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NOTES ON CONFERENCES

June 1945 - Sept. 1946

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Subject : Artillery Repair Training Centre.

12 B.I.U.
C.S.P.

(Tel : RCHS 489081 Int : 245)

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To : R.C.
Central Military School

30 September 1946

1. I am anxious to discuss the future policy of the Artillery Repair Training Centre, and I suggest that a conference should be held at your Headquarters, to be attended by :-

A senior Officer of your Headquarters.
Commandant School of Artillery, or representative.
Capt. Valentini, C.O. Artillery Repair Training Centre.
C.O. 12 B.I.U.
Major Wapman R.C.M.A. 12 B.I.U.

2. I suggest that the conference should take place at 10.30 hrs Sunday 7 October, if this is convenient to you.

3. The subjects for discussion are :-

- (a) Selection of students.
- (b) Methods of training.
- (c) Possible separation of Artillery Repair Training Centre from School of Artillery.

4. I shall be very grateful if you will inform me if this can be arranged.

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1st. Col.
C.S.

SUBJECT : Points for Discussion

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY SERVICES
(Tel : ROME 478808)

0/a. 4/1/73

29 July 1946

To : G.O.
12 British Liaison Unit

Herewith outstanding points for discussion.

1. That a tactical doctrine be prepared for the Italian Army.
2. That spares for arms and vehicles be decentralised.

Note : At the moment a vehicle with a puncture must go to a civilian garage, a major repair means evacuation to O.A.R.E. Bologna. A rifle with a broken fore-end must go to Terni.

3. That maintenance "items" such as oil, flamethrowers be considered a British responsibility until such times as the Italians produce a similar item.

Other minor points might be :

1. The formation of a physical training corp and a Central Army Sports Board.
2. The representation of Infantry at the Ministry of War.

W.L.P.

W.L.P.
T.C. & D.C. Eng.

W.L.P.

SCUOLA DI FANTERIA
- Ufficio Addestramento -

N°03/ 1072 di prot.

Cesano di Roma, 26/5/1945

OGGETTO: Programmi di addestramento.

AL COMANDO SCUOLE GENERALI MILITARI (2 copie)
- Ufficio Addestramento -

AL 12 D. L. U. (Maggiore PRICE) (1 copia)

ROMA

Si trasmette, nel numero di copie segnate, il programma del Corso Mortai da 120 mm. da 5^a settimana.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(A. Tassi)

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SUBJECT :- Equipment for the Italian Army.

12 UNITED STATES ARMY
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOL
(Ref: RICE 66346)

Ref: G/2.1.1/1021

2 March 1946.

Major CHANCE GSO II (Schools)
Major HOW GSO II (IC)
Major SWINER SO R Sigs.
Major HALLIST DAI
Major BARRETT DAI & QG.

1. (a) HQ require a complete list of all Italian Army requirements for
Per up to 31 December 1946.

(b) This list is required under the following headings :-

Weapons
Amm (incl explosives)
Vehs (by types, showing tonnage)
Mine for Stores and Dept.
Special Scales of Stores
HQ Training Facilities.

2. A conference will be held at HQ MIA on Monday 4th March at 1000 hrs
to discuss the method of compilation and rendition of this list.

3. The following representatives of 12 B.L.U. should attend.

Major PHILL GSO II (Reg & Inf)
Major CHANCE GSO II (Schools)
(already informed of conference)
Major HOW GSO II (IC)
Major SWINER SO R Sigs.
Major HALLIST DAI
Major BARRETT DAI & QG.

4. Officers on this list unable to attend should inform Major CHANCE
(Mans 48981 Ext 476) by 1000 hours SATURDAY 2nd March 1946.

5. HQ MIA is requested to detail 'Q' Rep.

6. Transport will leave this HQ at 0915 hours - to be arranged by
DAI & QG.

1. (a) HQ require a complete list of all Italian Army regular parts for put up to 31 December 1946.
- (b) This list is required under the following headings:-
Weapons
Amm (incl explosives)
Vehs (by type, showing tonnage)
Misc Mtr, stores and Eqt.
Special Scales of Stores
HQ Training Facilities.
2. A conference will be held at HQ MIA on Monday 4th March at 1000 hrs to discuss the method of compilation and revision of this list.
3. The following representatives of 12 B.L.U. should attend.
Major PRICE GSO II (Trg & Inf)
Major GILSON GSO II (Signals)
(already informed of conference)
Major HOW GSO II (IC)
Major GIBBON 30 R Sigs.
Major HALLAM LADEN
Major HARTMAN DAS & QAS.
4. Officers on this list unable to attend should inform Major GIBBON (MIA 489381 Ext 476) by 1000 hours SATURDAY 2nd March 1946.
5. HQ MIA is requested to detail 'Q' Reg.
6. Transport will leave this HQ at 0945 hours - to be arranged by DAS & QAS.

