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SUBJECT: Dress Discipline R.D. (Guided Drill).

'P' HQ. SPTG. HQ.
REF: AG/26/512
8 May 1945.

To: H.Q.
R.T.G., I.C.P.

Reference to H.Q. Letter AG/26/415 dated 20 April 45.

Guided Drill dress will be taken into use forthwith.

Major R.A.

Major R.A.
DAA & S.

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Distribution.

- Q1 HQ
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- Major E.Y. Andrews, RASC
- Major E. Huntington, Kings Own
- Major J.C. Shandland, R.E.
- Capt. C.P.R. Gordon, RWA
- Major F. Ledy, Kings Own
- Major J.A.C. Grindle R.F.
- Major E.B.C. Ward, Recce.
- Major R.P.H. Evans, DLI
- Major A.J. Edwards, Recce.
- Major T.A. Newley, Y & L.
- DSI Marsh.
- DSI H. Jay.
- DSI Spears.
- DSI Baker.
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171/A11
29 APR Recd

SUBJECT :- Dress Discipline - Khatol Drill (KD)

'F' HLU INTO ICF
Ref AQ/26/445

28 April 45

H.Q.
NIC ICF

1. Further to this H.Q. letter, AQ/26/370 dated 20 April 45, owing to inclement weather, the wearing of KD will not take effect as from 1st May, 1945.
2. Further instructions will be issued at a later date.

Major, H.A.,
D. & Co.

HQ/12

DISTRIBUTION

- 1st Lt
- 2nd Lt
- Major H.A. ADDRESS RANGE
- Major H. HUNTERMAN HESBY OBY
- Major J.C. MAXIMUS
- Capt. G.H.L. GORDON
- Major S. MEGG KINGS
- Major G. G. G. G. G.
- Major H. G. G. G. G.
- Major H. P. G. G. G.
- Major A. J. G. G. G.
- Major H. G. G. G. G.
- 1st Lt
- 2nd Lt
- 1st Lt
- 2nd Lt

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160/AM
25 APR Recd

FM HLU IRTC ICF
Ref AQ/26/424

25 April 45

SUBJECT Dress Discipline - Khaki Drill (KD)

HQ RTICF

Further to this HQ letter AQ/26/370 dated 20 April 45.

In view of the fact that a Cloth Belt is being supplied with the Bush Shirt, Off Duty Dress should be amended as follows :-

OFF DUTY

KD Shorts
Bush Shirt. (tucked inside shorts)
Web Belt
Hosetops
Anklets Web
Boots or Shoes

or

KD Slacks
Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)
Web Belt
Boots or Shoes

KD Shorts
Bush Shirt (worn outside)
Cloth Belt/Web Belt
Hosetops
Anklets Web
Boots or Shoes

KD Slacks
Bush Shirt (worn outside)
Cloth Belt/Web Belt
Boots or Shoes

Maj IA
DAA & QMG

ECM/cll

Internal

Hosotops
Anklets Web
Boots or Shoes

KD Slacks
Bush Shirt (worn outside)
Cloth Belt/Web Belt
Boots or Shoes

MAJ RA
DAA & QMG

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Anklets Web
Boots or Shoes

KD Slacks
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Web Belt
Boots or Shoes

or

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Major E. I. ANDREWS RASC

Major E. HUNTINGDON KIERS OIN

Major J. C. BLAXLAND RE

Capt G. T. R. GORDON RWK

Major T. LEAHY KIERS

Major J. A. G. GRIBBLE LANG FUS LF

Major T. G. C. WARD RECCE

Major R. F. R. EVANS DELI

Major A. J. EDMONDS HAMES

Major T. K. KEWLEY YORKS & LANC

BSM MARSH

BSM MAJOR

BSM SPEERS

BSM BAKER

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Please arrange necessary
demonstrations with the DSM's

Wray Price

156/A11

23 APR Recd

SUBJECT: DISCIPLINE

REF: HQ 1000 1007
REF HQ 1000 1006

21 April 45

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1. A recent survey has been made by Officers of the British establishment of the main points of discipline which seem to need attention and an endeavour has been made to suggest methods of improvement.

2. As a result of this survey the following points emerge :-

(a) There are large numbers of men who do not go on training at all or who turn up late for parades. On one anti-tank class in the Infantry Specialist School 50 per cent of the students were absent. Investigation showed that these absences came from No 1 and 3 Battalions of No 2 Regiment. In the absence of the Regimental Commander the Second in Command stated :-

"The absentees were particulars who only turned up on parade if it suited them. Particulars were very difficult to deal with and Sgt. [Name] looked after them. He remarked that the absentees would be punished."

