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August 1946.

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Comd A.O. (MMA)

Part I - 12 I.B.U.

1. Lt. Col A.V. [illegible] OBE (A & SA) assumed command of the Unit w.e.f. 15th July 1946.

2. Major D.H. [illegible] (R.Ed.Rgts) left for England on class 'A' release on 12th July 1946.

3. Major J.O. HUANE (R.A.O.C) rejoined the Unit from LEAP on 21st July 1946 and has been since posted to another Unit.

4. Particulars in all ranks against W.E. and details of all ranks due to leave the unit in the immediate future are contained in Appendix 'F'.

5. On 5th July 1946 the Officers' Mess was closed. Officers are now accommodated in M.T.E. 'B' Mess Albergo Milano.

6. On 15th July 1946 the Sergeants and Cfs messes were closed. The Sergeants are now accommodated at the Albergo Dell'Urbe and the Cfs at the Albergo Savoy.

7. During the first week of August the offices will be transferred to the [illegible] Building and the vehicles to the Super Garage.

8. Vehicle State is contained in Appendix 'G'.

Part II - SCHOOLS - GENERAL.

9. Visits.

Major General M.H. Goulburn DSO Commander NZ. visited the Infantry School at Cesano, the Artillery Schools at Terracina and Civitavecchia and the School of Tactics on 16th July 1946.

10. Courses.

A forecast of courses to be held at all Schools is contained in Appendix 'A'.

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16th July 1946.

4. Major W.R. WILSON (R.Sigs) left for England on class 'A' release on 12th July 1946.

5. Major R.C. WILSON (R.A.C) rejoined the Unit from LILLE on 21st July 1946 and was then posted to another Unit.

6. Reinforcements in all ranks against W.E. and details of all ranks due to leave the unit in the immediate future are contained in Appendix 'F'.

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Part III - SCHOOL OF TACTICS.

'G' Points.

11. Training Stores.

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The training stores used at SIVI have been retained. There is, however, an urgent need for a permanent large scale model, an epidiascope and a film projector.

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12. General Remarks.

Although the programmes and syllabi for courses have been prepared the opening date for courses has been again postponed. A course for instructors is scheduled to commence on 5 August 1946 and the first student course on 7 October 1946.

'A' Points.

13. Instructors.

It is hoped that the deficiency of instructors will be made good as a result of a special course beginning 5 August 1946.

14. Administrative Staff.

All vacancies in the S.E. are filled and the staff is working efficiently.

15. Welfare.

An Officers Mess and Club and O.R. Canteen with Reading and Writing Rooms have been constructed. Arrangements have been made to provide transport for visits to Suez and Ismailia. In addition playing fields have been constructed.

16. Health.

(a) Medical.

The standard of health is high and the Medical Officer is well trained and efficient.

(b) Hygiene.

The standard of hygiene at the beginning of the month was very low indeed. There has been an improvement and the Commandant has been advised to adopt 3r routine hygiene inspections and to show films and display posters in an attempt to make all ranks "hygiene conscious".

'G' Points.

17. Accommodation.

Despite the fact that the civilian contractor has been working on the buildings for six months, constructional work is only half completed. There is sufficient accommodation to run a course but the school is able only to run on a reduced scale.

18. Vehicles.

The School possesses its full establishment of vehicles. This consists of 15 vehicles of all types. Of these 8 are off the road. The main cause of trouble is the poor condition of tyres and a subsidiary cause - bad driving.

19. Clothing.

All troops are clothed in Summer Clothing.

Part IV - SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL TRANS.

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Part IV - SCHOOL OF ARMOURED CARS.

'G' Points.

20. Training Stores.

The main hindrance to training is the deficiency of dingoes. The School has a well equipped wireless room and similar demonstration rooms are being prepared for Gunnery and Tactics. It is not possible to show training films as the electric transformer has not yet been installed.

21. Training Accommodation.

Good classrooms have been constructed although in some cases they are dark and pillars cause obstruction.

22. Courses completed during the month.

A course of Driving Instruction on Staghounds attended by 100 Carabinieri was concluded during the month.

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23. Courses in Progress.

A course attended by the permanent staff of the school is being held at the Centro Studii Rome. The course is technical and a Staghound has been dismantled and re-assembled.

24. General Remarks.

Continuity has been difficult on account of construction of the school and preparedness for internal security duties. The standard of driving instruction is good.

'A' Points.

25. Administrative Staff.

There is a large deficiency of technical personnel required for the repair and maintenance of Armoured Cars.

26. Welfare.

As the School is situated in Rome there are no major welfare problems. A canteen is being constructed.

'B' Points.

27. Accommodation.

Building constructional work is not yet complete. Workshop electric lighting and sanitary fittings are the main items outstanding. These will be completed during August 1946 and the school then will have a high standard of accommodation.

28. Vehicles.

'B' vehicles held on the establishment for administration are satisfactory except for a shortage of spare jeep tyres. The Staghound Armoured Cars are mechanically sound but there are no spares whatsoever. There is a shortage of special oil for this type of vehicle and it is not available from Italian sources. A deficiency of nine dingoes on an authorised establishment of 12 is causing great hindrance to training.

Part V - SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY.

'C' Points.

29. Training Stores.

Most of the training stores contained on the consolidated indent have been received. The condition of stores on receipt is poor e.g.

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

(b) Of the thirteen 17 Pdrs at the School only three have efficient telescopes.

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30. Training Areas.

The letter received from the Mayor of Innsbruck forbidding further use of the 25 pdr range has been withdrawn. Modernisation and expansion of the A/T range at S. SEVERO is now under consideration.

31. Recruit Training.

There have been no recruit training courses during this month. The next course is due to commence on Sept 15 1946.

32. General Remarks.

Except for a series of three courses of a month's duration all courses held at the school this year have been run with the primary object of producing instructors at the school and R.T.C.

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32. General Remarks (Continued).

This state of affairs is likely to continue until the end of the year, when the R.A.F.C. will be established as an independent unit. It will also be possible for the School to broaden its scope of instruction.

'A' Points.

33. Instructors.

There is a growing shortage of instructors in all branches for the following reasons.

(a) Poor living conditions for married Officers and NCOs at BENEVENTANO compared with ROME.

(b) The need to maintain a minimum cadre of trained Officers and NCOs in the Divisions. Replacement of released reservist Officers by untrained returned POW is the main reason for this steady demand.

(c) Increased enrolments at the School of Artillery.

(d) Anticipated increase in number of Artillery recruits in the next call up.

To overcome this shortage it is proposed to improve living conditions and form married quarters at CIVITAVECCHIA. In addition a series of four weekly courses is being held to overcome the shortage of trained personnel in the Divisions.

34. Administrative Staff.

Proposals for the re-organisation of the School of Artillery are under discussion. It is proposed to form the recruit training centre at Civitavecchia under an independent command.

35. Welfare.

Welfare facilities continue to improve but until there is either a reduction in prices of all commodities or a marked increase in soldiers' pay, canteens will remain an expensive luxury to the ordinary soldier.

36. Health.

Although the standard of hygiene remains very low indeed, the incidence of sickness is low and less than 2% have been admitted to hospital.

'B' Points.

37. Accomodation.

The reconstruction of the Due d' Aosta barracks, Civitavecchia will not be completed until 15 December 1946. Until that time accomodation will remain an acute problem. Unless married quarters are constructed at Brindisi

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39. Rabies.

37. Accomodation.

The reconstruction of the Duc d' Aosta barracks, Civitavecchia will not be completed until 15 December 1946. Until that time accomodation will remain an acute problem. Unless married quarters are constructed at Frascinone or part of the barracks set aside for married families as at Civitavecchia, discontent will continue among the married members of the permanent staff.

38. Clothing.

Judged by British standards, clothing is poor. Apart from the lack of uniformity, the shortage of soap and cleaning materials and the exorbitant price of such commodities in the local market means that clothing and equipment is frequently worn in a dirty state.

39. Vehicles.

The release of ten Class I vehicles has eased the M.T. situation. There is, however, a critical shortage of spares. Jeeps are kept on the road by purchasing spare parts in the black market in Rome.

A.M.C. Tractors for Medium Artillery and M.T. equipment released to the School, are urgently required.

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Part VI - SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS.

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40. Training Stores.

On 24 July the Instructor R.E. 12 E.L.U. visited GHQ CMF and obtained release of 50 tons of training stores.

41. Training Areas.

The main training area is situated at Aurelia. It is adequate for Demolitions and General Field works but unsuitable for Bridging. There is no natural gap, which makes bridging unrealistic. The subsidiary training area near the Caserio Barracks is also satisfactory for all training less Bridging.

42. Courses completed during the month.

The recruit training course ended on 6 July '46. The final results are not yet available.

43. General Reserve Recruit Training.

Apart from alterations to training programmes, which were made necessary by the shortage of training stores, the last training period for recruits was successful. The programme for the next intake in September has been revised and upon receipt of training stores from Cancello the standard and scope of instruction will be raised.

44 Points.

44. Instructors.

The standard of instruction at the School is satisfactory with the exception of instruction on Bailey Bridging. There has been improvement recently, however, in this section of training. There is a small deficiency in instructors and it is intended to retain suitable Officers and NCOs as instructors from the courses now in progress.

45. Administrative Staff.

The Administrative Staff is up to strength except for the appointment of a new Commandant.

46. Welfare.

An endeavour has been made to secure a cinema projector for the Aurelia barracks but without success. Arrangements have been made, however, for admittance of troops at the local cinemas at reduced prices.

47. Discipline.

There has been a marked improvement in discipline since the election

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42. Courses completed during the month.

The recruit training course ended on 6 July '45. The final results are not yet available.

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Apart from alterations to training programmes, which were made necessary by the shortage of training stores, the last training period for recruits was successful. The programme for the next intake in September has been revised and upon receipt of training stores from Cancello the standard and scope of instruction will be raised.

44. Drills.

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46. Administrative Staff.

The Administrative Staff is up to strength except for the appointment of a new Quartermaster.

46. Welfare.

An endeavour has been made to secure a cinema projector for the Marcelle barracks but without success. Arrangements have been made, however, for admittance of troops at the local cinemas at reduced prices.

47. Discipline.

There has been a marked improvement in discipline since the election period.

48. Health.

Good. Minor ailments only with no cases of malaria.

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'Q' Points.

49. Accomodation.

The recruit intake less two companies are accomodated at the Aurelia barracks. Owing to lack of accomodation two companies are accomodated with the permanent staff at Baccile barracks, Civitavecchia. Proposals to move the School to the site of the British School of Engineering near Capua are under discussion.

50. Clothing.

The recruits arriving from the CRTs were well clothed. The permanent staff, however, are equipped with low quality clothing.

51. Vehicles.

The present vehicle state is as follows :-

Light vehicles	4
15 cwts	3
3 tonners	16
Special vehicles e.g.	
Autobuses, Compressors	4
M/Cs (4 S/S)	5
Bulldozers D4	2

Replacements for the M/C are urgently required and also spare parts to keep the vehicles in a serviceable condition.

52. Reconditioned Stores.

572 tables and 740 forms are urgently required to form a suitable issue for recruits.

Part VII - SCHOOL OF SIGNALS.

'Q' Points.

53. Training Stores.

The final demand has not yet been met but the interim demand has provided a satisfactory minimum of training stores.

54. Training Accomodation.

The classrooms are still under construction although some are in use. When they are completed they will be very good indeed.

55. Courses completed during the month.

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	Lineman Telephonist	Lineman-Despatch Rider.
Excellent	11	3
Very Good	11	2
Good	164	59
Satisfactory	183	45
Unsatisfactory	26	271

'A' Points.

56. Instructors.

The School is deficient of 35 subaltern instructors. The standard of instruction is satisfactory.

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57. Welfare.

A large "Ridotto di Case per i Servizi" is in an advanced state of construction. This will contain a new canteen, recreation room, library, barbers shop etc.

58. Health.

The incidence of sickness has been low. An infirmary exists in the School for cases requiring a few days in bed. Although conditions in the infirmary have improved, the standard is still far below a British equivalent.

"Q" Points.

59. Accommodation.

The accommodation for students and unmarried members of the permanent staff is satisfactory and is improving daily. There is not, however, accommodation for married Officers and NCOs families. Suitable accommodation is available near the School but is at present occupied by refugees rendered homeless through the war. Steps are being taken to transfer the refugees to other buildings and this, if carried out would ease the problem of providing married quarters for the School.

60. Clothing.

There is a serious shortage of boots and socks. There is also anxiety as to whether the Ministry of War will take, in time, necessary steps for the provision of winter clothing.

61. Vehicles.

Sufficient vehicles are held for administrative purposes but there is an urgent need of wireless trucks for training purposes.

The School holds the following vehicles :-

Allied -	Trucks 15 cwt G.S.	14	
	15 cwt W.T.	4	(2 U/S)
	5 cwt 4 x 4.	5	
	M/C	31	(19 U/S)
Italian -	Cars 4 str	1	
	Trucks 15 cwt Petrol	1	
	Diesel	2	
	Lorries 3 ton petrol	3	
	Diesel	3	
	Autobuses.	2	

Part VIII - SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

62. Training Stores.

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	Autobuses.	2	

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63. Training Areas.

Training areas at the moment are restricted owing to the harvest. This applies particularly to the mortar range and at present training takes place rather a long way from the School. The construction of a permanent rifle range remains a matter of extreme importance.

64. Training Accommodation.

Training accommodation is satisfactory except for the CAP Instructors course to be held at [illegible], where work is required to renovate the hutted camp.

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65. Courses completed during the month.

Internal courses on 3-in Mortar, Snipers and Carriers were held during the month. Results are not yet available.

66. General Service Recruit Training.

Due to lack of equipment, shortage of instructors and unfinished accommodation the School is not ready to receive recruits.

(A) Points.

67. Instructors.

The situation of Instructors is far from satisfactory. The Instructors in many cases are below the standard required and there is a large deficiency against the W.E.

The reasons for the poor quality of instructors are :

(a) The demobilisation of reserved personnel.

(b) The poor conditions of service at CENTO both in pay and accommodation.

The following Instructors are required.

3-in Mortar	5 Officers and 20 NCOs.
R.A.C.	11 Officers and 24 NCOs.
Artillery.	2 Officers and 6 NCOs.
Drill Instructors	17 Officers and 30 NCOs.

68. Administrative Staff.

The School is up to strength in Officers and NCOs but many are too old for the job. There is a temporary shortage of OR men owing to the recent demobilisation programme.

69. Welfare.

There is need for adequate playing fields, etc. A canteen exists but is unfurnished. The goods sold at the canteen are too expensive for purchase by the ordinary soldier. A cinema has been installed with a change of programme twice weekly. A fund has been formed to enable a grant to be made to soldiers families in financial difficulties.

(B) Points.

70. Accommodation.

Work is in progress to clear some of the major accommodation problems. The cookhouses for recruits are under construction. It is considered that the accommodation will be satisfactory in three months time. Many of the windows have been fitted with windowlite and it would improve the standard of accommodation if these could be replaced with glass.

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(b) The poor conditions of service at CEAMO both in pay and accomodation.

The following instructors are required.

Gun Section	5 Officers and 20 NCOs.
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Signals.	2 Officers and 6 NCOs.
Drill Instructors	17 Officers and 30 NCOs.

69. Morale of the Staff.

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70. Welfare.

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Not Points.

70. Accomodation.

Work is in progress to raise some of the major accomodation problems. The cookhouses for recruits are under construction. It is considered that the accomodation will be satisfactory in three months time. Many of the windows have been fitted with windshlits and it would improve the standard of accomodation if these could be replaced with glass.

71. Clothing.

The state of clothing of students from territorial divisions is still unsatisfactory. 500 suits of overalls have been obtained from the Ministry of War and a further 700 suits indented for. This should ensure uniformity in clothing.

72. Vehicles.

(a) 'B' Vehicles.

The School is deficient of the following 'B' vehicles.

Type	Deficient against W.E.	Off the road awaiting Spares.
Cars 4 str	-	2
15 cwt Trucks	8	4
3 ton Lorries.	3	4
W/C vehicle	1	-
M/C	8	4

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72. Vehicles.

(a) 'B' Vehicles (Continued)

The number of vehicles off the road is high due to the fact that no spare parts whatsoever are held at the School. If a vehicle has a puncture it is necessary to use civilian repair facilities. If a major repair is required, the nearest Italian Workshop is BOLOGNA.

(b) 'A' Vehicles.

The School uses carriers a great deal for both tactical training and driving instruction. The carriers held were received eighteen months ago and were then Class II and III. No spare parts have been received and they have been kept on the road by a process of cannibalisation. The release of further tracked vehicles and spares to scale is urgently required.

73. General Barracks.

The slowness in the construction of living accommodation and in release of training stores has made the training of recruits an impossibility. Furthermore the training equipment is deteriorating in condition rapidly due to lack of oil and suitable cleaning materials.

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'C' Points.

74. Training Stores.

Few training stores are required and most of the items are available from Italian sources.

75. Training Accommodation.

Whilst two of the classrooms are very well fitted up, one is extremely noisy. Suitable accommodation will be found when the S.L.U. vacates its offices. A cinema is also required for the showing of training films.

'A' Points.

76. Instructors.

The standard of instruction is good. Capt. Scicon who commands the School will be released shortly. This will be a great loss to the School.

77. Discipline.

Very good - a higher standard than at any other School.

'B' Points.

78. Accommodation.

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The standard of instruction is good. Capt. Soiscon who commands the School will be released shortly. This will be a great loss to the School.

77. Discipline.

Very good - a higher standard than at any other School.

'B' Points.

78. Accommodation.

On the move of 12 B.L.U. more accommodation was made available and with a few adjustments will be satisfactory.

Part X - P.T. SCHOOL.

'C' Points.

79. Training Stores.

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Purchases from surplus NAAFI stores have enabled the School to obtain the bare essentials. Running shoes, wrestling mats, track suits, are required and can only be purchased at prohibitive prices.

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80. Training Areas.

The School requires an athletic track. Engineer assistance is required for its construction and will cost L. 1,000,000.

81. Training Accommodation.

If the School is to remain at CINECITTA permanently the floor of the gymnasium requires re-tiling and in order that the syllabus may be extended a swimming bath is essential.

'A' Points.

82. Instructors.

All British APTC Instructors have now left. The C.I. (PT) is due for release in the near future. A civilian instructor is employed for gymnastics but the School requires an expert boxing instructor.

83. Administrative Staff.

The W.E. is insufficient in numbers and requires revision.

84. Health.

The physical condition of students on arrival is low. Attempts are being made to increase the food ration for students to withstand the strenuous training which is carried out at the School. There have been cases of scabies due to the poor washing facilities and the shortage of water. The water system is in the process of improvement but more fuel is required to increase the number of hot baths available to students.

'A' Points.

85. Accommodation.

The accommodation available to the School at CINECITTA is inadequate. Some billets of like will be required to construct suitable accommodation and ancillary facilities. Suitable sites exist in ROME i.e. the Foro Mussolini and Forte Aurelio.

86. Clothing.

The permanent staff can be suitably clothed by using the training grant but this does not extend to students. Students are equipped with a light boot in lieu of PT shoes. This causes unnecessary wear and strain on training apparatus.

87. Vehicles.

The School requires 2 cars 4 str for the administrative staff and an increase of 2 x 3 tonners to transport students for swimming instruction.

Part XI - SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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85. Welfare.

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The accommodation available to the School at CESANO is inadequate. Many millions of lire will be required to construct suitable accomodation and washing facilities. Suitable sites exist in ROME i.e. the Foro Mussolini and Monte Mario.

b. Clothing.

The permanent staff can be suitably clothed by using the training depot but this does not extend to students. Students are equipped with a light boot in lieu of PT shoes. This causes unnecessary wear and strain on training apparatus.

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Part XI - SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION.

'G' Points.

88. General Remarks Recruit Training.

The final number of recruits, now in their tenth week of training, who it is estimated will qualify for a driving license is approximately 80%. The system by which men are posted by the School is unsatisfactory in that personnel are named and directed to units irrespective of their suitability. It is strongly advised that personnel be posted by numbers and that the selection of men is left to the jurisdiction of Colonel Nigri. If this method were adopted it would be possible to retain suitable students as instructors.

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'A' Points.

89. Administrative Staff.

There is a shortage of regimental officers. In order to maintain discipline it is essential that the present deficiency be made good.

90. Welfare.

A new office has been added to the canteen and better sleeping accommodation is now available for the permanent staff. White coats for the staff, a new bacon slicing machine and a weighing machine have been purchased out of the profits. The takings for June amounted to 39,000 lire.

A system of distribution of profits from Italian Army canteens has been devised by the Ministry of War. 75% of the profits are returned to the Ministry of War towards the repayment of the original grant, 10% is earmarked as a reserve fund and 50% spent on comforts. The remainder is used to provide prizes for outstanding recruits.

91. Health.

The general health of recruits remains good but nearly 20% were in a low medical category on arrival. Insufficient attention is given at the CMPs in the selection of personnel for driving instruction, especially in regard to eyesight.

'Q' Points.

92. Accommodation.

Owing to the end of the financial year all Engineer work has stopped until such time as further money is allocated. The cookhouse is completed. The class rooms for the Officers course have been decorated.

93. Vehicles.

There is a large deficiency in vehicles. It is strongly urged that all efforts be made to increase the number of vehicles held by the School before the next recruit training course commences on 15 September '46. A summary of vehicles held is as follows :-

	W.E.	Holdings.	Deficiencies.
Passenger Vehicles.	24	10	14
Light Lorries.	40	14	26
Heavy Lorries.	248	189	59
Water Cart	1	-	1
W/C Lorries	4	1	3
Light Carriers.	8	-	8
M/Cs	100	51	49

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Part XII - MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE

'G' Points.

94. Training Stores.

Sufficient training stores are held for the size of the present course. One complete vehicle only is held for instructional purposes but without lifting appliances this cannot be stripped for instructional purposes. Tool kits and workshop equipment are very scarce.

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95. Training Accomodation.

The class rooms and demonstration rooms are satisfactory but it is necessary to stagger programmes owing to shortage of accomodation.

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'A' Points.

96. [illegible]

[illegible] are 4 Officers and 11 NCO instructors. This total is [illegible] and it is proposed to increase the number of instructors by retaining the best students. This is not a very satisfactory solution since the student at the end of his course has only six months to serve.

97. Administrative Staff.

The administrative staff consists of the O.C. and Adjutant. Clerical duties are being performed by students. This is most unsatisfactory.

'G' Points.

98. Accommodation.

The standard of accommodation is satisfactory. Showers have been installed during the month. Alterations are in progress to form a workshop for practical instruction. Until the building is completed, practical work is being done in classrooms.

99. Vehicles.

No vehicles are held on the strength of the School. All transport requirements are met by the School of Motorisation.

Part XIII - ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE.

This School, situated in the Duo d'Aosta barracks Civitavecchia, is under command of the School of Artillery. All 'A' and 'Q' points recorded earlier in this report in respect of the School of Artillery apply equally to this School.

'A' Points.

100. Instructors.

There are 32 NCO Instructors who are more than sufficient to handle the courses now in progress. Two assistant instructors have been trained from the permanent staff of the School.

'G' Points.

101. Training Stores.

Training has been hindered by the shortage of tools and in particular gun gauges.

Part XIV - SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE.

'G' Points.

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'G' Points.

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Part XIV - SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE.

'G' Points.

102. Training Stores.

During the month many demonstration models for hygiene and medical subjects have been obtained from Allied and Italian sources.

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'A' Points.

103. Instructors.

(a) Officers.

The W.T. is filled but only seven out of twenty three have qualified as instructors from previous courses. The remainder must follow the courses to which they have been assigned before they can be used as Instructors. This situation has arisen due to the fact that the instructors sent to the School have not been drawn from the officers who did best at the School of Administration at Caserta.

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103. Instructors (Continued)

(b) NCOs.

The W.E. amounts to 25 NCO instructors. Twenty one are held of which four are qualified instructors.

104. Administrative Staff.

The W.E. requires adjustment. An increase of 3 Officers, 2 Senior NCOs and 6 Junior NCOs and 32 ORs is necessary for the School to function smoothly. Since the School is tasked to teach administration it is considered essential that sufficient personnel are maintained on the permanent staff to ensure perfect administration of the School itself.

105. Welfare.

A good Officers Mess and a bar for all ranks has been formed. The Depelsaure Pinggir which was intended as a recreation centre and canteen and also as a model for a similar centres in other schools is now being dereguisitioned.

106. Health.

(a) The water supply is limited and is only available for one quarter of the day. A request has been made for a water trailer but this has not yet been issued.

107. General Remarks.

The morale of instructors is low on account of the economic situation. Officer and NCO instructors who do not live at KEMTI have not been able to find lodgings for their families on account of the expense.

'D' Points.

108. Accommodation.

Much trouble and expense have been given to constructing Officers' sleeping quarters. However, at the last moment it was discovered that the foundations were faulty and that the building was in danger of collapse. The officers are accommodated temporarily in Long barrack rooms and civilian hotels at Ipoh. The JCO and OR sleeping quarters are being improved but are not yet finished.

109. Vehicles.

The vehicle state is as follows :-

1/0	2 (one in W/S)
3 tonners	2
15 cwt	1 (in W/S)
Jeeps	2 (in W/S)

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'G' Points.

108. Accommodation.

Much trouble and expense have been given to constructing Officers' sleeping quarters. However, at the last moment it was discovered that the foundations were faulty and that the building was in danger of collapse. The officers are accomodated temporarily in large barrack rooms and civilian hotels at Rieti. The NCO and OR sleeping quarters are being improved but are not yet finished.

109. Vehicles.

The vehicle state is as follows :-

M/C	2 (one in W/S)
3 tonners	2
15 cwt	1 (in W/S)
Jeeps	2 (in W/S)

The situation is very serious since the School is a self contained unit and has to depend on supplies from NCME, a distance of eighty seven kilometers. The School has managed to obtain four mules and two mule carts, which have proved useful for local transport details.

