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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

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

Ref : G/A.3/960

25 January 1946.

To : All Officers 12 BLU.
SGT MADDISON, APTC.

1. To prevent unnecessary work by the Officer responsible for the co-ordination and preparation of the Progress Report it is asked that the following points be observed.

(a) The report be made out as neatly as possible and in a language and style that if possible, complete extracts can be included for submission to M.M.I.A. In particular that the third person be used throughout.

(b) The Progress Reports in the past have contained much repetition and in some cases are more of a summary of the work of the British Officer concerned than representing the progress and achievements of the Unit concerned.

(c) The essential points to be included in the report are :-

(i) A general statement of the progress made, training carried out, and results achieved.

(ii) Detailed numbers under training, results and gradings of individuals.

(iii) Factors detracting the value of the course, i.e. Shortage of Instructors, shortage of equipment etc (In detail).

(iv) Future courses and moves etc.

(v) Administrative Report. (Items which can be dealt with by seperate correspondence should not be included).

2. The following Officers are requested to submit reports as follows to the Commander, with a copy to CSO II Training and Infantry Training, (Major PRICE), to be on the Commanders desk by 09.00 hours on the last day of the month.

(a) CSO II, R.A.

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(b)	GSO II Signals.	Signal Progress Report.
(c)	SO.RE.	Engineer Progress Report.
(d)	GSO II Infantry (A) (Major CHANCE)	School of Co-operation (SIVA)
(e)	GSO II Infantry (B) (Major PRICE)	Infantry Progress Report. Appendix 'B' Location Statement.

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2. Continued.

(f) DAA & QMG. Administration School Progress Report.
Appendix 'C' Staff List 12 B.L.U.
Appendix 'D' Italian Staff List.
Appendix 'E' British M.T.
Appendix 'F' Deficiencies of 12 BLU against W.E.
Administrative Survey (Hygiene, Welfare etc).

(g) DAIME Mechanics School and other REME matters.

(h) DAIOS Review of Ordnance situation as previously.

(j) SMI MADDISON. Physical Training School Report.

3. If any Officer is away or otherwise incapable of personally submitting a report, he will instruct his NCO to do so, or make arrangements with another Officer.

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

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SUBJECT :- Sports Kit

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
TRG/42/2

18 Jan 46

12 RLI to Central Military Schools

Folio 50.

Ref your G/A.3/932 of 3 Jan 46, para 3, sub para 2 (and conversation Maj R.P. CHRISTIE - Maj W.L. ERICK).

A bulk purchase of Sports Kit from British surpluses has been approved for the Italian Army. The Commissariato, NAPLES should now be selecting and drawing the Kit. From this the PT School should be equipped on full scale.

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

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SECRET: Internal and Reserved Military Areas.

"Z" SECTION LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY MISSION.
(Tel: [illegible] 66319)

Ref: A.3/Z&G.

14 Jan. 46

To: Commands
Female Secretarial Assistants.

1. M.M.I.A. require by 27 January 1946 the following information, which will be furnished in a Handbook — "Italian Army Training and Training Establishments" :-

(1) Plan of all barracks, showing layout in detail.

(2) Maps showing reserved military areas, ranges and field firing areas.

2. As the above will have to be submitted through this office, any this information please be available by the 25 January 1946.

Colonel.
Comd. 12 Polish Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Mission

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Copy to: Pen.Col. U.Silvo (for information).
Reference conversation T/Col.U.Silvo — Major R.H.Davis, on 12 Jan.46.

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SUBJECT :- Handbook - Italian Army Training and Training Establishments

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) NONE
TRG/1

12 Jan 46

12 BLU to Central Military Schools

At folio 14.

Ref G/TRG/1 of 7 Jan 46.

1. The following info is required in respect of the Schools as shown in Appx 'B' to your No 13 Progress Report of 13 Jan 46 :- Folio 50

(a) Plan of barracks showing lay-out in detail,

(b) Maps showing reserved military areas, ranges or fd firing zones.

2. A Staff Offr MMIA will visit HQ 12 BLU during the forthcoming week and will discuss the info required in para 3(c), (i), (ii) and (iii) of the above quotedletter.

3. It is requested that the info as laid out in para 1 (a) and (b) above reach this HQ by 28 Jan 46.

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

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(b) Maps showing reserved military areas, ranges or fd firing zones.

2. A Staff Offr MMLA will visit HQ 12 BDU during the forthcoming week and will discuss the info required in para 3(a), (i), (ii) and (iii) of the above quoted letter.

3. It is requested that the info as laid out in para 1 (a) and (b) above reach this HQ by 26 Jan 46.

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Major-General.
M. M. L. A.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 13. FILE (A3) SECRET.

Progress Report by G.S.O.II Training, 12 British Liaison Unit for the Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref: G/A.3/938

3 January 1946.

Herewith Progress Report for month of December 1945.

1. GENERAL.

During the month, training of Instructors for T.T.C's was completed. Although the courses were a little on the short side, results proved very satisfactory. The results are given in Appendix 'A' attached. It is recommended that in future the term C.A.M. be used instead of T.T.C., to save confusion when talking to Italians.

The move of the School of Signals to CIVITAVECCHIA has been completed, which marks the first step in splitting the CENTO into two separate entities. The School of Engineering being due to move to a temporary site in one of the barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA as soon as it is possible. It is hoped that this School will eventually go to an excellent site at PINETAMARE.

The R. & M. School at CIVITAVECCHIA is expected to move to CECCHIGNOLA in the near future to link up with the R. & M. School, and be known as the School of Motorization.

S.I.V.A. will be reskelled after a short course which is being held in January-February. The tactical wing moving to CIVITAVECCHIA and becoming The School of Co-operation; the Administration Wing moving to RIETI, dealing with Services and Welfare. The battle camp at MARZIANA now used for housing troops used to service the School will become a Field Firing Camp, to be used when required.

2. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.Cs.

The first courses have been completed as follows :-

S.I.V.A.	-	-	191 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.	-		465 Junior Officers.
2 Regiment.	-	-	1171 Senior N.C.Os.
1 Regiment.	-	-	660 Junior N.C.Os.

It had been hoped to extend the training period for the above Courses into the New Year but this was impossible as T.T.Cs. required the Instructors at an early date to prepare for the intake.

However, the following Courses are arranged for commencing 10 Jan.46

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results proved very satisfactory. The results are given in Appendix 'A' attached. It is recommended that in future the term C.A.R. be used instead of T.T.C., to save confusion when talking to Italians.

The move of the School of Signals to CECCHINOLA has been completed, which marks the first step in splitting the CENTO into two separate entities. The School of Engineering being due to move to a temporary site in one of the barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA as soon as it is possible. It is hoped that this School will eventually go to an excellent site at PIETRALATA.

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S.I.V.A.	-	-	90 Senior Officers.
Infantry School.	-	-	120 Junior Officers.
1 & 2 Regiments.	-	-	650 Junior & Senior NCOs.

This second Course has been found necessary as T.T.Cs. require more than have already been trained. The Programme will this time be of six weeks duration, but will have the same syllabus as the first Course, with minor improvements from past experience.

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3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The not too high standard of students has been made the subject of a letter from S.M.E.F. to Commando, the main points being those of age, medical examination and, last but not least, Canada to get reprimanded for sending any bad material.

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3. PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL (Cont'd).

The question of Sports Kit was hoped to have been solved at the Sports Board Meeting at G.H.Q., but unfortunately Italian claims were turned down. A further drive to get this from Italian sources is being made.

The clothing of students is now good but not warm enough for winter. P.T. kit was unearthed by D.A.D.O.S. on inspection of Italian stores, the kit being buried under bales of battledress. A special issue of shoes has also been made.

Below is tabulated reports on students who attended No.2 P.T. Course.

(a) Capable of becoming School Instructors - 10
(b) Capable of teaching without supervision. - 15
(c) Capable of teaching under supervision. - 14
(d) Failed. - - - - 5

This course commenced with 60 Students but through various causes 16 failed to complete.

Course No.3 is due to commence on 14 January 46, with 80 Students. This Course will be for eight weeks.

4. ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The results of the last Courses have been most satisfactory. These are given below.

(a) Officers.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Number Passed.	Number Failed.	Nos.not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. Instructor.	19	18	1	--
17 pdr. Instructor.	5	5	-	--
40 mm. Instructor.	3	3	-	--
Academy Graduates, 25 pdr. 17 pdr. 40 mm.	22	20	2	--

(b) N.C.Os.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Number Passed.	Number Failed	Number not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. "Specialist" Instructors.	15	14	1	--
25 pdr. Instructors.	29	26	3	--

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(3) Failed. - - - - 5

This course commenced with 60 Students but through various causes 16 failed to complete.

Course No.) is due to commence on 14 January 46, with 30 Students. This Course will be for eight weeks.

4. ANCILLARY TRAINING.

The results of the last Course have been most satisfactory. These are given below.

(a) Officers.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Numbers Passed.	Numbers Failed.	Nos.not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
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17 pdr. Instructor.	5	5	-	--
40 mm. Instructor.	9	9	-	--
Academy Graduates, 25 pdr. 17 pdr. 40 mm.	22	20	2	--

(b) N.C.Os.

Type of Course.	No. of Students.	Number Passed.	Number Failed	Nurbers not completing Course, e.g. Sick, etc.
25 pdr. "Specialist" Instructors.	15	14	1	--
25 pdr. Instructors.	29	26	3	--
17 pdr. Instructors.	16	12	5	1
40 mm. Instructors.	17	11	2	4

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Further Courses for Officer and N.C.O. Instructors are being run similar to the above mentioned Courses. Courses assemble on 8 January 46, start 10 January and disperse on 22 February 46. Approximately 30 Officers and 150 N.C.Os. will be attending these Courses, sub-divided as follows :

	25 pdr.	17 pdr.	40 mm.
Officers.	18	6	6
N.C.Os.	100	25	25

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5. SIGNAL TRAINING.

(a) General.

On December 20/21 the School moved to new premises in CHIARAVALLE. The new barracks consist of three large two-storey blocks enclosing a large Parade Ground and a number of small buildings, including Mess Hall and kitchens and covered parking space for vehicles.

All buildings are in fairly good condition; running water is available. Considerable alterations will, however, be necessary to obtain heat and to provide floor space as classroom. This work will not, however, impede training progress as only one of the main blocks is now occupied, the others remaining free for rehabilitation.

(b) Courses.

All courses terminated during the month, and five days' leave has been granted to the Instructional Staff, terminating on 5 January 46.

The School is prepared to take such students as may be made available for training.

A new Qualification Sheet for Telecommunications Mechanic (Italian Army) has been prepared and approved during the month. Sufficient partly-trained personnel are believed to be available to enable a quantity of such Mechanics to be ready after two months training.

(c) Instructional Organization.

Nothing to report.

(d) Administration and Stores.

Nothing to report.

6. MOTOR TRAINING.

(a) General.

From the point of view of actual physical development of the Scuola Artieri, this month shows no change from the previous one. The Italian Ministry of War having decided that they wish to have the Engineer School at PINEROLO, are unable to occupy the site until it becomes free. Current occupation is held by the 56 Base Camp and at present it is impossible to know on what date it will be vacated, with tentative information suggesting that this date could be quite possibly as late as August 1946. In this event, the Scuola Artieri would not be in the position to accept the new recruit intake scheduled for March-April, and so a move to temporary Barracks and Training Ground is inevitable. CIVITAVECCHIA is suggested as this temporary location.

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(c) Instructional Organization.

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Nothing to report.

5. ENGINEER TRAINING.

(a) General.

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The temporary move of the Scuola Artieri to any location will entail transportation of a considerable amount of equipment (Bailey Bridge, explosive, etc.) and the temporary setting up of extensive training areas (including bridging gaps, laying mine fields, etc.) is to be expected. However, without the early evacuation of PIZZOLATO by 56 Base Camp, there is no alternative.

From the current training aspect, this month is a repetition of November, with training of Instructional Staff continuing apace; also the Recruit Course of 50 men, and the three-week "Mine Clearance" Course for approximately 15 officers and N.C.Os.

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(b) Courses.

(i) Instructional Classes for potential Scuola Artieri staff commenced in November 1945, strength as follows :

20 officers.
30 N.C.Os.

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5. MILITARY TRAINING (Contd).

(b) Courses.

(ii) Recruits Course, continuing :-

50 C.Rs.

(iii) Mine Clearance Course (Regular consecutive intake of approximately 15), three weeks, at present :-

3 Officers.
14 N.C.Os.

(c) Members Held.

	Offrs.	N.C.Os.	O.Rs.
1. Staff Instructional Course.	20	39	--
2. Recruits Course	--	--	50
3. Mine Clearance Course.	3	14	--
	23	53	50

(d) Equipment.

No Change.

(e) Administration.

Accommodation - No comment, in view of pending move.

7. DRIVING & MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

At present, one (five week D. & M.) Course for 100 Students is running at the D. & M. School, CHRISTCHURCH. This course will finish on 12 January 1946, when a further 400 students will report for the next five weeks' course.

Administration.

Various urgent administrative problems confront D.C. School, which must be solved before the course for 400 students commences on 12 January :-

(i) A letter requesting release of blankets and beds, etc., has been sent to Ministry of War.

(ii) A letter has been sent to the Engineers requesting them to improve the cooking facilities at the School. At present the cooking capacity is 400 men. On the 12 January the School will have to cater for 400 students plus 262 permanent staff -- 662 in total.

(iii) In order to have one vehicle for every six learner drivers, the Ministry of War have been requested to release a further 20

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4. Recruits Course	--	--	50
5. Nine Clearance Course.	3	14	--
	23	53	50

(b) Equipment.

No Change.

(c) Administration.

Accommodation - No comment, in view of pending move.

7. DRIVING & MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

At present, one (five week D. & M.) Course of 108 Students is running at the D. & M. School, CROOKHAVEN. This course will finish on 12 January 1946, when a further 400 students will report for the next five weeks' course.

Administration.

Various urgent administrative problems confront O.C. School, which must be solved before the course for 400 students commences on 12 January :-

(i) A letter requesting supplies of blankets and beds, etc., has been sent to Ministry of War.

(ii) A letter has been sent to the Engineers requesting them to improve the cooking facilities at the School. At present the cooking capacity is 400 men. On the 12 January the School will have to cater for 400 students plus 262 permanent staff -- 662 in total.

(iii) In order to have one vehicle for every six learner drivers, the Ministry of War have been requested to release a further 50 vehicles, to be attached to the School.

(iv) Following on (iii) above, Ministry of War have been requested to attach one section of 155 Workshops Platoon to the School, so that 2nd line repairs may be done on the spot.

(v) Work is at present progressing on improving the billets and other buildings, such as fitting of windows, etc.

8. HERBERTON SCHOOL.

This School, as previously noted, will move to CROOKHAVEN in the near future.

In view of most of the Courses having finished at the beginning of the month there has been little activity at the School. It is felt that with the New Year, results will be much more positive. Below are details of courses and personnel.

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8. TECHNICAL SCHOOL. (Cont'd).

(a) Courses held during December 45.

Driver Mech.
Artillery Fitters.
General Fitters.
Electricians.
Turners.

(b) Number of Students:

No. of Students.	Nature of Course.
88	Dvr. Mechs.
9	Gun Fitters.
3	Gen. Fitters.
8	Electricians.
2	Turners.

All the above students passed, with the exception of one (Gen.Fitter).

(c) Italian Instructors.

Duplicates remain the same as for November 45, namely :-

	W.E.	Present.	Surplus.
D/Shops Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
Ad. Shops Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	16	2	14
Electricians.	5	-	5
Armourers & Fitters Wing.			
Armr. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armourers.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1

9. POLICE SCHOOL.

Two courses have been completed - 5th Course in Police Duties and 2nd Motor Cycle Course. The results are of educational satisfactory. Results are given below :-

(a) Police Duties.

Very good	-	5
Good.	-	31
Pass.	-	14
		40

(b) Motor Cycle Course.

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All the above students passed, with the exception of one (Ger.Prisoner).

(c) Italian Instructors.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November (5), namely :-

	W.E.	Present.	Deficient.
R/Mechs Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
Veh. Mechs Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	-	3
Armourers & Fitters Wing.			
Asst. Armr. Staff.	1	1	-
Armourers.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1

9. POLICE SCHOOL.

Two courses have been completed - 5th Course in Police Duties and 21st Motor Cycle Course. The results can be considered satisfactory. Results are given below :-

(a) Police Duties.

Very good	- 5
Good.	- 21
Pass.	- 14
	40

(b) Motor Cycle Course.

Fit	- 51
Unfit.	- 9
	60

Three courses are to be run in January :-

(i) Military Police Course
(ii) Motor Cyclist Course. } 50 Students each.
(iii) Regimental Police Course

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10. ORDNANCE SERVICES.

(a) Clothing and Stores.

The present stocks of clothing and necessaries from British Ordnance are plentiful and should provide this Centre until the Italian War Ministry are in a position to supply from their own sources. There are still some "Dues in" to arrive from previous demands on Base.

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10. QUARTERMASTER'S STORES (Cont'd).

Supplies of U.S. Spares and British Equipment have been satisfactory but no future demands from British sources will be accepted after this month.

(b) Central.

Conditions in the Italian Central Storehouse have greatly improved this month owing to the provision of more labour, which has enabled more stores to be taken in from D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse, in which these D.A.D.O.S. a better system has also been adopted, thereby clothing is checked mostly in stock and consequently quick issues of the correct size can be made to the Regiments.

Previously items of clothing could not even be found, one example being that each gun kit could not be issued until a representative of D.A.D.O.S. staff discovered it hidden under a large pile of Battledress.

The system of checking stores received by the Italian Central Storehouse is now entirely satisfactory.

D.A.D.O.S. Storehouse still holds quite a large stock of British Ordnance Stores, but it is hoped to clear these, and the 'Dues in' received, by the end of January.

(c) Administration.

Noticeable improvements in the Regimental Area Quarters, for example, the system and better layout of their quartermaster's stores and the more adequate supply of clothing and maintenance of the correct size.

Although there is far greater improvement in the Central Storehouse, the additional wooden racking has not yet been erected but is expected shortly. Italian soldiers are no longer attempting to use the Central Storehouse as a quartermaster's store only, drawing clothing owing to strict orders to the contrary, and even this should not be necessary, because their quartermasters have greater assortment of sizes of clothing and boots.

(d) Personnel.

The labour position is now normal in the Central Storehouse, and the introduction of a new Italian Lieutenant has been the chief cause of the above-mentioned improvement.

11. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian: Satisfactory.

(b) British.

The vacancy for G.S.O.II P.A. has been filled by Major F.W. Hart, R.A., the appointment of Instructor of Gunnery (Captain) has

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(c) Administration.

Noticeable improvements in the Battalions have taken place, for example, the system and method layout of their quartermaster's stores and the more adequate supply of clothing and instruction of the correct size.

Although there is far greater improvement in the Central Storehouse, the additional working staff has not yet been granted but is expected shortly. Italian soldiers are no longer allowed to use the Central Storehouse as a quartermaster's store for changing clothing owing to strict orders to the contrary, and even this should not be necessary, because their quartermaster stores have a greater assortment of sizes of clothing and boots.

(d) Personnel.

The labour position is now normal in the Central Stores area, and the introduction of a new Italian Lieutenant has been the chief cause of the above-mentioned improvement.

11. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Italian: Satisfactory.

(b) British.

The vacancy for G.S.O.II R.A. has been filled by Major J.F. Rose, R.A., the appointment of Instructor of Gunnery (Captain) has not yet been filled.

Both G.S.O.II Schools and G.S.O.II Infantry have been away on LLP during the month, also G.S.O.III Tng.Dept. G.II Training has assumed command during the absence of Commander 12 S.L.V. on LLP.

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12. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Satisfactory.

13. S. & T. REPORT.

(a) Supply Depot (152 Motion Store) Cassino.

About 100 yards of railway track still requires to be laid to enable trucks to be brought adjacent to the sheds for off-loading. This will greatly facilitate the handling of supplies, eliminating the double handling and documentation of rail to road for clearance of rail traffic. Application for the completion of this work has been sent through Italian channels.

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13. S. & T. REPORT (Cont'd).

(b) 2.O.i. (15) T.C.L. Store) Cusano.

The construction of the petrol point at Cusano is not yet finished and no labour is at work at present. Barrels are still being used in conjunction with rotary pumps for holding and issuing to vehicles.

One 25,000 litre tank and the distribution pipe and points have been installed. The following work is still outstanding :-

(a) Construction of the second tank.
(b) Oil store.
(c) Diesel point.
(d) Depot Office.
(e) General Layout of Depot and signs.

A letter has been sent to the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari on 17 Dec.45 from this H.Q., asking why work had been stopped on the Point, and stressing the urgency of this work. In addition, the letter stated that a first date should be obtained from the contractor. This has been passed to the Ministry of War.

14. D.A.D.M.E. REPORT.

15 Platoon Workshops.

In spite of lack of personnel this 'shop' is fulfilling its role of repairs. Their difficulties are increased by units continuing to send vehicles due for return to Workshops, as a source of spare parts and failing to replace the old part on the vehicle. This practice must cease.

Details of output and personnel are shown below :-

(a) Vehicle Repair output for month of December 1945.

Date.	'B' Veh.	M/Cycles.
2 - 8	16	8
9 - 15	23	2
16 - 22	24	4
23 - 29	17	3

(b) Personnel.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 1945, namely :-

Trade.	W.E.	Held.	Deficient.
Meccanici di macchine.	22	6	16
Autisti Meccanici.	20	13	7

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(c) General Layout of Depot [illegible] signs.

A letter has been sent to the Comando Scuola Centrale Militare on 17 Dec.45 from this H.Q., asking why work had been stopped on the Point, and stressing the urgency of this work. In addition, the letter stated that a firm date should be obtained from the contractor. This has been passed to the Ministry of War.

14. T.A.D.M.E. DEPOT.

155 Platoon Workshops.

In spite of lack of personnel this 'shop' is holding its own on repairs. Their difficulties are increased by units continuing to use vehicles due for return to Workshops, as a source of spare parts and failing to replace the old part on the vehicle. This practice must cease.

Details of output and personnel are shown below :-

(a) Vehicle Repair output for month of December 1945.

Date.	'B' Veh.	M/Cycles.
2 - 8	16	8
9 - 15	25	2
16 - 22	24	4
23 - 29	17	3

(b) Personnel.

Deficiencies remain the same as for November 1945, namely :-

Trade.	W.E.	Held.	Deficient.
Meccanici di macchine.	22	6	16
Autisti Meccanici.	20	13	7
Elettricisti.	6	2	4
Aggiustatori Meccanici.	2	-	2
Ferieristi.	1	564	1

It will be observed that these deficiencies are serious.

15. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Hygiene.

Sanitary conditions, generally speaking, can be said to be good. Water tests are made daily by the Hygiene Medical Officers for all sources of supply and results are very satisfactory.

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15. ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd).

(b) Medical.

In spite of winter weather conditions the sick rate remains very small and cases of V.D. for the last two months are almost negligible.

(c) Morale.

Morale improves, and a higher standard of solution, is also noticeable. A certain degree of dissatisfaction has, however, been caused by the cessation of wartime rates of pay. The argument is that pay now bears even less relation to the high cost of living.

(d) Welfare.

A slight improvement is noticeable.

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

*Results of Courses for T.T.C's., as at Appendix 'A' attached.

Location Statements of Italian Schools. " " Appendix 'B' "

**Staff List of 12 B.L.U. " " Appendix 'C' "

***Staff List of Italian Officers, Lieut-Col. and above. " " Appendix 'D' "

**Return of British M.T. held by 12 B.L.U. " " Appendix 'E' "

**Deficiencies of all Ranks of 12 B.L.U., as against W.E., including details of all ranks on leave and when due to return. " " Appendix 'F' "

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*14 additional copies to M.M.I.A. for T.T.C's.

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In haste.

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Major D.S.O.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the Italian Control Military Schools

HCD/ah.

Internal.
File
Floot.
Spare (2).

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RESULTS OF COURSES IN T.T.C.

CLASSIFICATION	S.I.V.A.				No.2 Regt.		No.1 Regt.							
	Senior Offrs.		Cpts/Lts						I N F A N T R Y					
	Lt.Cols.& Majs.		Inf.	Cav/Arty.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.			E.S.		ARTY.		C&V.	
									1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2
Excellent.	8		2	1 2	71	40			10	14	2	3	1	
Very Good.	10		21	3 5	255	57			18	55	4	13	1	
Good.	15		40	11 10	531	134			22	139	6	17	-	
Sufficient.	5		15	2 4	271	383			2	76	1	7	-	
Not Sufficient	1		5	1 1	11	53			3	1	-	-	-	
Unclassified.	2		5	2 4	32	7			-	28	-	-	-	
TOTALS.	41		95	20 35	1171	660			55	313	13	40	2	
GRAND TOTALS.	131				1831									

NOTE: (1) Sufficient = PASS
Not sufficient = FAIL
Unclassified. = Not attended sufficient of course due to compassionate leave

(2) Only EXCELLENT, VERY GOOD and GOOD are used as Instructors. SUFFICIENT only after further training.

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RESULTS OF COURSES BY T.T.C.

APPENDIX "A".
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		No.2 Dept. No.1 Sect.		INFANTRY SCHOOL.											
Lts Inf.	Cav. Arty.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	DEP. 1 Lt.	DEP. 2 Lt.	ARTY. 1 Lt.	ARTY. 2 Lt.	CAV. 1 Lt.	CAV. 2 Lt.	GENIO 1 Lt.	GENIO 2 Lt.	MOBILIZAT. SERVICES 1 Lt.	MOBILIZAT. SERVICES 2 Lt.	1 Lt.	2 Lt.
1	2	71	40	10	14	2	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
3	5	255	37	18	55	4	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
11	19	531	134	22	139	6	17	-	9	1	4	1	1	1	-
2	4	271	383	2	76	1	7	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	5
1	1	11	59	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	4	32	7	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
20	35	1171	660	55	313	13	40	2	10	1	5	5	4	5	12
191		1831													465

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= PRES
dant = PRIL
ed. = Not attended sufficient of course due to compassionate leave or hospital.

LLENT, VERY GOOD and GOOD are used as Instructors. SUFFICIENT only in emergency or
ther training.

APPENDIX "B".

To 12 B.L.S. Progress Report No. 15. dtd. 3 Jan.46.

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Ref. 1/25,000.	Remarks.
1	H.Q., Central Military Schools.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II SW. 618860	
2	Artillery School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 489903	
3	Engineer School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 480905	To move to CIVITAVECCHIA.
4	Signals School.	CECCHIGNOLA	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
5	D. & M. School.	CECCHIGNOLA.	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
6	E. & M. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920	To move to CECCHIGNOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456934	S I V A
8	Junior Officers School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617872	Inf. School.
9	Senior N.C.Os. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 618866	No.2 Regt.
10	Junior N.C.O's School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	1:50,000, Sheet 142-II. 171953	No.1 Regt.
11	Police School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617863	

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2	Artillery School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 489903	
3	Engineer School.	BRACCIANO.	Sheet 143-III-NE 480905	To move to CIVITAVECCHIA.
4	Signals School.	CECCHIGNOLA	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
5	D. & M. School.	CECCIGNOLA.	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
6	E. & M. School.	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F. 1:200,000. 180920	To move to CECCIGNOLA.
7	Senior Officers School.	MANZIANA.	Sheet 143-III-NE 456954	S I T A
8	Junior Officers School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617872	Inf. School.
9	Senior N.C.Os. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 618866	No.2 Regt.
10	Junior N.C.O's School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	1:50,000. Sheet 142-II. 171953	No.1 Regt.
11	Police School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617863	
12	P.T. School.	CESANO.	Sheet 143-II-SE 617876	

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APPENDIX "C"
To 12 B.L.O. Progress
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STAFF LIST.

Of 12 B.L.O.
as at 0900 hrs. 4 Jan. 46.

Cmdt. ... ... Col. L.E. Mackay, O.B.E.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.O.II Trg. ... Major M.M. Davis, D.S.O.

G.S.O.II Trg. & Int. ... Major W.L. Pelton, N.Staffs.

G.S.O.III Trg. Pty. ... Capt. J. Sills, L.L.I.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. ... Major L.J. Lockett, R.A.C.

Staff Capt. ... Capt. R.H. Bowen, R.A.

ARMY TROOPS.

D.A.D.S.T. .. ... Major J.C. Lydiat, R.A.S.C.

D.A.D.O.S. ... ... Capt. T.H. Shortreed, R.A.O.C.

D.A.D.T.S. ... ... Major R.H. Sills, R.E.M.E.

ARMY EDUCATION BRANCH.

Staff.

G.S.O. II Schools. ... Major R.F. Cleave, R.Inv.F.

R.A. Wing.

G.S.O. III. ... Major J.E. How, R.A.

Instructor in Gunnery ...

R. Signals.

Staff Offr. R. Sigs. ... Major J.W. Swinnerton, R.Sigs.

R.E. Wing.

Staff Offr. R.E. ... Major G.F. Lewington, R.E.

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G.S.O.II Trg. & Int.	...	Major W.L. Price, M.Staffs.
G.S.O.III Trg. Hqrt.	...	Capt. J. Smith, R.A.I.

HEADS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL and QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	...	Major H.. Bedford, R.A.C.
Staff Capt.	...	Capt. K.L. Hooke, R.A.

MEDICAL.

D...D.M.S. ..	...	Major J.C. McIlwaith, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.M.S. ...	...	Capt. T.N. Shortbody, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.M.F. ...	...	Major R.H. Smith, R.A.M.C.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Staff.

G.S.O. II Schools.	...	Major N.F. Chance, R.Ir.F.

R.A. Wing.

G.S.O. II.	...	Major J.E. How, R.A.
Instructor in Gunnery	...	

R. Signals.

Staff Offr. R. Sigs.	...	Major J.W. Swinnerton, R.Sigs.

R.E. Wing.

Staff Offr. R.E.	...	Major C.T. Lourington, R.E.

Infantry Wing.

G.S.O.III Trg.	...	Capt. L. M. Roberts, Wilts.

Provost. ... ...

Camp Cmdt. ... ...

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APPENDIX "D"
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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
-Ufficio Personale e Segreteria-

ELENCO DEGLI UFFICIALI SUPERIORI IN FORZA AL COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI:

-Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.G.)	MALAVASI	Lodovico	- Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello	cav.spe.	LINGONE	Cesare	-Capo Ufficio Benessere
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	MECCIA	Ettore	-Capo Uff.Personale
-Ten.Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.G.)	CAMPA	Salvatore	-Capo Ufficio Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	gren.spe(tit.S.G.)	LAMBARDI	Luigi	-Capo Uff.Ord. e Mob.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	MASELLI	Giovanni	-a disposizione
-Ten.Colonnello	parac.spe(tit.S.G.)	SIVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addestramento
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe.	MARSICO	Oreste	-Ufficio Comando

COMANDO S.I.V.A.:

-Colonnello	art.spe.	Carpitella	Giuseppe	-Comandante la Scuola
-Colonnello	ftr.spe.	GUIDA	Osvaldo	-Comandante Serv.Tatt.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	PELACCHI	Alfredo	-Capo istr.corso oti Cp.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	MONTA	Costantino	-Corso Istr.corso Oti Plt
-Ten.Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.G.)	SACHET	Edoardo	-Com/te Scuola Logistica
-Ten.Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.G.)	CREMASCO	Luigi	-Capo istr.Corso Uff.Sup.

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA:

-Colonnello	ftr. spe.(tit.S.G.)	PANZI	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe.	CANLINI	Giulio	-Vice Comandante

SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE:

-Colonnello	aut.spe.	FIORI	Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	aut.spe.	BARATTI	Eugenio	-Com/te Scuola Mecc. ed Operai di Artiglieria

2° REGGIMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO FANTERIA (235°)

Allegato N.B. 12000 Section Registrata No. 28620

-Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.S.)	MANAVAZI	Lodovico	- Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello	cav.spe.	ZINGONE	Cesare	-Capo Ufficio Benessere
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	MECOLA	Ettore	-Capo Uff.Personale
-Ten.Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.G.)	CAMPA	Salvatore	-Capo Ufficio Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	gran.spe(tit.S.G.)	LAMBARDI	Luigi	-Capo Uff.Ord. e Mob.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	MASELLI	Giovanni	-a disposizione
-Ten.Colonnello	parac.spe(tit.S.G.)	SIVO	Ugo	-Capo Uff.Addestramento
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe.	MARSICO	Oreste	-Ufficio Comando

COMANDO S.I.V.A.:

-Colonnello	art.spe.	Carpitella	Giuseppe	-Comandante la Scuola
-Colonnello	ftr.spe.	GUIDA	Osvaldo	-Comandante Serv.Tatt.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	PERACCHI	Alfredo	-Capo istr.corso cti Cp.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	NOTTA	Costantino	-Corso Istr.corso Cti Plt
-Ten.Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.G.)	GACHET	Riccardo	-Com/te Scuola Logistica
-Ten.Colonnello	art.spe.(tit.S.S.)	GRIMALDO	Luigi	-Capo istr.Corso Uff.Sup.

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA:

-Colonnello	ftr. spe.(tit.S.G.)	TANESI	Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe.	CARLINI	Giulio	-Vice Comandante

SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE:

-Colonnello	aut.spe.	NIGRI	Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	aut.spe.	BARATTI	Eugenio	-Com/te Scuola Mecc. ed Operai di Artiglieria

2° REGGIMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO FANTERIA (235°)

-Colonnello	ftr.spe.	BONELLO	Ferdinando	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	CAMILLINI	Renato	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	SCARCIA	Giuseppe	-Comandante I°Battaglione
-Ten.Colonnello	spe.	BELLERI	Saverio	-Comandante 3°Battaglione
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr.spe.	VITERBO	Ferdinando	-Addetto Comando Presidio Militare Civitavecchia.

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REGGIMENTO FANTERIA:

-Colonnello ftr. spe. (tit.S.G.) FANTINI Fiorenzo - Comandante
-Ten.Colonn.ftr. spe. ALI' Alberto -Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonn.ftr. spe. LAGORIO Lorenzo - Capo Ufficio Matricola
-Ten.Colonn.ftr. spe. (g)(tit.S.G.)TRABUCCHI -Aiut.Magg.in 1°
-Ten.Colonn.ftr. spe. (g)(tit.S.G.)PERUCCO Marco-Comandò II°Btgl.)
-Ten.Colonn.ftr. spe. (tit.S.G.) MASTROBUONO Giuseppe-Com/te 3°Btgl.
-Ten.Colonn.ftr. spe. RUDOLFI Luigi.-

152° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA:
-Colonnello art. spe. (tit.S.G.) BALMA Marcello - Comandante

REGGIMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO GENIO:
-Colonnello gen. spe. DE MATTEIS Gennaro - Comandante
-Ten.Colonn. " " SILVESTRI Virgilio - vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonn. " " DE MARINIS Giovanni -Com/te Scuola Collegamenti
-Ten.Colonn. " " (tit.S.G.)FIGLIOLO Salvatore(Com/te Scuola Artier
-Ten.Colonn. ftr. " ANTINORI Armando -uff.Stralcio disciolto C.Attend
-Ten.Colonn. " " ATTERNI Giuseppe - relatore
-Ten.Colonn. gen. " ANTILIO Giamberto - a disposizione.-

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	Regd. No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	
1	Dodge. 3-ton.	L.5689402		LR		
2	Chevrolet 3-ton.	L.5686553	E			
3	Ford. 15-cwt.	Z.5313309	E			
4	Dodge. 15-cwt.	Z.4982465	E			
5	Dodge. 15-cwt.	Z.5250009	E			
6	Austin Utility.	M.1137042		LR		
7	Austin Utility.	M.1136915	-	LR		
8	Austin Utility.	M.5288340	-	-	-	Sent to [illegible]
9	Austin Utility.	M.5288045		LR		
10	Hillman Utility.	5100369	E			
11	Steyr.	GAP/M.593670		LR		

Certified E. & E.s above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as

Date: 4 January 1945.