I regard the statement that Sgt. [Name], a high number of the Government should in any way be responsible for or interfere with the Military discipline of an Italian Army training establishment as being a very serious allegation. Frankly I do not believe it to be true but I think it should be investigated.

I should like to be informed whether the absentees were punished and if so what punishment was awarded. When we are doing all we can to impress on the Italian soldier that there is no higher honour than to be allowed to fight for the freedom of Italy with one of the forward fighting groups, it seems highly illogical to put offenders to forward groups as a form of punishment.

The case of the anti-tank class quoted as by no means an isolated case, as the signal class of the same school has a daily strength of 1500.

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The case of the anti-tank class quoted is by no means an isolated case, as the signal class of the same school has a daily average of from four to five absences. Maj KING reports that he has previously seen men turning up for parade half an hour late. The complaint applies to both Regiments and both Commanders have reported the fact but I am sure steps appear to have been taken to put an end to these offences.

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2. (Continued)

(b) Absence from parade

There are invariably a large number of men leaving about during working hours with no intention of doing any work. Officers and NCOs appear to take no interest in this deplorable situation. It is not the duty of British Officers, who are in any case hampered by the language difficulty to even question these men, but the duty of their own Italian Officers and NCOs. No man should be permitted to be absent from parade without a proper excuse and steps should be taken to ensure that those who are excused parade for any purpose are engaged in the duty for which they were excused. Large numbers of men allowed to do nothing are a bad example and a discouragement to those who are now conscientious. I hope you will be able to institute measures to stop this practice. I suggest an Officer's patrol making continuously throughout all parade periods and visiting the whole Camp Area with the object of postulating all men who are not engaged on some duty.

(c) Inspections

Inspections were ordered by Col SIVO during the first ten minutes of both the morning and afternoon parades. These inspections appear not to be held. I suggest urgent steps should be taken to ascertain why your orders given through Col SIVO are not being obeyed.

(d) Care of Arms

By DA & JG Major CALDI has written to you under separate cover on this matter. Arms and Equipment are in exceedingly short supply and any soldier who wilfully fails to maintain his weapon in a properly serviceable condition should be punished and Officers and NCOs who by negligence failed to detect these offenses should be removed from their posts. Any Unit with dirty weapons gives an indication of the incompetence and lack of interest of its Officers. It is noticeable that the OTR Movement is invariably well turned out both in their personal equipment and weapons and there is no reason why this standard should not exist throughout the Centre.

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(e) Civilians

The number of civilians in the Centre is increasing. These include farmers, shopkeepers, mechanics and children. This is a great danger to security and I recommended that all civilians living in the area should be issued with passes, that all women employed by the Corporation should have a pass and that itinerant farmers and mechanics should be very strictly limited and only allowed in the area with the pass. Children are more difficult to control but they should not be allowed to enter hospital or visit bars and Training Areas. To control the civilians it will be necessary to institute regular patrols from other sources than the OOR who are already overstressed.

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2. (Continued)

(2) Uniformity of Dress

A very considerable effort was made by the British staff to demonstrate the correct method of wearing British battle dress and equipment. This does not appear to have had the slightest effect and I am very dubious whether any effort has been made by those who witnessed the demonstration to convey the information down to every man under their command. (iii) A floating population, there would be a dress demonstration to all units at least once a week and disciplinary should be taken against those who are too lazy to comply with the standards laid down. In this connection I am at a loss to understand why soldiers immediately and their battle dress at the first opportunity and talk about with their clothes flapping like a scare-crow. It is not worthy of the dignity of the British Army and would have been unheard of in the old days.

I have also noticed cases where on route marches and the like when men have carried their full equipment, officers have paraded with no equipment whatsover. All ranks must invariably dress alike - in the forward areas they will be shot out and killed if they don't - and failure to do so in a training establishment is a gross abuse of privilege and leads to very justified ill-feelings between officers and men.

I hope you will give strict orders on this point and have no hesitation in punishing officers who are too lazy to obey your orders.

