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NOTE :- Notes on the work of DAKOT, HQ 12 B.L.U. for the Station  
Central Military Schools, up to date to April 1946.

1. General.  
The work of DAKOT 12 B.L.U. is divided up into 2 parts :
- (1) B & C Duties for Central Schools.
  - (2) Training of Corps Ammunition personnel, commissaries and sustenance personnel (supply side only) and petrol training. This training is carried out in schools under the command of the Central Military Schools.

2. B & C Duties
- (A) General.  
At the time of compiling this report the service (HQ) of the U.K. Central Military Schools are being disbanded.

- (B) Supplies.  
(i) Baker.  
The 149 Field Bakery is now disbanded and bread is supplied to the schools at USAMO from a contractor in CHAMPA Village, who has a contract up to 4,000 rations per day.

- (ii) Distribution Depot.  
The Distribution Depot which receives supplies from KOME, HAKING, ANKONA and local produce, is being continued until final disbandment of services, when all units will draw from Distribution Depot, KOME.  
Commodation Boards for supplies ex Allied sources are held approximately once per month and DAKOT must be present.

- (C) P.O.L.  
POL is issued to Brits and Schools from the petrol point at USAMO. This Depot will continue to function after the disbandment of the services and will come under control of the Administration side of the School of Infantry. No instructions have been issued as to technical side (stock returns, accounts etc) which cannot be dealt with by the School of Infantry.

The 319 Field Bakery is now disbanded and bread is supplied to the schools at CEBANO from a contractor in CEMUNO Village, who has a contract up to 4,000 rations per day.

(14) Distribution Depot.

The Distribution Depot which receives supplies from MGRM, MAFIA, ALGUA and local produce, is being continued until final disbandment of services, when all units will draw from Distribution Depot, MGRM.

Condensation Boards for supplies ex Allied Sources are held approximately once per month and MUST be present.

(15) F.O.L.

PL is issued to Units and Schools from the Petrol Point at CEBANO. This depot will continue to function after the disbandment of the services and will come under control of the Administration side of the School of Infantry. No instructions have been issued as to technical side (stock returns, demands etc) which cannot be dealt with by the School of Infantry.

(16) Transport.

2 G.T. Company is being disbanded and all transport details for CEBANO will be set by the School of Infantry which will have a detachment placed under command.

3. Training.

(A) Transport.

The training of transport personnel for Corps Automobiles and other areas is carried out at the School of Motorization at CEBANO (Commandant Col. HUKI Auto Corps). This School is sub divided into 4 schools, 3 of which are the responsibility of MGRM.

Driving and Maintenance School, (Recruit Drivers) Junior Officers  
MGRM Instructors School, Cadet Officers and Potential MGRM School.

The D & H School is commanded by a Lieut Colonel and sub divided into 2 Battalions, each of 4 companies, each of 4 platoons, each of 4 squads. Each Battalion is capable of training 800 recruits at one time, and the whole school 1,600 recruits.

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5. (A) The first batch of recruits are due to arrive at the D & H School on 15 May for a 3 month course. The total call-up of drivers is 4,000 at the rate of 1600 each 4 months. Recruits spend one month in Primary Training Centres and 3 months at D & H School (the first call up was in April). Thus as far as the D & H School is concerned it should receive 1600 recruits in May, September and January '47. Hence the course is of 3 months duration this allows the school 1 month for reorganisation before the next batch arrives.

The other two schools are not due to open until late June or July and will cater for students as follows:

Junior Officers School: 50 Officers on 6 month course.  
 Cadet Officers & Potential NCOs School: 50 Cadet Officers and 50 Potential NCOs on 6 months course.

The position of the School of Motorisation with regard to vehicles, R.A. work, personnel and training materials is laid out in Progress Report B & T for April 1946.

(B) Supplies.

Training for the following will be carried out at the Commissariato School of Application in WGER:

Commissariato	} Officers 60 - 1 year supply course.
Assistenza	
Amministrazione	

The W.G. of this School is not yet approved by Italian War Ministry and syllabi are not ready.