Signed.....
Capt. 12 Canadian Inf.
Platoon Commd.

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APPENDIX "B"
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Report No. 13
dated 3 January 1946.

Vehicle Type.	Regd. No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (Loc)	Beyond Local Repair (Bdr)	Remarks.
...s. 3-ton.	L.5689402		12		
...rolet 3-ton.	L.5686553	E			
... 15-cwt.	Z.5313393	E			
...d. 15-cwt.	Z.4982465	E			
...d. 15-cwt.	Z.5250009	E			
...n Utility.	M.1137044		12		
...n Utility.	M.1136915	-	12		
...n Utility.	M.526834C	-	-	-	Stolen. Court of Inquiry Proceedings submitted to M.P.I.A.
...n Utility.	M.5268043		12		
...an Utility.	5100569	E			
...	CAS/M.5934570		12		

...ied to it the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated.

4 January 1946.

Signed.....
Capt. 12th British Liaison Unit for the Italian Central Military Schools

APPENDIX xxx
to 12 B.A.M. Progress
Report No.13
Dated 3 January 1946

(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks, as against W.E. C8/1018/1 dtd. 1 June 45

(i) Officers.

		Major	Capt.	Lieut.	Total.
Ordnance.					
D.A.D.O.S.	(upgrading of present Ord. Offr. applied for)	1	-	-	1
R.A.					
Instructor in Gunnery.		-	1	-	1
Provost.					
Captain.		-	1	-	1
Admin. Staff.					
Camp Commdt.		-	-	1	1
TOTAL		1	2	1	4

(ii) Other Ranks.

	W.O.II	Sgts.	Cpls.	Pte.	Total.
Storeman Tech. (RAOC)	-	-	-	1	1
Electrician Veh. & Plant (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech A (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructors, (R.A)	-	2	-	-	2
Instructor (Mortar) (Inf)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Cp. W/T. (R.Sigs.)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Provost (CMP)	-	-	1	-	1
Q.M.S.I. (R.E)	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman. (R.E)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk C.D. (R.E)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks C.D. (Arty Adm)	-	-	-	3	3
Officers' Mess Steward.	-	1	-	-	1
Control Duty Men.	-	-	-	2	2

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Provost.				
Captain.	-	1	-	1
Admin. Staff.				
Camp Comdt.	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	1	2	1	4

(ii) Other Ranks.

	W.O.II	Sgts.	Cpls.	Pte.	Total.
Storeman Tech. (RAOC)	-	-	-	1	1
Electrician Veh. & Plant (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructors, (R.A)	-	2	-	-	2
Instructor (Mortar) (Inf)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Cy. W/T. (R.Sigs.)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Provost (CMP)	-	-	1	-	1
Q.M.S.I. (R.E)	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman. (R.E)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk G.D. (R.E)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks G.D. (Any Arm)	-	-	-	3	3
Officers' Mess Steward.	-	1	-	-	1
General Duty Man.	-	-	-	2	2
Cook. (A.C.C)	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	1	6	2	556	15

(B) Details of all ranks on leave and when due for return :-

(i) Officers.

	Name.	Appointment.	Due to return.
A/L	Major E.F.Gurnee P.Dr.F.	GSO II (Schools)	30 Jan. 45
	Major E.W.Bradley. Invalids.	Awaiting Posting Instructions.	5 Jan. 45
	Major V.L.Price. M.Staffs.	GSO.II (Inf.)	17 Jan. 45
	Capt. J. Grich. DLI.	GSO.III (Tra.Org.)	17 Jan. 45

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(ii) Other leaves.

	Trade.	Due to Return.
2 Corporals.	Clerks G.D.	6 Jan. 46
1 Private.	G.D.	17 Jan. 46

(j) Details of All leaves due for leave in immediate future:

(i) Due under LLAP, LILAP, etc. - Nil

(ii) Due under C.R.O. 1352/45 - Officers 4
O.Rs. 45

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(14) Duo under G.R.O. 1352/45 - Officers & O.Rs.

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training.

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

Ref: G/A.3/331

31 Dec.45.

To: Commander,
12 B.L.U. for the Italian
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1. From the point of view of actual physical development of the Scuola Artieri, this month shows no change from the previous one. The Italian Ministry of War having decided that they wish to have the Engineer School at PIETRALATA, are unable to occupy the site until it becomes free. Current occupation is held by the 56 Rest Camp and at present it is impossible to know on what date it will be vacated, with tentative information suggesting that this date could be quite possibly as late as August 1946. In this event, the Scuola Artieri would not be in the position to accept the new recruit intake scheduled for March-April, and so it appears that a move to temporary Barracks and Training Ground is inevitable. At the time of writing CIVITAVECCHIA is suggested as this temporary location.

The temporary move of the Scuola Artieri to any location will entail transportation of a considerable amount of equipment (Bailey Bridge, explosive, etc.) and the temporary setting up of extensive training areas (including bridging gaps, laying mine fields, etc)., and is to be deprecated. However, without the early vacation of PIETRALATA by 56 Rest Camp, there is no alternative.

2. From the current training aspect, this month is a repetition of November, with training of Instructional Staff continuing apace; also the Recruit Course of 50 men, and the three-week "Mine Clearance" Course for approximately 15 Officers and N.C.Os.

B. COURSES.

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2. Recruits Course, continuing :- 554

   50 O.Rs.

3. Mine Clearance Course (Regular consecutive intake of approx. 15), three weeks, at present:

   3 Officers.
   14 N.C.Os.

C. NUMBERS HELD.

	Offrs.	NCOs.	O.Rs.
1. Staff Instructional Course -	20	39	
2. Recruits Course - -			50
3. Mine Clearance Course - -	3	14	
	23	53	50

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D. [redacted].

No change.

E. ABBREVIATION:

1. Accommodation.
No comment, in view of pending move.

2. Hygiene.
No change.

3. Welfare.
No change.

Cy. Lawrington

Major R.E.
S.O.E.
12 British Lindsay Unit

CEL/ab.

Internal.
File.
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SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 12.

'Y' SECTION LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
M.T.O., I.C.F.

Ref: G/L.3/323.

7 Dec. 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AD (WELA).

Herewith please find seven (7) copies of Progress Report No.12, for the month of November 1945, in respect of this Centre.

M. M. Jarvis

Major D.W.I.
Comd. 'Y' British Liaison & Training Unit MTO ICF

AAJ/dk.

Internal.
File.
Diary.

PROGRESS REPORT No. 12.

SECRET.

Progress Report by GSO II (Training) 'P' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref: G/A.3/914

1 December 1945.

Herewith Progress Report for the month of November 1945.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

During the month training of Instructors for T.T.C's has continued as outlined in Progress Report No. 11.

The move of the D. & M. School to CECCHIGNOLA has been successfully completed but difficulties in the hand-over of barrack accommodation has prevented all but a small advance party of the Signal School from moving.

As from the 1 December H.Q. "PICENO" Division becomes H.Q., Central Military Schools, but it would seem that there is little intention to produce a really new organisation at present.

2. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS FOR T.T.C's.

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At S.I.V.A. - 200 Senior Officers.
At Infantry School - 418 Junior Officers.
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Initially, difficulty was experienced with the organisation for the students at the 2nd Regiment as the accommodation was far from complete. This caused the programme to start a week late and gave a very bad start to the training. While the accommodation is still not ideal, it is now satisfactory and training is beginning to proceed quite smoothly.

At S.I.V.A. Infantry School and 1st Regiment the standard of training is quite good, considering the inexperience of the instructors. This inexperience leads to a number of elementary mistakes being made in methods of teaching.

It is now hoped to be able to extend the training period a little into the new year.

In any case, even if all training must be completed at CESANO by 22nd of December, the courses run will have given the T.T.C's a fairly satisfactory start.

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45 students are under training in their fifth week. The standard of students is again not high but on the whole they are very keen. A new Italian Instructor for Athletics has been added, also a Medical Officer. The addition of these two officers was very much needed and will help to fill in the previous weaknesses of the course. It is also being found possible to arrange various visits from civilian experts at Rome.

A limited amount of work is being done on improving sports grounds and facilities, but this is extremely difficult as all types of sport equipment appear to be almost unobtainable from Italian sources.

The clothing of students, previously deplorable, has been improved slightly.

Unless the Physical Training School is to be given proper facilities and equipment it is not worth running as a separate school.

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4. ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The following courses have been run, finishing on 10 November 1945.

(i) Course for Permanent Staff, 25 pdr. Instructors (Officers) - 9
(N.C.Os.) - 13

(ii) " " " " 17 pdr. " (Officers) - 5
(N.C.Os) - 3

(iii) " " " " 40 mm. " (Officers) - 3
(N.C.Os) 2

A fresh series of courses for Instructors, with the object of expanding the permanent staff to meet future intakes, was started on 12 Nov. 45. Numbers are as follows :-

25 pdr.
Officers 20 and 23 Artillery Cadets.
N.C.Os. 53

17 pdr.
Officers. 7
N.C.Os. 20

40 mm.
Officers. 12
N.C.Os. 21

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The new Italian Genio Commander is doing an excellent job of work and has created a new spirit in the Regiment.

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A. Signals.

(i) General Progress.

Arrangements are being completed for the Centre to move to a new site at CECCHIGNOLA, where suitable buildings are available in which renovations and certain alterations will be necessary. The school will, however, be able to continue training without pause by occupying only part of the barracks at a time.

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(iii) Personnel under training - November 1945.

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(a) Students accepted for training during month:-

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	-	-	90
Mortar Course - Operators W/T.	-	-	9

(b) Courses completed during month:-

Operators Wireless (Genio)	-	-	23
Lineman (Genio)	-	-	13

(c) Courses in suspense :-

Recruits	-	-	24

(Personnel on guard duty at CECCHIGNOLA)

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(d) Students lost during the month for various reasons, e.g., postings, discharge, etc. :

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	-	-	3

(e) Students under training on 27 November :

Officer and N.C.O. Instructors	-	-	87
Mortar Course - Operators W/T	-	-	9
Add:- Courses in suspense	-	-	24
			120

Note:

On present W.E. the School is scaled to train up to 400 Students at a time.

On 29 November the Centre had 22 officers (establishment 32) and 20 N.C.Os. (establishment 30).

B. Engineers.

(i) General Progress.

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The critical situation in Instructional Staff that had arisen over the last two or three months has been removed. At the beginning of this month sixty (60) officers and N.C.Os. commenced an eight (8) week course to qualify as instructors at the School. This course is progressing well, the general calibre of student appearing good.

Perhaps one of the most notable improvements of this month is the sharp swing upwards of morale amongst the staff, brought on by the feeling that at long last the Scuola Artieri is developing into something important and worthwhile. They have ample potential staff, which they are training themselves. They envisualise the occupation of the barracks at PIETRALATA, which they

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(b) Recruits course continuing :-

50 O.Rs.

(c) Mine Clearance Courses (regular consecutive intake of approximately 15) at present :

4 Officers.
15 N.C.Os.

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(iii) Numbers held.

	Offrs.	NCOs	Cdts.
(1) Staff Instructional Course	20	39	
(2) Recruits Course			50
(3) Mine Clearance Course	4	15	
	24	54	50

(iv) Equipment.

No allotments are outstanding, but much equipment will be needed for future requirements. Schedules are being prepared by Scuola Artieri for suggested future requirements and it is thought that these will come up for discussion very shortly. The principal need of the School is bridging equipment.

6. Driving and Maintenance School.

This School has moved to CECCHIGNOLA and is settling in. Before further students are accepted from the Divisions it is essential that a number of drivers for the Centre be trained to meet new requirements.

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(c) Improvements to artillery classrooms are now completed and the guns are in position.
Fixing of lathes etc., in the workshop has also been completed.

(ii) Numbers of students and duration of courses are as follows :

	No. of Students.	Duration of course.
Driver Mechanics.	88	7 weeks.
Artillery fitters.	9	6 "
General fitters.	3	7 "
Electricians.	8	7 "
Turners.	2	7 "
TOTAL	110.	

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TOTAL	110.	

(iii) Italian Instructors.

	W.E.	Present.	Deficient.
Driver Mechanics Wing.			
Vehicle Mechanics.	25	7	18
Electricians.	4	2	2
Vehicle Mechanics Wing.			
Vehicle Mechanics.	16	2	14
Electricians.	3	-	3
Armourers & Fitters Wing.			
Arm. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armourers.	1	2	-
Fitters.	3	2	1

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7. Provost School.

The 6th Course for Military Police (Carabinieri) started on November 19th. As is usual students of "Folgore" arrived late and this time also the students of "Legnano" and "Friuli". At the end of the first week 50 students were present. The results of the first week's training are :-

Good	7	
Average	16	
Below Average	27	(Due to late joining)

The third Course for Motor Cyclists is in its third week. Results to date are as follows :-

Satisfactory	45
Below Average.	14

8. Maintenance School.

It will be observed that this School is far below its War Establishment in Instructors. Efforts are being made to produce further instructors and from now until the arrival of new intakes the School is more or less free to train Instructors to meet its own needs and the needs of the central workshops.

9. C.I.V.A.

Is carrying out training for Instructors at T.T.C's as mentioned previously.

In January a short course for T.T.C. Commanders and Medical Officers will be run at C.I.V.A.

10. Future Courses.

With the exception of the B.T. School, which will start a new course on 10 January 1944 of ten weeks' duration, and the courses referred to in paragraph 8 above, no definite dates for new courses are to hand.

11. Reinforcement Holding Unit.

(a) Weekly Arrivals (including those attending courses).

Week ending	3 November	-	835
"	10 "	-	1500
"	17 "	-	750
"	24 "	-	158
		TOTAL	3243

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9. E.I.W.A.

Is carrying out training for Instructors at I.T.C's as mentioned previously.

In January a short course for T.T.C. Commandos and Medical Officers will be run at E.I.W.A.

10. Future Courses.

With the exception of the P.T. School, which will start a new course on 1st January 1945 of four weeks' duration, and the course referred to in paragraph 8 above, no definite dates for new courses are to hand.

11. Numbers Held.

(a) Weekly Arrivals (including those attending courses).

Week ending	3	November	-	825
"	10	"	-	1500
"	17	"	-	750
"	24	"	-	158
		TOTAL		3233

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

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Arm.	3 Nov.	10 Nov.	17 Nov.	24 Nov.
Infantry	370	65	530	2
Artillery	50	22	40	-
Engineers (incl.Sigs)	105	8	20	-
Other Arms.	400	12	97	-
TOTAL.	925	107	677	2

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11. Numbers Held. (Cont'd).

(c) Reinforcements held (but not available for posting) at 24 Nov.46.

Arm.	Posted Strength	Parade Strength.	ABSENT. Hospital	Leave	AWOL.	Other Causes.	TOTAL ABSENT.
Infantry.	3058	3924	532	432	209	263	1436
Artillery.	422	574	58	47	4	56	165
Engineers.	527	495	50	42	2	61	153
Other Arms.	473	540	89	27	5	58	179
TOTALS.	4478	5533	729	548	220	438	1935

12. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

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With the exception of Mechanics School, is quite satisfactory.

(b) British.
The C.II R.A., Captain Provost and a Sergeant Instructor R.E.M.S. (Electrician) are the outstanding deficiencies.

13. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

The situation is satisfactory for present needs, except Sports kit.

14. Details of Controlled Stores received during the month.
(See Appendix 'A').

15. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.
CESANO.

(i) Work proceeds satisfactorily in No.IV Lotto and Rettino. The majority of the work should be finished by 1 January 46.

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(iii) While it was believed that the whole of CESANO was to be free of CIVILIAN INDUSTRY there appears to be no signs or intentions of Deproca CORNETTA moving from the parts of CESANO he claims to own.

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(v) It is also hoped to get some permanent rifle ranges built.

(vi) A new well is being sunk North of the Camp to improve the water supply.

OTHER BARRACKS.

Minor work of repairs is being carried out at SACILE and ARENZIA Barracks.

(b). Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene and cleanliness of the Centre has improved greatly in the past three weeks. This is largely due to the large number of distinguished visitors and secondly to the fact that there are no recruits at CESANO but only N.C.Os. in training. Moreover, conditions and other facilities are beginning to be adequate.

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15. ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd).

The sick rate is very small at the moment in comparison to what it has been in the past.

The worst features are still the disposal of refuse and the number of civilians living in the Camp.

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In general, morale is probably higher than it has been for some time, as the Centre is no longer inflicted with the daily arrival of recruits.

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Jean et bien loyalement.

A/ Price Ahy^fr

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'P' British Liaison &
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APPENDIX "A" to Progress Report No.12
(Ref: G/A.3/914 dated
1 Dec.45)

SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1945.

Serial.	Description.	Total Rec'd During month.	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	PLATES.	45	
2.	MORTARS 2".	60	

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FH (45)

SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'y' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, REC EDF

Ref: G/A.3/940

30 November, 1945

Commander,
'y' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, REC, EDF

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3. The critical situation in Instructional Staff that had arisen over the last two or three months has been removed. At the beginning of this month sixty (60) officers and NCOs commenced an eight (8) week course to qualify as instructors at the School. This course is progressing well, the general calibre of student appearing good.

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B. COURSES

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70 Officers
33 NCO's

(2) Recruits course continuing:-

50 Cdts

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(3) Mine Clearance Course (Regular consecutive intake of approx 15) at present :-

4 offrs
15 NCOs

C. ~~NUMBERS HELD~~

	Offrs	NCOs	ORs
(1) Staff Instructional Course	3	3	
(2) Recruits Course			50
(3) Mine Clearance Course	4	15	
	24	54	50

D. ~~EQUIPMENT~~

No allotments are outstanding, but much equipment will be needed for future requirements. Schedules are being prepared by Scuola Artieri for suggested future requirements and it is thought that these will come up for discussion very shortly. The principal need of the School is bridging equipment.

E. ~~ADMINISTRATION~~

(1) Accommodation

The present barracks are developed sufficiently for present needs, pending move to new location.

(2) Hygiene

Always of as high a standard as present conditions permit, as would be expected and demanded of any Engineer Unit.

(3) Welfare

No change with the exception of that to morale, as pointed out under 'A'.

C.N. Lonsdale

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Major RE,

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24	54	50

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C.T. Livingston.

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Major RE,
SCREE,
'y' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, MEC IOP

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, REC, BTF

Ref: G/L.3/910

30 November, 1945

Commander,
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TRAINING UNIT, REC, BTF

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20 officers
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(2) Recruits course continuing:-

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(3) Welfare

No change with the exception of that to canteen, as pointed out under 'A'.

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'F' MOBILE REVIEW AND
TRAINING UNIT, RED TOP

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Subject:-Progress Report No.16.

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152(Ts)Signal Training Centre.
29 Nov '45.

"F"British Liaison & Training Unit.(1).
GS.,H.Signals MEIA.

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Ref "G"Training Unit letter BIU/29/13 of 23 Mar,hereunder is report on progress at above STC during Nov 45.

1.General Progress.

Arrangements are being completed for the Centre to move to a new site at CECCHIGNOLA,where suitable buildings are available in which renovations and certain alterations will be necessary.The school will however be able to continue training without pause by occupying only part of the barracks at a time.

2.Courses.

Individual trade training has given place during the month to courses for officer and VCO instructors and a course for Mortar Officers which is a new venture.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3.Instructional Organisation.

Nothing to report.

4.Stores.

No additional items,other than replacement of expendables have been received during the month.

A MEWS "G" lorry visited the school during the month to inspect and repair equipment.All signal equipment from S.T.V.A. was inspected - that from CESANO remains to be done when the move to CECCHIGNOLA is completed.Equipment is reported to be well maintained and in good condition.

5.Administration.

Under its new commander,Col.DE MARTINI,the Centre Training Unit, appears to have taken on a new lease of life.The men are smarter and the barracks are cleaner.Col.DE MARTINI is full of enthusiasm and drive,and has succeeded in infusing some of this spirit into all ranks.

6.Morale.

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6. Morale.

The present government crisis has aroused surprisingly little interest among officers and men. The opinion is growing that the major party organisations are out for their own ends and are becoming divorced from the feelings of the man-in-the-street. Most agree that a "strong man" is necessary to take the lead in the country but that no-one is willing to come forward for fear of being branded as another Mussolini by the opposing parties. To be avenged on your enemy you have only to call him a "fascist" until the idea catches on.

Morale among the men is higher - the end-of-the-war reaction is over, and they feel more settled. Quarter turnout and better leadership in the Regt. all contribute to this and. "regular" officers and men will not be content until the School is permanently established and they can live with their families. "Reservists" tend to chafe at the delay in releasing them to civilian life after long service.

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Major, GS, R. Signals.

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Appendix "A"

152(It)Signal Training Centre.
Progress Report No.10.

Personnel Under Training - Nov.45.

1. Students accepted for training during month:-

Officer and NCO Instructors	-	-	-	90
Mortar Course - Operators W/T	-	-	-	9

2. Courses completed during month:-

Operators wireless (Genio)	-	-	-	23
Linesmen (Genio)	-	-	-	13

3. Course in suspense:-

Recruits	-	-	-	24

(Personnel on guard duty at CECCHIGNOLA)

4. Students lost during the month for various reasons e:gi postings,discharge etc.:-

Officer and NCO Instructors	-	-	-	3

5. Students under training on 27 Nov.:-

Officer and NCO Instructors	-	-	-	87
Mortar Course - Operators W/T	-	-	-	9
add:- Course in suspense	-	-	-	24
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Note:-

On present W.E. the School is scaled to train up to 400 students at a time.

On 28 Nov the Centre had 22 officers (establishment 32) and 20 NCO's (establishment 30).

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report - Ordnance Services, RTC ICF

'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTC ICF

Ref: ORD/4/17

30 November, 1945

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Commander,
'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTC, ICF

1. CLOTHING AND STORES

The present situation for stores of clothing and necessaries is very satisfactory. Demands for British Ordnance Stocks have been well met for this month and good supplies have been recently received from Base.

Although all future demands for British clothing and necessaries have stopped owing to the change over to the Italian Army, there will be enough to supply the needs of this Centre until the end of this year.

"Dues in" for the period 1 - 15 December are also expected to arrive in the near future.

The stocks of service clothing and necessaries are sufficient for the BR + ITI troops in the Centre until the end of the year, and demands are now being made for next year.

The supply of MT Stores has been satisfactory for this month and indents will continue to be met from British stocks until further instructions are received from MMIA.

2. CONTROLLED STORES AND VEHICLE CENSUS

Since all WD vehicles previously held by Italian Units have been handed over to the charge of the Italian Army, HQ RTC ICF is now compiling its own Monthly Census returns. This also applies to the census of controlled stores which is also submitted to the Italian Ministry of War. This Branch has offered all the assistance possible to HQ RTC ICF in the compiling of their Census returns.

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3. CONTROL

Owing to the shortage of labour in the Italian Central Storehouse, HQ RTC ICF was unable to accept clothing from DADOS Storehouse, therefore, large stocks had accumulated in DADOS Storehouse. The Italians were advised by DADOS to obtain more labour. More men have now been found and stores are being released to the Central Storehouse, which makes it possible to meet the requirements of the Regiments in this Centre.

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The checking of stores received by the Central Storehouse has been more satisfactory under the new system as explained in Progress Report dated 1 Nov 45. As a result of this there have been fewer deficiencies.

4. ADMINISTRATION

The Regiments have been visited this month and in some instances the RQMSs have complained of the shortage of supplies, but it is hoped that this difficulty will soon be overcome, as explained in para 3 above; otherwise improvements have been noticed. The systematic layout of the QM Stores of the 1st Regiment at CIVITAVECCHIA is an example which could well be followed by all the Quartermasters.

The Italian Headquarters have been advised that the addition of racks in their Central Storehouse would help to make it more tidy and develope a better system for the distribution of clothing and necessaries. This has been agreed upon, and a request for wooden racks, to be made by the Genio Militare, has been made to their Chief of Staff.

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5. PERSONNEL

The Italian Staff which were attached to DADOS Storehouse last September have proved very helpful. The officer in charge has learned the British Ordnance Stores procedure very well, and no doubt he will be of valuable assistance to the Italian Ordnance, when we have completed the handing over of stores to the Central Storehouse by the end of the year . More men have been found to work in the Central Storehouse, as mentioned in para 3 above.

As a result of advice from DADOS another Lieutenant has already been posted to the Central Storehouse.

T.E.S. Wilkinson

TES/esj

Capt RAOC,
DADOS,
'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTC ICP

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Subject :- Progress Report No.11.

"F" BRITISH LIAISON & TRG UNIT,
R.T.C. I.C.F.

Ref: G/A3/893.

15 Nov 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) MMIA.

Ref G/Trng/2/A, para 1.

1. The numbers of Instructors required are given in the report.

The situation is however better than was previously thought as many of the students posted here as Instructors for T.T.C's have been found to possess qualifications making them more suitable for Training as Instructors to meet the expansion of the centre than Instructors for the T.T.C's. As the numbers sent for training for the latter are more than we originally asked for they can well be spared.

For example, up to the moment 13 NCOs with suitable qualifications for the Mechanics School have been found. 50 for the Artillery School and 46 for the Genio. There may be others when all are selected.

It is still believed however that some trouble will be found in producing sufficient Signal and Mechanic School Instructors.

It has been proposed that if necessary, some Artillery Officers who are surplus in the Army may have to be transferred to the Genio (Collegamenti).

The Mechanics School it has been suggested may have to employ civilian instructors.

2. I.T.C. Instructors Training 2nd Phase.

In view of the fact that building in the 'Pettine' have not been completed quite to time and the number sent are as many as expected, to prevent overcrowding. 600 Lance Corporals will be trained at the 1st Regiment Barracks, not at the 2nd Regiment as previously stated. Instructors will be those trained during the 1st phase. This is only an internal adjustment as to space and does not affect the general system.

It will mean that

(a) All Senior Officers are Trained at S.I.V.A.

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(M. M. I. A.) HQMF.

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(b) Platoon Commanders at Infantry School.

(c) Senior NCOs at No.2 Regiment.

(d) Junior NCOs at No.1 Regiment.

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Major N.Staffa.
G30 II Trg &
Inf. Trg.

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"F" BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT, A.T.C.H.Q.

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Subject: Progress Report No.11.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM., A.C.(MAIA)

G/TRG/2/A

7 Nov 45

TO : "P" B.L. & T.U., CESANO

1. Will you please send details of the difficulties you are experien-
-cing re instructors for specialist schools.

2. SMEs have been written to concerning the non arrival of 17 officer students for the 2nd P.T. course.

3. It is suggested that you approach the Italian Comd at R.T.C. with regard to students for Veh Mecha courses. Copies of your letter and subsec-
-quent replies should be fwd to us in order that we may press the matter.

D & M School

4. It is hoped very shortly to give you firm instructions on the new location for this school.

Instructors British

5. The great shortage of personnel makes it unlikely that Br Instrs would be made available. This HQ will investigate the possibilities.

Sports Kit

6. A letter has been sent to AFHQ on this subject.

Drill Square

7. It is hoped that an issue of Bitumen etc may be made in the near future. In the meantime the square should be prepared and made under Italian arrangements. It is suggested that R.T.C. put up a project immediately to M of W.

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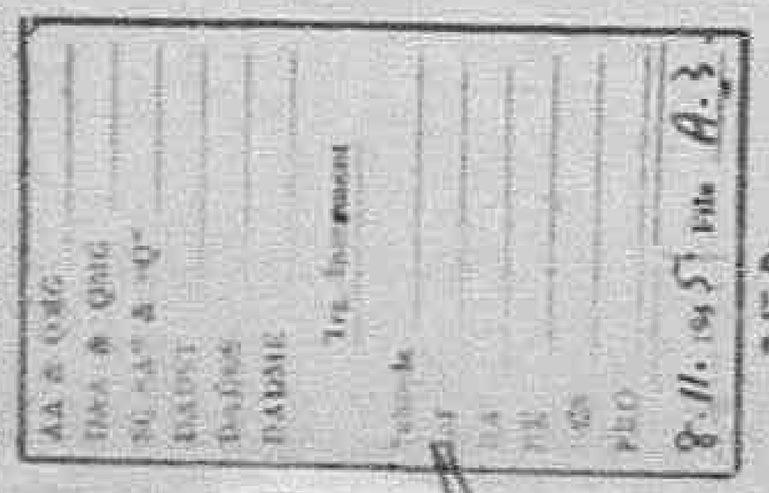
7. It is hoped that an issue of Bitumen etc may be made in the near future. In the meantime the square should be prepared and made under Italian arrangements. It is suggested that R.T.C. put up a project immediately to M of W.

Duca D'Abruzzi

8. Decisions are now being reached concerning this Barracks, and it is hoped to get work started very soon. 534

Printing Press

9. M of W will be approached immediately regarding the provision of a printing press.



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for Major General,
A. M. I. A.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 11. SECRET

Progress Report by G30 II (Training) 'T' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref : G/L.3/877

1 November 1945.

Monthly Progress Report for the month of October '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

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In the first case, that of the training of Instructors for the TRC's fairly good progress has been achieved and the first phase of the course is well under way. However, owing to the building programme being about 14 days behind expectations and the late arrival of the ITALIAN cadet officers, the progress of the second phase will require great efforts if it is to be carried through to schedule and may even have to start a week late.

The preparation for expanding the Centre has consisted of emptying the Centre of the large majority of recruits, the disbanding of Units surplus to establishment (e.g. TRENTINARIO) and so far as possible moving Units to their new destination, e.g. Mechanics School to CIVITAVECCHIA. Instructors have been requested for expansion of Specialist Schools but have not yet been received. (See details by Arms).

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This Regiment continues its training of recruits at CIVITAVECCHIA (Aurelia Barracks). The 974 soldiers are in their 6th week of training.

This Regiment has greatly improved since its move as it is not interfered with for guards and general duties. Training is well carried out, though the standard of instruction is not up to that of a British Unit. The barracks are kept very clean and the Regiment functions with the minimum of supervision.

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(d) Infantry School.

The Infantry School is at present concerned almost entirely with the training of Instructors for T.T.C. At the moment 275 NCOs are in the fourth week of training and 87 are in their third. 130 young Officers are in their 2nd week of training.

The training is proceeding fairly satisfactorily but the very large expansion entailed has led to a slight lowering of the standard of instruction. The main troubles, however, are administrative. A shortage of transport has existed, though this is being remedied. The shortage of trained soldiers for general duties sometimes gives the School an unfavourable appearance.

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1. (d) Continued.

Construction of buildings is progressing favourably here. 13 new classrooms have been added and accomodation for students will be good by the middle of next month.

A weak spot in the training at the moment is the production of precis, record books and forms. Application has been made for a printing press but this has not yet been received. Lack of typewriters and duplicators also make it difficult to present the student with a proper record of what he has learnt on the course.

Specialist training was confined to a Carrier Course of 60 students of whom 36 passed. This course was quite successful but hampered by shortage of petrol, this being entirely due to the bad distribution by H.Q. "FORCE" Division of their petrol allotment.

(e) Physical Training School.

The results of the first course were as follows :-

Retained as Instructors	7
Suitable as Regimental Instrs	9
Satisfactory but unsuitable as Instructors	9

The second course commenced on 29 October. 30 Officers and 30 NCOs were asked for of whom to date, 13 Officers and 32 NCOs have arrived. This is most unsatisfactory as over 1 month's notice was given as to the date of joining to S.M.R.E. However, the standard of student sent is considerably better than for the first course.

While the first course was run almost completely by the British AFPU Staff, this course is being run by the Indians with supervision only. The present site of the School is adequate only as a temporary measure and it is essential that a place with adequate facilities for athletic and swimming training be found.

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During the early part of the last month the Engineers and Signallers were handicapped by having their barracks full of new recruits in transit. This state of affairs is now over but it has meant that little proper training was able to be carried out.

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(iii) Artillery Training.

During the past month the following were under training :-

		Ended.
25 pdr	19 Officers	8 October.
40 mm	14 Officers	6 October.
NCOs Course	36 NCOs	13 October.
Conversion Course	172	13 October.
Recruit Course	209	15 October.

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(111) Continued.

At the present Instructor Training only is in progress.

25 pdr	9	Officers	&	13	NCOs	in	2nd	Year.
40 mm	3	"	&	3	"	"	"	"
17 pdr	3	"	&	2	"	"	"	"

Training in the Artillery continues to be satisfactory. It is, however, essential that a large number of Instructors be trained for future expansion (see future courses).

(c) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

Three courses have been run during the month as follows :-

(A)	For Military Police	45 Students.
(B)	For Regimental Police	45 Students.
(C)	For Motor Cyclists	47 Students.

Results are only complete to the third week of training except for (C). These are as follows :-

(A) 37 Satisfactory, 5 Sick, 3 not up to standard.

(B) 41 Satisfactory, 4 Below Standard.

(C) All Satisfactory.

It is considered that the Carabinieri ran a very good course which will be still better if new quarters can be found, as their present quarters are very cramped.

(ii) Mechanics School.

Owing to the move of the School to CIVITAVECCIA instruction during October has been practically nil. Courses for Driver Mechanics and Armourers recommenced on 29 October, the remainder should begin within the next week. No Vehicle Mechanics Course has been planned as neither students or Instructors are available.

Artillery classrooms require larger doors before guns can be brought into position. The Workshop is not yet ready, lathes etc require to be fixed in position before Fitters and Turners can commence their course.

Numbers of students and duration of these courses are as follows:-

	No. of Students	Duration of Courses.

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	No. of Students	Duration of Course.
Driver Mechanics.	100	7 Weeks
Artillery Operators	10	6 "
Armourers	9	2 "
Fitters	3	7 "
Electricians	8	7 "
Turners	3	7 "
Total Students	133	

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1. (f) Continued.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

This course has been far from satisfactory. A number of suggestions for improving it have been made. It is not likely however, that it will improve much before the location is changed. The present quarters are not very pleasant in winter and it is difficult to have a good spirit in the School where they are at present.

It is essential that proper classrooms for lectures and proper facilities for carrying out instruction be provided before the School can produce a good course. At present it is considered that the training given is little better than could be given in a Unit.

126 drivers are in their 5th week of training.

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

During the past course a particular drive to improve Methods of Instruction was made with a great success. A series of lectures and demonstrations had been given before the course to the Instructors who are now very enthusiastic.

The second welcome feature was the increased standard of the Senior Officers sent on the course.

As a result of various changes in Methods of Instruction the Man Management Course is now proving much more popular with the Italians. Detailed results of course are shown.

