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Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

SUBJECT:

Coord.,  
1st MILI TRNG INF  
(In triplicate)ADM (Major Genl),  
Commander, MILI, CAS  
MILA (for MILI)

11 MAY 1945 INF

1001 JUL/A-10/253

30 May 1945

Ref 9/6/1/102 dated 3 April 1945.

1. GENERAL FINDINGS.

(a) Little or no progress was made during the month due to:-

(1) Rightful celebration for victory in Europe and surrender of the German forces in Italy (accounting for the first half of the month).

(11) Lack of information concerning the policy in regard to the future of the Italian Army (accounting for the second half of the month).

(111) Three weeks.

(iv) Desobilisation of over 30's, increase in authorized and unauthorized leave.

(b) War zone training is now being done by the Italians themselves through the standard of instruction is not as high as it should (and could) be. Practical mine warfare training (especially in the specialists school) does not appear to be calculated to instill confidence in the students who are all over to ignore safety precautions and run away from a lighted charge. Instructors do not make students work sufficiently hard.

(c) The main training fault is lack of discipline (which accounts for criticisms in para (b)). Junior officers and NCOs vary rarely enforce discipline. This morning a case was noted when the orderly officer, wearing the obvious blue band, passed along by a private soldier who was urinating against the wall. This was more of the order but the proceedings carried on unchecked.

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(111) STAFF ROOMS.

(11v) Demobilization of over 30's, increase in authorized and unauthorized leave.

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(d) PREPARATION SCHOOL.

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(1) In default of any statement from higher authority, a policy of "making time" on technical training and trying to make an article first a soldier and eventually an engineer (as opposed to the reverse which had formerly to be the policy due to the advertised urgent need for trained engineers) has been laid down.

(11) Drill and Physical training are still not receiving a quarter of the attention they should.

(111) Special lectures and exercises for officers have been introduced.

(e) Lack of efficient Italian drivers, vehicle maintenance and vehicle repair has seriously handicapped British and Italian Staffs. The situation was particularly acute this month. The Commandant of the Engineer School rides round in a jeepster when this vehicle is not being used for training.

## 2. CHANGES.

The situation remains as at the start of last month. No exercises for changed are being run but elementary courses can be commenced now as stated in my RUL/4.10/175 dated 27 April 1945.

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3. RECRUITS INFO.

(a) Weekly intake. In spite of representations to my quarters only one party (55 men) were taken into training during the month.

(b) Under training. Three parties of theoretically 55 each. Actually approximately 130.

(c) Trained. Four parties of "trained" recruits are at BACHILANO. Some have been there for nearly two months in spite of efforts to get them posted or put into some useful work. (See last month's Report). The actual strength of these parties gradually diminishes the longer they remain at BACHILANO.

4. EQUIPMENT.

The following items of equipment are still outstanding:-

|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Item No. 96 | No. 4 Pumping Set. |
| Item No. 95 | No. 5 Pumping Set. |

5. ADMINISTRATIVE.

(a) Accommodation. Improved by contractors work. Double beds are still lying idle waiting to be flunged. Messes (baldies, farms and surgeries would be sufficient) are badly needed as men eat now in their sleeping quarters and leave refuse scattered over the camp.

(b) Hygiene. Latrines extremely improved and now really deep. Lids are always left open.

(c) Welfare. Still no RAAF (raser blades, cigarettes, chocolate, and toothpaste badly needed). Postal services not good but the Regiment has done much to improve this. Suggestions for organized sports including facilities for bathing in the lake, do not bear much fruit.

(d) Morale. Not so high as formerly.

6. GENERAL (ADMIN).

The translation and republication of technical engineering publications and drawings have made steady progress.

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SUBJECT: Infantry Training Progress Report for May 1945

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111 BTL LTRN ICM

Ref: BTL/A.10/229

29 May 1945

Commander,  
111 BTL LTRN ICM1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.(a) No. 1 Regiment.

The training and general administration of this Regiment is good. The officers are keen and conscientious. If a little more interest was shown by Italian Senior officers, this Regiment would be very good indeed.

(b) No. 2 Regiment.

Has improved with the change of Regimental Commander but is burdened by some of the most useless officers in Italy in my opinion.

Specialist training is satisfactory in Signals and Anti-Tank, and Mines Warfare, improving in Carriers, but the 3" Mortar instruction is weak, changes in instructors should rectify the latter. The Signals course as specified in last months' report ends this month.

In Carriers out of the 69 men under training 67 were found to be satisfactory.

The A/T and Mines Courses are still in progress.

A PT course for Regimental Instructors is also being run.

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The courses as specified in the previous report were run, all satisfactorily with the exception of the snipers course, which suffered from ill chosen students.

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#### 2. FUTURE COURSES.

At present a shortage of men and building alterations to schools makes it necessary for a temporary cessation of both schools for a fortnight or three weeks after the completion of this course. It is not possible to estimate far ahead as the situation is dependent on number of reinforcements to be called for.

#### 3. NUMBER OF MEN UNDER TRAINING.

See separate appendix.

#### 4. WELFARE, HYGIENE AND MORALE.

(1) As regards sports, Welfare has improved in the last month.

(11) Hygiene. In No. 1 Regiment the Commander went on a course to BENEVENTO. This had an excellent effect and hygiene is fair in No. 1 Regiment.

In No. 2 Regiment it improves but is still poor.

(111) Morale - fair.

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- (iv) Accommodation. After nearly five months not one barrack room has a proper door or windows. The camp still looks half derelict. One Classroom of the Infantry School only has a door, there are no windows, so the papers blow away.
- (v) Training Facilities. If a range is built or any other training facilities provided they are allowed to fall into a state of disrepair.

#### 5. General.

Until a higher standard of discipline is demanded by Italian HQ this Centre can make little progress.

It is a common sight to see a man walk past a group of very Senior Italian Officers improperly dressed and with his hands in his pockets. Men go out at will without a pass. This is accepted as quite normal.

Moreover, visits of inspection, formal and informal, are seldom if ever made. It is not considered the function of the British Officer to ensure the Italian officers are out of bed during the afternoon training period.

Another weak point is the extra-ordinary amount of getting things done. To get a class room whitewashed requires a volume of correspondence as may be read in Pursh.

In general a little effort is required from above in the Regiments here are going to function efficiently.

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Major G.S.O. II  
Inf Training

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Major GSO.II  
Inf Training.

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SUBJECT:- Infantry Training Progress Report for May 1945

\*H\* BEL LING ICF

Ref: BEL/A.10/245

1 June 1945

Commander,  
\*F\* BEL LING ICF

1. Reference this office BEL/A.10/229 dated 29 May 1945.
2. Herewith please appendix referred to in para.3 of the above quoted letter.

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Major GSO.II  
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Appendix to ETV Letter ref  
ETV/A.10/229 dated 29 May 1945

# TRAINING STAFF

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| Unit.         | Preliminary Try. | 1st Week. | 2nd Week. | 3rd Week. | 4th Week. | 5th Week. | 6th Week. | 7th Week. | 8th Week. | Cases. | TOTAL |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| 1st Regt Inf  | -                | -         | 122       | -         | -         | -         | -         | 25        | 90        | 88     | 445   |
| 2nd Regt Inf  | -                | 173       | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 245       | -         | 50     | 438   |
| ++ TROVIGNANO | 1060             | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -      | 1060  |
| TOTAL.        | 1060             | 173       | 122       | -         | -         | -         | -         | 25        | 90        | 138    | 1943  |

++ Excess number at TROVIGNANO - - This is due to infectious disease temporarily isolating TROVIGNANO.

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Infantry Training Program Report for Month of April 1945

SUMMARY:

TO: HQU IGP  
 Ref: HQU/A, 10/180

30 April 1945

Comd,  
 HQU IGP

1. GENERAL PROGRAM.

April has been a rather disappointing month. There have been improvements but not as much improvement as had been hoped for. This is due mainly to three things, viz:

- (a) The posting away or non-employment of instructors who have done courses;
- (b) The bad selection of personnel for courses resulting in bad attendance and poor results;
- (c) The lack of balance between intake and output.

The consequences of (a) and (b) above is that if, for example, 20 students are selected for a course, only 15 will complete it, and of these 15 probably only 6 are of any use. The result is that the instructor situation is still bad throughout the Centre. It is hoped to rectify (a) and (b) by having the Italian Training Staff in having more control over postings, and secondly by having students attending courses centralized in regiments instead of being split as at present.

Paragraph (c) is a different type of problem. At present recruits are being sent forward with under 8 weeks training. This was caused, in the first place, by the call-up including too large a proportion of artillery and engineers, by a large shortage due to postings and sickness, and finally by the Group taking almost entirely for infantry.

To provide reinforcements satisfactorily there must be a balanced intake and output for infantry reinforcements or, alternatively, an excess of "intake" over "output" and the holding regiment to absorb the surplus. At present reinforcements are called for irregularly - none one week and 1,000 the next. This makes it very difficult to ensure progressive training. Moreover, reinforcements are invariably asked for as "infantry" which is rather too general a term. It would be appreciated if, in the future, they could be demanded for as "3 inch mortar personnel, Vickers personnel, etc., etc."

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#### No. 1 Regiment.

This Regiment continues to make steady progress. The return of instructors from the Instructors School, Malta, should make a considerable difference as the training continues to be rather unorthodox. For example, insufficient field firing takes place and most of the training is too near the barracks with too much talk and too little action. However, the attack since on parade in this Regiment is fairly satisfactory. Plans are being used and the instruction in mine warfare, previously non-existent, has started. A new range (300 yards) is almost ready.