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Amended.

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Major GIBBON
Trg & Inf 278
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Service.

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army

Lead Forces Sub Comm A.C.
ROME
TRG/42/3

28 Feb 46

12 HUI to Central Military Schools

1. (a) CHQ require a complete list of all Italian Army requirements for period up to 31 Dec 46.

(b) this list is required under the following headings :-

Weapons

Arm (incl explosives)
Vehs (ty types, showing tech value)
Misc Trg Stores and Equip
Special Grades of Spares
RE Training Facilities.

2. A Conference will be held at HQ MHA on MONDAY 14th Mar at 1000 hrs to discuss the method of compilation and rendition of this list.

3. The following should attend :-

HQ MHA - Major CHRISTIE GSO II (TRG)
Major LUTHER GSO II (PMS)
Major H. B. B. SURE
Major BURMAN SO II R SIGS
Rep 'Q'

12 HUI - Major BURMAN GSO II (TRG & Inf)
Major CHRISTIE GSO II (Schools)
(already informed of Conference)
Major H. B. B. SURE
Major BURMAN GSO II R SIGS
Major H. B. B. SURE
Rep 'Q' - P & S. M.

4. Officers on this list unable to attend should inform Major CHRISTIE (Phone 48906) ext 476 by 1000 hrs SATURDAY 2nd Mar 46.

5. AGM MHA is requested to detail 'Q' Rep.

6. Track To leave Pms HQ at 095 hours
To be arranged DAO M. G.

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Ammo (incl explosives)
 Vechs (by type, showing tech vech)
 Misc Trg Stores and Eqp
 Special Scales of Stores
 R3 Training Facilities.

3. The following should attend:

Major CURTIS E 650 H (Eng)
Major DUNNOK 650 II (Engr)
Major H B H 3012
Major EDWARDS 30 II R Sigs
Capt 'Q'

MAJOR FRANK GSD II (Trg & Inf)
MAJOR CHARLES GSD II (Schools)
(already informed of Conference)
MAJOR HOW GSD II (Inf)
MAJOR WILLIAM GSD R Sign
MAJOR ELLIOTT DAPOT
EUGENE A. - 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000

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To be arranged DNO m a

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File: 2/17/45.

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT MILA ON 22 OCTOBER, 1945.

1. EL & TV.

Col. L.R. MCKELLY O.B.B.
 Maj. W.L. PRICE
 Maj. G.W. BRADLEY

W.L. MILLER (G.I. 1782)
 Lt. Col. W.H.M. WILSON A.F.S.T.
 Maj. R.O. CAMPBELL S.O.B.S.

G.H.Q.

Lt. Col. P.R.S.P. BURNETT

ACTIONTRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS1. Training state(a) Under training:

(b) 130 officers and 160 ORs.
 To be trained at S.I.V.A.

40 officers of Bn Coast Bank
 120 officers of Coy Coast Bank

(c) To be trained at Inf Detach

470 officers of Bn Coast Bank
 890 Senior NCOs
 1050 Junior NCOs

(d) Special Lt. Instructors being trained - 160.
 Special Senior Instructors being trained - 160.

All to be trained by 20 Dec 45. The anticipated wastage may be as high as 10%.

2. Transport

(a) Italian sources are supplying the 13 loads carrying vehicles requested by R.T.C.

(b) R.A.F.C. are replacing the B.L.R. vehicles and making shortages up to W.B.

(c) Diesel or Jerry must immediately be made available for the 13 vehicles mentioned in para 2 (a), above.

(d) The petrol situation may become critical due to the much increased area in which 2 T.F. now operates.

PL & IV to inform S & T MILA of likely future

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 171 PL & IV
 171 PL & IV

likely future

ACTION

TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS1. Training state(a) Under training:

(b) 130 officers and 360 ORs.

(c) To be trained at S.L.V.A.