Course 17.9.45 - 15.10.45	Total	Returned*		Passed		Failed	
		Offrs	NCOs	Offrs	NCOs	Offrs	NCOs
Senior Officers Tactics	15	-	-	15	-	-	-
Company Commanders	26	1	-	25	-	-	-
Platoon Commanders	34	2	-	27	-	5	-
Administration	26	1	-	25	-	-	-
Man Management	21	-	-	21	-	-	-
Platoon Weapons	47	-	3	22	20	1	1
3-in Mortar	27	4	5	9	6	-	3
6 Pdr	20	1	2	12	5	-	-
Snipers	15	-	5	8	2	1	1

NOTE :- * For various reasons, not necessarily inefficiency.

In general, SEVA is functioning very well but some doubt is felt about the School of Administration which teaches administration along British lines. While this is of value to Units dealing with British equipment and British formations it is not entirely satisfactory as many units retain an entirely Italian administration.

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2. COURSES.

(a) Courses projected for the next two months.

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The main activity will be the continuation of Instructor Training for T.T.Cs. This will be carried out as follows. Numbers approximate.

At SIVA 40 Majors and 160 Company Commanders.

At Infantry School 470 Platoon Commanders.

At 2nd Regiment 890 NCOs and 790 Junior NCOs.

At 1st Regiment 300 Junior NCOs.

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2. (a) Continued.

Specialist Programme.

(i) Artillery.

50 Subalterns.
125 Senior NCOs.
320 Junior NCOs.

(ii) Engineers. (Sappers)

1 Major.
6 Captains.
45 Subalterns.
90 Senior NCOs.

(iii) Signals.

3 Majors.
16 Captains.
80 Subalterns.
160 Senior NCOs.

It is hoped to start at least a part of the above on the 12 November. The SCAE however have written saying that some difficulty will be found in providing the numbers asked for.

The numbers, while in excess of the numbers actually required for the increased commitments of the Schools under the new plan, allow for the wastage which is normally about 20% of the course. The more students sent, the easier it will be to provide first class instruction for the new Centres.

(b) Number of personnel from MTO ICF attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week	Ending	6	October	1,851
"	"	13	"	1,209
"	"	20	"	382
"	"	27	"	727
				4,349

(b) Reinforcements Requested.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week Ending	6	October	1,831
"	13	"	1,289
"	20	"	502
"	27	"	727
			4,349

(b) Reinforcements Demanded.

Arm	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27
Infantry	859	660	867	857
Artillery	460	259	852	242
Engineers (incl Sigs)	140	113	354	167
Other Arms	101	342	3[illegible]	229
TOTALS	1,560	1,374	2,416	1,495

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3. Continued.

(c) Reinforcements held at 31 October '45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	A - B - S - E - N - T. Hospital	Leave	AWOL	Other Causes	Total Absent
Infantry	4571	2380	750	448	182	811	2191
Artillery	465	153	68	100	37	107	312
Engineers	657	292	82	127	5	151	365
Other Arms	310	170	19	32	31	58	140
TOTALS	6003	2995	919	707	255	1127	3008

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Elect	4	2	2
Vehicle Mechs Wing.			
Veh Mechs	16	2	14
Elect	3	-	3
Armourers and Fitters Wing.			
Arm Art Field	1	1	-
Armourers	1	2	-
Fitters	3	2	1

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(b) Instructors (British).

The provision of a British Armourer, Vehicle Mechanic and Electrician would greatly assist the School as there is no British direct supervision in these branches.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT. 528

(a) With the exception of Sports Kit, is very satisfactory. At present, however, except for technical manuals, the supply of Training Pamphlets (Translated is rather small) particularly those of tactical handling of Units above the Company. Most British manuals would need considerable altering before being translated, but particularly at the Instructors School it is essential that a proper set of manuals be provided as a basis of instruction.

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

See Appendix 'H' Attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

Negligible.

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4. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) Roads.

The road via CLAUDIA - CESANO is now completed. A Maintenance squad has been detailed by HQ ICF to keep the road in first class condition. Road MARCELLO - MANZELLA is almost complete. The roads in the CESANO Camp remain in a very bad condition, also the Drill Square badly needs attention.

(ii) Barracks.

CESANO IV LOTTO. Work on Barracks here has proceeded well. One block is 90% complete and another 75% complete. A student officers Mess is almost finished and the NCOs mess in well under way.

III LOTTO (Pettino). Construction here is definitely behind schedule but the Contractor is increasing his efforts. Doors and windows are required urgently in this block.

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Central Storehouse. It is hoped that the extention projected for the railway line from CESANO Station - Central Storehouse may be implemented as it is estimated this would save 3,000 gallons of Petrol per month.

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Artillery School. As with the Signals and Engineers School, all major work completed.

(iv) Civitavecchia.

Aurelia Barracks. The minor repairs necessary (windows, water supply etc) are being proceeded with but rather slowly.

Duca d'Aosta Barracks No work in progress.

Ercili Barracks (E & M School). Minor repairs only necessary.

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Sacili Barracks (E & M School). Minor repairs only necessary.

(b) Hygiene.

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The standard is not high and is not improved by the large numbers of civilians still living in the camp and the still larger numbers of Camp followers.

The water supply and sanitary fittings in barracks have however, vastly improved. Attached is a copy of a letter to HQ ICF as a result of the criticisms of AFHQ, MMIA on a recent visit. Construction of a central incinerator has now been authorised and the Genio Militare have the work in hand.

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(c) Welfare.

Progress continues to be made. G 3 British have interested themselves in the provision of Sports Kit from British sources and a list of requirements have been forwarded. The Italians also are purchasing on a limited scale.

One of the main troubles in the organisation of sports is the construction of suitable grounds.

The ground at CESANO is very rough and to produce suitable sports grounds will require a considerable amount of work and when done a considerable number of soldiers must be employed on their maintenance.

Unless a considerable amount of civilians labour is to be employed, this entails large permanent staffs, as in addition, the Establishment does not allow for personnel to run Canteens and other forms of welfare.

(d) Morale.

With the exception of a number of Tunisian Italians, morale continues to be fairly high, and should improve now that the Officers have more time to study the welfare side. Previously much time was taken in administering the large number of men in transit.

The question of Married Quarters still troubles the Officers of the permanent staff and makes CESANO Centre unpopular.

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SUBJECT :- Visit to RTC ICF.

"F" BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref : AQ/11/519.

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

30 October '45

This Centre was visited yesterday by the Assistant Director of Medical Services (A.D.M.S) from M.M.I.A.

The following observations were made.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

The water should be tested regularly by the Senior Italian Medical Officer.

2. INOCULATIONS.

To be kept up to date.

3. KITCHEN.

The Camp was considered to be filthy. Recommend immediate construction of incinerators, (ref our AQ/11/507 of 29 October) also that provision of receptacles be made for rubbish, waste food, etc.

4. MESS TINS.

Provision should be made for the washing of Mess Tins.

5. COOK HOUSES.

These are in need of fly-proofing. The food preparation rooms need shelves and cooks must be forbidden to live in them. In general they are very dirty.

6. FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.

This must be taken in hand and made to do its job.

7. ITALIAN EQUIVALENT OF A.D.M.S.

The post originally held by Colonel VASSELO is now vacant. The

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5. COOK HOUSES.

These are in need of fly-proofing. The food preparation rooms need shelves and cooks must be forbidden to live in them. In general they are very dirty.

6. FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.

This must be taken in hand and made to do its job.

7. ITALIAN EQUIVALENT OF A.D.M.S.

The post originally held by Colonel VASSELLO is now vacant. The duties are at present being performed by the dentist. It is recommended that a Senior Medical Officer be appointed at once.

8. HOSPITAL.

This was considered excellent.

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(Signed) L.H. MARKS, Colonel,
Cond. 'P' British Liaison &
Reporting Unit [illegible]

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report : Ordnance Services RTC, ICE.

"P" British Liaison & Training Unit
RTC, ICE.

To: Commandant,
"P" BL & TU.

Ref : GHB/A/16
November 1st 1945

1. Clothing & Stores.

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The staff of one Italian Officer, one W.O. and four soldiers, which were attached to the British Ordnance Storehouse during the last week of September have proved helpful and are beginning to learn the British procedure.

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4. Administration.

The Regimental Quartermasters have been visited during the month and conditions have improved although there is still room for improvement.

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(Signed) T.H. [illegible], Capt.
for Major. D.A.A.D.O.S.

Allocated S.O. 1255 Series Reference No. 285020

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Appendix 'H' to G/A.3/877
Dated 1 November 45

SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED STORES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER '45.

Srl.	Description.	Total Rec'd During Month	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Wireless Remote Control 'F' Unit No.1 -	1	
2.	" " " " " No.2 -	1	

NOTE :- Replacements for previous items received in damaged condition.

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To: Commandant,
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(3 copies)

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for Major. D.A.D.O.S.
(T.H.SHORTHOSE.)

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-Subject. Mechanics School Progress Report.

Ref. Ref.5 30 Oct. 1945

Commander
F. B.I.U.
R.T.C. I.C.B.

1. Owing to the move of the school to Civitavecchia instruction during October has been practically nil. Classes for drivers mechanics and armourers recommenced on 29 October. The remainder should begin within the next week. No veh. Mechs. course has been planned as neither students or instructors are available.
Artillery classrooms require larger doors before guns can be brought into position.
The workshop is notyet ready. lathes etc. require to be fixed in position before fitters and turners can begin their course.

2. Numbers of students and duration of courses are as follows.

	No. of students.	Duration of course.
Dvr. Mechanics.	100	7 weeks.
Artillery operators.	10	6 "
Armourers	9	2 "
Fitters	3	7 "
Electricians	8	7 "
Turners	3	7 "
Total	133	

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3. Italian Instructors.

	W.E.	Present	Deficient.
Mvr. Mechs. Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	25	6	19
Elect.	4	2	2
Veh. Mechs. Wing.			
Veh. Mechs.	16	2	14
Elect.	3	-	3
Armourers and Fitters Wing.			
Arm. Art. Field.	1	1	-
Armourers	1	2	-
Fitters	3	2	1

The number of instructors shown is quite inadequate to deal even with the comparatively small number of students at present in the school.
Of these 15 instructors, 12 are expected to remain with the school for some time.

PROGRESS REPORT No. 10.

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Progress Report by GSO II (Training) 'P' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref : G/A.3/81[illegible]

1 October 1945.

Herewith report for the month of September '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The past month has been mainly concerned with planning and reorganising for the future. Training generally, where it is possible, is continuing as usual and shows normal progress. There is still a considerable shortage of suitable personnel to keep all Schools filled but selection from the many men passing through the Centre is producing a small number.

CREMO continues to remain a transit camp with a daily average intake of around 400 men but arrangements are being made to curtail this flow and allow an opportunity for the staff to concentrate on training.

(b) No. 1 Regiment.

Now installed at Aurelia Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA where 1,200 men are undergoing a six weeks course of Basic Training. Good progress has been made and this Regiment is developing sound instruction under favourable conditions.

Shortage of clothing, particularly Battledress and boots adversely affects training but the Regiment is well organised and progress is satisfactory.

(c) No. 2 Regiment.

This Regiment still remains the transit camp where documentation and dealing with daily intakes fully employs the staff. Little training is possible. Equipment not in use is being maintained.

(d) Infantry School.

The course which started last month for 60 Lance Corporals finishes early in October. Considering the low standard of training of these men on joining, this course has shown good progress. Details of final tests will be made available.

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The first phase of the plan to train Infantry Instructors for the Territorial Training Centre commenced at the end of the month. 300 selected Instructors are under training and in time over 3,000 Instructors will be trained under plans now completed. The first courses have started well and show good prospects. In time all accommodation at CENTAVO will be needed for these commitments and to this end Contractors are at present working in most of the buildings.

The Physical Training School with its British staff continues to make good progress and is an example to the Centre of what can be achieved by a British Staff under the adverse conditions of CENTAVO. A fair proportion of the students will make good Instructors and the outstanding ones become the staff for the next course.

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1. Continued.

(e) Infantry Specialist Training.

Carriers. The five week Carrier Course of 60 students started early in the month is making fair progress. A number of Carriers have become B.E.R. which limits the scope for Driving Instruction but this difficulty is being overcome. The course is reasonably organised.

(f) Nos. 3 Regiment.

(i) Signals School.

Signal training is still confined mainly to maintaining Instructors. A number of Linesmen and Telephone Operators were put through a short course to meet demands from the Group and have gone forward as reinforcements.

(ii) Engineer Training.

The course for 200 men trained in Mine Lifting is proceeding and about 75% will pass out early in October. A second course for Bailey Bridging Type was started during the month. The training of Instructors to meet the requirements of the reorganised School is proceeding as planned and a number of young Officers and NCOs will commence training early in November.

(iii) Artillery Regiment.

Training has only been on a limited scale during the past month but progress has been made and a number of Officers and men are under training. The main difficulty has been maintaining the large number of men who have, of necessity, been sent to the Artillery Barracks to fill available accommodation but it is hoped that under the new arrangements these numbers will be quickly disposed of.

(g) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

The courses completed are well up to standard. Progress is maintained.

(ii) Mechanics School.

Results from the last course are not encouraging but again it is pointed out that the average student attending [illegible] courses are not basically trained in Mechanics and are really quite unsuited for this course which is a conversion

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Training has only been on a limited scale during the past month but progress has been made and a number of Tradesmen and men are under training. The main difficulty has been maintaining the large number of men who have, of necessity, been sent to the Artillery Barracks to fill available accommodation but it is hoped that under the new arrangements these numbers will be quickly disposed of.

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(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The new course started at the end of the month and at present only 160 out of the 300 students attending (allotted by the Ministry of War) have arrived. There is also considerable difficulty in accommodation as roofs leak and hard standings for vehicles do not exist. It is proposed shortly to move the School to their new accommodation at Abruzzi Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA. Vehicle state is as last month.

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1. Continued.

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

(i) The fifth course at SIVA commenced on 14 September '45. There is a general improvement in the standard of students sent by the Gruppi which reflects well.

A series of lectures on "New Methods of Instruction" were held for the Instructional Staff during the break and more time and thought to this subject has resulted in great improvements in the standard of Instruction.

(ii) The M.T. REALIGNMENT Course was duly reorganised and is proceeding along more interesting lines.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

Course for 60 Junior NCOs finished early October.
Course for 60 Carrier Drivers commenced.

(ii) Signals School.

Course for 20 Linesmen and telephone operators completed.

(iii) Pioneer Training.

Course for 200 men on Mine Clearance commenced and runs satisfactorily.

(iv) Provost School.

Normal Courses held.

(v) Mechanics School.

The course at present running is made up as follows.

4th Course Driver Mechanics	114
3rd Course Motor Mechanics	9
3rd Course Armourers	40
3rd Course Gun Fitters	15
3rd Course General Fitters	4
3rd Course Electricians.	11
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(v) Mechanical School.

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3rd Course Gun Fitters	15
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(vi) Driving and Maintenance School. 517

Course commenced September 23rd. 160 students out of the 300 demanded.

(vii) Artillery Training.

(A) 5th Course Officers 25 pr - 15 Students.

(B) Basic Training Course for Recruits 208 men.

(C) Basic Training for Newly Joined recruits 490 men.

(D) 2 weeks refresher course for Officers in 17 pr and 40 mm. 22 Students.

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2. (a) Continued.

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The results of Course No. 4 which finished on 1 Sept were shown in last month's Report.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

No change from last month. Present planning is proceeding for reorganising the Centre to train new commitments. Planning for training Instructors is almost complete.

(c) Numbers from Corbat Groups attending courses during September.

At SIVA 113 (Officers & NCOs included).

At Mechanics School and Driver Mechanics School } 167 (NCOs and Men).

(d) Number of Personnel from ZEC ICF attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the courses.

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3. INTAKES HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week	ending	8 Sep	3108
"	"	15 "	2627
"	"	22 "	2606
"	"	29 "	2757
			11098

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	Sep.8	Sep.15	Sep.22	Sep.29
Infantry	357	464	1657	122
Artillery	26	156	595	26
Engineers (incl Sigs)	267	183	492	24
Other Arms.	186	153	334	22
TOTAL	836	956	3078	194

(c) Reinforcements held at 29 September '45.

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Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	A - B - S - R - N - T. Hospital	Leave	AWL	Other	Total Causes absent
Infantry	7582	4024	1203	371	237	1057	3468
Artillery	2636	1834	365	321	40	128	854
Engineers	1196	745	96	212	7	144	459
Other Arms	1878	1377	153	257	42	128	560
TOTALS	13292	7980	1817	1741	326	1457	5341

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian)

No change.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of training equipment continues to be satisfactory.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled stores received during the month.
See Appendix 'H' attached.

(c) Details of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.
Negligible.

6. ACCOMMODATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No's 1 and 2 Regiments.

Work on these two lots is continuing and progressing satisfactorily, the only difficulty being the excessive number of recruits arriving who tend to get in the way when given temporary billets in the buildings being restored.

(ii) Artillery Barracks.

Construction work on this barracks is nearing completion.

(iii) Genie Barracks.

Moderate progress has been made.

(b) Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene has fallen slightly, owing to the recent influx of new recruits who have no idea of cleanliness in any form. Again the habit of defecating all over the place has arisen. It has again been necessary to communicate to HQ AFC LOF that they should take most energetic measures to eradicate this disgusting habit.

(c) Welfare.

Progress continues to be made.

(d) Morale.

The remarks of the last Progress Report regarding lack of married quarters for both Officers and O.Rs. at this Centre still stand. One or two Units have had the equivalent of a British Variety Show to visit them and this has considerably raised their morale. It is hoped to obtain more of this type of entertainment for all the troops of this Centre, as a permanent factor, which will keep them amused in their spare time.

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Appendix 'H' to G/A.3/814
Dated 1 October '45.

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER '45.

Srl. (a)	Description. (b)	Total Rec'd During Month (c)	Remarks. (d)
	"Q"(AE) Controlled Stores.		
1.	Rifles No.4.	60	
2.	ORD BRANCH CONTROLLED STORES (ORD.1).		
2.	Bicycles.	24	
	RETURNED TO 406 RVP ON 8 SEPT '45.		
	Tractor. A.A.	1.	

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SUBJECT: Progress Report - Month of September - Administration.

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'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/6/3/349

4 October 45.

To: Commander
'F' BL & TU.

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Welfare.

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DAA & QMG.

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CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI
FORZE ITALIANE DI COMBATTIMENTO
COMANDO SCUOLE
-Ufficio Add.-Sez. Auto-

n° 6738/Add.Auto di prot. P.M. 92, 2 ottobre 1945.-

OGGETTO: Situazione.-

ALL'"F" B.L.T.U. = S E D E =

Foglio 38.

Si trasmettono i dati richiesti con foglio G/A.3/812 del 2/10/1945.-

1)- Alla fine del 3°corso di specializzazione, svoltosi presso la Scuola Meccanici ed Operai d'Artiglieria, sono stati dichiarati idonei n° 35 allievi.
Attualmente frequentano il 4° corso, iniziatosi in data 1/10/1945, n° 167 allievi provenienti dagli enti di cui all'unito specchio.

2)- Il numero degli allievi provenienti dai Gruppi di Combattimento sono n° 167 come da specchio, cui è cenno al n° 1.-

3)- Nello scorso mese la Scuola Meccanici non ha ricevuto materiale di addestramento.

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CENTRO ADD. COMPL. F.I.C. Ufficio Comando Scuole

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
(Ten.Col. U.Sivo)

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Allegato n° 1 al foglio 6738 M10/45

SCUOLA MECCANICI ED OPERAI D'ARTIGLIERIA

SITUAZIONE ALLIEVI FREQUENTATORI 4° CORSO SPECIALIZZAZIONE

Denominazione Corsi	Gruppi di combattimento					Altri Enti	Ripetenti	Totale
	Cremona	Mantova	Friuli	Folgore X	Piceno			
Autieti Meccanici	28	21	20	10	8	6	26	119
Operai Artiglier.	2	3	1	2	3	5	-	16
Armaioli	2	2	-	-	4	1	-	9
Aggiustat.	-	1	4	2	-	-	1	8
Elettric.	3	2	-	2	-	1	3	11
Tornitori	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	4
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URGENT

SUBJECT :- Returns.

'Y' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref : G/A.3/812.

2 October '45.

Comando Scuole, GAG FLC.
(Attention of Col SIVO).

Will you please let us have the following information by tomorrow morning.

1. Details of numbers of men who passed last course at the Mechanics School. Numbers at present undergoing training.

2. Numbers of Officers and men at present attending courses at this Centre from Combat Groups. (Excluding Infantry School).

3. Details of any Training Equipment received during the last month.

Major GSO II,
Training,
'Y' British Liaison &
Training Unit RTC ICF.

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"F" BRITISH LIAISON & TRG UNIT,
R.T.C. I.C.F.
C.M.F.

GRA/1/303. 28 Sep 45.

Major H.W.KING,
"F" B.L. & T.U.

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TRAINING REPORT.

1) Training has been on a limited scale during the month of SEPTEMBER owing to the large number of groups either being, or about to be replaced.

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D). Basic Training Course for newly joined recruits. Duration of Course four weeks. Number of pupils 490.

E). 2 weeks Refresher Course Officers in 17 pr & 40 mm Equipments. Number of pupils 22.

2) See programmes attached.

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5) N I L.

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7) GENERAL REMARKS.

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Recently there has been a tremendous influx of recruits from CESANO. These men arrive extremely badly clothed and without kit or eating untensils. As a result of all these men arriving, the Barracks has had to be reorganised and gun sheds and equipment rooms have had to be made over to sleeping quarters. The Barracks has neither the blankets nor the cooking utensils to give these newly joined personnel the minimum of comfort, the result needless to add is chaos. All this has a disastrous effect upon training and also gives these men the idea that the Army after having called them up is quite incapable of looking after them. This type of thing is difficult for a soldier to understand during War when a certain amount of discomfort is expected, but it is certainly quite beyond their powers of comprehension now. Col PALMA has written full details of all the above to his Divisional H.Q. and he has pointed out the appalling effect this type of thing can have in a very short time upon discipline and morale. The only answer to the question is to take a large number away immediately; but a temporary solution would be an adequate supply of clothing, blankets and eating utensils.

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It seems hard on Col PALMA and his Officers who have worked extremely hard to produce a going concern, which he most certainly has, if the whole show is to be ruined, in almost as many minutes as it has taken months to work up.

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CORSO PER UFFICIALI ISTRUTTORI SUL MATERIALE DA 25 LIBBRE:

Giorni/ore	07,00- 08,00	08,00 - 09,00	09,00 - 10,00
Lunedì 3/9/1945	Servizio al Pezzo e Goniometro.	- Munizioni - Cariche di lancio.	Correzione di posizio (ABBACO*
Martedì 4/9/1945.	Operazioni topografiche linea pezzi.	——————TIRO COLLEGAMENTO——————	
Mercoledì 5/9/1945.	——————Correzioni del momento- Lezioni ed esempi pratici ——		
Giovedì 6/9/1945.	——————Inquadramento di obiettivi——————		——————T I R I A
Venerdì 7/9/1945.	——————T I R O C O N G R A N A T A F U M O G E N A		
Sabato 8/9/1945.	Principi di Trigonometria	——Irradiamento——————	——————CONFERENZE TE

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CORSO PER UFFICIALI ISTRUTTORI SUL MATERIALE DA 25 LIBBRE:

,00	08,00 - 09,00	09,00 - 10,00	10,00 - 11,00
Pezzo	- Munizioni - Cariche di lancio.	Correzione di posizione e di convergenza (ABBACO "SANDS")	
pografiche	TIRO COLLEGAMENTO	Tavole di Tiro	

Correzioni del momento- Lezioni ed esempi pratici

quadramento di obiettivi	T I R I A P R O I E T T O	
T I R O C O N G R A N A T A F U M O G E N A		
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RAGGRUPPAMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO GENIO
-SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI-

IV° C O R S O OPERATORI D'ARTIGLIERIA - Q U A D R O O R A R I O -

O R E	LUNEDI'	MARTEDI'	MERCOLEDI'	GIOVEDI'	VEN
06 - 07	.....A disposizione del Comandante la Batteria.....				
7,30-8,25	Esercitazione Interna. (1-2-3)	Ricezione (2-3)	Esercitazione Esterna. (1-2-3)	Ricezione (2-3)	Eser Este
8,35-9,25		Trasmissione (2-3)		Trasmissione (2-3)	
9,35-10,30		Ricezione (1-2-3)		Ricezione (1-2-3)	
15;00-15,55	Ricezione (3)	Pratica apparati. (1-2-3)	Rilievo sulle esercitazioni e Norme di corrispondenza. (1)	Teoria: Orientamento del terreno e Radiogoniometria. (1)	Pra rat (1)
16,00- 17,00	Teoria: Autunno (1)				

N. B.- Nei giorni di Martedì, Mercoledì e Sabato dalle ore 7,15 alle ore 10,30 gli allievi svolgeranno le istruzioni nelle aule della Scuola Collegamenti del Genio .-

(1)- S.Ten. GAREC
(2)- Serg.M. SIMEONI
(3)- Sergente AIPERTI

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-SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI-

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ATORI D'ARTIGLIERIA - Q U A D R O O R A R I O -

	MARTEDI'	MERCOLEDI'	GIOVEDI'	VENERDI'	SABATO
.....A disposizione del Comandante la Batteria.....					
one	Ricezione (2-3)	(Esercitazione (Esterna. (1-2-3)	Ricezione (2-3)	(Esercitazione (Esterna. (1-2-3)	Norme di corrispondenza. (1)
	Trasmissione (2-3)		Trasmissione (2-3)		Prova:Ricezione (2)
	Ricezione (1-2-3)		Ricezione (1-2-3)		Teoria:Riepilogo e interrogazioni (1)
one	(Pratica apparati. (1-2-3)	Rilievo sulle esercitazioni e Norme di corrispondenza. (1)	Teoria:Orientamento del terrestre e Radiogoniometria. (1)	(Pratica apparati. (1-2-3)	A disposizione del Direttore del corso.

rtedì,Mercoledì e Sabato dalle ore 7,15 alle ore 10,30 gli allievi marconisti
strazioni nelle aule della Scuola Collegamenti del Genio .-

IL DIRETTORE DEL CORSO
(S.Ten. A.Cerro)

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COMANDO I.S.R.REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "PISTOIA"
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria)
- Ufficio Addestramento -

N.0./177/Add.di Prot. P.M.92, 16 Settembre 1945

OGGETTO: Programmi di addestramento per la settimana dal 17 al 22 Settembre 1945.=

AL COMANDO " F " BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R. A. Wing
: S E D E

Trasmetto per sommissione il programma di addestramento che verrà svolto la settimana entrante dalli Ufficiali del 7° corso da 25 Libbre e dalli Operatori d'arti glieria.
Il programma degli Ufficiali da 25 Libbre si ripete quello della settimana decorsa per l'aumento di nuovi allievi.=

IL COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE DEL REGGIMENTO
-Marcello Pulga-

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*** REGGIMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO CENTRO ***
SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI

13° Settimana.

QUADRO ORARIO
CORSO OPERATORI DI ARTIGLIERIA

O R A	LUNEDI'	MARTEDI'	MERCOLEDI'	GIOVEDI'	VENERDI'
0600 - 0700	A DISPOSIZIONE. COMANDANTE LA 3ª BATTERIA				
0730 - 0825	RICEZIONE (2)	ESERCITAZIONE ESTERNA RADIO 19 (1-2-3)	ESERCITAZIONE ESTERNA RADIO 19 (1-2-3)	PROVA RICEZIONE (2)	ESERCIT. ESTERNA RADIO 19 - (1 -2-
0835 - 0925	TRASMISSIONE (3)			PROVA TRASMISSIONE (3)	
0935 - 1030	NORME DI CORRISPONDENZA (1)			Teoria (1) INTERROGAZIONI	
1515 - 1555	PRATICA APPARATI STAZIONE 19 (1-2-3)	PRATICA APPARATI STAZIONE 22 (1-2-3)	(1-2-3) PRATICA APPARATI STAZIONE 21	NORME DI CORRISPONDENZA INTERROGATORIO- RE (1)	ESERCIT. ESTERNA (1-2-3)
1605 - 1700					

N.B. - Durante le esercitazioni e pratica apparati, mentre i marconisti operano con stazioni radio i telegrafisti e centralinisti usano rispettivamente telefoni phallerphone - stazione ottica - e centralino.-

Istruttori:
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(2) - Serg.Magg. SBALDONI
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QUADRO ORARIO
CORSO OPERATORI DI ARTIGLIERIA

LUNEDI'	MARTEDI'	MERCOLEDI'	GIOVEDI'	VENERDI'	SABATO
A DISPOSIZIONE COMANDANTE LA 3ª BATTERIA					
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TRASMISSIONE (3)			PROVA TRASMISSIONE (3)		
ESE DI SORRI STENZA (1)			Teoria (1) INTERROGAZIONI		
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COMANDO 152.REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "PICENO"
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria)
-Reparto Addestramento-

PROGRAMMA ORARIO DEL V° CORSO UFFICIALI DA 25 LIBERE PER LA IV^ S

GIORNI	07,00- 08,00	08,00 - 09,00	09,00 - 010,00	10,00
LUNEDI 17/9/45	Servizio al pezzo-sezione e sezioni a vuoto.	.....Goniometro.....	Registrazione Obi (Teoria)	
MARTEDI 18/9/45	Prese di posizione e compiti del personale al Comando di Gruppo.		——————Prese di Posizione (Pratica)	
MERCOLEDI 19/9/45	——————Sbarramento mobile——————		——Esercitazione di sbarramento (Tavola tavoletta d'Artig	
GIOVEDI 20/9/45	——————Inquadramento obiettivi——————		——Tiri a Prei	
VENERDI 21/9/45	——Parallelismo——	Esercizi di parallelismo	—Verifica e rettifiche congegni (Teoria) - (Pratica	
SABATO 22/9/45.	——Servizio al Pezzo e puntamento—— (Revisione)		——Conferenze tenute dagli alli	

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...lestramento Artiglieria)
... Addestramento-

... DA 25 LIBERE PER LA IV^a SETTIMANA (dal 17 al 22 Settembre 1945.- - -

... 010,00	10,00 & 11,00	16,00 - 17,00	17,00 - 18 ,00
...ntrazione Obiettivi (Teoria)	(Pratica)	Esercizi topografici- Esercitazione esterna	
...Presa di Posizione (Pratica)		...Presa di posizione pratica esterna	
...ercitazione di aburramento mobile (Tavola tavoletta d'Artiglieria)		Tiro collegamento esercizi (esterno)	
...Tiri a Proietto		.....Tiro a Proietto	
...ioni e rettifiche congegni di puntamento (Teoria) - (Pratica)		.....Aereo cooperazione.....	
...onferenze tenute dagli allievi		.....L I B E R I.....	

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N.02/1407/Add.di Prot. P.M.92,22 Settembre 1945.=

OGGETTO : Programmi di addestramento per la settimana dal 24 al 29 Settembre 1945.-

AL COMANDO "F" BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R. A. wing
: S E D E :

Trasmetto per conoscenza il programma di addestramento che verrà svolto nella settimana entrante agli Ufficiali del V° corso da 25 Libbre, corso allievi graduati e corso elementare "B" e "C".

Con l'occasione comunico che Lunedì 24 p.v. avrà inizio un corso orientativo per Ufficiali sul materiale da 17 Lbs. e 40m/m della durata di 2 settimane.=

IL COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE DEL REGGIMENTO
-Marcello Palma-

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COMANDO 152.REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "PICENO"
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria) (4° Sett
-Reparto Addestramento-

- PROGRAMMA DI ADDESTRAMENTO PER UFFICIALI ISTRUTTORI SUL MATERIALE DA 25 LIBBRE :

	07,00-08,00	08;00-09,00	09,00- 10,00	10,00-11,00	Dall
Lunedì 24/9/45	---Spolette---	---Concentramenti di Reggimento e lineari---			Comm collo nic
Martedì 25/9/45	---Tiro a tempo---	Tavoletta d'Artiglieria e giuoco balistico.		Revisione generale	Eser posi
Mercoledì 26/9/45	---Teoria sul telemetro.	Misurazione sul terreno di angoli e di distanze-Base ausiliaria e telemetro.			Orie tiro gio
Giovedì 27/9/45	---Inquadramento obbiettivi---		---Tiri a Proietto---		Ti
Venerdì 28/9/45	---Organizzazione pratica di un Comando tattico di Gruppo---				Dis ato
Sabato 29/9/45	---Revisione Generale---				

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ENTO PER UFFICIALI ISTRUTTORI SUL MATERIALE DA 25 LIBBRE :

	08;00-09,00 | 09,00- 10,00 | 10,00-11,00	Dalle ore 14 alle ore 17.
-	----------Concentramenti di Reggimento e lineari----------	Cenno sommario sui materiali di collegamento britannici(telefonici e R.T.).
-	Tavoletta d'Artiglieria a giuoco balistico. | Revisione generale	Esercitazione esterna-presa di posizione di una Btr.da 25 Lbs.
-	Misurazione sul terreno di angoli e di distanze-Base ausiliaria e telemetro.	Orientamento sugli esercizi di tiro che verranno svolti il giorno successivo.
	obbiettivi---------- | ----------Tiri a Proietto----------	----Tiri a proietto----------
	ussazione pratica di un Comando tattico di Gruppo----------	Discussione del tiro effettuato il giorno precedente
	----Revisione Generale----------	

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(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria)
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- C O R S O "A" -PROGRAMMA DI ADDESTRAMENTO PER ALLIEVI GRADUATI PER LA SETTIMANA DAL 24/9/45 al 29/9/45

	7,00-7,45	7,50-8,35	8,40-9,25	9,30-10,15	13,45-14,30	14,35-15,20	15,30-16,15
Lunedì 24/9/45	Addestramento Formale	Ginnastica.	Mitr.legg. Lezione 8ª	Mitr.legg. Lezione 9ª	Mitr.leggera - tiro poligono a 30 yards.		
Martedì 25/9/45	Ginnastica.	Addestramento formale.	Mitr.legg. Lezione Xª	Applicazione Fuoco Lezione 8ª	Granata 77, Lezione 9ª	I g i e n e	Rivista al Corredo.
Mercoledì 26/9/45	Addestramento Formale.	Ginnastica.	Mos.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 1ª	Mosch.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 2ª	A disposizione della Scuola.----------		
Giovedì 27/9/45	----------A d i s p o s i z i o n e d e l l a S c u o l a----------						
Venerdì 28/9/45	Ginnastica.	Addestramento Formale.	Mitr.leggera Ripetizione 8ª e 9ª Lez.	Mosch.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 3ª	Mitr.leggera - esercizi di poligono aperto.		
Sabato 29/9/45	----------Marcia 25 Kilometri----------				Rivista al corredo e camerate- B e g n o----		

Ginnastica :(4 Ore)- corsa veloce,salto in lungo.=
Add.Formale:(4 ore)- Scuola di Comando-scuola di Batteria-fascio d'armi e sistemazione degli zaini a terra durante la marcia.
M a r c i a: - per squadre al comando dei graduati più idonei-gli Ufficiali,scaglionati lungo il percorso sorveglieranno -elmetto,armamento,equipaggiamento.-Percorso: Bracciano- bivio di q.242 (49-88),Uomo Morto,bivio di q.254(48-86),campestre per q.269,rotabile per Cesano-Bracciano.