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The discipline and general standard of the Regiment is improving but turnover of soldiers suffers from men being issued with very poor battle dress and few of the men have caps.

#### No. 2 Regiment.

Now has a new Regimental commander and this should produce results. They now have very few men in the Regiment, which will give them a period for organization and preparation. There is a welcome change in the type of men under training as there is now a fair number of marines, paratroopers, etc, as opposed to Italian personnel. The officers, however, are still rather weak and there are far too many of them. The actual permanent staff is of course

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No2 Regiment (Cont'd)

not large, in fact not large enough, but there are an immense number of officers in transit (?) who come here for no apparent reason. It will be seen that from the total numbers of the entire, how very high is the proportion of officers and NCOs to men. This high number of officers and NCOs tends to give rather a wrong picture from the parade state as to the number of men available for reinforcements.

Specialist training in 4/7th and 3rd mortar has been carried out with 30 students on each course. Owing to postings and to the unsuitability of some of the students only approximately 60% of the students completed the course successfully. However, in the case of mortars and 4/7th, those who actually completed the course were quite satisfactory and the shooting was good. The Italian is very keen on this type of work and his shooting is well up to British standards. Unfortunately, with 4/7th it is only possible for each course to have one full change sheet.

Carrier instruction has been greatly assisted by the arrival of one British officer and two sergeants. The main trouble now is in the repair and maintenance of the vehicles as the carriers arrived in a poor state of repair and the establishment allowed no compensation for the repair, maintenance and supervision of these vehicles. Moreover, there is a great shortage of tools necessary to keep the vehicles on the road and also a shortage of batteries. However, there are now sufficient drivers for proper carrier instruction to be carried out in the matter of day and also for the schools to have their vehicles if they are runners.

Signals course. Some 25 students are under instruction awaiting vacancies at the Signals School.

Infantry School.

This functions very well but is hampered by a shortage of transport. The course in minor tactics for 40 young officers fresh from the Military Academy was run during April and a further course is now in progress for 50 students, 36 from the GARIBOLDI Division.

Other courses run were a sniper course - 8 students. This was interfered with by a shortage of equipment which has since been received. An 4/7th, 6 pdr course - 30 students and a 3rd mortar course of the same number were very satisfactory indeed. A Mines course - 20 students - was also run, the personnel for this, however, were not too well selected.

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Signals course. Some 25 students are under instruction pending vacancies at the Signals school.

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Other courses run were a Sniper course - 0 students. This was interfered with by a shortage of equipment which has since been received. In April, 6 per course - 30 students and a 3" mortar course of the same number were very satisfactory indeed. A Mines course - 20 students - was also run, the personnel for this, however, were not too well selected.

#### General courses.

A Physical Training Instructors course was run with 25 students under the British APTC.

#### Future courses.

Are at present restricted generally by the number of men available in the Centre for courses. We are now prepared to run courses with full numbers of students, however, owing to the general shortage of men in the Centre it is quite probable that we will not be able to run our Infantry Specialists courses at full pressure or it will mean that the number of ordinary Infantry men sent forward as reinforcements will have to be considerably reduced.

The Infantry School will run courses as follows:-

|                       |   |             |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|
| Minor tactical course | • | 80 students |
| 3" mortar course      | • | 40 "        |
| A/T: 6 per course     | • | 40 "        |
| Mines course          | • | 20 "        |
| Sniper's course       | • | 10 "        |

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Future courses (Cont'd)

The number of men under instruction in No. 2 Regiment (Infantry Specialists School) has not yet been finally determined. The new course however, will not start until Monday, 7th May. The limiting factor here is the shortage of men in the Centre.

2. NUMBER OF MEN UNDER TRAINING.

This will be given as a separate appendix.

3. TRAINING, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL.(a) Welfare.

Is quite good throughout the Centre but there is a shortage of men's gear.

(ii) Hygiene.

Has greatly improved.

(iii) Morale.

Is fairly satisfactory though a lot of soldiers wish to return to their homes in Northern Italy.

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W. Rice  
Major (SGO. II)  
Inf Training

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Major (300.17)  
Inf Training

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Appendix to HFI letter reference HFI/A.10/180 dated  
30 April 1945

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Numbers of men in Training

|         |       |           |     |
|---------|-------|-----------|-----|
| Week 1  | 342   | Drivers   | 153 |
| Week 2  | 70    | Artillery | 98  |
| Week 3  | 517   |           |     |
| Week 4  | 33    |           |     |
| Week 5  | 82    |           |     |
| Week 6  | 173   |           |     |
| Week 7  | 282   |           |     |
| Trained | 46    |           |     |
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| Totals  | 1,545 |           | 251 |
| Courses | 390   |           |     |
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| Totals  | 1,935 |           | 251 |
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Grand Total. 2,186

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SUBJECT:-

Monthly Training Progress Report - April 1945  
(Scuola Artieri)

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Ref: DEI/A.10/175

27 April 1945

AAH (Engineer Section).  
Commandant, Engg Try Est., GEP.  
SOU/CIVIL

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

- (a) Roadway has been made and the Italians are doing much work themselves.
- (b) Recruit training is the only training in progress.
- (c) An officers refresher course is being superimposed on the recruits training with additional lectures and schemes (rough syllabus with you).
- (d) An effort to smarten up the training ground with flags and white paint is having a beneficial effect.
- (e) Recruit training is now 8 weeks - programme attached.
- (f) Percentage attendance is still bad.
- (g) Junior officers still do not enforce discipline.

2. COURSES.

- (a) No courses for Groupd have been started but it is considered that it should be possible to start some. Suggested date May 28th.
- (b) The following courses could be run. May IRIA please be asked to give a priority. Over 1 week

Officers.

Refresher. [Plan management, Organization of Work]  
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Officer and NCOs.

Bailey Elementary.

Officers and Senior

NCOs. Mine Warfare.

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- (c) It is assumed that Advanced Bailey, Wet Bridging, Rafting and Assault Crossings courses which would require extra equipment and a course of instruction at ARI for instructors, are not required.
- (d) No men from Scuola ARTIERI are attending outside courses in engineering.

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3. NUMBERS HERE.

- (a) Weekly intake. Theoretically 55 but last 2 weeks have been missed.
- (b) Under training. 4 parties of theoretically 55 each. Actually approximately 100.
- (c) Trained. 2 parties of theoretically 55 each. Actually approx 100. It has been asked that for morale purposes that these 2 parties are sent up to the front with much trumpet blowing as they are our first "trained" recruits. They are still at HRAJIAHO.

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

- (a) No deficiencies to WE but officers instructors have a habit of changing which is most depressing.
- (b) Standard of instruction is improving.

5. EQUIPMENT.

- (1) The following items of equipment are still outstanding.

Item No.

|    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 45 | Chest, tool, filled, painters.  |
| 46 | " " " filters.                  |
| 47 | " " " electricians.             |
| 50 | Artil.                          |
| 51 | Field Forge, heavy.             |
| 57 | Tarpaulin, 30' x 30'.           |
| 72 | Kit of hand tools, blacksmiths. |
| 98 | No. 4 Pump set.                 |
| 99 | No. 5 Pump set.                 |
| 96 | 3 tanks 3                       |

- (11) Water supply training is being held up by lack of Pumping sets and 3 tanks.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) Accommodation. Improved. Beds have arrived. No room for messes.
- (b) Hygiene. Still bad.
- (c) Malnutrition. Not apparent.
- (d) Morale. Surprisingly high.

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July 1963

Major R. E.  
Scribner

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UNITED STATES WEAPONS SERVICEARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, 16.

MARCH 1945

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TABLESECTION I - GENERAL

1. General Description.
2. General Location - Location.

SECTION II - GENERAL LOCATION

3. Night Alarm System.
4. .303" Springfield Rifle - 1st Brigade.
5. .303" Rifle - 2nd Brigade.
6. Rifle of General Headquarters of 1st Division.
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SECTION III - GENERAL LOCATION

9. General Description of Station - 1st Division.
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SECTION IV - GENERAL LOCATION

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SECTION V - GENERAL LOCATION

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• Wavelength Conversion - Frequency Doubling

10. **Small Group:** — **10-11:30 AM** — **Room 1000**

(11)  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2$  respectively.

• **Conduct** – the way in which a person behaves or acts

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1. CCNY Sept 47 - Bronx Child

During this time translations taken place at this School with complete success, no unusual circumstances having been reported during about 4000 rounds fired.

Issue of this type of translation to the Service has, it is understood, now begun.

2. Trained Special Test-Translation Service Plan

In an effort to improve the life of victims of violence, and also with a view to eliminating the present method of being treated by the Government, the Special Test-Translation, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Police of the District of Columbia, has made up two experimental lots of specially selected and trained men. Six each of the two alternative types are now being subjected to tests in order to determine which is the better. The number of rounds fired is also being determined. Some information on this matter will be reported, and it is hoped that a useful information will be obtained.

3. General Provision of Service

It has now been agreed that the provision of service for the S. S. G. should be in the hands of the Service, as has been the case in the life of the Government, and it is hoped that the number of rounds fired, which due to the present method of service, will be reduced in the future.

In order that this method may be applied in practice, all concerned have been asked to prepare a plan, with a view to discussing it at a meeting to be held shortly.

4. Plan of the S. S. G. - General Service

There is a plan of service which has been prepared that the issue of the S. S. G. should be in the hands of the Service, as has been the case in the life of the Government, and it is hoped that the number of rounds fired, which due to the present method of service, will be reduced in the future.

