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Feb. - June 1945

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SUBJECT:- Armourers Inspections

TH' BTL DUC IOP

Ref: BTL/A. 6/292

19 June 1945

OFFICER 1/6 TRG  
INTO IOPDATE

1. As it is difficult to estimate the amount of time required to inspect and repair the arms of various battalions, it is not proposed to give a detailed programme which might not be adhered to.
2. The inspection will commence with No.1 Battalion, No.1 Regiment on Wednesday, 27 June 1945.
3. All rifles of this battalion should be ready for inspection by 0900 hours on that day. All rifles will be completely cleaned and free from oil. Each rifle will have the owners name attached.
4. An officer or Senior NCO should be present throughout the inspection to make a note of the various repairs, etc, necessary. These should be kept for the benefit of the Battalion Commander.
5. After the rifles of No.1 Battalion have been inspected, the armourer will inspect the rifles of Nos 2 and 3 Battalions, and then start on the automatic weapons of the Regiment.
6. The armourer will notify Major PRICE at least 24 hours beforehand when he has finished with one group.
7. In the No.1 Regiment area it is requested that the inspection be held in one of the large empty rooms of No.2 Battalion Headquarters.
8. OC No.1 Regiment should arrange the provision of tables for the armourers to work on.

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Major GSO.II  
Inf Training

SUBJECT :- State of Arms.

TH' BTL IRTC ICF.

Ref BTL/A.6/287

16 Jun 45.

Officer i/o Training, RTC ICF.

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Maj  
GSO II Infantry.

SUBJECT: Gun and Small Arms Inspections.



'P' B.H., IRTC., ICF.

Ref: RTRP/IRTP/1/

14 June 1945.

To: Commander,  
'P' B.L.U., IRTC ICF.

1. Please find attached reports, in duplicate, of a recent inspection made by R.E.M.E. S/Sgts. on the 6-pounder Training Guns and the small arms in the 1st and 2nd Regiments.
2. No inspection has been conducted with the 3rd Regiment, but I think it will be quite fair to assume that the condition of their weapons will be similar.
3. Immediate steps should be taken to clean all weapons daily, otherwise, I regret to say, they will rapidly become unserviceable.
4. It appears that the weapons are not cleaned immediately after firing. Ten to fifteen minutes set aside in an organised and supervised class after the firing would produce good results.
5. Twelve Armourers, as you are aware, are to be trained at the Mechanics School, commencing Monday, but it is hoped that it isn't the intention of H.Q., RTRC ICF to use them to clean rifles, when their main duty will be that of maintenance and reporting to the O.C. of Companies any neglect on the part of individual soldiers misusing or neglecting their weapons.
6. The condition of the 6-pounder Guns as reported in the general remarks, may have been purposely planned for some specific test in the training, and is possibly known to H.Q., RTRC ICF.

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*C. Wilson*

Major RIME.  
D.A.D.M.E.

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Subject: Inspection.

D.A.D.M.E.  
Rome Area Allied Command.

'P' B.T.U. R.T.C. I.C.P.  
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Further to my RECD/V2/1, dated 18th. Feb. 1945 and your RECD/V2/1, of 28th Feb. 1945.

1. It is not possible to obtain the necessary history sheets for the ordnance.
2. The 'G' Branch have now decided that they do not require an inspection as the guns are to be used only for anti-air purposes.
3. Please cancel any arrangement that you may have made.

March. 3rd. 45.

Copy to. G.S.O. 11. ✓  
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*G. H. L.*

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Major. D.A.D.M.E.

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Subject:- Inspection of Small Arms.

1. I have been asked on occasions by C.S.O. (Infy) and S.A.S.O. S. P.T.C. I.C.V. to inspect weapons held for training, and for personal issue.
2. It would be advisable to attach permanently five armours to the weapon store. This number may have to be increased if it found that they are unable to cope with the work.
3. The 335 Workshop Coy. A.S. administered by the Third Regt. at Bracciano have five armours whom I have selected and graded. Their names are as follows:-

|            |           |            |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| Cap. Regt. | Giuseppe  | SEVER      |
| Soldato.   | Venantino | PARRI.     |
| "          | Teodoro   | MAZZINI.   |
| "          | Giovanni  | MAZZINI.   |
| "          | Carlo     | BATTAGLIA. |

1. The Italian Armourer Instructor at the Mechanics School can be attached to the store for a period of two weeks, in order to:-

- (a) Assist in the inspection.
- (b) Instruct.
- (c) Report on the ability of the armours.

January 19th, 1945.

*C. W. S.* Capt. D.A.D.S.S.  
 Mechanics School. P.T.C. I.C.V.

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Copies to.

S.A.S.O. I.C.V. 1. 1. 1.  
 ... 2. (Infy). ✓

DIVISIONE 'PICENO'  
CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI  
FORZE ITALIANE DI COMBATTIMENTO  
COMANDO SCUOLE

—Ufficio Addestramento—

nr. 511/Add. di prot. P.M. 32, 11 18 Febbraio 1945  
OGGETTO : Addestramento in corso. -

AL B.I.U.

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e, per conoscenza :

ALLC S.A.k.E. - Ufficio Addestramento - P.A. 3800-

I. - La situazione dell'addestramento nei reggimenti 235 e 336 alla data di oggi, la seguente :

- 235° (1° Reggimento) : un primo scaglione (630 uomini) ha svolto l'addestramento previsto dal programma per la 1ª settimana. -

- un secondo scaglione (620 uomini) ha svolto solo quello della I settimana;

- un terzo scaglione (550 uomini) ha appena iniziato l'addestramento della I settimana.

- 336° (2° Reggimento) : dopo la partenza dei militari trasferiti gli sono rimasti circa 1.300 militari che hanno svolto tre o quattro giorni complessivi di addestramento del programma previsto per la I settimana.--

2. -- Allo scopo di unificare, per quanto possibile, il ritiro addestrati vo ed anche in relazione all'attuale scarsità di istruttori ho disposto :

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- b) - che il terzo scaglione del reggimento sia trasferito entro domani al 336° Rgt. presso il quale inizierà l'addestramento della prima settimana ;

- c) - che i 500 militari previsti in arrivo per oggi siano assegnati al 336° Rgt. Fir. per iniziare l'addestramento col personale sociale di cui alla precedente lettera, assieme al personale del rgt. non ancora istruito. -

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
(P. Riccardi)

*Riccardi*