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Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

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APPENDICES

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Appendix II - Deficiencies in all ranks against W.E.

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PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS AUG/SEPT. 1946.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students Officers	NCOs.	Troops.	(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	
Tactics	School Instructors	20	-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	Firs
Armoured Car	No 1 Course	11 CO RR 18 Cav	20 CRR 20 Cav	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Comp
Artillery	No 3 Instr 25pdr	10	15	-				Next
	for F A Regts 17 pdr	8	30	-	4 weeks	16 July	13 Aug	15 S
	4.0 cm	8	20	-				
	No 10 Instructors	-	20	-	4 weeks	18 July	15 Aug	
	Course for Instr R.T.O.	20	40	-	4 weeks	13 Aug	10 Sept	
Engineer	Advanced Recruit	-	-	575	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	No f
	NCO's Course	-	40	-	4 weeks	8 July	5 Aug	cour
	Junior officers	20	-	-	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	
Signals	Switchboard op	-	-	140	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
	Telegraphist	-	-	160	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
	Wireless op	-	-	346	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
	Electrician	-	-	75	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	All
	Radio-Mechanic	-	-	50	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
	Telegraph Mech	-	-	33	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
	Arty Signaller	-	-	500	12 weeks	6 May	6 Aug	
Infantry	T A C	30	90	-	6 weeks	4 July	15 Aug	

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P COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS AUG/SEPT. 1946.

(c) Students Officers	(c) Students HORs.	(c) Students Troops.	(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks
20	-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	First Student course commences 7 Oct
11 CO HR 18 Cav	20 CMR 20 Cav	- -	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Complete course including tactics
10	15	-				Next recruit courses schedule for 15 Sept.
8	30	-	4 weeks	16 July	13 Aug	
6	20	-				
-	20	-	4 weeks	18 July	15 Aug	
20	40	-	4 weeks	13 Aug	10 Sept	
-	-	575	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	No further courses scheduled until courses for recruits in Sept.
-	40	-	4 weeks	8 July	5 Aug	
20	-	-	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	
-	-	140	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
-	-	160	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
-	-	366	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
-	-	73	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	All recruit courses.
-	-	50	21 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
-	-	33	21 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
-	-	500	12 weeks	6 May	6 Aug	
30	90	-	6 weeks	4 July	15 Aug	

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(a) School.	(b) Course	(c) Students Offrs	NCOs.	Troops	(d) Duration	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	
Infantry	Pl Weapons	33	90	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	Snipers	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	Carriers	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	3" Mortar	36	36	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	T A C	200	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
	CAS Instrn.	50	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
	Sniper	-	-	66	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept	Recruit
	Mortar 3"	-	-	364	6 weeks	12 Aug	23 Sept	Subject
	M M G.	-	-	575	8-12 weeks	12 Aug	7-21 Oct	Duratio used.
Police	Course No 6	20	25	75 OCDR	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
P.T.	Course No 5	30	60	-	12 weeks	12 Aug	4 Nov	
Motorisation and M R T C.	Recruit D & M	-	-	1394	14 weeks	25 May	31 Aug	Next D also O detail
	Turners	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Ins
	Blacksmiths	-	-	23	6 months	do	do	Sob
	Carpenters	-	-	23	6 months	do	do	
	Welders	-	-	27	6 months	do	do	
	Coach Trimmers	-	-	6	6 months	do	do	
	Sheet metal workers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	Ins
	Radiator repairers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
	Testers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
	Printers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
	Hydraulic brake spec	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
	Fault Rectifier	-	-	5	6 months	do	do	
	Tyre Repairers	-	-	6	6 months	do	do	
	Fitters	-	-					

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(c) Students			(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Offrs	NCOs.	Troops	Duration	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
33	90	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
36	36	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
200	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
50	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
-	-	6[illegible]	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept	Recruit courses. Date of commencement
-	-	364	6 weeks	12 Aug	23 Sept	Subject to arrival of equipment.
-	-	575	8-12 weeks	12 Aug	7-21 Oct	Duration dependent on type of equip used.
20	25	75 CCIR	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
30	60	-	12 weeks	12 Aug	4 Nov	
-	-	1394	14 weeks	25 May	31 Aug	Next D.E. Course scheduled for Sept 15 also Officers course but no further details available.
-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruction given at Instructional School Duc d' Aosta.
-	-	23	6 months	do	do	
-	-	23	6 months	do	do	
-	-	27	6 months	do	do	
-	-	6	6 months	do	do	
-	-	1	6 months	do	do	Instruction given at Centro Studi Roma.
-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
-	-	5	6 months	do	do	
-	-	6	6 months	do	do	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students Offrs	WOCs.	Troops	(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends
(cont) K R T C	Fitters vehicle	-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47
	Engine Specialist	-	-	114	do	do	do
	Chassis Spec.	-	-	49	do	do	do
	Electricians	-	-	18	do	do	do
	Injectors pump spec	-	-	1	do	do	do
Adm and Welfare	Services	15 8 Air Force 10 OCTU	9 Air Force	-	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug
	Man Management	8 8Air force 7 OC.RC	7 6 Air Force	-	4 week	22 July	19 Aug
	Hygiene	17 1 Air Force	14 Air Force	-	do	do	do
	Office clerk	-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept.

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(c) Students Officers	(c) Students NCOs.	(c) Students Troops	(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks.
-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47	
-	-	114	do	do	do	
-	-	49	do	do	do	Instruction given at Fiat works
-	-	18	do	do	do	Rome
-	-	1	do	do	do	
15 8 Air Force 10 CCRR	9 Air Force	-	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
8 Air Force 7 CC.RR	7 6 Air Force	-	4 week	22 July	19 Aug	
17 1 Air Force	14 Air Force	-	do	do	do	
-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept.	

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Location Statement of Italian Schools

Ref: Maps Italy 1:200,000 Sheets 16 and 17
1: 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Ref. Sheet No.
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured car School	Tor di Quinto	F 733727
4.	School of Artillery Fd Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
	A/A & A/T Branch	Civitavecchia	F 1891
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cecchignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Cesano	F 6286
8.	Police School	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Cecchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	D 0725

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10.	School of Motorisation	Cecchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	F 0723

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STAFF LIST - 12 B.L.U.

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G.S.O. I	T/Lt.Col.	A.W.	GLYNN OBE	(28390)	A & S.H.
G.S.O. III	T/Capt.	A.W.	GUPPYS	(253416)	R.A.

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D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	T/Maj.	R.N.J.	HIGGARD	(236667)	R.E.
Staff Capt.	T/Capt.	W.R.	TREVELYAN	(256126)	R.E.

SERVICES

D.A.D.S.T.	T/Maj.	C.T.	MERRIDEW OBE	(120430)	R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.O.S.	"	"			
D.A.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	A.T.	TWIGG	(250419)	R.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH

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G.S.O. II (SCHOOLS) ENG	T/Maj.	W.L.	PRICE MVO	(74638)	N.Staff
G.S.O. II (SCHOOLS) ENG	T/Maj	M.V.	CLAWIE	(67432)	R.Ir.Fus

R.A.

INSTRUCTOR R.A. (Major)	T/Maj.	C.K.	ALEXANDER	(37457)	R.A.

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D.A.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	A.E.	TWIST	(290[illegible])	R.E.M.E.

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INSTRUCTOR R.Signals (Major)					

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st AUGUST 1946

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	T.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	
1	[illegible]	1560133		5241926	E	-	-	
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L. 5689402	[illegible] 6191	D. 604206	[illegible]	-	-	
3	[illegible] 3 ton 4x2 G.S.	L. 5686553	[illegible] 2920	3154.305.131	-	-	B.L.R.	
4	[illegible] 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L. 5313338		[illegible].15421	-	L.R.	-	
5	[illegible] 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	[illegible]. 5736069	[illegible]282-1938	31018037	[illegible]	-	-	
6	[illegible] 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	[illegible]. 5358[illegible]3	-	-	[illegible]	-	-	Held on B.A.O.
7	[illegible] 2 ste 4 x 2 [illegible]	5100869	[illegible]. 1123	1560869	-	L.R.	-	
8	[illegible] 2 ste 4 x 2 [illegible]	[illegible]. 6179[illegible]7	[illegible]	[illegible].6[illegible]2	[illegible]	-	-	Held for Authy [illegible]
9	[illegible] 4 str 4 x 4	5526[illegible]71	-	[illegible].15642	[illegible]	-	-	Required
10	"	5159[illegible]6	-	-		-	-	

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st AUGUST 1946

Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
	594.1996	E	-	-	F.R.
[illegible] 6191	D. 604206	E	-	-	GOOD.
[illegible] 2920	1154.305.1[illegible]	-	-	B.L.R.	-
	[illegible].15421	-	L.R.	-	F.R.
[illegible]268-1998	51[illegible]3097	E	-	-	GOOD.
-	-	E	-	-	Held on W.E. of 1[illegible], A.T. Loaned to 12 B.L.U.
[illegible]. 1143	1360869	-	L.R.	-	GOOD.
[illegible]2[illegible]352	[illegible].6[illegible]	E	-	-	Held in lieu of 15 cwt Dodge S. 4902463 Authy [illegible] A.L. [illegible].204 dated 27 May 1946
-	[illegible].13[illegible].42	-	-	-	Requires new sump.
-	-	-	-	-	F.R.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	T.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	M'Tolerat. (M)	Local Repair (LR)	Boy Rep
11	FIAT G.R. MD 4 str 4 x 4	C.563669	-	-	M	-	
12	MERCURY C.T. 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5104007	-	-	M	-	
13	TRITON T/C 3010 500 c.c.	C.5426264	S. 2956	-	M	-	
14	[illegible] T/C 3010 500 c.c.	C.511 7266	23/3/1048	-	M	-	
15	"	C.1461106	B. 182	-	M	-	
16	"	C.5547039	294/255/5209	-	M	-	
RIDE TOC BACHERT.							
1	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 U.S.	C.1740602	23959	C/D.2079	-	L.R.	
2	[illegible] T/C 500 c.c.	C.1431656	[illegible]	WM. 20-21207	M	-	
3	"	C.554.3060	-	WM. 20-106553	M	-	
4	"	C.1706071	-	WM. 20-73779	M	-	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 42 and

correct.

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-	-	E	-	-	BLR.
-	-	E	-	-	GOOD
S. 2956	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
23/S/1048	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
B. 182	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
294/255/5209	-	E	-	-	GOOD.
23959	C/D.2079	-	L.R.	-	GOOD.
-	WM. 20-21207	E	-	-	GOOD.
-	W. 20-106553	E	-	-	GOOD.
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.....Lt. Colonel
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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. C&/1018/1 dated 1 June 45 (As amended)

( ) Officers

D.A.D.O.S. - Major
Instr. R. Sigs Major

(ii) Other Ranks	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Totals
Clerks R.A.O.C. L/Cpl	-	-	-	1	1
Storeman Tech. R.A.O.C. Cpl.	-	-	1	-	1
Arm. Art. (Fd) S/Sgt	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech. Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Elec. Veh. & Plant Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Mech. Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech REME Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Instrs R.A. Sgts	-	2	-	-	2
Clerk C.D. (RA) Gnr	-	-	-	1	1
Instr (Carrier) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (6 pr A/T) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (Carrier) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks C.D. (Any Arm) Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks C.D. (Any Arm) Pte	-	-	-	1	1
Instr. R.E. Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (R Sigs) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Storemen L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
C.D. Mon L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
" Pte	-	-	-	1	1
Motor Cyclists Ptes	-	-	-	2	2
Cook A.C.C. Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreter Sgt	-	1	-	-	1

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

(i) Officers

NIL

(ii) Other Ranks

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LAC 1 AGRS (PERE) due to return 10 Aug'46.

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Clerks R.A.O.C. L/Cpl	-	-	-	1	1
Storeman Tech. R.A.O.C. Cpl.	-	-	1	-	1
Armr. Art. (Vd) S/Sgt	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech. Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Elec. Veh. & Plant Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Veh. Mech. Sgt.	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech R.E.M.E. Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Instrs R.A. Sgts	-	2	-	-	2
Clerk C.D. (RA) Cmr	-	-	-	1	1
Instr (Gunnr) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (6 pr A/T) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr (Carrier) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
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Clerks C.D. (Any Arm) Pte	-	-	-	1	1
Instr. R.E. Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Sp W/T (R Sigs) Sgt	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
C.D. Non L/Cpl.	-	-	-	1	1
" Pte	-	-	-	1	1
Motor Cyclists Ptes	-	-	-	2	2
Cook A.C.C. Cpl	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreter Sgt	-	1	-	-	1

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(i) Due under LIAP, LILOP etc.	Offrs 1 (LILOP) O.Rs. NIL
(ii) Due under GRO 1352/45	Offrs - 5 O.Rs. NIL
(iii) Due for Release in A/S Gps. 38.39.40	O.Rs. 3
(iv) Due for PYTHON during August	Offrs 2 O.Rs. 2

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

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1 July 1946.

GENERAL.

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

1. School of Tactics.

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

2. Armoured Car School.

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

The second of the series of courses including tactics will commence on August 16th 1946. During the first part of July it is proposed that Officers and NCO's of the permanent staff of the School should attend a course of instruction on the repair of Staghounds at the Centro Studi in Roma. During the latter half of the month 90 - 100 Carabinieri will attend a course at the School.

A scaling for 'Staghound' spares is being compiled.

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1. The failure to instal miniature ranges at MONTELIRO. No efforts have yet been made by the Italians to use ranges left by the British School of Artillery.

2. It is not possible to train Anti Tank gunners efficiently without the use of a 125 type of miniature range. The use of the guns at the moment fitted with .22 rifle adaptors has been stopped owing to the shortage of ammunition.

3. Although daily silent practice shooting with 40 mm guns is now possible no method is yet available for live shooting, other than against ground targets. SMCE have been urged to pursue this matter in liaison with the Air Force Sub Commission. A letter has been received at the School of Artillery from the Mayor of MONTELIRO which demands that the ranges in the proximity of the School be closed. It is felt that the main advantage of the School of Artillery being located at MONTELIRO lies in the fact that good 25 pr ranges are available in that area.

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3. School of Artillery (Continued)

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

4. School of Engineers.

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

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

TOTAL = 1,401.

Although much of the transport held on the strength of the School is in bad condition, the transport situation is now improved and adequate for requirements. 5 D4 Bulldozers have been loaned to the School and during the month equipment for sections of Bailey pontoon bridges has been received.

5. School of Signals.

Progress during the month has been disappointing. This is attributed to the uncertainty created by the elections. In consequence the main block of classrooms, which it was predicted would be ready for occupation by 1 June are only now nearing completion. The recruit training courses are progressing according to schedule and the two months course for Switchboard operators, Linesmen and Despatch Riders will terminate on 15 July '46. It had been hoped to reduce the numbers of recruits attending one class but owing to the fact that 60 NCO instructors have been away for three weeks on wireless communication duties connected with the elections, this has not been possible. Most of the equipment released recently to the School has been unpacked and assembled. Some of the equipment is in a very bad state of repair and attempts will be made to exchange it.

6. Infantry School.

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A detailed report by the GSO II (Schools) Training, 12 B.A.U. is forwarded as Appendix 'A' to this report.

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9. Police School.

The first course at this School will commence on 6 July 1945 and will consist of training 60 Reformatory Police for the School. Before the course is able to take place an adjustment in the allocation of accommodation at the Collingo Mistature will be necessary.

8. R.A.F. School.

The third course mentioned above was completed on 22 June '45. The courses, whilst on the whole satisfactory, did not achieve all the results hoped for. The standard of recruits on arrival was low and many failed to complete the courses.

Distribution :-

Children for Instruction at School	4
Married Instructors above ranks	6
" Instructors	11
Unmarried Instructors	24
	45
TOTAL.	60

Children at Course for this School in totally inadequate as would known and these could only be taken to Home to Home Secre where the School are used.

10. Special Detention Station.

The normally training was interrupted at the beginning of the month by the receipt of 250 recruits to RAAF for Guard duties. In addition, Petrol supplies were curtailed by order requiring and in consequence, practical training was suspended for some days, but now resumed in full. Despite those difficulties, however, instruction according to syllabus has been maintained. The shortage of equipment is being remedied. Two Bren guns and two Thompson SMG's have been received and the recruits are housed in a fine old building which formerly was the Bethlehem Asylum. Improvement has been

Training at this School has been practically interrupted by the elections. It had been planned for the establishment of the Centre Child and Social Industrials Instruction at the Concern Motion Pictures. However, during the election period, the Instructors in some were required for Police duties. It is not possible to train them at Coonilgurla owing to the shortage of instructors and the lack of resources for practical work. It is hoped that the Course will be resumed in October by 'recruiting' recruits into Home to the same system provided by the School of Instruction.

Training of the School of Instruction augmented by the absorption of 155 from one building to another on account of the instability of the floor in the buildings which originally was selected. A number of the Bethlehem Asylum Inspectors have been

TOTAL. 35/60

[illegible] at Centro Studi this School is totally inadequate is well known and [illegible] that steps are taken to move the School to Monte Sacro where [illegible] of the School are met.

9. School of Motorisation.

Recruit training was interrupted at the beginning of the month by the removal of 280 recruits to Rome for guard duties. In addition, petrol supplies were curtailed to meet the emergency and in consequence, practical training was suspended for some days, but this has now been made up. Despite these difficulties, however, instruction according to the syllabus is being maintained. The shortage of Regimental Officers is [illegible] for the poor discipline amongst the recruits. R.E work has continued very [illegible] to report that the cookhouse, a priority task, will be completed in a few days [illegible] system is now well established and has proved popular. The accounts now show a profit of Lire [illegible].

The duties of [illegible], 12 R.A.M. have been performed by Major C.T. HERRIDGE, RASC in the absence on leave of Lt.Col. [illegible], R.A.C on LEAVE.

10. Motor School.

Training at this School has been greatly interrupted by the elections. It had been planned for 140 students earmarked for the Centro Studi and Scuola Industriale Duca d'Aosta to be reconstituted at the Caserma Regina Margherita. However, during the election period, the barracks in Rome were required for more experienced troops and the recruits were consequently sent to Cecchignola. It is not possible to train them at Cecchignola owing to the shortage of instructors and the lack of resources for practical work. It is hoped that in the near future this difficulty will be overcome by 'ferrying' recruits into Rome to the two schools in transport provided by the School of Motorisation.

The domestic workshop at the School of Motorisation augmented by the absorption of 155 Vehicle workshops has proved unsatisfactory. It has been necessary to move the workshops from one building to another on account of the instability of the floor in the building which originally was selected. A number of the British REME Training Increment has been present at this Workshop to assist and advise in sorting, identifying and cataloguing MT Spares and Tools. In order to train specialised vehicle mechanics for the Armoured Car School, a Staghound Armoured Car has been dismantled at the Centro Studio.

11. M.O.A.

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

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11. M.G.A. (Continued).

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

12. School of Administration and Welfare.

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

13. Administration.

(a) Ordnance.

A considerable quantity of Italian pattern summer clothing has been received by the Italian Central Stores during the month. This has been distributed to the various Schools. The situation of M.T. Spares remains serious and there has been no decrease in the number of vehicles off the road.

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There has been an improvement in discipline amongst the recruits with the exception of the School of Motorisation. In this case this is due to the lack of regimental officers on the permanent staff. There is no change in the standard of Hygiene. School Commandants are by now 'Welfare' minded and at the School of Artillery and Engineers steps were taken to ensure that competitions and amusements were arranged for their respective 'fiestas'.

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The fact that CAR instructors receive instructor's pay is a cause for discontent amongst the instructor s of the military schools.

J.H. Beach

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

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WDI.	7	7	7	10	3	10	10
Cmnd. 12 B.L.U.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
CDO. II (Schools).	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
S/D. II (Trg & Inf Trg).	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. HQ.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. Bn.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. R. Sigs.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
War Diary.	2	2	2	2	-	2	2
Float.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
File.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Spares.	2	2	2	2	-	2	2

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A.D.C. II (Trg & Inf Trg).	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. HQ.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. R.I.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. R. Sigs.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
War Diary.	2	2	2	2	-	2	2
Float.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Pilo.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Spares.	2	2	2	2	-	2	2

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To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report
No. 19 dated 1 July 1946

SUBJECT: Progress Report Infantry School

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

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

1. General Progress

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

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   36 sets not yet received, and other minor items of training equipment required.
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2. 4.2 Mortar.
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3. 3" Mortar Training for recruits is not possible until further mortars are received.

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The main trouble is undoubtedly the shortage of water.

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

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

If the Officer accomodation is bad, that of the men is far worse, though the N.C.O's are probably better off than the remainder.
The men's kitchens remain in the same crude condition as in February 1945 in many cases. As is known, trouble was met with the soldiers at that time who were prepared to put up with bad living conditions. Incidents may confidently be expected if and when a large number of recruits are received from the C.A.R.s.
Dining halls are only available for a very small percentage of the soldiers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Type	Establishment	On Charge	Paper Deficiency	B.L.R.	Actual Deficiency
M/C	20	12	8	9	17
Cars	8	8	=	5	5
3 Ton	16	14	2	6	8
15 cwt	24	16	8	10	18
Workshop Lorry	1		1		1
Water Trucks	2		2		2

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

Although it is considered that the transport of the Infantry School is not very well maintained nor well driven, unless spares, tools and reasonable vehicles in the first place are provided, excuses are difficult to answer.
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Again, the appearance of the soldiers is still far from satisfactory though saluting has improved. This is blamed by the school on the fact that all the summer uniform issued is part worn material from last year and is in a very bad state of repair.

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

2. Detailed Progress by Courses.

Tactical Courses.

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

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

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to control and direct training.

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

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

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

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

Sniper Course.

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

Platoon Weapons Course

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

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

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2 Months Training.

This was broken by the elections. The final 10 days of the course, however, will be started on the 25th of the month.

3. Projected Courses.

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

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Course	Marines O	N	T	Air Force O	N	T	Army O	N	T	Total O	N	T	Starts	
[illegible]													July	1
Gr. Course				17			30			47			"	"
2I " "				12						12				
Sec " "					24			90			114			
M.T.	7			12	24		33	90		45	114		July	8
3" Mortar							36	36		36	36		"	"
Sniper							10	20		10	20		"	"
Observers							10	20		10	20		"	"
3" Mortar									390			390	August	
Snipers									60			60	"	"
Visitors									275			275	"	"
C.A.R. Inst. [illegible]											50	150	August 26th	

O = Officers
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T = Troops

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

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

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

These are the principle deficiencies. The 4.2" staff is almost completely deficient but this is not important as no weapons are as yet available. Many of the personnel however, tested as instructors, are far from satisfactory but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining good material at Cosmo.

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

6. WELFARE

This is almost non existent.

7. Recommendations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Signed) A.L. PRIDE.

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

Internal

File

Fleet

W2/m.

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(Signed) J.L. BRIDE.

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

Internal

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Floyt

Sig/rm.

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APPENDIX 'D'

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

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

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

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1.	HQ, Central Military Schools.	ROME	P. 724672
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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST
1 July 1946

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ADJUTANT AND QUARTER MASTER GENERAL BRANCH.

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Staff Captain — T/Capt. W.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.E.

BASES.

BASE — W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (120450) RASC.
T/Maj. J.C. Inkpot (95549) RASC.

BASE — T/Maj. T.H. Shorthouse (127355) RAOC.

BASE — T/Maj. A.T. Twine (230812) RAMC.

TRAINING BRANCH
STAFF

GSO II (SCHOOLS) Trg. — T/Maj. W.L. Price MBE (79688) R.Staffs.

GSO II (SCHOOLS) Trg. — T/Maj. H.P. Chance (67[illegible]2) R.Ir.Fus.

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major) — T/Maj. C.K. Alexander (87[illegible]7) R.A.

R.E.

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

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GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

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T/Maj. J.C. Unliot (95549) R.A.S.C.

A.D.O.S. — T/Maj. T.H. Shortbose (127395) R.A.O.C.

D.A.D.M.S. — T/Maj. A.T. Twine (230815) R.A.M.C.

TRAINING BRANCH
Staff

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Army.

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R.E.

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R. Signals

Instructor R.Sign. (Major) — T/Maj. D.R. Skinner (138077) R. Sigs.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	
1	STAFF CAR FORD	1560135		5244996		LR		696
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L.5689402	SR 6191	D.604206	E			
3	CHEVROLET 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5686553	SR 2920	3154.305.134	E			
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5313398		F.15421/1	E			
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5230009	4282-1938	91018097	E			
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	L.5338223			E			Hold 12 B
7	WILLYS CAR 2 ston 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S.1443	1560069	E			
8	STANDARD CAR 2 ston 4 x 2 UTILITY	L.6175674	23/38555	UV.6144		LR		Hold Authy
9	JEEP CAR FORD ¼ ston 4 x 4	5626871		GPW 154042	E			
10	"	5158386			E			
11		L.5636634			E			

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
	5241996		LR		
SM 6191	D.604206	E			
SM 2920	3154.305.134	E			
	F.15421/A	E			
4282-1958	91018097	E			
		E			Held on W.E. of HQ, 12BLA. Loaned to 12 B.L.U.
S.1443	1560869	E			
23/38555	W.6144		LR		Held in lieu of 15 cwt Dodge Z.4982463 Army HQ 12BLA Q.2/4 dated 27 May 1946
	QEW 154042	E			
		E			

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12	THAMES H/C 3CWD 500 C.C	C.5426264	S.2956		E		
13	BSA H/C 3CWD 500 C.C.	C.511 7266	23/S/1048		E		
14	"	C.1461106	S. 182		E		
15	"	C.5547939	204/235/5209		E		
RECEIVING INCIDENT. 1	3CWD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	Z.4710602	23359	C/S.2079	E		
2	BSA H/C 500 C.C.	C.1431656	W.L. 20-21207		E		
3	"	C.5548060	W.L. 20-106553		E		
4	"	C.4706971	W.L. 20-75772		E		

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

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Capt

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks
3.2956		E	LR		
23/3/1043		E			
E. 182		E			
234/235/5209		E			
23959	C/D.2079	E			
	W. 20-21207	E			
	W. 20-106555	E			
	W. 20-75779	E			

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.....Capt. R.E.
for Colonel,
Qual. 12 Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

APPENDIX " y "

To: 12 H.I.U. Progress Report
No. 19 Dated 1 July 1946

(a) Deficiences in all Ranks as against W.E. C1/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945. (As Amended)

(i) Officers.