(S. S. G. Plan, 1947, page 46)

It has been in the interest that the provision of support for the U.S. world, in the case of service, on each type, for service life of each equipment, expressed in terms of number of rounds fired, with due consideration for losses due to error in the field.

In order that this principle may be applied in practice, all concerned have been asked to collect data, with a view to discussing it a meeting to be held shortly.

### 3. Final Study U.S. - Europe

Reports have recently been received that the index of the collecting data becomes even more than before when used in tactical terms. A method of solving the value is now under investigation.

(S.I.U.I., Jan. 45, para 45)

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### 14. Revelation 21:1-22:5 - Triumph of Grace

Convey the equivalent of the above in English and Italian instructions on the back of D.D. 3.

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### 24. Udovardas Puri, Jaipur

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that we are able to place them far above the level of the ordinary man. We have reached a point where we can no longer afford to do so.



(E.S. 55.13, para. 12.1.1.1)

A description of the work is given in para 12 of this E.S. 55.13.

#### 17. Summary - Summary

It has been found that the military does not intend to use that the equipment of the 3rd Air Force is not a modification in the present field. The equipment will be used in the future in the course of the work.

#### 18. Summary - Summary

The trials carried out by the staff of the equipment in the field of the 3rd Air Force have shown that the equipment is not a modification in the present field. The equipment will be used in the future in the course of the work.

Further trials will be carried out with the equipment in the field of the 3rd Air Force. The equipment will be used in the future in the course of the work.

(A.C. 55.13, para. 12.1.1.1)

#### 19. Summary - Summary

A new type of the 3rd Air Force is given in para 12 of this E.S. 55.13.

The new type of the 3rd Air Force is given in para 12 of this E.S. 55.13.

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23. Drill Cartridge

The APDS Drill Cartridge described in letter. Ref. to the handbook for the 6-oz. A/7E gun can not yet be available. The supply situation is being investigated.

Notification has been provided of an APDS Drill Cartridge which is in development with a suitable activity.

24. Gun Storage Box

Various complaints have been received that the gun storage box, as described, is not too big and cumbersome. It is not as heavy as the one described from the A.P. 01308 of the A/7E. Platoon was made (see A.P. 01308, para 1). Gun without success. In view of the fact that the gun carrier (C.P. 20), which has a special storage box fitted, is to be introduced as a unit of the training vehicle for the A.P. A/7E. Gun. It is considered unlikely that any other action is to be taken to the existing storage box can be corrected.

An alternative method of carrying tools and stores, by making use of a gun carrier instead of the A.P. 01308 storage box, was published in A.P. 01308, para 1.

25. Issue of 1.5 inch gun from the British Empire

Reference from a letter of the 1st of 1/7E. Platoon Commander serving in A.P. 01308 was given in my letter 1/7E.

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There is much information in this letter, which does not appear from the booklet, but which will be covered under. The A/7E. Issue of a training vehicle is a very real problem, and should be given due consideration.

SECTION VI - Training, No. 12

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Appendix A

Communications - Summary

1. Infantry Battalions

- (a) Co. 10 set -- In this set in which communications, reception is essential in training under difficult conditions and practical exercises would be held on the island.

A spare microphone set is now provided and would always be carried.

Co. 10 is a general purpose unit. It has been used for training and on the island, S. 10 is on the island, and have provided information.

In any situation Co. 10 set needs to be used in order to be used with a microphone in the air in a very early stage to receive a signal which will select the ground or obtain an aerial message.

- (b) Co. 11 set -- This set is used by the 3rd Marine Battalion. They have also been used for training and on the island, and have provided information within a very early stage.

It was also possible to find that ground which had not been tested in action.

- (c) Co. 12 set -- This set is used by the 3rd Marine Battalion and given some difficulty owing to the long range involved and the lack of a coding device on the island. S. 12 set is on the island, and have provided information within a very early stage.

(1) Co. 13 set -- This set is used by the 3rd Marine Battalion and have provided information within a very early stage.

(2) Co. 14 set -- This set is used by the 3rd Marine Battalion and have provided information within a very early stage.

2. Marine Battalions

The 3rd Marine Battalion is using Co. 10 set which is essential in order that all the necessary information be carried on the island by the 3rd Marine Battalion. Co. 10 set is on the island, and have provided information within a very early stage.

3. U.S. Battalions

- (a) U.S. Battalions

Co. 10 set is on the island, and have provided information within a very early stage.



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(c) Discussion

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employees on a few occasions one passed over and once the two ones are placed the next limited conversation took place with someone despite within my team joined up to they can see. (which is right down to middle level) by oral evidence, and that leads to an awareness with good proof to several different. Poles and barrels, (which used to serve one in the 0.1000 days) and once - the German ship are excellent.

Gitting, we previously found, is absolutely sound. .... in this winter fighting all the (German) ships were down with one, which being German are down and everything and that's the layout in on the lines shown in diagram. (at end of this diagram). This is all very noisy on paper until the investigation began in 1.2. They tanks come along being up the centre of the village and nothing can touch them except 75 rounds laid quickly, or one can firing eventually. The inevitable did his in having communication to our first situation .... but they put the figure in the bar at 150 yds. with APCs, which was then used to up that is in the state. They picked off in German that was left, which was striking too. .... But one of the figures got down the main street and did a whole of damage before it was finally broken off (but not broken out) by 2142.

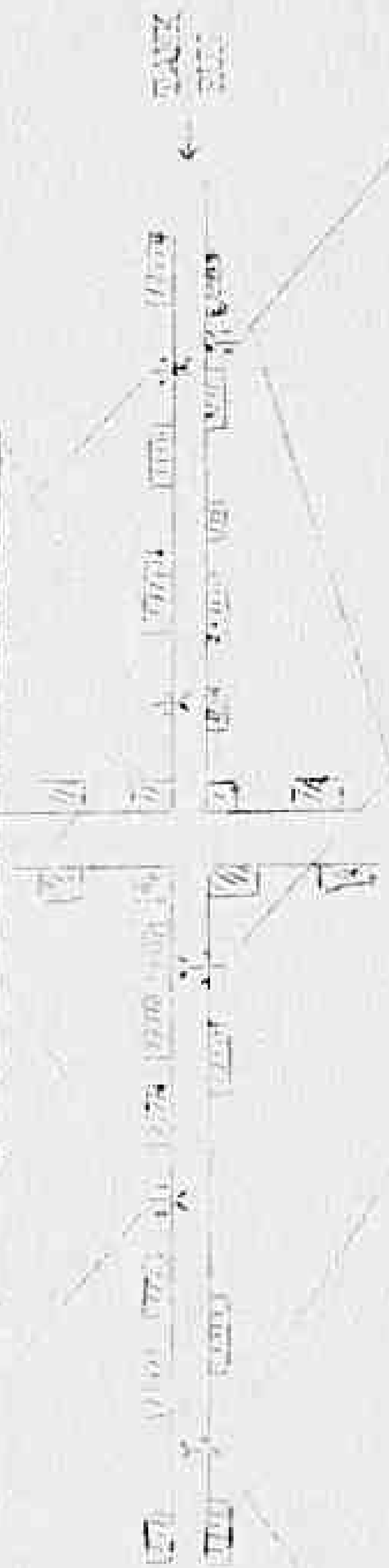
We have not ourselves in the ship forward to have a tank sheet but the barrels have not been taken - there were several hundred and one other jobs that can be usefully taken on if the P.L. Corp. in luck in having a good 0.6. We have taken on 0.6's with 2 and 2.2, knocked down houses, many a house, and gives opportunity to the inevitable physical, which adds to some a hell of a noisy way too .... Piecing together for those shoots requiring quite a different technique. On the side .... I want to the given way right with a different technique. On the side .... I want to the least on hour (the engine takes about 1.5 to 2.0, plenty identifying the target for 2.1, cleared off about 35 rounds. Not necessary to kill, at 0.1000 off to speed and get back in 1.5 for 1.5.0 and the 0.6's off 1.5.00 "0" Co. A planing engine too!

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..... The situation is very limited weather conditions. Then, what is all is heard to come by, but not possible.

..... Should get the engine in way - I have only only conditions then - one failed and the engine.

Section 2/12. When for volume of information



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SUBJECT: Training.

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Ref: HPL/A.10/100

3 April 1945

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The following points and remarks are made as at present the organization of training and the general discipline are such that it appears to be a waste of time for me to act in my present capacity as GSO.II Infantry Training.

### 1. Anti-Tank Firing.

It was arranged that the Infantry School would fire A/Tk guns at 10 AGRA range at CIVITAVECCHIA today, Tuesday, 3rd April. I personally took, last Thursday, a representative (the A/Tk officer of the Infantry School) down to meet 10 AGRA representative and also to look at the range. I found 10 AGRA extremely helpful in that they took responsibility for safety precautions and for the general conduct of firing particularly, out of the hands of the Italians in a way which would not have been done for a corresponding British Unit. It was agreed with the officer from the Infantry School that he would fire at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 3 April and that the firing would be supervised by Capt GARNWOOD of the 10 Trg Team RA, who would also supply 2 Sgts to assist in the Firing Point instruction.