46 officers of Pz Cond Bank

126 officers of Coy Cond Bank

(d) To be trained at Inf School

470 officers of Pz Cond Bank

890 Senior NCOs

1050 Junior NCOs

(e) Special Art. Instructors being trained - 160.

Special Cond. Instructors being trained - 140.

All to be trained by 20 Dec 45. The anticipated shortage may be as high as 12%.

2. Transport

(a) Italian sources are supplying the 13 load carrying vehicles requested by 2.7.45.

(b) B.A.L.C. are replacing the B.L.C. vehicles and making shortages up to 10%.

(c) Diesel or Dery must immediately be made available for the 13 vehicles mentioned in para 2 (a), above.

(d) BL & IV to inform S & T. Most of likely future requirements. The patrol situation may become serious due to the much increased area in which S & T. now operates.

(e) BL & IV to inform S & T. Most of likely future requirements.

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(f) BL & IV

S&T 18114

(g) BL & IV

3. Training equipment and Publications

(a) British translated manuals etc.

A shortage has been anticipated and instructions issued to the Ministry of War to keep stocks up to likely demand.

(b) British Weapons.

Pz Inf and 2nd Pz Artillery are needed now.

S&T. Pz Inf will furnish figures of future needs to S&T, based on NVA. Forecast of numbers to be trained.

S&T 18114

S&T 18114

(f) BL & IV

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(c) Equipment

No great difficulty is likely to arise in the provision of equipment necessary.

MAIL and 'P' BL & TU will supply a forage of figures to A.S.S.Q.

S TAC
'P' BL & TU

(d) Transport at R.T.C. does not leave much free for collection of stores etc. at distances from CESSNO.

'Q' MAIL
'P' BL & TU

MAIL to investigate possibility of delivery of all stores by rail (rather than collection by R.T.C.)

(e) Blackboards are in very short supply. MAIL will investigate sources and try to increase the issue.

'Q' MAIL

(f) Sports Kit:

The need is undiminished, but kit is in very short supply. Some kit might be made available for purchase through British Welfare channels.

C TAC

MAIL will continue its efforts to produce this kit.

(g) British Pamphlets:

MAIL will supply copies of RASC training pamphlets. S TAC

4. ACCOMMODATION.

(a) Gunners. Will occupy both Bks at BRACOLANO.

(b) Signals. Pistolero Bks, ROME to be investigated.

S.O.SIGS
MAIL

(c) Engineers. A Bks will be sought, perhaps near TERNI.

Should nothing suitable be found Pistolero Bks could accommodate both Signals and Signals. Aurilio Bks at CIVITAVECCHIA is still up our sleeve and could be used if absolutely necessary.

S.O.S.A.M.
MAIL

(d) S.I.V.A.

The Rasc. S.I.V.A. 45 RASC would be ideal for this, and could include the Police and P.T. Schools.

S TAC

MAIL to investigate.

(e) Roads inside R.T.C. are much in need. R.A.S.C. refuse to sanction their construction.

C TAC
'Q' MAIL

MAIL to take up the matter of roads and drill squares.

(f) The water situation at CESSNO becomes worse and worse. Drinking water is carried from ROME as practically none is available at CESSNO. MAIL S.O.R.S. will investigate.

S.O.R.S.

(g) Workshops.

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The need is unmet, but kit is in very short supply. Some kit might be made available for purchase through British Welfare channels. WMLA will continue its efforts to produce this kit.

(g) British Pamphlets:

WMLA will supply copies of RASC training pamphlets. G TBS

4. RECOMMENDATION.

- (a) Guns. Will occupy both Bks at READING.
- (b) Signals. Pictorial Bks, RASC to be investigated. S.O. SIGS WMLA
- (c) Engineers. A Bk will be sought, perhaps near TBS.

Should nothing suitable be found Pictorial Bks could accommodate both Cappers and Signals. Aerial Bks at CIVILIAN BKS is still up our sleeve and could be used if absolutely necessary.

(d) S.I.V.A.

The R.A.S.C. at READING could be asked for this, and could include the Police and P.I. Schools. WMLA to investigate.

- (e) Rooms inside R.T.C. are much in need. R.A.S.C. refuse to sanction their construction. G TBS 'Q' WMLA

WMLA to take up the matter of roads and drill squares.

- (f) The water situation at READING becomes worse and worse. Drinking water is carried from HOME as practically none is available at READING. WMLA S.O.R.E. will investigate. S.O.R.E. 7/4/51

(g) Workshops.