Disposizione N.D. 11045 Sezione 3-451/Mod. 80. 28020

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- PROGRAMMA DEL CORSO DI ADDESTRAMENTO PER RECLUTE DELLA CLASSE 1920-1925 - (1° CONTINGE

Ore	- 7,00	- 7,45	7,55- 8,40	8,50 -9,35	9,45- 10,35	13,00-14,00
Giorni	7,00-7,15	7,15-7,45				
Lunedì 24/9/45	Educazione Fisica	Ordine Chiuso	A Disposizione per tiro,manutenzione materiale,esercitazioni tattiche di Artiglieria.			Regolamenti. Interrogazioni.
Martedì 25/9/45	Giuochi Sportivi.	Ordine Chiuso.	Mtr.Leggera "Bren" Lezione X^	Granata '77 Lezione IX^	Applicazione fuoco Lezione VIII^	Mitr.leggera "Bren" Lezione XI^
Mercoledì 26/9/45	Esercizi di svelti-mento e irrobustimento dei muscoli interessati e manegg. Fucile.		A Disposizione Per tiro,manutenzione materiale,esercitazioni tattiche di Artiglieria.			Mitr.Leggera "Bren" Interrogazioni lezioni già svolte.
Giovedì 27/9/45	ESERCITAZIONE DI TIRO A PROIETTO-					
Venerdì 28/9/45	Educazione Fisica.	Ordine Chiuso	Mitragliatrice leggera"Bren"-Esercizio tiro a 30 yardes.			-Filmis - "Combattimento senz'armi" (1)
Sabato 29/9/45	Educazione Fisica	Ordine Chiuso.	Mitragliatrice leggera"Bren"-Esercizi di poligono aperto-Allegato 18 - 1,2,3. (2)			A Disposizione.

NOTE:- (1)- Qualora non sia possibile proiettarlo,l'ora sarà impiegata per svolgere i
ti già svolti.
• (2)- Qualora esigienze di impianto di poligono non permettano effettuarne sarà
sul fucile e sulla Baionetta.-

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-Reparto Addestramento-

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CORSO DI ADDESTRAMENTO PER RECLUTE DELLA CLASSE 1926-1925 - (1° CONTINGENTE - C O R S O "B"

7,45	7,55- 8,40	8,50 -9,35	9,45- 10,35	13,00-14,00	14,15-15,15	15,30-16,30
ine uso	A Disposizione per tiro,manutenzione materiale,esercitazioni tattiche di Artiglieria.			Regolamenti. Interrogazioni.	Mitr.Leggera "Bren" Lezione VIII^	Mitr.Leggera "Bren" Lezione IX^
ine uso.	Mitr.Leggera "Bren Lezione X^	Granata '77 Lezione XI^	Applicazione fuoco Lezione VIII^	Mitr.leggera "Bren" Lezione XI^	Mosch.Automatica "Thompson" Lezione 1^	Mosch.Automatica Thompson Lezione 2^
olti- anti- oli maneg	A Disposizione Per tiro,manutenzione materiale,esercitazioni tattiche di Artiglieria.			Mitr.Leggera "Bren" Interrogazioni lezioni già svolte.	Mitr.leggera "Bren" Ripetizione VIII e IX Lz.	Mosch.Automatica "Thompson" Lezione 3^

E S E R C I T A Z I O N E DI T I R O A P R O I E T T O

ine uso	Mitragliatrice leggera"Bren"-Esercizio tiro a 30 yardes.	-Filmks - "Combattimento senz'armi" (1)	Mitr.leggera "Bren" Ripetizione 3^ e IV Lez.	Servizio interno di Reparto.
ine uso.	Mitragliatrice leggera"Bren"-Esercizi di poligono aperto-Allegato 18 - 1,2,3. (2)	A Disposizione.	Ispezione Camerate (Com.Reparto	- B A G N O-

non sia possibile proiettarlo,l'ora sarà impiegata per svolgere interrogazioni sugli argomenti svolti.
esigenze di impianto di poligono non permettano effettuarne saranno impiegate le lezioni tile e sulla Baionetta.-

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COMANDO 152.REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA"PICENO" (1
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- Reparto Addestramento-

- PROGRAMMA DEL CORSO DI ADDESTRAMENTO PER RECLUTE DELLA CLASSE 1920-1925- (1° CONTINGENTE

Giorni	7,05-7,45	7,50-8,35	8,40-9,25	9,30-10,15,	13,45-14,30	14,35-15
Lunedì 24/9/45	Addestramento Formale.	Ginnastica.	Mitr."Bren" Lezione 8ª	Mitr."Bren" Lezione 9ª	Regolamento. Interrogazioni.	----I g i
Martedì 25/9/45	Ginnastica.	Addestramento Formale.	Mitr."Bren" Lezione 10ª	Granata 77 Lezione 9ª	Applicazione fuoco Lezione 8ª	Mitr.le Lezione
Mercoledì 26/9/45	Addestramento Formale.	Ginnastica.	Mosch.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 2ª	Mosch.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 3ª	----------A disposizione	
Giovedì 27/9/45	----------A d i s p o s i z i o n e della s c u o l a ----------					
Venerdì 28/9/45	Mitr."Bren" - tiro poligono a 30 yards----------				Mosch.Automatico "Thompson" Ripetizione 2ª Lz.	Mosch.Aut "Thom Ripetizi
Sabato 29/9/45	----------Marcia su strada da Kilometri 15----------				----------Rivista cameral	

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COMANDO 152.REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA"PICENO" (3ª Settimana)
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria)
- Reparto Addestramento-
ADDESTRAMENTO PER RECLUTE DELLA CLASSE 1920-1925- (1° CONTINGENTE - C O R S O "C"

30-8,35	8,40-9,25	9,30-10,15,	13,45-14,30	14,35-15;20	15,30-16,15
nastica.	Mitr."Bren" Lezione 8ª	Mitr."Bren" Lezione 9ª	Regolamento. Interrogazioni.	---I g i e n e---	Ispezione camerate.
stamento male.	Mitr."Bren" Lezione 10ª	Granata 77 Lezione 9ª	Applicazione fuoco Lezione 8ª	Mitr.legg. Lezione 11ª	Mosch.Automatico "Thompson" Lezione 1ª
nastica.	Mosch.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 2ª	Mosch.Automat. "Thompson" Lezione 3ª	----------A disposizione della Scuola----------		

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o poligono a 30 yards----------	Mosch.Automatico "Thompson" Ripetizione 2ªLz.	Mosch.Automatico "Thompson" Ripetizione 3ªLez.	Mitr. "Bren" Ripetizione 3ª e4ª Lezione.
trada da Kilometri 15----------	----------Rivista camerate e bagno----------		

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COMANDO I[illegible] REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA"P[illegible]ENO"
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria)
-Reparto Addestramento-

N.02/1415/Add.di Prot. P.M.92,24 Settembre 1945.-

OGGETTO : Programma di addestramento per la settimana dal 24 al 29 Settembre 1945.-

AL COMANDO "F " BRITICH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R. A. Wing.

: B R A C C I A N O:

Seguito foglio n.02/1407/add.del 22 Settembre 1945, trasmetto il programma di addestramento orientativo per Ufficiali sul materiale da 17 Libbre e 40m/m c.a.-

IL COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE DEL REGGIMENTO
-Marcello Palma-

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COMANDO 15°. REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "PICENO"
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglierie)
-Reparto Addestramento-

- P R O G R A M M A O R I E N T A T I V O D E L C O R S O U F F I C I A L I S U L M A T E R I A L E D A 1 7 L I B B R A E 4 0 m/

Giorni	ore 7,10- 8,00	8,10- 9,00	9,10-10?30	13,30-14,20	14,
	.....Istruzione sul materiale da 40m/m.....			.....Istruzione sul m	
Lunedì 24/9/45	Materiale:caratteristiche generali-dati-tipi.	Materiale:b.d.f. Culatta mobile-Cagnotello.	Materiale :Affusto-congegni-longheroni-carrelli.	Caratteristiche generali.	Nozi. al pe cambi za fi
	.....Istruzione sul materiale da 17 Lbs.....			.....Istruzione sul	
Martedì 25/9/45	Noz.di serv.Pezzo-In Batteria-allestire per la marcia.	Materiale:b.d.f.-Congegno di chiusur(Funzionamento)	Inquadramento dei bersagli e condotta del fuoco.	Organi elastici-freno-equilibratori-ricuperatore-	Serv. tr t b tr.
	.....Istruzione sul materiale da 40m/m.....			.....Istruzione sul	
Mercoledì 26/9/45	Tiro c.s.-Principi Teorici.-	.....Congegni di puntamento.....		Serv.Pez.(in Btr. Inquadr.dei bersagli Cambi di obbiettivi Errori e ritardi).	Ist. to- fun funt Cons
Giovedì 27/9/45	.....A D I S P O S I Z I O N E D E I C O M A N D A N T I D I				
	.....Istruzione sul materiale da 17 Lbs.....			.....Istruzione sul m	
Venerdì 28/9/45	Cenni di impiego e di tattica.	Cenni sui carri armati(Inglesi-Russi-Americani-Tedeschi-Giapponesi).	Puntamento in Direzione.-	----Munizioni----	Nor un t
	.....Istruzione sul materiale da 40m/m.....				
Sabato 29/9/45	Costituzione ed impiego di una batteria da 40m/m.	Servizio al pezzo:caricare-scaricare-inquadramento obbiettivi.		.....A DISPOSIZIONE	

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COMANDO 152.REGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "PICCARO"
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria)
-Reparto Addestramento-

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TATIVO DEL CORSO UFFICIALI SUL MATERIALE DA 17 LIBBRE E 40m/m C.A.

8,10- 9,00	9,10-10?30	13,30-14,20	14,30-15,20	15,30-16,20
materiale da 40m/m.....		.....Istruzione sul materiale da 17 Lbs.....		
Materiale:b.d.f. Culatta mobile-Cas llo.	Materiale :Affusto congegni-longhero ni-carrelli.	Caratteristiche generali.	Noz.di serv.al Pz. al pezzo-nomenat. cambio con e sen za funi.	Inquadramento dei bersagli.
materiale da 17 Lbs.....		.....Istruzione sul materiale da 40m/m.....		
Materiale:b.d.f.- congegno di chiusu (Funzionamento)	Inquadramento dei bersagli e condot ta del fuoco.	Organi elastici- freno-equilibratori -ricuperatore-	Serv.al Pezzo:costituzione squadra sul trattore-dietro al pez.-nomenatevi-in tr.al Pez.-Posiz.Sicurez.allest. Sere.	
materiale da 40m/m.....		.....Istruzione sul materiale da 17 Lbs.....		
.....Congegni di puntamento.....		Serv.Pez.(in Btr. Inquadr.dei bersagli Cambi di obbiettivi Errori e ritardi).	Mat.(Cong.Armamen to-nomt.e percuss. funzionamento af fusto-Sott-Affusto Coscio-Affustino.	Puntamento in dire- zione (teoria del cursore).
DISPOSIZIONE DEI COMANDANTI DI REPARTO.....				
Materiale da 17 Lbs.....		.....Istruzione sul materiale da 40m/m.....		
Cenni sui carri ar ati(Inglesi-Russi ericani-Tedeschi Giapponesi).	Puntamento in Direzione.-	----Munizioni----	Servizio al pezzo:caricatore auto- matico e carrello di caricamento.	
materiale da 40m/m.....				
Servizio al pezzo:caricare-scaricare inquadramento obbiettivi.		.....A DISPOSIZIONE DEI COMANDANTI DI REPARTO.....		

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-Scuola Collegamenti-

- QUADRO ORARIO DEL IV° CORSO OPERATORI D'ARTIGLIERIA -

Ore	Lunedì	Martedì	Mercoledì	Giovedì	Venerdì
06- 07	A disposizione del Comandante la 3ª Batteria				
7,30-8,25	Ricezione (2)	Spiegazione Stazione 22 (1-2)	Decrittazione esterna (1-2-3)	Ricezione (2)	Eserc ne e (1-
8,35-9,25	Trasmissione (3)			Trasmissione (3)	
9,35-10,20	Teoria: Ricezione (1)			Teoria: Diodo e triodo (1)	
15-15,55	Pratica Apparati (1-2-3)	Pratica apparati Stazione 22 (1-2-3)	Pratica Apparati (1-2-3)	Norme di cerim pendenza (1)	Pratic Appar (1-2
16,05-17-					

NOTE: Istruttori:
(1)- S.Ten. Garre
(2)- Sarg.Magg. Simaldoni
(3)- Apparti.

IL DIRETTORE DE
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REGGIMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO GENIO
-Scuola Collegamenti-

(12ª Settimana)

CORSO OPERATORI D'ARTIGLIERIA

Martedì	Mercoledì	Giovedì	Venerdì	Sabato
A disposizione del Comandante la 3ª Batteria				
Spiegazione Stazione R2 (1-2)	Esercitazione esterna (1-2-3)	Ricezione (2)	Esercitazione esterna (1-2-3)	Prova ricezione (1-2)
		Trasmissione (3)		Teoria: Modulazione (1)
		Teoria: Diodo e Triodo (1)		Interrogazioni (1)
Pratica apparati Stazione R2 (1-2-3)	Pratica Apparati (1-2-3)	Norme di corretta pendenza (1)	Pratica Apparati (1-2-3)	A disposizione del Direttore del Corso.

S.Ten. Carro
Serg.Magg. Simeldani
Apparti.

IL DIRETTORE DEL CORSO
(S.Ten. A.Carro)

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-COMANDO ISTRUZIONE ANTIAEREA
(Reggimento Addestramento Artiglieria
-Reparto Addestramento-

- SUPPLEMENTO ALL'ORARIO DEL V° CORSO UFFICIALI DA 25 LIBBRE per la 2^ e 3^ Settimana

Giorni	3^ Settimana			
	07,00- 08;00	08,00 - 09,00	09,00- 10,00	10,00 -
Lunedì 10/9/45	Servizio al pezzo- Cariears e scatti a vuote.	-----Goniometro--------	R e g i s t r a z i o n e O b i (Teoria) -	
Martedì 11/9/45	Prese di posizione e compiti del personale al Comande di Gruppe.		----------Prese di posizione--- (Pratica)	
Mercoledì 12/9/45	----------Sbarramento mobile----------		----Esercitazione di sbarrament (Praticadella te	
Giovedì 13/9/45	------Inquadramento obiettivi----------		------ T i r i a F r e i	
Venerdì 14/9/45	-----Parallelismo-------	---Esercizi di parallelismo----------	--Verifiche e rettifiche congegn (Teoria) -	
Sabato 15/9/45.	---Servizio al Pezzo e puntamento--------- (Revisione)		------Conferenze tenute dagli al	

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nte Addestramente Artiglieria
-Reparte Addestramento-

per la 2^ e 3^ Settimana - .

e n e	2^ Settimana	3^ Settimana
- 10,00 | 10,00 - 11,00	Dalle ore 16 alle ore 18	dalle ore 16 alle ore 18
s t r a z i o n e O b i e t t i v i (Teoria) - (Pratica)		Esercizi topografici-Esercitazione esterna.
----Presa di posizione---------- (Pratica)	Presa di posizione e compiti del personale alla linea pezzi.	Presa di posizione pratica-Esterna.
sercitazione di sbarramento mobile------ (Pratica della tavoletta d'Art.)	Compiti dei Serventi. | Materiale-Congegno elastico e di percussione.	Tiro collegamento esercizi - esterno-
T i r i a P r o i e t t e	Tiro a Proietto.	Tiro a Proietto.
fiche e rettifiche congegni di puntamento (Teoria) - (Pratica)	Aerea cooperazione.	Aerea cooperazione
Conferenze tenute dagli allievi---------	--- L i b e r i -------	------ L i b e r i ----

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

'y' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.G.F.

Ref : G/A.3/305.

30 September '45.

Comdr,
'y' British Liaison & Training Unit.

1. Please find attached Infantry Training Progress Report. It is regretted it is rather 'thin' and contains a lot of points already known.

2. Owing to the frequent conversations and discussions with Major MILLAR, much that would normally be included has been omitted.

Major GSO II,
Trg & Lnf Trg,
'y' British Liaison &
Training Unit RTC IGF.

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SUBJECT :- Infantry Training Progress Report.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref : G/A.3/806.

30 September '45.

To: Commander,
'F' British Liaison & Training Unit.

1. General.

Owing to the vast number of postings and intakes, training during the month of September has been on a small scale. However, what there is, is quite good.

2. Infantry Regiments.

Only No. 1 Regiment is doing training. No. 2 Regiment is acting as a Transit Camp.

No. 1 Regiment has 1,200 recruits under training for 6 weeks period. They have completed the first week.

The Regiment is at Aurelia Barracks, CIVITAVECCHIA and have only just settled in.

The only problem here is shortage of clothing, particularly Battledress and Boots, which adversely affects training. However, the Regiment is well organised and training satisfactory.

3. Infantry School.

The course for 60 Lance Corporals is just finishing. Considering the low standard of training of these men on joining this course may be said to be satisfactory, though final results cannot be given until final test.

The plan for Instructor Training starts on Monday 1st October with 150 NCOs, a further 150 starting it is hoped the following Monday. Not all the second flight have arrived but this matter is being dealt with. The students appear satisfactory and should do well.

4. Specialist Training.

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P.T. Course. The number of students has been reduced to 27 as a great many were physically unsuited for the course. Those remaining however, are fairly satisfactory. The quality of the instruction is excellent.

An annoying feature is the continual sending of students to the course who are due for discharge. In future, all joining instructions will expressly forbid this.

The only difficulty in this course is the shortage of Sports Gear, though the situation is better.

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5. Numbers under Training.

NCOs Course	210
P.T. Course	27
Carrier Course	60
Infantry Privates	1,200
TOTAL	1,497

6. Training Equipment Shortages.

Sports Gear of all kinds.

7. Administration.

(a) Accommodation. Much work being done in the Camp to improve this. Move of TREVISANO to covered billets however, is essential.

(b) Clothing. Unless men are clothed they cannot do proper training. It is most important that men are issued with clothing when they arrive, and not after three weeks as at present.

(c) Transport. At present the Infantry, which numbers at least 70% of the Centre has only about 25 Lorries. (This number varies daily). This is not sufficient for the administration of nearly 10,000 men, and have none over for any training purposes.

(d) Hygiene. Owing to the number of untrained men inthe Camp hygiene is at an extremely low level. The many men in transit could be used for cleaning the Camp and not used it is believed because the Officers are frightened of them. The worst area is that of the Divisional H.Q, the Central Storehouse and 1500 Transport Platoon. The vast numbers of civilians and children in the Camp is to be deplored.

(e) Morale. For the Officers the removal of the untrained rabble is essential. For the men clothing, as many have only a tattered civilian suit and 1 blanket. Barracks are draughty and at night cold.

When these two points are attended to there will be a great improvement.

W.L Pace

Major GSO II,
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Major GSO II,
Trg & Inf Trg,
'y' British Liaison &
Training Unit NTC LUF 489

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report No.9

'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, HQ ICF

Ref: G/A.3/746

5th September, 1945

HQ,
Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MBLA) HONK
(For GSO.II Training)

Herewith seven (7) copies, as requested, of Monthly Progress

Report No.9 for the month of AUGUST, 1945, in respect of this Centre.

Major GSO.II
Training
'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, HQ ICF

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 9.

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Progress Report by GSO II (Training) '9' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref : G/A.3/7/5.

1 September 1945.

Herewith report for the month of August '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) During the past month the main difficulties have again been the non-availability of men for training due to the numbers of men remaining at the Centre for a few days only, and the difficulty in selecting suitable reinforcements for the Specialist courses. In fact apart from REME, Mech School, Provost School and [illegible] School which are kept well up to capacity, due to the shortage of and need for their particular arm - the main concern has been to keep Instructors up to date and planning to to increase and replace Instructors being demobbed. All Schools certainly continue to show progress and during the past weeks the syllabus of most courses has been gradually changed to include the improvements and additions found necessary.

(b) No. 1 Regiment.

The small amount of genuine training carried out during the month has been mainly concerned with elementary subjects.

This Regiment is now being reformed at the ANNIBA barracks at CENTRAVECCHIA. Two Battalions of the best men available have been selected and these 1200 men are to carry out a basic training programme of six weeks after which a number should become available for further training into the Specialist Schools and a number available for M.C.O. courses. It is felt that the new barracks will enable this training to progress under best possible conditions and enable the full number to pass the full programme.

(c) No. 2 Regiment.

This Regiment still remains the Transit Camp of the Centre and is mainly concerned with the documentation, clothing etc of the men who arrive daily. Training has been mainly elementary but is organised and shows some effort.

(d) Infantry School.

The course for Junior NCOs started in the middle of the month and already an improvement in general standards. The main difficulty has been the selection of suitable students as the Italian

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(c) No. 7 Regiment.

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(d) Infantry School.

The course for Junior NCOs started in the middle of the month and already an improvement in general standards [illegible] 237. The main difficulty has been the selection of suitable students as the Italian Training Staff consider any man fresh from civilian life can be made into an NCO whereas it is continually pointed out he must have some basic training and military background.

The Physical Training School duly commenced with 43 students and the British Instruction Staff. The course is running smoothly and has very good prospects. The students are not well selected but a small proportion appear suitable to remain as Instructors. Accomodation for the School improves daily as a genuine effort has been made to take full advantage of a course staffed as this is with British APTC Instructors. [illegible] is confident that at the end of the six weeks course the School should have no difficulty in passing the instruction to the Italian Staff.

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1. Continued.

(e) Infantry Specialist Training School.
The Specialist Wing has been mainly concerned with training their Instructors and improving conditions. A short course for Carriers will be started early in September, but the remaining courses await recruits for training.

(f) No. 3 Regiment.

(i) Signals School.

All "CSMIO" training has now ceased owing to lack of recruits. Instructors are kept occupied mainly by improvement of methods etc. It is hoped to produce suitable recruits in small numbers before the end of the coming month.

(ii) Engineer Training.

In view of the shortage of recruits for training a course for Instructors is planned to commence again during the coming month when SMRE are obtaining a number of selected young Officers and NCOs.

(iii) Artillery Regiment.

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suitable recruits in small numbers before the end of the coming month.

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(ii) Mechanics School. 486

The current courses finish early in September and it is hoped about 50% of the students will pass.

The old difficulties of obtaining Instructors and students still exist but all possible has been done to make sure of full numbers for courses commencing 23 September. If students are not forthcoming the courses must of necessity be lengthened to take men with no previous training and start from scratch. (See para 2 (a) (v).).

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1. (g) Continued.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The third D & M Course finished on 18 August and has suffered largely by units not exercising enough care in the selection of the right type of students.

Much progress has been made during the past few weeks but the main problem here is one of suitably selected students and retention of Instructors, who are often posted away or demobilised without warning - this has been taken up with the H.Q. and stopped for the future. Present state of vehicles :-

3 Ton Efficient.	50
In Workshops	19
WOR awaiting repair	32
	101

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

(i) The fourth SIVA course commenced on 6 Aug '45. Students on this course are up to standard although not the best the Gruppi could send. However, attendance as against the numbers allotted to the Gruppi showed a considerable improvement.

Considerable time is now being spent introducing and improving on modern methods of instruction and it is hoped in time to cut down lectures to a minimum and substitute more interesting demonstrations, TEWTs or model discussions built on the right instructional lines.

(ii) The School of Administration course on MAN MANAGEMENT is creating interest. The subject matter is good but reorganisation of the programmes will make the detail more digestible and the next course will show an improvement. It is hoped to put this course "on the road" touring the Italian Divisions after the next session.

(iii) The Weapon Training School suffered from badly selected students particularly Snipers, some of whom were let down shots. This is being taken up with the Units concerned.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

Course for Junior NCOs commenced 22 Aug '45. Duration 485

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(iii) The Weapon Training School suffered from badly selected students particularly Snipers, some of whom were 1st class shots. This is being taken up with the Units concerned.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

Course for Junior NCOs commenced 22 Aug '45. Duration 485
3 weeks. For 100 students.

(ii) Signals School.

As all students were posted away as reinforcements no courses were completed.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No special courses held.

(iv) Provost School.

Provost training course No. 3 Completed.
Regimental Police " " "
Provost Training Course for Carabinieri completed.

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2. (a) Continued.

(v) Mechanics School.

Courses commenced on 16 July '45.

Vehicle Mechanics	7	Students.
Driver Mechanics.	61	"
Gun Fitters.	7	"
Armourers Course.	7	" Completed.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

Course commenced 9 July '45. 6 Weeks ended 18 Aug '45.

Total 401 students reported for instruction.
" 271 " finished course. Remainder posted away, illness, demob, eliminated etc. (This has been pointed out as most unsatisfactory).

213 Passed.
58 Failed.

(vii) Artillery Training.

25 pdr.		17 pdr.		40 mm.	
Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs.	Offrs	ORs.
-	56	-	21	-	22

21 Signallers under CENTIC Instruction.

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The result of Course No. 4 which finished on Saturday 1 September '45 :

COURSE.	STUDENTS. REQUIRED		ATTENDED.		ABSENCE ILLNESS RTU &c.		QUALIFIED as INSTRs. In A. SCHOOL.		In A UNIT.		FAILED.	
	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs.
TAC. WING.												
(i) In.Comds.	15	-	13	-	-	-	7	-	5	-	1	-
(ii) Coy "	20	-	17	-	2	-	9	-	6	-	-	-
(iii) Pl. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	13	-	7	-
AIR. WING.												
(i) Gen. Course	20	-	15	-	-	-	8	-	7	-	-	-
(ii) Mem												

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Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs.	Offrs	ORs.
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TAC. WING.												
(i) Bn.Comds.	15	-	13	-	-	-	7	-	5	-	1	-
(ii) Coy "	20	-	17	-	2	-	9	-	6	-	-	-
(iii) Pl. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	13	-	7	-
ADM. WING.												
(i) Sen. Course	20	-	15	-	-	-	8	-	7	-	-	-
(ii) Man Management.	20	-	19	-	-	-	8	-	11	-	-	-
W.T. WING.												
(i) Pl. Weapons	20	20	23	16	5	5	6	4	8	4	4	3
(ii) 3" Mortar	10	10	8	15	-	7	7	1	1	4	-	3
(iii) 6pr. A/T	10	10	7	11	-	5	5	-	3	3	4	3
(iv) Snipers.	10	10	6	8	-	5	3	-	3	1	-	2

Numbers on this course (which commenced 6 Aug)

From Combat Groups	24
From RTC IOF and other Centres.	161
	185

31 Failed to complete the courses.

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2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.
Infantry Specialists Training.
Signals School.
Engineer Training.
Artillery School.

In all courses planning is now processing to produce Instructors in sufficient quantities for future commitments. In every case the main difficulty appears to be obtaining suitable material but this matter is being taken up with the Ministry.

(ii) Provost School.
Mechanics School.
L & M School.
SEVA.

No alterations. Normal courses continue.

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

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(d) Number of personnel from MTC attending Courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week Ending	4	Aug	1576
"	"	11	"	1496
"	"	18	"	1755
"	"	25	"	2353
"	"	1	Sep	2416
			9636

(b) Reinforcements Despatched. 483

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SEVA.

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SEVA. 24.

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Arm.	Aug.4	Aug.11	Aug.18	Aug.25	Sep.1.
Infantry	689	1182	663	511	804
Artillery	423	369	—	267	290
Engineers (incl. Sigs)	115	394	147	—	24
Other Arms	259	143	49	72	86
TOTAL	1686	2088	859	850	1164

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3. Continued.

(c) Reinforcements held at 1 September '45.

Arm.	Postal Strength	Parade Strength	A - W - S - E - W - T. Hospital	Leave	AWL	Other Causes	Total Absent
Infantry	6166	2948	1045	796	390	987	3218
Artillery	1838	1065	242	285	125	101	773
Engineers	1081	716	53	187	52	73	365
Other Arms.	1479	719	45	150	67	498	760
TOTALS	10564	5448	1405	1418	634	1659	5116

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian).

(a) Deficiencies against W.E.

No change.

(b) Standard of Instruction.

Improving.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of training equipment continues to be satisfactory.

(b) Detailed statement of Controlled stores received during the month.

See Appendix 'H' attached.

(c) Detailed of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

Negligible.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

Accommodation. Nos 1 and 2 Regiments.

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Constructional work at the barracks is nearing completion and should be finished by winter.

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Welfare. Progress continues to be made.

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6. Continued.

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Taking the Centre as a whole, however, morale can be described as satisfactory.

Major C&O II,
Training,
'D' British Liaison &
Training Unit RAF ICP.

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Appendix 'H' to G/A.3/745
Dated 1 September 45.

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST '45.

Srl.	Description.	Total Rec'd During Month	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	"Q"(AE) Controlled Stores.		
1.	Jacks Vehicle	63	
2.	Accetelene Welding Equipment.	2	
3.	Armourers Kits, complete	5	

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'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/6/5/143

3 Sept. 45.

To: Commander,
'F' B.L. & T.U.

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WELFARE.

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General

To Jo Ware
Forward Planning.

Major R.A.
DAA & QMG.

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Ufficio Addestramento e Tecnico

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O G G E T T O : dati statistici.-

AL COMANDO SCUOLE - Ufficio Addestramento -

= P.M. 92 =

Con riserva di inviare gli elenchi nominativi e la relazione di fine corso, trasmetto i dati statistici relativi ai risultati dei vari corsi terminati in data odierna.-

CORSO SEGUITO	N° allievi				Dimessi per motivi vari		Idonei come istruttori				Non idonei	
	Previsti		Giunti				Per Scuole		Per Reparti			
Dal 4.8.45 al 1°.9.45	U	S	U	S	U	S	U	S	U	S	U	S
Tattico per Comandanti di Btg	15	-	13	-	-	-	7	-	5	-	1	-
" " " " Cp.	20	-	17	-	2	-	9	-	6	-	-	-
" " " " Plot	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	13	-	7	-
Logistica per Uff.Superiori	20	-	15	-	-	-	8	-	7	-	-	-
2° Corso "Governo del personale"(dal 20.8. al 1°.9.45)	20	-	19	-	-	-	8	-	11	-	-	-
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Mortaio da 3"	10	10	8	15	-	7	7	1	1	4	-	3
Cannoni da 6 libbre	10	10	7	11	-	5	3	-	3	3	1	3
Snipers	10	10	6	8	-	5	3	-	3	1	-	2

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(Giuseppe Carpitella)

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S/T. 31 Aug 45.

G.II Training,
T/C S.L. & T.U.
WED. ICF.

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Subject: Progress Report for month of AUGUST 1945.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

On taking over and as a result of three weeks observation, I am amazed at the very high standard of training and instruction.

2. FUTURE COURSES.

The only criticisms and suggestions for improvements of the future courses are as follows :-

(a) Tactical Re Cards.

Improvement required in method of instruction - less lectures, more T.E.W.T.S., practice and models.

(b) Tactical Ops Cards.

More practice in Command and in preparation of training, exercises, programmes, etc..

(c) Tactical A.L.Wing.

Three lectures to become T.E.W.T.S. or Models.
One lecture to become Demonstration.
Addition of two platoon attack exercises (to give extra practice in Command) and one play "Preparedness in Defence". In place of periods of individual study and theory of Small Arms.

Exercises must stick to THE lesson and not become complicated.

Concentration of men to be increased by carrying full quota of magazines 5 or 6 loaded.

(d) PI Weapons.

No comments.

(e) Jungle Warfare

No comments.

(f) G.P.O.

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(b) Tactical Coy Comds.

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(c) Tactical I.L.Wks.

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One lecture to become Demonstration.
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Exercises must stick to ~~NW~~ lesson and not become complicated.

Concentration of aim to be impressed by carrying full quota of magazines ½ or ¾ loaded.

(d) Fl Weapons.

No comments.

(e) 2 Inch Mortars

No comments.

(f) 6 pr.

Very good. Shooting was excellent. Next course a little competition between gun crews, ending with a seconds man handling test to prove the impossible. Stress possibilities as Infantry support weapon.

(g) Snipers.

This was the worst course chiefly because students were not at ~~NW~~ 1st Class shots. Their tactics are now excellent but they cannot shoot.

(h) Administration.

Excellent course. Lectures need a little brightening here and there.

(i) Unit Management.

The subject matter is very good but the programme needs reorganising and making more digestible.
It is too much to do this still ab initio, but next course should be a great improvement.

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(5) Engines.

No course lay to lack of Instructors. These have not arrived.

All the above alterations are prepared and only require your sanction, when they will be put into operation.

Instructors.

This is a serious problem. We are now dangerously short and the position is likely to become worse.
The exact situation is shown on the attached list.

Transport.

On arrival of 10 x 3 tonners already promised by us, the situation will be possible but we have never at any time approached our War Establishment. I am taking extra action to ensure better driving, maintenance, and use of vehicles.

Assistance of I.M.P. would be valuable for Speed Traps and Shop Checks on road MANCHANA to PRAGUIANO where a speed limit of 20 m.p.h. has been imposed.

Accommodation.

There is no improvement and the outlook for the winter months is very poor.

Each Coy MUST have own accommodation and MUST have proper Cookhouse and Store. This would require 3 huts or 2 Nissens. Tents will not do for winter.

Course Results and Attendance attached.

Field.

Major, R.A.M.C.
No 11 Sub-Area.

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R.T.C. I.C.F.

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PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 1945.

1. COURSES.

The third Driving and Maintenance Course commenced on 9 July and was extended to six weeks, terminating on 18 August. A total of 401 students reported for instruction, including 85 from the recently disbanded Ciarpaglini Driving School at ROME.

During the course this number was reduced through postings of pupils, sickness, demobilization and elimination of unsuitable personnel to 271. Of this final total 213 passed out as satisfactory and 58 failed.

The percentage of passes thus amounts to 78.5 % of the final examinees, but to only 53 % of the initial number of pupils attending. This is most unsatisfactory. It is both a discouragement to the instructional staff and, because the number of pupils must be limited, debars more suitable personnel from attending these courses.

No improvement can be expected until units exercise more care in the selection of potential driver students and all personnel due for demobilisation are rigidly excluded from attending the courses.

The fifth course is due to commence on 8 September 1945.

2. INSTRUCTORS.

Instruction has inevitably suffered from repeated changes of officers and senior NCOs of the staff due again to demobilization. At present no less than 10 officers are shortly due for release either before or during the next course. It is essential if the efficiency and continuity of instruction is to be maintained that regular army personnel, or personnel not due for release for some considerable time, be posted in lieu of these temporary instructors. The start of the fifth course has been delayed until 8 September to allow leave for school personnel and to enable a short internal course to be run for those officers and NCOs whose technical knowledge and ability is not up to the desired standard.

3. EQUIPMENT.

SEL 347/1 has been approved and indents submitted for the items concerned. A quantity of tools, tyre repair outfits and tyre pressure gauges has been received but the following items urgently required are still not available from Ordnance :-

Tyre pumps, foot
or Air lines for mechanical tyre pumps.
Grease guns Type B.

The lack of type B grease guns seriously affects the maintenance of all Austin, Dodge and Ford vehicles which comprise the majority of school training vehicles.

Authority has been requested for an engine - driven air - compressor to be included in the SEL.

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No controlled stores have been received during the month.

4. VEHICLES.

475

Deficiencies - 1 car 2-seater. A truck 15-cwt has been released in lieu but is quite unsuitable for driving supervision and convoy control on the road.