These arrangements were confirmed in writing to the Infantry School and to HQ, RVC ICF. Being somewhat nervous as to whether the arrangements made were fully understood and fully appreciated, on Monday 2 April I went along to the Infantry school but could find no officer. I then went along to see Col SIVO who ordered Major CORBADO to check up on the arrangements of the Infantry School and HQ, RVC ICF. I was assured that all was prepared. Still not being particularly happy, later in the day I checked up with the transport arrangements with Capt VILLAFRANCA and Major CORBADO both of whom assured me and to my own satisfaction that things really were prepared.

As it turned out, the transport was so late that ~~the officers of 10 Trg Team RA refused to allow the firing party to proceed to the range, considering it a waste of time.~~ *fully did of the class*

It is not felt that these instances are the fault of any individual officer but goes to show that when an order is given it is not carried out.

### 2. Physical Training.

This has been a constant source of trouble since I have been here. I have stated that my Physical Training Instructors are willing to *5589* sical training anywhere and at any time a Regimental Commander may desire. Numerous arrangements have been made in the past with comparative satisfaction from No.1 Regiment but none whatsoever from No.2 Regiment.

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2. Physical Training (Cont'd)

At 0700 hours this morning, Tuesday, 3 April, my Physical Training Instructors went to No.1 Regiment to view and assist PT of No.1 Regiment in accordance with their programme. There was none! It is pointed out moreover that No.1 Regiment have submitted to me a training programme giving work on Monday. This regiment knew perfectly well that no work was likely to take place on Monday. To submit a programme in this manner is a waste of paper. It shows no interest whatsoever on the part of the Regimental Commanders and unless I am certain the training will take place or at least attempted at the times and dates stated, I can be of no assistance whatsoever.

3. Hygiene.

The Medical Officer, assisted by British WO.IIs, has been attempting to improve the standard of hygiene throughout the camp and have received great co-operation from the Italians, particularly from the Medical Officer of No.1 Regiment. However, during the Easter break the hygiene standards previously achieved have sunk once again to the lowest of levels and the habit of leaving excreta in the Regimental lines has once again crept in. The whole of the front of No.2 Regiment has the appearance of a refuse dump.

4. Training in General.

At approximately 0930 hours this morning I walked through the camp to see any training that might be in progress. It was noticeable that the standard of dress and turnout has fallen since the Easter break. There was training in No.1 Regiment; there was training at the Infantry School; as I passed No.2 Regiment there was shooting inside the building (the PETTEIA) and as I returned a further shot was fired from inside the building. There did not appear to be any great amount of training in the No.2 Regiment area.

5. Carrier Instruction.

On approximately 17 March 1945, 42 carriers were collected from TOR SAPIENZA by a party from this Centre. They were handed over to Major CORRADO together with certain tools and spare parts. BTU/BI/150 refers. It will be noticed that in para 4 spare parts and accessories were, it was suggested, to be divided as far as possible among the carriers. These parts etc, are still in the stores and no effort has been made to divide this equipment, and further on the 28 March 1945, BTU/BI/222 draws attention to the fact that the associated carrier stores are still in the store house. They are still there. These instructions are in addition to verbal conversations Major Corrado - Capt Smethurst.

A further letter concerning general carrier policy has been written by me. It is hoped that this will be acted upon forthwith as at present, owing to petty pilfering, no fewer than 35 of the 42 carriers lack batteries and the vast majority of the carriers have had their electrical equipment tampered with. All carriers had batteries at TOR SAPIENZA.

It does not seem to be fully realised that some-one will pay for this.

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6. Infantry Specialists School

This should have been started today. Owing to lack of co-operation the Commander - Major VIGNINI - found this morning that neither his students, instructors or any of his accommodation was ready for him to start.

7. General.

Of 10 Private soldiers and Corporals spoken to by me this morning, 10 admitted that they had nothing to do. These soldiers were a fair cross section of the men at this centre here at GISSANO. It is difficult for me to give an accurate figure as to how many officers and how many men had not returned from leave. I am informed by DADOS that in his department about 50% was the answer, and I myself throughout the morning saw numerous officers and men returning from leave.

It was understood that Monday was to be the day of collection and of organisation so that we could start normal training today, Tuesday, 3rd April. It is only too apparent that yesterday, Monday, 2nd April, was considered the 4th day of the Easter break and that in some cases a fifth day has been granted.

The above headings and remarks are not universal but are wide spread. The Infantry School was functioning well and a guard of the 1st Regiment absolutely excellent. It is, however, only too apparent that many officers are keener on 7 days leave than on producing a new Italian Army. This is to be accepted. But, when petty pilfering of ropes, the magnetic parts of some types of mines and of other material, erected by British Personnel, takes place, it makes one believe that this Centre is a mine for the Black Market rather than a training Centre, and has a most depressing effect on any Italians or British who have worked to try and make this a good show.

*W.L.P.*

Major GSO, II,  
Inf Training.

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SUBJECT: Civilian Construction Contracts at  
CERANO, PIAZZANO and MANZIANA, and  
their influence on Germany.

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1. DEU. INFO. DIV.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Com.  
A.C. (AMIA) 1015.

Ref: C.1/1/153

29 March 1945.

To: H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub Com.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.). (2 copies).

1. It is an unfortunate but incontestable fact that the progress of training, and in some cases the actual opening dates of schools of instruction, are being seriously delayed by the relatively slow progress in the rebuilding and reconstruction of the buildings in the area covered by the R.T.C.

2. All contracts have been placed by the Director General of Engineering, S.M.R.E. Gen. Cortelesse, with various civilian contractors, and while the standard of work varies and the degree of progress is inconsistent, it may be said generally that the majority of contractors have done very well indeed in the face of almost insuperable difficulties. The list of firms employed is given at Appendix 'A'.

3. These difficulties are mainly those of building supplies and transport.

(a) The position with regard to building material appears to be that all material, without exception, is controlled by R.E. authorities under the jurisdiction of R.A.A.C. Civilian contractors requiring stores or material have, in the first place, to obtain releases of the requisite building material through R.E. channels. The only alternative is to purchase in the open market which, in the present state of Italian industry, involves prohibitive cost.

(b) The next problem is to transport and release material to the site. There are virtually no motor lorry transportable in Italy, and a very elaborate procedure is required to enable contractors to obtain partly worn trucks through R.E. stores.

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  - (b) The next problem is to transport such released material to the site. There are virtually no motor lorry taxes available in Italy and very elaborate procedure is required to enable contractors to get in partly worn tyres through W.D. sources.

Hence, coupled with the delay in obtaining the initial release, further delay is caused by the frequent breakdown of the transport and inadequate transport available.

4. C.N.I., R.A.A.C. has authorized the release of a large quantity of building material and fortunately a considerable proportion of this material is on the site, but such supplies are rapidly becoming exhausted and the problem referred to in the preceding paragraph are now becoming increasingly serious.
5. In an endeavour to improve matters, the writer made a direct appeal to C.R.B. with a request that his Department should take a direct interest in speeding up the contracts and expedite in R.A.C. Offices generally to improve the work.
6. C.I.E. ordered a general survey of the contract position to be made, as a result of which a comprehensive report was prepared.
7. It is understood that this report was discussed with the British Embassy in R.A.A.C.
8. At a meeting in Rome on 28 March, the writer was informed that it had been decided that, in view of the immense extent of the work involved, C.I.E., R.A.A.C. was unable to meet the requests referred to in paragraph 5, and, in fact, was unable to do anything more than at present, to assist in speeding up the completion of the work.

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9. The target date for the basic completion of all contracts is believed to have been 1st April 1945, as on that date it was anticipated that all training and schools of instruction would be able to proceed, unimpeded by deficiencies in buildings. This is not the case and it is considered essential that B.L.U. of former Gypsy should be informed that the supply of trained reinforcements will be strictly limited until facilities for training are substantially improved.

10. The following are the main factors which impede the progress of training :-

(a) The approach road to CHSANO is rapidly becoming impassable and as it is the only practicable route to NOSE and to BRACCIANO and MARZIANA, all vehicles are compelled to use it. Its condition is such that vehicles are deteriorating very rapidly and the strain on the repair facilities at the Centre (19 Part Workshops have now left) is excessive.

(b) The same applies equally to the road between BRACCIANO and MARZIANA.

Contracts for (a) have been placed some time ago, but owing to lack of materials and transport, virtually nothing has been done. It is believed that as this is now classed as a military road it falls within the jurisdiction of 104 C.B.I., who actually placed the contract.

(c) MARZIANA - Central Training Schools.

Six large huts for the Heavy Training School require erection; only three are actually completed, but progress is continuing rapidly. The large private house for the Technical School requires conversion; work has only just started. The earliest date if adequate materials are available, is 30 April. Another hut is required for the School of Administration.

(d) BRACCIANO. Engineers and Signals School.

Doors are required for all rooms - the numbers are shown in the C.B.I.'s report. There are virtually no windows and the walls consist of a large number of holes. Intrusion and washing accommodation are not yet completed.

(e) BRACCIANO - Artillery Barracks.

Work is proceeding well and although a great deal remains to be done, it is not seriously affecting training.

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(c) MANZANA - General Training Schools.

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(d) PRACIANO. Engineers and Signals School.

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(e) PRACIANO - Artillery Barracks.

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(f) Medicines School - CERVINO.

Deficiencies of cement, transport and fuel power are seriously affecting the completion of the essential buildings, though quite astonishing progress has been made in the face of these difficulties.

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(g) Drivers School - CERVINO.

The same remarks apply to this School while, in addition, the water supply is not yet complete.

Nevertheless, it is hoped that both these Schools ((f) and (g) above) will be operating, though not at maximum efficiency or output, by 30 April.

(h) C.O.R.R. School - CERVINO.