2. In conclusion, although the standard of discipline is improving in the G.I.s it leaves a great deal to be desired. The arrival of specially selected officers from Africa will be of the utmost value and they should be told that it is the object of this Centre to bring back to the new Italian Army those high standards of discipline and smartness for which the pre-war Italian Army was justly famed.

No single instance of insubordination or disrespect should be allowed to pass unnoted and all officers of whatever rank, whether old or new, should be assured that the full support of the Higher Command of the Centre and of the G.I.s. lies behind their authority and will support them in every step they take toward reaching the high standard for which we are all working.

J. H. H. H.

The departure of the draft centering was to the 10th Army. Although officers have been advised that all the material should be carefully checked for order by officers already attached to the centering, there was a breakdown of order which was not allowed to.

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The departure of the draft yesterday was a deplorable performance. Although orders have been issued that all ammunition should be carefully checked and under no circumstances should soldiers carry any ammunition when on duty, there was a failure of discipline when the train pulled out. This question is being discussed with the discipline and drill centre. E.M.M.

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Major King ✓
Major Price
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Lieut. Colonel R.A. 627

(Handwritten signature)

143/A11
20 APR Recd

H. B. V.

SUBJECT :- Dress Discipline - Jungle Drill (HQ)

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
FOR HQ/20/370

20 April 45

W.L.

HQ 20/370

1. Summer Dress, known in the British Army as Jungle Drill will be worn when called from 1st May 1945.

2. The issue to all troops is as follows :-

- 1 pair of shorts
- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of shirts
- 1 pair of trousers.

3. One piece of clothing requires an explanation and that is the 'shorts'. These are a substitute for stockings and are worn high up the leg, overlapping the socks and turned down just below the knee.

4. It is at the option of the Commander HQ 20/370, whether shorts or slacks are worn during the day-time, but it is essential that when soldiers are on parade that necessary orders are given so that uniformity of dress is achieved.

5. A survey has been made of this area and it is considered inadvisable by medical authorities. The following rule is strictly enforced and ordered by British authorities :-

NO STRONGS AND SLACKS WITH SHIRTS TO BE WORN FROM 10.00 AM TO 10.00 PM IN THE BARRACKS OF THIS 1000 HOUR AREA. (SEE HOUR VESTING SYSTEM).

Disciplinary action must be taken against any offender.

6. Arrangements will be made for a demonstration of the wearing of British style of tropical kit. This will be conducted at such a time as the issue of the previous communication and in ample time before tropical kit is taken into use.

7. Rules set out in the note of dress, however, are as follows :-

5. It is at the option of the Commander IAW IAW, whether shorts or slacks are worn during the day-time, but it is essential that when soldiers are on parade that necessary evidence be given as to the uniformity of dress is achieved.

6. A survey has been made of this area and it is considered unknown by medical authorities. The following rule is strictly therefore enforced by British authorities :-

NO SLACKS AND SHORTS WITH STRIPES FOUND FROM WITHIN THE AREA IN THE EVENING AS FROM 1900 HOURS UNTIL ONE HOUR BEFORE DUSK.

Disciplinary action must be taken against any offender.

7. Arrangements will be made for a demonstration of the wearing of British style of tropical kit. This will be conducted at each Regiment on the lines of the previous demonstration and in ample time before tropical kit is taken into use.

8. Brief notes on the mode of dress, however, are as follows :-

CONDUCT

- ED Shorts
- Brush Shirt (tucked inside the shorts)
- Web Belt
- Handkerchiefs
- Amulet's Web
- Foots

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- ED Slacks
- Brush Shirt (tucked inside the shorts)
- Web Belt
- Amulet's Web
- Foots

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OFF DUTY

YD Shorts
Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)
Web Belt
Hosetops
Anklets Web
Boots or Shoes

-- OR --

YD Slacks
Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)
Web Belt
Boots or Shoes.

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DISTRIBUTION

- 101 DTI ✓
- 101 DTU
- Major E.Y. ANDREWS RASC
- Major E. HUNTINGDON KINGS OWN
- Major J.C. BLAXLAND RE
- Capt C.T.R. GORDON ~~RE~~
- Major T. LEAHY
- Major J.A.C. GUINBLE
- Major T.G.C. WARD RECCE
- Major R.P.R. SWANS

D. W. Ireland

MAJ RA
DAA & OIG

if less appropriate necessary

D. W. Filand

MsJ RA
DAA & OIT

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DISTRIBUTION

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- 'C' DTU
- Major E.Y. ANDREWS RASC
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- Major T. LEAHY
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- Major T.G.C. VARD RECCE
- Major R.F.R. EVANS
- Major A.J. MEXONS
- Major T.A. HEBLEY
- BSM WALSH
- BSM MAJOR
- BSM SPINERS
- BSM BAKER
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} Please arrange necessary
} demonstrations with the BSM's

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21 Recd

SUBJECT :- Discipline - Small Arms

1st BDU HQ ICF
Ref AQ/54/576

20 Apr 45

HQ HQ ICF

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a report from my DADE on Small Arms maintenance in POC ICF Units at MAZELANA and TRIVIGNANO.