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should be trained as instructors on a fortnights course and then return to act as instructors to a longer course to be held at the School of Motorisation. This course will be to teach bulk and detail handling of P.O.L. and to improve patrol Depots and Regimental Patrol points in the Italian Army.

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It has not yet been decided where these potential instructors should do their fortnights course but it will probably be in the C.I.F. Depot in ROME. (Colonel SIVO, the Central Military Schools, is contacting Colonel ALDI, War Ministry on this problem).

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 Major HANS,  
 P.O.S.S.I.

42 British Liaison Unit for the Italian Central Military Schools

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 SUBJECT: - Progress Report for April 1946 - D.A.D.S.T.  
 (To 24 Apr 46)

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

Ref: ST/27/1444.

25 Apr 46.

To: Commander,  
12 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to: CSO III  
12 British Liaison Unit.

1st part Training.

(A) School of Motorisation.

(1) R.E. Work.

The R.E. Work on this School has been disappointingly slow. It is foreseen that by 1st May accommodation, classrooms, and cooking facilities will only be ready for 1 Battalion of the Scuola Antieri (D & M School). The R.E. Workmen appear to work well enough but there are not sufficient of them. There is no work being done to the school for Junior Officers (M.T. Instructors Course) or for the school for Cadet Officers and Potential NCOs.

(ii) Instructors.

The number of Instructors posted to date is short of instructional requirements; the following shows position for Scuola Antieri

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Of a recent draft of Officers only 4 were Corpo Automobilistico, the remainder being 9 Tank Corps, 5 Infantry & 1 Cavalry.

There have been no instructors posted to the other two schools with the exception of the Cadet Officers & Potential NCOs school to which 1 Capt has been posted.

(iii) M.T. Coy and Vehicle Strength.

The position with regard to vehicles (Load carriers, various capacities) for Driving Training is very serious. To date the position is as follows :-

	Needed for Training (W/E)	On Strength.	Deficient
Lorries	248	172	76
Motor Cycles	100	19	81

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Of the 172 Lorries on strength 82 of them are inefficient, and 19 of Motor Cycles 13 are inefficient. Most of the inefficient Vehicles and Motor Cycles require major repairs.

Thus with the courses due to commence the D & M School will only have available 90 Lorries and 1 Motor Cycle for training. Working at 8 men to 1 Vehicle the School can only train at the moment 720 pupils.

The position with regard to the M.T. Coy is as follows :-

Trade	W.E.	On Strength	Deficient.
Officers	22	10	12
NCOs	39	26	13
O.R (Drivers & W/Sp Personnel)	467	240	227
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>252</b>

(iv) Training Material.

Sufficient Training Material has been drawn to stock 6 complete Classrooms for 1 Battalion (D & M). 8 complete Classrooms are required for each Battalion. Sufficient material is being drawn to complete 2 more classrooms so that there will be 8 complete classrooms for 1 Battalion. Diagrams in adequate quantities are in possession of school.

The school in addition has sufficient ammunition to commence the first courses.

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Stocks of Bedding, stools etc., are held sufficient to meet requirements.

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From the above position it will be evident that the school will be able to receive only 800 recruits into the D & M school on 1st May. It is suggested that the other 800 remain at the C.A.R. for an extra month and arrive at the school 1st June, when the accommodation for the 2nd Battalion should be ready.

This will mean that the 1st ~~Batch~~ batch of 800 recruits will finish their 3 month course on July 31st and the second batch on August 31st. This will clear the school and enable it to receive 1600 students for courses commencing 1st September.

The courses at the schools for Junior Officers and for Cadet Officers and Potential NCOs are not envisaged as starting before June and July by which time the accommodation for these schools should be ready.

(vii) Courses.

The course for officers and NCO Instructors was completed 20 Apr 46, though no examinations were held since this course was purely intended to ensure a level standard of instruction in coming recruits courses and that all Instructors were conversant with latest Methods of Instruction. Lectures are now being given to the Instructional staff to ensure that the whole ground of the future courses has been covered and to brief any new instructors that arrive.