The construction of a prison, which is essential, although surveyed has not yet commenced. Repairs to doors and windows, and small structural alterations will remain to be carried out, but these are not seriously affecting the state of training.

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(3) Nos. 1 & 2 Infantry Bn's. and the Infantry School, CUSAM.

None of these buildings have any windows or doors. The former have been bricked up, with the result that barrack rooms are depressing and dark. The replacement of these brick walls by opaque, artificial glass is an enormous task, but is considered essential if the morale of the troops, who live and wash in these buildings, is to be maintained.

Progress is being made and training is steadily improving, but on the principle of "hens run in company and", the task is made a great deal more difficult by the lack of decent amenities.

Cooking accommodation, washing and latrine facilities are improving, but an immense amount of constructional work remains to be done.

Finally the electrical contract is in itself an enormous undertaking and as there appears to be a complete absence of essential electrical equipment, it is very much feared that this will never be completed, unless the matter is taken up at a higher level.

Conclusion.

11. In order to minimize over-crowding and to enable buildings originally designed for living to be utilised as class rooms, the minimum use is being made of tents. Each school or group has now a small tented annexe, where surplus students are accommodated, but the supply of tents is inadequate to meet all demands. The position would be greatly improved if huts could be provided for class-rooms and mess rooms, and with this in view, application has been made for the supply of:

292 - 180-lb. tents (100 have been released 2) (serps).  
and 66 - Nissen (or equivalent) huts.

of the latter six have been released but have not yet arrived.

12. It is felt that the most serious consideration should be given on a very high level to the problems of the Contractors, and that further consideration might well be given to the advantages which would accrue if the full resources of the F.E. were devoted to assisting these Contractors. All in the completion of the immense tasks which may have undertaken. All buildings in the area are now being surveyed and it is the intention, as soon as possible, to utilise these for accommodation in 1944. As soon as possible, the contractors can be placed, to utilise these for accommodation in 1944.

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Lieut-Col. R.A.

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| "       | FIORONI ARIELO          | - | - | CESANO                                |
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| "       | LABOR                   | - | - | MECCIANO.                             |
| "       | FERRAMENTI              | - | - | CASEMIA COSENZ<br>DIACCIOANO          |
| "       | FERRAMENTI              | - | - | MANZIANA.                             |
| "       | CATTOLINI               | - | - | MANZIANA.                             |

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SUBJECT: S.A.S. (Platoon Weapons) Monthly Bulletin No 12.

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Brig.  
D.M.T.

SMALL ARMS SCHOOL (PLATOON LEADERS) MONTHLY BULLETIN NO. 12.FEBRUARY 1945SECTION I - General

1. This School will in future be called Small Arms School (Platoon Leaders).
2. It has been decided by the War Office to exclude all proposed amendments to S.A.S. from the Monthly Bulletins which will in future be compiled solely of items of an information and interest nature.  
All amendments for S.A.S. which are operationally urgent are now being forwarded to the War Office by the first of each month for immediate publication. These amendments which are NOW operationally urgent will be consolidated and forwarded to the War Office for publication twice yearly on 1 Feb and 1 Aug.

3. Sample plans for small arms have been accepted and approved.  
Manufactured so far for initial issue is 40 per small arms weapon. For all theatres of war and a high magazine rate will be allowed.

SECTION II - Rifle

4. 1 small tin, containing cleaning brush, pullthrough, oil bottle, gauge and mandrel is being issued for each No. 5 Rifle.

SECTION III - L.I.F. (S&C)

5. A small hand operated rattle (of the rattle type) constructed in a small box, has been approved to represent fire from L.I.F., for use when teaching the elementary basic lessons or for progressive lessons on the Brown L.I.F.  
In using the rattle, the instructor can reproduce a representative noise of firing in basic lessons when the firer practices the trigger.  
In addition, he can produce noise conforming to length of burst and rate of fire. This will also greatly assist in teaching the imitative application of L.I.F. when exercising troops.

SECTION IV - 2" Mortar

6. Hot barrels. From recent reports from theatres of operations, it appears that owing to the heating up of the barrel of the 2" mortar, after firing rapid, some protection is needed for the firer's hand.  
This has now been conducted with a view of finding some method of overcoating the barrels which has been tried, but an immediate solution is the

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#### SECTION III - I.I.C. (D.M.)

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By using the rattle, the instructor can reproduce a representative noise of firing in basic lessons when the rifle produces the trigger.

In addition, he can produce noise conforming to length of burst and rate of fire; this will also greatly assist in teaching the instinctive application of I.I.C. when exercising trillines.

#### SECTION IV - 2" Porter

6. Hot barrels. From recent reports from theatres of operations, it appears that owing to the heating up of the barrel of the 2" Porter, after firing 100, some protection is needed for the firer's hand.

There have been conducted with a view of finding some method of overcoming this. Lubricator sleeves have been tested, but an immediate solution is the binding of the barrel with two or three old pullthroughs, according to the width of the firer's hand.

The binding should be placed approximately 6 1/2" to 7" from the bottom of the barrel; the binding is done with wet cord, and the two end looped back under the binding.

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7. Recent reports of Porter boats (H.L.) being fired when snow is on the ground have shown that barrels that have been dropped in the snow may produce a "shoot" through the snow acting as a cushion on the base of the cartridge, or around the tail unit.

8. Loaded cartridges. The following has not been published a statement No. 1 to "Handbook for the Ordnance, H.L. French Barker, March 1944, VII, VIIA, VIIB, VIIC, VIIE, VIII and VIII\*, 1944": "Cartridges which have been struck but have not fired are liable to be sensitive to shock; accidents have occurred during normal handling, due to the ammunition containing misfired cartridges, when included in service ammunition.

Units will dispose of misfired ammunition at the earliest possible moment as follows:-

- a) If any two cartridges are held the misfired cartridge will be changed. Cartridges that have misfired will be reported to the local inspecting Ordnance officer who will arrange for destruction.

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- (b) If spare cartridges are not held, the rifled cartridge will be removed and the bomb set aside pending the insertion of a new cartridge when obtainable.
- (c) If, for any reason, it is impossible to remove the rifled cartridge, the affected bomb will be set aside for destruction by an inspecting ordnance officer. It will not in any circumstances be stored with or near service ammunition.

In no circumstances will the bomb fitted with a rifled cartridge be transported by road or rail, nor will it be mixed with unscrupulous ammunition.

When returning ammunition to the RUC a certificate to the effect that there are no bombs fitted with rifled cartridges in the consignment will be submitted.

No consignment of ammunition will be accepted by ordnance unless accompanied by a certificate certifying that the consignment is free from rifled ammunition and checked by the commanding officer of the unit concerned."

9. Attention is called to the tank system shown in para. 77 of "Maintenance Manual for the M 2", M 3" and SB 4.2" Mortars, Land Service, 1944."

#### SECTION V - P.I.A.Ts.

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#### SECTION VI - Machine Cartridges

10. The Mark 5 cooking handle is now being introduced, and is to be fitted to all 81mm Machine Cartridges. It will allow the working parts to be in the forward position with the magazine on with safety, as long as the cooking handle is placed in the "IN" or "SAFE" position.

When it is in the "IN" position, it will prevent the working parts being accidentally bumped back into the firing position.

11. Owing to the lack of heavy drill cartridges, magazine filling must be necessary be taught with live ammunition, subject to the following safety precautions:-

- (a) When taught in the open, cartridges must be kept 50% away.
- (b) When taught in a building, cartridges will not be in the same room.

12. Small tin containing cleaning materials is being issued for use with each M. 5 M. 3.

SECTION V - P.I.I.T.

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10. The Mark 5 cocking handle is now being introduced, and is to be fitted to all German Machine Cartridges. It will allow the cocking parts to be in the forward position with the magazine on with safety, as long as the cocking handle is placed in the "In" or "Safe" position.

When it is in the "In" position, it will prevent the cocking parts being accidentally bumped backwards, and forwards, and firing a round.

11. Owing to the lack of dummy drill cartridges, machine filling part of security be taught with live ammunition, subject to the following safety precautions:-

- (a) When taught in the open, carbines must be kept 50x W.V.
- (b) When taught in a building, carbines will not be in the same room.

12. Small tin containing clearing materials is being issued for use with each M. 5 Bren M.C.

SECTION VII - Grenades

13. The No. 74 Grenade (Sticky) is now obsolescent and will no longer be taught at this School.

SECTION VIII - Snipers

14. Sniping by Night. Teachers at the Sniping Division has always laid emphasis on the great advantage bestowed by the telescopic sight, for shooting at dusk and dawn and in moonlight. This enables really accurate fire to be brought to bear at the times when the enemy often takes most unaccount and along aiming with open or aperture sighted weapons is impossible.

U.S.A. snipers have recently been putting this to the test; and several very surprised German patrols have been going back minus three or four of their number.

15. Reports from Overseas. The following reports have recently been received from overseas:-  
From Burma.

1. By a Platoon Commander.

"Sound weapon training is the first and foremost requirement. The platoon lives or dies by its ability to use the I.I.B., 2" mortar, P.I.I.T. and

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Grenades. By no means can all men handle their weapons correctly. It is not the dead weight to shoulder that counts so much as knowing what to do when the gun stops. Therefore, give your men plenty of shooting with live ammunition, and see that they get plenty of stops. Each the same sort of position is named with the 2" mortar and P.I.T. It is quite understandable how many men have had little or no actual firing experience, and some men comment do not even know that a Grenado has to be primed, let alone how to prime it."