2. The following is an extract from a report by GSO, II Infantry on No 2 Regiment :-

"Yesterday I found a Bren Gun so rusty that the barrel would NOT come off. I produced it for the benefit of the Regimental Commander. A inspection of the Guard's rifles by Major WINDS produced similar results".

3. The question of proper maintenance of Small Arms is a most serious matter. If a soldier neglects his Arms he is unable to fight and consequently is useless as a soldier. To have a rusty weapon is a very serious military crime - not only is the owner of the weapon itself guilty of negligence but also the NCO in charge of his squad and platoon officer.

4. It is felt that GOC MEC ICF will want the most energetic steps taken to ensure that all weapons in Units under his command be properly kept and maintained.

[Signature]
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DAA & QEB

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HQ ICF
GSO II Infantry

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Internal ✓
THY EMI ✓

GSO II Infantry
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MAJ RA
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Appendix 'A' to
HQ PWO ITCF letter
AG/5A/376 Dated 20 Apr 45

COPY

SUBJECT :- Small Arms

PERE/EC/1

Commandant
VF B.L.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.
C. M. F.

My Staff Sergeant Armourer has just returned from zeroing the sights of the Small Arms at Manziana and Trevignano, and reports as follows :

1. Manziana All the Small Arms need inspecting, as some need repair. The maintenance of the Arms is only fair.
2. Trevignano Small Arms in a very bad condition. The faults noted were, no maintenance after weapons had been used, wrong bolts in rifles; many rifles with safety-catches missing; wrongly assembled Gun Machine Bren, one of the Brens was found to be seized up due to rust.
3. HQ PWO ITCF should be advised of the seriousness of neglecting Arms, and that while trained armourers are lacking, an NCO and six or seven men should be detailed at each of the above Centres to be responsible for the cleaning and care of the weapons. There is no excuse, as there is sufficient cleaning material at the Centres.
4. Arrangements should be made for U.S. Weapons to be sent into the Armourers Section of the Mechanics School as soon as possible for repair.

Copies to :- OC Mechanics School
Float
File

(sgd) Maj C.H.C. HILTON DALE

April 20th 45

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April 20th 45

(sgd) MAJ C.H.C. HILTON DAIRIE

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Discipline - General

SUBJECT:-

11th BVI INTC ICF

Ref: BVS/A.11/16.1

19 April 1945

Commander,
12th BVI INTC ICF

The following are a few examples of the instances quoted in the attached letter.

1. (a) In the actual case quoted which was from the Infantry Specialist School, ten men of the class were absent. The absentees being from No.1 and No.3 Battalions of No.2 Regiment.

I went straight to the Regimental Office and saw the 2 i/c of the Regiment, as the Regimental Commander was not present. I said I was very annoyed and that we were wasting our time if we ran courses and the men did not turn up. He explained that they were partisans and turned up on parade if it suited them. I asked him what he was going to do about it and he said they would be punished. I also asked him for a report which has not yet been received.

He said it was very difficult to deal with Partisans and Signor FALCINO looked after them. I asked him to let me know in future of any cases of interference. Major Edmonds was present at this interview.

This is a particular case, but the Signal Class of the same school has a daily average of about 4 - 5 absentees. I myself have seen men turning up on parade half-an-hour late.

The examples given are from the Infantry Specialist School. The same applies to the Infantry School, though absence is better here. Equally will do the remarks about 2nd Regiment apply in this case to the first. Both School Commanders have made complaints about this through Italian Channels.

(b) As regards the men absent from ordinary training, the position is admitted bad by the Italians themselves.

On Monday, with Major Miskin, I showed him round a barrack room in No.1 Regiment (No.2 Bn). There about 30 men off parade doing nothing. Yesterday I took a particularly idle looking individual up to his adjutant.