These to be situated in the Gas Rectory when it has been closed. 'P' BL & TU

5. STANDARD TRAINING.

Mostly by apprenticeship method, but automobile will require a Driving School separate from the R.T.C. They hope to find good accommodation at READING.

D.A.P. SIGS.

Under AMBROS has left and his replacement urgently required. WMLA to act. S & T 'Q' WMLA

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6. ITALIAN SIBBLES.

Commanders of D & H School and Tech School considered inefficient. 'F' HL & TU no report on these officers to MGA who will take action.

W. H. H. H.
for Lt. Col. *W. H. H.*
G.S.

23 Oct 45.

DISTRIBUTION:

'F' HL & TU, CASANO
Lt. Col. BERRY GR.

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SUBJECT 1- Training Quiz.

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

Ref : G/A.4/875 ✓

31 October '45.

Officer S/o Training, RTC ICF.

1. Herewith please find answer to a questionnaire submitted by Major KING to the 'Gruppi'. The opinion is the opinion of the Gruppi - the remarks are those of GSO II Training, 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit, and in no way give the final answer.
2. As there is considerable divergence of opinion, copies of answers received are forwarded for information and return.

W. L. P.

Major GSO II,
Trg & Inf Trg.
'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit RTC ICF.

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Internal.

File
Float.

Question	Opinion	
<u>S.I.V.A.</u>		
(a) Is the present system of allotting students suitable.	Considered satisfactory (by most Units)	This is not considered a range force asking.
(b) Could more students be made available.	No. Not Officers but HCC training required.	Agreed. Will meet.
(c) Views on Man Management Course.	This course not very favourably received.	It is considered a little.
(d) Should Tactical School course include Administration and duties of the Officer	Some divergence of opinion.	It is considered pay greater side of administration.
(e) General opinions on the S.I.V.A. Course	Very favourable on the whole, particularly for young Officers. Suggested deals more with internal security problems and remains practicable. Co-operation to be stressed.	In the time have everything more exact for Senior discussions but they do not give very suggested to for exercise the Senior by Training.
<u>Signals.</u>		
(a) Is the present syllabus sufficient.	Yes.	No remarks.
(b) Are Signallers being kept in practice while with Units.	Yes.	No remarks.
(c) Are I _n structors available for cross posting	Varied answers.	Action being

Opinion

Remarks

allotting students Considered satisfactory (by most units)

This is ~~not~~ altogether agreed. It is considered that it could be improved by longer range forecast and S.M.R.E. ordering, not asking.

ade available.

No. Not Officers but NCO training required.

Agreed. It is considered that new organisation will meet demand.

Course.

This course not very favourably received.

It is considered the tour may have cleared up misapprehensions. Chief criticism is that it is a little impracticable from Welfare side.

Course include
of the Officer

Some divergence of opinion.

It is considered that the Tactical School should pay greater attention to the administrative side of tactics but should not deal with administration except from the tactical angle.

I.V.A. Course

Very favourable on the whole, particularly for young Officers. Suggested deals more with internal security problems and remains practicable. Co-operation to be stressed.

In the time allotted it is not possible to have everything. It is thought that possibly more exercises with troops might be included for Senior Officers. The F.M.V.I. and discussions are all very well in their way but they do not test powers of command and may give very false impressions. It is suggested that troops might be made available for exercises on a larger scale. Otherwise the Senior Officers Course might be replaced by Training Teams.

sufficient.

Yes.

No remarks.

in practice

Yes.

No remarks.

for cross posting Varied answers.

Action being taken when answer Yes.

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Question.	Opinion.	Remarks.
<u>Supplies.</u>		
(a) I ₁ structors needed by R.T.C.	Varied answers.	I ₁ structors
(b) Do Gruppi want refresher courses.	Some available.	Engineer School for itself.
<u>Artillery.</u>		
It is considered that the position no longer holds good for the moment as the Artillery School, like train new instructors for themselves before starting any new ventures, to get ready for the big and		
<u>R & M School.</u>		
(a) R.T.C. complaint of poor Students.	Agreed, but none better available.	Selective call
(b) Request for I ₁ structors.	Not available.	Considered to be found outside and if necessary as with I ₁ structors To be considered
(c) Would a course in Maintenance and inspection Yes very, for C.O.'s be welcome.		
<u>Police School.</u>		
(a) Have sufficient Carabinieri been trained.	No.	School to expand
(b) Are Regimental Police Courses required.	Yes.	Will be ordered
<u>Infantry.</u>		
(a) Are men available for Specialist training.	Courses required.	As above.
<u>Translation of Publications.</u>		
This is being dealt with.		