State		
- Efficient	50	3-ton 4x2 GS
In Workshops	19	
VOR awaiting Workshop repairs	32	
	101	

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152 H /TNG and MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
R.T.C. L.C.F.

PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 1945.

1. COURSES.

The third Driving and Maintenance Course commenced on 9 July and was extended to six weeks, terminating on 18 August. A total of 404 students reported for instruction, including 85 from the recently disbanded Claygate Driving School at RTRC.

During the course this number was reduced through postings of pupils, sickness, demobilisation and elimination of unsuitable personnel to 271. Of this final total 213 passed out as satisfactory and 58 failed.

The percentage of passes thus amounts to 78.5 % of the final examinees, but to only 53 % of the initial number of pupils attending. This is most unsatisfactory. It is both a discouragement to the instructional staff and, because the number of pupils must be limited, debars more suitable personnel from attending these courses.

No improvement can be expected until units exercise more care in the selection of potential driver students and all personnel due for demobilization are rigidly excluded from attending the courses.

The firth course is due to commence on 3 September 1945.

2. INSTRUCTORS.

Instruction has inevitably suffered from repeated changes of officers and senior NCOs of the staff due again to demobilisation. At present no less than 10 officers are shortly due for release either before or during the next course. It is essential if the efficiency and continuity of instruction is to be maintained that regular army personnel, or personnel not due for release for some considerable time, be posted in lieu of these temporary instructors. The start of the fifth course has been delayed until 3 September to allow leave for school personnel and to enable a short internal course to be run for those officers and NCOs whose technical knowledge and ability is not up to the desired standard.

3. EQUIPMENT.

SRL 347/1 has been approved and indents submitted for the items concerned. A quantity of tools, tyre repair outfits and tyre pressure gauges has been received but the following items urgently required are still not available from Ordnance :-

Tyre pumps, foot
or Air lines for mechanical tyre pumps.
Grease guns Type B.

The lack of type B grease guns seriously affects the maintenance of all Austin, Dodge and Ford vehicles which comprise the majority of school training vehicles.

Authority has been registered for an engine - driven air - compressor to

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The fifth course is due to commence on 8 September 1945.

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152(It)Signal Training Centre.
28 Aug '45.

"F" British Liaison & Training Unit,MTC.,ICF.(3).
C.O.E.Signals,MMA.

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Ref "G" Training Unit letter BLT/DO/13 of 23 Mar, hereunder is report on progress at above SIC during Aug 45.

1. General Progress.

All "Genio" training has now ceased owing to lack of recruits.Other courses are halfway to completion.

2. Courses.

Experimental work with the "B" set of the No 19 set is continuing,using devices constructed in the school. Communication over 20 miles has been effected. CSO AFHQ has asked for a technical report when tests are complete.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3. Instructional Organisation.

Some instructors have been posted to Gruppi during the month. Two Gruppi have agreed to exchange for instructors from the school officers and NCO's with practical experience gained in battle.It is believed that instruction will benefit by relation to practical problems.

4. Stores.

Considerable delay in obtaining EE stores is caused by unwillingness of the Regts. to go to the trouble of indenting for replacements immediately the need is reported. As a result much of the transport is still off the road. A "dampener" is often imposed by the Indents Office at Bty HQ, which returns indents on the slightest pretext e.g. non-entry of vocabulary numbers.This is very discouraging.

5. Administration.

Nothing to report.

473

6. Morale.

Morale of officers is definitely low. The men have their "Viva del Soldato" - the officers have nothing. Their pass

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Recruitment is caused by a recent decision that all men must attend Depots, and the chaplain supports them in keeping them out of Depots. They feel that this is this a year.

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MIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) Dental

Operators Trainees		22
" Limbs		---
" Orthodontics		---
Limbmen		5
Despatch Riders		17

(b) Artillery.

Operators Trainees	10
Operators Limbs	7
Operators Orthodontics	3

3. Candidates lost during month for various reasons

e.g. Posting, discharge etc.:-

(a) Dental	30
(b) Artillery	9
(c) Infantry	13

MIL.

1. Candidates accepted for training during month:-

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Captain "A"

(2)

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Major 2.

Major, A.A. Corps,
O.C., R. Signals.

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152(IS) Signal Training Centre.

Synopsis of Personnel - Jul '43.

1. Candidates accepted for training during month:-

NIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) Dento

Operators Wireless	22
" Line	--
" Switchboard	--
Lineman	5
Despatch Riders	17

(b) Artillery.

Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7
Operators Switchboard	3

Total under training:- 29

(c) Infantry
Operators 15

(b) Artillery
Operators Wireless 14

(e) Dento
(b) Artillery 9
(c) Infantry 13

3. Students lost during month for various reasons
e.g. posting, discharge etc.:-
(a) Dento 30
(b) Artillery 9
(c) Infantry 13

4. Students under training on 17 Aug:- 472
(a) Dento NIL
(b) Artillery
Operators Wireless 14
(c) Infantry
Operators 15

Total under training:- 29

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152(It)Signal Training Centre.
28 Aug '45.

"F" British Liaison & Training Unit,MTC.,ICF..(3).
S.C.S.Signals,MEI.

Ref "G" Training Unit letter BTU/DG/13 of 23 Aug, hereunder is report on progress at above STC during Aug 45.

1. General Progress.

All "Genie" training has now ceased owing to lack of recruits.Other courses are halfway to completion.

2. Courses.

Experimental work with the "B" set of the No 19 set is continuing,using devices constructed in the school. Communication over 20 miles has been effected. C30 AFHQ has asked for a technical report when tests are complete.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3. Instructional Organisation.

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4. Stores.

Considerable delay in obtaining MT spares is caused by unwillingness of the Regt. to go to the trouble of indenting for replacements immediately the need is reported. As a result much of the transport is still off the road. A "dampener" is often imposed by the Indents Office at Div HQ,which returns indents on the slightest pretext e.g. non-entry of Vocabulary numbers.This is very discouraging.

5. Administration.

Nothing to report.

6. Morale.

471

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5. Administration.

Nothing to report.

6. Morale.

471

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Junior officers are discontented with a rule which permits senior officers only to entertain friends in the mess - they feel that this uses up rations on an unfair basis.

Resentment is caused by a recent divisional order that all men must attend Mass on Sundays.They feel that this is denying them religious freedom,and the chaplain supports them in this view.

The cumulative result of all this is that officers all try for postings,and the staff does not work with enthusiasm.

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Major, R. Signals,
C.O., R. Signals.

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Appendix "A"

152(It) Signal Training Centre.

Synopsis of Personnel - Aug '43.

1. Students accepted for training during month:-

NIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) Genie

Operators Wireless	22
" Line	—
" Switchboard	—
Linemen	5
Despatch Riders	17

(b) Artillery.

Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7
Operators Switchboard	3

3. Students lost during month for various reasons e.g. postings, discharge etc.:-

(a) Genie	39
(b) Artillery	9
(c) Infantry	47

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Appendix "A"

182(It) Signal Training Centre.

Synopsis of Personnel - Aug '45.

1. Students accepted for training during month:-

NIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) Genie

Operators Wireless	22
" Line	—
" Switchboard	—
Linemen	5
Despatch Riders	17

(b) Artillery.

Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7
Operators Switchboard	3

3. Students lost during month for various reasons e.g. postings, discharge etc.:-

(a) Genie	39
(b) Artillery	9
(c) Infantry	470 13

4. Students under training on 27 Aug:-

(a) Genie	NIL
(b) Artillery	
Operators Wireless	14
(c) Infantry	
Operators	15
Total under training:-	29

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152(It)Signal Training Centre.
28 Aug '45.

"G" British Liaison & Training Unit,HQ.,ICT.,(1).
H.Q.S.,Singalo,MAL.

Ref "G" Training Unit letter BTU/D5/13 of 23 Aug, hereunder is report on progress at above STC during Aug 45.

1. General Progress.

All "Demob" training has now ceased owing to lack of recruits.Other courses are halfway to completion.

2. Courses.

Experimental work with the "G" set of the No 19 set is continuing,using devices constructed in the school. Communication over 20 miles has been effected. OIC JMEQ has asked for a technical report when tests are complete.

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4. Stores.

Considerable delay in obtaining AP stores is caused by unwillingness of the Regt. to go to the trouble of indenting for replacements immediately the need is reported. As a result much of the transport is still off the road. A "dampener" is often imposed by the Indents Office at Div HQ,which returns indents on the slightest pretext e.g. non-entry of Vocabulary numbers.This is very discouraging.

5. Administration.

Nothing to report.

6. Morale.

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2. Courses.

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Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3. Instructional Organisation.

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4. Stores.

Considerable delay in obtaining RE stores is caused by unwillingness of the Regt. to go to the trouble of indenting for replacements immediately the need is reported. As a result much of the transport is still off the road. A "dampener" is often imposed by the Indents Office at Div HQ, which returns indents on the slightest pretext e.g. non-entry of Vocabulary numbers. This is very discouraging.

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Major, R. Signals,
C.O., 182 Signals.

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Appendix "A"

182(It) Signal Training Centre.

Returns of Personnel - Aug '43.

1. Students accepted for training during month-

NIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) Genie

Operators Wireless	22
" Line	—
" Switchboard	—
Linemen	5
Despatch Riders	17

(b) Artillery.

Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7
Operators Switchboard	3

3. Students lost during month for various reasons e.g. postings, discharge etc.:-

(a) Genie	39
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152(It) Signal Training Centre.

Strength of Personnel - Aug '43.

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" Switchboard	—
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Despatch Riders	17

(b) Artillery.

Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7
Operators Switchboard	3

3. Students lost during month for various reasons e.g. postings, discharge etc.:-

(a) Genie	20
(b) Artillery	9
(c) Infantry	13

4. Students under training on 27 Aug:-

(a) Genie NIL

(b) Artillery

Operators Wireless	14

(c) Infantry 468

Operators	15

Total under training:- 29

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Major H.L.KING,
"F" S.L. & T.U.

Training Report month of AUGUST.

1. Training during the month of AUGUST has been limited owing to the general re-shuffle within the Groupe and at the Training Centre. Many of the reinforcement personnel have been at the barracks for periods as long as a week and as short as a day, and whilst it was known that these conditions would exist for AUGUST and most of SEPTEMBER, training has as stated above been on a limited scale.

25 pr.

Number of students who have received training during month of AUGUST :-

Officers.	O.Rs.
-	41.

Subject taught.

Map reading.
Director drill.
Equipment.
Miniature Range.
Gun Drill.
Artillery Sounds.
Ammunition.

The 25 pr Sections have shot each Thursday of the month, when A.T., Emergency Smoke Screen and direct shooting were practised. The laying was extremely good, though the detachments are inclined to talk too much. However this is usually the fault of the No 1 who do not take control of their detachments.

The Emergency Smoke Screen itself was entirely satisfactory but the guns were far too slow in getting out of action; but here again the fault lies with the Senior NCOs who do not control and organise their detachments. However it is extremely difficult to stop Italians talking, since they are a curious nation.

Number of Specialists trained during AUGUST :-

Officers.	O.Rs.
Nil.	15.

Subject taught.

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Number of students who have received training during month of AUGUST :-

Officers.	O.Rs.
-	41.

Subjects taught.

Map reading.
Director drill.
Equipment.
Miniature Ranges.
Gun Drill.
Artillery Boards.
Ammunition.

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Number of Specialists trained during AUGUST :-

Officers.	O.Rs.
Nil.	15.

Subjects taught.

Director work.
Artillery Boards.
Barrage.
Quick Barrage.
Smoke Screen.
Gun Drill.
Range Finding.
Link Shooting.
Sands Graph.
Ammunition.

Signallers trained during the month of AUGUST (see attached programme)

Officers.	O.Rs.
Nil.	21.

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17 pr Section.

Number trained during the month of AUGUST.

Officers.	O.Rs.
Nil.	21.

The students on this course reached a fair standard though on the first occasion they shot at CIVITAVECCHIA was disappointing. The shooting certainly improved later when they got the feel of the gun and accustomed to the noise. The laying was fair but the corrections were very slow and invariably wrongly observed, this was partly due to the fact that No's 1 were not accustomed to using binoculars. They have a fair knowledge of the gun drill, but as in the 25 pr there is far too much noise and talking.

40 mm Section.

Number of Students trained :-

Officers.	O.Rs.
Nil.	22.

Unfortunately the British A.A.School at CIVITAVECCHIA has closed down and so it is difficult to say just what progress this Section has made. They shot ground role on the 25 pr range and the results were good; but then this is much more simple than shooting at the sleeve. The instructors in this section are very good and they can be depended upon to make the best use of the material at their disposal.

II. See attached programme.

III. N I L.

IV. For the number of students attending at the present the instructional staff is adequate.

V. N I L.

VI. Accommodation.

There is still quite a lot to be done, but definite progress is being made. There is a great shortage of glass but then it is appreciated how difficult this is to obtain, since there is a world-wide shortage.

See general remarks.

Hygiene.

This depends very largely on the progress made by the Contractors but at the present it is most certainly not satisfactory. The existing latrines

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Number of Students trained :-

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Nil.	Nil.

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Hygiene.

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This depends very largely on the progress made by the Contractors and at the present it is most certainly not satisfactory. The existing latrines are very old and the drainage system is far from wholesome, partly due to the shortage of water. New latrines are being planned and will be built. Unfortunately it is impossible to construct a deep trench latrine within the barracks owing to the limited space.

VII. General Remarks.

There is a move afoot to move the 152 Regt Piemo to the barracks at present occupied by the British School of Artillery, CIVITAVECCHIA. I have personally visited the place once with the Adjutant of the Piemo Regt and once with the Colonel. I am firmly convinced that this barracks is far too large for the Artillery R.T.S. as it is constructed at the present, and quite apart from anything else I should have thought that much better use could be made of these buildings for another part of the Centre. It is most certainly a very fine barracks indeed and the layout is good; but it does require an immense amount of work. For example there are very few windows indeed and no heating, and since it is situated near the sea it is likely to be very cold.

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The problem of guards must also be taken into consideration, the British employ a guard of 100 men, and it is only this way that they can prevent thieving. A guard of this number is quite out of the question for the Italian Artillery barracks. I don't believe that it would be possible to divide the barracks in two owing to the fact that all the administrative buildings are very close together; but it might be worth while to get an experts opinion on this. When the British School is finally move out (the date has not yet been finally decided upon) may I suggest that a competent Contractor, if such a one exists in Italy, be given the free run of the place during the winter months to get the place ready for occupation in the Spring, either by the Artillery, or by some other part of the Command.

Field.

Arthur Hood.
Major, R.A.
GSO II R.A.
R.A. Hqrs.

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SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI

14ª SETTIMANA

QUADRO ORARIO
III° CORSO OPERATORI D'ARTIGLIERIA

O R E	LUNEDI'	MARTEDI'	MERCOLEDI'	GIOVEDI'	VENERDI'
06.00 -07.00	A DISPOSIZIONE DEL COMANDANTE DELLA BATTERIA				
07.30 -08.25	RICEZIONE (2-3)	ESERCITAZIONE ESTERNA STAZIONE 22 (1-2-3)	ESERCITAZIONE ESTERNA (1-2-3)	ESERCITAZIONE PER I T I R I (1-2-3)	ESERCITAZIONE ESTERNA (2-3-1)
08.35 -09.25	Teoria: RICEVITORI (1)				
09.35 -10.30	TRASMISS. (2-3)				
15.00 -15.55	PRATICA APPARATI STAZIONE "22" (1- 2 -3)	PRATICA APPARATI (1-2-3)	RICEZIONE (2-3)	RICEZIONE (2-3)	PRATICA APPARATI (1-2-3)
16.05 -17.00			TRASMISSIONE (2-3)	NORME DI CORRISPONDENZA (1)	

ISTRUTTORI:

1) - S. Ten. GARRO
2) - Serg.Magg. SMALDONI
3) - Sergente RIVA

IL DIRETTORE DEL CORSO

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SETTIMANA

QUADRO ORARIO
III° CORSO OPERATORI D'ARTIGLIERIA

	LUNEDI'	MARTEDI'	MERCOLEDI'	GIOVEDI'	VENERDI'	SABATO
0	A DISPOSIZIONE DEL COMANDANTE DELLA BATTERIA					
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0	TRASMISS. (2-3)					Teoria: INTERROGAZIONE (1)
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06.00 - 07.00	A DISPOSIZIONE DEL COMANDANTE DI BATTERIA				
07.30 - 08.25	RICEZIONE (2)	RICEZIONE (2)	RICEZIONE (2)	RICEZIONE (2)	PRATICA APPARATI (1 - 2)
08.30 - 09.25	TRASMISSIONE (3)	PRATICA APPARATO TELEFONICO DPE V (1 - 2)	Teoria: TELEGRAFIA (1)	TRASMISSIONE (3)	
09.35 - 10.30	Teoria: MICROFONO E TELEFONO (1)		ESERCITAZIONE CON LE STAZIONI (1)	Teoria: TELEFONIA (1)	
15.00 - 15.55	RICEZIONE (2)	RICEZIONE (2)	PRATICA CENTRALINO 10 LINEE (1-2)	PRATICA APPARATI (1-2)	RICEZIONE (1)
16.05 - 17.00	TRASMISSIONE (3)	TRASMISSIONE (3)			NORME DI CORRISPONDENZA (1)

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RICEZIONE (2)	RICEZIONE (2)	PRATICA CENTRALINO 10 LINEE (1-2)	PRATICA APPARATI (1-2)	RICEZIONE (2)	A DISPOSIZIONE DEL DIRETTORE DEL CORSO
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SECRET:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'p' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT, NTO ICF

Ref: G/A.3/734

31 August, 1945

Commander,
'p' British Liaison and Training Unit, NTO ICF.

AMIG (Engineer Section)
Commandant, Engr Trg Est.
MILA (For SCRE)

A. GENERAL PROGRESS

1. In a great many respects this month has been a repetition of the last with practically no Engineer Training having been carried out, largely resultant upon the re-organisation of the whole of the Army Training Centre. With the exception of a three-weeks course on Mine Warfare run for six (6) officers, the intake has been negligible. The training of 30 officers and 100 NCOs in Mine Clearance, two 2-week courses instigated by the Ministry of War and designed to commence on 20 August were postponed through our inability to produce the required students.

2. However, planning for basic recruit training (12 weeks) and various courses designed to be put into operation on the re-organisation of the Scuola Artieri to the new TE, has proceeded apace and programmes for all types of instruction have been produced and are now in process of being discussed with Scuola Artieri. Lists of additional equipment, necessary through this extension in the scope of training, are being prepared and will be ready for immediate submission if and when the new establishment is approved by higher authority.

3. During the month the position concerning the strength of the Scuola Instructional Staff gave considerable cause for apprehension, the instructional staff - originally trained by the British Instructional Team - dwindling from a total of twelve to the last known figure of six. The causes for this are various, the chief of which being through (a) the individuals tour of duty with the Italian Army terminating with consequent release from the Army, and (b) the individual going on leave and failing to report back. In order to correct the position a request was made to HQ (Trg) NTO ICF for additional Instructors, both officers and NCOs, to be furnished as quickly as possible. Apparently the sole source is from the Gruppi Combattimenti, and Gruppi, if compelled, can supply either British trained instructors, who would

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5. GENERAL

In the main, basic training and courses are enumerated in the July monthly progress report.

In addition, the Italian War Office envisaged Mine Clearance courses commencing in the near future and training a total of 50 officers and 100 NCOs (due to commence 20 Aug 45, but postponed through failure of source of students).

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B. [illegible] (Cont'd)

Further, it would appear that courses for Instructors to supplement present Scuola Artieri Instructors would have to be very shortly, and the scope dependent upon material required.

C. [illegible]

(1) Practically no intake this month.

(2) A Field Engineering Refresher course commenced in July and one completed in the early part of August, 15 students completing the course.

(3) A three-week Mine Warfare course was completed, six officers attending.

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Two small parts have been missing from the Water Purification Plant since this was initially collected from the depot by the Scuola Artieri. Steps have been taken to procure the parts and this should be achieved in the near future.

No other equipment is outstanding.

E. ADMINISTRATION

(1) Accomodation

Contractors continue to work steadily on barrack improvements, although they are very slow. However, a definitely marked improvement in the conditions under which the Scuola Artieri now lives and works has been made.

(2) Prisons

No change.

(3) Welfare

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C.T. LANGTON, Major RE,
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for MILITARY LIAISON STAFF
ITALIAN AREA, ADEN

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SUBJECT: Infantry Training Progress Report.

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'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: G/A.3/729

30 August 45.

To: Commander,
'F' British Liaison & Training Unit

1. Infantry Regiments.

Training during the month has been very little and has consisted mainly of the most elementary periods. The work has been mainly squadding, documentation and clothing of recruits. At the best, it has only been possible for a few men to reach the stage of firing with their weapons.

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There appears to be a certain amount of muddled thinking on the training of N.C.Os. by the Italian Training Staff, who consider that any man fresh from civilian life can be made into an N.C.O., and the greatest difficulty has been experienced in trying to persuade them that a certain amount of basic training is necessary before a man can be selected. There is an encouraging increase of suggestions from the Italian Staff but mostly of a widely impractical nature.

A Physical Training School has commenced its first week of training with 41 students. These students, as is the normal custom with the Italians, are obviously poorly selected, in fact 3 students reported sick on joining and it appears, were recovering from Malaria.

The School opened before it was really ready owing to slow work by the Contractors and difficulties in obtainin g stores. However, the first week is being utilised as a testing period and also gives the late arrivals a further chance. The course will, however, be running smoothly next week.

The other activities of the Infantry School are a reorganisation avoiding some of the duplication of training as previously happened with the Specialist School. Further classrooms will be ready in another month for the Tracer Training Wing. Again attention is being paid to the

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The Anti-Gas Wing is being formed, but the collection of equipment is rather slow.

Specialist Training is non-existent owing to the lack of suitable students It is hoped the GARIBALDI Regiment may send some of their men.

3. Deficiencies in Instructors.

At the Infantry School, deficiencies are at present 60% but these will be made up from the current SIVA courses. While in the Regiments the paper establishment is up to strength, in actual fact owing to the great many officers on leave, conducting drafts, sick, etc., there is always insufficient men for instructional purposes.

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4. Accommodation.

Large constructional works are in progress in both Regiments. The worst feature at present is still the shortage of water, the other is the roads inside the Camp. These, though some effort has been made to repair them, are not standing up to the strain. It is essential that proper roads be built.

5. Welfare.

Continues along previous lines.

6. Hygiene.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 6. SECRET

Progress Report by GSO II (Training) 'P' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref : G/A.3/665.

1 Aug '45.

Herewith report for the month of July '45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) This report for the past month gives little information from the Infantry Training point of view particularly as there are now so few men available at the Centre for training and in turn available for selection to fill the various schools. However, all schools continue to make good progress and the past month has again shown good results with the emphasis on improvement in Instruction and some attempts to make training more interesting.

During the past month several high ranking officers have paid visits to the Centre and this again showed what an effect this has in producing a higher standard when an effort is made.

The Divisional Inter Unit Drill Competition held in the middle of the month produced keen competition and was won by the Genie (Sappers and Sigs) Regiment. The most noticeable feature of this was the genuine steadiness of the men on parade after standing in the sun for nearly four hours. Under the recently agreed re-organisation of the Centre arrangements have been put in hand to fulfil the new training commitments and the Italian Comando Scuole training staff, using their past experience are planning for the new phase due to commence in about two months.

(b) No. 1 Regiment.

Training has been only on a minor scale due to small numbers of men but progress continues. The organisation in this Regiment is becoming good due particularly to the 2i/c who is hard working and methodical. The stores are well kept and there is improvement in method and order in the Regiment. As this will eventually become the Infantry Basic Training Regiment this interim period will be well occupied in making improvements both in the continued training of the Instructors and it is hoped, structurial improvements to the buildings.

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The Regiment has had more men under training than No. 1 Regiment. The improvement noted last month has been maintained, particularly in turnout and discipline but there is still plenty of scope. This Regiment will eventually move to CIVITAVECCHIA as the Infantry Advanced Training Regiment and avl the buildings at present occupied pass to the All Arms Basic Training Regiment whose staff will be found from the present Intake Regiment at TREVIGNANO. In preparation for this new task much has to be done to qualify Officers and Instructors and this interim period again will be put to good use. In the meantime there are still a number of men under training which progresses satisfactorily to arranged programme.

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(d) Infantry School.

The course specified in last months report was duly completed. The average standard reached by students is still low, due largely to the poor quality men available. The Tactical and Platoon Weapons Wing is now reorganised as an NCO's Training Wing and with a carefully arranged programme will instruct young NCO's from this Centre, a good standard being set and it is hoped that when the School moves to its new premises at CIVITAVECCHIA a larger number of suitable NCO material will gradually become available from the Infantry Advanced Training Regiment. The present need for well trained and disciplined Junior NCO's should be well met by the efforts of this School, which has every indication of developing first rate instruction.

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The courses specified were duly completed and although producing rather a lower standard than previous courses as there fewer men to choose from at the Centre, the final results particularly in the Carrier Wing showed progress. 6pr and Mortar shooting was satisfatory but in general, a higher mental standard for students is necessary, this should be overcome eventually when more personal selection can be made from the Advanced Infantry Training Regiment. Progress in Instruction continues.

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From the point of view of actual physical Engineer Training this month has been a negative one. There has been no intake and the single party under training has dwindled away to practically nothing. However, a considerable amount of planning has taken place in connection with the future role of the

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Under the new arrangements the School will be in a position to deal with the 300 Junior Recruits Training and 150 on Courses of Instruction.

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(iii) Artillery Regiments.

There has been continued progress during the month due largely to the quality of students which has improved. A batch of 22 Officers (ex P.O.W) have shown enthusiasm and are the best officer material the Artillery Regiments have had for some time. The 25 pr Section shot last Thursday at the pocket-range. The standard of shooting was good but slow. The response from the gun crew and the accuracy of laying is good. Puto 222 was fired over lake BRACCIANO and practice Air Burst fixation and obtaining Meteor Information. The 17 pr sect in corellation to make good programmed instruction is sound. On 27 August they will shoot on the range at CIVITAVECCHIA. The 4.2 mm section did not make such good progress owing to the best of the Instructional Staff being away on leave. Laying appears to be the chief weakness and is receiving due attention.

(2) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

The general progress of the School is normal although efficiency has inevitably been reduced by the Italian Staff taking over administrative control. The prospect of a completely independent Police School staffed and organised by Italians does not appear a practical proposition at present. Training programmes have been enlarged in their scope to include more particularly Italian subjects and these now include the Italian Penal Code, the Italian Police Stradale, Italian Military Law and Courts Martial procedure. Also the principles of First Aid.

Due to lack of Training Transport, D & M instruction is not included in current training.

(ii) Machwiles School.

Since the last report a number of Instructors and students were made available through the Ministry of War and the courses are proceeding although at half strength. Of 326 men originally allotted to attend the course 249 duly arrived at the Centre, they were given a thorough test to qualify for the course and 78 only were passed as suitable to attend. The majority of the remaining students were sent on to the D & M School to fill this course. It would appear that in the future these courses may have to be re-arranged to take a less qualified student and train up to the required standard for a longer period. For the existing number of students on the various courses there

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(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The third D & M Course started on 9 July and it is now intended to extend this course to six weeks - due largely to the present state of vehicles and the urgent need for all 400 students to be fully trained in the task system. Improvements have been made in the organisation of the School and progress continues. Present state of Vehicles :-

3 Ton Efficient.	50
VCR In Workshops	12
VCR awaiting repair	38
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1. Continued.

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

(i) The third SIVA course duly finished on 21 July '45. Results were up,to expectation. Nothing outstanding to report. Instruction showed a general improvement particularly in the handling of discussion and the tendency of Instructors to become over confident and too complicated has been remarked upon and noted by the staff. There is still a tendency to edge away from use of British Methods particularly the sand model but the importance of the correct teaching and sequence of Tactical Instruction is continually emphasised and Instructors encouraged to be quite clear in their ideas before handling discussion.

The extra week has again allowed all students to spend extra time on the study of British weapons and methods.

(ii) The School of Administration is settling down. It is still found a difficult subject to put over as Italian methods of administration are so different to normal British procedure but the Chief Instructor has been given access to all practical experience available here, and is at present, during the break, visiting the Gruppi to clear up outstanding points they are not clear on. The Man Management Course due to start on the next course is well organised and ready to commence instruction. Eventually it is hoped this course will tour the Gruppi.

(iii) The Weapon Training School continues to make good progress particularly in Methods of Instruction as all Instructors were taken through a short course during the last break. This School is developing well.

(iv) The Hygiene Course run in spite of many difficulties, largely shortage of trained Instructors, but this has been partly overcome and the valuable instruction given should pay dividends.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

Following courses were run :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	25
6 pr Training	40
Mortar	33
Pioneer	20
Carriers.	30

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(ii) The School of Administration is settling down. It is still found a difficult subject to put over as Italian methods of administration are so different to normal British procedure but the Chief Instructor has been given access to all practical experience available here, and is at present, during the break, visiting the Gruppi to clear up outstanding points they are not clear on. The Man Management Course due to start on the next course is well organised and ready to commence instruction. Eventually it is hoped this course will tour the Gruppi.

(iii) The Weapon Training School continues to make good progress particularly in Methods of Instruction as all Instructors were taken through a short course during the last break. This School is developing well.

(iv) The Hygiene Course run in spite of many difficulties, largely shortage of trained Instructors, but this has been partly overcome and the valuable instruction given should pay dividends.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

Following courses were run :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	25
6 pr Training	40
Mortar	33
Pioneer	20
Carriers.	30

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(ii) Signals School.

Normal courses as before. No additional students accepted for training. No courses were fully completed during the month.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No special courses held.

(iv) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No.3 now in progress.

Regimental Police Course No.3 now in progress.

Provost Training Course No.1 for CC.RR Officers now in progress.

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2. (a) Continued.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following Courses commenced on 16 July :-

1. Vehicle Mechanics Course	7	Students.
2. Driver Mechanics Course.....	58	"
3. Gun Fitters Course.....	8	"
4. Armourers Course.....	4	"

No change in syllabus and duration of course.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The third Driving & Maintenance Course commenced on 9 July 45. A total of 401 Students, including 85 from the recently disbanded Ciarpaglini School at ROME.

(vii) Artillery Training.

The following courses continued during the month :-

25 pr.		17 pr.		40 mm.	
Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.
20	51	12	21	6	26

26 Signallers are under Gonio instruction.

(viii) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

The result for the Course No.3, which finished on July 21st. (June 25 - July 21).

(a) Nos. and Results from June 25 to July 21st.

COURSE.	STUDENTS REQUESTED		ATTENDED.		ON SENIOR ILLNESS RTU &c.		QUALIFIED as INSTRS. in A SCHOOL.		in A UNIT.		FAILED.	
	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs	Offrs.	NCOs
5th. Inf.												
(I) Jan.-March.	15	-	13	-	1	-	5	-	4	-	3	-
(II) May "	20	-	14	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	5	-
(III) Jul. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	12	-	8	-
4th. Ind.												
(I) Sept.-Dec.	20	-	13	-	1	-	8	-	3	-	1	-
(II) Jan. "	15	15	16	13	3	2	4	1	5	6	½	½
2.I. Div.												
(I) Sept.-Dec.	20	20	14	21	2	8	3	2	6	8	3	3

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	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.	Offrs.	NCOs.
2nd. Inf.												
(i) Pl.Cdr.&n.	15	-	13	-	1	-	5	-	4	-	3	-
(ii) Coy "	20	-	14	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	5	-
(iii) Bn. "	36	-	27	-	2	-	5	-	12	-	8	-
A/T. Wing.												
(i) Sqn.Course	20	-	13	-	1	-	8	-	3	-	1	-
(ii) Jun. "	15	15	16	13	3	2	4	1	5	6	4	4
A.A. Wing.												
(i) Pl.Weapons.	20	20	14	21	2	8	3	2	6	8	3	3
(ii) 3" Mortar.	10	10	9	11	3	1	3	1	2	4	1	2
(iii) 6 pr.A/T.	10	10	7	13	1	1	3	-	3	4	-	1
(iv) Sniper.	10	10	8	5	2	2	3	-	3	1	-	3

(c) Nos. Attending JUNE - JULY COURSE.

Total number requested.	-	-	321
Total number actually attended.		-	185
Missed the Course on account of sickness or other causes.			32
Number completed courses.	-	-	153
Qualified.	-	-	117
Failed.	-	-	36

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From	Combat Group	- -	61
"	R.T.C.	- -	52
"	Other Centres.	- -	40
			153

2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.
Infantry Specialists Training.
Signals School.
Engineer Training.
Artillery School.

Due to re-organisation there will be some difficulties in continuing all these courses at FULL strength. Re-organisation is at present taking place in order to comply with the new arrangements and majors to be trained in the future. As men become available Courses will be filled.

(ii) Provost School.
Mechanics School.
D & M. School.
SIVA.

No alteration to previous syllabus. Normal courses to continue.

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

(i) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

32 Officers, 32 ORs.

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

(i) Ammunition Storeman } 10 ORs PONTECAGNANO.

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(1)	Ammunition Storeman		10 ORs	PORTSDOWN.
(11)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offs.	20 ORs	PORTSDOWN.
(111)	Clerks RCOC.	3 Offs	11 ORs	PORTSDOWN.

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3. MINORS CAMP.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending	7 July	-	572
"	" 14 "	-	459
"	" 21 "	-	1918
"	" 28 "	-	1336
			4295

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	Jul.7	Jul.14.	Jul.21	Jul.28
Infantry	631	45	358	---
Artillery.	214	--	108	---
Engineers (incl. Sigs)	229	2	2	---
Other Arms.	173	58	23	3
TOTAL.	1247	105	491	3

(c) Reinforcements held at 30 June 45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	ABSENT. Hospital	Leave	AWOL	Other Causes	Total Absent.
Infantry	5454	3112	668	725	427	529	2349
Artillery	1519	969	79	340	56	75	550
Engineers	991	563	67	223	57	61	428
Other Arms.	1145	901	44	133	33	139	349
TOTAL	9109	5545	858	1421	573	804	3676

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian)

(i) Deficiencies against W.E.

No alteration on last month, vacancies being filled as trained instructors become available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction continues to improve with experience. Much can be done during the next two months while the Centre is re-organising, to improve Instructors and methods.

5. CAMPING BUDGET.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of training equipment continues to be satisfactory.

(b) Detailed statement of controlled stores received during the month.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

(c) Details of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

Negligible.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

Accommodation. Nos 1 and 2 Regiments: No apparent change in building activity.

No.1 Regiment and Artillery Barracks: Moderate progress being made at both barracks.

The apparent sluggishness of building activity is due to the awaited decision of the War Ministry as to how much money is to be expended.

SIVA: There is still much to be done to complete existing contracts. The huts originally designed in the Weapon Training Wing are still unfinished and generally accommodation is too cramped. It is hoped to find a new location for SIVA and provide more suitable accommodation in the CIVITAVECCHIA region.

Road - Nuova Osteria to Cesano: This road has now been closed for approximately 3 months - vehicles having to use the rough fields; which is proving a greater strain on the vehicles than the previous bad state of the roads. 104 CRE., under whose supervision the road is being repaired, promised it for 15 July. Not only will it not be ready by 15 August, but the surface is so poor that it will be reduced to its previous state within a matter of days from the date of its opening. It is not known whether bitumen has yet been obtained for its repair.