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(B). Commissariato School of Application.

The W.E. of this school has not yet been approved.

Detailed syllabi of courses have not yet been received.

The school will require to cater each year for :-

Commissariato Sussistenza Administration	} Officers - 60.
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(C). P.O.L. Courses.

The Ministry of War has approved the fortnights P.O.L. course for

2 Officers  
4 NCOs.

and the matter is now under consideration as to where they should do their Instructors course.

After the course they will return and act as Instructors to a larger P.O.L. course aiming eventually at improving P.O.L. Depots and Regtl petrol points throughout the Italian Army.

Part II.S & T.

1. The Services of H.Q. Central Military Schools are being disbanded.
2. Transport.

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Bread is being supplied by a civilian contractor using the same civilian Bakery as 319 Fd Bakery to a contract of up to 4,000 Rations per day.

(b) Distribution Depot Cesano.

This will continue to function until the services are finally disbanded when all units will draw from Dist. Depot Rome. Stocks at date of closing will be transferred to Dist. Depot Rome.

A condemnation board was held at the Dist. Depot Cesano at  
09.30 hrs 25 Apr 46. 5434

D. P.O.L.

The Petrol Depot, Cesano is now much improved. On disbandment of services the Petrol Depot will come under control of School of Infantry (Administration).

*G. Mitchell*

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

12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools.

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Summary: Progress Report For March 1946 - D.A.D.S.T.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
FOR USE  
TRAINING CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel: RMBS 66318/9)

Ref: BA/27/1295

30 March 46

To: Col,  
12 British Liaison Unit,

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

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1st Part: TRAINING

(A) COURSES

i. D & M Course

The results of VI 5 week D & M course that ended on 1st March 1946, attended by 391 O.Ss were as follows:-

passed the course	-	-	264
failed the course	-	-	95
did not complete the course	-	-	32
			<u>391</u>

(due to sickness & etc)

ii. Instructors' Course

The objects of this course are as follows:-

- (a) To go through the different sections of I.L. instruction with the officers and N.C.Os, who will be the future instructors of the School of

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passed the course	264
failed the course	95
did not complete the course	15
	<u>374</u>

(due to sickness & etc)

ii. Instructors' Course.

The objects of this course are as follows:-

(a) To go through the different sections of H.T. instruction with the officers and N.C.O.s, who will be the future instructors of the School of Motorisation to ensure uniformity of training throughout the School and to act as a refresher course.

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

This course commenced on 3th March 1946 and will continue for 4 weeks. It is attended by:- 35 Officers and 109 N.C.O.'s. The course is of great value and is progressing well.

iii. Internal D & H Course.

A short D & H course is being run at the school for 50 drivers who have been posted to the school as drivers but are not in possession of Military Driving Licences (i.e. 1 Certificate).

iv. F.O.L. Courses.

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

2 Officers  
4 N.C.O.'s

These personnel will, on return, act as instructors to a larger F.O.L. course aiming eventually at approving Regt. Petrol points and F.O.L. drivers in



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the Italian Army and training a certain number of personnel in P.C.I. duties.

(v) Supply Courses.

The syllabus for supply courses for the Commissione's School of Application have not yet been received.

(B) EXPENSES.

1. School of Administration.

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

Former instructors are arriving and the present strength is 42. Training material (component parts of vehicles) and wall diagrams are being drawn, though the ammunitions to date are insufficient to meet instructional requirements. Specialising of parts for use as models is an urgent problem.