Commander - Lt. Col.

(ii) Other Ranks.

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

(b) Details of all Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

(i) Officers.

NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

ILAP - 1 ACMS due to return 10 Aug. 1946.

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Command p - Lt. Col.

(ii) Other Ranks.

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

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

(i) Officers.

NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIAP - 1 A/Sgt due to return 10 Aug. 1946.

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(C) Details of all Ranks due for Leave in the immediate future.

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

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SUBJECT : Progress Report Tac. School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478608)

Ref : G/L. 3/1143

17 June 1946.

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

The School is not functioning at the moment and very little work has been done. I have continually agitated Gen. Pattioli, with little result.

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2. Instructors.

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

3. Training.

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My opinion is that Guida should be CHIEF Instructor and all Instructors come under him.

Pattioli should dictate policy and Guida organise instruction so as to best apply this policy.

Declassified E.O. 13292 Section 3.4(b)/NNDC no. 785232

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Mattioli should dictate policy and Guida organise instruction so as to best apply this policy.

Lack of duties gives a glorious opportunity for doing nothing.

[illegible] should be asked to telephone [illegible] that a course for, say, 10 officers WILL start on, say, 14 or 20 July.

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

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4. [redacted].

There has been a great improvement in this direction, but a lot more is required before the situation will be satisfactory.

I really feel that with the elections past, things will improve.

(Sgd) N. F. CHANCE

Major.
O.C.,O. II Schools.

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(Sgd) N. F. CHANCE

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O.i.C. II Schools.

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FROM (A) — Originator: G2 (School) | Date-Time of Origin: 16.9.46.

For Action.

G.S.O. 3. H.G. 12 B.Lll. G/O-3

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. Tactical | GR

Originator's No.

Subject. Progress Report To School

The 7th day of my visit to PALERMO on Wednesday. Have 14 days I am sending you now with 8 more should the be 18 days.

W Please have a copy of this typed and passed to the Commandant before his visit on Wednesday

1. The School is not functioning at the moment and very little work has been done. I have continually agitated Gen Mutch with little result.

2. The work on the buildings is still far from satisfactory & progress but terrible & Portly & Mutch because the contractor has tendered too low a price and is not employing enough labour.

3. Instructors. At the moment the new instructors who SMRE have promised to send have not arrived & consequently a number of courses cannot be

Classified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 285220

Originator's No.

Subject: Progress report Tac School.

The date of my visit to PALERMO on Wednesday for 14 days I am sending you here with a report on the School for the past 18 days.

Please keep a copy of this typed out & passed to the Commander before his visit on Wednesday

1. The School is not functioning at the moment and my whole work has been done: I have continually agitated & METHODS with a little result

1. The work on the Beach defences is still far from satisfactory at present, but terrible & Lordly Khaki because the contractor has tendered too low a price and is not employing enough labour.

2. Instructors. A. The new instructors the SMRE have promised to send have never arrived and the only explanation which I can get is, that officers don't want to go to Cinisara area.

B. Some of my present instructors have suggested that they will soon be sent to command units, as is the practice in the Italian Army, after a tour of duty on the staff. I would

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TO

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Originator's No.

I would suggest that S. DARE be asked to make it clear to all concerned that they will be kept on until suitable replacements have been trained, and that their retention as instructors will in no way have an adverse effect on their promotion.

3 I think Col Gumbley and his old instructors, the S.I.V.P. are really getting down to the program, letters etc. But it is my opinion that there are too many Field Service colonels who have jobs such as Chief of the Admin Instructors, Chief of the Study Officers, who in fact clog the wheels. My opinion is that Gumbley should be CHIEF instructor and all instructors come under him. He should dictate policy and Gumbley organise the instruction so as to best apply this policy.

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I would suggest that S.M.R.E. be asked to make it clear to all instructors that they will be kept on until suitable replacements have been trained, and that their retention as instructors will in no way have an adverse effect on their promotion

3 Trng. Col Gwilt and his old instructors, the S.I.V.B. are really getting down to the Programs, Lectures etc. But it is my opinion that there are too many Naval Service colonels who have yet to realise Chief of the Naval Instructional Chief of the Study officers who in fact control. My opinion is that Gwilt should be CHIEF instructor and all instructors come under his. Naval should dictate policy and Gwilt organise instruction so as to best apply this policy.

Lack of duties gives a feeling of constant fear of doing nothing. MMID. should be asked to return SMRE that a course for say 10 officers will start on say 14 or 20 July. This will make the machine start and even if the first course is not a great success it might

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO) | Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No

Produce some instructors from the 10 students and will give us something to improve on!

My gun. There has been some great improvement in this direction, but a lot more is required before the situation will be satisfactory.

I really feel that with the electron pistol, things will improve.

[signature]
Maj
G2 Section
12 BDE

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Originator's No.

Produce some instructions from HQ
to students and will give us
something to improve on!

Hygiene - There has been a great
improvement in this direction, but
a lot more is required before
the situation will be satisfactory.

I really feel that with the
election past, things will improve.

Lee Major
9.25 o'clock
12.3.44

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SUBJECT : Progress Report Two. School.

12 [redacted] LIAISON UNIT
for the
[redacted] CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: [redacted] ROME 476408)

Ref: G/A. 3/1143

17 June 1946.

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

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My opinion is that Guida should be CHIEF Instructors and all Instructors come under him.

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4. Hygene.

There has been a great improvement in this direction, but a lot more is required before the situation will be satisfactory.

I really feel that with the elections past, things will improve.

(Sgd) N.F. CHANCE

Major.
G.S.O. II Schools.

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(S42) N.F. CHANCE.

MPU/mg

Major.
G.S.O. II Schools.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 18

CONFIDENT[illegible]

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

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Ref : G/A.3/1132

1 June 1946.

GENERAL.

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

During the last ten days training has been interrupted by details for internal security measures for the elections. There is also a feeling of uncertainty prevalent which it is hoped will disappear after the results of the election are announced.

Propagandist activity on the part of civilians has been confined to the Civitavecchia area. The conduct of recruits and permanent staff, however, during the pre-election period has been good although relations between army and civilian authorities at Civitavecchia have at times been strained.

With the coming of warmer weather the need for efficient hygiene at all Schools is one of vital importance. If an epidemic of dysentry and other stomach ailments is to be avoided it is of the utmost importance that suitable flyproofing material be provided and that all barracks be treated with DDT at the earliest opportunity.

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

1. School of Tactics.

Constructional work has continued on the barracks but at a very slow rate. This is due to the abnormally small number of men employed by the contractor at any one time. The CO permanent staff block, however, is now completed and occupied.

The civilian authorities have quite recently restored the school for water. This has led to appalling sanitary conditions with the result that there has been a marked increase in sickness. Emergency sanitary arrangements are being put into effect and it is noted that the water supply will be restored when the civilian authorities lose interest in politics.

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

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2. Armoured Car School.

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

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

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

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3. School of Artillery.

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

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

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

In addition to recruit training a course has been held for regimental instructors and reserve instructors for the school. It was concluded on 26 May with the following results:

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

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

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

4. Engineer School.

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

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The junior officers have also shown at times a tendency to shirk their responsibilities and to side with their men under their command in an attempt to retain their popularity.

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

Training has been on a limited scale on account of the lack of adequate training materials. For instructional purposes the recruits are split into 3 training companies - with 2 companies taking the same subject simultaneously.

The results after two weeks training are as follows :

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

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

5. School of Signal.

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

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

Course	No. of Students	Duration in Months
W/T Operators	440	4
Electricians	55	4
Radio Mechanics	55	6
Instrument Mechanics	45	4
Line Operators	135	4
Switchboard Operators	145	2
Linesmen	380	2
Dispatch Riders	105	2
Artillery Signallers.	560	3
Total	1960	

The inadequacy of accommodation has led to the bunching of classes together. This has diminished the value of instruction given but steps are being taken to reduce the size of classes to a minimum.

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

Total 1358

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The standard of training will now be greatly improved by the release and receipt of all stores demanded on the interim stores indent.

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

6. Infantry School.

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

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

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

(a) Tactical Wing.

The tactical wing is not running a regular course but is preparing all the exercises, training aids etc necessary for the running of future courses. The demonstration company has been brought up to strength and is undergoing intensive training.

(b) Carrier Course.

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

(c) Platoon Weapons.

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

(d) 3-in Mortar.

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

(e) Vickers M.M.G.

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

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

7. Police School.

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

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

Pass	86
Failed	10
R.T.U., Sickness etc.	4

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Pass	86
Failed	10
N.E.C., Sickness etc.	4
TOTAL	100

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

8. P.T. School.

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

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9. School of Motorisation.

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

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

10. R & M School.

On 17 May, 640 recruits had assembled at Cecchignola. It was then decided after a selection period that 400 would be retained at Cecchignola to attend a course for Section Mechanics, that approximately 100 would attend courses for Turners, Blacksmiths, Welders, Carpenters and Fitters at the Scuola Industriale Duc d'Aosta and that 140 would attend courses at the Centro Studio - Via Tiburtocchio in trades of Fitters, Electricians and CI engine fuel pumps. The students in the latter two schools are being accomodated at the Caserma Regina Margherita - Viale Militare.
Due to elections, tuition at these Schools will not commence before 8 June.

A.M.G.R.A.

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A course which lasted one week was held for civilian armourers who received instruction in British weapons. All qualified. On 11 May a course was commenced for 15 civilian mechanics in inspection of Artillery equipment. The course which is due to run for 6 weeks is at the moment held up for lack of stores.

11. School of Admin and Welfare.

Although progress has been made on constructional work, a further allocation of four million lire is required to complete the installation of latrines, water pipes etc. July 1 has been fixed as the date of commencement of all courses.

The Medical Assistants course was completed on the 28 April. In general the course was unsatisfactory, mainly on account of the lack of training material and the poor selection of the students.
Results were as follows :-

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16	Excellent.
10	Very Good.
3	Good.
12	Passed.
2	Failed.
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Nearly all the students arrived with clothing and equipment in a very poor state of repair and there were cases of lice and scabies. It has now been decided that the Democracy courses will be held in ROME.

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12. Administration.

(a) Ordnance.

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

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

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

(b) M.T.

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

(c) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

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

(d) Morale.

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

1) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.

2) The poor financial status of Officers and Instructors.

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

ADMIN.

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Italian Central Military Schools.

AFHQ

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G.S.O. II (Schools)	1	1	1	-	1	1
G.S.O. II (Trg & Inf Trg)	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr, [illegible]	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr, RA	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr. R. [illegible]	1	1	1	-	1	1
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Fleet	1	1	1	-	1	1
File	1	1	1	-	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	-	2	2

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600 Fl (Trg & Inf Trg)	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr, RE	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr, RA	1	1	1	-	1	1
Instr, R. Sigs	1	1	1	-	1	1
War Diary	2	2	2	-	2	2
Float	1	1	1	-	1	1
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ANNEX "A"

To: 12 B. I. U. Progress Report No. 18
Dated 1 June 1945

LOCATION OF SCHOOLS OF ITALIAN UNITS

Ref. Maps ITALY 1 : 250,000 Sheets 16 and 17
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (Gestil)

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference
1.	C, Central Military School	ROME	2.724672
2.	School of Tuction	CIVITAVECCHIA	2.1691
3.	Armoured Car School	FOR DI CIVITA	2.738787
4.	School of Artillery (Mt. Branch)	VELLETRI	2. 1490
5.	School of Artillery (A/A Branch)	CIVITAVECCHIA	2. 1691
6.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	2. 1691
7.	Signal School	MONTEMARIO	2. 7856
8.	Infantry School	CESANO	2. 5286
9.	Police School	ROME	2. 724672
10.	P.T. School	CESANO	2. 5236
11.	School of Motorisation	MONTEMARIO	2. 7858
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	ROMA	2. 0715

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1.	F , Central Military School	ROME	F. 72467
2.	School of Tactics	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1091
3.	Armoured Car School	VIA DI CAMPO	F. 73927
4.	School of Artillery (Mt. Branch)	[illegible]	F. 1091
5.	School of Artillery (A/A/T Branch)	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1091
6.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 1091
7.	Naval School	LIVORNO	F. 7453
8.	Infantry School	CESANO	F. 6265
9.	Motor School	ROME	F. 74472
10.	P.T. School	CESANO	F. 6265
11.	School of Motorisation	CIVITAVECCHIA	F. 7458
12.	School of Administration and Welfare.	ROME	F. 0713

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APPENDIX "J"

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12 N. L. U. STAFF LIST
1 JUNE 1946

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSO I — Lt/Col. L.H. Mackay OBE (55836)

GSO III — T/Capt. A.M. Gibbins (253416) R.A.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH.

DAQ & AAG

Staff Captain — T/Capt. W.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.A.

SERVICES

ADMS

D.D.M.S.

D.A.D.O.S.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

CMS

CSM II (SCHOOL) Trg.

CSM II (SCHOOL) Trg.

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major)

R.A.

Instructor R.A. (Major)

R. Signals

Instructor R.Sigs. (Major)

W/Maj. C.T. Berridge (120450) R.A.O.C.
T/Maj. J.C. Mallet (95542) A.E.C.

T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127395) R.A.O.C.

T/Maj. J.F. Irvine (330919) R.E.M.E.

T/Maj. [illegible] Price MBE (74618) R. Staffs.

T/Maj. H.F. Chance (67432) R.A.M.C.

T/Maj. D.H. Alexander (97447) R.A.

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

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

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ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH.

[illegible]

Staff Captain — T/Capt. C.A. Thorelyan (256126) R.E.

SERVICES.

[illegible]

[illegible] — T/Maj. C.T. Berridge (180450) R.A.O.C.
T/Maj. J.C. Talbot (95549) R.A.O.C.

[illegible]

T/Maj. T.H. Shorthose (127295) R.A.O.C.

[illegible]

T/Maj. [illegible].T. Twine (230919) R.A.S.C.

TRAINING BRANCH.

STAFF.

DAQ II (SCHOOLS) Trg. — T/Maj. [illegible].L. Price M.C. (74[illegible]) R. Staffs

DAQ II (SCHOOLS) Trg. — T/Maj. R.F. Chance (67432) R.[illegible].

R.A.

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

R.E.

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

R.[illegible]Sigs.

Instructor R.[illegible]. (Major) — T/Maj. D.R. Skinner (194077) R.[illegible].

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To: 12 D.I.H. S
Dated 1

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	U.D. No.	Contract No.	Engine No.	Registerd. (R)	Local repair (LR)	Local repair beyond (LRB)	
1	STAFF CAR P.200.	1560133		524996	E			
2	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2	L.5689402	SL 6191	D.604206	K			
3	CHEVROLET 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	L.5686553	SL 2920	3154.305.134	E			
4	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	L.5313393		F.1521/1	E			
5	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	L.5230009	4262-1998	91018097	E			
6	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	L.5330223			E			Held on [illegible] 12 D.I.H.
7	HILLMAN Car 2 str 4x2 UTILITY	5100869	L.1443	1560869		LR		
8	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4x2 UTILITY	L.6175674	23/38555	UV.6144	E			Held in [illegible] Auth'y [illegible]
9	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4x4	5625871		CBY 150642	E			
10	"	5158596			E			
11	"	L.5636694			E			

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ATTACHMENT "D"

To: 12 A.I.U. Progress Report No. 10
Dated 1 June 1946

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Equipment (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
	528.1995	E			
SE. 6191	D.604.286	E			
SE. 2920	3154.305.134	E			
	F.154.21/1	E			
4282-1998	91018097	E			
		E			Held on R.E. of 12, M.C.A. Issued to 12 A.I.U.
B.1443	1560869		LR		
23/38555	W.6144	E			Held in lieu of 15 cwt. Auto W.A/82263 Authy: [illegible] dated 27 May 1946
	CEM 15/CM2	E			
		E			
		E			

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	M.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
12	TRIUMPH M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.5426264	S.2956		E			
13	BSA M/C SOLO 500 C.C.	C.5117256	23/S/1048		E			
14	"	C.1461106	B.192		E			
15	"	C.5547039	294/235/5209		E			
PEAK TRG TUNNEL.								
1	FORD TRUK 15cwt 4x2 GS	C.4746602	23959	C/D.2079	E			
2	BSA M/C 500 C.C.	C.1431656		WA.20-21207	E			
3	"	C.5946060		WA.20-106353	E			
4	"	C.4706071		WA.20-75779	E			

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

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Capt. 12 [illegible]
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ANNEXURE 'D' (Contd.)

Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient. (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
S.2956		E			
23/3/104.0		E			
B.182		E			
294/235/5205		E			
23959	C/No.2079	E			
	T.20-21207	E			
	T.20-100353	E			
	T.20-73779	E			

Items are held on charge and that their condition is as stated.

..... Capt, R.A.
for Colonel,
Cond. 12 Artillery Liaison Unit for the
Italian General Military Schools.

APPENDIX "E"

To: 12 T.L.R. Progress Report
No. 13 Dated 1 June 1946

(A) Deficiencies in all ranks as against T.E. C2/1013/1 dated 1 June 1945 (As Amended)

(i) Officers.

RMA - QLR - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	Sgts.	C/Sjs.	Ptes.	TOTAL
Storeman Tech (RCEME)	1	-	-	1
Fitter Veh & Plant "	1	-	-	1
Clerk Tech, "	-	1	-	1
Instructor, R.A.	1	-	-	1
Clerk GD, "	-	-	1	1
Instructor Spdr A/T	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	1	-	-	1
Storeman R.E.	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	1	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	2	2
Veh Mec.	-	-	1(L/Cpl)	1
Cook ACC	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	2	-	-	2
	7	2	6	15

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

(i) Officers.

LIAP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June 1946.
2 Ptes " " " 3 June 1946.

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

(i) Due under LIAP, LIBOP etc — O.R's - 1

(ii) Due under CMS 1/52/45 — Officers - 3; O.R's - 5

(iii) Due for Release A/S Groups 30 & 33 — Officers - 1; O.R's - 2

(iv) Due for RTUKM during JUNE - NIL

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Clerk Tech, "	-	1	-	1
Instructor, R.A.	1	-	-	1
Clerk GD, "	-	-	1	1
Instructor i/dr A/T	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	1	-	-	1
Storeman R.E.	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	1	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	2	2
Veh Spec.	-	-	1 (L/Cpl)	1
Cook ACC	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	2	-	-	2
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(i) Due under LEAP, LIEUT etc — O.R's - 1

(ii) Due under C.M.O 1052/46 — Officers - 3
O.R's - 5

(iii) Due for Release A/S Groups 32 & 33 — Officers - 1
O.R's - 2

(iv) Due For FIELD during JUNE - NIL

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12 District Leaders Unit
For Use
Italian General Elections.
(Ref: AFHQ 47310)

SUBJECT : Proposed Report on P.W. School

Ref: G/A/3/1167
4 June 45.

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For: Comdt. 12 D.L.U.
G. XXX

There is little to report from the P.W. School which has finished two of the three weeks course. Within the limits of material available Sunday is quite satisfactory.

Refresher training which should have been completed one week ago has to be abandoned owing to transport difficulties. However most of the urgent lack of training materials previously have been remedied.

A suitable site for the P.W. School centre at MONTE DORE, which it should be pointed would accommodate many of the disadvantages of the present school.

W. L. Pe

Major R.A.M.P.S.

Comdt. 12 District Liaison Unit for the
Italian General Elections Section

Approved
Lt.Col.

WLP/ps

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SUBJECT : Police School Progress Report

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478906)

Ref: G/A3/1126

1 June 1946

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To: Comd. 12 B.L.U.
G.XIX

The Police School is now situated with the HQ. at ROME.

The last course finished at CESANO on the 4th. and was more satisfactory than the average.

Results were:

Pass	86
Failed	10
R.T.U. Sickness etc.	4
Total	100

This is the first course for some time that any sign of improvement in the standard of student has been noted.

In view of the election no further course will be run till the 1st. July.

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

WLP
MM/mc

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report for May 1946.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478008)

Ref : G/A.3/1125

30 May 1946

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To: GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Major PRICE,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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1. **Programme.**

A programme for the first course has been drafted and is being discussed in the next few days.

2. **Course for Instructors.**

All Instructors are at the moment allotted tasks and subjects which they will specialise on. They are receiving regular lectures on tactical subjects on a high level. Major ALEXANDER and Major CHAPMAN are due to give three lectures each.

The part played by the 2nd New Zealand Division in the final assault from the Senio onwards is being studied in order to make instructors think bigger.

Precis of S.C.S. with modifications are being translated.

3. **Barracks.**

The buildings are going even slower than before, and due to lack of water, conditions are most unhygienic. (15 cases of stomach trouble in the last 5 days). I gave warning of this in my last letter.

A most excellent Troops Canteen has been opened.

4. **General.**

(a) **The Commander.** Though most excellent and energetic in many ways, is being side tracked from this School by his duties as Garrison Commander.

Colonel Carpiteile has been posted to ROME, though I feel that his ability as a W.T. instructor and expert was wasted at this School, he will be very greatly missed by the late SIVA instructors who have worked with him for so long.

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(b) Unless the programme of the buildings and contractors is speeded up by the highest authority, the School will not open for many months.

(c) **Political.**

Nothing to report except that the future elections are taking everyone's mind off their jobs, with the possible exception of Colonel Guida.

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N.P. CHANCE, R.Ir.Fus.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Infantry School.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
EDMILEAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel. : [illegible] 478306)

Ref : B/L.3/1126

31 May 1946

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

HQ LXI,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GENERAL.

The Infantry School activity during the month of May was to have been the running of tactical courses to increase the number of Instructors, where necessary, and in all cases the detailed preparation of exercises, demonstrations etc.

The programme has only been half completed.

A great many reasons have contributed to this, the principle ones being as follows :-

(a) The Metal strike which completely brought to a standstill the Carrier Course and seriously curtailed other activities.

(b) The non-arrival of training equipment.

(c) The Elections and the Ceremonial Parade connected with it.

(d) The shortage of transport held by the Infantry School.

(e) Internal re-organisation necessitated by the transfer of HQ Schools to MTC.

The School, however, now has the great advantage of being at last independent of H.Q., Schools, the advantages of which are enormous.

1. Activity during the Month.

(a) Tactical Wing.

The Tactical Wing is not running a regular course, but is preparing

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GENERAL.

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(c) The Elections and the Ceremonial Parade connected with it.

(d) The shortage of transport held by the Infantry School.

(e) Internal re-organisation necessitated by the transfer of III Schools to RTR.

The School, however, now has the great advantage of being at last independent of R.A., Schools, the advantages of which are enormous.

1. Activity during the Month.

(a) Tactical Wing.

The Tactical Wing is not running a regular course, but is preparing all the exercises, training aids, etc necessary for the running of future courses.
The Demonstrations Company has been brought up to strength and has been training hard.
The main trouble with the Tactical Wing has been the shortage of petrol and transport has restricted reconnaissance. Again, while a fairly ambitious programme might be attempted, bearing in the above provided and the vehicles allotted, on the establishment. Whose items remain on paper as yet, and the Italian officers consider that a simple programme, but certain to be carried out is better than an ambitious one on paper.

(b) Carrier Course.

To make up the number of Instructors, a course was started on the 6th with 14 pupils. After a week, however, petrol shortage virtually brought the course to an end.

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1. Continued.

(c) Platoon Weapons.

The 17 Instructors have been nursing over the progress and attempting to improve the standard of instruction.
The Weapon Training Wing is far from satisfactory at the moment and the appointment of a Senior Officer to take charge of the construction of ranges in a priority pattern.

(d) 2-in Mortar.

A course for 78 students, potential instructors was started on the 5th but has had to be suspended for the elections.
Compared with other subjects, the Italians are very good on this weapon. However, 38 sets and additional signal equipment as requested are urgently required.

(e) Snipers.

12 Potential Instructors are under training. Men in the British Army there are few regulations of this subject. The value of the course depends on the ability, imagination and enthusiasm of the Instructor. The Chief Instructor is adequate but not brilliant.

(f) Vickers M.G.

The 16 guns from 'Legnano' Division arrived without spare parts and correct oil equipment. They are therefore of little value except for instruction in mechanical subjects. At present the training manual is being prepared and Instructors orientated with the weapon.

(g) Student Officer and NCO Courses.

Not being implemented at present, but when staff arrives will be used for training C.M.T. Instructors.

2. Future Courses.

It is hoped to start the Tactical, Weapon Training, 2-in Mortar and Sniper Instructors course on the 1st July. Recruit Instruction depends on the arrival of weapons and equipment.

3. Accommodation.

The School now occupies the whole of the CEMMO area. The following Engineer works are essential.

(1) The revision of the water supply. This has been provided but though minor work is in progress there are still many days when the majority of the Camp is without water.

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The 16 guns from 'Hapmano' Division arrived without spare parts and correct oil equipment. They are therefore of little value except for instruction in mechanical subjects. At present the training manual is being prepared and Instructors orientated with the weapon.

(g) Student Officer and NCO Courses.

Not being implemented at present, but when staff arrives will be used for training G.W.I. Instructors.

2. Future Courses.

It is hoped to start the Section Weapon Training, 3-in Mortar and Sniper Instructors course on the 1st July. Recruit Instruction depends on the arrival of weapons and equipment.

3. Accommodation.

The School now occupies the whole of the CSTARO area. The following Engineer works are essential.

(1) The revision of the water supply. This has been provided but though minor work is in progress there are still many days when the majority of the Camp is without water.

(2) Repair of roads and figures. Again provided and many used, but no signs of any action.

(3) Construction of a kitchen for specialist courses at present the kitchen for C.P's is the worst of any School.