Hygiene. Standard of hygiene shows slow improvement, with lapses from time to time.

Welfare. Regular film shows are proving of great value. Col TOSCHI of No.2 Regiment has organised a most excellent Spaccio which is a creditable effort and greatly welcomed by troops of the Centre. The open-air Theatre had its opening night at the latter end of the month.

A leave train runs on Sundays from BRACCIANO to ROME, returning late at night and appears to be well patronised.

Morale. No change.

7. GENERAL.

Now that a definite policy has been laid down with the reorganisation of existing arrangements and accommodation at CESANO to include additional accommodation in CIVITAVECCHIA, the future holds every prospect of better conditions both for the general environment of the man under training and the suitability of training conditions generally. An Establishments Committee is sitting at the present to produce entirely re-written establishments for the Centre to fit the new conditions and, from past experience, include what has been found to be lacking.

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Major CSO.II
Training,
'P' British Liaison and Training Unit, MTO ICF.

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Appendix "H" to Q/A.3/665
Dated 1 August 45.

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 45.

Srl.	Description	Total Rec'd During Month.	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	"Q" (AI) Controlled Stores.		
1.	Pistols .38	8	
2.	Charts Unfilled Workmen	1	
3.	" " " Foremen	2	
4.	" " " Inspectors	1	
5.	Field Purse, Heavy 28. 13650	1	
6.	Bicycles	41	

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SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT - JULY.

S. I. V. A.
Ref. R/16.
30 July 45.

Maj.H.W.KING (GSO II Trg.)
'F' British Liaison and Training Unit. RTC. ICF.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) This has been a most normal Course, with nothing outstanding to report. Inmost cases Instruction is thorough as to method and matter. Certain exercises were revised, and were better for it. This revision of exercises is continuing. I am having to counteract a tendancy for the Instructors to be too over confident, and hence too complicated. Stress is being put on more use of the sand model as a teaching method. When a mistake has been made, it has been realised, and steps taken to prevent its reoccurrence.

(b) Unless it is possible to avoid it, I would suggest that it is a waste of time to send students to SIVA, who are shortly to be released from the army.

(c) The Administration School is settling down, and has made good progress. Col.GACHET has gone North during this break, to get first hand information.

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(d) The Hygiene School ran in spite of what seemed to be insuperable difficulties. The next Hygiene Course should be very satisfactory now that the Instructor and Water Truck problems are being solved.

2. COURSES DURING JULY.

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(d) Enclosed please find Programme for Man Management Course.

3. Sub - para. 2 (c) of BTU/D9/13 does not apply to SIVA.

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) Steps are being taken to increase the number of Instructors, by keeping back the most successful students of the last Course. At the moment I cannot say how successful this has been, but the Instructors for the Man Management Course have been found, and asked for.

STANDARD OF INSTRUCTION.

(b) This is good as a whole. There is a tendancy to be too complicated in exercises. I have pointed this out, and I think they realise their mistake. The exercises and demonstrations which really succeeded, were those which were very simple, and confined themselves solely to the matter in hand.

5. CONTROLLED STORES (Arrived during July).

(a) Brens.	3
Binoculars	2 prs.
Compasses Prism.	2 prs.
Bicycles.	4

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The question of accommodation is being taken up on a higher level. It is of interest to note that in spite of all our efforts, the 'HUTS' are still not completed, and there is still no water. However these are well in hand now.

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(ii) There is another agitation for an increase in the Tac. Courses, from four to six weeks. The main reason given, is that the students have insufficient background when they arrive to be able to benefit from the Course. The extra time, it is suggested, is to be devoted to more practical exercises, giving each student more opportunity to exercise his command.

(iii) I was definitely against this prolongation of the Course at the first, and am still not convinced that it is necessary. However I think it would be a good thing if Col.SIVO, Gen.MARTINELLI Col.CARPITELLA, Col. GUIDO, and you and I got together over this question. There is far more to it than first appears, and since Col.CARPITELLA is so convinced it is necessary, it would be a good thing if we air the subject properly.

E. Huntington
Maj.
GS.

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PROGRAMMA DEL I° CORSO DI "CURA DEL SOLDATO" per Ufficiali Inferiori, Cal. . . . . .

Giorno	7.30 - 8.15	8.30 - 9.15	9.30 - 10.15	10.30 - 11.15	Te
Lunedì	Indirizzo di apertura del Comandante.	Prova di contatto degli istruttori.	Trattamento igienico e morale.	Mense	
Martedì	V i s i t e a c u c i n e m o d e l l o				
Mercoledì	Vestiario ed equipaggiamento.	Vestiario ed equipaggiamento.	Vestiario ed equipaggiamento.	Servizio vestiario.	V i
Giovedì	Brevi lezioni degli allievi su vestiario ed equip.	Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	
Venerdì	Brevi lezioni degli allievi e domande degli istruttori sul serv. sanitario.		Disciplina.	Disciplina.	Lezio da c
Sabato	Brevi lezioni degli all. sulla disc.	Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	
Lunedì	Brevi lezioni degli allievi sul servizio sanitario.		Disciplina.	Disciplina.	
Martedì	Disciplina.	Disciplina.	Paga.	Paga.	Brevi disc
Mercoledì	Benessere.	Paga.	Paga.	Disciplina - discussione.	Brevi paga
Giovedì	Benessere.	Benessere e discussione.	Paga.	Paga.	Brevi inter sarc
Venerdì	Benessere.	Benessere.	A disposizione degli istruttori.	Benessere.	Brevi gli bene

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ORARIO "CURA DEL SOLDATO" per Ufficiali Inferiori, dal . . . . . al 1945

8.30 - 9.15	9.30 - 10.15	10.30 - 11.15	15.00 - 15.45	16.00 - 16.45
Prova di contatto degli istruttori.	Trattamento uomini e morale.	Vuoto	Vuoto	Vuoto
a c u o i n c m o t t o			brevi lezioni degli allievi su "Vuoto"	
Vestiario ed equipaggiamento.	Vestiario ed equipaggiamento.	Servizio sanitario	V i s i t a a m a g a z z i n i	
Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	C . n e n a	
Allievi e domande serv.sanitario.	Disciplina.	Disciplina.	Dimostrazione fasciature, orinatoio da campo.	Servizio sanitario
Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario	Servizio sanitario		
Allievi sul servi	Disciplina.	Disciplina.	C i n e m a	
Disciplina.	Paga.	Paga.	Brevi lezioni degli allievi sulla disciplina.	
Paga.	Paga.	Disciplina - discussione.	Brevi lezioni degli allievi sulla paga.	
Benessere e discussione.	Paga.	Paga.	Brevi lezioni degli allievi ed interrogatorio su paga e benessere.	
Benessere.	A disposizione degli istruttori.	Benessere.	Brevi lezioni degli allievi sul benessere.	Discussione sul Corso e indirizzo del Com.te.

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S. L. V. A.

AUGUST

Day	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

COURSES ASSEMBLE

OPENING ADDRESS

3 DAYS NOTICE

TACTICAL WING.

1. Junior Leaders.

2. Coy. Commanders & Sen. Officers.

WEAPON TRG. WING

Pl. Weapons.

2. 3" Mortar.

3. 6pr. A/Tk.

4. Snipers.

ADM. WING.

1. Adm. Course.

2. Man Management.

3. Hygiene & Water.

(These Courses to assemble on Sat. preceding the Courses.)

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AUGUST

S M T W T F S S M T W T F S
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1

SEPTEMBER

S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

BREAK

COURSES ASSEMBLE

COURSES OPENING ADDRESS

HOLIDAY

All Schools.

These Courses to assemble on Sat. preceding the Courses.

COURSE 'A' — JUNIOR OFFICERS

WATER 'A'

HYGIENE 'A'

WATER

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APPENDIX 'A'
To monthly report SIVA.
Ref. R/16. 30 July 43.

T E M B E R — O C T O B E R

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17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6

JUNIOR OFFICERS.
HYGIENE A
COURSE B
WATER B
SEN. OFFICERS.
HYGIENE B

8	STUDENTS					
	OFFICERS				NCOs.	
	Cols.	Majs.	Capts.	Lts.		
	-	-	-	36	-	
	(15)		20	-	-	
	-	-	0	20	20	
	-	-	0	10	10	
	-	-	-	10	10	0
	-	-	-	10	10	
	(25)			-	-	
(A)	-	-	-	25	-	
(B)	(25)			-	-	
(A)	-	-	-	20	-	(HYGIENE)
(B)	-	-	-	20	-	(HYGIENE)
(A)	-	-	-	-	20	(WATER)
(B)	-	-	-	-	20	(WATER)

E Hamilton Hay

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SUBJECT:- Infantry Training Progress Report for the Month of July 1945

(23)

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT, RTC ICF

Commander,
'F' British Liaison and
Training Unit, RTC, ICF

Ref: G/A.3/654

30 July 1945

1. INTRODUCTION

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Last month the importance of visits and inspections by Senior Officers was stressed. During July the visits of important personages has done much to improve the organisation and appearance of Regiments. A corresponding improvement has been noticed in the turnout of the men and in saluting.

There are two weaknesses, however, that must be eliminated if this Centre is to produce the type of reinforcements that should be sent forward.

(a) There is the weakness of Senior Officers from a training point of view. Neither the Commander of the 1st Regiment nor the Commander of the 2nd Regiment have attended a British course of Instruction. It cannot really be said that they understand our methods of training. It seems useless to train Junior Officers and NCOs if the Senior Officers are not going to give them scope and encouragement when they return. I have urged and continue to urge that senior officers learn our methods of instruction by a course at SIVA, but as yet with little success as of the four most senior Infantry Training Officers only one has attended a proper training course.

It is not necessary that these officers attend the Senior Officers course at SIVA but the Junior officers and Weapon Training courses, as observers only if necessary.

This procedure it seems is considered undignified. 443

(b) At present the Regiments get little or no support from

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(a) There is the weakness of Senior Officers from a training point of view. Neither the Commander of the 1st Regiment nor the Commander of the 2nd Regiment have attended a British course of Instruction. It cannot really be said that they understand our methods of training. It seems to useless to train Junior Officers and NCOs if the Senior Officers are not going to give them scope and encouragement when they return. I have urged and continue to urge that senior officers learn our methods of instruction by a course at SIVA, but as yet with little success as of the four most senior Infantry Training Officers only one has attended a proper training course.

It is not necessary that these officers attend the Senior Officers course at SIVA but the Junior officers and Weapon Training courses, as observers only if necessary.

This procedure it seems is considered undignified. 443

(b) At present the Regiments get little or no support from Italian Training Staff or headquarters. While there is great enthusiasm for schools the Regiments are looked on as necessary evils, depositz of fatigue men and a pool of officers the best of whom get posted away. If Regiments could work on their own as a British Regimental Depot this would be satisfactory, but at present the Divisional HQ Staff finds them useful for supplying gardeners and fatigue men while the training Staff posts away their best officers.

It is not surprising that there is a growing hostility between the Regimental Commanders and the HQ Staff and it is perfectly justified. The result of this is a hesitance by Regiments to send good men or courses and a defensive attitude to all requests from the Divisional Staff.

It is considered essential that either the Division gives equal importance to recruit training or that the present system of

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control be changed. At any rate under the present system good recruits will not be produced.

2. No.1 REGIMENT

This Regiment has had very few men and training has been only on a very minor scale.

This Regiment is fortunate in possessing a very hard working 2 i/c. He is at present a Battalion Commander short, the other Battalion Commanders are average but rather on the old side. Largely due to the efforts of the 2 i/c the Regiment is well organised. The stores are very well kept and there is method and order in the Regiment. This Regiment will become the basic training Regiment and when the barracks are repaired I am certain will be satisfactory in every way.

There has been a noticeable improvement in some of the items adversely commented on last month, i.e., care of arms, and discipline.

Physical training is much better as all men have have PT kit and there is a minimum of equipment. Their open Range is now finished and the sports ground nearly so.

3. No.2 REGIMENT

The Regiment has had more men than No.1 Regiment. The improvement noted last month has been maintained, particularly in turnout and discipline. This Regiment, it is hoped, will go to CIVITAVECCHIA as the advanced Infantry Training Regiment. There is no reason why it should not do this well as there is plenty of time for re-organisation. It is, however, essential that Senior Officers attend course as recommended.

The building at present occupied will pass to another Training Regiment. It is, therefore, urged that every priority be given to the construction of a barrack square, which is an essential of recruit training.

Welfare in this Regiment is good.

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The courses as specified in last months report were run as follows :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	-	25
6 pr Training	-	40
Mortar	-	33
Pioneer	-	20

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5. FUTURE COURSES

At present it is difficult to anticipate when the next courses will start and whether the school will be located here or at CIVITAVECCHIA. However, there are many improvement that must be effected in the break between courses which will occupy the staff for several weeks.

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6. FIELDING FIELD FIRING TRAINING

See Appendix.

7. ADMINISTRATION

Virtually no contractor effort in Nos 1 and 2 Regiments. A water shortage has existed in Nat Regiment.

Hygiene - Little improvement in latrines but the amount of rubbish has considerably reduced.

Morale - Discipline in the barracks has improved and on the whole the soldiers appear fairly content. This discipline, however, is rather superficial and the officers still have little real authority.

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Liaison and Training Unit,
letter reference G/A.3/654
dated 30 Jul 43

NUMBERS HELD.

Unit.	Week of Training. 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Courses	TOTAL
1st Regt	-	38	-	-	18	20	-	-	-	76
2nd Regt	-	147	145	230	48	-	-	-	-	570
Inf School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148	148
TOTALS.	-	185	145	230	66	20	-	-	148	794

In addition to the above there are 102 collaborators divided between 1 and 2 Regiments who will be leaving almost at once and who will not have done any real training.

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT, RTC ICF

(22)

Ref: G/A.3/650

29 July 1945

Commander,
'P' British Liaison and
Training Unit, RTC, ICF

AMMG (Engineer Section)
Commandant, Engr Trg Bat.
MMLA (Per SCPE)

A. GENERAL [illegible]

1. From the point of view of actual physical engineer training, the month has been a negative one. There has been no intake and the single party under training has dwindled away to practically nothing. Despite this, however,. a considerable amount of planning has been carried out in connection with the future functioning of the school and at the moment preparations are being made for the commencement of courses to train (a) students from the Gruppi Combattimenti and (b) instructors in Infantry pioneering.

2. The whole army training centre is, at the moment, undergoing considerable changes which not unnaturally affect the future of engineer training. The Scuola [illegible] is expected to expanded to deal with 650 men, i.e. 500 under recruit training and 150 on courses of instruction; recruits training increased to 12 weeks; and all recruits to have had 6 weeks basic training at an all arms centre before coming to the engineer school. The advantages of this system are so obvious as need no comment. New establishments are being drawn up for approval by higher authority.

3. The lack of discipline remains a big fault. Recently 16 men who had been only 25% trained were posted away because they were among the more subversive elements in their party. A weaker form of discipline is hard to imagine.

B. COURSES

The following courses are under preparation and students have been requested for :-

(i) Demolitions and Fieldworks — to last 12 days for officers and NCOs.

(ii) Mines — to last 12 days for NCOs.

(iii) Elementary Bailey. — to last 6 days for NCOs and men.

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It is hoped to commence :-

(a) A water Supply course (when equipment outstanding is delivered)

(b) A compressor tools and maintenance course.

C. [redacted].

There being no intake and the single party under training has dwindled to 15 men.

D. EQUIPMENT.

No.4 pumping set and No.5 pumping set are still outstanding.

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E. ADMINISTRATION.

(i) Accommodation - no change.

(ii) Hygiene - Hygiene in itself is quite good but general conservancy, due largely to paucity of numbers in year.

(iii) Welfare - no change.

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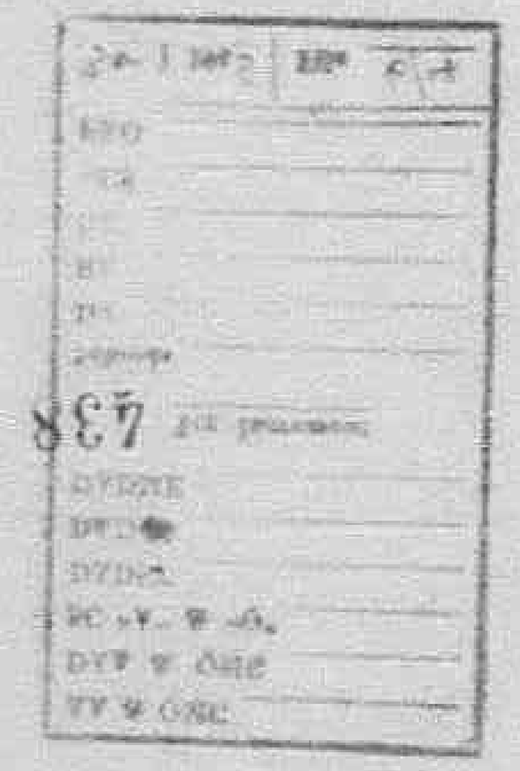

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Subject:- Progress Report No.2

28 JUL 1945

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152(Tt) Signal Training Centre
27 July '45

"T" British Liaison & Training Unit, RTC,ICF.(3).—

S.C. Signals, MMIA.

Ref. 'G' Training Unit letter RTC/TU/13 of 23 March, hereunder is report on progress at above S.T.C. during July '45

1. General Progress.

During the month the School has been to some extent "marking time" pending a decision on future policy and the arrival of further trainees. As a result it has been possible to extend leave facilities granted to the instructional staff.

Courses in progress last month have continued.

2. Courses.

(a) Syllabuses

Due to the recall of the Instructor to CESANO, physical training has been temporarily suspended.

The time table now includes military training for all personnel at least three times weekly.

Intensive training of wireless operators has been a feature of the month's training, resulting in a notable improvement in operating skill. Two communication exercises over a distance of 70 miles have been held. Points learned in the first contributed to make the second an outstanding success. Communication by speech and morse was maintained between outstations for twelve hours without a break. Some experimental work is being carried out with the "B" (very high frequency) portion of the No.19 set. When complete it is intended to publish details for general information.

The system of "direction finding by wireless" described in a recent Infantry Training Bulletin has been tried, and tests are proceeding.

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Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month. It will be noted that there has been

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3. Instructional Organisation.

Deficiencies now occur due to demobilisation and transfers. These are not being filled until more trainees are admitted and the new W.E. has been decided upon.

Some officers have been loaned for duty to C.O. Regiment, but it must be made quite clear that these officers must not be posted from the School without the prior consent of the C.O.

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4. Stores.

The R.E.M.E. "C" lorry has now completed its work, and has rendered valuable assistance in bringing wireless sets, mine detectors etc. to the peak of performance. Reports so far received indicate that the equipment of the school is well cared for.

The following stores have been received during the month:-

Reception Sets	R 107	- 4
Wireless sets	No.11	- 14

5. Administration.

Stores and personnel of the former autonomous line school have now been incorporated in the S.T.C..

Rehabilitation work continues, but unfortunately the contractor occupies one wing of the school building as workshops and sleeping accommodation. This will therefore be the last wing to be repaired, and will prevent full deployment of students if a large intake is received.

6. Transport.

Willys "Jeep" has been returned B.L.R. to 406 M.V.P., and Truck 15 cwt Class 1(D) (Fordson) received in lieu. Otherwise no change.

7. Morale.

The average Italian soldier continues to show disrespect for officers as a class, as a result of the "do as you like" spirit now abroad. A typical example concerns the recent visit of a touring concert party, the members of which, both male and female, were accommodated in the officers' mess. After the last evening's performance a crowd of men assembled outside the officers' mess abusing the officers for not allowing them to mix with the party.

Some officers were up until 3 a.m. persuading the men to go to bed.

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9. Long-Term Planning.

The pre-Armistice training centre for the "Collegamenti" was at PAVIA, where 'made to measure' workrooms and facilities exist. Here, too, it was possible for the peace-time instructor to settle his wife and family in the equivalent of the 'married quarters' of the English barracks.

No such facilities exist in BRACCIANO or are ever likely to exist. The present instructor at the School has therefore two alternatives, either:-

(a) to live continually apart from his family, or

(b) to secure a place for his family in the BRACCIANO - ROME area.

The first alternative means that all his wages, and more, go for the upkeep of the family, and the second, that even if he could find accommodation in the area, the cost of that and of moving his furniture etc would be prohibitive.

In these circumstances it is difficult for an instructor to work well, however enthusiastic he is, and the effect over an extended period cannot but be harmful. The problem may be summarized thus:-

Will the Italian government revert to the former schools when Allied control relaxes ?

If not, what facilities does it propose to offer for families of the permanent staffs ?

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Appendix "A"

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Synopsis of Personnel July '45.

1. Students accepted for training during month:-

Nil.

2. Courses completed during month:-

Nil.

3. Students under Training on 27 July.

(a) Genio

Operators Wireless	22	
" Line	25	
Linemen	5	
Despatch Riders	17	
Operators Switchboard	14	
	83	

(b) Infantry

Infantry Signallers	28	

(c) Artillery

Operators Wireless	33	
" Line	7	
" Switchboard	3	
	43	154

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SUBJECT:- **Monthly Progress Report No.7**

OFFICE OF THE DASM
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'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, HQ ICF

Ref: HQ/60/151

25 July 1945

Commander,
'F' British Liaison and
Training Unit, HQ, ICF

BM (Br) AFHQ
DSM, RAAC.
(Ref RAAC 48499 dated 26 Feb 45)

Reference G/G/A/202 dated 5 April 45.

The chain of administrative command having passed to the Italian Staff w.e.f. 14 Jun 45 the following are not reported upon, -

(d) Instructional Staff (Italian)

(f) Administration.

Progress Reports in future will not be sent to the office of the DSM, RAAC, the raising and equipping of No.152 Italian Provost Company being completed.

A. GENERAL PROGRESS.

The general progress of the School is normal although efficiency has inevitably been reduced by the administrative control of the Italian General Staff, and this Office is finding it necessary to intervene from time to time. The prospect of visualing a completely independent Police School, staffed and organised by Italians has been a little ephemeral.

The training programmes have been enlarged in their scope to include more particularly Italian subjects for instruction and these now include the Italian Penal Code, the Italian Codice Stradale, Italian Military Law, Italian Court-Martial procedure, and the principles of Elementary First Aid. Due to the lack of training transport, DSM instruction is not included in the current training.

Joined and under instruction for Course No.3 are approximately 50 Mobilised Carabinieri from Gruppi, and ten Carabinieri sent by the Ministry of War. Also participating in instruction are 23 soldiers from selected Units, intended to perform duties as Regimental Police. The latter, being part of the SARDINIA call-up, are excellent material.

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Reference G/6/4/POW dated 3 April 45.

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Joined and under instruction by the British Staff are six ~~four~~ junior subalterns of the Carabinieri Arma, two of whom have been sent by the Ministry of War, while the remainder are mobilised and with Gruppi. Progress can be said to be normal, students being of an average standard.

B. COURSES.

(1) Provost Training Course No.3 now in progress with subsidiary Regimental Police Course No.3 running concurrently. Training Programmes already submitted.

Provost Training Course No.1 for CCRR officers, now in progress. Training Programmes already submitted.

(ii) Provost Training Course No.4
Regimental Police Course No.4
Provost Training Course No.2 for CCRR officers.

(iii)/.....

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(iii) 5 officers and 90 Other Ranks.

(iv) Submitted for all courses.

(v) Not applicable.

C. [redacted].

For completion by Staff Captain 'A'.

D. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

Now an Italian responsibility.

E. (i) List of equipment received during month is appended.

(ii) No outstanding urgencies.

F. (i) and (ii). Chain of administrative command passed to Comando di Scuola wef 14 Jun 45.

(iii) Morale remains constant.

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Appendix 'E'

List of Equipment issued during the Month ending 31st July, 1945.

Unit.	Stores received.	Transport rec'd.

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Captain,
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Appendix 'Z'

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Unit.	Stores received.		Transport rec'd.
HQ 152 Italian Provost Company.	PA 1078.0	Brushes, Stencil	9
		Lamps, guard, TO	3
	JA 0996	Lamps, pressure, hurricane, petrol, mantles	6

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Captain,
DAPM,
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DRIVING and MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
R.T.C. I.C.P.

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PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 30 JULY 45.

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1. COURSES.

The third Driving and Maintenance Course started on 9 July 45. It is intended to extend this course to six weeks duration, terminating on 18 August. A total of 401 students are attending including 85 from the recently disbanded Ciarpaglini School at ROME.

2. EQUIPMENT.

(a) Controlled stores received during the month ---- NIL.

(b) Deficiencies of outstanding urgency :

Vehicles. - NIL.

Tools. - Grease guns ('ALEMITE' type '8').
Tyre pressure guages.
Air pumps, foot.

do. on SEL - Chests, tool, filled, fitters.

The original demand for Grease Guns type 'B' was marked by BOD as "NOT AVAILABLE". A further consolidated demand for the whole of RTC ICF was submitted by DADOS on 29 June which included this type of grease gun, together with tyre pressure guages and foot - pumps, but to date these items have not been received.

3. VEHICLES.

(a) The present state of training vehicles is :-

Efficient	50
VOR in Workshop	12
VOR awaiting repair	38
	100

(b) The outstanding 5 motorcycles and one car 2 - seater mentioned in the June Progress Report have now been released.

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GENERAL PROGRESS.

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Courses run.

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Complement	10	43
Permanent Staff	10	8

Specialists Syllabus included :-

430

Survey at the Gun Position.
Engagement of Targets.
Land Shooting.
Air Burst Fixation.
Air Burst Meteor.
Director Work.
Equipment.
British Grid System.
Miniature Range.
Gun Drill.
Ammunition.
Correction of the Moment.
Position & Concentration Scale Graph.
Employment and Use of Smoke.
Artillery Board Work.
Range Finder.
Barrage.

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17 yr.	No. of Offrs trained.	No. of Other Ranks trained.
Complement:	9	21
Permanent Staff	3	

Comprehensive Course for Officers and ORs.

10 wks.

Complement:	6	26

Comprehensive Course for Officers & ORs.

Signallers. 26
(Run under Corps Instructors)

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"TWELVE-WEEK" COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS
R.A.S.C. ARTILLERY BARRACKS,
L.C.F.

INSTRUCTOR:-

CAPT(TQ)L.R.STRICK,R.A.

ASST INSTRUCTORS:-

SGT P.PHILLIPS.
SGT R.IRVINE.

STUDENTS :-

All Permanent Staff free to attend any or all the periods.

DURATION:

About one hour on each convenient day to be specified by Col-Comdt.

INSTRUCTOR:-

Capt T.PALMBACH.

PERIOD.	SUBJECT.	TRAINING AIM.
1 and 2	SURVEY AS USED ON POSITION (LECTURE, and practical DEMONSTRATION by English Staff)	(a) To map-spot accurately PG of one Tp. (b) To orient accurately PG of one Tp. (c) To bring other Tp into sympathy. (d) To produce accurate Winlov (e) To produce accurate Bunlegraph data.
3 and 4	ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS (Lecture, Miniature Range, Practical Demonstration by I.O.	(a) Warning Orders (b) Quick estimate Line, A/S & Range (c) Initial Orders (d) Degree of Ranging and Method of Fire (e) Recording of Targets (f) Importance of Rest & Usual Duty.
5 and 6	LINE SHOOTING (Lecture, Practical Demonstration with Guns by English Staff)	(a) Type of Target (b) Initial Orders (c) Drill at Control Tp (d) Drill at Link Tp (e) Corrections (f) Recording of Target.
7 and 8	"CROSS" GUN SCREEN (Lecture, Practical Arty Board Demonstration with Guns)	(a) Types of Target (b) Warning Order (c) Initial Order (d) Degree of Ranging (e) Drill at Control Tp. (f) Drill at Link Tp. (g) Corrections (h) Recording of Target.
9 and 10	AIR BURSTS (Lecture, Practical Demonstration	(a) Orders (b) Ranging (c) F.F.E.

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Lesson.	Subject.	Content of.
1 and 2	SURVEY AT THE GUN POSITION (LECTURE, and practical DEMONSTRATION by English Staff)	(a) To map-spot accurately Pn of one Tp. (b) To orient accurately Pn of one Tp. (c) To bring other Tp into sympathy. (d) To produce accurate Finlay (e) To produce accurate Sandgroph data.
3 and 4	ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS (Lecture, Miniature Range, Practical Demonstration by I.O.	(a) Warning Orders (b) Quick estimate Line, A/S & Range (c) Initial Orders (d) Degree of Ranging and Method of FFE (e) Recording of Targets (f) Importance of Rest & Steel Map.
5 and 6	LINK SHOOTING (Lecture, Practical Demonstration with Guns by English Staff)	(a) Type of Target (b) Initial Orders (c) Drill at Control Tp (d) Drill at Link Tp (e) Corrections (f) Recording of Target.
7 and 8	"DOG" SHOOTING (Lecture, Practical Arty Board Demonstration with Guns)	(a) Types of Target (b) Warning Order (c) Initial Order (d) Degree of Ranging (e) Drill at Control Tp. (f) Drill at Link Tp. (g) Corrections (h) Recording of Target.
9 and 10	AIR TARGETS (Lecture, Practical Demonstration on Ranges by I.O.)	(a) Orders (b) Ranging (c) F.F.E. (d) Drill at Gun Position.
11 ~~and~~ ~~12~~	AIR BURST PLOTTING (Lecture, with practical demonstrations by English Staff (not firing)	(a) Theory (b) Procedure by Control Pty (c) Procedure by all others.
12.	SHOOTING DEMONSTRATION, 1 Gun. (Demonstration by Italian Instructors under direction of I.O.)	

Place - SHOOTING RANGE
Gun Detachment - Italian (Sgt Phillips as No.3)

Normally the shooting demonstrations will take place together on the next available Range Day. No. 12 will take place separately, on the Lahemaide.

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10000/120/4659 A 3 (1 BLU) Monthly Training Progress Reports
(2 of 3 folders) June 28, 1945 - Sept. 25, 1946 (NND 785020)

SUBJECT:- Infantry Training Progress Report for the Month of July 1945

'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT, EDC KDP

Ref: G/L.3/65A

30 July 1945

The Commander,
'P' British Liaison and Training Unit, EDC, KDP

1. INTRODUCTION

The number of men under training has been so small as to occupy only a portion of the Infantry Permanent Staff. It has, therefore, been much easier for the Italians to concentrate on the training than it has been in the past. When the numbers return to normal some of the faults overcome this month may return again.

Last month the importance of visits and inspections by Senior Officers was stressed. During July the visits of important personages has done much to improve the organisation and appearance of Regiments. A corresponding improvement has been noticed in the turnout of the men and in saluting.

There are two weaknesses, however, that must be eliminated if this Centre is to produce the type of reinforcements that should be sent forward.

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It is not necessary that these officers attend the Senior Officers course at SITA but the Junior officers and Weapon Training courses, as observers only if necessary.

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(b) At present the Regiments get little or no support from Italian Training Staff or headquarters. While there is great enthusiasm for schools the Regiments are looked on as necessary evils, depositts of fatigue men and a pool of officers the best of whom get posted away. If Regiments could work on their own as a British Regimental Depot this would be satisfactory, but at present the Divisional HQ Staff finds them useful for supplying producers and fatigue men while the training Staff posts away their best officers.

It is not surprising that there is a growing hostility between the Regimental Commanders and the HQ Staff and it is perfectly justified. The result of this is a hesitancy by Regiments to send good men on courses and a defensive attitude to all requests from the Divisional Staff.

It is considered essential that either the Division gives equal importance to recruit training or that the present system of

control/.....

control be changed. At any rate under the present system good recruits will not be produced.

2. No.1 [illegible]

This Regiment has had very few men and training has been only on a very minor scale.

This Regiment is fortunate in possessing a very hard working 2 i/c. It is at present a Battalion Commander short, the other Battalion Commanders are average but rather on the old side. Largely due to the efforts of the 2 i/c the Regiment is well organised. The stores are very well kept and there is method and order in the Regiment. This Regiment will become the basic training Regiment out when the barracks are repaired I am certain ill be satisfactory in every way.

There has been a noticeable improvement in some of the items adversely commented on last month, i.e., care of arms, and discipline.

Physical training is much better as all men now have PT kit and there is a minimum of equipment. Their open Range is now finished and the sports ground nearly so.

3. No.2 [illegible]

The Regiment has had more men than No.1 Regiment. The Improvement noted last month has been maintained, particularly in turnout and discipline. This Regiment, it is hoped, will go to [illegible] as the advanced Infantry Training Regiment. There is no reason why it should not do this well as there is plenty of time for re-organisation. It is, however, essential that Senior Officers attend courses as recommended.

The building at present occupied will pass to another Training Regiment. It is, therefore, urged that every priority be given to the construction of a barrack square, which is an essential of recruit training.

Welfare in this Regiment is good.

4. [illegible] AND INSTRUCTOR TRAINING.

The courses as specified in last months report were run as follows :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	-	25
6 pr Training	-	40
Mortar	-	13
Pioneer	-	20

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The courses as specified in last months report were run as follows :-

Platoon Weapons and Minor Tactics	-	25
6 pr Training	-	40
Mortar	-	33
Pioneer	-	20
Carriers	-	30

As was stated last month the standard of students was ~~very~~ low compared to previous courses with the exception of the carrier courses which was very successful. The other courses, while producing fairly good results, dilso by the greatest of efforts, 6 pr and mortar shooting were satisfactory but, in general, a higher normal standard for students is necessary.

5. [redacted] COURSES

At present it is difficult to anticipate when the next courses will start and whether the school will be located here or at [redacted]. However, there are many improvement that must be effected in the break between courses which will occupy the staff for several weeks.

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6. [redacted]

See Appendix.

7. [redacted]

Virtually no contractor effort in Nos 1 and 2 Regiments. A water shortage has existed in Hat Regiment.

Hygiene - Little improvement in latrines but the amount of rubbish has considerably reduced.

Morale - Discipline in the barracks has improved and on the whole the soldiers appear fairly content. This discipline, however, is rather superficial and the officers still have little real authority.

W.L Price

W.L/mcj

Major W.O.L
Maj A Inf Dvy
7th BRITISH MILITARY AND
MALDIVES UNIT, FPO 209

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Major GEN. IX
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Appendix 'A' to 'P' British Mission and Training Unit, letter reference G/A.3/654 dated 30 Jul 43

BRAZILIAN ARMY.

Units at Training.

Unit.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Overseas	TOTAL
1st Regt	-	38	-	-	18	20	-	-	-	76
2nd Regt	-	147	145	230	48	-	-	-	-	570
Inf School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	168	168
TOTALS.	-	185	145	230	66	20	-	-	168	794

In addition to the above there are 102 collaborators divided between 1 and 2 Regiments who will be leaving almost at once and who will not have done any real training.

W.O./mmj

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'F' SECTION LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT, BTE BTF

Commander,
'F' British Liaison and Training Unit, BTE, BTF

Ref: G/L.3/650

29 July 1945

ATE (Engineer Section)
Commandant, Tuge Tng Bat.
AEIA (Fmr BOTC)

A. [illegible]

1. From the point of view of actual physical engineer training, the month has been a negative one. There has been no intake and the single party under training has dwindled away to practically nothing. Despite this, however, a considerable amount of planning has been carried out in connection with the future functioning of the school and at the present preparations are being made for the commencement of courses to train (a) students from the Gurkha battalions and (b) instructors in Infantry pioneering.