2. By a Company Commander.

"Moving the infantryman's activities, pride of place goes without question to Weapon Training. Many of them are very weak in handling weapons, particularly the 2" mortar and P.I.T."

3. By a Company Platoon Commander.

"The main points I wish to stress are:-

(a) the importance of weapon training, particularly the 2" mortar,

P.I.T. and Grenades.

(b) I have always found my platoon are good with the Bren, but some of their performances with the 2" mortar and P.I.T. are very poor indeed. I know several men who did not even know that a grenade had to be primed."

From: Warrant.

3. Weapons

"Our men learnt to love their grenades and, at night particularly, no one would ever use in preference to small arms fire. Grenades are deadly when you are firmly ensconced in a small perimeter with a nice slope. The 7-second delay grenade was almost as indispensable as the 2-inch mortar. Its range is much to add it DOES NOT BURST IN THE THIRDS. The main difficulty is to know how to carry one."

Another officer lately returned from the BRITAIN has said the same thing. The No. 36 grenade is a magnificent jungle weapon; the more the men could carry the better placed they were.

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Battle Group,

Comdt. Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons).

*J.F. Smith* Colonel,

From Burma.

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"Our men learnt to love their grenades and, at night particularly, we encouraged their use in preference to small arms fire. Grenades are deadly when you are fairly encircled in a small perimeter with no escape. The 7-second delay grenade was almost as indispensable as the 2-inch mortar. Its range is adequate and it DOES NOT BURST IN THE HANDS. The main difficulty is to know how to carry enough.

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Bisley Camp,  
Brookwood, Surrey.  
28 Feb 45.

*J. F. ...* Colonel,  
Comdt., Small Arms School (Platoon Weapons).

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SUBJECT: Progress Reports.

H\* BTL LTRC 13F  
Ref: BTL/10/73

28 March 1945

G\* The Unit

H\* BTL LTRC 10F

Ref BTL/D9/13 dated 23 March 1945.

The following is the General Progress of Infantry Training with particular reference to the training of No. 1 Regiment and No. 2 Regiment and the Infantry School. In this respect reference is made to BTL/D9/7 dated 17 March 1945.

(A) GENERAL PROGRESS.

The general progress of training is fairly satisfactory. The remarks made in the previous training report still apply. Until trained instructors are available the standard of instruction will continue to be rather unsatisfactory. The instructor problem is being solved but it is a very slow process. For example, one man is an expert on the 3 inch mortar; he runs a 4 week course and produces 5 instructors; these 5 instructors take another 4 weeks training further instructors. It will be seen therefore, that it requires approximately 2 months from the receipt of training equipment before full use can be made of it. This applies particularly to the Infantry Specialists training, which is the worst feature of training at the moment.

During last month the following improvements have been noticed.

No. 1 Regiment. The general standard of discipline and turnout in this Regiment have improved. The instructor situation is far better and squads are beginning to be of reasonable size. The programme, with the exception of the instruction relating to mines, is being fairly faithfully carried out. It is felt, however, that training in this regiment tends to be a little too pre-war and that possibly the training is too formal and rigid.

It is hoped to produce more of what might be called the "school spirit" into this regiment. However, the regiment is comparatively good and the training fairly well prepared. To start with, to get this

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It is hoped to produce more of what might be called the "school spirit" into this regiment. However, the regiment is comparatively good and the training fairly well prepared. To start with, to get this orderliness we encouraged rather the peace-time conception of Infantry training - smartness, whiteness and formality. It is important I think, for this regiment now not to become too comfortable. This stage has not yet been reached but it will have to be watched. The signs which are evident at present are a tendency for the men to do too much barrack square instruction and too many sitting down periods. This is not a worrying matter at present as previously the trouble was to get some order into the place.

No. 2 Regiment. Progress here is being made but it is incredibly slow. This Regiment has been troubled by large numbers of undisciplined Partisans of the billets. However, this takes up too much of the time of the Senior officers and prevents them from putting their full energies into organising efficient training. The appointment of a training officer has made a distinct difference and ordinary Infantry training has begun to function tolerably satisfactorily. The normal faults of Italian training are still present i.e. a man goes on to the range and not a Coy; the 'big' squad and only the senior officer doing anything is still the order of the day in this Regiment.

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(A) GENERAL PROBLEMS. (Cont'd.)

The disturbing factor in this regiment is in the Infantry Specialists training, which at present simply does not exist. This is largely due to the shortage of instructors, a matter that is gradually being solved, but is also due in a large measure, in my opinion, to lack of interest and lack of appreciation of his responsibilities on the part of the Regimental Commander. Proposals have been made and slight internal adjustments of organization effected which, it is hoped, will produce results in the next month. If there is not improvement in this regiment during the coming month it is felt that a further application for the removal of the Regimental Commander must be made.

It is fully realized that the problems confronting this regiment are greater than in any other regiment in this centre, but it is felt that the Regimental Commander does not tackle these energetically, nor is he particularly easy to assist. It is, however, difficult for an Indian Officer to judge the difficulties of an Italian Commander at present, as the discipline rests on such insecure foundations. It is felt that the month of April will see whether or not this regiment, as it is at present constituted, is capable of being an efficient one.

Infantry School. Infantry school functions efficiently provided they are on subjects where the officer has been to British Schools of Instruction. If, however, the officer has not been to a British School of Instruction, he hesitates to start a course. This particularly applies to the rifle warfare and also to a lesser extent to the Carrier course.

The tactical instruction given at the school is, I think, sound, and the mortar instruction excellent. The Anti-tank instruction has tended to lay undue emphasis on gun drill and the tactical side has not been sufficiently dealt with. This will be rectified on the next course.

(B) COURSES.

The following courses were run at the Infantry School during the last month.

- (1) A tactical and Platoon weapons course. This had a hundred students on paper, but owing to sickness and other reasons, not all students completed the course. This being the first course run by the school the actual standard of instruction and organization left much room for improvement, but it has helped by producing a considerable number of instructors and men with a sound knowledge of British weapons. A further course is at present running with 40 officers fresh from the

is fully realized that the present commanding this regiment are greater than in any other regiment in this center, but it is felt that the Regimental Commander does not tackle these energetically, nor is he particularly easy to assist. It is, however, difficult for an English Officer to judge the difficulties of an Italian Commander at present, as the discipline rests on such insecure foundations. It is felt that the month of April will see whether or not this regiment, as it is at present constituted, is capable of being an efficient one.

Infantry School. Infantry school functions efficiently provided they are on subjects where the officer has been to British Schools of Instruction. If, however, the officer has not been to a British School of Instruction, he hesitates to start a course. This particularly applies to the Mine Warfare and also in a lesser extent to the Carrier course.

The tactical instruction given at the school is, I think, sound, and the mortar instruction excellent. The anti-tank instruction has tended to lay undue emphasis on gun drill and the tactical side has not been sufficiently dealt with. This will be rectified on the next course.

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2.5 inch mortar course with 20 students was run. I think 3 inch mortar instruction is excellent and that the course was of real benefit. The only trouble was that mortar carriers arrived very late in the course and owing to non-arrival of signal equipment there control was <sup>very</sup> by voice control. Even with these limiting factors, however, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> training was good.

6 par course for 20 students. Again drill was good and all students have fired with a fairly high percentage of hits. However, training facilities for firing against moving targets were limited and this course will be firing again on the 2/3 April.

#### (4) Future Courses.

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(11) Pioneer Courses.

April: (a) A Snipers course (8 students) will be run to produce sufficient instructors to enable the Snipers School to function with a full course in May, also to provide Sniper instructors for the 2nd Regiment.

(b) Carriers. A small carriers course is running at the Infantry School at present. This will merely produce sufficient carrier instructors to ensure that by the beginning of May sufficient carrier instructors are available to enable carrier instruction to commence properly. We have started on the basis of 2 Italian officers who can at least drive a carrier and a further six men are weekly being attached to the Mechanics school for maintenance instruction. It is not anticipated, however, that we will have produced sufficient trained staff of drivers to fulfil the requirements of this centre and the School for tracked vehicles drivers before the end of April, and that the regular output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected until the end of May. These things would be greatly reduced by the prompt arrival of the British Officer and 2 NCOs detailed for carrier training.

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|--------------|---|------------------------------|
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| 4 1/2" 6 pdr | - | 30 students.                 |
| Tactics      | - | A further 40 young officers. |
| Mine warfare | - | 20 students.                 |

During May the Infantry school will function to the capacity as intended in the War Establishment.

(c) No. 2 Regiment will start by producing at the end of the month 30 3/4" personnel, and 30 x 3" mortar personnel. It is also hoped to produce sufficient carrier drivers to make all carriers mobile.

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(e) This paragraph, I understand, will be dealt with by Major Gelardi.

#### (D) (a) INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

Numerically we have no deficiencies, but instructors in Signals and Pioneers and carriers are still under training. It is hoped that by the end of April all instructors will be available.

#### (b) STANDARD OF INSTRUCTION.

This will be satisfactory by the end of April. The instructional deficiencies previously reported are being made good locally as it affects the Infantry branch.

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the immediate provision of 10 units as class-rooms would be most welcome.

There is the problem of...

(ii) Discipline. - is rapidly improving, particularly in the 1st Regiment where Italian, etc., are not felt, however, that the conditions are adequate or clear. However there is a distinct tendency to buy waste food, tin, etc, or even to merely dump them in the vicinity of the cookhouse instead of carrying some away to be properly disposed of by burning in the incinerator.