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2. Inspections were ordered by Col SIVO during the first 10 minutes of the morning and the first 10 minutes of the afternoon. If they are carried out in No.2 Regiment there is little visible sign of it. ²²

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Yesterday I found a Bren gun so rusty that the barrel would not come off. I produced it for the benefit of the Regimental Commander. An inspection of the Guards rifles by Major Edmonds produced similar results.

3. As regards Hawkers, Vendors, Photographers, etc, I understand that Capt GORDON is submitting a report. On rounds I made of the barracks there were 5 photographers in No.1 Regiment area, 4 in the area of the Platoon Trasporti, 3 outside the Magazine and 2 outside the Theatre. There was also, yesterday, a civilian playing the accordion outside the Divisional HQ Officers Mess.

Watching a class of gas gun manufacturing on Monday were about 20 children. Areas where civilians live are as follows:-

(a) Divisional HQ area.

(b) Terzo Lotto.

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(c) Next to Officers Mess in No.2 Regiment.

In addition, there are always the daily newspapers salesman.

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WLP

Major GSO.II
Inf Training

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - General

'H' INF INTG ICF

Ref: BIL/A.11/144

Comd,
'F' BLU INTG ICF

18 April 1945

The following are points of general discipline here which I have either been unable to correct, or which do not come into my province.

1. The number of men who either do not go on training or who are late for parades, absent of course, is still very high. In an M/Tk gun class yesterday 50% of the students were absent.

The regiment in question, on being asked why these men were absent, seemed to think that it was quite normal and that there was little to be done about it.

2. All battalions should have a short muster parade before commencing training in the morning. They know this but in most cases do not do it. This parade is for inspecting the men and detailing any fatigues.

3. There are also large numbers of civilians still living in the camp, also many photographers and vendors. The numbers of these is increasing and I suggest they are undesirable inside the camp.

4. The above points are really of general discipline rather than of training, and I would request that they might be taken up with the Italian Command.



Major C30.11
Inf Training 5620

WLP/aaqj

Maj Rice.

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Ref AQ/26/360

18 Apr 45

HQ ITC ICF

1. Summer Dress will be taken into use with effect from 1 May 45.
2. Instructions on the wearing of Summer Dress will be issued by this office within the next few days.


Maj RA
DAA & QMG

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InternalCopy to :- ALL OFFICERS
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BT 5619

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/A.11/145

19 April 1945

For Correspondence on Q.M.S.I. Rowe See

CONFIDENTIAL file.

Letters already contained
as follows:-

DO from Col Gayer dtd 13 Apr 45
DO to Col Gayer dtd 19 Apr 45
(latter ref:BTI/A.11/145)

Rowe

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SUBJECT:-

Drafts - Discipline.

HQ, HQ ICF
 CO No. 1 Regiment
 CO No. 2 Regiment
 CO No. 3 Regiment

Info:
 P HQ ICF ICF

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Ref: HQ/A.11/110

8 April 1945

1. The HQ ICF has complained that the draft landing GROUND on GROUND fired shots from the train as it left.
2. This must obviously stop. It is apparent, however, that insufficient care is taken on training when live ammunition is used to withdraw every round at the conclusion of the exercise.
3. This must always be done, and it is suggested that in addition a most careful check be made before drafts depart.

WLP/auj

D.L. Price

Major, GSO.II
Inf Training.

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WLP

F...I...L...E.

SUBJECT:- Dress Discipline (Draft Copy).'H' BTI MGFC ICF
Ref: BTI/A.11/31Staff Capt,
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Ref your letter, I think this is most valuable and excellent. I would suggest a programme as follows:-

- (i) that the 3 WO.IIs and 2 British ORs visit Regimental Headquarters and show the equipment to Senior Officers down to and including Coy Commanders.
- (ii) Each member of the team to be dressed differently to demonstrate all the orders of dress.
- (iii) That one of the Maltese Interpreters be present to explain the various points and
- (iv) that the actual demonstration be run by the Senior British WO.II.

I do not think that it is feasible to have this demonstration before about Wednesday owing to the length of time required to warn all Italians concerned. The suggested programme might be

0900 hours - TREVIGNANO Camp.

1100 hours - Nos 1 and 2 Regiments at HQ of No.2 Regt.

It is not known whether the turnout of the Artillery and Engineers warrant a demonstration though this might be arranged if necessary, p.m. of the same day.

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