(4) Repair and refitting of the Dal Lot for married accn. £69

(5) Completion of work suspended by shortage of funds in Petting building.

(6) Construction of rifle ranges.

4. Welfare.

No Officer or O.R. likes CSTARO or wishes to stay. It is true the Commandant does little to make the place attractive, but says he has no funds to organise any form of recreation or amusements. Nor is there any furniture or books for clubs.

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4. Welfare (Continued)

Welfare amounts to the giving of a few lire to married families in needy circumstances.

5. Morale.

About 40% of the officers are keen but the percentage of NCO's is probably higher. If Instructors pay was given as it appears, it may be a big difference would be seen.
The officers are uncertain of their future and tired of the constant battle that is necessary to obtain the smallest item. The surroundings and facilities at CASARO are such that unless real efforts are made to provide attractions, the permanent staff will never be very content. It will cost a lot of money to make CASARO attractive but the place was selected by the Allies and if its possibilities were exploited, it could become a first class station.
Owing to the few soldiers at CASARO at the moment, trouble is unlikely, and while a year ago the Communists made some efforts, it appears they found the area as unattractive as the soldiers. There is then little evidence of any subversive activities, but, on the other hand little enthusiasm is to be noticed. The general tone is a resigned attitude, which can be only changed by improving living conditions.
A rather strange point, but an important one, is the appearance of the place. The ground at CASARO has been neglected for a long time and the result is that weeds grow at an amazing rate. If a patch of ground is dug over, weeds will appear within two days. Despite all efforts therefore, the School presents an overgrown, neglected appearance. The provision of a roller, mowing machine, weed killer and grass seed would do much to change the general appearance. Unless a place looks clean and smart it is doubtful if smart Italian soldiers will be produced.

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12 S.I.U. Progress report on Italian Central Military Schools for period 1 - 30 April 1946.

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1 May 1946.

GENERAL.

Although good progress has been made during the month, it is reported that on the target date for commencement of advanced training the conditions of the Schools will be far below the standards desired and envisaged. This state can be attributed to two main causes :-

(1) The excessive time taken to obtain financial consent for essential building projects.

(2) The shortage of equipment to cover even the most urgent and vital needs for training.

Arrangements for the reception of the first batch of recruits are for advanced and elementary training programmes have been prepared. These programmes cover the period which would now appear inevitable between the arrival of recruits and the release of sufficient equipment to train them.

1. School of Motion.

Constructional work has been progressing steadily throughout the month. The permanent staff are now resident in the School but at present their quarters lack water, electric lighting and adequate latrines. In addition personal effects have rendered additional accommodation for married quarters.

In order that more definite plans may be made for future courses it is absolutely imperative that a war establishment be approved by AFHQ. Until the W.E. is approved it is not possible to gather together the final cadre of instructors and give them the necessary instruction for their new task.

2. Armoured Car School.

The speed at which financial consent was gained, work was commenced, and the bulk of the major constructional work was completed at this School has been quite remarkable. It is anticipated that all work on the School will be completed in 2 - 3 weeks. A [illegible] course attended by 160 Carabinieri has just been completed with very satisfactory results.

The shortage of spare parts for armoured cars is acute. In very many cases cars are not the road awaiting replacement of parts which have worn under normal running conditions. It is essential that properly trained personnel should be made available to supervise the essential and complicated maintenance of these vehicles.

3. School of Signals.

In the absence of Major U.K. Cundell, the duties of Instructor in Chief have been performed in turn by Major [illegible]. A detailed outline of

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Attempts for the reception of the first batch of recruits are now advanced and emergency training programmes have been prepared. These programmes cover the period which would now appear inevitable between the arrival of recruits and the release of sufficient equipment to train them.

1. School of Instruction.

Constructional work has been progressing steadily throughout the month. The permanent staff are now resident in the School but at present their quarters lack water, electric lighting and adequate latrines. In addition General Hatfield has obtained additional accommodation for married quarters.

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3. School of Signals.

In the absence of Major D.F. Jones, the duties of Instructor in Signals have been performed by Major T.L.S. [illegible]. A detailed analysis of progress and courses results is not yet available.

4. School of Artillery.

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The Duke of York's Barracks, Chiltern Hoath has now been taken over by the Italian School of Artillery from the British School of Artillery.

The condition in which the barracks were left by the British School of Artillery was unfortunate, far below the standard to be expected, but the barracks are suitable and ample accommodation for the anti aircraft and anti tank branches. The barracks at [illegible] which have been improved throughout the month are now ready to receive recruits. There is, however, a shortage of accommodation stores and cook-house installations.

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4. School of Artillery (Cont'd)

Sufficient instructors to train the first intake of recruits are available. Commencing on 1 May '45 a 4 week course will be held to train instructors for newly raised Artillery Units. In addition Officer reinforcements recently posted to the School of Artillery will attend to form a reserve of instructors at the School. It is estimated that 47 Officers and 45 NCOs will attend this course.

The R.C.O. course under British instruction is now in its fourth week. Owing to the shortage of Instructors (British) it was found necessary to reduce the number of personnel attending this course to survey instructors on the strength of the School of Artillery after the first fortnight.

Owing to the non-availability of a British training team and lack of equipment it has been necessary to postpone indefinitely the 3.7 HAA course. It is not envisaged that the 5.5 medium course will commence before June.

Results of courses are shown at Appendix "B".

5. Engineer School.

Training during the month has been restricted to short refresher courses for Officers and NCO Instructors in Bridging, mines and demolitions. The permanent staff and School moved to the Sacilo Barracks at Civitavecchia on 15 April, leaving the Aurelia Barracks as a recruit training Centre. Much hard work has been done to combat the malaria problem and with the release of paris and spraying liquids the position is now satisfactory. At the Aurelia Barracks work has been done to improve the water system.

Training grounds have been traced near the Aurelia Barracks, and owing to the non arrival of training equipment, an interim training programme has been drawn up for the first intake of recruits.

The transport situation is serious. With the arrival of 2,000 recruits it will be hardly possible to keep both the Sacilo and Aurelia barracks supplied with rations and other necessities on the present scale of transport. There are only two 3-tonners in working order.

6. Infantry School.

Progress during the month has been rather disappointing. The general efficiency of the School is lowered by the following factors:

(a) Failure by the Italians to provide the basic facilities for the School.

(b) Failure by the Italians to supply the best Officer and NCO material available for Instructors.

(c) The tolerance by the Italians of a low standard of discipline, turnout and cleanliness.

(d) The shortage of training equipment.

(e) The complete lack of all spare parts.

(f) The continued occupation by the Comando Scuole of buildings destined for and essential for the Infantry School.

An analysis of course results is shown in Appendix "A". The standard of Territorial NCOs was very low. This was due to :-

(a) Poor [illegible]

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5. Engineer School.

Training during the month has been restricted to short refresher courses for Officer and NCO Instructors in bridging, mines and demolitions. The permanent staff and School moved to the Gaulo barracks at Civitavecchia on 28 April, leaving the Aurelia Barracks as a recruit training centre. Much hard work has been done to combat the Malaria problem and with the relaxing of Paris and spraying liquids the position is now satisfactory. At the Aurelia Barracks work has been done to improve the water system.

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An analysis of course results is shown in Appendix "A". The standard of Territorial NCOs was very low. This was due to :-

(i) Poor quality and morale of students.

(ii) Discrimination caused among corporals. The sergeants attending the course were granted an allowance whereas the corporals were not.

(iii) Poor standard of discipline demanded by the School.

(iv) Absence of demonstration troops on security duties.

During August most of the Instructors were granted leave. The following internal courses commence on 6 May 1946.

1. Sniper.
2. 3-in Mortar.
3. Carrier - Driving and Maintenance.

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7. Police School.

The School accomodation has been greatly improved and the training facilities are now adequate except for repairs necessary to the drill square.

A course, now in its third week, is attended by 11 NCOs and 32 Carabinieri of the Territorial Battalions and 10 NCOs and 30 Carabinieri of Territorial Legions. The standard of students is above average.

8. R.I. School.

Despite great difficulties due to the shortage of equipment and very limited facilities the high standard attained by this School has been maintained. A course, now in its fifth week is attended by 37 Officers, 41 NCOs and 5 Carabinieri. The British Instructor SMI HARRISON has been replaced by QMSI CRAWSHAW.

9. School of Instruction.

The R.I. work in this School has been disappointingly slow. This is not due to inefficiency of ~~workmen~~ employed but due to the inefficiency of workers employed. Accomodation is available for one battalion of the Scuola Armiera, but no work has yet been commenced on the School for Junior Officers, Cadet Officers and Potential NCOs. In addition, sufficient training material has been drawn to stock 8 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 battalion. At the moment therefore, the School is ready to receive 800 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 200 remain at the CAFs until 1 June, when it is hoped that accomodation and training stores will be available for them. This would mean that the initial 800 recruits would finish their course on 31 July and the second course on 31 August. The School would then be ready to receive 1000 recruits on 1 September. It is not envisaged that accomodation will be available for Junior Officer, Cadet Officer or Potential NCOs course before July.

The number of Instructors posted to the School is insufficient to meet instructional requirements. The position to date at the Scuola Armiera is as follows :-

	W.E.	Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	46	27	19
NCOs	80	48	32

The position with regard to vehicles (Land Rovers, various capacities) for driver training is as follows :

	Needed For Trg W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient.
Lorries	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

Of the 172 Lorries and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Lorries and 18 M/Cs require major repairs.

There is also a large deficiency in personnel for the M.T. Section [illegible] position is as follows :-

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3. School of Instruction.

The N.Z. work on this School has been disappointingly slow. This is not due to inefficiency of ~~workmen~~ employed but due to the insufficiency of workers employed. Accommodation is available for one battalion of the Scuola Arditori, but no work has yet been commenced on the School for Junior Officers, Cadet Officers and Potential NCOs. In addition, sufficient training material has been drawn to stock 2 complete classrooms. This is sufficient to train 1 battalion. At the present therefore, the School is ready to receive 600 recruits only. It is suggested that the other 600 remain at the CARs until 1 June, when it is hoped that accommodation and training stores will be available for them. This would mean that the initial 600 recruits would finish their course on 31 July and the second course on 31 August. The School would then be ready to receive 1200 recruits on 1 September. It is not envisaged that accommodation will be available for Junior Officers, Cadet Officers or Potential NCOs course before July.

The number of instructors posted to the School is insufficient to meet instructional requirements. The position to date at the Scuola Arditori is as follows :-

	N.Z.	Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	46	27	19
NCOs	80	48	32

The position with regard to vehicles (Load Carriers, various capacities) for driving training is as follows :

	Needed for Coy N.Z.	On Strength.	Deficient.
Lorries	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

Of the 172 Lorries and 19 M/Cs held on the strength, 82 Lorries and 18 M/Cs require major repairs.

There is also a large deficiency in personnel for the M.T. Company ~~6445~~ 6465 position is as follows :-

	N.Z.	On Strength.	Deficient.
Officers	22	10	12
NCOs	39	26	13
OR (Drivers & M/C personnel)	347	240	227
	408	276	252

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9. School of Motorisation (Cont'd)

The course for Officer and NCO Instructors was completed on 20 April 1946. No examination was held since the aim of the course was to ensure that a level standard of instruction would be maintained in future recruit courses and that all instructors were conversant with the latest methods of instruction. Approval has been received from the Ministry of War for a fortnight's P.O.L. course for 2 Officers and 4 NCOs. After the course they will act as instructors with the eventual aim of improving P.O.L. Depots and Regimental Petrol Points throughout the Italian Army.

10. E & M School.

Alterations and repairs to the Caserma Musicale (No.1 Detention Barracks) commenced on 2 April. This work has proceeded very slowly and the repair of the water supply, electric light and power lines are being treated as top priority. On the arrival of the first intake 300 students will attend a driver mechanics course at Cecchignola. It is also proposed that 130 students be trained at the Centre Studi Rivi Piazza - Via Ponte Vecchio in the following trades :-

Engine Fitters.
Chassis and Assembly Fitters.
Vehicle and Plant (Electricians)
CI Engine Fuel Pump Experts.

The remainder of the students will receive tuition at one or the other of the two industrial schools - Duc D'Aosta via Turanto or Galileo Via Conte Verdi. 30 to 40 students will be catered for in the following trades :-

Turners.
Welders.
Woodworkers.
Blacksmiths.
Sheet Metal Workers.

Although this can be but a temporary solution it is felt that the use of the industrial schools is satisfactory for the training of the initial intake until such times as the barracks are ready at Cecchignola.

Preparation of 16 classrooms for teaching daily maintenance tasks and the Workshop for repairs and maintenance of School of Motorisation vehicles is progressing favourably.

S.M.G.A.

This School moved from the Scalo Barracks to the Duke of Aosta Barracks Civitavecchia during April. This caused the postponement of the Inspection of the Artillery Equipment Course which commences 1 May. The standard of students on the current armourers course is very low indeed. Some of the students cannot even write and of the 52 who commenced the course only 6 are expected to qualify. The move to the Duke of Aosta Barracks brought to light the appalling low standard of discipline in this School. As a result Colonel Fulin, Commandant of the School of Artillery was found it necessary to replace the entire administrative staff.

11. School of Administration and Welfare.

The second course for Medical Assistants was completed on 26 April

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CI Engine Fuel PumpExperts.

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11. School of Administration and Welfare.

The second course for Medical Assistants was completed on 26 April 46. It has not been as satisfactory as the previous course in that insufficient care has been taken in the selection of students. Out of 72 students, only 40 have managed to complete the course and it is anticipated that only 30 will qualify in the examinations. Constructional work on the School has not yet commenced but a survey has been carried out and work is expected to commence very shortly. It is anticipated that the School will be ready for a full intake by the 20 May.

The Welfare Centre requires funds and also a quantity of books to equip a library.

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12. Administration.

(a) S & T.

The services of HQ Central Military Schools are being disbanded. No. 2 O.T. Company is in the process of disbanding. Transport details in future will be dealt with by the Admin side of the Infantry School which has a transport detachment placed under command. On the disbandment of 319 Field Bakery on 18 April, bread is now supplied by a civilian contractor using the same bakery. His contract amounts to 4,000 rations per day. The Distribution Depot Cesano will continue to operate until the services are finally disbanded, when all Units will draw from the District Depot, RCIC.

(b) Ordnance.

There is still a large stock of clothing and accessories in the Italian Central Storehouse, but most of this consists of Winter clothing. There has been no change in the MT spares position which remains critical. Stores including guns, have been released to the Artillery School and have been collected from NAPIES.

(c) REME. - 155 Workshops.

The arrival of 60 day maintenance packs is patiently awaited. It is understood that they are now at the QMG Bologna awaiting distribution. During April 65 vehicles and 12 M/Cs were repaired. Deficiencies in personnel at the end of April are as follows :-

	Turners	A Veh Mechs	B Veh Mechs	Elect	Armourers	Sheet Metal Workers	Coach Builders.
WOs	-	1	3	1	-	-	-
QRs	1	8	7	4	4	1	1

Total 31

(d) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

The standard of discipline has in general deteriorated during the last month. Instances of bad discipline have, however, been investigated thoroughly and steps taken to prevent a recurrence. In the case of RCIC it has been necessary to effect a complete change of administrative officers. Although Commanding Officers of Schools are well aware of the importance of providing welfare facilities for their men and much has been done in this direction the stage has now been reached when the improvement of facilities depends entirely upon the availability of funds.

(e) Morale.

The main grounds for dissatisfaction have been outlined in detail in previous reports. They remain

1) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.
2) Financial reasons.

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There is still a large stock of clothing and accessories in the Indian Central Storehouse, but most of this consists of Winter clothing. There has been no change in the AT spares position which remains critical. Stores including guns, have been released to the Artillery School and have been collected from MHOWS.

(c) MEDL. - 155 Workshops.

The arrival of 60 day maintenance packs is patiently awaited. It is understood that they are now at the CMEC Bolarum awaiting distribution. During April 65 vehicles and 12 M/Cs were repaired. Deficiencies in personnel at the end of April are as follows :-

	Turners	A Veh Mechs	B Veh Mechs	Elect	Armourers	Sheet Metal Workers	Coach Builders.
NCOs	-	1	3	1	-	-	-
Cmn	1	8	7	4	4	1	1

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(e) Morale.

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1) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.
2) Financial reasons.

There has been a great feeling of disappointment that British equipment which has been promised has not been released in time to arrive in the first intake of recruits. This can only be temporary and this feeling will disappear when the equipment arrives.

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Colonel.
Commander, 12 British Infantry Unit for the Indian Central Military Schools

Climate Report.

A progress report has been received from S.D.II H.Qrs. M.M.I.A. too late to be included in the general report. It is forwarded as Appendix 'G'.

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Comd 12 BLU	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO II (Schools)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
GSO II (Trg & Inf Trg)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. IC	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr. IA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Instr R.Cigs	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
War Diary	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2
Signal	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Mile	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2

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Instr R.Sigs	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
War Diary	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2
Float	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
File	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Spares	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	2

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RESULTS OF COURSES - APRIL 1946

1. School of Artillery.

OFFICERS	Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed
25 pr	16	19	16
NCOs			
25 pr	35	35	32
Specialists	15	15	15
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14
40 mm	16	16	16

2. Infantry School

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27
CAR NCOs	225	6	73	231
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41
Territorial NCOs	230	7	22	47

3. Signals School.

Course.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good
No.5 Potential Signals Instructors. - OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5
Wireless - N.C.Os.	26	-	6	10
Line. - N.C.Os.	35	3	6	9
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	10	4	3	3
Infantry Signaller - NCOs.	16	2	4	5

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APPENDIX "A"

RESULTS OF COURSES - APRIL 1946

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OFFICERS	Commenced Course	Completed Course	Passed	Failed or Cancelled.
25 pr	16	19	16	3
HQOs				
25 pr	35	35	32	3
Specialists	15	15	15	-
6 pr & 17 pr	14	14	14	-
40 mm	16	16	16	-

Courses.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed	Failed
CAR Officers	44	2	7	27	8	-
CAR HQOs	325	6	75	231	40	8
Territorial Officers	71	4	22	41	4	-
Territorial HQOs	230	7	22	47	72	-

Courses.	Total	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Passed.	Failed.
No.3 Potential Signals Instructors. - OFFICERS.	21	4	7	5	4	1
Wireless - N.C.Os.	26	-	6	10	5	5
Line. - N.C.Os.	35	3	6	9	11	6
Infantry Signaller - OFFICERS	16	4	3	3	-	-
Infantry Signaller - HQOs.	16	2	4	5	3	2

ANNEXURE "B"

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LOCATION (PATTERN) OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS

Ref Maps ITALY 1:200,000 Sheets 15 and 17.

Serial No.	School	Location	Map References.
1.	HQ, Central Military Schools	CESANO	F.6286
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	BOR GI QUINTO.	F.7372
4.	Artillery School Fd Branch	BRACCIANO	F.4690
5.	Artillery School AA & A/T Branch	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
6.	Engineer School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
7.	Signal School	CROCEFERRATA	F.7458
8.	Infantry School.	CESANO.	F.6286
9.	Police School.	CESANO.	F.6286
10.	M.T. School.	CESANO.	F.6286
11.	School of Information	CROCEFERRATA	F.7458
12.	S and M School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
13.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI.	D.0725

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1.	HQ, Central Military Schools	CESANO	P.6286
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	VIA di QUINTO.	P.7572
4.	Artillery School 3d Branch	ANACCIANO	P.4890
5.	Artillery School AA & A/T Branch	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.1891
6.	Cavalry School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.1891
7.	Signal School	CECCHIGNOLA	P.7450
8.	Infantry School.	CESANO.	P.6286
9.	Police School.	CESANO.	P.6286
10.	P.T. School.	CESANO.	P.6286
11.	School of Motorisation	CECCHIGNOLA	P.7450
12.	S and M School.	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.1891
13.	School of Administration and Welfare.	RIETI.	P.0723

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12 B. L. U. STAFF LIST
1 MAY 1945

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSO I — L/Col. L.H. Mackay OBE (59836)
GSO III — T/Capt A.W. Gibbins (233416) R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DAA & QMG — T/Maj L.J. Bamford (226359) R.A.C.
Staff Captain — T/Capt W.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.E.

SERVICES.

DADOS — T/Maj J.C. Hallet (95549) RASC.
DADOS — T/Maj T.H. Shorthose (127395) RAOC
DADOS — A/Maj A.F. Twine (250819) REME

TRAINING BRANCH

STAFF

GSO II (Schools) Trg — T/Maj W.L. Price MBE (74068) N.Staffs.
GSO II (Schools) Trg — T/Maj K.P. Chance (67450) R.Inn.Fus.

R.A.

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

R.E.

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

R. Signals.

Instructor R.Sigs (Major) — T/Maj D.R. Skinner (134077) R.Sigs.

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COMANDO SCUOLA CENTRALI MILITARI
=Ufficio Personale e Affari Vari

Caserma di Roma, li 27 aprile 1946-

ELENCO NOMINATIVO UFFICIALI SUPERIORI IN FORZA AL COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
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COMANDO SCUOLA CENTRALE

-Colonnello	Art. spe.-tit.S.M.-	MALAVASI Lodovico	-Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.----------	- NEGRULA Ettore	-Capo uff.Person.
-Ten.Colonnello	Art. spe.-tit;S.M.-	CARPA Salvatore	-Capo uff.Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	Genio spe.-tit;S.M.-	LANDRACCI Luigi	-Capo uff.Ordinamento e Mobilitamento.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.M.-	SAVO Ugo	-Capo uff.Addestram.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe .-tit;S.M.-	PASSALLO Vittorio	-Addetto al Comando Scuole Centrali.

COMANDO SCUOLA ORGANIZZAZIONE TRUPPE ALPINE

-Colonnello	Art. spe.- ------	- CAPPITELLA Giuseppe	-Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.- ------	- MEIDA Osvaldo	-Com/te Batt.Istr.
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.- ------	- COSTANZONA Camillo	-Capo uff.Studi
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.- ------	- VISCONTI Ferdinando	-Addetto Com.Presidio
-Ten.Colonnello	Art. spe.-tit;S.M.-	PALOMBARINI Sergio	-.....

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-	- TABAI Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-	- GARDINI Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.M.-	TRABUCCHI Delfino	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.M.-	FERRARO Marco	-Capo uff.Stralcio del 136° Rgt.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe;-tit;S.M.-	MANFREDUCCI Giuseppe	-Com/te Batt.Allievi

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COMANDO SCUOLA CENTRALI

-Colonnello	Art. spe.-tit.S.S.-	BALAVASI Ludovico	-Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.----------	- MADDIA Ettore	-Capo uff.Person.
-Ten.Colonnello	Art. spe.-tit;S.S.-	CAMPA Salvatore	-Capo uff.Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	Gran.spe.-tit;S.S.-	BALDASSINI Luigi	-Capo uff.Ordinamento e Mobilitazione.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.S.-	OLIVO Ugo	-Capo uff;Addestram.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr.spe .-tit;S.S.-	Vassallo Vittorio	-Addetto al Comando Scuole Centrali.

COMANDO SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE TRUPPE ALPI

-Colonnello	Art. spe.- ------	- CARPITELLA Giuseppe	-Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.- ------	- GUIDA Osvaldo	-Com/te Serv.Tatt.
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.- ------	- COSTANZINA Camillo	-Capo uff;Studi
-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.- ------	- VITANZO Ferdinando	-Addetto Com.Presidio
-Ten.Colonnello	Art. spe.-tit;S.S.-	BALDASSINI Sergio	-.....

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-	- FANGI Michele	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-	- GASPARI Giulio	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.S.-	TRABUCCHI Delfino	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.S.-	FERRERO Marco	-Capo uff.Stralcio del 136° Rgt.
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.S.-	CARNEVALINO Giuseppe	-Com/te Batt.Allievi

SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-tit;S.S.-	RIGHI Giovanni	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.-	- BERETTI Eugenio	-Vice Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Art. spe.-	- PERELLA Vincenzo	-Addetto al Comando

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SCUOLA DI ARTIGLIERIA

-Colonnello	Art.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	PALMA Marcello	-Comandante
-TenColonnello	Art.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	ARAGNI Renato	-.....
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	DI LORENZO Giovanni	-.....
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	CALIBANI Salvatore	-.....
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	MENGHI Guido	-.....
-Ten.Colonnello	Art.	spe.	RENZONI Renzo	-.....

SCUOLA ARTIGLIERIA DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.	spe.-	- DE MARTINO Gennaro	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.	spe.-	- SILVESTRI Virgilio	-Vice Comandante
-TenColonnello	Gen.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	PISCIARO Salvatore	-Comandante Scuola Artieri
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.	spe.-	- ATTANNI Giuseppe	-Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello	Gen.	spe.-tit.S.G.-	AURILIO Gianmarie	- Disposizione

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello	Gen.	spe.-	- MANCUSO Salvatore	-Comandante
-Ten.Colonn.	Gen.	spe.-	- CASCANI Lelio	-.....

SCUOLA SANITA' E ASSISTENZA

-TenColonnello	Ftr.spe.	-	- SACHERI Edoardo	-Comandante

SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten.Colonnello	Alp.spe.	-tit.S.G. -	DANANI Giuseppe	-Comandante

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-Gen.Colonnello Art. spe.-tit.S.S.- [illegible] Guido -.....
-Ten.Colonnello Art. spe. [illegible] Renzo -.....

SCUOLA ARTIGLIERIA DEL GENIO

-Colonnello Gen. spe.- - DE MATTEIS Gennaro -Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello Gen. spe.- - SILVESTRI Virgilio -Vice Comandante
-TenColonnello Gen. spe.-tit.S.S.- - PIRIGANO Salvatore -Comandante Scuola Artieri
-Ten.Colonnello Gen. spe.- - ATTANZI Giuseppe -Relatore
-Ten.Colonnello Gen. spe.-tit.S.S.- - AURILIO Giammario -a disposizione

SCUOLA COMBATTIMENTI DEL GENIO

-Colonnello Gen. spe.- - MANCUSO Salvatore -Comandante
-Ten.Colonn. Gen. spe.- - CARDANI Delio -.....