(iii) Welfare. I think a good effort is being made in this line. Units are beginning to have quite presentable canteens, though scarce tables are needed for them. Some sports games have arrived but on an inadequate scale. The Garrison has a very nice Theatre where performances are given, also a cinema where recreational films are shown. The Centre has a good dance band and a Military Band is under formation. Increasing interest is being shown by outside organizations in the organization of some of these relatives, etc.

(iv) Morale. In the early days of the Centre the camp was full of red scarved individuals expressing anxiety to be sent to the front and they were particularly undisciplined. In respect of desire to fight, morale was then comparatively high though discipline was deplorable. The tendency now, with a somewhat different type of recruit, is a marked improvement in the outward signs of morale i.e. good eating, personal cleanliness and military bearing, but as was remarked in the first paragraph, unless the object of training is kept foremost in the minds of Italian instructors the peace-time attitude will descend on the camp and the wrong sort of spirit incultured. At present there is far too much tendency on the part of the officers generally to wish to break off at last, not to work in the afternoons because of the heat or the sun or the size of the dance whilst recreation and comfort are excellent, unless there is more drive during training hours and a harder and tougher spirit amongst the officers the wrong type of soldier will be produced.

(c) General.

Morale have already been made about the amount of time spent in holidays. Men are always either on holiday, being entertained or absent without leave. Again there are far too many soldiers at present understanding of fatigue. The result is that squires have had, in some cases, to be put into work in training.

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(c) GENERAL. (Cont'd)

On the other hand there are many good points. The training equipment position is satisfactory and has now outstripped the instructors. The arrival of training films will enable a more varied instruction to be given.

In conclusion, it is felt that provided a big effort is made now, and enthusiasm kept up the Centre should develop into a first class training depot.

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Major, GSO, II,  
Inf Training.

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SUBJECT :- Report on PRIME Gp.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army  
C. M. F.  
Ref BTU/A7/18

26 Mar 45.

'H' Dr Trg Inoc, IRFC ICF.

Attached report submitted by EIGHTH ARMY has been  
forwarded by DMT for information and action where possible in  
correcting similar faults during training.

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for Maj  
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SUBJECT: Report on GURPO PLAT.

Main HQ Tenth Army  
T/8/Tg

6 Mar 45

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP.

1. GURPO PLAT has now been in the line since 8 Feb. During this period there has only been light shelling and mortaring and no great enemy activity on this front. Under such enemy fire however the tps have remained steady and the GURPO has held its sector. Morale, which is on the whole good, is adversely affected by casualties, particularly from mines and booby traps.

2. The chief points for correction appear to be as follows:-

(a) While on coms are anxious to act offensively against the enemy, it would seem that higher coms do not always give full support to this policy as they appear anxious to avoid casualties.

Casualties to date are as follows:-

2 Officers 15 ORs killed.  
2 Officers 54 ORs wounded.  
8 ORs missing.

(b) Patrolling when carried out leaves a good deal to be desired. Little conceptions exist as to the composition or function of the various types of patrol. Briefing is bad and patrol reports are neither properly sifted nor checked.

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- (g) ORs and 503 are fired on too little provocation.
- (h) By British standards hygiene is deplorable.

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Signed H. FLOID. Brig.  
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For Lieut-General,  
GOC, EIGHTH ARMY.

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'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army  
C. M. F.  
Ref BTU/D9/7

17 Mar 45.

# 1. Introductory Remarks.

During the last 3 weeks a very marked improvement has taken place in the Training. Previously, training had been hindered by shortages of clothing and equipment, accommodation and water. The solving of these problems has had a most noticeable effect on both the officers and the men. The officers are beginning to realise that CEMANO could be an excellent Training Centre, and the attitude of the men towards their officers is improving.

Whilst in early February training was almost non-existent, now programmes are being adhered to and carried out fairly efficiently. The number of men doing nothing, from being the majority has dwindled into very small proportions.

The standard of instruction and shortage of instructors is probably the weakest point at present. Most of the instructors have only the manuals as a basis of instruction. There are few officers with Battle Experience, or who have attended courses of instruction. The matter of instructors has been taken up with M.I. and SIME. It is hoped that the Gruppi will be able to spare a few good instructors. It is certain such a policy would produce results, out of all proportion to the numbers required. The Schools here will quickly raise the general standard of instruction provided they are provided with the best instructors.

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## 2. Signal Training.

Continues to function at NOCERA INFERIORE with groups as under.

| Trade                           | No | Due to complete. |
|---------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Wireless Operators (Genio)      | 22 | 6th June.        |
| Line Operators (Genio)          | 27 | 9th May.         |
| Operators Artillery             | 26 | 9th May. 3572    |
| Operators Infantry              | 46 | 9th May.         |
| Instrument Mechanics (Genio)    | 16 | 6th June.        |
| Electrician Signals (Genio)     | 5  | 4th April.       |
| Despatch Riders (Genio)         | 15 | ???              |
| Switchboard Operators (Genio)   | 9  | 5th March.       |
| Switchboard Operators Artillery | 3  | 5th March.       |
| Switchboard Operators Infantry  | 6  | 5th March.       |

The above courses have run satisfactorily with the exception that DR training has been held up by shortage of motor cycles. 14 MT Trucks are also still to be received.

Two courses are being run at BRACCIANO.

(a) A four week conversion course for 83 wireless operators, previously trained in Italian Equipment.

(b) A preliminary training course for 15 officers and 124 other ranks. Syllabus includes : Electricity and Magnetism, Wireless Theory and

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Infantry and including other than courses at Signal School has not yet commenced. Signal instructors are now in transit and it is hoped to start in about 4 weeks time, on a small scale.

The Signal School expects to move to BUCCHINO on 30 March 45.

### 3. Engineer Training.

(a) General. There is a complete lack of Italian instructors and the training is being run almost entirely by the British. Most of those (Italians) have been asked for and numbers are being gradually sent.

The new under instruction are both and learn quickly.

The equipment situation is generally satisfactory.

At present it has not been found possible to train the Engineer Training into Engineer School and Engineer Maintenance School in absence of instructors.

(b) Courses in progress. 5 parties of 55 men are under training. The course is divided into sections as under.

2 weeks Machine (including repair and later supply).

2 weeks Elementary the different and maintenance.

2 weeks Bridge.

4 weeks General Training.

(c) Facilities. The instructors have proved to be disappointing in providing the class rooms etc, but under pressure the buildings to show results.

### 4. Locusts, etc.

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The first course, which includes and in course, starts on 1 April 45.

- (b) Courses and personnel. 3 parties of 25 men are under training. The course is divided into sections as under.
- 2 with Headquarters (including room and water supply).
  - 2 with Elementary Demolitions and Ammunition.
  - 2 with Bridging.
  - 1 with Junior Training.
- (c) Facilities. The instructors have proved to be disappointingly slow in preparing the class rooms etc, but under strong pressure in to finding the final results.

#### 4. Education School.

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The first course, Vehicle Mechanics and Drivers, starts on 1 April 45.

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Instructors       | 8  |
| Vehicle Mechanics | 90 |

The above personnel will be found from this centre. The remaining courses entrance as under.

#### 5. Instructors Schools. LAUZIANG.

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14 April 45 Drivers Course.  
14 April Driver Mechanics Course.

- (a) Headquarters and administrative staff are installed.
- (b) A demonstration company has been formed and trained.
- (c) Preparatory work of preparing exercises, constructing ranges, collection of stores and preparation of process is now in progress.
- (d) Instructional Staff is expected back on the 17th.
- (e) It is hoped to start the Junior Leaders Wing on the 2 April, the other courses on the 8th.

GSO II (Schools) considers that he will be able to make a first class School at LAUZIANG.

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## 6. Driving and Maintenance School.

Owing to operational requirements No 2 CF Company, which was to have provided the permanent staff for the School is no longer available.

This has curtailed the training of a fresh staff. Of 100 Drivers recruited as instructors, 40 are now fully trained, but 60 still require further training.

Whilst it is well to exist, a specialist course could be run to help 30 men, it would be a very intensive course.

Whether the staff of the school is really in reality, but it is hoped to overcome this by 3 April 45.

## 7. Infantry Training.

(a) The present state of training is as follows :-

370 have completed 5th week of training.  
3,404 have completed 4th week of training.  
1,413 have completed 3rd week of training.  
1,400 are undergoing preliminary training.  
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(b) The Infantry School is at present running courses as follows :-

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|------------------------|-------------|
| (i) Tactical Course    | 100 pupils. |
| (ii) Air Mortar Course | 20 pupils.  |
| (iii) 6 inch course    | 20 pupils.  |

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(iii) Mine Warfare Course. No suitable Infantry instructors available. 6 are at present being trained on the course at BRACONNO.

(c) Reports on individual subjects.

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(i) Rifle. With the completion of 600 yards range, the course is being completed more fully. When each man has his own rifle the standard of shooting and care of arms should improve.

(ii) Bren. Shooting with this is quite good.

(iii) 2in Mortars. Training is held up by small numbers available for training.

(iv) PIAT. The situation is satisfactory.

(v) Pa. Instructors courses have been run and all men do 40 minutes daily.

(vi) Tactical and Fieldcraft Instruction. The standard of instruction is rather low. Senior Officers tend to cramp the style of the Junior Officers by over centralisation of training.

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## 8. Carabinieri School.