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Opinion.

Remarks.

Varied answers.

Instructors being found elsewhere.

Some available.

Engineer School to concentrate on Instructors for itself.

Agreed, but none better available.

Selective call up the answer.

Not available.

Considered that suitable Instructors could be found outside the Divisions. If effort made and if necessary could be flown from abroad as with Infantry Officers.

Yes and inspection Yes very.

To be considered at D & M School?

No.

School to expend.

Yes.

Will be entered for under the new organisation.

Courses required.

As above.

Subject:- Agenda M.M.I.A. Confer nce.

Training of Instructors

I. Progress Achieved.

The numbers of men under Training are :-

Young Officers ----- 130
N.C.O.'s ----- 360

The N.C.O.'s are in training as follows 273 are have completed 3 weeks training the remainder 87 are in the third week of training.

The young officers have done one week preliminary training but start the course proper on Monday. The delay in starting with the young is due to the late arrival of extra instructors requested from the Gruppo.

It is too early yet to give the number of students who will be classified as instructors but the course is going fairly well at present.

The training for the second phase will be roughly as follows.

At SILVA ----- Senior Officers Course of about 40 Battalion

Commanders and 120 Company Commanders.

At Infantry School ----- 470 Platoon Commanders.

2nd Regiment ----- About 890 Junior N.C.O.'s and 750 Junior N.C.O.

1st Regiment ----- About 360 Junior N.C.O.'s.

These figures are only approximate.

At the moment though the Italians think they will start 12th of

November I think that the full programme will not be under way before the 20th.

It must of course be realised that the standard of instructor produced will not be high and that supervision will be necessary in many cases after.

It is also proposed to train as many armours as possible in the in the period between 1st of November and the opening of the New centres. 740

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The Training at the DAM school and the Mech school will never be good until the S.M.R.E. produces suitable candidates for the schools.

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Serious difficulties and problems requiring attention.

Difficulties at the moment are:-

1. Shortage of Transport.
2. Shortage of Petrol or deplorable allotment of same.
3. Accommodation to be dealt with latter. And water shortage. And in Roads.
4. The problem of detached companies disbanded units. Tunisians.
5. Complete lack of energy of H.Q. Picerno Division. Services Dept.
6. Rank consequence

7 Battledress for students under going the various courses
 8 Staff procedure. Ringing units in line with the English army
 Translation of manuals

3. Stores and equipment Italian.

Planned for the length of time required to produce. Via Printing press
 Tables and chairs and black boards. Necessity of producing Sports kit.
 4. Training Equipment British Necessity of revision of scales for the new
 centres ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Incompleteness of the Engineer Training Equipment
 no set boating or Bridging. Infantry getting very out of date.
 No repair facilities if the British go Italians could produce much more
 in the line of equipment for the IEM and Mech schools.

4. Situation at Frecciano

No C2 Arty. Irregular S.C.R.E. and Signals. Barracks only adequate for the
 Artillery in view of the increased number. Barracks much cleaner but
 a temporary stoppage of work at the Engineers at present

5. Engineer and signal school

It is suggested by the Italians that this school should go to the
 Piazzale Barracks north of the Via Montana. This was designed for this
 purpose is in tip top condition and would hold several thousand.
 At present it is believed that it is a British rest camp is on a river.

6. Aurelia Barracks

This barracks might do for the police. It is a very good barracks and very
 clean. The work of repair is however very slow.

8. Mechanical school will be very happy now I think. The barracks for the
 DMI school however is very bad and needs repair if however it is
 energetically handled the barracks could be put in order in a very short
 period of time.

9. Rieti and Terni not seen.

to talk about the other areas training.

6 Situation at Bracciano

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9. Rieti and Trani not seen.

What about the P.T. school. "enseless to talk about the other arms training."

10. Barracks R.T.C. I.C.F.

Lack of water. The main problem. Essential also to mend the roads and the drill square in the camp and not to talk about them.

Totally unsuitable the Carabinieri Bilets. What about the factory.

Civilians in the camp. Roads and other accommodation stores.

Future training policy in the Italian Army.

The most important thing is to produce numbers in great detail and then we can get to work either way M.I.A. must produce more definite policy than in the past.