SCUOLA TRUPPE D'ASSISTENZA

-TenColonnello Ftr.spe. - - GAGLIET Rosario -Comandante

SCUOLA DI EDUCAZIONE FISICA

-Ten.Colonnello Alp.spe.-tit.S.S. - - Bonacci Giuseppe -Comandante

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SERIAL No.	VEHICLE TYPE.	ENGR. No.	EVACUATION (E)	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	REMOVE
1	Ford Staff Car	1560133	E		
2	Dodge 3-ton	L.5689402	E		
3	Chevrolet 3-ton	L.5686553	E		
4	Ford G.S. 15-cwt.	L.5313398	E		
5	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	L.4982463	E		
6	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	L.5250000	E		
7	Austin P.U.	M.1137044			
8	Hillman P.U.	M.5100859		LR	
9	Jeep.	5626671		LR	
10	Jeep.	M.5636694	E		
11	Jeep.	5158386	E		
12	Triumph M/C 500 cc.	C.5426264	E		
13	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C.5117265	E		
14	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C.4611106	E		
15	B.S.A. M/C 500 cc.	C.5547039	E		

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT TH
AND THAT A.D. 406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

Date: 1 Dec 45.

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TYPE.	REG. NO.	INVESTIGATE. (I)	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR. (BLR)	REMARKS.
¼ Car	1560133	E			
Car	L.5609402	E			
3-ton	L.5686553	E			
15-cwt.	L.5313398	E			
15-cwt.	L.4982463	E			
15-cwt.	L.5250009	E			
	M.1137044			BLR	
	M.5100889		LR		
	5626871		LR		
	M.5636694	E			
	5158386	E			
500 cc.	C.5426264	E			
500 cc.	C.5117266	E			
500 cc.	C.1461106	E			
500 cc.	C.5247039	E			

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CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE HELD ON CHARGE, THAT THEIR CONDITION IS AS STATED, AND THAT A.B. 408 HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND FOUND CORRECT.

H. G. Marshall Hayes
Colonel.

APPENDIX "A"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report
No.17 Dated 1 May 1946.

(A) Deficiencies in all Ranks as against T.E. C6/1016/1 Dated 1 June 1945 (As amended)

(i) Officers - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II's	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
Arm Art (Veh) (REME)	1	-	-	-	1
Pharmacy Tech "	-	1	-	-	1
Mtce Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor RA	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor 6 pdr A/T	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Carrier	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman (TS)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk SD "	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks SD (Any Arm)	-	-	-	2	2
Cook (T)	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	-	2	-	-	2
	1	8	1	4	14

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

(i) Officers.

LIAP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June '46.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LIAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June '46.
2 Ptes " " " 3 June '46.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in immediate future.

(i) Due under LIAP, LILOP etc. N-I-L.

(ii) Due under GHQ 1352/45 Officers 3
Ors. 5

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Van Doos	–	1	–	–	1
Eastmaver SA	–	1	–	–	1
Intercaber 6 pdr A/T	–	1	–	–	1
Intercaber Carrier	–	1	–	–	1
Ghurkas (RE)	–	–	–	1	1
Clerk SD	–	–	–	1	1
Medical SD (Asp Amb)	–	–	–	2	2
Asst /SD	–	–	1	–	1
Interpreters	–	2	–	–	2
	1	8	1	4	14

(b) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due for return.

(i) Officers.

ICLAP - 1 Officer due to return 30 June '46.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LLAP - 1 L/Cpl due to return 3 June '46.
2 Ptes " " " 3 June '46.

(c) Details of All Ranks due for Leave in immediate future.

(i) Due under LLAP, LHLAP etc. N-I-L.

(ii) Due under GRO 1352/45 Officers 3
ORs. 5

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APPENDIX "C"

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 17
Dated 1 May 1946.

Progress Report for Signal School by SO II A.Sigs, MMIA.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian Signal Instructors Centre for the month of April 46.

(a) General.

Owing to the pressure of work in other directions I have been able to pay only three visits to the above School during April, but I have maintained throughout close liaison with the Commander, Col. MANCUSO, and during the period 26/28 April he and I, together with Major CANTONI, visited the British School of Signals, CSS, at PARMA. This visit proved to be highly instructive and enjoyable. The British School is expecting to close down within the next six months and its Commander has promised that, when it does so, he will hand over to the Italian School all his home-made items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

(b) British Personnel.

Corporal WHITE, ex 70 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as NCO Instructor A.Sigs, 12 B.L.U. On 30 April I installed him at Cecchignola, where he will be accommodated and mess with the Coy Staff, the HQ of which is only some 50 yards from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor A. Sigs he will occupy himself by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

(c) Works.

The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month, and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 30 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely well planned.

(d) Courses.

No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and the Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs duly finished on the 28 April. Results of these courses are given in Appendix "A".

(e) Stores.

The release of the Interim Controlled Signal Stores requirements was received from G HQ CMF on 29 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian Officer, 10 Italian ORs, and Cpl. WATSON left for Porto Empedocle on 2 May. This party will draw the stores from 3 Sub Depot 557 SCD and will then accompany them by rail to Maglione Garibaldi Station, the nearest to Cecchignola. 50 Wireless Stations, No. MC, complete, were added by me to the original interim list, prepared by Major SKINNER, as it has since been ascertained from G HQ that this type of set will be available to the Italian Interim Army, and a proportion was therefore included in the Controlled Signal Stores [illegible]

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over to the Italian School all the above-mentioned items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

(b) British Personnel.

Corporal [illegible], ex 70 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as MCO Instructor to 2/Lt, 12 P.L.D. On 30 April I installed him at Cocklemouth, where he will be accommodated and mess with 64 CT Coy RASC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yards from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor R. Sigs he will occupy himself by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

(c) Works.

The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 30 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely well planned.

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(f) War Establishment. 654

I have recently reviewed the W.E. of the School, and am of the opinion that it should be scrapped and entirely re-written. I have put this opinion forward to the D-I [illegible] who agrees. As the recruit training is due to commence very shortly, however, I have managed to get forward to the Ministry of War certain essential amendments which I have agreed with Col MACHIN and which are as follows :-

(1) The deletion from HQ of the Officer with Administrative functions and the substitution of an Administrative Office consisting of 5 Officers, 7 NCOs and 6 ORs.

(2) The increasing of the Training Office from 4 Officers, 3 NCOs, and 3 ORs to 6 Officers, 4 NCOs and 5 ORs.

(3) The insertion of a Stores and Workshops organisation consisting of 2 Officers, 7 NCOs and 13 ORs.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Infantry School.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL INFANTRY SCHOOL
(Tel : 9218 66)(13/3)

Ref : G/A.J/1095

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G30 III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General Progress.

The rate of progress can only be described as extremely disappointing. Instead of the Infantry School being the model of Infantry training for the Italian Army it is possibly on the same level as the average C.A.R., and if better only very slightly.

The reasons for this are as follows :-

(1) Failure by the Italians to provide the basic facilities for the School.

(2) Failure by the Italians to supply the best officers and NCO material available.

(3) Failure of the Commanding General and the C.O. School to demand a high enough standard of discipline, turnout and cleanliness.

(4) Complete non-arrival of training equipment promised and required.

(5) Complete lack of all spare parts.

(6) Continued occupation by other Units of buildings destined for and essential to the Infantry School.

It is not proposed to enlarge on these points as it must be fully realised from previous letters and complaints.

2. Courses Run.

The following courses were run with results as follows, during the last month :

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GSO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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Territorial NCOs	250	7	22	47	72	72	10

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2. [illegible]

It will be seen that the results of the course for Territorial NCOs was extremely poor. This was due to :

(1) Poor quality and morale of students.

(2) Dissatisfaction by students at the great difference in standard of clothing of NCOs going to CMHs. Further dissatisfaction was caused among corporals as sergeants get an allowance for attending courses, corporals do not.

(3) Poor standard of discipline demanded by the School. Italians officers can keep discipline if all goes well but the majority are still frightened of their men.

(4) Absence of demonstration troops on P.S. Duties.

The remainder of the courses went as well as can be expected. It must be remembered, however, that the results of courses for instructors at CMHs are purely relative. By English standards each category should move down at least one. However, in six weeks it is not possible to produce a perfect instructor in all the subjects which have to be taught at a CMH, bearing in mind that 60% of the students have no knowledge of British weapons, tactics or training methods before they come. Also equally important, the lack of drill squares and ranges.

3. Present activity and future courses.

The School took the shortage of end of courses and Easter to get the majority of instructors on leave. Chief Instructors, however, are preparing programmes for the internal courses necessary to expand the School.

The following internal courses will start on 6 May.

1 Bridge
2 3-in Mortar
3 Carrier Driving and Maintenance.

During the period the Section Course will be preparing exercises and demonstrations.

Owing to the non-arrival of equipment it is not possible to predict any activity in Section Cam or Heavy Mortar Training, though with the arrival of equipment, internal courses could start within 14 days. The 3-in Mortar internal course will also be hampered by equipment shortages.

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(6) Absence of demonstration troops on T.S. Bolton.

The remainder of the courses went as well as can be expected. It must be remembered, however, that the results of courses for instructors at CAIs are merely relative. By British standards each category should have done at least one. However, in six weeks it is not possible to produce a perfect instructor in all the subjects which have to be taught at a CAE, bearing in mind that 80% of the students have no knowledge of British weapons, Tactics or Training Methods before they come. Also equally important, the lack of drill squares and ranges.

3. Present activity and future courses.

The School took the advantage of end of courses and Easter to get the majority of Instructors on leave. Chief Instructor, however, has prepared programmes for the internal courses necessary to expand the School.

The following Internal Courses will start on 6 May.

1 Sniper
2 3-in Mortar
3 Carrier Driving and Maintenance.

During the period the Tactics Course will be preparing exercises and demonstrations.

Owing to the non-arrival of equipment it is not possible to mention any activity in Machine Gun or Heavy Mortar Training, though with the arrival of equipment, Internal courses could start within 14 days. The 3-in Mortar Internal courses will also be hampered by equipment shortages.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

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

Ref · G/A.3/1096

29 April 1946

To: O.C.,
Infantry School.

Copy: Central Military Schools.

In order to follow closely the progress in converting the Infantry School, please send to this H.Q. every fortnight, commencing 14th May a Report showing :

1. Deficiencies of Instructors to War Establishment by sections. To show (a) Paper Deficiency and (b) actual deficiency. i.e. Under (a) would be shown all Instructors who are actually on the strength of Infantry School. Under (b) only those who are present and capable of instructing to the required standard.

2. Deficiencies in Transport. (a) on Paper and (b) in practise (efficient vehicles only to be shown).

3. On the 14th May only, the training equipment held. Subsequent weeks only additions or subtractions will be shown.

4. The state of accommodation stores.

5. State of readiness achieved by various wings, brief and general points only. i.e.,

Main Mortar Wing.

All Instructors present, programme and syllabus prepared. Detailed periods in course of preparation. Will be completely ready in 1 week if they had ammunition.

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Copy: Central Military Schools.

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3. On the 14th May only, the training equipment held. Subsequent weeks only additions or subtractions will be shown.

4. The state of accommodation stores.

5. State of readiness achieved by various wings, brief and general points only. i.e.,

1-in Mortar Wing.

All Instructors present, programme and syllabus prepared. Detailed periods in course of preparation. Will be completely ready in 1 week if they had ammunition.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Police.

12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian General Military School
(Tel : PORT 56310/9)

Ref : G/L.3/1057

29 April 1946.

To : Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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12 British Liaison Unit.

1. GENERAL

The Police School has improved a great deal recently, after its decline on Captain Cotterill departure. This is largely due to the interest taken by Lt. Col. Hill.

As a result-course syllabus now appears to be very fairly reasonable though it is still under modification, and is quite well put up.

The buildings are now gradually receiving their 4th dry time previously. However, the vertical dress of students makes it difficult to achieve the rather impressive parade and parades of previous times.

Again, regards to the drill space would be an assistance.

2. Courses in Progress.

At present there is 1 NCOs and 30 Constabulary of the Territorial Battalions and 18 NCOs and 38 Constabulary of Naval Local Regiments.

The course is in the third week and the standard of students is slightly above the normal.

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Italian General Military Schools

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - 1st. Course.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOL
(Ref. : WDGS 46348/9)

Ref : G/Lo3/1004

29 April 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

CMO III,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General.

Despite great difficulties and shortages of equipment and very limited facilities, it is possible that this is the best school in the world.

Another disadvantage is the lack of permanent staff, to be dealt with in a separate letter. A certain amount of embarrassment is now being received from C.O.M.I. The School also requires all the sports for the Centre. In addition it attempts to get as much press publicity as possible.

2. Progress to Progress.

The number of students reporting was below that expected. However, there are quite enough for the limited equipment available. The course enters in its 5th week on the 29th.

27 officers, is this not 3 Commissioned Staff.

W.L.Pace
Major CMO III
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12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian General Military School.

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 6

CONFIDENTIAL.

12 [illegible] Progress Report of Italian Central Military Schools for Period 1 - 31 March 1946.

Ref : G/A.3/1071

1 April 1946.

GENERAL.

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

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

1. School of Tactics.

With the exception of a short course of instruction in British tactical training, instructional and administrative methods attended by six Colonels, the month under review has been spent in planning and organising the School of Tactics at its new location at CIVITAVECCHIA. General Mattioli has devoted much energy and enthusiasm towards the formation of the School.

Progress has been retarded by :-

(a) The failure of building materials to arrive.

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

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

2. Armoured Car School.

The course which commenced in February was concluded in the early days of the month. The School has now moved to a new location at TOR di QUINTO and is passing through a phase of reorganisation. The release of a further 16 Staghounds and 3 Dingos has greatly increased training facilities.

3. School of Artillery.

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

A further series of Instructors courses, of 3 weeks duration, commenced on 10 March 1946.

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

The numbers under instruction are as follows

	25pr Instructors	17pr & 6pr Instructors	40 mm Instructors.
Officers	18	-	-
NCOs	50	21	24

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3. School of Artillery.

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

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

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

The numbers under instruction are as follows

	25pr Instructors	17pr & 6pr Instructors	40 m Instructors.
Officers	18	-	-
NCOs	50	21	24

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

(a) RSC Instructors course.

(b) HAA Instructors Course.

(c) 5.5 Med Instructors Course.

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

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3. School of Artillery (Cont'd).

Results of courses completed on 10 March 1945 are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report. Reference should be made to the outstanding work of Major HOW, R.A., whose enthusiasm and energy has contributed greatly to the progress of the School. He rendered the task of his successor Major ALLAN also R.A. considerably easier.

4. Engineer School.

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

(a) The issue of spraying liquids and pumps.

(b) A further processing of barracks with DDT.

Major DuAlan, R.E. has now replaced Major LANGFORD R.E. as S.O. E.S.

5. Signal School.

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

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

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

The courses which commenced on 21 January 1945 were concluded in the early part of this month. Results are shown in Appendix 'B' to this report.

The Artillery Signal Instructors course and a Wireless course for Infantry Officers and NCOs, both of six weeks duration commenced on 11 March 1945. The following personnel are under instruction :-

	Offrs	NCOs	Total.
No.3 Signal Instructors Course	22	70	92
No.1 Infantry Signals Course	10	19	29

Instructors have been prepared for records courses in Key and approved syllabus for the three months Infantry and Artillery signallers courses.

6. Infantry School.

The courses for Instructors for CMFs and for Territorial Officers are now in their fifth week. Preparations have commenced for the new Infantry School organisation.

The reorganisation is being made in the following stages :-

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

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(c) A further processing of barracks with HPE.

Major Charles, R.A.E. has now replaced Major [illegible] R.E. as S.O. R.E.

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6. Infantry School.

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The transformation is being made in the following stages :-

(a) The appointment of Commandants of wings and the implementation of the establishments. This stage will be completed by 20 April.

(b) The preparation of training programmes and a detailed analysis of lessons to be taught. This stage will be completed by 6 April.

(c) The training of a large number of new instructors required for the School. Provided that new weapons are forthcoming it is hoped that this stage will be completed in all branches, [illegible] and 4.2-in Mortar by the beginning of July.

7. Police School.

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

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

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7. Police School (Cont'd).

The standard of students on this course was below average.

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

8. A.T. School.

The 3rd A.T. Course of eight weeks duration was concluded on 9th March 1946. Of an initial total of 56 students, 15 were returned to their units as being unsuitable to make instructors or through sickness. The results of the 18 Officers, 21 NCOs and 2 Carabinieri who concluded the course are as follows :-

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

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

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

9. School of Motorisation.

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

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

The following courses are being held :-

(a) Instructors course of 4 weeks duration which commenced on 5 March and is attended by 35 Officers and 109 NCOs. The aim of the course is to ensure that the future instructors of the School of Motorisation maintain uniformity in MT instruction and are conversant with the latest methods of instruction.

(b) A short D & M Course for 30 drivers who have been posted to the School as drivers but are not in possession of Military driving licences.

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

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

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(b) A short D & M Course for 30 drivers who have been posted to the School as drivers but are not in possession of Military driving licences.

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

10. M & M School.

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

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

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

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11. School of Administration and Welfare.

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

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

(a) The partitioning of certain rooms to form small class rooms.

(b) The provision of adequate sleeping accommodation for Officers.

12. Administration.

(a) Ordnance Services.

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

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

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

(b) R.A.O.C.

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

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

(c) Discipline, Hygiene and Welfare.

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

(d) Morale.

Grounds for dissatisfaction exist for two main reasons :-

(i) Lack and inadequacy of married quarters.

(ii) Financial reasons.

The position regarding married families is particularly acute at CESANO. A solution would be the movement of the HQ Italian Central Military Schools to ROME, releasing suitable accommodation for married quarters to the Infantry School.

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(c) A.D.M.S.

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The position regarding married families is particularly acute at CASAMIC. A solution would be the movement of the HQ Italian Central Military Schools to ROME, releasing suitable accommodation for married quarters to the Infantry School.

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

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

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Appendix 'A'

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

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF BARRACK BUILDINGS.

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

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

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[illegible] but virtually nothing has been done. The position caused no considerable alarm at the beginning of the month and I visited General Cortelezza and consequently Signor Brozio, Minister of War, and endeavoured to impress upon them both, that unless funds were made available to implement essential work, the position on the 1st of May (when the Schools were supposed to start) would be a serious one. Both General Cortelezza and the Ministar were co-operative, but there was only one answer. The Italian Government has not yet authorised the funds to meet the cost of the contracts. In spite of promises and a certain amount of optimistic thinking the position is virtually the same at the end of the month. The work has not yet started. Without being defeatist, it can be said quite definitely that the essential buildings will not be in the condition which we hoped, by the 1st May. This fact must be accepted and I have therefore impressed on the Italian Commanders of all the Schools that this unfortunate situation must not allow them in any way either to lose hope or slacken their efforts. They must improvise.

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

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI GENIO
COMANDO

No.02/60/Ris. Rome 13, 10 March 1946.

Subject :- Signal School - Barracks at Cecchignola - Arrangements.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE GENERAL CHIEF, THE CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

CESANO DI ROMA.

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

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

2. Of all the following works planned :

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

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

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

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

(a) fairly good accomodation - as already ascertained by General Bence - for 750 men;

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

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

(a) fairly good accomodation - as already ascertained by General Lance - for 750 men:

(b) Lodgings for some 2,300 - no doors, no windows, no light:

(c) Hygienic installations very poor and such that may lead to dangerous epidemics: draining system needing badly to be repaired:

(d) Water supply needing to be repaired and improved to satisfy the necessities of about 3,000 men, especially in summer:

(e) Kitchens available - field kitchens - for 600 units only, that could be made sufficient for 900 units at the utmost, while the units to be fed are 2,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Colonel Commandant.
(S.MARCUS)

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RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

1. School of Artillery.

OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed
25 pr	48	43	35
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18
4.5 in	8	8	8
WOOs.			
25 pr	71	70	70
17 & 6 pr	23	23	15
4.5 in	14	14	14

2. Signal School.

No.2 Sigs Instr Course	Officers.	13 Passed	2 Failed.		
	NCOs.	Very Good.	Good.	Average.	Fa
		3	7	14	1
No.1 Course for CI.RR Wireless Operators.	Officers	2	4	3	
	NCOs.	6	11	5	
	Carabinieri	1	16	34	

3. School of Motorisation.

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

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ATTACHMENT "B"
To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report No. 16
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RESULTS OF COURSES - MARCH 1946.

OFFICERS	Total at Commencement	Total at end of Course	Passed	Unclassified Sur Officers	Failed.
25 pr	46	43	35	8	-
17 & 6 pr	18	18	18	-	-
40 MM	8	8	8	-	-
NCOs.					
25 pr	71	70	70	-	1
17 & 6 pr	23	23	15	-	8
40 MM	14	14	14	-	-

No.2 Sig/m Instr Course — Officers. 13 Passed 2 Failed.

NCOs.	Very Good.	Good.	Average.	Fair.	Failed.
	3	7	14	17	10
No.1 course for CC.RE Wireless Operators.					
Officers	2	4	3	-	2
NCOs.	6	11	5	-	4
Carabinieri	1	16	34	-	9

No. 6 D & M Course	Total at Commencement of Course.	Total at end of Course.	Passed.	Failed.
	394	359	264	95

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4. R & M School.

Course.	Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	Pass
Veh Mech	Officer	11	1	-
	NCOs	7	7	7
	ORs	24	24	22
Fleet (V)	ORs	9	9	9
Dvr Mechs	NCOs	15	15	15
	ORs	152	148	141
Turners	ORs	6	6	4
Fitters (Gen)	ORs	19	19	17
Fleet (House)	ORs	12	12	9

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ANNEXURE 'B' (Continued).

Course.	Rank	Total at Commencement of Course	Total at end of Course.	Passed.	Failed.
Veh Mech	Officer	11	1	[illegible]	-
	NCOs	7	7	7	-
	ORs	24	24	22	2
Elect (v)	ORs	9	9	9	-
Dvr Mechs	NCOs	15	15	15	-
	ORs	152	148	141	7
Turners	ORs	6	6	4	2
Fitters (Gen)	ORs	19	19	17	2
Elect (Mtce)	ORs	12	12	9	3

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APPENDIX 'C'

To: 12 D.L.O. Progress Report No. 16
Dated 1 April 1946.

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

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

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference.
1.	HQ Central Military Schools	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.4206
2.	School of Tactics.	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
3.	Armoured Car School.	TOR di QUINTO	F.7572
4.	Artillery School	RIACCIANO.	F.4490
5.	Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	F.1891
6.	Signal School	CECCHIGNOLA	F.7458
7.	Infantry School.	CESANO	F.6206
8.	Police School	CESANO	F.6266
9.	P.T. School	CESANO	F.6269
10.	School of Motorization	CECCHIGNOLA	F.7458
11.	Naval School	CIVITAVECCHIA.	F.1891
12.	School of Administration and Welfare	RIETI	F.0723

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APPENDIX 'O'

To: 12 R.I.U. Progress Report No. 1
Dated 1 April 1946.

12 R. I. U. STAFF LIST.

1 APRIL 1946.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

GSO I	Lt/Col L.H. Mackay GSO (55936)
GSO III	T/Capt A.W. Gilmore (233416) R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DAA & QMG	T/Maj H.J. Sanford (226359) R.A.O.C.
Staff Captain	A/Capt T.R. Trevelyan (256126) R.E.

SERVICES.

DADOS	T/Maj J.C. Bulkot (95549) RAD.
DADOS	T/Maj T.H. Shorthose (127395) RAOC
DADOS	A/Maj A.T. Irvine (230812) REME.

TRAINING BRANCH.

STAFF

GSO II (Schools) Trg	T/Maj W.L. Price MBE (74886) R.Sigs
GSO II (Schools) Trg	T/Maj N.F. Glanvo (67432) R.Ir.Rif

R.A.

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

R.E.

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

R. Signals.

Instructor R.Sigs (Major)	A/Maj D.F. Schuur (190477) R.Sigs.

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SERIAL No.	VEHICLE TYPE.	ENG. No.	PETROL T. (P).	LOCAL SERVICE (LS)	RETURN LOCAL (RLS).
1	Ford Staff Car.	1560133.		LS	
2	Dodge. 3-ton.	[illegible]5603402	S		
3	Chevrolet 3-ton.	[illegible]5604953	S		
4	Ford G.S. 15-cwt.	2.5313598	S		
5	Dodge. G.S. 15-cwt.	[illegible].4932463	S		
6	Dodge G.S. 15-cwt.	2.5250869	S		
7	Austin P.U.	[illegible].1137644		LS	
8	Hillman. P.U.	[illegible].5100869	S		
9	Jeep.	5626871.	S		
10	Jeep.	5150306	S		
11	Triumph M/C. 500 cc.	C.5426264.	S		
12	B.S.A. M/C. 500 cc.	C.5117266	S		
13	B.S.A. M/C. 500 cc.	C.1461106	S		
14	B.S.A. M/C. 500 cc.	C.5947039	S		

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE ISSUED ON CHARGE, THAT THEY CONFORM A.B.406 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND FOUND CORRECT.

Date: 1 April 1946.

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Capt. Transport
Italian Com

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	REG. No.	REMOVE T. (R).	LOCAL REPAIR (LR)	RETURN LOCAL (RL).	REMARKS.
	1560153.		LR		
	2.5603402	R			
	2.5636953	R			
	2.5515593	R			
	2.4982463	R			
	2.5250009	R			
	2.1137043		LR		
	2.5100869	R			
	5626871.	R			
	5156325	R			
	2.5426264	R			
	2.5117266	R			
	2.1461106	R			
	2.5547039	R			

CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE FREE OF CHARGE, THAT THEIR INSPECTION IS AS STATED, AND THAT A.B.1464 HAVE BEEN EXPLORED AND FOUND CORRECT.