- (a) The whole School site is ready, classrooms, manuals and training programmes prepared. The British Staff is here, accommodation is ready and the School is ready to function when the two following demands are met.
- (i) Release of ADOS demanded training stores based on 1st Sections Provost.
  - (ii) The posting in of Italian Instructors.
- (b) Formations of Carabinieri Company.
- (i) These are being clothed in BD and equipped as British Provost.
  - (ii) Equipment is in process of being received.
  - (iii) The Company is undergoing training as a British Provost Company.
  - (iv) One Section and Company are still awaited.
- (c) Traffic Control Personnel. 20 men other than CC.RR have already been trained, a further 20 artillery are due for Regimental Police training.
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This report therefore, includes no detailed appendices. Future reports will do so.

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CONFIDENTIAL.COPY.Royal Artillery Training Memorandum No. 6.

The Courses arranged to train the Instructors who are to teach at the School and Depot at Malvern have now finished. The duration of courses was as follows :-

| <u>COURSE.</u> | <u>DURATION.</u> | <u>DATES.</u>    |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Anti Aircraft  | 3 1/2 weeks      | 31 Jan - 24 Feb. |
| Anti Tank      | 3 1/2 weeks      | 31 Jan - 24 Feb. |
| 25 pr          | 5 1/2 weeks      | 31 Jan - 9 Mar.  |

Students attended as follows :-

|                                  | <u>25 pr.</u> | <u>40 pr.</u> | <u>17 pr.</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Officers from IOWARD             | 10            | 8             | 5             |
| WCO's from IOWARD                | 33            | 21            | 25            |
| Officers from AIRMOVA Gruppe     | -             | -             | 4             |
| WCO's from AIRMOVA Gruppe        | -             | -             | 6             |
| WCO and O.R. from POLARIS Gruppe | -             | 2             | -             |

On termination of the Courses recommendations were made as to which officers and WCO's would, from the technical point of view be best suited for the posts of permanent instructors. The quality of the 40 and 17 pr Courses was high and the selection of suitable instructors easy. The standard of the 25 pr Course was disappointing. Only 4 Officers and 8 WCO's reaching the highest standard required by us to qualify them as instructors at Depot Artillery School. In order to deal with the temporary problems it was recommended that a further 5 Officers from among the students be appointed as instructors in a temporary capacity. Seven other WCO's were considered to be capable of instructing in one or other branch of the art and their nomination as instructors was recommended on the understanding that their instruction in the early stage be limited to those spheres in which they were considered proficient. In this manner all the Officer vacancies for Instructors can be filled and 15 out of the 24 vacancies for Sergeant Instructors. In examining the Instructor situation and in view of the excess of junior officers still probably recommended that part of the instructional difficulties

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On 13 & 14 Mar this unit arrived in BRACCIANO to supervise the training of reinforcements and is now established here. Signals etc are collected daily from the Signal Office RMAC Rome.

Field  
16 Mar 45.

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Reports - SIVA.

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H.Q. SIVA,  
MANZIANA.Commanding Officer,  
"P" BLU., RTC., ICF.

Ref SIVAREP. 1.

10 March 1945

Date 13/3 File 52

1. The programmes for all schools have been prepared and those for the Tactical School approved by Col REA. The Administration School and W.T. School programmes are almost identical with those in use at the CMTC.

2. The Demonstration Coy is now completely installed at MANZIANA and has started to train. Next week I hope to start rehearsals for demonstrations and exercises which will be used when the Tactical School opens. Meanwhile a certain number of picked soldiers are being trained in the 3" Mortar and 6 pr A/Tk.

3. The "Service Coy" is now in quarters in MANZIANO and is beginning to function. It comprises clerks, drivers, cooks, batmen, etc.

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Shortage of transport is our greatest difficulty and one which is certain to impair the success of SIVA unless a remedy is found shortly. At present our transport consists solely of two 3-tonners without lights and in poor running order. These have to maintain the two coys here, carry material needed for the schools from Rome - furniture, etc., - and keep us in touch with CESANO. Recesses to the training areas are having to be done on foot with corresponding loss of time.

When the schools are running we shall have about 200 students **5567** a demonstration Coy of 100 who will have to be carried to and from the training area. This centre is modelled on the CMTC where the JLV alone has an allotment of 3 x 3-tonners, 4 x 15 cwt and 1 Jeep; the SUCC has at least 4 x 3-tonners and all the other schools had an allotment of transport of their own. I understand that for all purposes SIVA has been allotted 8 cars, *covered* + 5 M/LA 3 x 15 cwt, 3 x 3-tonners on the War Establishment. I would like verification of this.

In view of the above I make an urgent request that the allotment of transport be reconsidered and a further allocation of at least 3 x 3-tonners personnel, and 3 M/LA (one for the MTO and 2 for DPs) be made.

#### 7. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

I have arranged with Major Price for a certain number of weapons and am to be made available for the Demonstration Coy. If possible I would like an allotment of rifles made to this Coy if and when they become available.

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8. The ORIOLO Regiment HQs are still occupying buildings originally reserved by the Commandant of the Schools for the Weapon Trg School. These buildings are needed and it would help if they could be vacated by 20 March. This would give us about 12 days to get them organized for the W.T. School.

At the risk of appearing persistent I would like to repeat that the removal of this Regiment out of the MANZIANA area would help towards the success of the schools.

9. LIGHTING.

Permission for permanent electric lighting is apparently granted by allied sources. This will be required for all the premises occupied by SIVA in MANZIANA. To whom do I apply for this?

*Major Fay...  
RAAC  
EH/...  
when done for details*

*W. L. Pina Major*  
Major, GSO. II, *for*  
Schools.

Copy to:  
GSO. II, BTU.  
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SUBJECT: Infantry Training - Progress Report No.1.

"H" BTI, RTC., ICF.

Ref: BTI/A.1/4

8 March 1945.

G.S.O.I., "F" BLU., RTC., ICF.  
G.S.O.II., "G" BTU., RTC., ICF.1. GENERAL.

The Infantry Training state as at 7th March was as follows:-

- (a) 370 men start 4th week of Training.  
3,404 men start 3rd week of Training.  
1,113 men start 2nd week of Training.
- (b) Approximately 1,000 recruits are undergoing preliminary training.
- (c) 400 Artillery, converted to Infantry, are awaiting transfer to Oriolo Camp.
- (d) Infantry School commences 2nd week.

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Training is organised in this Regiment. Men are always properly dressed and if the instruction sometimes leaves much to be desired this will be eradicated when the effect of the Instructors and Infantry School are felt.

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The foundation of the trouble is discipline. The following are some of the principal causes:-

- (a) Poor Officers and N.C.Os.
- (b) Inability to punish offenders.
- (c) Political troubles.
- (d) Poor condition of accommodation, which is not good for morale, i.e. dark rooms, bad washing facilities, insufficient cooking arrangements and stinking latrines.
- (e) The fact that even 1 man walking in the COMB creates a lot of noise. 3,666 make an uproar.

The Infantry School is good, considering the experimental nature of the course. It will be very good as its commanders are capable and energetic.

3. REMEDIAL ACTION.

To improve the state of training, the first requirement is competent officers and N.C.Os. This is receiving the full attention of Colonel Sivo who is, in his own words, "giving a blood transfusion to No.2 Regiment".

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The instructional side will improve when students return off courses.

Every effort is being made to produce training equipment, and by the end of this month the position should be satisfactory.

It is essential, however, that sufficient transport be allotted to Regiments, both to carry out normal camp services and also to draw training equipment from the magazine.

#### 4. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

The position in general is satisfactory with the exception of 2" Mortars and F.I.A.Ts and Infantry signal equipment. Rifles, which were a problem, now appear to have been settled.

Targets and Ranges, Assault courses, etc., are being made slowly if surely.

The 1st 12 Target 500 yard Range should be open on Monday, 12th March 45.

30 yard Ranges are adequate.

Two simple assault courses are being prepared.

A small but urgent requirement is white paint which is essential.

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(e) Infantry Signals.

Capt Thomas will be sending instructors. At present we have only instructors trained in Italian Equipment available. Only a limited amount of equipment is available. It is proposed however to try and start something even if it is only learning the morse code.

(f) Carrier Instruction.

Nil at present.

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The above notes are a very brief summary of the state of training as it is at present.

Field.  
JLP/asj.

*B.L. Price*  
Major, G.II.  
Training.

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## SUBJECT:-

Training.

"H" BTI, RTC, ICF.

Ref: BTI/A.1/5

8 March 1945.

Chief of Staff Training,  
P.T.C., I.C.F. (For Col Sivo).

G.S.C.I.,

"F" E.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. At present with the Gruppi there is a demand more for specialists rather than for the ordinary foot soldiers. As this affects Infantry Training this applies mainly to the production of signallers, carrier drivers, pioneers, etc.

2. At present only the Infantry school is producing specialists, and this in very limited numbers.

The equipment, though at present very limited, is sufficient to produce more output than is at present scheduled.

3. I would like therefore that a start be made using the personnel intended for No.4 Regiment. We can start on Monday a class of 10 on the 6-pdr using Capitano Pinto and Sgt Maggiore Cuiliani as instructors.

I would suggest that they use the Infantry school as a temporary base and the equipment at the disposal of the Infantry school.

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6. If the Infantry School is unwilling to co-operate I would suggest that H.Q. No.1 Regiment be moved forthwith to the fourth lotto and the H.Q. left vacant to become the nucleus of No.4 Regiment.

I think it is essential to use all available equipment and not to waste the enthusiasm of instructors at present employed in various jobs about the camp.

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*W.L. Price*

Major, G.II.,  
Training.

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