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L.3689402	SX 6191	D.604206	E			
3	CHEVROLET 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5686553	SX 2920	3154.305.134	E			
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	L.5313393		B.1542/L	E			
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	L.5230009	A282-1998	91018097	E			
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	L.5338223			E			Held on 12 H.A.U.
7	WILLYS CAR 2 ntr 4x2 UTILITY	5100859	B.1443	1560869		LR		
8	STANDARD CAR 2 ntr 4x2 UTILITY	L.6175674	23/88555	UV.6144	E			Held in Auth'y H
9	JEEP CAR FTD 4 ntr 4x4	5626871		GBM 154042	E			
10	"	5156586			E			
11	"	L.5636684			E			

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ANNEX "D"

To: 12 A.I.D. Progress Report No. 10
Dated 1 Dec 1946

...ft.	Centrac No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
83		524.1996	E			
402	35: 6151	D.604206	E			
353	8E: 2920	3134.305.134	E			
3398		F.1542/A	E			
009	4282-1993	91018097	E			
223			E			Sold on U.S. of M., MDTA. Loaned to 12 A.I.D.
9	B.1443	1560869		LR		
674	23/89355	W.6144	E			Held An Item of 15 cwt Dodge U.4982463 Authy M; MDTA G.304 Dated 27 Dec 1945
1		GW 15403.2	E			
K			E			
654			E			

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.....ft.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	M.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Rem
12	TRUCK 1/0 SOLO 500 C.C	C.3426264	S.2956		E			
13	BSA 1/0 SOLO 500 C.C.	C.3117266	23/3/1048		E			
14	"	C.1461106	R.182		E			
15	"	C.5547039	294/235/5209		E			
NEW TO EQUIPMENT.								
1	FORD TRUCK 15cwt 4x2 GS	C.4740602	23959	C/D.2079	E			
2	BSA 1/0 500 C.C.	C.1431656		WD.20-21207	E			
3	"	C.5348060		WD 20-103553	E			
4	"	C.4706071		WD 20-73779	E			

Certified that above vehicles are held on charge and that their condition is as stated.

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APPENDIX 'D' (Cont'd)

Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
S.2956		E			
23/S/1040		E			
S.182		E			
294/235/5209		E			
23959	C/S.2079	E			
	W1.20-21207	E			
	W1.20-106553	E			
	W1.20-73779	E			

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.....Capt, R.E.,
for Colonel,
Cmnd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian General Military Schools.

APPENDIX " B "

Re: 12 B.A.U. Progress Report
No. 10 Dated 1 June 1946

(A) Deficiencies in all Ranks as against W.E. O/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945 (As Amended)

(i) Officers.

RAA ; QAE - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	Sgts.	O/Cls.	Ptes.	TOTAL
Storeman Tech (RAEC)	1	-	-	1
Elec Fd & Plant "	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech, "	-	1	-	1
Instructor, R.A.	1	-	-	1
Clerk (D), "	-	-	1	1
Instructor (Pte A/T	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	1	-	-	1
Storeman R.E.	-	-	1	1
Clerk (D) "	-	-	1	1
Clerks (D) (Any Arm)	-	-	2	2
Veh Mech	-	-	1(L/Cpl)	1
Cook ACC	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	2	-	-	2
	7	2	6	15

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

(i) Officers.

LIAP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June 1946.
2 Ptes " " " 3 June 1946.

(C) Details of all Ranks due for leave in the Immediate Future.

(i) Due under LIAP, LIHCF etc — O.R's - 1

(ii) Due under CMO 1052/45 — Officers - 3, O.R's - 5

(iii) Due for Release A/S Groups 32 & 33 — Officers - 1, O.R's - 2

(iv) Due for RTUKH during JUNE - NIL

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Elec Tch & Plants "	1	-	-	1
Clerk Dock, "	-	1	-	1
Instructor, R.A.	1	-	-	1
Clerk GD, "	-	-	1	1
Instructor 6 pdr A/T	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	1	-	-	1
Storeman R.E.	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	1	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	2	2
Veh Mec.	-	-	1(L/Cpl)	1
Cook: ACC	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	2	-	-	2
	7	2	6	15

(b) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

(i) Officers.

LHQ/2 - 1 Officer due to return 30 June 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LHAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June 1946.
2 Ptes " " " 3 June 1946.

(c) Details of all Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(i) Due under LHAP, LHQ/2 etc — O.R's - 1

(ii) Due under GHQ 1392/45 — Officers - 3
O.R's - 5

(iii) Due for release A/S Groups 32 & 33 — Officers - 1
O.R's - 2

(iv) Due for PYTHON during JUNE - NIL

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Subject:- Morale at the Central Military Schools, May 1946.

To:- Commander
12 British Liaison Unit.

G.S.O. III
12 British Liaison Unit.

12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel : ROME 478809)
Ref : AQ/5/5/1649.
May 31 1946.

1. The question of the maintenance of discipline during the past month has had to be handled with great care and tact. Details of the incidents at Civitavecchia and Bracciano are already well known, and there have also been complaints regarding general conditions of the Schools from other quarters: The main reason for discontent among the recruits is obviously the great political unrest that has spread through Italy prior to the General Elections on June 2nd. There is no doubt that a good deal of insidious propoganda has been spread among the troops by civilians, chiefly Communists and Republicans, as one is lead to believe by members of the permanent staff. For instance soldiers have been told not to obey orders as they have been called to arms "To defend the Monarchy against the Republic" and that if there is a republic, soldiers will return to their homes immediately.

2. There is no doubt, however, that many of the C.A.R.'s are better organised than the Schools in matter of accomodation, welfare etc: It is a frequent complaint by recruits that they do not receive sufficient food at the Schools. This may be due to the fact that the 15 lire "amiglioramento del ramio" can buy considerably less in Rome than in the country. It is strongly recommended that some suitable recreational centre or canteen should be set up in each School, both to supplement the rations and as a suitable counter-attraction to the only other alternative - the chance hitch-hike into Rome. A committee for this purpose is being formed and it is hoped to get up some sort of non-political organisation in Rome similar to the W.V.S.

3. The following are some notes taken from the last part of a report by Colonel Mancuso of the Scuola Collegamenti which might apply to any of the other Schools.

(a) Morale. Political agitators teach that it is wrong to obey orders etc: as the army is a Monarchistic organisation.

(b) Discipline. It is noticeable that the discipline of the recruits from the C.A.R.'s at Bari, Palermo and Avellino compares favourably with that of recruits from C.A.R.'s at Casale, Modena, Siena and Orvieto, who

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(c) Clothing & Equipment. The C.A.R.'s send recruits to the Schools in a most deplorable condition and in many cases boots are completely beyond repair.

(d) Recreational Facilities at C.A.R.'s. These are better than at the Schools and are mainly sponsored by civilians.

(e) Conditions at the School. There are no local amusements and most soldiers prefer to go to Rome at all costs, whether by hitch-hiking or on foot. The barracks themselves are cramped and sparsely furnished with little provision for sport or other recreational pursuits. The married quarters provide little comfort. Cooking arrangements are poor and there are frequent complaints about the quantity and monotony of the rations. Water is often in short supply. Vehicles are insufficient and generally in Workshops. Prophylactic supplies are short.

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Colonel Manousso ...en submits various propos...s to remedy the above, such as the allocation of recreational transport, the supply of sports material, a cinema etc.

W.R. Thurlow
Capt R.B.
Staff-Capt 12 British Liaison
Unit for Italian Central Military Schools.

WRT/vg

Internal.

File.

This is due to the total ...
leave at CAP here ...
7 days return can be taken
in five days with a 40%
increase in duty allotment
Can see no objection
Ad

C-in-C-I- 1-2-1-4-1

SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Administration KIKKI

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12 MILITARY LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : MENN 6(2)14/2)
Ref : 40/5/5/1431

30 April 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III
12 British Liaison Unit

1. The second MARTIAL ADMINISTRATION COURSE was completed on 26 April 46 and the students are at the present time undergoing examinations. Full particulars of results will be available for inclusion in next month's Progress Report.

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4. Owing to the shortage of Typewriting Instructors, agreements are being made to decide the pay of the civilian Instructors taken on in lieu. SSU's are being asked to provide typewriters as it has been found impossible to hire some.

5. Constructional works have not been started as yet but a survey has been carried out and work will commence immediately. If the Contractors work up to expectation the School will be ready for full intake within 14

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[illegible] Italian Base Unit.

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12 British Liaison Unit

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5. Constructional works have not been started as yet but a survey has been carried out and work will commence immediately. If the Contractors work up to expectation the School will be ready for full intake within 14 days.

6. The Welfare Centre is already functioning but needs funds. A quantity of books would be a great asset to the Welfare Library. The Ministry of War are being asked as to the possibility of supplies of these becoming available in the near future.

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Major RAC,
[illegible],
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 478808)

Ref: G/A3/1127
1 June 46.

SUBJECT : Progress Report P.T. School

To: Comd. 12 B.L.U.
G. III

There is little to report from the P.T. School which has finished two of the three months courses. Within the limits of material available training is quite satisfactory.

Swimming training which should have been carried out has had to be abandoned owing to transport difficulties. Moreover none of the sports kit or training materials promised have materialised.

A suitable site for the P.T. School exists at MONTE SACRO, which if could be obtained would cancel many of the disadvantages of the present school.

W.L Ps.

Major W.Staffa

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

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WLP/em

Progress Report on Italian Ex-Army Schools.
for month ending ~~April~~ May 31st

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4259.

1. Training.

A. Recruits. Recruit training after a few minor teething troubles in the first ~~few~~ days has now settled down to a smooth running routine which will be enhanced when the stores promised by S.D. are actually received.

3. Instructor training

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A second series of courses for Regt'l instructors for NUA (New Army units) is scheduled to commence in the second half of June.

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R.S.O.'s Course all nine students from S of A Bracciano deemed suitable as instructors in future Italian RSO Courses.

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NEOs. 25 Pr.	21	21	18	3
6 Pr.	32	32	4766	3.

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2. Equipment.

Recent releases by S.D. will greatly enhance the position regarding training equipment.

3. Accommodation & Stores

Although a modicum of barrack room furniture has been released during the month, nothing has so far been released for the 'Spartivs'. The relevant authorities has been made conversant with this great need and it is to be hope that they now fully realise the importance of troop welfare, particularly at this time of political unrest.

4. General.

Hygiene

Advent of the warm weather has again made it painfully clear that the average Italian soldier has only the most rudimentary ideas about hygiene. It has been suggested by ~~me~~ Major Chance & myself that the M Os adopt the British procedure of routine barrack inspections in company with orderly officers & Sanitary orderlies, & that in addition they give the troops lectures on personal hygiene, causes of epidemics etc. If this procedure is put

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Morale

All activity & interest is at present subjugated to speculation on the outcome of the election & referendum. There is however a commendable lack of the customary excitable panic.

George K. Alexander.
Major RA (IG)

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : RCME 478806)

Ref: G/A3/1128

1 June 1946

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SUBJECT : Police School Progress Report

To: Comd. 12 B.L.U.
C.III

The Police School is now situated with the HQ.at ROME.

The last course finished at CESANO on the 4th. and was more satisfactory than the average.

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Total	100

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In view of the election no further course will be run till the 1st. July.

Major N. Staffs
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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

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Subject:- Progress Rept . - Ordnance Services.

(13)

To:- Commander,
12 B.L.U. ✓
Copy to:-
G.S.O. III
12 B.L.U.

12, B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools.
Tel:- ROME 478806.
Ref:- ORD/4/27.
Date:- 1st June 1946.

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P.M.O.
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4257.

1. Clothing and Stores.

It was understood that the Italian Ministry of War would equip the permanent staff of the Military Schools with Summer Clothing, but there is no sign of any having arrived yet. There existed a small quantity of British K.D. in the Italian Central Storehouse at Cesano, some of which has been issued to the Platoon Increment.

The position of vehicles off the road is daily becoming more serious, as no M.T. Spares have been released except the 60 day maintenance pack at Bologna, which is in no way adequate to meet the requirements of the Workshops and Units of the Italian Army.

42 Artillery trailers have been released recently to the School of Artillery, and arrangements are in hand to have these delivered as soon as possible.

A quantity of Signal Stores have been collected from 557 B.O.D. for the School of Signals.

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T. H. Shorthose
Major, D.A.D.O.S.
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Declassified E.O. 11652 Section 3-402/NSC 10, 2820220

Subject:- Progress Repor - Ordnance Services.

To:- Commander,
12 B.L.U.
Copy to:-
G.S.O. III
12 B.L.U. ✓

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JUN 1946 No. 6/5.

PROGRESS REPORT ITALIAN ENGINEER SCHOOL.

MONTH ENDING 31 MAY 46.

RECRUIT INTAKES AND GENERAL MORALE.

1. The bulk of the recruits had arrived from the various C.A.R's by 3 May 46.
2. Trouble however started on 4 May 46 when 1200 recruits [illegible] to Civitavecchia and endeavoured to entrain and return to their C.A.R's. The reasons for their dissatisfaction have been given in a previous report to Col. Mackay.
   After a speech by Gen. Ronco on 7 May at Aurelia Barracks, the demonstrations by the recruits ceased. At present, Training and all activities are proceeding normally, and although the General Morale of the troops is NOT high it has certainly improved since the beginning of the month.
3. Morale of Junior Officers and Senior N.C.O's is NOT high, the main faults in my opinion being:
   a) Lack of enthusiasm. In some cases possibly caused by low Officer rates of pay, high cost of living, and lack of housing facilities for families.
   b) Lack of Leadership and Power of Command.
   c) A fear that they might make themselves unpopular with the men. This was shown by the fact that in the recent demonstrations by the recruits, Junior Officers showed a marked tendency to put themselves in a favourable light by:
      1) Agreeing with the dissenters, not actively but passively.
      2) By grumbling and airing own grievances.

   In this manner a general impression of passive ineffectiveness has been given.
   The Commandant, Chief Instructor, and Senior Officers are aware of this and are doing their utmost to counteract it.
4. The details of the number of recruits received from the various C.A.R's is given herewith.

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" 2.	"	Cuneo.....	101
" 3.	"	Cesa.....	92
" 4.	"	Verona.....	112
" 5.	"	Sacile.....	43
" 6.	"	Pesaro.....	110
" 7.	"	Siena.....	129
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" 9.	"	Bari.....	183
" 10.	"	Avellino.....	200
" 11.	"	Palermo.....	210
Military District Viterbe.....			1
Total Recruits 1554			= 4761

NEW COMMANDANT.

5. Col. De Matteis ceased command of the Engineer School w.e.f. 1200 hrs 7 May 46. He has been succeeded by Lt Col.V.Silvestri.

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REPORT ON ENGINEER SCHOOL CONTD.

TRAINING.

6. In spite of the non arrival of training materials, a provisional Training Programme was commenced on 9 May 46. The programme is quite satisfactary and proceeding according to plan.
For instruction, the recruits are split into 8 Training Companies 2 Companies taking the same subject at the same time. The arrangement of the programme is shown below.

WEEKS

COYS	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
1 & 2	Field Works & Defences.		Bridging		Mines & Explosives.		Roadworks & Water Supply.	
3 & 4	Bridging.		Mines & Explosives.		Roadworks & Water Supply.		Field Works & Defences.	
5 & 6	Mines & Explosives.		Roadworks & Water Supply.		Field Works & Defences.		Bridging.	
7 & 8	Roadworks & Water Supply.		Field Works & Defences.		Bridging.		Mines & Explosives.	

COURSE RESULTS.

7. Course Results for the first 2 weeks of training are shown herewith

COYS		Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average.	
1 & 2	Field Works & Defences.	15	45	50	15	5	130
3 & 4	Bridging.		16	52	77	14	159
5 & 6	Mines & Explosives.	7	27	65	75	15	189
7 & 8	Roadworks & Water Supply.	12	53	60	36	4	165
		2	7	15	90	40	150
		6	10	32	152	12	232
		12	42	60	116	3	233
						Total	1358

ELECTIONS.

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7 & 8	Roadworks & Water Supply.	8 12	16 42	32 60	162 116	12 3	230 233

total 1350

ELECTIONS.