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APPENDIX 'G'

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

(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. C4/1010/1 dated 1 June 1945 (As amended)

(i) Officers - NIL.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II's	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
Arm Art (Veh) (REME)	1	-	-	-	1
Electrician Tech "	-	1	-	-	1
Elec Veh & Plant "	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech "	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman (RE)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD "	-	-	-	1	1
Instr Cp W/T (R.Sigs)	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks GD (Any Arm)	-	-	-	1	1
Cook ACC	-	-	1	-	1
Interpreters	-	2	-	-	2
TOTALS	1	6	1	3	11

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

(i) Officers.

LIAP - 1 Officer due to return 7 April 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

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

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

(i) Due under LIAP, LILOP etc — Officers 1, Ors 3

(ii) Due under GHQ 1352/45 — Officers 2, Ors 5

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Artillery.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : ROME 56[illegible])

Ref : G/A.3/1069

30 March 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G3O III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. General Progress.

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

2. Details of Present Courses.

(a) Duration of Courses 5 weeks. This is a curtailment of one week on previous courses due due to enchanced training conditions.

(b) Courses commenced 10th March '46.

(c) All courses are divided into two parts :-

(i) The first three weeks for instruction in equipment and Artillery Theory, and in technical and tactical use of instruments.

(ii) The last two weeks - practical instruction in the field, instruction in "Methods of Instruction" and testing students' suitability as Instructors.

3. (a) Numbers under Instruction.

Course.	25 pr Instructors	17pr & 6pr Instructors	40 mm Instructors.
Officers	18	-	

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3. (a) Numbers under Instruction.

Course.	25 pr Instructors	17pr & 6pr Instructors	40 mm Instructors.
Officers	18	-	6
NCOs	50	21	24

(b) Results of previous courses completed on 10 March '45.

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

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3. (b) Cont'd.

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

4. Factors Detracting from the Value of Courses.

Technical stores are still urgently required particularly the guns and equipment for Recruit Training proper.

5. Future Courses.

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

Arrangements are well in hand for :

(a) R.S.O. Instructors Course.

(b) HAA " "

(c) 5.5 Medium " "

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

6. Administration Report.

(a) The barracks at BRACCIANO which are being made ready for the Recruit Training Centre are now moving towards completion. There should be little or no outstanding work there by 1st May.

(b) Application is being made for the Duke of Aosta Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA to permit the overflow courses mentioned in para (5) to be run and also with a view to the future location of the Recruit training Centre.

(c) Application is also being made for a Villa at S.SEVERA to be used for accommodation of the maintenance personnel on the A.A. Ranges there.

(d) Ammunition is still badly stocked. If no IOO is available the Major I.O. proposes to carry out his own inspection.

(e) The hygiene and general living conditions of out-lying

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(e) The hygiene and general living conditions of out-lying detachments show a very marked improvement.

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G.K. ALEXANDER.
Major RA
Instructor RA
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Police School.

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

Ref : G/A.3/1068

30 March 1946.

To : Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

CSM III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

4. Future Courses.

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

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GSC III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

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

4. Future Courses.

The next course begins on 8th April '44. Details of number of students are still awaited.

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

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Infantry School.

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

Ref : G/A.3/1065

30 March 1946.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO III (Training),
12 British Liaison Unit.

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

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

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

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2. Factors preventing Progress.

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

(1) All expenditure on barracks has been stopped. This means that many buildings have been left in a half repaired condition and many urgent works are left uncompleted.
The provision of proper drill squares and roads is still in the same stage as it was 5 months ago, i.e. shelved.
The building of permanent ranges project appears to have go nowhere,
The water supply does not function on an average 4 days a month, this will get worse as the summer comes on.
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5. Morale, Welfare etc.

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

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

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Physical Training Schools.

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(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : C/S.21/1064 A-3.

29 March 1946.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) A gymnasium.

(2) A swimming pool (Indoors)

(3) An Athletic track.

(4) A football field.

(5) Facilities for recreational games as basketball, volley ball etc.

It must also be near the Centre of a National sport so that outside demonstrations are available and the army can compete in civilian events. There is only one suitable site :-
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It had been hoped that the Italians would have provided additional apparatus and sports kit from Naaf/AFI sources at NAPLES but have not yet done so. Neither are the manuals yet available. The course will therefore work under difficulties.

5. Facilities and Changes.

Credit side.

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

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

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

Debit Side.

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

6. Conclusion.

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

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PROGRESS REPORT No. 15. FILE SECRET

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Herewith Progress Report for the month of February 1946.

1. GENERAL.

Most of the Schools are now in the final location, but the delay in approving of establishments and clarification of functions of the Schools has hindered the re-organisation. Financial considerations have delayed or caused to be abandoned much of the constructional work required if the Centre is to be ready to receive the intakes from the C.A.Rs.

It cannot be said that there has been any great improvement in discipline, standards of instruction or general efficiency of the Centre. On the other hand there is a welcome increase in the amount of initiative taken by the Italian Headquarters and School Commanders.

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The disbandment of the two Infantry Regiments (236 and 336) of the old 'Piceno' division is now complete with the exception of small rear parties. The Infantry School has taken over the accomodation of the old 336 regiment. The planning for the Infantry School can now go ahead. The programmes for the course in July are being prepared and instructors selected.

The Infantry School ran a second course for Instructors for C.A.R. (for results see Appendix 'A'). The standard of instruction showed signs that the Instructors are getting stale. This is due to insufficient break between the courses.

A further course for C.A.R. Instructors and a course for Officers from Territorial Battalions starts in the first week of march (See Appendix 'B'). At the risk of repetition, the outstanding requirements of the Infantry School are :-

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Training of Instructors for the intake of Artillery Recruits intake 6/46 continues. This has been satisfactory in all branches except for the M.T. NCOs, who were handicapped by the fact that only 1 gun was available for training.

The principle handicaps to training are :-

(a) The difficulty in arranging planes for target towing.

(b) Difficulties in repairing the moving target apparatus for A/T Shooting, for which a welding set is essential.

(c) Some form of L.A.D. is required if guns are to be kept efficient also for the production of local training aids.

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4. ARTILLERY SCHOOL (Cont'd)

Details of future courses are shown in Appendix, but in addition all Instructors already trained in Artillery subjects will undergo a three weeks course dealing with the following subjects.

(i) General elementary training of the recruit.

(ii) Physical Training.

(iii) Unit administration.

(iv) Maintenance of Equipment.

5. SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION.

The course commenced on 15th January '46 finished on 28th February. Details of the results, however, are not yet to hand. The course appeared to run fairly efficiently and the Commandant of the School, Colonel WEBB, appears a most energetic Officer.

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Two future courses are projected.

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7. D & M School.

It appears probable that this School will be split into two parts. The Vehicle part moving to the School of Motorisation, the Armaments part remaining at SACILE barracks.

At the moment the following are under training.

Driver Mechanics	-	-	172
Vehicle Mechanics	-	-	42
General Fitters	-	-	19
House Electricians	-	-	9
Turners	-	-	5
TOTAL	-	-	248

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7. E & M School (Continued).

While the layout of the School and the facilities are quite good, the shortages of instructors as mentioned in previous Progress Reports remains and little effort to fill vacancies is apparent. Moreover, while the numbers under training for Vehicle Maintenance and repairs is satisfactory, the other responsibilities appear to be neglected.

8. ENGINEER SCHOOL.

Has been mainly occupied in the transfer of its stores and equipment to AURELIA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA, a task which is now complete.

Supervision of this School has been impossible owing to the lack of a SO. RE during the last month.

A course for Junior NCOs is in progress.

9. ARMOURED CAR COURSE.

After a shaky start this course appears to be going very well. Sufficient equipment has arrived, and owing to the enthusiasm of the R.A.C. Training Team, the remaining difficulties are being overcome.

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Services Course.

(a) Unit administration and Accounts.

(b) Care and Maintenance of Stores, arms, ammunition etc.

(c) Supplies in general composition of rations improvements.

(d) Organisation of functions of Messes, cookhouses etc.

(e) Accommodation General Camp sites, permanent sites.

(f) Hygiene, Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases, Unit Infirmaries, Medical Orderlies, Prophylactic Stations.

(g) Welfare of personnel, discipline, relations between army ranks and duties toward same.

(h) Maintenance of Vehicles.

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12 SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE (Cont'd).

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Hygiene Course.

(a) Hygiene Installations, permanent and occasional.
(b) Prophilaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases.
(c) Precautions to be followed for the good health of soldiers.
(d) Food composition of rations, effects in varied climatic conditions.
(e) Welfare discipline, relations between Medical and Regimental Officers, Medical adviser to Commanding Officers.
(f) Organisation of Infirmaries, Medical inspection rooms, First Aid.
(g) P.T., Sports and Games.
(h) Duties of a Medical Officer.
(i) Training of Medical Assistants.

The above courses, for Junior Medical Officers, total 30 (⅓ Captains, 2/3 Subalterns), 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

Care and Welfare of Soldiers.

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

The above courses for Junior Officers of all arms. ⅓ Captains, 2/3 Subalterns, 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

Education and Democracy.

The programme is still not complete and is being revised.

For Junior Officers of All Arms ½, NCOs ½, total 100, 6 periods per day. Duration of course 4 weeks.

Vocational Training Courses will also be run at the School for specialists as follows :-

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(h) Duties of a Medical Officer.

(i) Training of Medical Assistants.

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Care and Welfare of Soldiers.

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(b) Clothing, equipment, accommodation and maintenance.

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Vocational Training Courses will also be run at the School for specialists as follows :-

(i) Course for NCOs - Accountancy.

(ii) Course for typists.

(iii) Course for Storekeeper.

(iv) Course for Stenographers.

(v) Course for relief Draughtsmen.

The programme for the above courses is being revised. Each course will consist of 30 NCOs.

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

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

The first course and transfer from SIVE to RIETI will take place at the beginning of March.

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13. INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL - SIVA.

The School is running a short course for Infantry Generals from Territorial Commands, in the nature of an orientation course and also a course for Junior Medical Officers. After this the School disbands, a part forming the Co-operation School at CIVITAVECCHIA.

A certain amount of progress has already been made towards this. The Commandant, General MATTIOLI has been appointed and is collecting his staff. Expenditure on barracks has been authorised.

A syllabus is being prepared but there is a big need of materials covering formation training.

Results of the 2nd Course for Officers of C.A.Rs is given in Appendix 'A'.

14. ADMINISTRATION OF CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

(a) Accommodation.

As already pointed out, difficulty is being experienced in starting new building projects owing to lack of money. Those already started are in most cases nearly completed.

(b) R.A.M.C. Matters.

Lack of spare parts is holding up the repair of vehicles and to a lesser extent shortage of skilled tradesmen, however there is a slight improvement in the number of vehicles repaired in the last month.

Four of the MLR vehicles have been evacuated to A.C.R.E. BOLOGNA but another 16 are still awaiting evacuation.

Repairs of small arms are also held up by lack of spares and also by the lack of interest by Italian Commanders in the state of weapons.

(c) Discipline.

A rather marked drop in standard during the last month caused probably by the unsettlement occasioned by the move of Schools and disbandment of Units. It is thought this is only temporary.

(d) Hygiene.

The Italians are making a big drive on this at the moment and the Senior Medical Officer conducts effective inspections of all Units. A water shortage has fortunately been averted by the recent rains.

(e) Welfare.

Games and sports are now being well organised. The conditions of living of permanent staffs in places like CESANO is far from satisfactory. Absence of furniture, books, and other recreational facilities, which means that Officers and NCOs go to ROME as far as their money will allow them.

(f) Morale.

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Four of the REME vehicles have been evacuated to A.O.R.E. BOLOGNA but another 16 are still awaiting evacuation.

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(c) Discipline.

A rather marked drop in standard during the last month caused probably by the unsettlement occasioned by the move of Schools and disbandment of Units. It is thought this is only temporary.

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(f) Morale.

The dissatisfaction of Officers and NCOs with conditions in the army continues and many Officers are leaving the centre owing to financial difficulties. The comparative table given in Appendix 'C' shows why a married Officer will prefer to be stationed in ROME where he can live with his family, and gets more 'cost of living' allowance, rather than at this Centre where he gets less allowance and can find no accommodation. The Artillery School has already lost four of its best Officers.

The remedy might be the introduction of Instructors Pay, or that married families can draw army rations on repayment.

At the moment, however, to be posted to the Central Military Schools contains many disadvantages and no apparent benefits.

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15 MISCELLANEOUS.

+Results of Courses for T.T.Cs as at Appendix 'A' attached.

+Course in progress and Future Courses as on 28 February 1946. - - as at Appendix 'B' attached.

Comparative Pay Table " " " 'C' "

++Staff List of 12 B.L.U. " " " 'D' "

+++Staff List of Italian Officers Lieut-Col and above " " " 'E' "

++Return of British MT held by 12 B.L.U. " " " 'F' "

++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. " " " 'G' "

+4 additional copies to M.M.I.A. for T.T.C's.

++In triplicate to M.M.I.A.

+++To M.M.I.A. only.

Major GSO II,
Trg & Inf Trg,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

WLP/rcw

Intercpl.

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by 12 B.L.U. " " " 'F' "

++Deficiencies of all Ranks of 12 B.L.U. as against W.E. including details of all ranks on leave or mission due to return. " " " 'G' "

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Internal.

GSO II (Schools)	(1)
S.O. R.Sigs	(1)
File	
Fleet	
Spares	(2)

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RESULTS OF COURSES FOR T.T.C's.

COURSE	Excellent.	V.Good	Good	Sat
2nd Course for En Cossin at CAR's held at SHVs	6	7	20	
2nd Course for Coy Comds at CAR's	-	-	10	
2nd Course for Pl. Comds at CAR's held at Infantry School	9	35	50	
2nd Course for PCO Instructors for CAR's held at 336 Regt			10	RESULTS
2nd Course for Junior NCOs (Graduate) Instrs for CAR's heldat 336 Regt	1	17	103	
Hygiene Course	5	16	21	

ARTILLERY SCHOOL RESULTS

COURSE	P
25 pr Officer Instructors	
17 & 6 pr Officer Instructors	
40 mm Officer Instructors	
25 pr NCO Instructors	
17 & 6 pr NCO Instructors	
40 mm NCO Instructors	

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APPENDIX 'A'

To: 12 A.L.U. Progress Report
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RESULTS OF COURSES FOR T.F.C'n.

	Excellent.	V.Good	Good	Sufficient	Failed	No Results	Total
at SIVA	6	7	20	21	-	-	33
	-	-	10	8	1	1	20
at Infantry School	9	35	50	5	-	1	104
AR's held at 336 Regt			NO RESULTS				
Ingtrs for C/A's held at 336 Regt	1	17	103	64	109	-	294
	5	16	21	10	11	10	73

Passed	Failed	No Results	Total
44	-	4	48
18	-	-	18
8	-	1	9
69	2	-	71
15	8	-	23
14	-	-	14

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COURSE IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE COURSE AS ON 28 FEBRUARY '46.

Course in Progress

School	Course	Start	End	Offrs	RCOs	OR's	Total
S.I.V.S.							
Infantry School	Armoured Car	7/2	?	25	46	-	71
Engineers	Student RCO's	4/2	4/4	-	70	-	70
Artillery	Physical Training	25/2	18/3	24	55	-	79
	Recruit Training	25/2	18/3	22	55	-	77
	Administration	25/2	18/3	-	91	-	91
	Workshops	25/2	18/3	-	9	-	9
Signals	CC.RR W/T Armd Car	17/2	7/3	11	26	61	98
Motorisation School.	CC.RR Instructors	15/1	28/2	16	15	-	31
	Drivers	15/1	28/2	-	9	370	379
S.M.O.A.	CC.RR Driver Mechs	23/1	30/3	-	-	172	172
	" Fitters etc	15/1	30/3	12	9	55	76
P.T. School	Instructors	14/1	9/3	18	21	-	39
Military Police	CC.RR Mil Police	25/2	24/3	13	114	-	127

Future Cour

Course	
Concrete Territorial Div Medical Officers	
3rd C.A.R. Territorial Offrs	
RCO Instructors	11
Infantry W/T Instructors	1
Instructors	1/

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COURSES IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE COURSE AS ON 28 FEBRUARY '46.

APPENDIX 'B'
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Courses in Progress

Start	End	Offrs	NCOs	OR's	Total
7/2	?	25	46	-	71
4/2	1/4	-	70	-	70
25/2	18/3	21	55	-	79
25/2	18/3	22	55	-	77
25/2	18/3	-	91	-	91
25/2	18/3	-	9	-	9
17/2	7/3	11	26	61	98
13/1	28/2	16	15	-	31
15/1	28/2	-	9	370	379
23/1	30/3	-	-	172	172
15/1	30/3	12	9	55	76
14/1	9/3	18	21	-	39
25/2	24/3	13	114	-	127

Future Courses

Course	Start	End	Offrs	NCOs	OR's	Total
Canadian Territorial Divn	4/3	14/3	11	-	-	11
Medical Officers	4/3	23/3	30	-	-	30
3rd C.A.R.	4/3	15/4	100	300	-	400
Territorial Offrs	4/3	15/4	80	220	-	300
NCO Instructors	11/3	20/4	-	60	-	60
Infantry W/T Instructors	4/3	?	10	20	-	30
Instructors	1/4	30/5	40	40	-	80

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COMPARATIVE PAY TABLE.

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RANK	Married or Single	Basic Pay Per Month	Extra Pay (Fwl Mil)	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Carvoito) RICE	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Carvoito) PRESCRIPTO	Totals per Month RICE	Totals per Month MAOLIA
MAJOR	S	5575	1402	2145	1430	9122	8407
- do -	M	5575	1885	3646	2431	11106	9891
CAPTAIN	S	4966	1208	2145	1430	8319	7604
- do -	M	4966	1557	3646	2431	10169	8954
W.O.	S	2661	571	2145	1430	5384	4669
- do -	M	2661	742	3646	2431	7049	5834
S/SGT.	S	2085	300	2145	1430	4530	3815
- do -	M	2085	465	3646	2431	6196	4981

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COMPARATIVE PAY TABLE.

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To: 12 W.L.U. Progress Report
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...ny ...h	Extra Pay (Lwl Mil)	"Cost of Living Allowance" (Carevita)		Totals per Month		Difference
		ROME	BRUSSELS	ROME	BRUSSELS	ROME / BRUSSELS
	1402 1885	2145 3646	1430 2431	5122 11106	6407 9891	715 1215
	1208 1557	2145 3646	1430 2431	8319 10169	7604 8954	715 1215
	571 742	2145 3646	1430 2431	5384 7049	4669 5834	715 1215
	300 465	2145 3646	1430 2431	4530 6196	3815 4981	715 1215

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STAFF LIST OF 12 B.L.U.
as at
09.00 hours 1 March 1946

Commander ...	...	Col. L.H. Mackay, O.B.E. (59036)
GENERAL STAFF (RAMC)		
GSO III ...	...	A/Capt A.W. Gibbins (233416) RA.
DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL		
DAA & QMG ...	...	T/Maj H.J. Sanford (226359) RAC
Staff Captain ...	...	A/Capt W.R. Trevelyan (256126) KB
SERVICES		
DADOS ...	...	A/Maj J.C. Mallet (95544) RAOC
DADOS ...	...	T/Maj T.H. Shortland (127395) RAOC.
DADME ...	...	A/Maj A.T. Twine (230419) RAEC.
TRAINING BRANCH.		
STAFF		
GSO II Tng & Inf ...	...	T/Maj W.L. Price (74686) R.Staffs.
GSO II Tng & Inf ...	...	T/Maj H.P. Chance (67432) R.Ir.Fus.
RA WING.		
Instructor in Gunnery (Major) ...		T/Maj J.E. How (93846) RA.
RE WING.		
Instructor RE (Major) ...		
R. SIGNALS.		
Instructor R. Sigs (Major) ...		A/Maj D.R. Skinner (194077) R.Sigs.
ATTACHED.		
...	...	T/Capt J.K. Strowson (72479) RAC.

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APPENDIX 'E'
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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Ufficio Personale e Affari Vari

Cesano di Roma, li 27 febbraio 1946

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.	SINGONE	Cesare	- Capo Uff.Benessere
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.	MUCCIA	Ettore	- Capo Uff.Pers.
-Ten.Colonnello	art. spe.(Tit.S.G.)	CARTA	Salvatore	- Capo Uff.Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	Gran. spe.(Tit.S.G.)	LOMBARDI	Luigi	- Capo Uff.Ord. e Mobilitazione
-Ten.Colonnello	Pers.spe. (Tit.S.G)	SIVO	Ugo	- Capo Uff.Addd

COMANDO S.I.V.A.:

Colonnello	Art. spe.	CAMPITELLA	Giuseppe	- Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	ftr. spe.	GUIDA	Osvaldo	- Comando Serv.Tatt.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe.	MOFFA	Costantino	- Corso Istrutt. Comando Plot.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe. (Tit.S.G.)	GACHET	Edoardo	- Com/te Scuola Logistica
-Ten.Colonnello	art. spe. (" ")	CREMASCO	Luigi	- Capo Istruttore Uff. Superiori
-Ten.Colonnello	art. spe. (" ")	PALOMBARINI	Sergio	- " "

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA:

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. (Tit.S.G.)	TANSI	Michele	- Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.	CARLINI	Giulio	- Vice Comandante

SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE:

-Colonnello	Aut. spe.	NIGRI	Giovanni	- Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	" "	BARATTI	Eugenio	- C/te Scuola ~~Spec. di tipi Art.~~

UFFICIO STRALCIO 1° RGT. ART. FTR.(~~2°~~ Ftr.):

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI:

-Colonnello	art. spe.(Tit.S.G.)	MALAVASI	Lodovico	- Capo di S.M.
-Ten.Colonnello	Cav. spe.	RINCONE	Cesare	- Capo Uff.Benessere
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.	MESCIA	Ettore	- Capo Uff.Pers.
-Ten.Colonnello	art. spe.(Tit.S.G.)	CAMPA	Salvatore	- Capo Uff.Servizi
-Ten.Colonnello	Gran. spe.(Tit.S.G.)	LAMBARDI	Luigi	- Capo Uff.Ord. e Mobilitazione
-Ten.Colonnello	Paracspe. (Tit.S.G)	SIVO	Ugo	- Capo Uff.Addd

COMANDO S.I.V.A.:

Colonnello	Art. spe.	CARFITELLA	Giuseppe	- Com/te la Scuola
-Colonnello	ftr. spe.	GUIDA	Osvaldo	- Comando Serv.Tatt.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe.	MOFFA	Costantino	- Corso Istrutt. Comando Plot.
-Ten.Colonnello	ftr. spe. (Tit.S.G.)	GACHET	Edoardo	- Com/te Scuola Logistica
-Ten.Colonnello	art. spe. (" ")	CREMASCO	Luigi	- Capo Istruttore Uff. Superiori
-Ten.Colonnello	art. spe. (" ")	PALOMBARINI	Sergio	- " "

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA:

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe. (Tit.S.G.)	TANAI	Michele	- Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.	CARLINI	Giulio	- Vice Comandante

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-Colonnello	Aut. spe.	NIGRI	Giovanni	- Comandante
-Ten.Colonnello	" "	BARATTI	Eugenio	- C/te Scuola ~~Spec. ed Spi Art.~~

UFFICIO STRALCIO I° RGT. ADD. FTR.(235°Ftr.):

-Colonnello	Ftr. spe.	BORELLO	Ferdinando	- Comandante fino a scioglimento dello Uff.Stralcio
-Ten.Colonnello	Ftr. spe.	VITERBO	Ferdinando	- Addetto Comando Presidio Militare CIVITAVECCHIA.

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2° REGGIMENTO ADDESTRAMENTO FANTERIA (136°)

-Colonnello ftr. spe. (Tit.S.G.) FANTINI Fiorenzo - Comandante
-Ten. Col. " " (g)(" ") TRABUCCHI - Aiutante Magg. I°
-Ten. Col. " " (g) (" ") PERSCO Marco - Com. II° Btg.
-Ten.Col. " " (" ") MASTROMUONO Giuseppe-Com.III° Btg.

SCUOLA ARTIGLIERIA (152°)

- Colonnello art. spe. (Tit. S.G.) PALMA Marcello -Comandante

SCUOLA ARTIERI:

-Colonnello gen. spe. DE FANTIS Gennaro - Comandante
-Ten.Col. " " SILVESTRI Virgilio - Vice Comandante
-Ten.Col. " " DE MARINIS Giovanni - Comandante Scuola Coll.
-Ten.Col. " " (T.S.G.)FIASCARO Salvatore- Comandante " Artieri
-Ten.Col. " " ATTANNI Giuseppe - Relatore
-Ten.Col. " " ANTILIO Gennaro - a disposizione

SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI:

- Colonnello gen. spe. MANGUSO Salvatore - Scuola Collegamenti.

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No. 15

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Regd No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
1	DODGE 3-ton	L.3689402	E		
2	CHEVROLET 3-ton	L.3686553	E		
3	FORD GS 15-cwt	Z.5313398	E		
4	DODGE GS 15-cwt	Z.4982463	E		
5	DODGE GS 15-cwt	Z.5230009	E		
6	AUSTIN P.U.	M.1137044	E		
7	HILLMAN P.U.	M.5100869		LR	
8	JEEP	M.626871	E		
9	TRIUMPH 500	C/542626		LR	
10	BSO 500	C/5117266	E		
11	BSA 500	C/1461106	E		
12	BSA 500	C/5547639	E		

Certified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as st
that A/Tk 412 and 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Date 1 March 1946.

Signed.....
Capt 12 Britin. Liaison Unit
Italian Central Military

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Type	Regd No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
	L.5689402	E			
-ton	L.5686553	E			
ort	Z.5313398	E			
-cwt	Z.4982463	E			
-cwt	Z.5230009	E			
	M.1137044	E			
.	M.5100869		LR		
	M626871	E			
	C/5426264		LR		
	C/5117266	E			
	C/1461106	E			
	C/5547639	E			

hat the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated, and
E and LR have been inspected and found correct.