At present F PLATU not in a position to make plans.

Necessity for the Establishments and equipment to be made out out as soon as possible it is not enough to say recruit refresher etc.

Services Training This should be very interesting and brings about the question of staff procedure in unless a very different system is produced no service training possible. R.A.S.C. manual is the best guide to work on.

Future function of "F" PL 7 TU.

C II Inf is surplus now. No necessity for N.C.C. but essential that more than advisory capacity required.

W.L.P.

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SUBJECT: Training Conference.

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1st BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: C/A.1/f12

31 August 45.

To: Officer 4/s Training,
H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. There would appear to be a number of points concerning the training here, where slight differences of method and organization of training are appearing between the Italian Training Staff and the British staff here. Besides this there are other general matters to discuss.

2. As it is essential that both sides should speak with the same voice it is suggested that a conference be held to decide the policy of training up to December. This to discuss:-

- (i) The proposed interim training of recruits in basic training, as suggested by Colonel Madini.
- (ii) The production of instructors, both Officers and N.C.Os., in the greatest possible numbers, during this period.
- (iii) The improvement of methods of training in Infantry Regiments.

It is hoped that as a result of this conference definite orders may be issued and that no further changes be made until the production of the final plan of training for the Italian army.

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3. It is hoped that any ideas raised will, as far as possible, be within the lines of the existing organization and that plans produced should be worked out in sufficient detail to enable them to be put into effect forthwith.

4. The suggested date for the conference is Monday, 2nd September, at 09.30 hours, at your office.

5. From this office, Major King and Major Price will attend, and it is hoped that General Mattioli and yourself will attend.

6. Will you please confirm the date and time, and if

1. There would appear to be a number of points concerning the training here, where slight differences of method and organization of training are appearing between the Italian training staff and the British staff here. Besides this there are other general matters to discuss.

2. As it is essential that both sides should speak with the same voice it is suggested that a conference be held to decide the policy of training up to December. This to discuss :-

(1) The proposed interim training of recruits in basic training, as suggested by Colonel Mackay.

(11) The production of instructors, both Officers and N.C.O.s., in the greatest possible numbers, during this period.

(111) The improvement of methods of training in Infantry Regiments.

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6. Will you please confirm the dates and times, and if necessary add other matters for discussion.

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W.L.P.

Major G.S. II
The A.I.M. Trs
The British Liaison &
Training Unit F.M.G. HQ

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SUBJECT:-

Training at RTO ICF, CREANO'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTO ICF

Ref: G/A.1/734

31 August, 1945

OC, 50 BLU
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56 BLUMEMO (For GSO.II Trg)

1. In planning future courses at this Centre it would be most helpful to have the views of BLUs with the Group.
2. Attached herewith a short questionnaire dealing with the various schools at this Centre in which your views are requested.
3. Colonel L.H. MACFAR, CBE, is, at present, making a tour of the Group and would be pleased to discuss or enlarge on any of these points.

HMK/and

Internal

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FloatMajor, GSO.II
Training,'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTO ICF

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SUBJECT:- Notes for discussion with Gruppo 1

12th BATTALION IN ALGERIA AND
TRAINING UNIT, 300 ICE

Ref: G. 1. 4/734/2

31 August, 1945

1. NTVA (All Arms Instructors School)

- (a) Is our present system of allocating students suitable?
Could larger numbers of students be made available?
- (b) Are students being put to good use on return?
- (c) What are your views on the MAN MANAGEMENT Course - this course will start touring the Gruppo and Territorial Divs at the end of next course (early September).
- (d) It is suggested the Technical School courses are changed to include far more administration and duties of the Officer. Any particular suggestions about this as to which points to stress?
- (e) What are the general opinions on the CIVV courses?

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2. Artillery

In order to retain a standard of teaching and policy throughout the Gruppo it is suggested that a refresher course for Junior and Senior Officers is run at the Artillery School here. Can students be made available?

3. Cavalry

(a) Signals

- (i) Is the present syllabus for courses sufficient?
- (ii) Are signallers kept in practice while in the Gruppo?
- (iii) Are any instructors available for cross posting?
Experienced instructors in all branches are needed.

(b) Engineers

- (i) Instructors, both young officers and Senior NCOs
urgently required.

- (c) What are your views on the MAN MANAGEMENT Course - this course will start touring the Gruppo and Territorio Dives at the end of next course (early September).
- (d) It is suggested the Tactical School courses are changed to include far more administration and duties of the Officer. Any particular suggestions about this as to which points to stress?
- (e) What are the general opinions on the SIVA courses?