8. Owing to the Italian Elections being held on the 2 June, training for the week commencing 3 June has been curtailed, owing to the fact that approx 400 men have been detailed for Guards and Police duties in various areas.

HEALTH. 4760

9. Generally Good. In Companies Nos. 3 and 4 the number reporting sick has been as many as 40 per day. The main ailments being blisters on hands, stiffness, and minor cuts. As these Coys were employed on Bailey bridging at the time this figure is reasonable, as the work is heavy and minor ailments will be sustained until the men are used to it.

Major.R.E.

Declassified E.O. 12958 Section 3.6(b)/NND 785020

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

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478806)

Ref : AQ/6/5/1638

30 May 1946

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To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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2. Arrangements are being made for a further allocation of 120,000 Lire for the purchase of training materials, which are badly needed, particularly for the Medical Assistants' Course.

3. The Medical Assistants' Course was completed on the 26th April. In general the course was unsatisfactory, mainly on account of the lack of training material to hand and the poor selection of students in the first place. Out of the 43 who took the final exams there were two failures. The remaining 41 were as follows :

16	-	ottimi.
10	-	molto buoni.
3	-	buoni.
12	-	sufficienti

Nearly all the students arrived with clothing and equipment in a very poor state of repair, and there were even some cases of lice and scabies. This state of affairs will be remedied and proper joining instructions will be issued to the students ' Units prior to the commencement of the next courses.

4. The Ministry of War has decided that the course for Democracy shall be run in ROME, where there are more Instructors and libraries available.

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5. 2 Warrent Officer Instructors and 15 typewriters are being sent in the near future for the typewriting course.

6. Efforts are being made to contact Allied Welfare and Medical Instruction Centres at ROME with a view to obtaining some ideas that may be of use to the Centre.

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W. R. Thorkyan

Capt, R.E.,
Staff Captain,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel. : MERE 478808)

Ref : AG/6/5/1630

30 May 1946

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3. The Medical Assistants' Course was completed on the 28th April. In general the course was unsatisfactory, mainly on account of the lack of training material to hand and the poor selection of students in the first place. Out of the 43 who took the final exam there were two failures. The remaining 41 were as follows :

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Nearly all the students arrived with clothing and equipment in a very poor state of repair, and there were even some cases of lice and scabies. This state of affairs will be remedied and proper joining instructions will be issued to the students' Units prior to the commencement of the next courses.

4. The Ministry of War has decided that the course for Demolitions shall be run in ROME, where there are more Instructors and libraries available.

5. 2 Warrant Officer Instructors and 15 typewriters are being sent in the near future for the typewriting course.

6. Efforts are being made to contact Allied Welfare and Medical Instruction Centres at ROME with a view to obtaining some ideas that may be of use to the Centre.

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Staff Captain,
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Infantry School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478806)

Ref : G/A.3/1126

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To: Commander,
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GSO III,
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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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(Tel : ROME 470902)

Ref : G/A.3/1126

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478806)

Ref : 40/4/5/1635

29 May 1946.

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To: Commander,
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SO.R. Sigs,
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There are three main factors which are, at present, tending to detract from the efficiency of the training.

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(ii) Shortage of stores.

(iii) The Italian Elections.

Owing to the unfurnished state of the classrooms, it has been necessary to improvise in the question of accommodation. The Italians have tended to solve this problem rather by bunching classes together as the easiest solution. This has consequently diminished the value of instruction given but steps are being taken to ensure that classes are kept down to a minimum size. The unusually bad weather for May has made the holding of outdoor classes more difficult that was expected.

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1. (c) Continued.

During the last week of May almost the whole of the items demanded in the Interim Stores indent have been received at the School. They are, at present, being unpacked, tested and issued to the various companies. These stores will do much to facilitate training but it must be borne in mind that they amount to only about 50% of the final requirements of the School and until these are released the standard of training cannot reach the optimum.

The advent of the Italian elections have naturally caused an amount of unsettlement throughout the School although morale and discipline appears to have been fairly well maintained. Nevertheless, even this has its drawbacks, as the School has now to provide 1,500 men for guard duties during the elections. 300 men are being sent to Pescara, 200 to Caserta and 1,000 are to be used in the Rome area. This will necessitate something approaching a cessation of training for a period of from five days to a week.

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The administrative staff appears to have coped efficiently with the influx of recruits. The cookhouse arrangements are still rather primitive, but a good kitchen is in course of construction. The present state of the infirmary leaves much to be desired but this is being watched.

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Appendix "A".

To: 12 B.L.U. letter AQ/6/5/1635
Dated 29 May 1946

Course	Duration	No: of Students.	Date of Commencement
W/T Operators.	4 months.	440	15 May 46.
Radio Mechanics.	6 months.	65	15 May 1946
Electricians.	4 months.	85	"
Instrument Mech.	4 months.	45	"
Line Operators.	4 months.	135	"
Switchboard Ops.	2 months.	145	"
Linesmen	2 months.	380	"
Despatch Riders	2 months.	105	"
Arty Signallers	3 months.	560	"
TOTAL		1,960	

SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

12 British Liaison Unit
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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Ital : [illegible])

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To: Commander,
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HQ.A. Sigs,
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Considerable progress is now being made in the re-habilitation of the barracks. The class rooms are nearing completion and it should be possible to take them into use about the middle of June. Delivery for the missing window frames and doors has been obtained although glass panes have not yet been placed in the majority of the windows. Generally the progress of the structural works is now satisfactory although, because of the backlogs in ~~ordering~~ work, much improvisation has been necessary to enable the School to cope with the first influx of recruits.

(b) Courses.

No courses were in progress at the beginning of the month. During the first days of the month, the recruits began to arrive and their final numbers exceeded the estimate by 13. Training was commenced on 15 May 1946 and details of the numbers under training are given at Appendix 'A' to this letter. No courses, other than recruit training courses are at present in progress.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of the courses.

There are three main factors which are, at present, tending to detract from the efficiency of the training.

(i) Lack of suitable accomodation.

(ii) Shortage of stores.

(iii) The Italian Elections.

Owing to the unfurnished state of the classrooms, it has been necessary to improvise ~~in the~~ question of accomodation. The Italians have tended to solve this problem rather by ~~banding~~ classes together as the easiest solution. This has consequently diminished the value of instruction given but steps are being taken to ensure that classes are kept down to a minimum size. The unusually bad weather for May has made the holding of outdoor classes more difficult that was ~~expected~~ anticipated.

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1. (c) Equipment.

During the last week of May almost the whole of the items demanded in the Interim Stores Indent have been received at the School. They are, at present, being unpacked, tested and issued to the various companies. These stores will do much to facilitate training but it must be borne in mind that they account to only about 50% of the final requirements of the School and until these are released the standard of training cannot reach the optimum.

The advent of the Italian elections has naturally caused an aspect of unsettlement throughout the School although morale and discipline appears to have been fairly well maintained. Nevertheless, even this has its drawbacks, as the School has now to provide 1,500 men for guard duties during the elections. 300 men are being sent to Benghazi, 200 to Derna and 1,000 are to be used in the Base area. This will necessitate something approaching a cessation of training for a period of from five days to a week.

(d) Future Courses.

No courses, other than the recruit training are arranged in the immediate future.

(e) Administration.

The administrative staff appears to have coped efficiently with the influx of recruits. The cookhouse arrangements are still rather primitive, but a good kitchen is in course of construction. The present state of the infirmary leaves much to be desired but this is being rectified.

During the month sports kit to the value of 30,000 lire was purchased by the School from NAAFI, Rome upon the authority of QMG, MLF. This is proving a great boon and helping considerably the welfare of the troops.

Entertainments for the troops are being organised and during the present week, two shows are being presented by visiting companies in the School theatre.

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Major, R. Signals.
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Appendix "A".

Re: 12 B.J.U. Letter Aug/6/5/1635
Dated 22 Dec 1945

Course	Duration	No. of Students	Date of Commencement
R/T Operators.	4 months.	440	15 May 1946.
Radio Mechanics.	6 months.	65	15 May 1946
Electricians.	4 months.	85	"
Instrument Mech.	4 months.	45	"
Line Operators.	4 months.	135	"
Switchboard Ops.	2 months.	145	"
Linemen	2 months.	320	"
Cable Splicers	2 months.	105	"
Army Engineers	3 months.	560	"
	TOTAL:	1,950	

Subject:- Morale at the Central Military Schools, May 1945.

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To:- Commander
12 British Liaison Unit.

G.S.O. III
12 British Liaison Unit.

12 British Liaison Unit
for the
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(Tel : ROME 478808)
Ref : AQ/6/5/1649.
May 31 1946.

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3. The following are some notes taken from the last part of a report by Colonel Mancuso of the Scuola Collegamenti which might apply to any of the other Schools.

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Capt R.B.
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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 47[illegible])

SUBJECT : Progress Report R.T. School

Ref: C/A3/1127
1 June 46.

To: Cmnd. 12 B.L.U.
G. XIX

Little to report from the R.T. School which has finished two of the three months course. Within the limits of material available training is quite satisfactory.

Driving training which should have been carried out has had to be abandoned owing to transport difficulties. Moreover none of the sports kit or training materials promised have materialised.

A suitable site for the R.T. School exists at MONTE MARIO, which if could be obtained would obviate many of the disadvantages of the present school.

W.L.R.
Major R.Staffs

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

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Subject:- Progress Rep[illegible] for May 1946.

To:- Commander,
12 B.L.U.

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12, British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel : ROME 478608)

Ref : RET/2/12.

1st June 1946.

1. 155 Vehicle Repair Workshop was disbanded wef 20 May 46.
2. All personnel, stores and vehicles are in the process of being absorbed into the Scuola della Motorizzazione.

Scuola della Motorizzazione.

1. About 40 recruits reported before 1st May. These men were employed in cleaning up the dormitory buildings of the Caserma Funzionale after building repairs were completed.
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3. Military training was continued during the 1st hour of each day.
4. It was decided by the War Office that commencement date for all courses would be postponed to 15th May.
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6. It was then decided that after a selection period, 400 would be retained at Cecchignola to attend course for Meccanci di Sezione, approx 100 would attend courses for Turners, Blacksmiths, Welders, Carpenters and Fitters at Scuola Industriale Duc d'Aosta and 140 would attend courses at the Centro Studi - Via Pintaricchio in the trades of Motoristi, Montatore, Electricisti and CI engine fuel pumps.
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Subject:- Progress Rep t for May 1946.

To:- Commander,
12 B.L.U.

Copy to:-
G.S.O.III,
12 B.L.U.

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(Tel : ROME 478808)
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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
(Tel : ROME 479806)

Ref : G/A.3/1125

30 May 1945

To: G3G III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Major PRICE,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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1. **Programme.**

A programme for the first course has been drafted and is being discussed in the next few days.

2. **Course for Instructors.**

All Instructors are at the moment allotted tasks and subjects which they will specialise on. They are receiving regular lectures on tactical subjects on a high level. Major ALEXANDER and Major GRAHAM are due to give three lectures each.

The part played by the 2nd New Zealand Division in the final assault from the Sangro onwards is being studied in order to make instructors think bigger.

Precis of S.O.S. with modifications are being translated.

3. **Barracks.**

The buildings are going even slower than before, and due to lack of water, conditions are most unhygienic. (5 cases of stomach trouble in the last 5 days). I gave warning of this in my last letter.

A most excellent Troops Canteen has been opened.

4. **General.**

(a) **The Commander.** Though most excellent and energetic in many ways, is being side tracked from this School by his duties as Garrison Commander.

There is no mystery

Colonel Carpitella has been posted to RMSM, though I feel that his ability as a W.T. instructor and expert was wasted at this School, he will be very greatly missed by the late SIWA instructors who have worked with him for so long.

The mystery of his posting and lack of reason was a bad and most inconsiderate move.

(b) Unless the programme of the buildings and contractors is speeded up by the highest authority, the School will not open for many months.

(c) **Political.**

Nothing to report except that the future elections are taking everyone's mind off their jobs, with the possible exception of Colonel Guido.

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W.F. CHANCE, R.Ir.Fus.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NARS No. 28020

Subject:- Morale at the Central Military Schools, May 1946.

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To:- Commander
2 British Liaison Unit.

G.S.O. III
12 British Liaison Unit.

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(Tel : ROME 478808)
Ref : A.J/6/5/1649.
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Staff-Capt 12 British Liaison
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Subject:- Program report for May 46.

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The part played by 2 NZ Div in the final Assault for the Il Senio crossing is being studied in order to make instruction lead to this Crossing.

Price of S.O.S with modifications are being translated

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SOUTH | No 4/2

Originator's No. 42/4

Subject:- Program report for May 46.

Program. A program for the first course has been drafted and is being observed in the next few days.

Courses of Instruction. All instructors are at the now allotted tasks and subjects which they will be pursuing on. They can merit regular lectures, on tactical subjects of which Lt Col Major Blundell Major Chapman are due to give their lectures each.

The next platoon of 2 NZ Div is the first Board for the Second course that is being started in order to make instruction level to this Corps.

Price of S.O.S with modifications are being translated.

Breaches. The Battle is over, everything is normal and the Battle of Wits conditions are NOT Unhealthy (15 cases of Venereal Trouble in the last 5 days) 7 are victims of the 48 hour Post-Cutting. A notice should be hoops curtain has been opened

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General

Originator's No.

1 The Comd Though not excellent and complete in many details is basically satisfactory from Admin point of view. Duties of Comdr Engrs clear.

2 Col Chapple, Senior Postal Officer Hqrs, Field Force has submitted a W.T. instruction expected to be issued by 1st SIVA instructions should have effect with his forces.

The report of his postal and field organisations should not be conducted more.

3 Later, the progress of the Engineering Contractors is satisfactorily by the highest authority the Schedule not Engrs for more matters.

4 Political Note, Report on Staff the Intercluster in Italy carry on hand

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Originator's No. General

1 The Commander Thank best excellent and energetic manner is being ably backed for Attestation by his clutter and Corps Commanders.

2 Col Chapman has been posted to Rome. Should that not obtain as a W.T. instructor expertise wanted in Attestation he will be very much missed by the Int SIX.A instructors who have worked with him for so long.

3 The loss of his portal and lack of necessary tools to do it and host is combined there.

3 Later, the program of the building and Contractors is speeded up by the hydrant authority the School will not open for new months.

4 Political

Noth to Report except that the Int for elections in Italy and as hands off this unless with Hyperion except of Col Cyprian.

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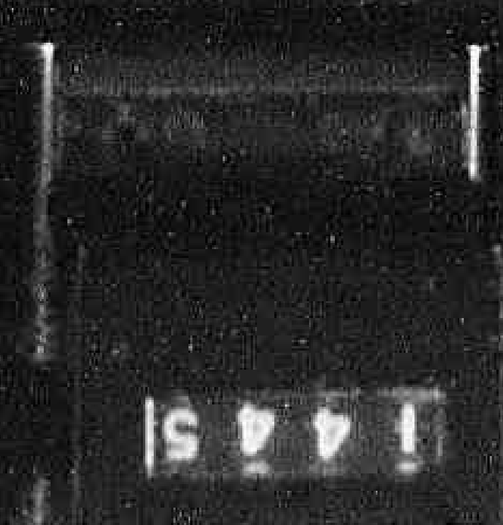
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Administration and Welfare, RIMINI.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES
(Tel. : [illegible] 470846)

Ref : AG/6/3/1636

30 May 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

CSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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1. Constructional work is well in hand, though it is reckoned that a further allocation of four million lire is needed to complete the installation of lavatories, water pipes etc. Apart from this, the School should be sufficiently prepared to take in students within 20 days. The date fixed by the Comando Supremo and the Ministry of War for the commencement of all courses is July 1st or soon after.

2. Arrangements are being made for a further allocation of 120,000 lire for the purchase of training materials, which are badly needed, particularly for the Medical Assistants' Course.

3. The Medical Assistants' Course was completed on the 30th April. In general the course was unsatisfactory, mainly on account of the lack of training material to hand and the poor selection of students in the first place. Out of the 43 who took the final exams there were two failures. The remaining 41 were as follows :

16	-	ottimi.
10	-	molto buoni.
3	-	buoni.
12	-	sufficienti.