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Signed.....Colonel.
Comd 12 Britis. Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Council.

APPENDIX 'C'

To: 12 B.L.U. Progress Report
No. 15 dated 5 March 1946

(A)

Deficiencies in all Ranks as against W.E. C&/1018/1 dated 1 June 1945.

(i) Officers

	Major	Total
RE Wing.		
Instructor RE (Major) ++	1	1

++ RE Authority received for posting of Major RE but this Officer (A/Capt W.H. CHAPMAN (250260) RE) has not yet joined for duty.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total.
Storeman Tech RAOC	-	-	-	1	1
Arm Art (Veh) RAEC	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech RASC	-	1	-	-	1
Elec Veh and Plant RAEC	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech RASC	-	1	-	-	1
QMSI RE	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman RE	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD RE	-	-	-	1	1
Inst Op W/T R.Sigs	-	1	-	-	1
Instr CMP	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks GD Any Arm	-	-	-	3	3
Cook ACC	-	-	1	-	1
TOTALS	2	4	2	5	14

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

(i) Officers

LILP 1 Officer due to return 7 April 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LILP 1 Cpl due to return 18 March 1946.

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

(i) Due under LILP, LILTP etc - ORs 1

(ii) Due under GRO 1352/45 - Offrs 4
ORs 5

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	WO II	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total.
Storeman Tech RAOC	-	-	-	1	1
Arm Art (Veh) RAPC	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman Tech RAOC	-	1	-	-	1
Elec Veh and Plant REME	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mech RASC	-	1	-	-	1
QMSI RE	1	-	-	-	1
Storeman RE	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk GD RE	-	-	-	1	1
Instr Cp W/T & Sigs	-	1	-	-	1
Instr CMP	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks GD Any Arm	-	-	-	3	3
Cook ACC	-	-	1	-	1
TOTALS	2	4	2	6	14

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

(i) Officers

LLAP 1 Officer due to return 7 April 1946.

(ii) Other Ranks.

LLAP 1 Cpl due to return 18 March 1946.

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

(i) Due under LLAP, LILOP etc - Offrs 1

(ii) Due under AO 1352/45 - Offrs 4
Ors 5

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report for February 1946.

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

Ref : SM/27/1117

28 February 1946.

To: Comd,
12 British Liaison Unit.

GSO II Trg & Int Org,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1st Part: TRAINING.

1. D & M Course.

The 5 weeks D & M Course commenced on 15th January '46 is to end on 20th February '46. The following personnel attended the course :

(a) 16 Officers (Carabinieri).

(b) 394 O.Rs. Automobilistics (and other arms).

A detailed report on gradings will be rendered by Casando Scuola when end of course examinations are completed.

2. School of Motorisation.

(a) A revised W.E., that is more practical from the point of view of operating the School has been drawn up by Colonel [redacted] NIGRI Commandant (Automobilistics Corps), in accordance with instructions, and submitted to the Ministry of War. This W.E. from an S & T point of view envisages :

(i) 2 Battalions each capable of training 600 recruit drivers for 3 months D & M Course.

(ii) 1 Company for Junior Officers 6 months M.T. course capable of training 50 students.

(iii) 1 Company for cadet officers and potential Senior NCOs capable of training 50 cadet officers and 50 potential Senior NCOs.

(iv) An M.T. Company with a platoon of 100 3 Tonners for each D & M Battalion and a mixed Platoon to supply the needs of the rest of the School and the maintenance of the School. Also a workshop platoon of 3 sections for maintenance of

G30 II Trg & Dvt Trg,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1st Part: TRAINING.

1. D & M Course.

The 5 weeks D & M Course commenced on 15th January '46 is to end on 20th February '46. The following personnel attended the course :

(a) 16 Officers (Carabinieri).

(b) 334 O.Rs. Automobilistica (and other arms).

A detailed report on gradings will be rendered by Commando Schools when end of course examinations are completed.

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(iv) An M.T. Company with a platoon of 100 3 Tonners for each D & M Battalion and a mixed Platoon to supply the needs of the rest of the School and the maintenance of the School. Also a workshop platoon of 3 sections for maintenance of the vehicles of the M.T. Company.

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

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

3. Instructors' Course (Refresher)

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

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4. P.O.L. Course.

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

5. Commissariato - School of Application (SCSE)

Syllabi of courses are being drawn up though W.E. of School is not yet forthcoming from SCSE. Courses will be for 1 year for 60 students Officers to train commissariato, SUSSISTENZA and administration Officers.

2nd Part - S & T.

1. Transport.

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

2. Supplies.

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

3. P.O.L.

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

Major RASC,
D.A.D.S.T.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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

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

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: [illegible] 6/319)

28 February 1946

Comd., 12 BLU

C+LT Trg and Inf
12 BLU

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

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

Services - Courses.

(a) Unit administration and accounts.
(b) Care and maintenance of stores, arms, ammunition etc.
(c) Supplies in general composition of rations improvements.
(d) Organisation of function of Messes, cookhouses etc.
(e) Accommodation General Camp sites, permanent sites.
(f) Hygiene, Prophylaxis of infectious and epidemic diseases, Unit Infirmaries, Medical Orderlies, Prophelactic Stations.
(g) Welfare of personnel, discipline, basic ideas, relations between army ranks and duties toward save.
(h) Maintenance of Vehicles.

For Junior Offrs of all Arms.
TOTAL 30
1 Capt.
2/3 Subs
6 periods per day.
Duration 4 weeks.

Hygiene Course.

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

Junior Medical Officers
1 Capts.
2/3 Sub
TOTAL 30

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(c) Precautions to be followed for the good health of soldiers.
(d) Food composition of rations, effects in varied climatic conditions.
(e) Welfare discipline, relations between Medical and Regimental Officers, Medical Adviser to Commanding Officers.
(f) Organization of Infirmaries, Medical Inspection Rooms, First Aid.
(g) P.T. Sports and amusements.
(h) Duties of a Medical Officer.
(i) Training of Medical Assistants.

Junior Medical Officers 1 Capts. 2/3 Sub TOTAL 30 6 periods per day ~~4 periods per week~~ 4 weeks.

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Care and Welfare of Soldiers.

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

Junior Officers All Arms.
½ Capts 2/3 Subs
6 periods per day
Duration of course 4 weeks.

Education and Democracy.

The programme is still not complete and is being revised.

Junior Offrs All Arms ½
NCOs ½
TOTAL 100
6 periods per day.
Duration of Course.
4 Weeks.

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

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

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

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

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(h) Organisation of Theatres, Cinemas, Clubs, Libraries and Schools.

(i) Price Controls, Families assistance Organisations.

(j) P.T., Games, Sports.

(k) Religious Assistance (Chaplains).

Education and Democracy.

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NCOs 4
TOTAL 100
6 periods per day.
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4. Other courses for Senior Regimental Officers will also be introduced as and when the situation permits.

5. Some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining certain 609 accommodation and R.E. supplies but the situation is expected to improve shortly, finance being the chief factor preventing certain work being effected.

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

Major RAC
DAA & QMG
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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

To: Commander,
12, British Liaison Unit.

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

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

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

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1. Clothing & Stores.

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

2. Control.

The extra space has been used to advantage, a marked improvement can be seen in the storehouse, stores are now kept in their respective storehouse groups.
Fire Points are now established in all Ordnance installations in this Centre. There still remains a number of Fire Extinguishers to be filled. A few stores demanded on special authority of G.H.Q. have arrived, including 17-pdr Barrels.

3. Administration.

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

4. Personnel.

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

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P. le Clochiller Sqdn Ldr
for 608
Major.
D.A.D.O.S.

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SUBJECT :- Morale at Central Military Schools.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : MARE 6651)

Ref : AQ/G/5/1110

28 February 1945.

To: Comd,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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930 AT Trg & Ind Trg,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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

L.R. Lindgren
Capt, Rifle Bde,
Staff Captain,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

WLT/rsw.

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Subject:- Progress Report - Feb 46

to:- Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit

12 Britis. Liaison Unit for
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: MEF/2/8

27 Feb 46

1. Attached herewith Progress Report for Feb 46:-

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

Arthur F. Jarvis
Maj for RSME
DADME

ATT/Tbt.

12 British Liaison Unit for Italian Central Military Schools.

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Appendix 'A'

125 PLATOON WORKSHOPS PROGRESS REPORT FOR FEB 46

1. PROGRESS MADE

Vehicle repairs have been held up by the switch over of drawing stores from English sources to drawing from Italian sources. Applications for spare parts to Italian Ministry of War show that stocks are not yet available, but are on the way, many vehicles are still held in workshop, repaired but awaiting small parts such as Spark Plugs. Repairs turnover is still hampered by shortage of skilled tradesmen (see para.3).

Vehicle repairs for Feb 46

'B' Vehicles	M/Cycles
68	18

2. NEWMEN UNDER TRAINING

Owing to shortage of skilled tradesmen, one or two men are being trained with fitters on vehicles. This plan seems to be working well so far.

3. EQUIPMENT

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

4. FUTURE MOVES

No future move is expected.

5. ADMINISTRATION

Transitional difficulties of January have projected themselves into February, but during the latter part of the month the A.O.R.E. at BOLZANO have opened for work and four R.A.O.R. vehicles have been evacuated thereto from 155 Workshops.

There remain here a further sixteen vehicles awaiting evacuation.

Labour shortage is still a big drawback to any attempts at greater production figures. The figures of deficiencies in personnel (below). With a chance of them assuming bigger proportions in the future, due to a number of the workshop personnel being due for release from military service.

Personnel deficiencies

Trade	R.E.	Held	Deficient
Meccanici di macchine	22	6	16
Artisti Meccanici	20	13	7
Elettricisti	6	2	4

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2. [redacted] TRADE TRAINING

Owing to shortage of skilled tradesmen, one or two men are being trained with fitters on vehicles. This plan seems to be working well so far.

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Personnel deficiencies

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

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Appendix 'B'

MECHANICAL SCHOOL (CENTRAVERSA) PROGRESS REPORT FOR FEB 46

1. PROGRESS

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

2. MEMBERS UNDER TRAINING

Trade	Total
Driver Mechs	172
Vehicle Mechs	42
General Fitters	19
House Electricians	9
Turners	6
Total	248

3. EQUIPMENT

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

Instructors - Deficiencies

	Trade	N.Z.	Held	Deficient
Officers	Driver Mech	1	1	-
	Motor Mech	1	1	-
	Armourers and Gun Fitter	1	-	1
	W/Shop Officer	1	1	-
Senior N.C.Os.	Driver Mechs	25	9	16
	Electricians	4	1	3
	" (House)	3	1	2
	Vehicle Mechs	16	1	15
	General Fitters	2	1	1
	Armourers	2	2	-
	Workshop	1	1	-

4. FUTURE MOVE

No definite information is yet to hand with reference to moving the M & M School to Cecchignola, but Col. Negri is anticipating with confidence such a move.

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Total 240

3. EQUIPMENT

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Instructors - Deficiencies

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	Electricians	4	1	3
	" (Motor)	2	1	2
	Vehicle Mechs	16	1	15
	General Fitters	3	2	1
	Armourers	2	2	-
	Storekeep	1	1	-

4. FUTURE MOVE

No definite information is yet to hand with reference to moving the Z & R School to Cecilgrave, but Col. Negri is anticipating with confidence such a move.

5. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to report.

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Appendix 'G'

SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION - CECCHIGNOLA

1. During February various surveys have been made of the buildings and proposed layout, with a view to assisting in preserving the correct proportion of floor space for administration and instruction.

2. In spite of many visits by the civil engineering contractors no start has yet been made on the wide-spread repairs required.

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

4. Although it is stressing the obvious to say so, it is pointed out, that unless strenuous pressure can be brought to bear on the authorities concerned, it is very doubtful whether the work and repairs required will be completed in time to open the school on 1 May 46.

5. Two engines have been obtained - one Hadfard and one Dodge, and these are being sectionalised by Major JS Rose at the Centro Studi Workshops.

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

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

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12 British Liason Unit
for the
Italian Central Military Schools

Ref: G/A3
26 Feb 46.

TO: Comd. 12 B.L.U.

G80 II Trg and Inf. Trg 12 B.L.U.
S.O.R. Sigs. M.M.I.A.

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

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Signal Training Centre for the month of February 1946.

(a) General Progress.

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

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

LT.-COL di MARINIS, the officer i/c training at the school, is about to leave and he has been replaced by LT.-COL SANTO DEPELLEGRINI.

(b) Courses

The two courses commenced on 21 Jan 46 are still in progress and have another fortnight to run. Students on both courses are making good progress. Details of personnel undergoing training are shown at Appx. A.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of the Courses.

The course for Carabinieri wireless operators has been slightly hampered by the fact that the school loaned four of its No 19 sets to the Armoured School at CESANO in order to enable a course to be commenced there before stores had [illegible]. The lack of sufficient wireless vehicles makes the holding

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(d) Future Courses.

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

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(e) Administration.

Nothing to report

Major R. Sigs.,
S.O.2. Sigs.,
12 B.L.H.

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ANNEXE A.

Personnel under training 1st Feb 45. (81 on CC.RR W/T course - 97 on potential instructors course)	178
Personnel joined during month.	
CC.RR. W/T Course	NIL
Potential Instructors Course	NIL
Personnel departed during month.	
CC.RR. W/T Course	NIL
Potential Instructors Course	10
Total under training 26 Feb 45	171

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report - School of Artillery, PRACCHANO.

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

Ref : G/L.3/1012

27 February 1946.

Comd,
12 British Liaison Unit.

G30 II Trg & Inf Trg,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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1. General Progress.

During the month of February steady progress has been made in the training of the Officer and NCO Instructors for the Recruit Training Centre. The training has been satisfactory except that no firing with live shell has yet been done by the 40 mm courses. The 17 pr NCOs were found to be below standard, other courses were satisfactory.

2. Results of Courses.

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

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	Offrs	NCOs	Passed	Failed	Did not Complete. Sick etc	Remarks.
25 pr Officer Instructors	48	-	44	-	4	
17 pr) Officer Instructors 46 pr)	18	-	18	-	-	
40 mm Officer Instructors	9	-	8	-	1	Sick shooting with live shell practiced in lieu of practice at towed aerial targets.
25 pr NCO Instructors	-	71	69	2	-	
17 pr						

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25 pr NCO Instructors	-	71	69	2	-	
17 pr) NCO Instructors & 6 pr)	-	23	15	8	-	Course below standard.
40 mm NCO Instructors.	-	14	14	-	-	A/Tk shooting with live shell practiced in lieu of practice at towed aerial targets.

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3. Factors detracting from the value of the course.

(a) The 17 pr and 6 pr courses would have been improved if the three 17 pr barrels *now on issue* had been available three weeks earlier. There was only one 17 pr gun fit for firing on the ranges at the time the students were requiring the guns for practice with live shell.

(b) The 40 mm courses have been unable to fire live shell at towed aerial targets as, in spite of efforts of the British School of Artillery to help, it has not been possible to get a 'target towing plane' over the ranges. The Americans have taken over the Aerodrome at CIAMPINO, and 23 AASU (now being run with Italian Pilots) has as yet no aerodrome from which they can fly for the British and Italian Artillery Schools. A/Tk shooting had to be done instead of the shooting at aerial targets, to give the students some shooting at with live shell.

(c) The lack of some form of L.A.D. at the Schools at BRACCIANO (at present not possible owing to there being insufficient equipment to produce an adequate workshop) causes serious delays in the repair of Anti Tank targets etc for the Anti Tank ranges. A welding apparatus is essential to help to keep sufficient targets etc in first class order for the efficient working of the Anti Tank Range. The problem of gun repairs still continues. Until some form of adequately equipped L.A.D. is produced at BRACCIANO, all courses must also loose the benefit of the many small training aids which could be produced in a small local workshop.

4. Future Courses and Moves.

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

Course	25 pr	17 & 6 pr	40 mm.
Officers	15	-	-
NCOs	40	15	7

With the addition of the above mentioned Officer and NCO Instructors, sufficient good Instructors will be available for all immediate requirements at the School of Artillery and the Recruit Training Centre.

It is believed a 4 week course for 40 Regimental Officers and 80 Regimental NCOs will take place at the School of Artillery monthly, for 5 months beginning 1 April.

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5. Administration.

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Administration is satisfactory with the following exceptions :-

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

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(b) Fire precautions are still unsatisfactory owing to lack of fire extinguishers etc - a short sighted policy with so much valuable equipment in so small a space.

(c) The supply of many essentials e.g. tyres, buffer oil etc through Italian channels is still proving very difficult and slow.

(d) The Pay Regulations (fully dealt with in a separate letter) are most unsatisfactory, and are causing the loss to the School of Artillery of some of its most experienced instructors.

J.E. Hood

Major GSC II
R.A.
12 British Liaison Unit for the
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(e) Administration.

Nothing to report

Major R. Sigs.,
S.O.R. Sigs.,
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Ref: G/A3
26 Feb 46.

TO: Comd. 12 B.L.U.

G30 II Trg and Inf. Trg 12 B.L.U.
S.O.R. Sigs. M.M.I.A.

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

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(a) General Progress.

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

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

LT.-COL di MARINIS, the officer i/c training at the school, is about to leave and he has been replaced by LT.-COL SANTO REPRESENTI.

(b) Courses.

The two courses commenced on 21 Jan 45 are still in progress and have another fortnight to run. Students on both courses are making good progress. Details of personnel under training are shown at Appx. A.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of the Courses.

The course for Carabinieri wireless operators has been slightly hampered by the fact that the school loaned four of its No 19 sets to the Armoured School at CIRCEO in order to enable a course to be commenced there before stores had been received. The lack of sufficient wireless vehicles makes the building

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(d) Future Courses.

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

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

Personnel joined during month.

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

Personnel departed during month.

CC.RM. W/T Course	NIL
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Total under training 28 Feb 46	171

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Borovith Progress Report for the month of January 1945.

1. GENERAL.

Owing to the Christmas break the majority of Schools did not re-open until the middle of January. This allows little time to judge the extent of the improvement, if any.

The principle disturbances to training and the smooth running of the Centre are :-

(a) The inability of the Ministry of War to fill the vacancies on courses. (See Appendix 'B').

(b) The continual late arrival of students on courses.

(c) The uncertainty as to the future, in that some School Commanders and staff are uncertain of their appointments, their future tasks and the accommodation at their disposal.

The early issue of a handbook as proposed by M.M.I.A. will do much to clear the present uncertainty.

2. INFANTRY TRAINING.

At the present there are 107 Officers and 710 NCOs under training as Instructors for C.I.Cs. The course is of 6 weeks and started on 10 January '45.

Since there has been no official change of establishment since the Centre was formed, the Infantry School is purely improvised to meet present needs. There are many shortages in vehicles, staff and equipment to meet the needs of a well run School. Many of the Instructors and Permanent staff have, through necessity, had to be employed though they are not up to School standard. The importance of a long break for re-organisation in which training and administration can be thoroughly overhauled cannot be too strongly emphasised.

In spite of this the School does give quite good instruction. The standard is about that of an average British Divisional School. To bring it up to an Army School standard, the break referred to is essential.

Accommodation has been greatly improved, and with a few exceptions, is now good.

The most important constructions required are both matters that have been referred to before but are absolutely essential for an Infantry School.

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At the present there are 107 Officers and 741 NCOs under training as Instructors for C.A.Rs. The course if of 6 weeks and started on 10 January '45.

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(a) The building of Drill Squares, and the repair of roads in the Camp. A contract is supposed to have been laid but is being held up by the War Ministry

(b) The construction of permanent classification and battle practise ranges. Present ranges are only improvised and are not suitable for what will be the Weapon Training School of the Italian Army.

4. MEDICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

This School is at present running a course for 45 pupils. Considering the lack of facilities and equipment it runs very well, largely due to the efforts of the A.P.T.C. personnel attached to the School.

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J. [illegible] SCHOOL. (Cont'd).

It is considered that while the Italian C.O. shows little drive or initiative, (it is hoped he will be changed shortly) unless the S.M.L.O. have a staff officer to interest himself in Physical Training and Sports, little can be achieved either at the School or in Units.

Sports and Physical Training seem to occupy far too small a place in the training (and its very ruquoted) Welfare set-up.

Every effort must be made to impress on the Italians the importance of this School. It is of the first importance in the training of the new Army that not only are adequate facilities for training essential, but all ranks should be impressed with its vital importance in the overall training scheme.

A number of animals were sent for translation over three months ago. These are still not completed.

The Italians, it appears, wish to teach both equitation and pistol shooting (as part of the Pentathlon) in addition to other gymnastic subjects. 12 horses have been sent which will come in useful for other purposes.

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(a) Courses during period, as follows :-

Students.	Duration -	From	to	Object.
A. 15 Colonels.	3 weeks	10 Jan.	31 Jan.	To train ZCO Grade.
B. 3rd Staff Offrs 25 Captains.	5 weeks	10 Jan.	21 Feb.	To train Bn & Coy Cmnds for ZCO's.
C. M.O's.	3 weeks	10 Jan.	31 Jan.	To train M.O's for ZCO's.

(b) Progress of Training.

Great improvement on last course. The student material seems to be better and using to reasonable numbers the squads have been easy to handle and as a result the subjects are being put over more effectively.

Number of failures is expected to be extremely low.

(c) Accommodation.

This was greatly improved now that the Service Corps have moved into the Intercontinental (now Hotel cup).

(d) Messing.

The standard of messing for the students is now good; in order to improve it a fee of 4d Lire per day per student is charged. This fee is easily covered by the allowances students receive during courses.

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1. S.I.Y.A.

(a) Courses during period, as follows :-

	Students.	Duration -	From	to	Object.
A.	15 Colonels.	3 weeks	10 Jan.	31 Jan.	To train HQT Cadre.
B.	30 Field Offrs 25 Captains.	5 weeks	10 Jan.	21 Feb.	To train TA & Cor Cadre for 2SC's.
C.	N.C.O's.	3 weeks	10 Jan.	31 Jan.	To train N.C.O's for 2SC's.

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(e) Transport. 592

Vehicles are on the whole in very bad condition and with terribly bad tyres. The addition of one bus has been a great help, but even this is unreliable owing to bad tyres, as a result of which one of the most important day's training was missed, i.e. visit to an establishment in Rome.

(f) Discipline.

The discipline and saluting of the Permanent Staff is really very good, though their turn-out is leaving a lot to be desired, this is probably due to shortage of clothing.

The Barracks/ti is well kept and very clean.

It is very noticeable among the students that Officers will not bother to pull men up if they are idle or fail to salute.

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4. S.I.V.A. (Cont'd).

(c) New Location.

A visit to Abrutzzi Barracks, CIVITAVECCHIA which is to be the new location of SIVA revealed that work is being done on this is going extremely slowly.

ARTILLERY TRAINING.

General Progress.

During the month of January the School of Artillery has [illegible] Officers and NCOs for Instructional duties in 25 pr, 17 pr, 6 pr and 40 mm Guns at the C.A.T.C. These courses have made normal satisfactory progress and it is estimated 70 - 80% of the students will qualify as Instructors.

The School has been unable to carry out its normal duties as a School of Artillery during the period. It is felt that the sooner the organisation of the School of Artillery and the C.A.T.C. can be finally separated the better, so that the School can revert to normal Artillery Instruction.

Details of present Courses.

(a) Duration of courses 6 weeks.

(b) Courses commenced 14 January '46.

(c) All courses are divided into two parts :-

(i) The first four weeks - for instruction in equipment, in Artillery theory, and in the technical and tactical use of the equipments.

(ii) The last two weeks - for practical instruction in the field, for instruction in the "Methods of Instruction" and for testing the students' ability as an Instructor (including lecturettes).

Numbers under Instruction.

Course	25 pr Instructors	17pr & 6pr Instructors	40 mm Instructors
Officers	43 (8 Senior Officers)	19	6
NCOs	71	35	14

In order to produce Instructors for the 6pr Troop at the C.A.T.C., 4 Officers and 12 NCOs were switched from the 40mm courses to the 17pr & 6pr courses on 23 January '46.

Factors detracting from the value of the course.

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Artillery during the period. It is felt that the resumption of instruction of the School of Artillery and the C.A.P. can be fairly expected the latter, so that the School can revert to normal Artillery Instruction.

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Factors detracting from the value of the course.

The main factor detracting from the value of the courses is the scarcity of certain much-needed technical stores. In particular 7 Artillery Boards, 12 Directors and 7 Dialsights are on indent. When the students are forced to work 3 or 4 to an instrument which can only give useful instruction to 2 students.

Future Courses.

The present courses finish on 23 February. No other courses will be commenced this month. It is believed a course for 40 - 50 NCO Instructors may begin about March.

Administration.

The administration of the Artillery School is in general very satisfactory, although small detachments are apt to be neglected. The following matters however, need attention.

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5. ARTILLERY TRAINING (Cont'd).

(A) Fire precautions, as the water at BRACCIANO is turned off for 13 out of 24 hours there is grave risk in the case of fire. The shortage of water also affects bathing arrangements.

(B) The storage of ammunition leaves much to be desired at present. Either tarpaulins or proper bays should be provided as much is rusty.

6. SIGNAL TRAINING.

(a) General Progress.

Progress has been made during the month with the rehabilitation of the barracks and many rooms are now complete with doors and windows. The Central Administrative block has now been occupied and all the offices of the H.Q. of the School are now contained in the one building.

The School now has a new Commandant - Col MANCUSO who assumed command on 12 January '46. The former Commandant, Lieut-Col de MARCHIS is now in charge of training at the School.

In view of the expected intake of 2,500 students during the four month period commencing April '46, efforts have been made to obtain additional accomodation.

A new block about 100 yards South of the present Administrative Offices has been released and efforts are being made to put it in order as rapidly as possible.

(b) Courses.

No courses were in progress during the beginning of the month. Two courses, were however, commenced on 21 January '46. One is a course for Potential Signals Instructors and the second is a course for training Carabinieri as wireless instructors.