2. Artillery

In order to retain a standard of teaching and policy throughout the Gruppo it is suggested that a refresher course for Junior and Senior Officers is run at the Artillery School here. Can students be made available?

3. Genio

(a) Signala

- (i) Is the present syllabus for courses sufficient?
- (ii) Are signallers kept in practice while in the Gruppo?
- (iii) Are any instructors available for cross posting? Experienced instructors in all branches are needed.

(b) Signora

- (i) Instructors, both young officers and Senior NCOs ⁷³³urgently required.
- (ii) A short refresher course for Officers and Senior NCOs to cover all branches is suggested. Could students be made available?

4. E & M School

- (a) Still a great shortage of students for courses.

Vehicle Mechanics.
Motor "
Driver "
Armourers.
Gun Fitters.

Students require basic knowledge as the courses are mainly advanced conversion. Instructors urgently required in all branches.

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4. E & M School (Cont'd)

- (b) Would a COs course in Maintenance and Inspection be useful?

5. Police School

- (a) How are the many Carabinieri we have trained progressing - what are their weak points, if any?
- (b) We could run a Regimental Police course for the Gruppi if they have suitable students available.

6. Infantry

At present we have plenty of scope and vacancies for training Battalion Specialists (Mortars, Carriers, Anti-Tank, Pioneers, etc). Are any men available for training?

NOTE:- ++++ SIVA

1. (c) In order to make Tactical School discussions on co-operation of All Arms more realistic - could a few additional Artillery and Genio Officers be made available to attend each Tactical course?

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6. Infantry

At present we have plenty of scope and vacancies for training Battalion Specialists (Mortars, Carriers, Anti-Tank, Pioneers, etc). Are any men available for training?

NOTE:-

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OBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE

2. The chairman explained that the object of the conference was to consider training problems generally but in particular "F" EL & TUS present project for dealing with IIR and reinforcements.

PLANNING

3. It was decided that planning beyond present interim phase was not possible until ARH declared its policy in regard to the final composition of the post-war Italian army.

4. However it was agreed that in present planning it would be wise to keep 'futures' at the back of one's mind.

5. It was agreed that "F" EL & TU would submit NE for Italian staffs to deal with present phase i.e. CESSMO ceiling 7500. It was agreed that this would be done as economically as possible.

6. It was decided that the present skeleton plan for the training of reinforcements would be basic training 6 weeks, further (specialist training), if required, 6 weeks. "F" EL
STU

7. It was decided that the ceiling of 7500 would include all reinforcements but that the staffs of the RPS & the staffs of the specialist schools would be in addition, whereas personnel at the schools as students would remain on the strength of their respective units. "F" W
MI

8. IRT recommended that all training increments (Br) be disbanded on 1 August. It was stated that training officers in these increments C(SI) were merely being used as additional LCA. (ARSEN). 793

DEMobilisation Centre

9. "A" Branch was instructed to take all possible steps to see that personnel from US-ITI due for demobilization were not sent to CESSMO as this would interfere with training. B02 RHD at CRVMO exists "A" as the Reorganisation Centre.

INTELLIGENCE

10. It was reported by "A" that only between 4000 and 5000 personnel were available as intakes to CESSMO up to 21 Sep. They would be for the most part US-ITI and have received some form of training. "A"

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LT. COL. F.M. BARKTON	Senior LG MATA	RA
Major J.A. LONGG	"A" Branch MATA	RE
Major H.W. KING	"F" EL & TU	W.S.
Major A. CELARDI	"F" EL & TU	
Major W.L. MILLIN	"G" The MATA, Secretary	

ORGANIZATIONAction

11. It was decided that planning would not include the VITERBO barracks. Possibility exists that the barracks at CIV-ITALVACHIA at present occupied by RAID may be available to the Italian Army in the near future.

"Q"

12. It was noted that "Q" MAIL would handle the question of money required for building purposes at CLEMO. "P" HLU may contact "Q" MAIL on major "Q" points which required added weight although it was pointed out that "P" HLU was under Rome Area Allied Command for normal communication matters.

"Q"

CLOTHING

13. It was agreed that clothing should be as uniform as possible at APC. In summer this would be KD. In winter it was hoped that a uniform type of woolen clothing would be available. Khaki was preferred but no objection would be raised to a uniform green.