Nearly all the students arrived with clothing and equipment in a very poor state of repair, and there were even some cases of lice and scabies. This state of affairs will be remedied and proper joining instructions will be issued to the students ' units prior to the commencement of the next courses.

4. The Ministry of War has decided that the course for Aerocarp shall be run in ROME, where there are more Instructors and Libraries available.

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GHQ XXX,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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5. 2 Warrant Officer Instructors and 15 typewriters are being sent in the near future for the typewriting course.

6. Efforts are being made to contact Allied Welfare and Medical Instruction Centres at ROME with a view to obtaining some ideas that may be of use to the Centre.

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Capt. R.E.,
Staff Captain,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

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12 INDIAN LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
(Ref : 7000/4/PSOS)

Ref : AG/6/5/1635

20 May 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

S.P., M.G.,
Local Person (GS) Comm AG (ITGHQ)

GSO (III)
12 British Liaison Unit.

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Reference 12 British Liaison Unit letter G/A.3/20 dated 25 January 1946.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian Signal School for the month of May 1946.

(a) Grounds.

Considerable progress is now being made in the re-habilitation of the barracks. The class rooms are nearing completion and it should be possible to take them into use about the middle of June. Delivery for the missing window frames and doors has been obtained although glass panes have not yet been placed in the majority of the windows. Generally the progress of the structural works is now satisfactory although, because of the tardiness in commencing work, much improvisation has been necessary to enable the School to cope with the first influx of recruits.

(b) Courses.

No courses were in progress at the beginning of the month. During the first days of the month, the recruits began to arrive and their final numbers exceeded the estimate by 15. Training was commenced on 15 May 1946 and details of the courses under training are given at Appendix 'A' to this letter. No courses, other than recruit training courses are at present in progress.

(c) Factors determining form the value of the courses.

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GHQ (III)
12 British Liaison Offs.

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Reference 12 British Liaison Offs letter G/A.3/250 dated 25 January 1946.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian Naval School for the month of May 1946.

(a) General.

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(b) Courses.

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(c) Factors detracting from the value of the courses.

There are three main factors which are, at present, tending to detract from the efficiency of the training.

(i) Lack of suitable accomodation.

(ii) Shortage of stores.

(iii) The Italian Elections.

Owing to the unfinished state of the classrooms, it has been necessary to improvise for the question of accomodation. The Italians have tended to solve this problem rather by bunching classes together as the easiest solution. This has consequently diminished the value of instruction given but steps are being taken to ensure that classes are kept down to a minimum size. The unusually bad weather for May has made the holding of outdoor classes more difficult that was expected.

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1. (a) Continued.

During the last week of May almost the whole of the Item described in the Interim Stores Indent have been received at the School. They are, at present, being unpacked, tested and issued to the various companies. These stores will do much to facilitate training but it must be borne in mind that they account to only about 30% of the final requirements of the School and until these are released the standard of training cannot reach the optimum.

The advent of the Italian elections has naturally caused an unrest of unsettlement throughout the School although morale and discipline appears to have been fairly well maintained. Nevertheless, even this has its drawbacks, as the School has now to provide 1,500 men for guard duties during the elections. 300 men are being sent to Rezzato, 200 to Caserta and 1,000 are to be used in the Rome area. This will necessitate sending approaching a cessation of training for a period of from five days to a week.

(d) Future Courses.

No courses, other than the recruit training are envisaged in the immediate future.

(e) Administration.

The administrative staff appears to have coped efficiently with the influx of recruits. The ordinance arrangements are still rather primitive, but a good kitchen is in course of construction. The present state of the infirmary leaves much to be desired but this is being rectified.

During the month sports kit to the value of 20,000 lire was purchased by the School from No. 3 A.F.I., Rome upon the authority of CRO. This is proving a great boon and helping considerably the welfare of the troops.

Entertainments for the troops are being organised and during the present week, two shows are being presented by touring companies in the School theatre.

Major, A. Signals.
Instructor S. Signals.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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The administrative staff appears to have coped efficiently with the influx of recruits. The cookhouse arrangements are still rather primitive, but a good kitchen is in course of construction. The present waste of the ordinary issues ought to be desired but this is being watched.

During the month sports kit to the value of £2,000 has been purchased by the School from N.A.A.F.I., funds upon the authority of CMH, H.Q. This is proving a great boon and helping considerably the welfare of the troops.

Entertainments for the troops are being organised and during the present week, two shows are being presented [illegible] in the School theatre.

Major, R. Signals.
Instructor R. Signals.
42 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian General Military Schools

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ANNEX "A".

No: 12 D.A.S. Letter 22/6/43/1630
Dated 22 Dec 1943

Course	Duration	No. of Students	Date of Commencement
W/T Operators.	4 months.	340	15 May 43.
Radio Mechanics.	6 months.	62	15 May 1943
Electricians.	4 months.	85	"
Instrument Mech.	4 months.	45	"
Air Gunners.	4 months.	123	"
Refresher Gun.	2 months.	446	"
Lewis Gun	2 months.	338	"
Navigation Classes	2 months.	105	"
Navy Navigators	3 months.	760	"
TOTAL.		1,909	

SUBJECT :- Physical Training School.

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

Ref : G/G.21/1108

14 May 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

The situation at the Physical Training School is such that the School Commander is extremely depressed and the writer certainly a little discouraged, the reasons being as follows.

1. Shortage of Equipment.

With the help of D.M.T. last July, a certain amount of stores were obtained from American and British Units and a very limited quantity from Italian sources. However, the total amount received was quite insufficient to supply a properly equipped School. Efforts were made to obtain stores through E.F.I. as the cost of sports kit in Italy was and still is prohibitive.

In early January a letter was received from MMIA stating :

"A bulk purchase of Sports Kit from British Army Surpluses has been approved for the Italian Army. The Commissariato NAPLES should now be selecting and drawing the kit. From this the P.T. School should be equipped on full scale."

It is believed that the Italians could have bought the kit at 400 Lire to the pound had they been quick off the mark.

On the 15th February a list of kit required to equip the School was sent to the Ministry of War. This list was based on a list of the stores supposed to have been bought by the Italians.

As the months passed without result, a second list was forwarded by this HQ to MMIA, who on 11 April 1946 forwarded it to the Ministry of War. On the 20th April, General LIUZZI, Chief of the Stato Maggiore, ordered the Welfare Office to supply the School with a few of the items requested in the above mentioned letter.

The Commander of the School immediately went to the Welfare Office (Ufficio Benessere) with the object of collecting the stores. He was met with the reply in so many words "What stores?"

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On Saturday last the writer asked Colonel MEDLAM whether in fact the Italians had bought the sports kit. He replied that he thought he had seen a letter saying that they had not.

2. Swimming Instruction and selection of a site for the School.

The present course has on the programme swimming instruction. However, this, up to the present has not been possible to achieve as even if a suitable swimming pool or area could be found, the School has neither the petrol or the vehicles to bring the students to the pool, lake or sea.

The writer has frequently pointed out to the Italian and British authorities the desirability of moving the School to a more suitable area.

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However, being in a junior formation it is difficult to do more than advise on a comparatively low level, with the result that no efforts appear to be being made.

On the Italian side, this is due mainly to the fact that most suitable areas are in Allied hands or there are political reasons, i.e. Communist Occupation of possibly suitable sights.

On the British side, the impression received is that the School is considered of very minor importance and that in any case it is a purely Italian matter.

There is a limit to what can be achieved by an officer in a comparatively junior position. It is considered that the School runs well considering the facilities and difficulties encountered. If a first class School is required some POSITIVE outside assistance is required.

W.L. Price

Major GSO II
Trg & Inf Trg
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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12 S.A.I. Progress report of Italian Central Military Schools for period 1 - 30 April 1945.

Ref : G/A.1/1[illegible]

1 May 1945.

GENERAL.

Although good progress has been made during the month, it is reported that on the target date for commencement of advanced training the conditions of the Schools will be far below the standards desired and envisaged. This state can be attributed to two main causes :-

(1) The excessive time taken to obtain financial consent for essential building projects.

(2) The shortage of equipment to cover even the most urgent and vital needs for training.

Arrangements for the reception of the first batch of recruits and for advanced and weaponry training programmes have been prepared. These programmes cover the period which would now appear inevitable between the arrival of recruits and the release of sufficient equipment to train them.

1. School of Motion.

Constructional work has been progressing smoothly throughout the month. The permanent staff are now resident in the School but at present their quarters lack water, electric lighting and adequate latrines. In addition Command Hdtrs(I) has obtained additional accomodation for married quarters.

In order that very definite plans may be made for future courses it is absolutely imperative that a war establishment be approved by SACMED. Until the W.E. is approved it is not possible to gather together the final cadre of instructors and give them the necessary instruction for their new task.

2. Armoured Car School.

The speed at which financial consent was gained, work was commenced, and the bulk of the major constructional work was completed at this School has been quite remarkable. It is anticipated that all work on the School will be completed in 2 - 3 months. A [illegible] Course attended by 160 Carabinieri has been completed with very satisfactory results.

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The shortage of spare parts for armoured cars is acute. In many cases cars are off the road awaiting replacement of parts which have worn under normal running conditions. It is essential that properly trained personnel should be made available to supervise the essential and complicated maintenance of these vehicles.

3. School of Signals.

In the absence of Major U.S. Signals, the duties of Instructor in Chief

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In addition to the main causes :-

(1) The excessive time taken to obtain financial consent for essential building projects.

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Arrangements for the reception of the first batch of recruits are far advanced and temporary training accommodation has been prepared. These arrangements cover the period which would now appear inevitable between the arrival of recruits and the release of sufficient equipment to train them.

1. School of Instruction.

Constructional work has been progressing steadily throughout the month. The permanent staff are now resident in the School but at present their quarters lack water, electric lighting and adequate latrines. In addition several Nissen huts provided additional accommodation for married quarters.

In order that more definite plans may be made for future courses it is absolutely imperative that a war establishment be approved by SHAEF. Until the W.E. is approved it is not possible to gather together the final cadre of instructors and give them the necessary instruction for their new task.

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3. School of Signals.

In the absence of Major D.R. PRICE, the duties of Instructor R. Sigs have been performed by Major W.A.F. [illegible]. A detailed analysis of previous overseas results is not yet available.

4. School of Artillery.

The Duke of Aosta Barracks, Civitavecchia has now been taken over by the Italian School of Artillery from the British School of Artillery.

The condition in which the barracks were left by the British School of Artillery was unfortunately far below the standard to be expected, but the barracks are suitable and ample accommodation for the anti aircraft and anti tank batteries. The barracks at [illegible] which have been improved throughout the months are now ready to receive recruits. There is, however, a shortage of accommodation stores and cook-house installations.

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4. School of Artillery (Cont'd)

Sufficient instructors to train the first intake of recruits are available. Commencing on 1 May '45 a 4 week course will be held to train instructors for newly raised Artillery Units. In addition Officer reinforcements recently posted to the School of Artillery will attend to form a reserve of instructors at the School. It is estimated that 47 Officers and 45 NCOs will attend this course.

The A.T.S. course under British instruction is now in its fourth week. Owing to the shortage of Instructors (British) it was found necessary to reduce the number of personnel attending this course to survey instructors on the strength of the School of Artillery after the first fortnight.

Owing to the non-availability of a British training team and lack of equipment it has been necessary to postpone indefinitely the 3.7 HAA course. It is not envisaged that the 5.5 medium course will commence before June.

Results of courses are shown at Appendix "B".

5. Engineer School.

Training during the month has been restricted to short refresher courses for Officer and NCO Instructors in Bridging, mines and demolitions. The permanent staff and School moved to the Caserma Barracks at Civitavecchia on 24 April, leaving the Aurelia Barracks as a recruit training Centre. Much hard work has been done to combat the Malaria problem and with the release of pumps and spraying liquids the position is now satisfactory. At the Aurelia Barracks work has been done to improve the water system.

Training grounds have been traced near the Aurelia Barracks, and owing to the non arrival of training equipment, an interim training programme has been drawn up for the first intake of recruits.

The transport situation is serious. With the arrival of 2,000 recruits it will be hardly possible to keep both the Caserma and Aurelia barracks supplied with rations and other necessities on the present scale of transport. There are only two 3-tonners in working order.

6. Infantry School.

Progress during the month has been rather disappointing. The general efficiency of the School is lowered by the following factors:

(a) Failure by the Italians to provide the basic facilities for the School.

(b) Failure by the Italians to supply the best Officer and NCO material available for Instructors.

(c) The tolerance by the Italians of a low standard of discipline, turnout and cleanliness.

(d) The shortage of training equipment.

(e) The complete lack of all spare parts.

(f) The continued occupation by the Comando Scuole of buildings destined for and essential for the Infantry School.

An analysis of course results is shown in Appendix "A". The standard of Recruit material is very low. This may be due to i-

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An analysis of course results is shown in Appendix "A". The standard of Territorial NCOs was very low. This was due to :-

(i) Poor quality and morale of students.

(ii) Dissatisfaction caused among corporals. The sergeants attending the course were granted an allowance whereas the corporals were not.

(iii) Poor standard of discipline demanded by the School.

(iv) Absence of demonstration troops on security duties.

During Easter most of the Instructors were granted leave. The following internal courses commence on 5 May 1946.

1. Sniper.
2. 3-in Mortar.
3. Carrier - Driving and Maintenance.

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7. Police School.

The School accomodation has been greatly improved and the training facilities are now adequate except for repairs necessary to the drill square. A course, now in its third week, is attended by 11 NCOs and 32 Carabinieri of the Territorial Battalions and 18 NCOs and 36 Carabinieri of Territorial Legions. The standard of students is above average.

8. P.T. School.

Despite great difficulties due to the shortage of equipment and very limited facilities the high standard attained by this School has been maintained. A course, now in its fifth week is attended by 27 Officers, 41 NCOs and 9 Carabinieri. The British Instructor SGT MADDISON has been replaced by CPOI STEVENSON.

9. School of Interpretation.

The A.E. work in this School has been disappointingly slow. This is not due to inefficiency of workmen employed but due to the insufficiency of workers employed. Accomodation is available for one battalion of the Scuola Antincendi, but no work has yet been commenced on the School for Junior Officers, cadet Officers and Potential NCOs. In addition, sufficient training material has been drawn to stock 8 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 battalion. At the present therefore, the School is ready to receive 800 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 800 remain at the CAPs until 1 June, when it is hoped that accomodation and training stores will be available for them. This would mean that the initial 800 recruits would finish their course on 31 July and the second course on 31 August. The School would then be ready to receive 1600 recruits on 1 September. It is not envisaged that accomodation will be available for Junior Officer, Cadet Officer or Potential NCOs course before July.

The number of Instructors posted to the School is insufficient to meet instructional requirements. The position to date at the Scuola Antincendi is as follows :-

	W.E.	Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	46	27	19
NCOs	80	48	32

The position with regard to vehicles (Load Carriers, various capacities) for driving training is as follows : & 4128

	Needed for Trg W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient.
Lorries	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

Of the 172 Lorries and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Lorries and 18 M/Cs require major repairs.

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3. School of Interiation.

The M.E. work on this School has been disappointingly slow. This is not due to inefficiency of workmen employed but due to the insufficiency of workers employed. Accommodation is available for one battalion of the Scuola Antiaerei, but no work has yet been commenced on the School for Junior Officers, cadet officers and Potential NCOs. In addition, sufficient training material has been driven to stock 8 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 battalion. At the present therefore, the School is ready to receive 600 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 400 remain at the CAIO until 1 June, when it is hoped that accomodation and training stores will be available for them. This would mean that the initial 600 recruits would finish their course on 31 July and the second course on 31 August. The School would then be ready to receive 1000 recruits on 1 September. It is not envisaged that accomodation will be available for Junior Officer, Cadet Officer or Potential NCOs course before July.

The number of Instructors posted to the School is insufficient to meet instructional requirements. The position to date at the Scuola Antiaerei is as follows :-

	W.E.	Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	46	27	19
NCOs	80	48	32

The position with regard to vehicles (Load Carriers, various capacities) for driving training is as follows : 4728

	Needed for Trg W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient.
Lorries	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

Of the 172 Lorries and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Lorries and 18 M/Cs require major repairs.