At present sufficient trained instructors and sufficient stores are available to meet the needs of the School. Considerably more will, however, be required if the School is to train 2,500 Signallers in a four month period. Steps are well in hand to cope with the provision and training of the necessary instructors, while the technical stores have been demanded by the School authorities.

(c) Future Courses.

Proposed syllabi of courses for the training of the April intake have been submitted by the School Authorities to the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari together with a strong representation that the eight weeks technical training proposed by the Scuole Centrali Militari would not be sufficient for certain signal trades.

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(b) Courses.

No courses were in progress during the beginning of the month. Two courses, were however, commenced on 2nd January '46. One is a course for Potential Signals Instructors and the second is a course for training Carabinieri as Wireless Instructors.

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(d) Administration.

The School appears to have settled down fairly quickly and successfully in its new accommodation. The majority of the personnel appreciate the quality of the accomodation and are attempting to maintain administration of the School worthy of its surroundings. In particular the Company Stores and the Technical Store are very well kept.

The possibility of finding accommodation for the families of the permanent staff is one feature which is occupying the minds of all the married men. There are several blocks of flats in CECCHIGNOLA which are at present occupied by displaced persons. Investigations are proceeding to ascertain whether there is any possibility of any of the flats becoming available in the near future.

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6. TRADE TRAINING (Cont'd).

(a) Personnel under Training January 1946.

Personnel under training 1 January 1946 — Nil.

Personnel joined during the month.

R.E.M.E. W/T Course.

Officers	18
WOs and NCOs	66
	84

Potential Instructors Course.

Officers	10
WOs	25
NCOs and Privates	62
	97

Total under Training 26 January '46 — 181

7. R.A.M. SCHOOL.

(a) General Progress.

As a result of the New Year holidays and the fact that courses did not commence before the middle of the month, very little progress has been made and no results are available.

(b) Numbers under Training.

Trade	Total
Driver Mechs	172
Vehicle Mechs	42
General Fitters	19
House Electricians	9
Turners	6
	248

(c) Shortage of Equipment and Instructors.

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

Instructors - Deficiencies.

	Trade	W.E.	Held.	Deficient.
Officers.	Driver Mechs	1	1	-
	Motor Mechs	1	1	-
	Armourer and Gun Fitter	1	-	1
	W/Shop Officer.	1	1	-

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	T/Shop Officer.	1	1	-
Senior NCOs	Driver Mechs	25	9	16
	Electricians	4	1	3
	" (House)	3	1	2
	Vehicle Mechs	16	1	15
	General Fitters	3	2	1
	Armourers	2	2	-
	Workshop	1	1	-

(d) Administration.

Satisfactory.

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6. POLICE SCHOOL.

At present is running a motor cyclist course which is in the second week. Results to date are :-

Satisfactory	34
Backward	14
Total	48

At the present the Police School is far from satisfactory. The accommodation is very poor and the main reason for it being at CESANO appears to be so that U.S. Schools has a number of reliable soldiers in the case of an incident. It is felt that unless the School is moved away from the H.Q. that it will continue here to serve the functions of the Divisional S.M.P. than to be an independent School.

The standard of instruction and general appearance of the School has dropped considerably since the British Provost Officer (Captain CESANO) left the A.M.G.

7. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE (RAFFI).

The British Unit R.A.C.T.D. vacated RIETI on disembark on the 12 January '46. In order to ensure an efficient hand-over taking place an advance party was sent by the Comando Scuola Centrali Militari on the 28 Dec 45. At the present time the detachment numbers 11 Officers and 62 O.Rs., commanded by Major GENNESTRI. A quantity of accommodation stores were handed over by RAFFI as per list attached.

The buildings actually taken over are the main barracks (surrounded by a high stone wall, with only one entrance) and a large villa situated on the main RIETI-ROMA road and approximately half-a-mile from the barracks. The latter was used as a Welfare Centre by RAFFI and is in first-class condition. Arrangements were made in December for the majority of the furnishings, e.g. curtaining, pictures, and paintings, to remain in the building on financial repayment by the Italian authorities. The intention will be to use this building as an exhibition building in due course.

Many alterations have been made by RAFFI during the time they occupied the barracks, hence only very minor R.E. works need to be carried out, e.g. a limited amount of plumbing and whitewashing etc. The barracks will accommodate up to 1,000 men so that there will be plenty of accommodation for the number of students expected (500 - 600). Adequate cookhouses, ablutions and showers exist for both Officers, NCOs and O.Rs. Representations have been made by S.C. detachments for 9 skilled soldiers (5 bricklayers, 2 carpenters, 1 electrician, 1 plumber) to Comando Scuola Centrali Militari, but they have not reported for duty as yet.

It is anticipated that the first courses will commence approximately 1 March but no definite decision has yet been reached.

The main problem at the present moment is with regard to the implementation of the suggested War Establishment. The suggested establishment as per Ministry of War consists of some Officers 16, NCOs 11, and ORs 30. [illegible] this is insufficient for a unit which in some [illegible]

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9. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE (SAWEL).

The British Unit A.M.C.T.D. vacated SAWEL on the afternoon of the 12 January '46. In order to ensure an efficient hand-over taking place an advance party was sent by the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari on the 28 Dec 45. At the present time the detachment numbers 11 Officers and 62 O.Rs., commanded by Major MENTASTI. A quantity of accomodation stores were handed over by RACHD as per list attached.

The buildings actually taken over are the main barracks (surrounded by a high stone wall, with only one entrance) and a large villa situated on the main [illegible] road and approximately half-a-mile from the barracks. The latter was used as a Welfare Centre by RACHD and is in first-class condition. Arrangements were made in December for the majority of the furnishings, e.g. curtaining, pictures, and paintings, to remain in the building on financial repayment by the Italian authorities. The intention will be to use this building as an exhibition building in due course.

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It is anticipated that the first courses will commence approximately 1 March but no definite decision has yet been reached.

The main problem at the present moment is with regard to the implementation of the suggested War Establishment. The suggested establishment as per Ministry of War consists of some Officers 16, NCOs 11, and ORs 30. The C.C. maintains this is insufficient for a Unit which is some 70 kilometres from AMG and therefore must be a self-contained unit. A new proposal which has now been put forward shows an increase of Officers 4, NCOs 5 [illegible] ORs 53. The increase of Officers was requested as the 16 officers proposed are all instructors and consequently no officers are available for regimental duties such as parades, pay etc. Also it is most essential for a unit of this kind to have a Medical Officer and at least two O.R. medical orderlies on establishment, and it is the intention to establish a small hospital in the barracks to save unnecessary evacuation of casualties to AMG. More storemen will also be required to keep up the standard of the various stores to be used for demonstrational purposes.

It is considered that the position as to exactly what the School is intended to teach should be clarified and a syllabus made out accordingly as at the present time some doubt appears to exist on this point.

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10. DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

A five weeks D & M course at the Scuola Autieri, which commenced on 15 January '44 is at present running with 416 pupils in attendance.

There is a shortage of Instructors at the moment, though it is not such as to detract seriously the value of the course :

Grade	Present Strength	Required Strength	Deficiencies.
Officer Instructors	9	13	4
NCOs "	10	34	24

To offset the deficiency of NCO instructors 8 NCO instructors have since been posted.

Twenty vehicles, of 30 requested, have been received by Scuola Autieri, and there are now sufficient vehicles to provide driving training on a scale of 10 pupils to 1 vehicle. This is not ideal but is a great improvement.

Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining further spare parts required for instructional purposes.

A great deal of R.E. work still needs to be completed such as rendering cooking equipment efficient (at present there are only 6 soyer stoves) standing doors, windows, latrines, ablutions and fitting showers, and class rooms need improvements too.

The implementation of the W.Z. of the School of Motorisation, of which the D &M School will become a part, is being awaited. Col PERRI Automobilistion Corps, has been already appointed Comdt. The syllabus of the 8 weeks Recruit D & M Course is ready, and the Commandant is working on the organisation of the School. Further courses, such as Officers cadet, potential NCOs courses, etc are being organised and syllabi will be drawn up. More R.E. work will be necessary for the further accomodation required when the School of Motorisation is fully functioning.

11. ENGINEER SCHOOL.

During the past month this has been supervised direct from N.M.I.A. by SO. RE.

At the moment the following courses are running.

(a) Course for Instructors for advanced training of Recruits.

17 Officers }
41 NCOs } 5 weeks.

(b) Mine clearance Course.

300 Total - 3 weeks.

The Engineers are expected to move to AURELIA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA between 1st and 15th of February.

Future Courses.

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there are not sufficient vehicles to provide driving training on a scale of 10 pupils to 1 vehicle. This is not ideal but is a great improvement.

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A great deal of R.E. work still needs to be completed such as rendering cooking equipment efficient (at present there are only 6 sayer stoves) sanding floors, windows, latrines, ablutions and fitting showers, and class rooms need improvements too.

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11. ENGINEER SCHOOL.

During the past month this has been supervised direct from M.M.I.A. by SO. RE.

At the moment the following courses are running.

(a) Course for Instructors for advanced training of Recruits.

17 Officers
41 NCOs } 5 weeks.

(b) Mine clearance Course.

300 Total - 3 weeks.

The Engineers are expected to move to AURELIA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA between 1st and 15th of February.

Future Courses.

Other than an Armoured Car course which is due to start CIVITAVECCHIA on 7 February '46, exact dates of future courses are not yet to hand.

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12. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

R.E.M.E. 155 Platoon Workshops.

(a) Progress Made.

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

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12 RAOC 1/5 Platoon Workshops (Cont'd).

Vehicle Repairs for January '46.

Date	'A' Vehs	M/Cycles.
30 Dec 45 - 6 Jan 46	16	4
7 Jan 46 - 13 Jan 46	15	5
15 Jan 46 - 22 Jan 46	14	4
23 Jan 46 - 30 Jan 46	13	2
Totals	52	15

(b) Workers under Training.

Owing to the shortage of skilled tradesmen, one or two men are being trained with fitters on vehicles. This plan seems to be working well so far.

(c) Administration.

The difficulty during the last month has been the 'change over' as regards collecting materials, and the 'change over' from delivering all B.L.R. vehicles to British workshops in BOLOGNA, to the Italian workshops in BOLOGNA. These Italian workshops are not yet functioning, and there are still a few vehicles in the workshop which were B.L.R. and would not have been accepted had it been known that they were to be passed on to BOLOGNA.

Labour shortage is still a big drawback to any attempts at greater production figures. The figures of deficiencies in personnel are as below. With a change in these figures in the future, due to a number of the Workshop personnel being due for release from the military services.

Personnel deficiencies.

Trade	W.E.	Held.	Deficient.
Meccanici di reparto	22	6	16
Artigiani Meccanici	20	13	7
Elettricisti	6	2	4
Aggiustatori Meccanici	2	-	2
Lattonieri	1	-	1

13 EMPLOYED SERVICES.

General.

The change over from British to Italian control is as from 1st August below, in its most difficult period. Not only for M.T. vehicles for Guns, Small Arms, there is a great need of spares, as much of the training equipment has been used for a year without a break.

Again, with the reorganisation of Schools, it is essential that proper equipment lists be prepared for each School. At present the equipment is 6.109B and none the D.A.T. Training Scale. If the preparation of these is to be an Italian responsibility it is of great importance that a

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Labour shortage is still a big drawback to any attempts at greater production figures. The figures of deficiencies in personnel are as below. With a change of these showing higher proportions in the future, due to a number of the Workshop personnel being due for release from the military services.

Personnel deficiencies.

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

12 ORDNANCE SERVICES.

Control.

The change over from British to Italian control is, as given in detail below, in its most difficult period. Not only for M.T. but also for Guns, Small Arms, there is a great need of spares, as much of the training equipment has been used for a year without a break.

Again, with the reorganisation of Schools, it is essential that proper equipment lists be prepared for each School. At present some equipment is B.1098 and some the D.A.T. Training Scale. If the preparation of these is to be an Italian responsibility it is of great importance that they should be drawn out by someone qualified to do so, as in the past the Italian issues of equipment required have not been very sound.

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(a) Clothing and Stores.

Stocks of clothing and accessories in the Italian Storehouse, as at the end of this month will be sufficient to maintain the units of the Schools and the permanent staff, until the normal clothing season starts.

It is understood that the Italian Ministry of War will then be able to supply Khaki Drill. The position for M.T. Spares, Signal Stores, and Gun Parts is not satisfactory at the moment as there has never been a Stores Section; the result being there are no stocks held of these stores. However, AMIO is having a 60 Day Maintenance Pack prepared of all available MT and Gun Spares, etc which will be available in the near future.

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13 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. (Contd).

(c) Continued.

In the meantime there will be vehicles off the road. A salvage dump of British vehicles has been located in [illegible], where cannibalisation of vehicles can be done and the Ministry of War has been informed of this.

Hand over of the D.A.D.O.S stores to the Italians is almost complete. In general there has been a big improvement in the methods of storage throughout the Centre. However, many more racks are still required.

14. S.A.F.M.E.T.S.

Improvements have been made to the Petrol Point but fire precautions are still not adequate - a universal fault throughout the Centre.

It had been hoped that work would commence on the railway line to the Central Stores, but nothing yet has happened.

15. MAINTENANCE.

(a) Hygiene.

Hygiene is better owing to improved water supply and the fact that buildings now mainly have proper plumbing.

(b) Medical.

The hospital and work of the Unit M.O.s appears to be satisfactory. The number of sick is lower than previously with very few infectious diseases.

(c) Morale.

On the whole, very satisfactory.

(d) Welfare.

The previous effort appears to be slackening, though some work may go on behind the scenes.

16 MISCELLANEOUS.

Results of Courses for T.T.Cs as at Appendix 'I' attached.

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

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15. AMELIORATION.

(a) Hygiene.

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(b) Medical.

The hospital and work of the Unit M.O. appears to be satisfactory. The number of sick is lower than previously with very few infectious diseases.

(c) Morale.

On the whole, very satisfactory.

(d) Welfare.

The previous effort appears to be slackening, though actual work may go on behind the scenes.

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

+Results of Courses for T.T.Cs 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 MT held by 12 B.L.U. " " Appendix 'E' "

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16 INSTRUCTIONS. (Cont'd).

Notification of all Units of 12 L.B.U. as against M.A. including details of all units on leave and when due to return	as at	Appendix 'F' attached
Migration schedule for Artillery Signal Recruits	"	Appendix 'G' "
Comparison between estimated number of students and those received	"	Appendix 'H' "

*1) additional copies to M.M.I.A. for F.T.C's.

**) triplicate to M.M.I.A.

***) M.M.I.A. only.

Major C.M.G. II,
Tr. & Inf. Tr.,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Command.

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ANNEXURE "X"

To: 12 H.L.H. Programme Report No.14. dated 1 February 45

RESULTS OF COURSES.

H.L.H. — No results yet received.

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APPENDIX 'B'
To 12 S.L.O. Progress
Report No. 14.
dtd. 1 Feb '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 on 1 FEB 46
4	Signals School	CECCHIGNOLA	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
5	P & M School	CECCHIGNOLA	1:200,000 Sht.17 F.7458	
6	T & M School	CIVITAVECCHIA F. 1:200,000 160920		To move to CECCHIGNOLA
7	Scaler Officers School	MANZIANA	Sheet 143-III NW 456934	S I V A
8	Infantry School	CESANO	Sheet 143-II SE 617872	
9	Police School	CESANO	Sheet 143-II SE 617863	
10	P.T. School	CESANO	Sheet 143-II SE 617876	
11	Holding Party for Engineer School	CIVITAVECCHIA	1:50,000 Sheet 142-II 171953	
12	School of Admin & Welfare	RIETI	1:200,000 F.0724	

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to 12 B.L.U. Progress
Report No. 14
dtd. 1 Feb 46

STAFF LIST
OF 12 B.L.U.
as at 0900 hrs. 31 Jan 46.

Comd. ... ... Col. L.T. Mackay, O.B.E.

STAFF, HEAD QRS.

G.S.O.I (Ops. ...

G.S.O.II Trg & Int. ... Major W.L. Price, N.Z.E.

G.S.O.III Trg Dept. ... Capt. J. Smith, R.A.F.

STAFF OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. ... Major H.J. Hanford, R.A.S.C.

Staff Dept. ...

SERVICES.

D.A.D.S.P. ... ... Major J.C. Talbot, R.A.S.C.

D.A.D.O.S. ... ... Major P.H. Courtenay, R.A.O.C.

D.A.D.M.P. ... ... Major B.H. Smith, R.A.M.P.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Staff.

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

R.A. Wing.

G.S.O. II. ... Major J.Z. Nye, R.A.

Instructor in Gunnery ...

R. Signals.

Staff Offr. R. Sigs. ... Major D.H. Skinner, R.Sigs.

R.E. Wing.

Staff Offr. R.E. ... Major C.F. Errington, R.E.

Infantry Wing.

GSO III Trg. ... Capt. L.M. Roberts, Wilts.

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G.S.O.III Trg Dept.	...	Capt. J. Smith, R.A.F.
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL and QUARTERMASTER GENERAL		
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	...	Major H.J. Leaton, R.A.S.C.
Staff Capt.	...	
SECTION A.		
D.A.A.G.T. ...	...	Major J.C. Talbot, R.A.O.C.
D.A.Q.M.G. ...	...	Major T.H. Shorthose, R.A.O.C.
D.A.D.M.S. ...	...	Major B.H. Smith, R.A.M.C.
TRAINING BRANCH.		
Staff.		
G.S.O. II Schools.	...	Major N.F. Thomas, R.Ir.R.
Arty. Wing.		
G.S.O. II.	...	Major J.N. Bow, R.A.
Instructor in Gunnery	...	
R. Sigs.		
Staff Offr. R. Sigs.	...	Major D.R. Skinner, R.Sigs.
Engr. Wing.		
Staff Offr. R.E.	...	Major C.R. Larrington, R.E.
Infantry Wing.		
G.S.O. III Trg.	...	Capt. L.M. Roberts, Wilts.
Provost. ...	...	
Camp Comdt.	...	Lieut. W.R. Trevaljan, R.N.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Regd. No.	Effected (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond local repair (BLR)
1	DODGE 3-ton	L.9589402	E		
2	CHEVROLET 3-ton	L.5636553	E		
3	FORD GS. 15-cwt	S.5313398		LR	
4	DODGE GS.15-cwt	Z.498263	E		
5	DODGE GS 15-cwt	Z.5280009	E		
6	AUSTIN P.U.	M.1137044		LR	
7	AUSTIN P.U.	M.1136915			BLR
8	AUSTIN P.U.	M.5288043			BLR
9	AUSTIN P.U.	M.5288344			
10	WILLYS	M.156869		LR	
11	JEEP	M.5626871	E		
12	JEEP	G/M.5934670			BLR

Certified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition

Date: 1 February 1945.

Signed.....
Capt. 10/Sikh Lt
Indian Corps of

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ANNEXE 'A'
To [illegible] report
[illegible] Dated [illegible] '46.

Type	Regd. No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond local repair (BLR)	Remarks.
3-ton	L.5589402	E			
3-ton	L.5606553	E			Authority to retain until 11 March '46
15-cwt	Z.5313398		LR		
15-cwt	Z.498263	E			
15-cwt	Z.5250009	E			
.U.	M.1137044		LR		Authority to retain until 11 March '46
.U.	M.1136915			BLR	
.U.	M.5288043			BLR	
.U.	M.5288344				Written Off A.376 7 January '46
	M.150869		LR		
	M.5626871	E			
	C/M.5934670			BLR	Authority to retain until 11 March '46.

rtified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated.

te: 1 February 1946.

Signed.....
Capt. 1c British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Zonal Military Command.

APPENDIX 'F'

To: 12 S.L.T. Progress Report
No. 14 dated 1 Feb 1946.

(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks, as against W.E. (M/1018/1 dated 1 June '45.

(i) Officers.

	Major	Capt.	Lieut.	Total.
General Staff Branch.				
G.S.O. II Trg.	1	-	-	-
Branch of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General				
Staff Captain.	-	++1	-	1
R.A.				
Instructor in Gunnery	-	1	-	1
Provost.				
Captain.	-	1	-	1
	1	3	-	4

++ Upgrading of Camp Comdt. to Staff Captain applied for the G.H.Q.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total.
Storeman Tech.(RAOC)	-	-	-	1	1
Electrician Veh & Plant (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mechanic (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructors, (RA)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor (Mortar) (Inf)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructors (6 pr) (Inf)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Op. W/T (R.Sigs)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Provost (RAP)	-	-	1	-	1
Q.M.S.I. (RE)	1	-	-	-	-
Storemen (RE)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk G.D. (RE)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks G.D.(Any Arm)	-	-	-	3	3
Officers' Mess Steward	-	1	-	-	1
Cook (AOC)	-	-	1	-	1
	1	7	2	6	16

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

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Provost.				
Captain.	-	1	-	1
	1	3	-	4

++ Upgrading of Comp Comdt. to Staff Captain applied for the G.H.Q.

(ii) Other Ranks.

	WO II	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total.
Storeman Tech.(RAOC)	-	-	-	1	1
Electrician Veh & Plant (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Veh Mechanic (REME)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructors, (RA)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor (Morter) (Inf)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructors (6 pr) (Inf)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Op. W/T (R.Sigs)	-	1	-	-	1
Instructor Provost (CMP)	-	-	1	-	1
Q.M.S.I. (RE)	1	-	-	-	-
Storeman (RE)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk G.D. (RE)	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks G.D.(Arty Arm)	-	-	-	3	3
Officers' Mess Steward	-	1	-	-	1
Cook (ACC)	-	-	1	-	1
	1	7	2	6	16

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

(i) Officers.

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(ii) Other Ranks.

N - I - L.

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

(i) Due under LLAP, LILOP, etc - O.Rs 2

(ii) Due under GRO 1352/45 - Officers 4
O.Rs 5

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ANNEXURE "C"

Re: 12 S.L.I. Interim Report
No.14 dated 1 Feb. 46.

SYLLABUS FOR ARTILLERY SIGNAL RECRUITS.

40 hours Work. - 8 Weeks = 304 hours.

		Hours.
1.	Basic electricity and apparatus.	16
2.	Exchange Operating (practice and procedure practice)	8
3.	Signal Office Procedure and Records Signal Security (Codes, etc.) ...	4
4.	R/T procedure	20
5.	L/T Operation, testing and maintenance of eqpt. Telephone D.M.V. - (Millerphone?) 4.U.G.10 Line - (Superimposing Unit?) ...	10
6.	W/T Sets 18 /48 W/T Sets 19/ 22 Description and netting. Tuning & Remote. Siting, Aerials, Wavelengths?	80
7.	Charging and maintenance of batteries ...	8
8.	Line Laying - principles and practice ...	40
9.	Exercises	110
10.	Artillery Organisation. Line Layouts, Artillery Procedure, Fire Orders, etc.	48
11.	Drill and P.T. Medical Lectures. Map Reading. Inspections.	40
	TOTAL	304

N.B. No revision, examinations, etc. possible.

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2.	Buzzer Operating practice and phonogram practice	8
3.	Signal Office Procedure and Records } Signal Security (Codes, etc.) } ...	4
4.	R/T Procedure	20
5.	W/T Operation, testing and maintenance of eqpt.) Telephone D.M.V. - (Millerphone?) } 10 S.U.C.10 Line - (Superimposing Unit?) }	
6.	W/T Sets 18 /48 } Description and netting. Tuning W/T Sets 19/ 22 } & Remote. Earths, aerials, Wavemeters?	30
7.	Charging and maintenance of batteries ...	8
8.	Line laying - principles and practice ...	40
9.	Exercises	110
10.	Artillery Organisation. Line Layouts, Artillery Procedure, Fire Orders, etc.	42
11.	Drill and P.T. } Medical Lectures. } Map Reading. } ... ... Inspections. }	40
	TOTAL	304

N.B. No revision, examinations, etc. possible.

In addition to continued instruction in the above mentioned subjects, Recruits joining their Units should then be instructed in :-

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1. Horse. Loop and Holingrugh.
2. Millerphone?
3. Superimposing Unit?
4. R.C.Ls, P.I.A.T., Bren, T.S.M.G.
5. Mines.
6. Military Law, etc.

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APPENDIX "F"

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COMPARISON BETWEEN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND THOSE RECEIVED.

SCHOOL.	ESTIMATED.	RECEIVED.
B.L.V.M.	105 Officers.	93 Officers.
Infantry School and Chelsea Depot.	120 Officers. 670 N.C.Os.	107 Officers. 710 N.C.Os.
Artillery.	190 Officers & NCOs.	195 Officers & NCOs.
Sigs (Signals)*	60 Officers. 190 N.C.Os.	17 Officers. 41 N.C.Os.
Sigs (Signallers)(1)	60 Officers. 190 N.C.Os.	10 Officers. 67 N.C.Os.
Sigs(Signallers)(2)	304 Officers & ORs.	18 Officers. 66 O.Rs.
R. & M. School.	400 Drivers.	416 Drivers.
T. & M. School.	270, all ranks.	243, all ranks.
Physical Training.	80, all ranks.	45, all ranks.

NOTE: *Other than Non Clearance Course.

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S.I.W.A.	105 officers.	93 officers.
Infantry School and 2nd Regiment.	120 officers. 670 N.C.Os.	107 officers. 710 N.C.Os.
Artillery.	190 officers & NCOs.	195 officers & NCOs.
Cavalry (Squadron)*	60 officers. 190 N.C.Os.	17 officers. 41 N.C.Os.
Cavalry (Squadrons)(1)	80 officers. 150 N.C.Os.	10 officers. 67 N.C.Os.
Cavalry (Squadrons)(2)	364 officers & NCOs.	18 officers. 66 O.Rs.
R. & M. School.	400 Drivers.	416 Drivers.
R. & M. School.	270, all ranks.	248, all ranks.
Mounted Training.	80, all ranks.	45, all ranks.

NOTE: *Other than Mtn Clearance Course.
(1) Instructors Course.
(2) Refresher.

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