"Q"

COURSES

14. "P" HLU reported that they have made arrangements with HLU's attached to Combat Groups for a check copy of course allocations to be sent to them.

15. It was agreed that a small PT course for instructors should be started. "P" HLU reported that with the assistance of Maj NEWTON arrangements for Man Management courses were being completed, and are as under:-

- (a) 1st course. Junior Officers. 6 Aug to 17 Aug. 25 Students.
- (b) 2nd course. Senior Officers. 20 Aug to 31 Aug. 25 Students.
- (c) Both courses will have the same syllabus. This and lecture profiles are being printed and will be distributed to students together with other suitable translated pamphlets etc.
- (d) An Italian officer has been nominated as "opposite number" to Maj NEWTON and will get special training to enable him to run all courses in the future.

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TRANSPORT

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13. It was agreed that clothing should be as uniform as possible at HTO. In summer this would be KD. In winter it was hoped that a uniform type of woollen clothing would be available. Khaki was preferred but no objection would be raised to a uniform green.

COURSES

14. "M" HMT reported that they have made arrangements with HDA attached to Umbet Group for a check copy of course allocations to be sent to them.

15. It was agreed that a small IT course for instructors should be started. "M" HMT reported that with the assistance of Mr. NEWTON arrangements for Man Management courses were being completed, and are as under:-

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(b) 2nd course. Junior Officers. 20 Aug to 31 Aug. 25 Students.

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TRANSPORT

16. It was agreed that "M" HMT would initiate steps for obtaining more reliable transport for "M" HMT own HQ. HMT would support the request at HTO. "M" HMT will submit details to "M" HMT.

It was agreed that Mr. de la Torre should be a transport pool should be formed. "M" HMT and HMT will submit details from "M" HMT and will endeavour to exchange IT type vans for 15 cwt types.

17. It was agreed that "M" HMT would endeavour to arrange loan of MT officer and 2 MT trucks (or) to assist in the above.

PAY

18. It was agreed that "M" HMT should again raise the matter of treatment's rate of pay with the Italian Ministry of War.

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STANDARD OF PERSONNEL

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19. It was agreed that urgent steps had been and were being taken with Italian Ministry of War for a better type of reinforcement, and for an improvement in the present Italian system of documentation.

"A"

FUTURE MEETINGS

20. The Chairman reported that MIA LGE Conference would take place approximately on the 6th of August, and that G-1s of RLUs (including Comd "P" RL & TU) would be invited.

"B"

Handwritten: 15/20/64

Lieut. Colonel,
CS.

DISTRIBUTION:

"P" RL & TU
Ss MIA for IAF

INTERNAL:

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War Diary (Two)

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SUBJECT: - Trg Conference

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

O/Tre/4

8 Jun 46

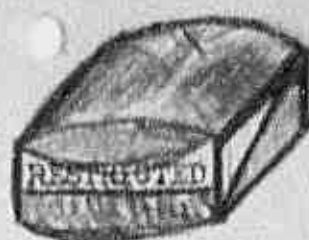
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1. There will be a trg conference in the Conference Room HQ LMIA, Rome, at 1000 hrs Tues 12 Jun 46.
2. The object of the conference is
 - (a) to co-ordinate the trg of the Italian Army through LMIA.
 - (b) to maintain interest in trg and to make such plans for the future as present limited knowledge of "futures" will permit.
3. Will you please be represented. Agenda is att herewith. Additional points for inclusion should reach this office by 1800 hrs 11 Jun.

Copy to : DMT c/o 56 AFM

W. J. ...
 Lt Col
 CS



SCALE

A G E N D A

(for)

Trg Conference to be held Conference Room HQ MIA
1500 hrs 18 Jun 49

1. Trg procedure (MIA - DMP).
2. Trg and holding rfts for interim Italian Army (7,500 ceiling at CESANO).
3. Method of allotment of vacancies on courses.
4. Trg equipment, (a) procedure for obtaining.
(b) responsibility for holding.
(c) accounting.
5. Steps taken to popularise RTC CESANO in the eyes of Combat Gps.
6. Accommodation RTC CESANO. Future policy.
7. British trg instructors surplus to new WEs.
8. Adm trg and man-management trg.
9. GARIBOLDI Regt. (Op)
10. Truck divn A.C.

Horses

D 60%

RA 12%

Sggs 6%

Sigs 6%

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