There is also a large deficiency in personnel for the M.T. Company - the position is as follows :-

	W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	22	10	12
NCOs	39	26	13
GR (Drivers & M/S personnel)	407	242	227
	538	276	251

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9. School of Motorisation (Cont'd)

The course for Officer and NCO Instructors was completed on 20 April 1946. No examination was held since the aim of the course was to ensure that a level standard of instruction would be maintained in future recruit sources and that all instructors were conversant with the latest methods of instruction. Approval has been received from the Ministry of War for a fortnight's P.O.L. course for 2 Officers and 4 NCOs. After the course they will act as instructors with the eventual aim of inspecting P.O.L. Depots and Regimental Petrol Points throughout the Italian Army.

10. E & M School.

Alterations and repairs to the Caserma Furiorelo (No.1 Detention Barracks) commenced on 2 April. This work has proceeded very slowly and the repair of the water supply, electric light and power lines are being treated as top priority. On the arrival of the first intake 300 students will attend a driver mechanics course at Cecchignola. It is also proposed that 150 students be trained at the Centro Studi Alvi Fiadina - Via Ponte Vecchio in the following trades :-

Engine Fitters.
Chassis and Assembly Fitters.
Vehicle and Plant (Electricians)
CI Engine Fuel Pump Experts.

The remainder of the students will receive tuition at one or the other of the two industrial schools - Duc D'Aosta via Taranto or Galileo Via Conte Verde. 30 to 40 students will be catered for in the following trades :-

Turners.
Welders.
Woodworkers.
Blacksmiths.
Sheet Metal Workers.

Although this can be but a temporary solution it is felt that the use of the industrial schools is satisfactory for the training of the initial intake until such times as the barracks are ready at Cecchignola.

Preparation of 16 classrooms for teaching daily maintenance tasks and the Workshop for repairs and maintenance of School of Motorisation vehicles is progressing favourably.

S.M.C.A.

This School moved from the Caserma Barracks to the Duke of Aosta Barracks Civitavecchia during April. This caused the postponement of the Inspection of the Artillery Equipment course which commenced 4787 The standard of students on the current armourers course is very low indeed. Some of the students cannot even write and of the 32 who commenced the course only 9 are expected to qualify. The move to the Duke of Aosta Barracks brought to light the appalling low standard of discipline in this School. As a result Colonel Tulin, Commandant of the School of Artillery has found it necessary to replace the entire administrative staff.

11. School of Administration and Welfare.

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Engine Fitters.
Chassis and Assembly Fitters.
Vehicle and Plant (Electricians)
Of Engine Fuel Pmp Experts.

The remainder of the students will receive tuition at one or the other of the two industrial schools - Duca D'Aosta via Tuscania or Galileo Via Conte Verde. 30 to 40 students will be catered for in the following trades :-

Turners.
Welders.
Woodworkers.
Blacksmiths.
Sheet Metal Workers.

Although this can be but a temporary solution it is felt that the use of the industrial schools is satisfactory for the training of the initial intake until such times as the barracks are ready at Cecchignola.

Preparation of 11 classrooms for teaching daily maintenance tasks and the Workshop for repairs and maintenance of School of Motorisation vehicles is progressing favourably.

S.M.O.A.

This School moved from the Scalo Barracks to the Duke of Aosta Barracks Civitavecchia during April. This caused the postponement of the Inspection of the Artillery Equipment course which commenced 5th May. The standard of students on the current armourers course is very low indeed. Some of the students cannot even write and of the 52 who commenced the course only 8 are expected to qualify. The move to the Duke of Aosta Barracks brought to light the appalling poor standard of discipline in this School. As a result Colonel Polin, Commandant of the School of Artillery has found it necessary to replace the entire administrative staff.

11. School of Administration and Welfare.

The second course for Medical Assistants was completed on 26 April 66. It has not been as satisfactory as the previous course in that insufficient care has been taken in the selection of students. Out of 72 students, only 40 have managed to complete the course and it is anticipated that only 30 will qualify in the examinations. Constructional work on the School has not yet commenced but a survey has been carried out and work is expected to commence very shortly. It is anticipated that the School will be ready for a full intake by the 30 May.

The Welfare Centre requires funds and also a quantity of books to equip a library.

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12. Administration.

(a) S & T.

The services of HQ Central Military Schools are being disbanded. No. 2 C.T. Company is in the process of disbanding. Transport details in future will be dealt with by the Admin side of the Infantry School which has a transport detachment placed under command. On the disbandment of 319 Field Bakery on 16 April, bread is now supplied by a civilian contractor using the same bakery. His contract amounts to 4,000 rations per day. The Distribution Depot Cassino will continue to operate until the services are finally disbanded, when all Units will draw from the District Depot, RCOE.

(b) Ordnance.

There is still a large stock of clothing and accessories in the Italian Central Storehouse, but most of this consists of Winter clothing. There has been no change in the MT spares position which remains critical. Stores including guns, have been released to the Artillery School and have been collected from MAMS.

(c) REME. - 155 Workshops.

The arrival of 60 day maintenance packs is patiently awaited. It is understood that they are now at the CMPE Bologna awaiting distribution. During April 65 vehicles and 17 A/Cs were repaired. Deficiencies in personnel at the end of April are as follows :-

	Turners	A Veh Mechs	B Veh Mechs	Elect	Armourers	Sheet Metal Workers	Coach Builders.
NCOs	-	1	3	1	-	-	-
ORs	1	8	7	4	5	1	1

Total 31

(d) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

The standard of discipline has in general deteriorated during the last month. Instances of bad discipline have, however, been investigated thoroughly and steps taken to prevent a recurrence. In the case of 2/6th. it has been necessary to effect a complete change of administrative officers. Although Commanding Officers of Schools are well aware of the importance of providing welfare facilities for [illegible] men and much has been done in this direction the stage has not been reached when the improvement of facilities depends entirely upon the availability of funds.

(e) Morale.

The main grounds for dissatisfaction have been outlined in detail in previous reports. They remain

1) Mail and inadequacy of married quarters.

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(c) RSU. - 155 Workshops.

The arrival of 60 day maintenance packs is patiently awaited. It is understood that they are now at the CARS Bologna awaiting distribution. During April 65 vehicles and 12 M/Cs were repaired. Deficiencies in personnel at the end of April are as follows :-

	Turners	A Veh Mechs	B Veh Mechs	Elect	Armourers	Sheet Metal Workers	Coach Builders.
NCOs	-	1	3	1	-	-	-
ORs	1	8	7	5	4	1	1

Total 31

(d) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

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(e) Morale.

The main grounds for dissatisfaction have been outlined in detail in previous reports. They remain

1) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.
2) Financial reasons.

There has been a great feeling of disappointment that British equipment which has been promised has not been released in time to train the first intake of recruits. This can only be temporary and this feeling will disappear when the equipment arrives.

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

Signals Report.
A progress report has been received from S.D.II H.Sigs. M.M.I.A. too late to be included in the general report. It is forwarded as Appendix 'G'.

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Distribution.

	General Report	Appendices. A	B	C	D	E	F	G
MAIA	7	21	7	10	3	10	10	7
Comd 12 BLU	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO II (Schools)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO II (Trg & L&T Trg)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. RE	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. AA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr R.Sigs	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
War Diary	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2
Floet	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
File	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2

List of Appendices to 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No.17.

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RESULTS OF COURSES - APRIL 1946

1. School of Artillery.

OFFICERS	Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed
25 pr	16	19	16
NCOs			
25 pr	35	35	32
Specialists	15	15	15
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14
40 mm	16	16	16

2. Infantry School

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	P
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27	
CAR NCOs	255	6	73	231	
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41	
Territorial NCOs	230	7	22	47	

3. Signals School.

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	P
No.3 Potential Signals Instructory. - OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5	
Wireless - N.C.Os.	26	-	6	10	
Line. - N.C.Os.	35	3	6	9	
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	10	4	3	3	
Infantry Signaller - NCOs.	16	2	4	5	

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APPENDIX "A"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No.17 dated 1 MAY 1946.

RESULTS OF COURSES - APRIL 1946

OFFICERS	Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed	Failed or Disqualified.
25 pr	16	19	16	3
NCOs				
25 pr	35	35	32	3
Specialists	15	15	15	-
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14	-
40 mm	16	16	16	-

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed	Failed
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27	8	-
CAR NCOs	355	6	73	231	40	8
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41	4	-
Territorial NCOs	230	7	22	47	72	-

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed.	Failed.
No.3 Potential Signals						
Instructors. - OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5	4	1
Wirelers - N.C.Os.	26	-	6	10	5	5
Line. - N.C.Os.	35	3	6	9	11	6
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	10	4	3	3	-	-
Infantry Signaller - NCOs.	16	2	4	5	3	2

APPENDIX "D"

To: 12 B.I.U. Progress Report Nr. 17
Dated 1 May 1945

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS

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

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference.
1.	HQ, Central Military Schools	CERANO	F.6296
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	TOR di QUINTO.	F.7272
4.	Artillery School Fd Branch	PRACCIANO	F.4890
5.	Artillery School AA & A/T Branch	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
7.	Signal School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.7450
8.	Infantry School.	CERANO.	F.6296
9.	Police School.	CERANO.	F.6286
10.	P.T. School.	CERANO.	F.6286
11.	School of Motorisation	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.7450
12.	I and M School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
13.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI.	D.0725

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APPENDIX "C"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 17
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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST
1 MAY 1946

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSO I	L/Col. L.H. Mackay OBE (59056)
GSO III	T/Capt A.W. Gibbins (253416) R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DAA & QMG	T/Maj H.J. Dartford (226359) R.A.C.
Staff Captain	T/Capt W.H. Trevelyan (256126) R.E.

SERVICES.

DADOS	T/Maj J.C. Mallint (95549) RAOC.
DADOS	T/Maj T.H. Shorthose (127395) RAOC
DADRE	A/Maj A.T. Twine (230819) RAEC

TRAINING BRANCH

STAFF.

GSO II (Schools) Tr	T/Maj W.L. Price MBE (74688) R.Staffs.
GSO II (Schools) Tng	T/Maj N.F. Channon (67432) R.Innis.

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major)	T/Maj S.N. Alexander (87647) R.A.

R.E.

Instructor R.E. (Major)	A/Maj W.E. Chapman (210260) R.E.

R. Signals.

Instructor R.Sigs (Major)	T/Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.

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SERIAL No.	VEHICLE TYPE.	REGD. No.	EFFICIENT. (E)	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	INS
1	Ford Staff Car	1560133	E		
2	Dodge 3-ton	L.5689602	E		
3	Chevrolet 3-ton	L.5686553	E		
4	Ford G.P. 15-cwt.	Z.5313398	E		
5	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.4982463	E		
6	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	Z.5240009	E		
7	Austin P.U.	M.1137044			
8	Hillman P.U.	M.5100869		LR	
9	Jeep.	5626871		LR	
10	Jeep.	M.5636694	E		
11	Jeep.	5156386	E		
12	Triumph M/C 500 cc.	C.5426204	E		
13	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C.5117266	E		
14	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C.1461106	E		
15	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C.5247039	E		

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT
AND THAT A.M. 406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

Date: 1 May 46.

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APPENDIX "B"
To 12 T.A.U. Progress Report
No. 17 dtd 1 May 46.

TYPE.	TOCO. No.	EFFICIENT. (E)	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR. (BLR)	REMARKS.
ART Car	1560133	E	4-12-46		
-ton	L.5689402	E			
t 3-ton	L.5686553	E			
. 15-cwt.	Z.5313398	E			
. 15-cwt.	Z.4982463	E			
. 15-cwt.	Z.5210009	E			
.U.	L.1137024			BLR	
P.U.	L.5100869		LR		
	5626871		LR		
	L.5636694	E			
	5158346	E			
W/C 500 cc.	C.5426264	E			
W/C 500 cc.	C.5117266	E			
W/C 500 cc.	C.1461106	E			
W/C 500 cc.	C.5547039	E			

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT THEIR CONDITION IS AS STATED, AND THAT A.F.B. 106 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

W. G. Campbell Major
.....
Colonel.

APPENDIX 'F'

To: 12 S.L.U. Progress Report
No.17 Dated 1 May 1946.

(A) Defaulters in all Ranks as against W.D. CB/1010/1 dated 1 June 1945 (As amended)

(i) Officers - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II's	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
Arm Art (Veh) (RMC)	1	-	-	-	1
Storemen Tech "	-	1	-	-	1
Elec Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech "	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor RA	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor 6 pdr A/T	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	-	1	-	-	1
Observer (RA)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	-	2	2
Cook ASC	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	-	2	-	-	2
	1	8	1	4	14

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due for return.

(i) Officers.

LEAP - 1 officer due to return 30 June '46.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LEAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June '46.
2 Ptes " " " 3 June '46.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for Leave in Immediate future.

(i) Due under LEAP, LILOP etc. N-I-L.

(ii) Due under CRO 1310/45 Officers 3
Ors. 5

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APPENDIX "C"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 17
Dated 1 May 1946.

Progress Report for Signal School by SO II R.Sigs, MMIA.

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

(a) General.

Owing to the pressure of work in other directions I have been able to pay only three visits to the above School during April, but I have maintained throughout close liaison with the Commander, Col. MARTORO, and during the period 25/26 April he and I, together with Major CANTONI, visited the British School of Signals, CMP, at PADUA. This visit proved to be highly instructive and enjoyable. The British School is expecting to close down within the next six months and its Commander has promised that, when it does so, he will hand over to the Italian School all his home-made items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

(b) British Personnel.

Corporal MEYRON, ex 78 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as NCO Instructor R.Sigs, 12 B.L.U. On 30 April I installed him at Cocchiguola, where he will be accommodated and mess with 54 GT Coy RASC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yards from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor R. Sigs he will occupy himself by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

(c) Works.

The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 30 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely well planned.

(d) Courses.

No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and the Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs duly finished on the 30 April. Results of these courses are given in Appendix "A".

(e) Stores.

The release of the Interim Controlled Signal Stores requirements was received from G 30 GHQ on 29 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian Officer, 10 Italian ORs, and Cpl. MEYRON left for Pontedera-Arno on 2 May. This party will draw the stores from 3 Sub Depot 557 ROD and will then accompany them by rail to Migliano Ostenso Station, the nearest to Cocchiguola. 50 Wireless Stations, No. 48, complete, were added by me to the original interim list, prepared by Major SKINNER, as it has since been ascertained from GHQ that this type of set will be available to the Italian Interim Army, and a proportion

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Progress Report No. 15.

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12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian Central Military Schools

Ref: G/A3.
3 May 46.

TO: Commander 12 B.L.U.

S.C.R. Signals II, HQ M.M.L.A.
G3C III Trg, 12 B.L.U.

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

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

(a) General
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Cpl WETTON, ex 78 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as NCO Instructor R. Sigs, 12 B.L.U. On 30 April I installed him at Ceccignola, where he will be accommodated and mess with 64 GT Coy. RASC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yds from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor R. Sigs he will occupy himself with becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

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(e) Stores.
The release of the interim controlled signal stores requirements was received from GHQ, CMF, on 29 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian Officer, 10 Italian ORs, and Cpl WETTON left for Ponte Cagnano on 2 May.

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Italian School of Signals, CECCIGNOLA.

Course Results.

No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course.

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Excellent	4
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Good	5
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Failed	1
Total	21

N.C.O's (Wireless)

Very Good	6
Good	10
Satisfactory	5
Failed	5
Total	26

N.C.O's (Line)

Excellent	3
Very Good	6
Good	9
Satisfactory	11
Failed	6
Total	35

Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and N.C.O's

Officers

Excellent	4
Very Good	3
Good	3
Total	10

N.C.O's

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Very Good 6
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Failed 5

Total 26

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Good 5
Satisfactory 3
Failed 2

Total 16

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Progress Report No. 15.

12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian Central Military Schools

Ref: G/A3.
3 May 46.

TO: Commander 12 B.L.U.

S.O.E. Signals II, HQ M.M.I.A.
CSO III Trg, 12 B.L.U.