The following vehicles have been allocated to the school following upon the disbandment of 1900 Transport Platoon:-

M/G's	-	3
Load Carriers	-	25 X 3
Water Trucks	-	1

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

M/G's	-	0
Cars & trailers	-	1
M/G's	-	1
1 1/2 cwt	-	5
Water Trucks	-	1
Load Carriers	-	122 X 3

2. Commissione's School of Application.

The 1/3 of this school has not yet been approved. The school will require to cater for, each year:-

Commissione's	}	(officers - 60.
Sustenance		
Administration		



M/0's - - - 3  
 Load Carriers - - 25 x 3  
 Water Trucks - - - 4

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

M/0's - - - 0  
 Cars & motor - - - 4  
 P/0's - - - 1  
 15 cwt - - - 5  
 Water Trucks - - - 4  
 Load Carriers - - 122 x 3

ii. Commissariato School of Application

The 1/2 of this school has not yet been approved. The school will require to cater for, each year:-

Commissariato }  
 Subsistence }  
 Administration }  
 Carriage - 60.

PART II.

S. A. T.

1. Transition.

There are no major changes to report in the formation of 2 G. T. CoS. 1500 Independent Transport Platoon has been disbanded.

2. Supplies.

319 Field Bakery inspected (see the 2nd time) this month by D. A. D. S. T. The Bakery is now operating entirely in the requisitioned civilian bakery. National Flour (4 etc) ex Italian sources is now being used in drays. 7452  
 A commission board was held at Distribution Depot Capoue 5th Mar 46.

3. P. U. L.

Nothing to report.

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*[Signature]*  
 Major, R. A. S. C.  
 D. A. D. S. T.  
 British Liaison Unit.  
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report for February 1946.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel : ROMA 66319)

Ref : SE/27/1117

28 February 1946.

To: Comd,  
12 British Liaison Unit.  
GSO II, Trg & Inf Div,  
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 28th February '46. The following personnel attended the course :

- (a) 16 Officers (Carabinieri).
  - (b) 324 C.M. Automobilistica (and other arms).
- A detailed report on gradings will be rendered by Comando 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 ~~W.E.~~ NISRI, Commandant (Automobilistica Corps), in accordance with instructions, and submitted to the Ministry of War. This W.E. covers an S & T point of view envisaged :
  - (i) 2 Battalions each capable of training 800 recruit drivers for 3 months D & M Course.
  - (ii) 1 Company for Junior Officers 6 months M.F. course capable of training 50 students.

The 5 weeks D & M Course commenced on 15th January '46 is to end on 23rd February '46. The following personnel attended the course :

- (a) 16 Officers (Combinant).
  - (b) 384 O.Ss. Automobiles (and other arms).
- A detailed report on gradings will be rendered by Comdante Ecole when end of course examinations are completed.

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  - (iii) 1 Company for cadet officers and potential Senior NCOs capable of training 50 cadet officers and 50 potential Senior NCOs.
  - (iv) An M.P. Company with a platoon of 100 J Troopers 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 G.M.P. (IM 700: American Plan: UNCHENTOLA) through this requires consideration 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 50 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 Grande Boule have agreed to a course at the Petrol Depot ~~Monopol~~ of an MBO petrol Depot, in the first place, for Officers and NCOs of all arms to improve Regimental Petrol Stores and later for automobilica corps for Officers, NCOs and men for Bulk Storage. Arrangements are in hand for firing up these courses.

5. Commissariato - School of Application (SCAS)

Syllabi of courses are being drawn up through H.E. of School is not yet forthcoming from SERS. Courses will be for 1 year for 60 students (Officers to train commissariato, Sussistenza and administrative Officers).

2nd Part - S & T.1. Transport.

2nd G.I. Coy and 4500 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.I. Coy and Coy HQ are formed at the moment. When reinforcements arrive, No. 3 Platoon and when 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 giving H.E. and documentation in road-trail clearance.

3. P.O.L.

Petrol Point (CSARO) is now functioning on the new tanks using the bulk tanks.

*W. M. M. M.*

personnel of Automobiles Corps. 2 Platoons of 2 C.F. Coy and 1 Coy HQ are formed at the moment. When reinforcements arrive, No. 3 platoon and 1st platoon will be formed.

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3. P.O.L.

Central Point ONSANO is now functioning on the new basis using the built train.

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Major RASC,  
D.A.D.S.I.  
12 British Liaison Unit for the  
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