2. The whole army training centre is, at the moment, undergoing considerable changes which may materially affect the future of engineer training. The Gurkha ATTC is expected to expand to deal with 600 men, i.e. 300 under recruit training and 150 on courses of instruction; recruits training increased to 12 weeks; and all recruits to have had 6 weeks basic training at an all arms centre before going to the engineer school. The advantages of this system are so obvious as need no comment. The establishments are being drawn up for approval by higher authority.

3. The lack of discipline remains a big fault. Recently 16 men who had been only 75% trained were posted away because they were among the more subversive elements in their party. A worse form of discipline is hard to imagine.

B. [illegible]

The following courses are under preparation and students have been requested for :-

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(ii) Mines — to last 12 days for JCOs.

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Copy of proposed syllabus submitted to ATC and JCOs for

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It is hoped to commence :-

(a) A water supply course (when equipment outstanding is delivered)

(b) A compressor tools and maintenance course.

5. [redacted]

There being no intake and the single party under training has dwindled to 15 men.

6. [redacted]

No.4 pumping set and No.5 pumping set are still outstanding.

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SUBJECT:- Infantry Training Progress Report for Month of June 1945

'P' British Liaison and Training Unit, NEI EOF

Ref: G/A.2/536

29 June 1945

Commander,
'P' British Liaison and
Training Unit, EOF EOF.

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Another factor not making for good training which applies equally to the other Regiments, is the tremendous heat and complete lack of shade which makes good training only possible before 12 o'clock or again in the evening.

There have been improvements in methods of instruction, but on the whole this has not been a profitable month. Improvements have been made to the Regimental Sports Ground and to their range.

No.2 Battalion

3. Improvement here has been more marked, but it is only a relative improvement and the standard is still low. Constant changing of personnel and establishment does not help this Regiment which also has the additional disadvantage of having all the special Corps recruits of the Italian Army, i.e. Carabinieri, Arditi, Marines,

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Sarsaglieri, Bersaglieri, etc., all of whom must be kept separate with their own officers, etc. This would be a good thing in suitable barracks, but in the barracks occupied it makes for a lot of additional work.

Moreover, not all the special Corps men are proper recruits resulting in mixing recruits and trained soldiers. As with No.1 Regiment, there are very few men available for training. The marines, who supply a greater part of the number, do not stay as long as the others.

Again, while the actual figure of men under training including courses is 361, the number of men required for duties is even higher than in No.1 Regiment.

The turnout and discipline in the Regiment has improved, but will never be really good until better accommodation and facilities are provided. The Colonel has made big efforts in the welfare line and by such means and the running of various competitions has greatly improved the spirit in his Regiment.

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For these reasons courses have been lengthened a week, and more attention is paid to drill, organisation, etc.

Numbers:

Platoon weapons and Minor tactics.	25
6 pr training.	40
Mortar.	33
Firearms.	20
Carriers.	30

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Pioneer.	20
Quartern.	30

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5. The following are essential if training is to improve in Infantry Regiments.

(a) Improved accommodation.

(b) A settled policy.

(c) For the Commander, 2TC ICF (or some other Senior Italian General) to regularly inspect the Infantry Regiments, [redacted] and to express his strongest dissatisfaction personally to the Regimental Commanders about the state of dress and turnout, etc.

(d) De-centralisation to Junior Officers and NCOs.

(e) Prompt and effective punishment of offenders.

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6. Outstanding items required of training materials:-

(1) Physical Training and sports kit.

7. Unless unforeseenings

Unit.	2nd week.	3rd week.	4th week.	5th week.	Special Cases	TOTAL
No.1 Regiment	20	80	114	22	(Marines) 148 / 190	784
No.2 Regiment			170			
[illegible]					35	95
TOTALS.	20	80	284	22	225	439

8. It is understood that these proposals have been dealt with by Commander, 'F' British Saimon and Training Unit, BPO 322.

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Major RASC.II
Org & Def Org
'F' British Saimon and
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No.2 Regiment			170		(Marines) 148 / 190		338
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TOTALS.	20	80	280	27	835	148	839

2. It is understood that other principals have been dealt with by Commander, 'Y' British Liaison and Training Unit, SEAC ZIP.

Major GSO.II
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'Y' British Liaison and
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'P' British Liaison and Training Unit,
N.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref C/L.3/599

11 July '45.

MAJOR GUTHRIDGE, M.C.R.A.S.C.

Herewith copy of Progress Report No. 7 forwarded for your information.

HGK/rmr.

'P' British Liaison & Training Units.
Major G.S.O II.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

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'Y' British Liaison and Training Unit
H.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref G/A.3/568

5 July '45.

D.M.T.

Herewith List of Training Equipment received during the month of June. This is shown as an Appendix to our Progress Report No. 7 reference G/A.3/542 dated 1 July, which is to be forwarded by HMTA.

original signed
by Col. L.H. Lackey
RTA

Colonel.
Comd 'Y' British Liaison and Training Unit.

HTA./rmw

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

'P' British Liaison and Training Unit
R.T.C., I.C.P.

Ref G/A.3/367

5 July '45.

LAND FORCES SOUTH EAST ASIA (INDIA)

Herewith Appendix 'H' to our Progress Report No. 7 reference G/A.3/343 dated 1 July '45.

original signed
by Col. A.H. Hackett

Colonel
/rsw Comd 'P' British Liaison & Training Unit.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 7. SECRET.

Progress Report by CRO II (Training) 38 British Military and Training Unit.

Ref G/A.3/542.

1 July '45.

Herewith report for the month of June '45.

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

(c) No 2 Regt.

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

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1. (c) Continued.

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

(d) Infantry School.

The School was closed for three weeks to carry out structurial improvements but re-opened on 16 June, the opening was marked with an inspection by the General, and as the time spent during alterations was not wasted the buildings now present an excellent example of what can be done, and are capable with captain of its kind yet seen in Italy.

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

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The School also closed for structurial alterations and is now looking in members to fill classes. It is hoped to make up these numbers from the next batch of recruits or alternatively Specialists could be taken direct from the Groups as the existing facilities are now excellent.

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(i) Signals School.

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

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

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1. (f) (i) Continued.

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

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

The School took part in the recent "OVERLORD" Day celebrations and produced most instructive and interesting display of Signal equipment and training.

(ii) Engineer Training.

The high light of Engineer Training at [illegible]/OVERLORD took place on Sunday 24 June Patron Saints Day of the OVERLORD when a well organised and efficiently carried out programme of Training Demonstration showed just what can be done.

A considerable part of the training time has been taken up with foot drill and general practice for OVERLORD Day and as this has been greatly encouraged it is hoped will show the necessity and importance of basic training before commencing Engineer duties.

Improvements to the facilities of the Training Grounds have been made by the erection of a new class room and training office, also a Carpenters, Blacksmiths and Painters Shop are in course of construction.

Discipline still needs considerable tightening up and the lack of any real enforcement of discipline is still one of the worst offences of the officers.

(iii) Artillery Wing.

Progress is maintained and the quality of instruction sound. Progress has been particularly noticeable in the 17 pr and 40 mm sections. The 17 pr course shot three times during the month at CHIVERRELL, drill was slow but is being speeded up. The 40 mm course shot at the sleeve at the School of Artillery Ranges on two occasions. The first occasion was disappointing and it

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

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

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1. Continued.

(c) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

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

It is understood that the Italian Ministry of War will now report this School as the Depot for all mobilised Carabinieri and will build up here a force against a call wastage in the Gruppi so that all Carabinieri going forward to the Gruppi will be properly trained. The constituents of the Provost Company continue to be heavy and their work is being well and effectively carried out.

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The students who do arrive are for the most part most unsuitable, in fact most have had no previous MT Training and it has again been stressed in the Joining Instructions for these courses that unless students arrive holding a signed certificate qualifying them for the course, instruction cannot commence. Students must already have reached the required standard of Technical knowledge as these are mainly conversion courses and any attempt to start training Vehicle Mechanics or Sm. Fitters from scratch would take several months.

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

Present state of vehicles :-

3 Ton efficient	49
VCR in workshops	13
VCR awaiting repair	29
RER	10
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1. Continued.

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

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

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

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

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(iii) The Weapon Training School is developing well. While still rather lacking in well polished instruction, progress continues and the standard of the student turned out is good and thoroughly capable as an Instructor.

(iv) The School of Administration now planned to include Man Management as a special subject progresses well and includes visits to British and Italian establishments in ROME, also a day's training in MT maintenance at CENTO.

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2. COURSES.

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2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

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(i) Infantry School.

The School reopened on 16 June. The following courses were commenced :-

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

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

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2. (a) Continued.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.
Additional students accepted for training during the mon

(A) Corps
Operators Switchboard. 20

(B) Artillery
All Trades 21

(C) Infantry.
All Trades 28

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Courses completed during the month.

(A) Corps

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

(B) Infantry.

Operators Wireless.	16
" Switchboard	8
	91

(iii) Engineer Training.

During the past month far more attention has been paid to training in drill, PT etc, but the normal parties have carried on normal routine RE training. No special courses were held.

(iv) Provost School.

Courses No 2 (Provost Training Course) finished on 30 June producing satisfactory results.

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

(v) Mechanics School.

(c) Infantry.

All Trades	28
	59

Courses completed during the month.

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" Switchboard	9
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(A) The second Driver Mechanics Course was completed but as many had to pass the driving test, they were attached to the D & M School and were finally passed out on 30 June

Results as follows :-

Passed	62	
Failed	2	11 Failures.
Not classified	9	

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2. (A) (v) Continued.

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

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

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The second course of five weeks duration finished on 26 June. 197 pupils attended but this number was reduced to 161, due to compassionate leave, sickness and move of the Garibaldi Regiment. Of the 161 pupils, 111 passed as satisfactory drivers i/c, 50 failed.

(vii) Artillery Training.

The following courses continued during the month :-

25 pr Offrs	25 pr ORs	25 pr Specialists ORs	17 pr ORs	40 mm ORs.
50	10	18	38	45

A short refresher course of one week was also run for 100 Gunners going forward as reinforcements.

40 Signallers are under Corps Instruction (this is a 14 weeks course).

(viii) SEAC Small Arms Instructors School.

For course No 2 see this Report of May.
Course No 3 commenced on 25 June.

Tactical Wing.	Offrs	NCOs
Senior Officers and Coy Commanders	27	-
Junior Leaders	26	-
Weapon Training Wing.		
Platoon Weapons.		
3-in. Mortar	13	16
6 pr Anti-Tank	9	10

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The following courses continued during the month :-

25 pr Offrs	25 pr Cdts	25 pr Specialists Cdts	17 pr Cdts	40 mm Cdts.
50	10	18	38	45

A short refresher course of one week was also run for 100 Gunners going forward as reinforcements.

40 Signallers are under Gordo Instruction (this is a 14 weeks course).

(viii) MTC All Arms Instructors School.

For course No 2 see this Report of May.
Course No 3 commenced on 25 June.

	Offrs	NCOs
Tactical Wing.		
Senior Officers and Coy Commanders	27	-
Junior Leaders	26	-
Weapon Training Wing.		
Platoon Weapons.		
3-in Mortar	13	16
6 pr Anti Tank	9	10
Sniper	7	12
	8	6
Administration Wing.		409
Junior Course		
Senior Course	15	13
Hygiene Course (due 2 July)	12	-
	20	11

Students made up as follows :-

Greeks	
MTC ICP	68
Service Battalions	69
MACEDONIAN	28
	10
	176

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2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

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

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

(ii) Infantry Specialists Training.

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

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

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

(v) Transport School.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(vii) D & M School.

See appendix 'E' attached.

(viii) Artillery School.

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3-in Mortar	40 "	4 "
Sniper	10 "	2 "
Mines Course	20 "	2 "

(ii) Infantry Specialists Training.

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

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

Courses for the existing instructor will continue in all brigades until further reinforcements are available for training.

(v) Provost School.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(vii) D & I School.

See Appendix 'E' attached.

(viii) Artillery School.

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

(ix) NEW All Arms Instructors School. 408

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

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2. Continued.

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

(i) Provost School.

5 Officers 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

[illegible]	4
BRUNEI	40
MALAYA	12
	56

(iii) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

Offrs and NCOs 69.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of Projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix 'B' attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'E' attached.

(v) D & E School.

See Appendix 'F' attached.

(vi) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix 'G' attached.

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

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(iii) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

Offrs and NCOs 69.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of Projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix 'C' attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix 'D' attached.

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix 'E' attached.

(v) D & M School.

See Appendix 'F' attached.

(vi) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix 'G' attached.

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

(i)	Ammunition Storemen.		10 Cdrs.
(ii)	Technical Storemen MT.	2 Offrs	407 11 Cdrs.
(iii)	General Procedure RAOC.	3 Offrs	15 Cdrs.

NOTE. All the above Courses were held at RAOC Training Depot, [illegible].

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

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

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

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

(c) Reinforcements held at 30 June '45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	A Hospital	B Leave	S AWOL	E Other Causes	N T Total Absent.
Infantry	2,935	1,377	312	477	302	467	1,558
Artillery	778	393	18	245	21	101	385
Engineers	1,056	717	57	151	52	59	319
Other Arms	2,347	1,169	302	333	173	370	1,178
Total	7,096	3,656	689	1,206	548	997	3,440

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian).

(a) No 1 and 2 Parts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Arm	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 30.
Infantry	9	11	13	27	25
Artillery	4	44	27	55	41
Engineers (incl Sigs)	7	13	33	26	21
Other Arms	11	16	20	42	23
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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian).

(a) No 1 and 2 Depts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The progress of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on Establishment are filled. 406

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Continues to improve. Satisfactory.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

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

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4. Continued.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and steadily improving.

(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Very good.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors.	9
Driver Mechanic Instructors	18
Gun Fitters	1
	28

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

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(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Very good.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors.	9
Driver Mechanic Instructors	18
Gun Fitters	1
	28

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

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The Instructional Staff have worked well despite changes in Officer personnel and have shown greater keenness than in previous courses. Owing to leave, sickness and demobilisation the present establishment is inadequate to provide one driver per vehicle and an amendment is being prepared with a view to increasing the strength authorised under WE C1/99/1.

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4. Continued.

(c) RAF Small Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against W.E.

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

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Continues to improve and now concentrating on improving Methods and the use of the " New Methods of Instruction".

(d) Artillery School.

(i) Deficiencies against W.E.

W.E complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The Instruction for the 17 pr and 40 mm are very satisfactory. The 25 pr Instructors are still looking in polish but are doing well considering their own initial course was for six weeks only. Generally speaking the standard is good.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of Training Equipment continues to be satisfactory. A small amount of the Training Equipment authorised remains to come in. Supervision of the Italian methods of accounting for and maintaining of the equipment continues. At present the Treasurers under the British Staff Sergeant are inspecting all Small Arms at the Centre.

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

See Appendix 'B' attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

As all the main items of equipment have now been received, there are now no really outstanding items except the ones mentioned below :-

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See Appendix 'H' attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

As all the main items of equipment have now been received, there are now no really outstanding items except the ones mentioned below :-

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Item No.		
98	98	No 4 Pumping Set
	99	No 5 Pumping Set
WX	1457	Plant Welding and Cutting BPO/A 1t 4t.
WX	0495	Plant Welding Electric Single Operator Motor Driven 110 Volt D.C.
		Stereoscopes for Interpreting Air Photographs.

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6. [illegible].

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Depts.

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

(ii) No 3 Regiment and Artillery Barracks.

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

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

(iii) Provost School.

Accommodation good.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation

(vi) [illegible] Instructors School.

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(vi) GHQ Air Force Instructors School.

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

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6. Continued.

(b) Hygiene.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Welfare.

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

A very high percentage of the troops in the Centre have now had or are still on leave and this contact with their families

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

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

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

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6. Continued.

(d) Morale.

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

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

7. (Illegible).

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

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

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Name of Course	Max No of Students	No present under Training.	Duration of Course	Syllabus
(a) Operators Wireless Course -	60	22	17 Weeks	Operating procedure, Morse, Instruments, 5, 19, 22, Batteries and charging, Exercises.
(b) Operators Line Course + " " (Inf) + " " (Pty) +	40 40 20	25	13 Weeks	Operating procedure, Instruments - Testing, Exercises.
(c) Switchboard Operators Course + " " (Inf) + " " (Pty) +	20 10 10	23 3	4 Weeks	S.A.T. - Telephones, Instruments. Telephone to 10 Line. 7 and 2. Operating - Exercises.
(d) Short Course for Lt.-Gen. +	30 - 40	7	4 Weeks	E.A.T. - Elementary Telephones, Switchboard, Lines, cable laying,
(e) Instrument Technician Course-	20	16	17 Weeks	Principle of Testing - testing - Circuits and tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	3	8 Weeks	Principle of Signals S.A.T. Electrical Telephones. Switchboard Operating.

+ Only if [illegible] - [illegible] - Number already trained.

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Appendix 1.1 to C/...3/542
dated 1 July '45.

R.N.V.R. OTTAWA DIVISION, H.M.C.S. KING.

No. of Students	No. present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
60	22	17 Weeks	Operating procedure, R & T wireless theory, wireless instruments, 3, 19, 22 sets, fault finding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Recognition. Torpedoes. Torpedoes Testing.
40 40 20	25	13 Weeks	Operating procedure, R & T elementary principles. Instruments - testing, practical testing and maintenance. Recognition. Torpedoes. Torpedoes Testing.
20 10 10	23	4 Weeks	R & T - telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and U and line. Switchboard UC 10 line. T and P. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Colours and phonetics.
30 - 40	7	4 Weeks	R & T - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Bellophones, Switchboards. Test set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, R & T. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5 - 10	5	3 Weeks	Knowledge of formula applicable to vessels in use. R & T. Electrical Testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Qualitative work. Charting Engines. Map reading.

Not already trained.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL, HMS ICE (Continued).

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At Present under Training.	Duration of Course	
(a) Regimental Operators + Course (Arty)	40	33	13 Weeks	R.A.N. Operating, ... Security. Instruction and maintenance. Tel... and test set, pors... Inverters. Charging... laying.
(b) Regimental Operators + Course (Inf)	40	28	13 Weeks	R.A.N. Operating, ... Ship security. Inst... Switchboards. To L... 18 and 48. Test set...
(i) DLs Course +	25	17	4 Weeks	Re duties. Maintenance... Linesmen duties. Te... (men who elect to have... selected for this Cour...

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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TRAINING (TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND ITS (Continued).

ax n of ivalents	t Present ader Training.	Duration of Course	rior Syllabus.
40	33	13 Weeks	R.A.E. Operating, procedure T/T and R/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, tests and maintenance. Telephones and Pullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. V/F sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Inverters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
40	28	13 Weeks	R.A.E. Operating, procedure T/T and Signal office duties. Sig security. Instruments T/T and R/T, telephones and Pullerphones. 10 Line and superposing units. V/F set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
25	17	4 Weeks	Distribution. Maintenance of TC. Map reading. Liaison duties. Telephones. (Men who claim to have had previous TC experience are selected for this Course).

ber already trained.

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Subject	Duration of Course	Outline of Syllabus
(a) Fieldworks	3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, setting out, constructing trenches, traversing, tenailles, machicolles, barricks and sheers, tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, water supply equipment, use of compressor.
(b) Bridging.	3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span, construction of timber trestle.
(c) Mine Warfare.	2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, unexploded bombs, mines ..., mines and recovering discovered mines, use of mine marking equipment, minefield gapping, road clearing drill, booby traps.

This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

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

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...ENGINEER TRAINING.

...tion of Course | Outline of Syllabus

3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sending welling, ...t Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Somerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local Timber for tracks. ...ter supply equipment, use of compressor.
3 Weeks	Elementary Valley - day and night, short span ...J improvised br, use of br mats, construction of timber trestles.
2 Weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, beehives, mine charges, unprimed leads, mines ...ilial and Dummy, laying mines and recovering theoretical mines, use of probers and detectors, ...mp marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.
Infantry Pioneer Instructors.	

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Name of Course	Number on Course	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus of Course
	Offrs NCOs.		
Pre course for CC. HQ of Pro sections Italian Combat Groups.	5 50	5 Weeks	For CC. HQ. Drill, PT, Signalling, and duties in the Field (practice) Veh classification, method of parking, of discipline and org, and control of CC. HQ within the Group. For Pol Intel and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on the org and working of subs in the PI, div and

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DEPOT DEVON, REG TOP.

Appendix "B" to G/.3/542
Dated 1 July '45.

Area Garrison of Devon Unit of Billets and Transport.

Notes.

		For CO.HQ.
50	5 Weeks	Drill, PT, Weaponing, pro duties in the fd, PT trg, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of the circuits, veh starting and parking, rt discipline and org, and control of move during br, the functions of CC.HQ within the Group.
		For Unit Tanks and Officers.
		The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of TC, org and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ITALIAN MOBILISING SCHOOL, RTO ITF.

Name of Course	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus of course.
(a) Vehicle Mechanics	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alig and execute simple improvised repairs, cu Class III.
(b) Driver Mechanics	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude practical knowledge of gear box, transfer practical fault finding, read mech drawing execute running repairs. Class II
(c) Gun Fitters.	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience. simple sketches, mark accurately, correct tools, simple soldering operations. (2 Must have working knowledge of 6, 17 or 2 repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and elevating and traversing gears and recoil Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good shop experience. Princ .38 pistols, Brer., 2-in Mortar, 3-in Morta Class III.
(e) Maintenance of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLO

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Appendix 'E' to C/A.3/542
Dated 1 July '45.

ation of Course	Brief Syllabus of course, and Standard.
6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical fault finding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
6 Weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience. Tested to work to .002-in, read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 Weeks). Must have working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25pr or 4.2in guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 Weeks). Class III.
2 Weeks	Must have a good shop experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles .36 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III.
1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LOAD carriers.

DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

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

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

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

Appendix 'F' to W/...3/542
Dated 1 July '45.

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

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Name of Course	Capacity Offrs	Capacity ORs	Duration.	Brief Syllabus and Standard
National Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling supporting arms and to consider the problems consider the training of a battalion.
(b) Coy Commanders.	20		3 weeks	To train officers in the tactical handling supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of battle. To give them a sound basis on
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon weapons.	20	20	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical
(c) 6pr Anti Tank Gun	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the art of sniping and snipers in their own units.
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	20	3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration and
(b) Hygiene.	10	10	3 weeks	Unit Hygiene.
(c) War Establishments.	15	-	12 days	Two courses during each TAY session. For Officers. To train Officers in all branches them to act as Unit Instructors in this sub

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D.T.C.

[illegible] Appendix "C" to D.T.C/542.
Dated 1 July '45.

No.	Duration.	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
	5 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
	3 weeks	To train officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
	3 weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
20	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 3-in. Mortar.
10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr. A Tk Gun.
10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the art of sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own units.
20	3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
10	3 weeks	Unit Hygiene.
	12 days	Two courses during each OCT session. First of Junior Officers, latter Senior Officers. To train Officers in all branches of Man Management and to enable them to act as Unit Instructors in this subject.

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ADMINISTRATION

(a) Accommodation

(1) No. 1 and 2 Regiments.

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

(2) No. 3 Regiment and Artillery Barracks

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

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

(3) No quarters beyond those mentioned above are called for in connection with the Provost School, the Recruits School and the Driver Education School.

(4) Give All Arms Instructors School

" suggest this para be written by Major Partington or Major King."

(5) The two new specialist training branches of the Infantry (Malaya Regiment(known for convenience in the Centre as the Infantry School and the Specialists School) have made a great deal of progress, particularly the former. This reflects great credit on the Commanding Officers who have had to fight for every bit of material and have yet succeeded in making their buildings a credit to a Training Centre of any nationality.

It is believed that the whole question of accommodation is immediately tied up with problems of training finance. Co-operation is always most willing and appears to be satisfactorily handled from above. It must not be considered advisable for the whole problem to be reviewed on a very high level once again under the power of the C.I.G.S.

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(b) Hygiene

The improvement in hygiene slowly continues. While the attitude of the majority of the Italians still remains rather apathetical to what is considered as a vital precaution, it seems to have been appreciated that it is far less trouble to comply with the more obvious rules than to attempt to avoid them. There is a welcome absence of indiscriminate defecating which was such a notable feature of the early days of the centre. Even the confirmed offender now takes the trouble to walk some considerable distance to avoid being seen and hence efforts are being concentrated on making it easier for him to utilise a properly constituted latrine than to seek seclusion.

This improvement is largely to be attributed to the institution of the hygiene course and the insistence that even senior officers must regard this subject as an essential part of their training.

It has not yet been possible to persuade the Italians to replace the line of latrines anywhere much nearer but thanks to the continued efforts of the attached Sergeant Majors, some improvement has been noted.

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

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

(c) Welfare

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

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

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

Every effort was made some by the Italian command to facilitate the journeys of men going to and from home on short pass and this had the effect, not only in the more cheerful outlook of the average soldier but in the reduction of incidents associated with getting 'lifts' on route. It is only fair to say that the efforts of the U.C.I.A. have been most praiseworthy in this respect.

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

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(d) Morale

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

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

Conclusion

The importance of a definite policy has already been emphasised. The senior Italian officers have been informed that Allied Authority and the Staff of the A.C.C. have the vital necessity of a clear cut plan very definitely in their minds and that proposals to put this into effect have been prepared.

In the meantime Training ----- to be continued by major unit or major arms.

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The foregoing may be cut mutilated or otherwise maltreated to the taste of the officer primarily responsible for the production of this monthly book of morals. Do what you will----

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Major Kemp

Herewith List of

Members attending British Courses

as you requested

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CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI
FORZE ITALIANE DI COMBATTIMENTO
COMANDO SCUOLE
Ufficio Addestramento

nr. 4305/Add. di prot. P.M.92 - li 2 luglio 1945

OGGETTO : attività addestrative presso enti fuori del Centro .-

PROMEMORIA PER IL SIGNOR MAGGIORE KING sede

Specie del corso	Durata	Personale partecipante al corso .-			Ente presso cui si svolge il corso .-
		Uffic.	Sott.	Truppa	
- Esercitazioni	dal 27/6	-	1	9	Deposito Add.RAOC (Pontecagnano di Salerno).
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Numbers Held

(a) Weekly Intake

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

(b) Reinforcements Per Patches

Arm	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	
Infantry	9	11	13	27	25	
Artillery	4	4	27	55	41	171
Engineers (incl Sigs)	7	13	33	36	21	
Other Arms	11	16	20	42	23	
	31	44	93	150	110	

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(c) REINFORCEMENTS HELD at 30 JUNE 1945

ARM	POSTED STRENGTH	BALANCE REQUIRED	ABSENT: Hospital	Leave	Awol	Detention	Other Causes
Infantry	2935	1377	312	477	302	467	1558
Artillery	778	393	18	215	21	101	395
Engineer	1036	717	57	151	52	59	319
Other Arms	1533 1123 2307	716 453 1169	356 302	2212 1125 333	148 258 173	195 175 370	547 867 1178
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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'S' British Liaison and Training Unit, RTC ECF

Commander,
'S' British Liaison and
Training Unit, RTC ECF.

Ref: G/L.2/541

1 July 1945

AFHQ (Engineer Section)
Caserma Lodi, ECF, CMF
APO 11 (For ECFS)

Ref G/E/L/202 dated 3 April 1945, herewith progress report.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS

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(b) Quite a considerable part of Engineer training time was taken up in foot and arms drill practice for Genio Day. This was greatly encouraged, as basic training has never been considered sufficiently important by the Italians.

(c) Improvements to the facilities of the Engineer Training Ground have been made by the erection of a new classroom and a training office. A carpenters, blacksmiths and a painters shop are in process of construction. Roads in the training ground are being remade with locally quarried stone.

(d) Criticism of lack of enforcement of discipline by a senior over a junior still stands as the main training fault.

(e) The reprint of [illegible] Posters, etc., in Italian is being held up by lack of suitable supplies of printing paper.

2. COURSES

No courses for the Gruppi are being run but these could start, if AFHQ so desires, as stated in ECF/L.10/175 dated 27 April 1945.

Ref G/S/4/252 dated 3 April 1945, herewith progress report.

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3. [redacted]

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As already stated, the situation is now such that the intake is, and has been for a month, nil. Under training there is only 1 party. All trained men are in process of being posted to the Gruppi.

4. [redacted]

The following item of equipment advised in MAT letter are outstanding.

Item No.98 No.4 Pumping Set.

Item No.99 No.5 Pumping Set.

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(a) Accommodation - Improved. Beds now in use. Messes have been started.

(b) Rations - Better.

(c) Welfare - Have organisation of sports and games to called for.

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
R.T.C. I.C.F.

PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 1945.

1. COURSES.

(a) The second course, of five weeks' duration, terminated on the 26 May.

(b) 197 Pupils reported for the second course but this number was reduced to 161 due to compassionate leave, sickness and the move of the Garibaldi Regt. Of the 161 pupils who completed the course, 111 passed as satisfactory drivers i/c and 50 failed.

(c) The third course is due to start on 7 July which it is anticipated will be attended by 350 - 400 pupils.

2. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

The instructional staff have worked satisfactorily, despite several changes in officer personnel, and have shown greater keenness than in previous courses. Owing to leave, sickness and demobilisation the present establishment is inadequate to provide one driver for each vehicle. As proposed Amendment to WE CM/99/1 is being prepared with a view to increasing slightly the present authorised strength.

3. EQUIPMENT.

(a) Controlled stores received during the month - NIL.

(b) Deficiencies of outstanding urgency :-

Vehicles:	Lorries 3-ton 4x2 or 4x4 GS	10.
	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
	Car 2 - str 4 x 2	1
Tools:	Chests, tool, fitters	(on proposed SRL)
	Grease guns (Dodge)	

4. VEHICLES.

(a) The present vehicle state is :-

3 - ton	Efficient	49
	WOR in Workshop	13
	WOR awaiting repair	29
	Deficient (BLR)	10
	Authorised WE	101

(b) As a temporary measure, 5 m/cycles have been transferred from the Signal School in order to allow some convoy training. As has been stated in all previous progress reports the lack of m/cycles and domestic vehicles

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5. TRAINING.

(a) Training in driving and maintenance has been satisfactory, having regard to the condition of the vehicles, the lack of motorcycles and the car 2 - str, and the shortage of grease guns. An indent for grease guns for Dodge vehicles has been returned marked ' Not Available'. As the majority of vehicles are of this make, practical maintenance naturally suffers.

(b) The standard of pupils reporting is not good. Far too many are entirely lacking in mechanical aptitude. It is found that many pupils state that they have had previous mechanical experience simply to attend a course as a change from regimental duties. A far greater percentage of trained drivers could be produced by the school if units exercised more discrimination in the selection of candidates.

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'P' British Liaison & Training Unit.

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SECRET

Subject:- Progress Report No. 7

152(It) Signal Training Centre
30 June '45

"T" British Liaison & Training Unit,
H.Q.C., I.C.F., (1)

S.O. R.Signals, MTO.

Ref. 'G' Training Unit letter BTU/30/13 of 23 March; hereunder is report on progress at above S.T.C. during June '45.

1. General Progress

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

Some progress has been made with an "Information Room", for which asterisk printed in Italics would be an asset.

2. Courses

(a) Syllabuses.

Now that a specialist instructor has been obtained, daily physical training is a feature of the syllabus.

A new Infantry Signallers' course has commenced, in which no "specialist" training is given; all students are henceforth trained to be familiar with all branches of infantry signalling.

(b) Personnel

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel trained or under training during the month. The number of students under training continues to decline.

3. Instructional Organisation.

Improvement has been observed in punctuality and lessen "drive" during the month. C.I. School is at present on leave.

Demobilisation of certain classes threatens to deprive the school of some good instructors. It is hoped partly to overcome this by ensuring promotion for certain officers to keep them within the age limits for the rank.

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Exchange of instructors with men from the Groups would be extremely beneficial. Many of the subaltern instructors at present at the school have had no other opportunity to acquire military bearing and sense of discipline. -82

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4. Stores.

A RIME "I" Detachment (a mobile repair workshops) is at present at BRACCIANO inspecting and repairing all signal stores and mine detectors. It is expected to stay about a month and will also cover equipment at MANZIANA and CERVARO.

Some miscellaneous equipment has been obtained for breakdown by the radio mechanics, and more is expected.

5 motor cycles have been transferred to D. & M. School during the month.

21 Reels Cable No. 1 have been received during the month. Other stores - no change.

Some concern is felt at the length of time taken for indents to be met. A case in point is, an indent (No. I35/46) for 150 Cells Dry I Mk II made on May 24. These are not controlled stores, and were available almost on demand when the School was at ROCCA and made direct demands on local DADOS. The root cause is considered to be the lengthy channel of communication (School - C.T. Regt. - Division - DADOS ??? H.Q. & T.U.). This may be bureaucratically correct, but it does not help training when telephones and buzzer training sets do not function for want of batteries.

A fortnightly return of all stores deficiencies is called for by H.Q. Division. No tangible result accrues from one fortnight to the next, hence the return would appear to be a waste of time and labour.

5. Administration.

The autonomous Line School formerly at FRASCATI VILLA FONTANA has been moved to BRACCIANO. Authority of the War Department is awaited to amalgamate this within the H.Q. of the School, and for the staff to be granted current rates of pay.

The new kitchen is now in use, and water supply is arising in some parts of the barracks. Work continues on the general rehabilitation of barrack blocks and reconstruction of the administrative blocks.

6. Transport.

An improvement in transport noted early in the month has not been maintained, as the machines are now failing out of use faster than the M.T. officer can get them repaired. A maintenance course for drivers is a vital necessity - the idea of "daily maintenance" is beyond their comprehension. Bad (generally too fast) driving and accidents are still too common for the M.T.

MOLINA and made direct demands on local BASES. The root cause is considered to be the lengthy channel of communication (School - O.C. Regt. - Division - BASES "F" H.Q. & T.U.). This may be bureaucratically correct, but it does not help training when telephones and heater training sets do not function for want of batteries.

A fortnightly return of all stores deficiencies is called for by H.Q. Division. No tangible result accrues from one fortnight to the next, hence the return could appear to be a waste of time and labour.

5. Administration.

The autonomous Line School formerly at EL BOLVILLA PUENTAZA has been moved to REGUENGO. Authority of the War Department is awaited to amalgamate this within the T.E. of the School, and for the staff to be granted current rates of pay.

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6. Transport.

An improvement in transport noted early in the month has not been maintained, as the machines are now falling out of use faster than the R.E. officer can get them repaired. A maintenance course for drivers is a vital necessity - the idea of "daily maintenance" is beyond their comprehension. Bad (generally too fast) driving and accidents are still too common for the R.E. officer, however enthusiastic, to cope with the wrecks on his hands. A statement of the R.E. situation is given at Appx "B".

7. Morale.

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Appears to have steadied now that the "end of the war" reaction is over.

8. General.

"Sante" Day was observed on June 24. The proceedings included demonstrations by students of

(a) physical training
(b) erection of T.E. No. 19 ground station
(c) use of the T.E. No. 48 "suit pack"
(d) Cable laying by means of Mech. Cable Layer No. 1

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8. General (Cont.)