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

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

(a) General
Owing to the pressure of work in other directions I have been able to pay only three visits to the above School during April, but I have maintained throughout close liaison with the Commander, Col. MANCUSO, and during the period 25/28 April he and I, together with Major CANTONI, visited the British School of Signals, CMF, at PADUA. This visit proved to be highly instructive and enjoyable. The British School is expecting to close down within the next six months and its Commandant has promised that, when it does so, he will hand over to the Italian School all his home-made items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

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(b) British Personnel.
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The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 26 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely

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No.3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and the Wireless Course for Infantry Signalling Officers and NCOs duly finished on 20 April. Results of these courses are given as an Appendix to this report.

(e) Stores.
The release of the interim controlled signal stores requirements was received from [redacted] on 22 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian officer, 10 Italian ORs, and Cpl [redacted] left for Ponte Cogruno on 2 May.

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Italian School of Signals, CHIUSSELLA.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report No. 17.

12 BRITISH MILITARY MTC's
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318/9)

Ref : AG/6/3/1513

6 May 1946.

To: H.Q.
Lieut Colonel John Cross AG (MILA)

Herewith please find seven (7) copies of Progress Report No. 17 for April 1946, in respect of this Centre.

Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Mission Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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To: The Commander.
12.B.L.U.

From: Major.W.E.Chapman.R.E.
12.B.L.U.
30 April 46.

Subject: Progress Report for Engineer School,
Period Ending 30 April 46.

Herewith Progress Report for the Italian Engineer School, for the Period Ending 30 April 46.

W.E.Chapman.
Major.R.E.
Instructor.R.E.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON ITALIAN ENGINEER SCHOOL.

MONTH ENDING 30 APRIL 46.

COURSES. There are no Courses in progress at present. During the past month, "refresher" periods in Bridging, Mines and Demolitions, have been given to both Officers and N.C.O. Instructors.
2 Officers and 8 N.C.O's (3rts) have been selected by examination results to attend a Bulldozer Course at Torre Annunziata, commencing 1 May 46.

TRAINING SITES. Demolition and Mine Sites are satisfactory, and are located near the Aurelia Barracks. The existing Bridging Site is in the same location, and although "workable" is by no means ideal, as there is no "gap". This is at present being formed by building bridges off of baulk timber stages. Recces are being carried out in the Aurelia and Civitavecchia areas with a view to forming a site on one of the small streams in these areas.
Provisional Training Programmes in the event of the non arrival of training equipment by 1 May 46, have been prepared.

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The Barracks is now being prepared to receive the 2000 recruits expected on 1 May.
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The Sacile Barracks are at present being repaired by civil contractors.

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HEALTH. Generally good.
Anti Malarial precautions at the Aurelia Barracks are being extensively carried out; clearing of streams, cutting of tall grasses, getting rid of stagnant pools etc. Pumps and spraying liquids for this Barracks have been received.
The same precautions are to be taken at the Sacile Barracks. Pumps and liquid having been indented for.
Quinine tablets are taken by all personnel at both places. The tablets are taken in the presence of an Officer.

DISCIPLINE.
Moral Good. Training Officers and Staff are enthusiastic but are naturally disappointed at the non arrival of any training equipment to date.

TRANSPORT.
The Transport situation is serious. Out of 5/3 Tonners held by the School, only 2 are in Working order. With the removal of half the School to Civitavecchia,

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transport requirements are doubled. The two trucks are kept going continuously in the carting of stores and the collecting of rations. When the 2000 recruits arrive it will be impossible to keep both Barracks supplied with rations and necessities with this transport.
It is requested that owing to the seriousness of the position that a loan of at least 4:3 Tonners be made until new M.T. is received.

Stipulated by Adm

P.W. Chapman
Major.R.E.

30 April 46.

Instructor.R.E.

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Declassified E.O. 12958, Section 3.4(b)(NND) NR. 285020

Subject:- Progress Report - Ordnance Services.

(55)

To:- Commander,
12, British Liaison Unit.

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

12, British Liaison Unit, for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
Tel:- ROME 66318-9.
Ref:- CRD/4/24.
Date:- 30th April 1946.

1. Clothing and Stores.

There is still a large Stock of Clothing and Necessaries in the Italian Central Storehouse, but most of this is Winter Clothing. The situation regarding M.T. Spares is still critical. As a result of a special release from G.H.Q., twenty-one 25 Pdr Guns have been collected by the School of Artillery (Bracciano). Artillery Spares have also been recently received.

2. Control.

Wooden racking, as mentioned in Ordnance Progress Report of 30th January '46, has at last arrived, some of which is already in position in the Italian Central Storehouse (Cesano). When all racking is in use there will be a still greater improvement, but even now there is a very noticeable difference and the Officer in Charge is doing a good job of work.

3. Administration. 4708

It is understood that the Commissario Sezione - Ufficio Servizi of the Scuole Centrali Militari will be disbanded in the near future. The improvement, of this section, regarding its administration in supplies to the Schools during the last six months has been particularly noticed by D.A.D.O.S. Its co-operation with D.A.D.O.S.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Armoured Car School.

(54)

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOL
(Tel : ROME 66348/9)

Ref : AG/6/5/1423

30 April 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G30 III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. The War Establishment of this School still appears to be undecided, especially as applicable to types of Armoured Vehicles to be used. The information received by the School in writing was to the effect that they were to have an establishment of :

12 Staghound Armoured Cars.
12 Daimler Scout Cars.

2. It now appears that it has been decided by higher Authority and in order to standardize the equipment of the Italian Army, NO Scout Cars will be released, and the School will consist of 24 Staghound Armoured Cars.

3. Whilst this information has not been received in writing, the idea of taking away the Scout Cars is not understood as it will defeat the principles of Employment and Tactics of Armoured Car Troops. The matter is at present under discussion.

4. A course for 16) Carabinieri in D & M has just been completed and results are very satisfactory. Only approximately 15 students failed out of a total commenced. The next course is scheduled to start on 8 June '46.

5. The repairs to the barracks are going on very satisfactorily. Work started on approximately 5 April '46 and although there is still a lot of repair work to be done a great change has taken place during the last ten days. The Ministry of War appear to think it will take only one month to complete. It is the considered opinion however, of the Officers at the School that 2 - 3 months will be much nearer the correct time of completion.

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7. The main problem at the School is one very difficult of solution. At the time the Armoured Cars were released, no spares to scale were drawn. The result now is that as parts which wore or broke under normal running conditions, no spares are obtainable and vehicles are consequently off the road. This matter was taken up with HQ, who explained to [illegible] that unless spares were released to the Italians these cars would be useless to the Italian Army. It is understood that Ord, [illegible] refuse to issue spares to vehicles (any types) in small batches. The matter of equipment to scale has been forwarded to the War Office, LONDON and until such a time as a reply is received, no equipment or spares will be released.

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The length of time elapsed since this was first forwarded to the War Office, LONDON, may well appear to have something to do with the eventual signing of the Italian Peace Treaty. Whilst the few spares required to put the cars on the road is being investigated and may prove successful, the ideal method would be to scale the cars with spares to cover a period of 12 months.

Major RAC,
DAA & QMG,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Infantry School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66310/3)

Ref : G/A.3/1095

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
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G30 III,
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1. General Progress.

The rate of progress can only be described as extremely disappointing. Instead of the Infantry School being the model of Infantry training for the Italian Army it is possibly on the same level as the average C.A.I., and if better only very slightly.
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(3) Failure of the Commanding General and the C.O. School to demand a high enough standard of discipline, turnout and cleanliness.

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(6) Continued occupation by other Units of buildings destined for and essential to the Infantry School.

It is not proposed to enlarge on these points as it must be fully realised from previous letters and complaints.

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NCOs C.A.R.	365	6	73	231	40	5	
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	44	4		
Territorial NCOs	230	7	22	47	72	72	10

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2. (Continued)

It will be seen that the results of the course for Territorial NCOs was extremely poor. This was due to :

(1) Poor quality and morale of students.

(2) Dissatisfaction by students at the great difference in standard of clothing of NCOs going to CAMs. Further dissatisfaction was caused among corporals as sergeants get an allowance for attending courses, corporals do not.

(3) Poor standard of discipline demanded by the School. Italians Officers can keep discipline if all goes well but the majority are still frightened of their men.

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The School took the advantage of end of courses and Easter to get the majority of Instructors on leave. Chief Instructors, however, are preparing programmes for the Internal courses necessary to expand the School.

The following Internal Courses will start on 6 May.

1 Sniper
2 3-in Mortar
3 Carrier Driving and Maintenance.

During the period the Tactics Course will be preparing exercises and demonstrations.

Owing to the non-arrival of equipment it is not possible to predict any activity in Machine Gun or Heavy Mortar Training, though with the arrival of equipment, internal courses could start within 14 days. The 3-in Mortar internal course will also be hampered by equipment shortages.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : HOLL 6316/9)

Ref : G/A.3/1054

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G30 III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

SUBJECT :- Progress Reports.- P.T. School.

1. General.

Despite great difficulties and shortages of equipment and very limited facilities, it is probable that this is the best school in the Centre.

Another disadvantage is the lack of permanent staff, to be dealt with in a separate letter. A certain amount of assistance is now being received from G.O.I. The School also organises all the sports for the Centre. In addition it attempts to get as much press publicity as possible.

2. Courses in Progress.

The number of students reporting was below that expected. However, there are quite enough for the limited equipment available.

The course enters in its 5th week on the 29th.

27 Officers, 41 NCOs and 9 Carabinieri attend.

AA & QMG
G(A) & QMG
DA&QMG
DAG(P)
DA(I)(S)
DA(I)(C)

WLP/rmc

Internal.

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2 MAY 1946

W.L. Price

Major G30 II
Trg & Inf Sqn
12 British Liaison Unit for the
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Police.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66316/9)

Ref : G/A.3/1097

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General.

The Police School has improved a great deal recently, after its decline on Captain GOUGH'S departure. This is largely due to the interest shown by G.3. section, AMMA.

To a non-trained officer the syllabus appears to be now fairly reasonable though it is still under modification, and is quite well got up.

The barracks are now probably smarter than at any time previously. However, the varied dress of students makes it difficult to achieve the rather impressive parade and parades of previous times.

Again, repair to the drill square would be an assistance.

2. Courses in Progress.

At present there 11 NCOs and 32 Carabinieri of the Territorial Increments and 15 NCOs and 34 Carabinieri of Territorial Legions.

The course is in the third week and the standard of student is slightly above the normal.

DAA & QMG
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DADT
DADOS
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2 MAY 1946 No. 66 2740

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Trg & Inf Trg
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SUBJECT:- Progress Report for April 1946 - D.A.D.S.T.
(To 24 Apr 46)

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

AA & QMG	Ref: SS/27/1444.
DAA & QMG	
SC "A" & "V"	25 Apr 46.
DADST	
DADOS	
DADME	

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to: GSO III
12 British Liaison Unit.

26 APR 1946

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(ii) Instructors.

The number of Instructors posted to date is short of instructional requirements; the following shows position for Scuole Autieri

	W.E.	Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	46	27	19
NCOs	80	48	32

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(iii) M.T.Coy and Vehicle Strength.

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The position with regard to vehicles (Load carriers, various capacities) for Driving Training is very serious. To date the position is as follows :-

	Needed for Training (W/E)	On Strength.	Deficient.
Lorries	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

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Of the 172 Lorries on strength 82 of them are inefficient, and/19 of Motor Cycles 18 are inefficient. Most of the inefficient Vehicles and Motor Cycles require major repairs.

Thus with the courses due to commence the D & M School will only have available 90 Lorries and 1 Motor Cycle for training. Working at 8 men to 1 Vehicle the School can only train at the moment 720 pupils.

The position with regard to the M.T. Coy is as follows :-

Trade	W.E.	On Strength	Deficient.
Officers	22	10	12
NCOs	39	26	13
O.R (Drivers & W/Sp Personnel)	467	240	227
TOTAL	528	276	252

(iv) Training Material.

Sufficient Training Material has been drawn to stock 6 complete Classrooms for 1 Battalion (D & M). 8 complete Classrooms are required for each Battalion. Sufficient material is being drawn to complete 2 more classrooms so that there will be 8 complete classrooms for 1 Battalion. Diagrams in adequate quantities are in possession of school.

The school in addition has sufficient ammunition to commence the first courses.

(v) Accommodation Stores.

Stocks of Bedding, stools etc., are held sufficient to meet requirements.

(vi) General.

From the above position it will be evident that the school will be able to receive only 800 recruits into the D & M school on 1st May. It is suggested that the other 800 remain at the C.A.E. for an extra month and arrive at the school 1st June, when the accommodation for the 2nd Battalion should be ready.

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This will mean that the 1st batch of 800 recruits will finish their 3 month course on July 31st and the second batch on August 31st. This will clear the school and enable it to receive 1600 students for courses commencing 1st September.

The courses at the schools for Junior Officers and for Cadet Officers and Potential NCOs are not envisaged as starting before June and July by which time the accommodation for these schools should be ready.

(vii) Courses.

The course for officers and NCO Instructors was completed 20 Apr 46, though no examinations were held since this course was purely intended to ensure a level standard of instruction in coming recruits courses and that all Instructors were conversant with latest Methods of Instruction. Lectures are now being given to the Instructional staff to ensure that the whole ground of the future courses has been covered and to brief any new instructors that arrive

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(B). Commissariato School of Application.

The W.E. of this school has not yet been approved.

Detailed Syllabi of courses have not yet been received.

The school will require to cater each year for :-

Commissariato)
Sussistenza) Officers - 60.
Administration)

(C). P.O.L. Courses.

The Ministry of War has approved the fortnights P.O.L. course for

2 Officers
4 NCOs.

and the matter is now under consideration as to where they should do their Instructors course.

After the course they will return and act as Instructors to a larger P.O.L. course aiming eventually at improving P.O.L. Depots and Regtl petrol points throughout the Italian Army.

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S & T.

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319 Field Bakery ceased to function on 18 Apr 46 and disbandment is now almost complete. 1 Officer, 1 NCO and a few O.Rs remain as rear party to complete hand over of equipment.

Bread is being supplied by a civilian contractor using the same civilian Bakery as 319 Fd Bakery to a contract of up to 4,000 Rations per day.

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This will continue to function until the services are finally disbanded when all units will draw from Dist. Depot RCME. Stocks at date of closing will be transferred to Dist.Depot RCME.

A condemnation board was held at the Dist. Depot Cesano at 09.30 hrs 25 Apr 46.

D. P.O.L.

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The Petrol Depot, Cesano is now much improved. On disbandment of services the Petrol Depot will come under control of School of Infantry (Administration).

Major, R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.S.T.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
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Subject :- Progress Report on Italian Artillery schools
for month ending April 30th.

(49)

1. PREPARATIONS FOR RECRUIT TRAINING.

a. Instructors

The series of courses which have been producing instructors for the recruit training scheduled to start on May 1st has now been successfully completed. The required number of instructors are, therefore, now available.

A new course is due to start on May 1st. This course is primarily designed to train Instructors for newly raised Artillery units. Officers re-inforcements, however, recently posted to the School of Artillery will also undergo the course in order to provide a reserve of reserve instructors within the School of Artillery. The Students will be sub-divided into 6Pr. 17Pr 25 Pr instructors

Duration of course - 4 weeks
Estimated number of Students
Potential instructors for newly raised Arty units
Officers 12 N.C.Os. 40-50.
Potential instructors for School of Artillery RESERVE.
Officers 25.

Detail of Courses completed on April 10.

Officers 25 Pr.	STARTED	FINISHED	PASSED	UNCLASSIFIED.
	18	19	16	3*

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N.C.Os.	STARTED	FINISHED	PASSED	FAILED OR UNCLASSIFIED
25 Pdr. gunner.	35	35	32	3
specialist	15	15	15	—
6 Pr & 17 Pr.	14	14	14	—
40 m.m.	16	16	16	

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b Equipment.

Unless the equipment referred to in 12 B.L.O. letter ——— dated ——— is received at the very latest by May 10th, the School of Artillery will be quite unable to carry out the proposed degree of training. It is emphasised that the equipment referred to in the above mentioned letter constitutes the barest possible essentials and already visualises the maximum possible improvisation short of lowering the desired standard of instruction.

c. Accommodation & Stores

The barracks at Bracciano are now in a sufficient state of completion to receive the recruits, not, however, without the latter undergoing considerable inconveniences.

Sleeping Accommodation. 2000 sheets are still required.

Class-room furniture ~~Ex~~ No tables, ~~or~~ seating accommodation & black boards have been received.

Cook-houses. 6 Italian-type kitchen boilers to feed 1200 men are required. Without them meals will require to be badly staggered.

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d. General Preparations

The necessary administrative offices and staffs to deal with the recruits have now been successfully set up.

The first few weeks programmes are already approved and printed. 4697

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brought into contact with its British equivalent might not have been inspired to emulate the latter. The state in which the barracks were left, however, precludes this otherwise desirable thought.

4. S. M. O. A.

This school came under command Italian School of Artillery during this month. The low standard of discipline and poor administration have caused Col Palma, Commandant School of Artillery to carry out extensive re-organisation and replacement of personnel.

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2. OTHER TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

Due to an acceleration in the training policy of 13 Brit Corps the British gunnery Instructional Teams hitherto earmarked by GHQ for Italian training have now been given training commitments in the North.

The following alterations to courses under British instruction have therefore been unavoidably incurred.

R.S.O. Course. - restricted to Officers & N.C.O students from Italian School of Artillery with the object of training Italian Survey Instructors who will, it is hoped, subsequently run an R.S.O's course at the Italian School of Artillery. The course is now in its last week. British instruction is now being provided by Instructor in Gunnery 12 B.L.U. & one Survey Sgt on loan from 13 Brit Corps.

5.5" Med Conversion Course.

Postponed until completion of R.S.O's course to permit Instruction in Gunnery 12 BLU to take this course & until medium equipment is released - whichever is the later.

3.7" H.A.A. Course

Indefinitely postponed until such time as A.A. Mobile Training Team is made available by GHQ.

3. DUCA D'AOSTA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA 4695

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The reticence of the command of the British School in recent weeks to recognise the existence of the Italian Army considerably increased the work involved.

The general low standard of discipline in S.M.O.A. who formed the Italian advance party doubtless contributed to this attitude by the British School.

Nevertheless it is to be deeply regretted that the Italian School of Artillery thus

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PROGRESS REPORT SCHOOL OF TACTICS. APRIL 1946.

(48)

GENERAL. During the month the school has been forming from the remnants of S.I.V.A., which have now moved to Civitavecchia,; and working under very great difficulties a great deal of work has been done by General Mattioli.

TRAINING. The greatest stumbling block of all is the lack of a War Establishment, which means that we cannot gather together the final cadre of instructors and give them the necessary training in their new task.
(Appendix A shows present state of instructors).

General Mattioli is doing his best, he is having a lot of necessary British training matter translated and passed to the instructors and he is preparing a programme based on that of the British Senior Officers School.

If the whole progress of the School is not to be set back he MUST have an establishment passed by War Office Rome.

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Enclosed Appendix "B" showing the final plans and the present state of the buildings etc.,

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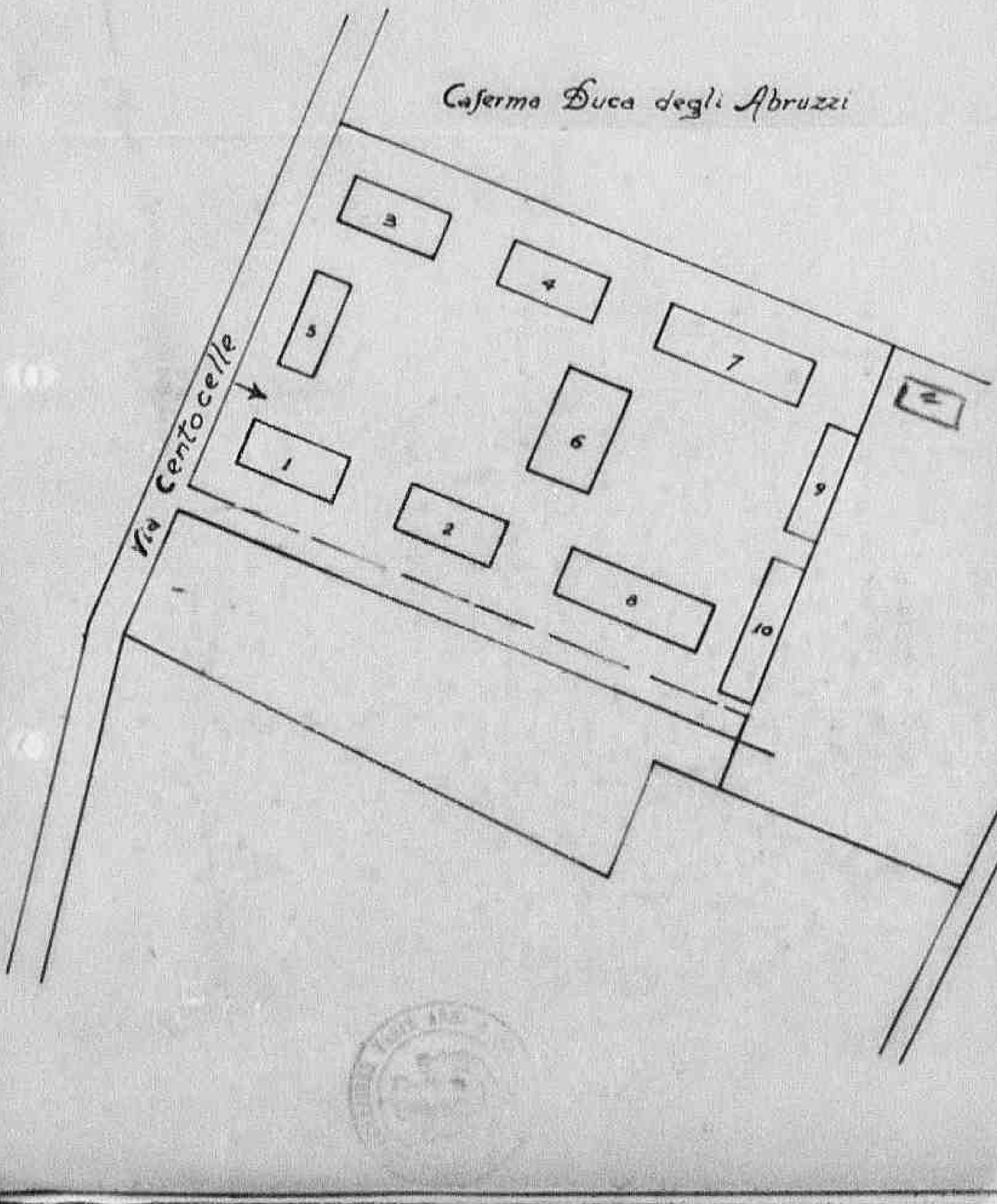

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APPENDIX "B".

ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL OF TACTICS.

CASERMA DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI, CIVITAVECCHIA.

(Refs: to att

FINAL PLAN.

SITUATION ON 1st.

SLEEPING QUARTERS.

Permanent Staff Officers.	Barrack Block No: 3. 1st. & 2nd. Floors.	Some in Block 4, which will be lea but there is no w
W.O.'s & O.R.'s.	Block 4. 1st. & 2nd. floors.	Already living in are still in the
Students.	Block 1 & 2. 1st. & 2nd. floors. Good.	Well advanced, but permanent Staff O

MESSES & COOK HOUSES.

Officers Mess & Officers Mess Cookhouse.	Block 8. Will be excellent and suitable for all Officers, 200 in all, including students.	At present in a ba has so far been d The Officers Mess Block 8, and is n
W.O.'s & N.C.O.'s Mess & Club.	In the front half of Block 7. Should be a good job when finished.	Temporary Mess in
O.R.'s Mess.	Block 4. Ground Floor. Excellent.	This was complete and is excellent.
O.R.'S Cookhouse.	Being built on to the ~~west~~ west end of Block 7, it should be good when finished.	Work on the Cookh Cookhouse is set Block 9.
Lecture Rooms.	Ground Floor of Blocks 1 & 2. 12 small for up to 25 students. 2 large for up to 50 students. 12 Instructors Offices & syndicate rooms.	Work is well adva
	Block 11, is to become a large lecture room-cum-cinema and model room, if accoustics can be improved, it will be excellent.	Work not

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ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL OF TACTICS.

CASERMA DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI, CIVITAVECCHIA.

(Refs: to attached Plan).

SITUATION ON 1st. MAY 1946.

Barrack Block No: 3. 1st. & 2nd. Floors.	Some in Block 4, (reserved for O.R.'s), some in Block 1, which will be lecture rooms and students accommodation, but there is no water, light or good latrines as yet.
Block 4. 1st. & 2nd. floors.	Already living in this accommodation, but the workmen are still in the building, though work is well advanced.
Block 1 & 2. 1st. & 2nd. floors. Good.	Well advanced, but at present occupied by permanent Staff Officers.
Block 8. Will be excellent and suitable for all Officers, 200 in all, including students.	At present in a bad state of repair, very little work has so far been done in this block. The Officers Mess is at present in the ground floor of Block 5, and is not too good.
In the front half of Block 7. Should be a good job when finished.	Temporary Mess in Block 8. not nearly good enough.
Block 4. Ground Floor. Excellent.	This was completed in time for the Easter festivities, and is excellent.
Being built on to the ~~west~~ west end of Block 7, it should be good when finished.	Work on the Cookhouse is well advanced, a temporary Cookhouse is set up in one of the old stables in Block 9.
Ground Floor of Blocks 1 & 2. 12 small for up to 25 students. 2 large for up to 50 students. 12 Instructors Offices & syndicate rooms.	Work is well advanced but not yet finished off.
Block 11, is to become a large lecture room-cinema and model room, if accoustics can be improved, it will be excellent.	Work not yet started.

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MARRIED QUARTERS.

Officers & O.R.'s. 20 Flats for Officers & 15 for O.R.'s are required.

6 of INCIS Contractor's name) Flats can be relied
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are provided.
4 Flats are available in Santa Marinella if the "
made to requisition 2 villas, little or no work is
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be requisitioned; little work would be required
24 Flats can be prepared at the old (pre-War) Eng
O.R.'s, but a lot of repairs are required on these
At present 3 Officers and 2 O.R.'s have been provi

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TRANSPORT SITREP.

At present holding- Motor Cycles.....3.
Private Cars.....2
15 cwt.....1.
3 tons.....5.
P/U.....1

Transport is at present quite adequat
chronic, making 90% of the vehicles h

COMMUNICATIONS.

H.Q. is on the Civitavecchia civil line, making communications within the garrison reasonabl
Military Schools or War Office impossible, this necessitates a lot of otherwise unnecessary use of transp

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SITUATION AS ON 1st. MAY 1946.

ts for Officers & O.R.'s are required.

8 of IMCIS Contractor's name) Flats can be relied on, but all these require repair.
6 Flats can be made habitable in Block 5. of the Barracks, when money and contractor are provided.
4 Flats are available in Santa Marinella if the "Commessariato per gli Alloggi" can be made to requisition 2 villas, little or no work is required on these.
At Santa Severa 4 or 5 villas will be available, representing 10 flats, if these can be requisitioned; little work would be required on these.
24 Flats can be prepared at the old (pre-War) Engineer School Range, suitable for O.R.'s, but a lot of repairs are required on these buildings.
At present 3 Officers and 2 O.R.'s have been provided with reasonable Married Quarters.

TRANSPORT SITREP.

oles.....3.
Cars.....2.
.....1.
.....6.
T/U.....1.

Transport is at present quite adequate, but the tyre situation is chronic, making 90% of the vehicles held ~~unreliable~~ unreliable.

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APPENDIX "A". INSTRUCTORS AT PRESENT AT CIVITAVECCHIA.

TACTICAL SECTION.

Colonnello GUIDA Orvaldo. Chief Instructor.

Ten. Col. SOLDANI Antonio.

Ten. Col. PALOMBARINI Sergio. Arty.

Maggiore CASTELLI Tullio.

Maggiore FELIPPONIC Armando.

Maggiore QUADRANI Antonio.

Maggiore [redacted] Giulio. Arty.

Maggiore PONTANI Giuliano. Sigs.

Capitano VINCI Giuseppe.

Capitano CALDIROLA Ambrogio.

WEAPONS INSTRUCTORS.

Colonnello CARPITELLA Giuseppe.

Maggiore AMADEI Mario.

Capitano D'AURIA Ugo.

Tenente GASPERINI Gastone.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402(b)(2) By _____ NARA, Date 28 OCT 2020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Subject:- Progress Report for Ai 146.

To:- Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

12 British Liaison Unit for
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66318/9)

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30 April 46

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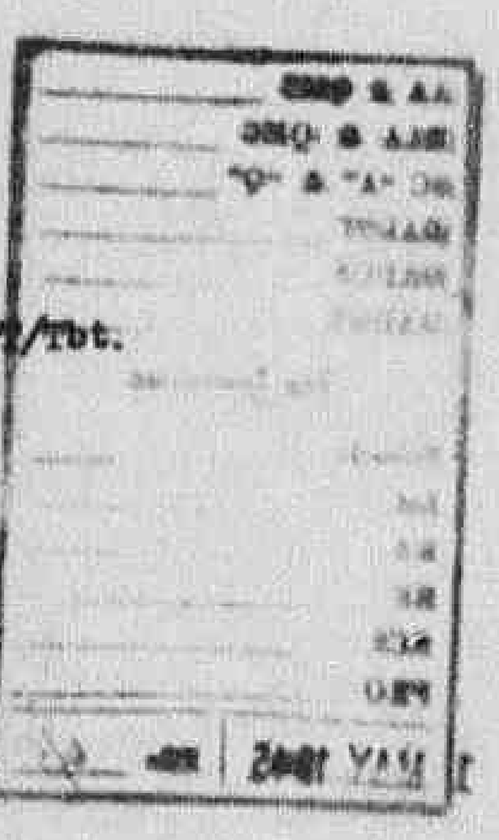

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(A.T. TWINE) Major REME
DAISE
12 British Liaison Unit for Italian Central Military Schools.

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Progress Report - Scuola della Motorizzazione Specializzata di Riparazione.

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2. On 15 May, it is anticipated that 300 students will be started on a course for Meccanici di Sezione (Driver Mechs. standard) at Cecchignola.

3. On 15 May, at Centro Studi (Riva Flaminia - Via Pinto vecchio) approximately 130 students will be started on courses for the following trades:-

Engine Fitters
Chassis & Assembly Fitters
Vehicle & Plant (Electricians)
C.I. Engine Fuel Pump Experts

It is anticipated that 20 to 30 officers will also be started.

4. The remainder of the students which were to be instructed at Cecchignola will receive tuition at one or other of the two Industrial Schools - "Duca d'Aosta"- Via Taranto or "Gallileo" - Via Conte Verdi.

30 to 40 students will be catered for in the following trades:-

Turners
Welders
Woodworkers
Blacksmiths
Sheet Metal Workers

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5. Students (O.Rs.) at Centro Studi and the two Industrial Schools will be housed and fed at the Caserma Regina Margharita - Via Milazzo and transport will be provided to and from Billets. The Officers will be billeted privately near Centro Studi.

6. Anticipation cannot be well founded, but it is thought that this state of affairs will exist for at least four months, during which the Caserma Funzionale will be completely prepared in time for the second intake of students.

7. Permanent Staff personnel at Cecchignola now exceed 600 all ranks.

8. Preparation of 16 Class Rooms for teaching the 16 Maintenance Tasks is progressing favourably, and also the domestic Workshop for the repair and maintenance of the vehicles of Scuola della Motorizzazione (See report by D.A.D.S & T).

9. Commandant, School of Motorisation has detailed one of his Officers to proceed to Orvieto to examine for suitability, those recruits selected to attend

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10. Reference paragraph four. A visit to Scuola Industriale "Gallileo" has shown that this establishment is of excellent standard, and any soldier students who qualify there, may be accepted as good tradesmen.

Declassified by D.I. (R) 1993 Section 3 (1) (a) (iii) No. 285220

Progress Report - Scuola di Meccanici e Operai d'Artiglieria.