A visitors' concert of B.B's was also provided. The proceedings concluded with a special meal and cinema entertainment for the troops.

9. Future Plans.

Some 300 students are still required to bring the school to full capacity. After the pending reorganisation it is estimated that some two thirds of the school will function as at present, and the remainder will concentrate on more advanced courses for men from the Group; she will ultimately form the "technical backbone" of the new [illegible].

Yrs/tas

Major,
I.C. Brigade.

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APPENDIX "A"

17(Ex) Signal Training Centre

Summary of Personnel June '43

1. Students Accepted for Training during Month.

(a) Canada	
Operators Switchboard	20
(b) Artillery	
All trades	21
(c) Infantry	
All trades	28
	69

2. Courses Completed During Month.

(a) Canada	
Operators Wireless	38
" Switchboard	9
Dispatch Riders	4
Radio Mechanics	16
(b) Infantry	
Operators Wireless	16
" Switchboard	8
	91

3. Students Under Training on 27 June.

(a) Canada	
Operators Wireless	22
" Line	25
" Switchboard	28
Dispatch Riders	5
	17
(b) Artillery	
Operators Wireless	13
" Line	7
" Switchboard	3
(c) Infantry	

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" Cdt/Rdr	9
Linesmen	4
Radio Mechanics	16

(b) Infantry

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" Cdt/Rdr	8
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3. Students Under Training on 27 June.

(a) Corps

Operators Wireless	22
" Line	25
" Cdt/Rdr	26
Linesmen	5
Despatch Riders	17

(b) Artillery

Operators Wireless	33
" Line	7
" Cdt/Rdr	3

(c) Infantry

All trades	28
	166
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Appendix "H"

132(IT) Mixed Transport Section

Transport State as at 10 June '42

Vehicle	Scale	Held	Surplus	Def.	Condition of Vehicles held
Jeep 4 x 2 Utility	1	1(Jeep)	-	-	B.L.R. Zones 13 o/s. 1 in Lieu Serviced 5 out of action
Trucks 7/8	14	9	-	5	
" Lgvs 03 4 x 2	2	4	2	-	
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	5	1	-	4	
Lorries 30cwt 4 x 2	-	2	2	-	
Motor Cycles	14	20	-	5	

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"F" Artillery Liaison & Trg Unit,
C.M.F.

1/800 29 June 45.

Major King.
"F" A.L. & T.U.
M.T.O. I.C.F.
C.M.F.

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(1) General Progress

The progress achieved by the 17 pr and 40 Bf sections has been good and there is no doubt that the quality of the instruction the recruits receive is perfectly sound. The 17 pr Course shot three times during the month of June at the School of Artillery Ranges Civitavecchia. The drill was perhaps a little slow, but the laying was accurate which is the most important thing. The gun drill can always be speeded up.

The 40 Bf Course shot at the above at the School of Artillery Ranges Civitavecchia on two occasions during the month. The first occasion was disappointing and it was apparent that whilst the gunners knew the gun drill the co-ordination was poor. It is always a difficult problem in mixed A.A. Layers unless moving targets are readily available. Arrangements were then made with the School of Artillery for the Italian Artillery to go to Civitavecchia regularly to do salvo practice. The second time they shot, the benefit of this training was immediately apparent;- they shot very well indeed.

The 25 pr section still requires a little disappointing owing to the fact that the instructors do not appreciate the standard demanded by the British Army. A fresh course commencing on Monday 2nd July at which 12 officers will attend and it is hoped to obtain at least 4 additional instructors from this course. The Course has been organised by this unit and the Captain I.C. will do a certain number of the more difficult lectures himself and hold a watching brief over the lectures done by the Italian instructors.

The standard of shooting shows a marked improvement.

(11) Courses.

25 Pdr.		25 Pdr Specialists	17 Pdr	40 m/m.
Officers.	O/Rs.	O/Rs.	O/Rs.	O/Rs.
5/	110	19	38	45.

A short refresher course of one week was also run for 100 Gunners who are going forward as reinforcements.

40 Signallers under Dembo instructors (this is a fourteen weeks course).

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(iii) Courses.

25 Pdr		17 Pdr Specialists	17 Pdr	A/Tk gun
Officers.	OR's.	OR's.	OR's.	OR's.
30	110	18	38	40.

A short refresher course of one week was also run for 100 Gunners who are going forward as reinforcements.

40 Signallers under Corps instructors (This is a fourteen weeks course).

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(v) There are still a few items of Survey equipment still outstanding, but since no Survey Course has yet been arranged there is no immediate demand.

(vi) a). Accomodation progressing well.

b). Fair, but on completion of the buildings this should improve. 377

c). The Artillery Recreation Room Unit and Canteen in Operation which is very popular amongst the men. There is a good radio, table tennis and other games, but it is at present not possible to serve food, or indeed obtainable.

d). Good.

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Major, R.A.
GSO II (A)
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"F" British Liaison & Trg Unit,
MTC I.C.F.

1/BC/ 29 June 45.

Major King,
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R.T.C. I.C.F.
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(ii) Courses.

25 Pdr.		25 Pdr Specialists	17 Pdr	40 M.M.
Officers.	ORs.	ORs.	ORs.	ORs.
30	140	18	36	45.

A short refresher course of one week was also run for 100 Gunners who are going forward as reinforcements.

40 Signallers under Gunner instructors (This is a fourteen weeks course).

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(ii) Gunners.

25 Pdr.		3" Mkr Specialists	17 Pdr	40 M.M.
Officers.	O.Rs.	O.Rs.	O.Rs.	O.Rs.
30	140	12	38	45.

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C). The Artillery Barracks have their own Canteen in Benevento which is very popular amongst the men. There is a good radio, table tennis and other games, but it is of course not possible to serve food, or indeed advisable.

D). Good.

Field.

Allan F Shave

Major, R.A.
GSO II RA
RA Wing.

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1 HH Recd

Subject :- Progress Report - JUNE

SIVA

S.I.V.A.
Ref R / 9
29. 6. 45

To:- 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit

a. General Progress. The third series of courses is in progress at the present moment. The outstanding problems remain much the same as before being chiefly concerned with accommodation, water, cooking and lack of personnel. The transport situation is for the present satisfactory and this is helping the smooth running of the course.

The start of this series was delayed one week due to insufficient students appearing on the first day. There were three reasons for this— 1 The Gruppi did not accept all the vacancies offered. 2 There was an accident to the transport from one of the Gruppi. 3 Certain students appear to lack enough discipline and sense of honour to get here in time preferring to spend their week-end as a holiday.

It has been suggested to me that in order to avoid the last mentioned reason courses should start on Thursdays instead of Mondays so that the students would get their week-ends and travel on working days. I most strongly disagree with this course of action for the following reasons. 1 It is a policy of appeasement and evasion . 2 I do not think the students will be any more prompt on a Thursday than on a Monday. 3 It increases the difficulties of the course by lengthening the number of days during the course period and reducing the number during the break, causing further congestion for the permanent staff. 4 The break between the Man Management courses will be only one and a half days and the second Man Management course will extend half a day beyond all other courses.

Following our conversation with Cols Carpitella, Sive, and Gachet the decision was made that the Fourth Series of courses start on 6 Aug with Opening Addresses on Sat 4 Aug . This involves a delay of a few days but gives us more time to get our house in order as regards the vexed question of accommodation - of which more later.

All the plans are now complete for the introduction of Man Management courses in the Administration School. Major Newton has spent a few

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All the plans are now complete for the introduction of Man Management courses in the Administration School. Major Newton has spent a few days at the school and intends to return before the end of the present course to check up on instructors.

The Hygiene School is in an unhappy position as regards instructors.-Dealt with later.

The Second Series of courses was most promising and a great improvement on the first. My first impressions of this course are good.

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b. COURSES i Run during June..... Second Series.
Please refer to my R / 7 d. 31 May for details of course and R / 8 for details of students and reports.

ii Started during June ... Third Series.
The Third Series started on 25 June and details are as follows:-

	Students Officers	NCOs
TAC. WING.		
a Junior Leaders	26	-
b Senior Off and Coy Comds	27	-
W.T.WING.		
a Pl Wpns.	13	18
b 3" Mort.	9	10
c 6pr A.tk	7	12
d Snipers.	8	6
ADM.WING.		
a Junior Course	15	13
b Senior "	12	-
c Hygiene " due to start on2 July with	20 Jun Offs	
d Water " " " " " 11 " "	10 NCOs;	

Attending from Combat GPS 69
RTC- ICF 69
Service Bns 28
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ii Courses projected for August.
FOURTH SERIES to start on 4 Aug — assemble 2 Aug.

	Officers	NCOs
TAC. WING.		
a Junior Leaders	36	-
b Sen Offs and Coy Comds	35	-
W.T. WING.		
a Pl Wpns.	20	20
b 3" Mort.	10	10
c 6pr A.tk.	10	10
d Snipers.	10	10
ADM. WING.		
a Adm Course. (Capts, Majs, Lt.Cols)	25	
b Man Management		
Course A (Capts, Majs, Lt.Cols)	25	
Course B (Subalterns)	25	
c Hygiene Course		
Course A and B (Subalterns)	20 each.	
d Water.	—	10

Appendix A shows details of courses, dates, duration and numbers attending.

a Junior Course		15	13
b Senior	"	12	-
c Hygiene	" due to start on 2 July with	20	Jun Offs
d Water	" " " " " 11 " "	10	NCOs;

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b 3" Mort.	10	10
c 6pr A.tk.	10	10
d Snipers.	10	10
ADM. WING.		
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b Man Management		
Course A (Capts,Majs,Lt.Cols)	25	
Course B (Subalterns)	25	
c Hygiene Course		
Course A and B (Subalterns)	20 each.	
d WAter.	—	10

Appendix A shows details of courses, dates, duration and numbers attending.

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c. Does not apply to S.I.V.A.

d. Instructional Staff.

Tac Wing - deficient of 4 officers but is managing.
W.T.Wing - " " 10 NCOs " " "
ADM.Wing - The Adm Wing has at present only four officers to instruct in Administration - T/Col GACHET, Magg.AIELLI, Capt CAPOZZA, Capt FULCI. This is not really sufficient but more do not seem to be forthcoming. Now that it is proposed to start Man Management Courses the following plan is suggested - that Col Gachet and Maj Newton select the best five students from the present series of Adm Course and retain them at this centre to supplement the present Adm. instructors.

The Hygiene Wing is still short of its two NCO inst.

...two NCO instructors.

The Water course NCO arrived but was found to be unsuitable being a Sicilian who could neither speak nor understand good Italian. I believe the other NCO is still on leave. The M.O. is due for demobilisation but is being retained until a replacement is found. T.Col SIVO is aware of all these difficulties and is doing his best to help us. I suggest that two M.O.s be sent on Hygiene Courses here -- one to replace the present Hygiene Instructor and the other to replace the School M.O. who is also due to leave the army. This would then give us two M.O.s hygiene trained who could help each other with the hygiene instruction .

e. Controlled Stores received during June.

Rifles Mk 4	40
Brens.....	3
Rifles .22	2
P.I.A.T.s	2
3" Morts	2
Tannoy Loud hailer set.....1	
Mine detectors American	2

f. ADMINISTRATION.

As I have already pointed out in previous reports the school is accommodated in requisitioned houses. No accommodation specially constructed for the school is in use yet. The 'Huts' are not completed and are without water. Shortage of water still creates serious problems but a pump has arrived and although it will , I expect , take a long time to instal at least the difficulty is being tackled. One serious result has been that contrary to my wishes students have still been allowed to find billets at their own expense in private houses.

The time has come to review the accommodation of SIVA. The buildings occupied at present can take no more and in fact, the W.T.Wing is occupying a house which was intended to be the Head Offices of the school. Further huts for sleeping, dining, cooking and bathing must be provided for the W.T.W. even if no expansion of the school is envisaged.

If the school is to be enlarged to take 500 students -ref AQ/6/855 d. 25 June 45 para 17 from 'F' B.L.& T.Unit -- plus an estimated Service Coy of 300 , ADemonstration Coy of 120 instructors and admin officers about 100, i.e. over 1000 in all, then there are , I suggest, two alternatives - 1. The present buildings are still occupied with additional accommodation pro-

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Rifles MK 4	40
Brens	3
Rifles .22	2
P.I.A.T.s	2
3" Mortz	2
Tannoy loud haller set	1
Mine detectors American	2

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Whether 1 or 2 is adopted depends on the permanency of SIVA , but alternative 1 will always be a makeshift arrangement with many difficulties caused by the limitations of using buildings which were never designed to house such an establishment as this. In addition the civilian owners are naturally wondering when they will be able to reoccupy their houses. We are using 18 houses at the present time. To make them servicable for use by the school we have to consider provision of suitable latrine, washing , cooking, and sleeping facilities and most of the houses do not lend themselves readily to the necessary alterations.

Welfare. The permanent staff have moved into a new mess at V. Fiorita where for the present they can feed out of doors in

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out of doors in...

sufficiently pleasant surroundings. As the weather deteriorat es they will have to move indoors and I think they will find the house too small.

I have suggested a plan whereby all the students can feed at one sitting, but it is dependent on an increase in the cook-house and dining room staff. Both Gen Vegni and Col Silvo promised me at beginning of this week that more cooks and waiters would be sent out but they have not arrived. The situation is that eleven men are trying to look after approx 220 people. They comprise a Mess sjt, a cook, a woodman, three fatiguemen, and five waiters. This is obviously inadequate

I have suggested that each week-end transport be provided for recreational purposes e;g; swimming parties to the lake or sea.

Morale.

Now that uncertainties as regards the wellbeing of families in the north are settled there is a marked improvement in morale. In certain departments, more particularly in cook-houses, dining-rooms the shortage of personnel has caused an overworking of the few and with some justice these men feel they are being badly treated.

E Huntington

Major,
GSO II (Schools)
'F' British Liaison and
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AUGUST

S.I.V.A.	1 W	2 Th	3 F	4 Sa	5 S	6 M	7 T	8 W	9 Th	10 F	11 Sa	12 S	13 M	14 T	15 W	16 Th	17 F	18 Sa	19 S	20 M	21 T	22 W	23 Th	24 F	25 Sa	26 S	27 M	28 T	29 W	30 Th	31 F
TAC. WING.		Courses assemble on THURS. & FRI.																													
1. JUNIOR LDRS.																															
2. Cav Comds & Sen Off																															
NPN TRG. WING																															
1. Pl. WPNS.		Courses assemble on THURS. & FRI.																													
2. 3" MRT																															
3. 6pr A Tk																															
4. SNIPERS																															
ADM. WING.		Course assemble on THURS & FRI																													
1. ADM. COURSE																															
2. MAN MANAGEMENT		THESE COURSES TO ASSEMBLE ON THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE SPECIAL DAY																													
3. HYGIENE & WATER																															

COURSE A JUNIOR OFFICERS — COURSE B SENIOR OFFICERS

WATER A — HYGIENE A — WATER B — HYGIENE B

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Appendix "C"

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STUDENTS.

	OFFICERS.	N.C.O's.
[redacted]	36 Subalterns	-
[redacted]	35 Capt. Maj. Lt.Cols.	-
[redacted]	20 Subalterns	20 N.C.O's.
[redacted]	10	10
[redacted]	10	10
[redacted]	10	10
[redacted]	25 Capt. Maj. Lt.Cols.	-
[redacted] SENIOR OFFICERS	A. 25 Subalterns A 25 Capt. Maj. Lt.Cols.	-
[redacted]	HYGIENE A & B 20 Subalterns WATER A & B 20 N.C.O's.	

E. Huntington Major.
45 Subalterns.
F Bde Liaison and Training Unit.

MECH

SUBJECT: Mechanics School - Progress Report.

Ref: MEMR/Rpt/3. 29 June 1945.

To: Commander,
'F' British Liaison & Training Unit
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Reference your G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 45, the under-mentioned report is submitted as required by D.M.T. in their letter DMT/D9/13 dated 3 Apr.45.

2 (a) (iv) Instructors promised from the break-up of a D & M. School at POLIMIANO have not arrived to date. There are not sufficient instructors to train Vehicle Mechanics and Driver Mechanics. Training of Armourers and Fitters can go ahead.

2 (b) (i) Courses.

(1) The second Driver Mechanics Course was completed but as many had to pass a driving test they were attached to the Driver and Maintenance School and should be passed out on 30/6/45. (Results not to hand at the time of preparing this report).

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(3) Fitters (General and Gun)

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PERUGI - 40
POLGORE - 12
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(v) NONE.

2. (c) Numbers held.

(i) Does not apply - students arrive on set dates.

(ii) None. (Thirty pupils from Gruppi will complete their course of driving and maintenance on 30/6/45 and return to their respective Gruppi about 4 July 45).

(iii) Twenty-seven.

2. (d) (a) Vehicle Mechanics - - 9
Driver Mechanics - - 18
Fitter - - - 1

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2. (d) (b) Fair to good. The assistant instructors will need replacing at the first opportunity.

(c) (i) NIL

(ii) WX.0457 Plant Welding and Cutting HP. O/A light weight.

WX.0495 Plant Welding Electric Single Operator Motor-driven. 110 volt D.C.

Administration:

1. Accommodation.

Pupils - - sleeping, dining and canteen will be completed by the 15 July 45. Materials have been holding up completion.

School - Same report as last month applies.

2. Hygiene. Good. Extra issue of soap is essential for washing denims.

3. Welfare. No change from last month.

4. Morale. (a) Instructors.
As regular army men are being posted the morale is improving.

(b) Students.
There have only been eight gun fitters undergoing training and their morale appears to be good.

General.

1. Instructors are awaited from the disbanded D & M School at POLIGNIANO.

2. Other efforts are being made to obtain instructors by the Italian H.Q. staff.

3. Approximately 326 pupils are expected by 1 July 45.

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5. If the promises of instructors being posted materialise the prospect of the school working to capacity soon is very hopeful.

INTERNAL.

Commander 72 BL & TE (3 copies)

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INTERNAL.
Commander 'F' El & TU (3 copies).
O.C Mechanics School. (1 copy)
File. (2 copies).

Major RE/MP.
DADME,
F Brnch Liaison Unit RTC ACF.
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SYLLABUS.

APPENDIX 'A'

Key to Training Programme.

Lecture 1.	Introduction.	L1	Conversazione 1 - Introduzione
Lecture 2.	Care and Maintenance of Vehicles (wheeled)	L2	Conversazione 2 - Cura e manutenzione dei veicoli (a ruote)
Lecture 3.	What is an AB.412. Why is it used. Information to be recorded.	L3	Conversazione 3 - Che cosa e' un AB 412. Perche' e' usato. Quali informazioni debbono essere annotate su esso.
Lecture 4.	What is an AB.406. Why is it used? Information conveyed. Action to be taken by N.C.O. Action to be taken by O.C.	L4	Conversazione 4 - Che cosa e' un AB 406. Perche' e' usato. Informazioni che devono essere prese dall'ufficiale addetto ai automezzi. Provvedimenti che debbono essere presi dal comandante.
Lecture 5.	Theory of internal combustion engine and component parts.	L5	Conversazione 5 - Teoria del motore a scoppio e delle parti componenti.
Lecture 6.	Theory of C/I Engine and component parts.	L6	Conversazione 6 - Teoria del motore a ciclo Diesel e parti componenti.
Lecture 7.	1.Preparation of Workshop Indent. A.F.G.1045. 2.Defect Book. 3.Works Ticket. 4.Foglio di Viaggio.	L7	Conversazione 7-1-Preparazione alla richiesta di riparazione in officina.AFG 1045 -2-Libro dei guasti. -3-Works ticket. -4-Foglio di viaggio.
Lecture 8.	1.Accident Form. 2.P.O.L.accounting. 3.Stores indent. 4.Fire precautions.	L8	Conversazione 8-1-Modulo da riempire in caso di incidente. -2-Contabilita' carburanti -3-Richiesta di materiali automobilistici. -4-Precauzioni contro gli incendi.
Lecture 9.	1.How to inspect a vehicle. 2.Points to look for. 3.Action taken.	L9	Conversazione 9-1-Come ispezionare un veicolo. -2-Punti a cui fare attenzione. -3-Provvedimenti presi.

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	Action to be taken by C.C.		provvedimenti che devono essere presi dall'Ufficiale addetto ai controlli. Provvedimenti che debbono essere presi dal comandante.
Lecture 3.	Theory of internal combustion engine And component parts.	L5	Conversazione 5 - Teoria del motore a scoppio e delle parti componenti.
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	Tasks 1 - 16. A - Demonstration. B - Practical by Students.	XI-16.	A Compiti--Nozioni sui compiti. B Esecuzione pratica da parte degli allievi.
	Inspection of Vehicle. Practical, by Student.	Ip	Ispezione dei veicoli praticata dagli allievi.
	Question & Answer by Students. Supervised by Instructor.	Q&A	Domande e risposte da parte degli allievi sotto il controllo dell'istruttore.

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CRUISERS M.T. CORPUS - BOATWORK.

DATE 0800 - 0850	0850 - 0940.	0940 - 1000	1000 - 1050.	1050 - 1130	1130 - 1500.	1500 - 1515	1515 - 1600	1600 - 1630
Monday January	L.1.	L.2.		X.1. A | B			X. 2. A | B	
Tuesday February	L.3.	L.4.		X. 4 & 2. A | B			X. 5 & 7. A | B	
Wednesday March	L.5.	L.6.		X. 10. A | B			X. 11 A | B	
Thursday April	L.7.	L.8.		X. 13 A | B			X. 14 A | B	
Friday May	L.9.	Ex.		X. 16 A | B			Ex.	Ex.

Monday Instruction. Boat. Theory.

Instruction. Boat. Instruction. 1050 - 11.15

1115 - 1130

Dismissal.

Switchboard B.C. 12345 Fairview 3-4321/9999 No. 285020

CONTINUED M.T. CONTOUR - SECTIONS.

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 50.

1000 - 1050.	1050 - 1150	1150 - 1500.	1500 - 1510	1510 - 1600	1600 - 1650	1650 - 1700	1700 - 1750	1750 - 1850.
X. 1. A B				X. 2. A B			X. 3. A B	
X - 4 & 5 A B				X. 6 & 7. A B			X. 8. A B	
X. 10. A B				X. 11 A B			X. 12. A B	
X. 13 A B				X. 14 A B			X. 15 A B	
X. 16 A B				X9.	X9.		X.9.	Q & A

Interval. 1115 - 1150

Road.

Trail.

1050 - 1115

Denomination.

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SUBJECT:- Infantry Training Progress Report for Month of June 1945

'Y' British Liaison and Training Unit, RTC ICF

Commander,
'Y' British Liaison and
Training Unit, RTC ICF.

Ref: C/A.2/536

29 June 1945

INTRODUCTION

1. This has been an abnormal month, owing to the number of soldiers under training being very small, at the same time departures have been fairly considerable owing to guards required for POW Camps etc., and a considerable wastage owing to demobilisation.

The number of men required to run the camp and supply the various guards and duties is very high and, although the Regiments have effected various economies, the numbers of men employed remains nearly the same, though the number of men under training is about 1/10th of capacity.

No.1 Infantry

2. Of the men under training other than those on courses, with requirements for guards, etc., this gives only about 400 men available on any one day, usually less. It also means that the training is very disjointed, a man does his lessons one day and then misses the next days training.

A still further reduction in numbers are expected it is proposed to concentrate on putting the barracks a little more in order and preparing for the time that large numbers of recruits are again received.

The training as it is, is average only, as the officers do not expect a high enough standard of discipline and turnout. For this reason, while the field training compares quite favourably with that of a corresponding English centre, the cleanliness of individuals, guards, care of arms, etc., are still very bad. The reason for this is that the senior officers, while not working, are too kind hearted with the men. At the same time they say the junior officers and NCOs are no use, but never give them any opportunity of proving whether they are or not.

Another factor not making for good training which applies equally to the other Infantry, is the transition test and emphasis

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1. This has been an abnormal month, owing to the number of soldiers under training being very small, at the same time departures have been fairly considerable owing to guards required for POW Camps etc., and a considerable wastage owing to fraternisation.

The number of men required to run the camp and supply the various guards and duties is very high and, although the Regiments have effected various economies, the numbers of men employed remains nearly the same, though the number of men under training is about 1/10th of capacity.

No.1 Company

2. The 436 men under training other than those on courses. With requirements for guards, etc., this gives only about 100 men available on any one day, usually less. It also means that the training is very disjointed, a man does his training one day and then misses the next days training.

A still further reduction in numbers are expected it is proposed to concentrate on putting the recruits a little more in order and preparing for the time when large numbers of recruits are again received.

The training as it is, is merely only, as the officers do not appear a high enough standard of discipline and turnout. For this reason, while the field training compares quite favourably with that of a corresponding English centre, the cleanliness of individuals, guards, care of arms, etc., are still very bad. The reason for this is that the senior officers, while hard working, are too timid together with too many. At the same time they say the junior officers and NCOs are no use, but never give them any opportunity of proving whether they are or not.

Another factor not making for good training which applies equally to the other Regiments, is the tremendous heat and complete lack of shade which makes good training only possible before 9 o'clock or again in the evening.

There have been improvements in methods of instruction, but on the whole this has not been a profitable month. Improvements have been made to the Regimental Sports Ground and to their range.

No.2 Company

3. Improvement here has been more marked, but it is only a relative improvement and the standard is still low. Constant changing of personnel and establishment does not help this Regiment which also has the additional disadvantage of having all the special Corps recruits of the Italian army, i.e. Grenadiers, Bersaglieri, Marines,

Bersaglieri/.....

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Bersaglieri, Parachutists, etc., all of whom must be kept separate with their own officers, etc. This would be a good thing in suitable barracks, but in the barracks occupied it makes for a lot of additional work.

However, not all the special Corps men are proper recruits resulting in mixing recruits and trained soldiers. As with No.1 Regiment, there are very few men available for training. The marines, who supply a greater part of the number, do not stay as long as the others.

Again, while the actual figure of men under training excluding courses is 30%, the number of men required for duties is even higher than in No.1 Regiment.

The barrack and discipline in the Regiment has improved, but will never be really good until better accomodation and facilities are provided. The Colonel has made big efforts in the welfare line and by such means and the running of various competitions has greatly improved the spirit in the Regiment.

INFANTRY SCHOOL AND ATTACHED ESTABLISHMENTS

4. The School closed for three weeks for various improvements to the buildings etc. The floor was not ready and the school is very satisfactory now. The present course has been running a week, the students are of a much lower standard than for previous courses owing to the shortage of numbers to choose from and are nearly all selected privates or corporal to Junior NCOs.

For these reasons courses have been lengthened a week, and more attention is paid to drill, recreations, etc.

Numbers:

Platoon weapons and Minor Tactics.	35
6 pr Anti-tank.	40
Mortar.	33
Pioneer.	20
Carriers.	30

The mechanical state of the carriers is now much better and a big improvement has taken place here.

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For these reasons courses have been lengthened a week, and more attention is paid to drill, ceremonials, etc.

Numbers:

Platoon weapons and Minor tactics.	25
2 pr Antitank.	40
Mortar.	35
Signals.	20
Carriers.	30

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GENERAL.

5. The following are essential if training is to improve in Infantry Regiments.

(a) Improved accommodation.

(b) A settled policy.

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(c) For the Commander, 22 INF (or some other Senior Italian General) to regularly inspect the Infantry Regiments, [illegible] and to express his strongest dissatisfaction personally to the Regimental Commanders about the state of dress and turnout, etc.

(d) De-centralisation to Junior Officers and NCOs.

(e) Prompt and effective punishment of offenders.

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6. Outstanding items required of training materials:-

(1) Physical Training and sports kit.

7. Numbers undertraining:

Unit.	2nd week.	3rd week.	4th week.	5th week.	Special Cases	TOTAL
No.1 Regiment	20	80	114	22	(Marines) 148	784
No.2 Regiment			170		190	
[illegible]					95	95
TOTALS.	20	80	284	22	285	879

8. It is understood that other matters have been dealt with by Commandos, 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit, MTO RTC.

[illegible]
Major GSO.II
Ops & Int Org
'F' British Liaison and
Training Unit, MTO RTC

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No.2 Regiment			170		(Marines) 190	-148	-734
[illegible]					95		95
TOTAL	80	80	184	22	285	148	839

6. It is understood that other personnel have been dealt with by Commander, 1st British Liaison and Training Unit, MTO RTC.

Major GSO.II
Maj A Def Trg
1st British Liaison and
Training Unit, MTO RTC

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report No.6

'F' British Liaison and
Training Unit, MTO ICF

Ref: BMG/60/115

29 June 1945

Commander,
'F' British Liaison and
Training Unit, MTO ICF

DC (Dr) AMIO
ICF, RLAC
(Ref RLAC 48A99 dated 28 Feb 45)

Reference G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945.

A. GENERAL PROGRESS.

Provost School

Course No.2 (Provost Training Course) terminated 30 Jun 45.

Course No.2 (Regimental Police) terminated 16 Jun 45.

Course No.1 (Provost Staff Officers - Italian) remains as a projected course as no further action has been taken, within the knowledge of this office, on para A 1 (iii) of BMG/60/75 of this office dated 19 May 1945.

The general progress of the School is normal, and, in a like manner as that reported on completion of the raising, functioning and equipping of No.152 Italian Provost Company, detailed progress reports in minutia in extenso, are redundant, the chain of administrative command having passed to Comando di Scuola s.e.f. 14 Jun 45. But it again pointed out that the unsatisfactory repair organisation within the Training Centre remains unchanged and, as a result, all the training vehicles of Class 5 category, except one truck CS 15 cwt and two motorcycles, and on charge to the School, have now been certified "SLR". Thus, with the complete emasculation of the training transport comprising 3 trucks CS and 18 motorcycles, is effected the equally complete emasculation of outdoor training, except in the case of the administrating Company placing transport, when available, at the disposal of the School. The inadequacy of the School accommodation stores remains unsatisfied and no steps have been taken by the Italian General Staff in improvement since the last report.

The position with regard to the commencement of Course No.3 (Provost Training Course) is as follows. Joined and at disposition of the School are ten Carabinieri of the Group "FOLGORE" at present, of necessity, employed on duties.

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4. [illegible]

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Joined and at disposition of School are twenty-one Carabinieri mobilised from various Territorial Legions, of necessity, employed on duties, and intended to form the Pool of Reinforcements forward to Groups. In view of the heavy commitments of the duty sections this nucleus cannot yet be withdrawn for training.

Invited by the Ministero di Guerra are ten Carabinieri and one officer from each Group (to include the nucleus of CCRR serving with the CARABINIERI Regiment) and a further 3 officers and ten OAs to be found in excess.

It is now believed that the intention of the Ministero di Guerra is to regard this School as the Depot for all mobilised Carabinieri and to build up here a force against wastages in the Groups. For that purpose the officers and Carabinieri mentioned as in excess are being sent. On this subject a separate communication is being put up by this office as it may be that certain alterations in the TE of the Carabinieri

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organisation here will be necessary. The scope of the School is enlarging and has gone beyond that envisaged on its inception.

H1 and subsidiary Sections 152 Italian Provost Company.

The Company is still heavily committed to duties and in view of the calls made is working under great pressure. The Captain commanding has been removed for inefficiency and a selected young officer has been posted to the command.

B. [redacted]

(i) Course No.1 (Provost Training Course) now terminated.
Course No.2 (Regimental Police Course) now terminated.
Subsidiary course for students (OCTU) mobilised for local service, now terminated.

(ii) Course No.3 (Provost Training Course).
Course No.3 (Regimental Police Course).

(iii) Normally 5 officers and 50 ORs from Groups.

(iv) Submitted for all courses.

(v) Not applicable.

C. For completion by Staff Captain 'A'.

D. (a) Instructional Staff (Italian) to strength less one maresciallo di maggiordomo.
(b) Not applicable.

E. (i) List of equipment received during month attached.
(ii) No outstanding urgencies.

F. ADMINISTRATION

(i)(ii) Chain of administrative command passed to Comando di Scuola w.e.f. 14 Jun 45.

(iii) Morale is good despite the fact that welfare insofar as the Division is concerned is negligible.

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Captain,
Provost,
'P' British Liaison and Training Unit, BMC 1257

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Military courses for students (CMSs) admitted for the first service, now terminated.

(ii) Course No.3 (Provost Training Course).
Course No.3 (Regimental Police Course).

(iii) Normally 5 officers and 50 ORs from Groups.

(iv) Submitted for all courses.

(v) Not applicable.

C. For completion by Staff Captain 'A'.

D. (a) Instructional Staff (Italian) to strength less one marmellotto di maggiorata.
(b) Not applicable.

E. (i) List of equipment received during month attached.
(ii) No outstanding urgencies.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE

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Captain,
Provost,
'F' British Liaison and Training Unit, MTC NCF

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Letter ref PRO/60/115
dated 29 Jun 45

APPENDIX "E"

List of Equipment issued during the month ending 30th June, 1945

Unit.	Stores received.	Transport received.
HQ 152 Ist Pro Coy CCIS	Helmets, crash 19	Lorries 3 ton GS 3 ✓ (Class V training vehs)

✓ An Italian internal arrangement and one which is beyond the WEs which provide for each Section, 1 lorry 3 ton GS Class I.

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Captain
Provost
'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit RTC LCF.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Ordnance Services, MTC ICF.

'F' British Liaison and Training Unit.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref CRO/L/8.

26 June 45.

To : Commandant,
'F' British Liaison & Training Unit.

1. Courses.

(a) 2 Officers and 16 ORs completed a course for Storemen R.T at R.A.O.C. Training Establishment on 10 June. The report for all except 1 OR was good, and HQ MTC ICF have been requested to give suitable employment to those concerned: a recommendation agreed upon but apparently NOT YET implemented.

(b) 3 Officers and 6 ORs were despatched from CRONO to commence a course for Storemen Armaments on 11 June at R.A.O.C Training Establishment. It was reported that 3 ORs took unauthorised leave en route and arrived late.

2. Control.

Owing to satisfactory progress the Central Storehouse, MTC ICF (Clothing and General Stores) has now been handed over completely to HQ MTC ICF, who control all issues to units.

3. Services.

The Boot Repair Shop began work in the early part of the month. Its output has been disappointingly small, due largely to the fact that usually only 5 or 6 cobblers are working instead of 10.

4. Accommodation.

Racks and shelving have been erected at long last in the Central Storehouse. There is a very large improvement in tidyness, efficiency and the saving of space.

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5. General Remarks.

MT and Technical Stores :- In agreement with HQMTC of

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'F' British Liaison & Training Unit.

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2. Central.

Owing to satisfactory progress the Central Storehouse, RTC ICF (Clothing and General Stores) has now been handed over completely to HQ RTC ICF, who control all issues to units.

3. Services.

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5. General Remarks.

MT and Technical Stores :- In agreement with RAPWE of this Unit, it has been decided to recommend the formation of a small Ordnance Technical Stores Section, to combine the functions of Ord Fld Park and Workshops Stores Section. Its existence would facilitate the demand and supply of MT and Technical spares, which at present is seriously hamstrung by lack of Technical manuals and Parts Lists in Units and no link between them and the [illegible] except through a RASC Technician and/or a competent interpreter who understands technical terms and designations in the two languages.

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