1. The S.M.C.A. was moved from Sacile Caserma to Duc d'Aosta Caserma during the period 8 April to 17 April.

This period was followed by the Easter recess 18 to 25 April and disruptions brought about, represent time irrecoverably lost.

2. The new buildings provide four large rooms which are being used as Technical Stores, and thirteen Class Rooms which are at present shared between Armourers and Artillery Classes, the latter being unoccupied until courses commence.

3. The course on Inspection of Artillery Equipment (five Officers and ten civilians) which was scheduled to commence on 1 April, was postponed until 1 May.

4. The present course of Armourer students is composed of generally very poor material, some students cannot even write, and of the 52 who commenced the course, only six can possibly hope to qualify. Of these, two are outstanding types capable of instructing and will be recommended for retention on the permanent staff of the School.

5 In spite of this disappointment however, it cannot be said that time and effort have been altogether wasted, for many faults in administration have been brought to light, and errors can be corrected.

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PROGRESS REPORT - 155 WORKSHOP

1. The 60 day Maintenance Packs, of which 200 tons were promised to all Units requiring spares have materialised, in a reduced scale. 60 tons of M.T. Stores and 20 tons of Artillery spares.

2. These stores are at C.A.R.E. at Bologna, and enquiries as to distribution and priorities have been initiated by the holding unit to S.M.R.E. and M.M.I.A.

3. The output of repaired vehicles etc. for April is:-

Vehicles	M/Cycles
65	12

This figure compares favourably with that of March, as six days of April were holidays.

4. On 24 April, it was confirmed that S.M.R.E. had directed disbandment of this Workshop and absorption of stores and personnel into Scola della Motorizzazione. As a result of conferring with Col. Sivo and S.D. Branch M.M.I.A., a letter showing reasons against disbandment was forwarded from 12 B.L.U. to S.M.R.E. through M.M.I.A. This letter recommended movement of 155 Workshop en bloc to Ceochignola under command Scuola dell Motorizzazione. No further instruction has yet been recieved.

5. Evacuations of B.L.R. vehicles to C.A.R.E. Bologna during April = NIL.

6. Deficiencies in personnel at end of April are as follows:-

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	Turner	A Veh Mech	B Veh Mech	Elect.	Armourers	Sheet Metal Worker	Coach-builder
NCOs	-	1	3	1	-	-	-
Men	1	8	7	4 (1=A Veh, 3=B Veh)	4	1	1
	TOTAL 31						

7. One Scammel Recovery Vehicle remains V.O.R. for lack of inner tubes.

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Subject:- Progress Report for April 46.

To:- Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

12 British Liaison Unit for
Italian General Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 76218/9)

AMT/2/11

28 April 46

1. Attached herewith Progress Report in respect of two Schools and one Workshop.

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(A.T. TYLER) Major RCOS
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AMT/Tck. 12 British Liaison Unit for Italian General Military Schools.

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Progress Report - Scuola della Motorizzazione Specialerate di Riparazione

1. Alterations and repairs to Caserma Nazionale (No.1 Detention Prison) Cecchignola were commenced about 9 April. This work has proceeded very slowly and it has been decided (Col. Moruni - Col. Nigri - Major Trine) that concentration shall be made on water supply and electric light and power lines, so that some measure of fitness for habitation may be quickly achieved, and the other work may proceed even while classes are being held.

2. On 15 May, it is anticipated that 300 students will be started on a course for Meccanici di Sezione (Driver Mech. standard) at Cecchignola.

3. On 15 May, at Centro Studi (Riva Flaminia - Via Pinto vecchio) approximately 130 students will be started on courses for the following trades:-

Engine Fitters
Chassis & Assembly Fitters
Vehicle & Plant (Electricians)
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It is anticipated that 20 to 30 officers will also be started.

4. The remainder of the students which were to be instructed at Cecchignola will receive tuition at one or other of the two Industrial Schools - "Duca d'Aosta" - Via Taranto or "Galileo" - Via Conte Verdi.

30 to 40 students will be entered for in the following trades:-

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5. Students (O.Rs.) at Centro Studi and the two Industrial Schools will be housed and fed at the Caserma Regina Margherita - Via Milazzo and transport will be provided to and from Billets. The Officers will be billeted privately near Centro Studi.

6. Anticipation cannot be well founded, but it is thought that this state of affairs will exist for at least four months, during which the Caserma Nazionale will be completely prepared in time for the second intake of students.

7. Permanent Staff personnel at Cecchignola now exceed 600 all ranks.

8. Preparation of 16 Class Rooms for teaching the 16 Maintenance Tasks is progressing favourably, and also the domestic Workshop for the repair and maintenance of the vehicles of Scuola della Motorizzazione (See report by D.A.D.S & T).

9. Commandant, School of Motorisation has detailed one of his Officers to

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TOTAL 31

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Ufficio Addestramento

(46)

n°01/2335/genio di prot. Cesano di Roma, 4 aprile 1946

OGGETTO: Addestramento genieri.

AL 12° R. L. U. - S E D E -

Si trasmette, per conoscenza, copia del foglio n°1383/ord. in data 29 marzo u.s. dell'Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio.

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IL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
(Ten.Col.G.Silvo)

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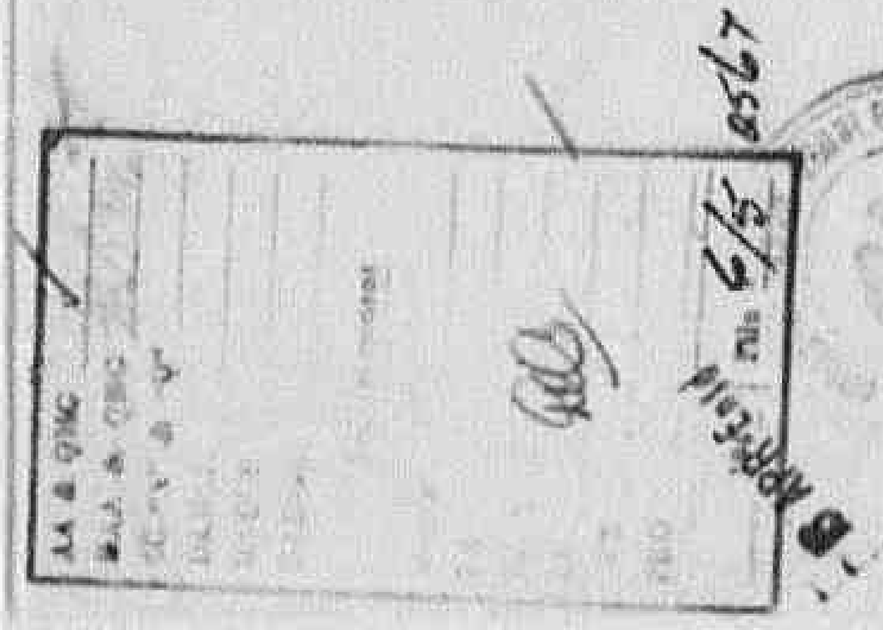

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ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Prot.n°1383/ord. ROMA, 29 MARZO 1946

OGGETTO: Addestramento di genieri.

LA COMANDO SCUOLA ARTIERI DEL GENIO - CIVITAVECCHIA -

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MIL.RI - CESANO -

Lo S.M.R.E. d'accordo con la M.M.I.A. desidera che un certo numero di ufficiali e di sottufficiali del genio siano addestrati nella guida e nella manutenzione di trattori D4 e di buldozers (spianatori).-

Verrà allo scopo effettuato un corso di addestramento della durata di tre settimane presso la 135° Compagnia Genio meccanici con sede a Torre Annunziata.

Il corso cui dovranno partecipare 2 ufficiali e 8 sottufficiali avrà inizio probabilmente il 1° maggio p.v. - Un ufficiale tecnico interprete sarà designato dallo S.M.R.E.

Il personale destinato che frequenterà il corso potrà essere appoggiato alla compagnia servizi genio di Napoli e potrà recarsi giornalmente a Torre Annunziata mediante autobus o autocarro.

In attesa che lo S.M.R.E. emani le disposizioni esecutive sarà opportuno che codesta Scuola designi fin d'ora il personale da destinare al predetto corso e comunichi i nominativi a questo Ispettorato.

A titolo di informazione si comunica che sono in corso trattative per l'addestramento di 6 ufficiali e di un plo-to-

Telegrafata R.G. 12345 Sezione I-UG/PAVIA N. 285220

LA COMANDO SCUOLA ARTIERI DEL GENIO - CIVITAVECCHIA -

*, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MIL.RI - CESANO -

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A titolo di informazione si comunica che sono in corso trattative per l'addestramento di 6 ufficiali e di un plotone artieri per la costruzione di ponteni Bailey. Il corso dovrebbe aver luogo a San Donà di Piave.

L'ISPETTORE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
1° Gen.Div. E.Frattini

P.C.C.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Armoured Car School.

(45)

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

Ref : AQ/6/5/1483

30 April 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. The War Establishment of this School still appears to be undecided, especially as applicable to types of Armoured Vehicles to be used. The information received by the School in writing was to the effect that they were to have an establishment of :

12 Staghound Armoured Cars.
12 Daimler Scout Cars.

2. It now appears that it has been decided by higher Authority and in order to standardise the equipment of the Italian Army, NO Scout Cars will be released, and the School will consist of 24 Staghound Armoured Cars.

3. Whilst this information has not been received in writing, the idea of taking away the Scout Cars is not understood as it will defeat the principles of Employment and Tactics of Armoured Car Troops. The matter is at present under discussion.

4. A course for 160 Carabinieri in D & M has just been completed and results are very satisfactory. Only approximately 15 students failed out of 2[illegible] total commenced. The next course is scheduled to start on 8 June '46.

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5. The repairs to the barracks are going on very satisfactorily. Work started on approximately 5 April '46 and although there is still a lot of repair work to be done a great change has taken place during the last ten days. The Ministry of War appear to think it will take only one month to complete, it is the considered opinion however, of the Officers at the School that 2 - 3 months will be much nearer the correct time of completion.

6. The Instructor position can be [illegible] to be satisfactory.

Allied Commission H.Q. 12608 Section 1-102/WAR No. 28020

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7. The main problem at the School is one very difficult of solution. At the time the Armoured Cars were released, no spares to scale were drawn. The result now is that as parts which were on broke under normal running conditions, no spares are obtainable and vehicles are consequently off the road. This matter was taken up with MMIA who explained to GHQ that unless spares were released to the Italians these cars would be useless to the Italian Army. It is understood that Ord, GHQ refuse to issue spares to vehicles (any types) in small batches. The matter of equipment to scale has been forwarded to the War Office, LONDON and until such a time as a reply is received, no equipment or spares will be released.

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The length of time elapsed since this was first forwarded to the War Office, LONDON, may well appear to have something to do with the eventual signing of the Italian Peace Treaty. Whilst the few spares required to put the cars on the road is being investigated and may prove successful, the ideal method would be to scale the cars with spares to cover a period of 12 months.

F.B. Bamford.

Major R&C,
DAA & QMG,
12 British Liaise Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Armoured Car School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN ARMED MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Rel : MCMS 6534/5)

Ref : AC/6/5/1453

30 April 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. The War Establishment of this School still appears to be undecided, especially as applicable to type of Armoured Vehicles to be used. The information received by the School in writing was to the effect that they were to have an establishment of :

12 Staghound Armoured Cars.
12 Daimler Scout Cars.

2. It now appears that it has been decided by higher authority and in order to standardise the equipment of the Italian Army, NO Scout Cars will be released, and the School will consist of 24 Staghound Armoured Cars.

3. Whilst this information has not been received in writing, the idea of taking away the Scout Cars is not understood as it will defeat the principles of Employment and Tactics of Armoured Car Troops. The matter is at present under discussion.

4. A course for 140 Carabinieri in B & M has just been completed and results are very satisfactory. Only approximately 15 students failed out of a total commenced. The next course is scheduled to start on 8 June '46.

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The length of time elapsed since this was first forwarded to the War Office, LONDON, may well appear to have something to do with the eventual signing of the Italian Peace Treaty. Whilst the few years required to put the onus on the road is being investigated and may prove successful, the ideal method would be to scale the cars with spares to cover a period of 12 months.

Major RAC,
DAA & QMG,
12 British Lines of Communication for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Administration RIETI

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318/9)
Ref : AQ/6/5/1481

30 April 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G3O III
12 British Liaison Unit

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3. It was the original intention to have a course on Democracy at RIETI. SMRE have also been running a course on similar lines in ROME. Obviously it is undesirable and unsatisfactory to have two courses in two locations and a decision from SMRE has been asked for on this subject. It is considered that as the equipment and the Instructors are in ROME the course should continue to be run there and taken off the agenda of the RIETI School.

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5. Constructional works have not been started as yet but a survey has been carried out and work will commence immediately. If the Contractors work up to expectation the School will be ready for full intakes within 14

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12 British Liaison Unit.

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12 British Liaison Unit

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H J Bamford

Major RAC,
DAA & QMG,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Administration RIMINI

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROMA 6818/9)
Ref : AG/6/3/1481

30 April 1946

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SAO III
12 British Liaison Unit

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12 British Liaison Unit

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DAA & QMG,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDB No. 28620

Subject:- Progress Report - Ordnance Services.

(43)

To:- Commander,
12, British Liaison Unit.

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

12, British Liaison Unit, for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
Tel:- ROME 60378-9.
Ref:- ORD/4/24.
Date:- 30th April 1946.

1. Clothing and Stores.

There is still a large Stock of Clothing and Necessaries in the Italian Central Storehouse, but most of this is Winter Clothing.
The situation regarding M.T. Spares is still critical.
As a result of a special release from G.H.Q., twenty-one 25 Pdr Guns have been collected by the School of Artillery (Bracciano).
Artillery Spares have also been recently received.

2. Control.

Wooden racking, as mentioned in Ordnance Progress Reports of 30th January '46, has at last arrived, some of which is already in position in the Italian Central Storehouse (Cesano). When all racking is in use there will be a still greater improvement, but even now there is a very noticeable difference and the Officer in Charge is doing a good job of work.

3. Administration. 4674

It is understood that the Commissario Sezione - Ufficio Servizi of the Scuole Centrali Militari will be disbanded in the near future. The improvement, of this section, regarding its administration in supplies to the Schools during the last six months has been particularly noticed by D.A.D.O.S. Its co-operation with D.A.D.O.S.

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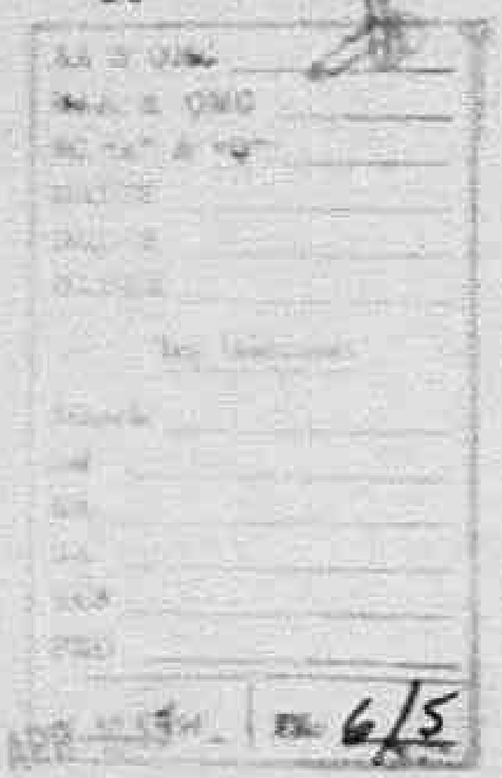

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Major, D.A.D.O.S.
(T.H.Shorthose)

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Police.

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

Ref : G/A.3/1097

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General

The Police School has improved a great deal recently, after its decline on Captain GORDON'S departure. This is largely due to the interest shown by CC.RR section, MMIA.

To a non-Provost Officer the syllabus appears to be now fairly reasonable though it is still under modification, and is quite well got up.

The barracks are now probably smarter than at any time previously. However, the varied dress of students makes it difficult to achieve the rather impressive guards and parades of previous times.

Again, repair to the drill square would be an assistance.

2. Courses in Progress.

At present there 11 NCOs and 32 Carabinieri of the Territorial Increments and 18 NCOs and 38 Carabinieri of Territorial Legions.

The course is in its third week and the standard of stulent is slightly above the normal.

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Major GSO II
Trg & Inf Trg
12 British Liaison Unit for the
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.- P.T. School.

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

Ref : G/A.3/1094.

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General.

Despite great difficulties and shortages of equipment and very limited facilities, it is probable that this is the best School in the Centre.

Another disadvantage is the lack of permanent staff, to be dealt with in a separate letter. A certain amount of assistance is now being received from C.O.N.I. The School also organises all the sports for the Centre. In addition it attempts to get as much press publicity as possible.

2. Courses in Progress.

The number of students reporting was below that expected. However, there are quite enough for the limited equipment available.

The course enters in its 5th week on the 29th.

27 Officers, 41 NCOs and 3 Carabinieri attend.

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Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Infantry School.

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

Ref : G/A.3/1095

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G30 III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General Progress.

The rate of progress can only be described as extremely disappointing. Instead of the Infantry School being the model of Infantry Training for the Italian Army it is possibly on the same level as the average C.A.R., and if better only very slightly.
The reasons for this are as follows :-

(1) Failure by the Italians to provide the basic facilities for the School.

(2) Failure by the Italians to supply the best Officers and NCO material available.

(3) Failure of the Commanding General and the C.C. School to demand a high enough standard of discipline, turnout and cleanliness.

(4) Complete non-arrival of training equipment requested and promised.

(5) Complete lack of all spare parts.

(6) Continued occupation by other Units of buildings destined for and essential to the Infantry School.

It is not proposed to enlarge on these points as it must be fully realised from previous letters and complaints.

2. Courses Run.

The following courses were run with results as follows, during the last month :

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Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Pass	Failed	Not Completed
C.A.R. Officers	44	2	7	27	8		
NCOs C.A.R.	355	6	75	231	40	5	
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41	4		
Territorial NCOs	230	7	22	47	72	72	10

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3. (Continued)

It will be seen that the results of the course for Territorial NCOs was extremely poor. This was due to :

(1) Poor quality and morale of students.

(2) Dissatisfaction by students at the great difference in standard of clothing of NCOs going to CARs. Further dissatisfaction was caused among corporals as sergeants get an allowance for attending courses, corporals do not.

(3) Poor standard of discipline demanded by the School. Italians Officers can keep discipline if all goes well but the majority are still frightened of their men.

(4) Absence of demonstration troops on P.S. Duties.

The remainder of the courses went as well as can be expected. It must be remembered, however, that the results of courses for instructors at CARs are purely relative. By English standards each category should move down at least one. However, in six weeks it is not possible to produce a perfect instructor in all the subjects which have to be taught at a CAR, bearing in mind that 80% of the students have no knowledge of British weapons, Tactics or Training Methods before they come. Also equally important, the lack of drill squares and ranges.

4. Present activity and Future Courses.

The School took the advantage of end of courses and Easter to get the majority of Instructors on leave. Chief Instructors, however, are preparing programmes for the internal courses necessary to expand the School.

The following Internal Courses will start on 6 May.

1 Sniper
2 3-in Mortar
3 Carrier Driving and Maintenance.

During the period theTactics Course will be preparing exercises and demonstrations.

Owing to the non-arrival of equipment it is not possible to predict any activity in Machine Gun or Heavy Mortar Training, though with the arrival of equipment, internal courses could start within 14 days. The 3-in Mortar internal course will also be hampered by equipment shortages.

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FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	
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(W) For Information (INFO)

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My report will be sent over by tomorrow D.R. I am sorry that it will be so late in reaching you; due to an delay in receiving some details for the Intelligence.

Maj.

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Reinforced Exp. 11561 Section 3-1000/1000 No. 285020

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SUBJECT: Progress Report.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools
(Tel: ROSS 66318/9)

Ref: AG/6/5/1438

27 April 46.

To: Lt.Col. J.D.A.Jardis, RASC.
A.D.S.T.
H.Q. Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MMIA).

1. I attach hereto original of report received from Major J.C. Hallet, my D.A.D.S.T., who, as you are aware, is leaving for England immediately. He informs me that you, personally, are proposing to deal with S. & T. matters in connection with the Italian Central Military Schools, and I feel that the important matters which he raises should receive every possible attention.

2. In this connection I would like to say what a great loss Major Hallet will be, as he has carried out his work in a most satisfactory manner and has been of the very greatest assistance to me and the other members of my staff.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT :- Armourers Course.

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

Ref :

4 April 1946.

To: Comd.,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to : AIMS,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC MMIA.

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Reference the above subject and further to our conversation with AIMS, MMIA at mid-day 3 April 1946.

The following observations of the Armourers Course at present in session at S.M.C.A., Civitavecchia are passed to you please.

Total Students now on course = 52.

1. As a result of very superficial observation of all the students it appears that a maximum of 4 only have had previous knowledge of small arms, and the remainder are, in ~~their~~ AA knowledge, practically equivalent to new intakes.

2. It is pointed out that S.M.C.A. anticipated a course of students who were already armourers of a sort with knowledge of Italian arms and who needed only to be guided into assimilating a knowledge of British Small Arms.

3. This present course will have to run the full 6 weeks, whereas it was planned to be completed by 30 April 1946. This will therefore overlap the new intake course due to commence on 1st May, so increasing the difficulties arising due to lack of instructors.

4. Analysis of Course.

Class	No. of Students.
1912	1
1917	1
1922	1
1923	7
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Copy to : AIRE,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC MMIA.

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5. The attached list shows Units submitting students and number sent.

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

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CORSO ARMAIOLI.

Allievi frequentatori No. 52.

Scuola Addestramento Genio Civitavecchia	No.	9
1 C.A.R. Casale Monferrato		2
2 C.A.R. Siena		2
3 C.A.R. Cesno		3
4 C.A.R. Verona		3
6 C.A.R. Pesaro		1
8 C.A.R. Orvieto		2
9 C.A.R. Bari		3
11 C.A.R. Palermo		3
10 C.A.R. Avellino		1
2 Reggimento Fanteria Genova		3
105 Compagnia Servizi Genio Udine		3
S.M.O.A. Civitavecchia		1
Scuola della Motorizzazione Cecchignola Roma		2
Scuola Fanteria Cesano		6
Scuola Addestramento Artiglieria Bracciano		3
Scuola Educazione Fisica Cesano		1
2 Compagnia Trasporti Cesano		1
Compagnia Carri Cingolati Cesano		1
Scuola Collegamento Genio 4 Marconisti Roma		2
Totale Allievi	No.	52

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COLONEL L.H. HACKETT, O.B.E.

12 MEMBER LEAGUE UNIT for the
Italian Central Military Schools

C. M. F.

9 April 46.

Dear Blunt

No doubt you will have received a copy of Arthur Deane's report on the Armorers Course. I should be very glad if you would let me know what action you are taking about this with S.H.A.E., as, unfortunately, this is not an isolated instance of the stupidity being shown in the selection of students for courses.

It is obviously impossible for the Instruction Staff to impart the necessary knowledge on such a highly technical subject to completely ignorant men, and I refuse to believe (and I am sure you will agree) that there are not sufficient men with the requisite knowledge to fill this and a number of other courses.

In my opinion it is merely slackness on the part of those responsible and I feel some very definite steps should be taken to clear the offenders.

Yours

Lt.Col. A. Blunt
Head Persons Sub Constitution
A.C. (M.M.I.4).

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SUBJECT: Various.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: [illegible] 56/18/3).

Ref: A/10/1/137.

10 April 46.

To: Comando Scuole Centrali Militari.

Copy to: M.L. Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.G. (M.M.I.A.). (For information).

As a result of Brigadier Hoge's visit to this Headquarters yesterday and subsequent conversation with him, there are a number of points which he feels should receive the immediate attention of the Commanding General, with a view to increasing their urgency on S.M.S.A.

(1) Technical Students.

A case has recently arisen there, out of 52 students sent on the S.M.S.A. Armourers Course at Civitavecchia, only four had any previous knowledge of small arms, and in consequence the Course, which was originally scheduled to be completed by 30 April will now have to be extended to six weeks. It is absolutely absurd that on a highly technical course like this, Students should be sent without any technical training whatsoever. Unfortunately this is not an isolated case as I have many other instances of Courses of a technical nature where Students have been sent without having the slightest knowledge of the subject or prepared themselves beforehand. It is suggested that the importance of this matter should be placed before the S.M.S.A. to enable them to instruct all Commanders to make a very careful selection of Students before despatching them on courses.

(2) Clothing. 4664

It is most noticeable and deeply to be regretted, that personnel are arriving at the Comando Scuole from the Combat Divisions infinitely better equipped and clothed than those arriving from the Territorial Divisions. It is fully realised that the Territorial Divisional Commanders have a great number of difficulties, but it is of vital importance that they should understand that Students who arrive inadequately prepared and unsuitably dressed for Courses, waste an enormous amount of time and diminish the total value of the Course. It is requested that S.M.S.A. may be asked to emphasise the importance of Students arriving at this Headquarters ready to commence work, as we have no facilities whatsoever here for re-equipping or re-clothing Students who are improperly dressed.

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As a result of Brigadier Hope's visit to this Headquarters yesterday and subsequent conversation with him, there are a number of points which he feels should receive the immediate attention of the Commanding General, with a view to impressing their urgency on S.M.L.E.

(1) Technical Students.

A case has recently arisen where, out of 52 students sent on the S.M.C.A. Armourers Course at Civitavecchia, only four had any previous knowledge of small arms, and in consequence the Course, which was originally scheduled to be completed by 30 April will now have to be extended to six weeks. It is absolutely absurd that on a highly technical course like this, Students should be sent without any technical training whatsoever. Unfortunately this is not an isolated case as I have many other instances of Courses of a technical nature where Students have been sent without having the slightest knowledge of the subject or prepared themselves beforehand. It is suggested that the importance of this matter should be placed before the S.M.L.E. to enable them to instruct all Commanders to make a very careful selection of Students before despatching them on courses.

(2) Clothing.

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It is most noticeable and deeply to be regretted, that personnel are arriving at the Casuals Camps from the Combat Divisions infinitely better equipped and clothed than those arriving from the Territorial Divisions. It is fully realised that the Territorial Divisional Commanders have a great number of difficulties, but it is of vital importance that they should understand that Students who arrive inadequately prepared and unsuitably dressed for Courses, waste an enormous amount of time and diminish the total value of the Course. It is requested that S.M.L.E. may be asked to emphasise the importance of Students arriving at this Headquarters ready to commence work, as we have no facilities whatsoever here for re-equipping or re-clothing Students who are improperly dressed.

(3) Instructors for W/T and Junior Leaders School, ex S.I.M.A.

It appears that a number of these Instructors have been posted to the Technical School at Civitavecchia, while others have been sent to other destinations. It will be appreciated that a great deal of trouble was taken by the Italian Commander and his British advisers to train these Instructors generally in the methods now accepted as standard for training, and it is of the utmost importance that this valuable experience should not be lost. Could steps please be taken to remedy this unfortunate error in posting, so that the Infantry School at Cesano shall derive the benefit of the knowledge of these Instructors, who have worked so excellently at the former S.I.M.A. School at [illegible].

(4) Water.

In spite of the fact that this subject has been referred to on so many occasions, it is important that it must again be emphasised.

Unless adequate water supplies become available before the commencement of Courses as scheduled, it will be virtually impossible to obtain

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that spirit of contentment and enthusiasm which is so essential in order to achieve the best results. It is fully appreciated that the Comando Militare is doing everything possible and that the main difficulty lies in lack of funds, but none the less, I consider it to be a matter of such vital importance as to justify continual re-iteration. It is noticeable that in the Cesano district a number of the civilian farm houses rely for their water supply, on windmills, and as Cesano is well known to be a very windy spot it is suggested that the installation of one or two similar windmills might overcome the difficulty of obtaining electric equipment, which is apparently the main cause for the lack of water. May this suggestion be submitted to the expert authorities concerned with a view to their consideration.

(5) Finance.

It is realised that the financial allotment to the Italian Army is exceedingly limited. It appears, however, that within these limitations there is an enormous amount of confusion in the method of allocation to the various Schools. For example, Civitavecchia appears to have got almost sufficient money to meet all their requirements. Torre di Quinto has certainly got adequate funds to make the School into a first-class establishment. Cecchignola has not got 10 per cent of its total requirements and the position is a very grave one, while at Cesano, where it is understood that 80 million Lire has already been spent, is most inadequately catered for and the allocation in relation to the Schools already mentioned is quite insufficient. It appears obvious that the one person best qualified to decide the relative merits and necessities of the various Schools is the Commanding General, and it is suggested that representations should be made to S.M.E.S. that financial allotments should be made in bulk to the Scuole Centrali Militari, and actual allocation to the various Schools made by General Basso himself; thus obviating instances such as that at Civitavecchia and Torre di Quinto, where either a greater enthusiasm or perhaps closer association with the authorities concerned, has enabled them to obtain a disproportion to Schools in other localities.

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(6) Parade Grounds and Roads.

This subject has also been discussed and commented on to a degree which 4565 renders it more than tedious, but in spite of the efforts of Senior Italian Officers and their British advisers, literally nothing whatsoever has been done, with the sole exception of the Gun Park at Civitavecchia, on which an enormous sum of money appears to have been spent. This appears to be a similar case to that referred to in the preceding paragraph, where a disproportion of the sum of money allotted has been spent in one School, whereas others are starved for want of their most essential requirements.

It is difficult to appreciate how the Infantry School can achieve the purpose for which it was formed if there are no flat areas on which essential training of the Infantry soldier can be carried out. May this matter again, please be brought to the attention of the responsible authority so that immediate steps can be taken to deal with this vital matter.

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(6) Roads Grounds and Roads.

This subject has also been discussed and commented on to a degree which renders it more than tedious, but in spite of the efforts of Senior Italian Officers and their British advisers, literally nothing whatsoever has been done, with the sole exception of the Gun Park at Bracciano, on which an enormous sum of money appears to have been spent. This appears to be a similar case to that referred to in the preceding paragraph, where a disproportion of the sum of money allotted has been spent in one School, whereas others are starved for want of their most essential requirements.

It is difficult to appreciate how the Infantry School can achieve the purpose for which it was formed if there are no flat areas on which essential training of the Infantry soldier can be carried out. May this matter again, please be brought to the attention of the responsible authority so that immediate steps can be taken to deal with this vital matter.

(7) Central Armourers Shop.

It is understood that the Central Armourers Shop at present at the Scuoli Caserma at Civitavecchia has been ordered to move to a building in the Infantry School. It is suggested, however, that in view of the fact that S.M.E.I. is moving into extensive quarters at the Caserma Duca d'Aosta at Civitavecchia, it would be more satisfactory if the Central Armourers Shop was moved to this location also, where it can be more adequately supervised, and will have the benefit of the British Instructors working with the S.M.E.I. Should this proposal be considered advisable it would be understood that the Workshop authorities would assume full responsibility for repair of Arms. This would not detract in any way from the efficiency and equipment provided for Unit Central Armourers, who will, of course, remain in the immediate vicinity of the Units to which they are attached.

It would be appreciated if this may be given your consideration.

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Subject. Central Armourer Shop

Commander
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1. I have been given to understand that a near approach to a Central Armourer Shop exists at Caserma Sacchi, but it is under orders (Gen Ronco. to Lt. Garavini) to move to a building allotted for armourer work in the Infantry School.

In view of the fact that S.M.O.A is moving into their more extensive quarters in Caserma Duca d'Aosta. it would appear to be a far more reasonable policy to continue the Cent Arm W/S in close proximity to S.M.O.A. and under/over own British instructors in S.A.

This would put Cent Arm W/S under command Scuola d'Artiglieria but that is not a disadvantage.

It would also facilitate my own duty of supervision.

I have also advised Comdt. S.J.A to press for more instructors in both branches of S.M.O.A. These will have to be drawn from the better students on various courses and the augmented total of 20 will be gradually built up.

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Herewith please find seven (7) copies of Progress Report No.16, for March 1946, in respect of this Centre, together with Appendices as under :-

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Appendix	'F'	- Vehicles on charge to 12 BLU
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