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SUBJECT : Progress Reports.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/Trg/2

7 June 45

TO : "G" Training Unit to Italian Army

Copy to : "F" BLU RTC ICF

1. CM/1018/1 dated 11 May 45 is a revised W.E. for R.T.C. I.C.F.

2. In view of the imminente disbandment of "G" Training Unit, all future corespondence, reports etc should emanate from the office of "F" BLU and not"G" Training Unit as heretofore.

3. This HQ is now responsible for control and supervision of Training of Italian Army.

4. In consequence Progress reports previously addressed to DMT (copy to MMIA) will now be addressed to this HQ.

5. You are requested in future to forward 5 copies of Progress reports to this HQ who will if necessary pass a copy to D.M.T.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT :- Monthly Progress Reports.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref HTU/A.1/463

14 Jun 45

GSO II (Training)
LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) MMIA.

Herewith details of the framework for the Monthly Report, at present submitted to HQT and will in future be submitted to MMIA.

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SUBJECT :- Details of the framework of the Monthly Report.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) No 1 Reception Regt, No 2 Trg Regt, (inf) and Infantry School.

(b) No 3 Regt by Arms and Services.

(c) Provost School.

(d) Schools.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses.

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(The above will be made with special reference to All Arms Instructors School, Signal School, etc.)

(e) Number of personnel attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the courses.

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

(b) Numbers sent forward weekly (by Arms)

(c) Numbers of Rfts held at end of month (by Arms).

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian).

(a) Deficiencies against WE.

(b) Standard of Instruction.

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(a) Detailed statement of Controlled Stores received during the month (by sub-units)

(b) Details of any deficiencies of outstanding urgency (to be shown as an Appendix).

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(b) Hygiene

(c) Welfare

(d) Morale.

7. GENERAL.

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SUBJECT : Progress Reports.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army.
C. M. F.

Ref BTU/A.1/450

9 June 45.

DMT.

Herewith two (2) copies of Appendix "H" of our Progress Report No 6 Ref. BTU/A.1/429 dated 1 June 45.

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PROGRESS REPORT No 6

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'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref HTU/A.1/429

1 June 45.

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LAND FORCES SUB CCSM (AC) MMIA Trg Branch (3)
'P' HQ LHTC ICF (7)

Herewith report for the month of May 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

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The training and general administration of the Regiment continues to improve and is making good standard. If a little more interest was shown by the Italian Senior Officers this Regiment could be further improved.

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The new Regimental Commander is gradually producing better results, but this Regiment appears to be burdened with some ~~most useless and~~ inefficient officers who, it is hoped, will be replaced. The standard reached at present is not so good as No 1 Regiment but shows recent progress and is improving.

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This School is very satisfactory and has developed first rate instruction, and a great amount of interest shown by all students; the courses ~~being~~ well organised and Training efficiently laid on. The only course which suffered from ~~ill~~ chosen students was the Snipers Course.

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The ~~suitably organised~~ arrangements made for Specialist Training are now ~~showing~~ good results. All types of training have made progress and reinforcements are available.

3-in Mortar Training. ~~What was weak~~ has been improved by a change of instructors.

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Carriers. Now satisfactory. Out of 69 men under training 67 were found to be satisfactory. Maintenance difficulties have been partly overcome by obtaining a further small supply of tools and the workshop is beginning to run well.

A Tk 6 pr. Proceeding satisfactorily and the students keen. A miniature range for scale shooting now being constructed. Results from recent firing live ammunition were excellent.

Mines Course. Considerable interest being shown and a good standard of instruction. Recently a larger mines ~~museum~~ obtained.

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1. (e) Continued.

P.T. A P.T. Course for Instructors now in progress. Far more interest now being shown in PT - particulary since the "Tough Tactics" Team gave a 2 hour demonstration to the whole Centre which went down well.

Signals. The Signals Course commenced last month continues to make good headway.

Hygiene School. Due to unforeseen difficulties the Hygiene School for Unit Officers and NCOs did not start until the beginning of June but the course is well arranged and under direct supervision of the Senior MO here.

(f) No 3 Regt.

Bad administration continues to spoil good training. Much has been done to improve general conditions and the accommodation problem is not so acute but the whole question has again been taken up with the Italian HQ and drastic action explained. There is some improvement over last month.

(i) Signals School.

This School is well organised and efficiently run, progress has been maintained and a lot has been done to obtain punctuality and the maximum use of lesson time. In this respect Officers have set a good example. A system of testing all intakes of recruits to the Centre has produced a number of suitable students for the School and although still not working to maximum capacity of 500, this can be adjusted as soon as accommodation becomes available. Workmen are still in one half of the Signal buildings.

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Far more of the training is now being accepted by the Italian Staff though the standard of this instruction is not good. Practical Mine Training especially in the Specialist School is progressing but does not instill confidence in the students who are allowed to ignore safety precautions and will run away from a lighted charge. Lack of basic discipline accounts for the major cricism. A policy of giving preference to Training an Artieri first as a soldier and secondly as an Engineer has been

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(g) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The main problem is the difficulty of obtaining students at the right time, this is largely due to the Gruppi not releasing these students as they require them, but a pool of 50 Carabinieri has been formed fully equipped and trained and in future any Group sending in Carabinieri for training can if necessary obtain replacements at once.

The Italian Provost Section are now fully trained and up to strength carrying out their work at the Centre most efficiently. Lack of transport, with over 90% of the vehicles requiring attention makes both work and training difficult.

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1. (g) Continued.

(ii) Mechanics School.

As reported last month considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable students for the various courses; in fact the result for the recent course assembled is very discouraging. (See para 2 (a),(v)). Of the numbers sent in by the Gruppi few only were suitable and no Vehicle Mechanics or Armourers are at present under training. When it was considered what a great deal of work and British equipment has been put into the preparation and organisation of this School, and the present results, the whole question has been taken up with MMIA and it is hoped this will be effective. In addition to the difficulties of students, recently the over 30 age group were demobilized, a large number of trained instructors have gone adding such complications that until further instructors can be found this School cannot function efficiently. As the Italian D & M School at TRANI recently closed all their instructors under 30 will be made available but the outlook is not good, Instructors must be found if the School is to work.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

Training continues to progress but has been greatly hampered by the acute shortage of vehicles and equipment. Fifteen 3 Ton vehicles have been certified BER and are being evacuated. Of the remaining 86 vehicles 40 are VOR in workshops awaiting workshops attention. The balance of 46 vehicles is inadequate for the thorough training of the designed target of 400 pupils. Twenty five class V vehicles have now arrived from TRANI which will greatly alleviate the situation and will show a general improvement over the first course where an average of 20 vehicles a day only were available for road training. The question of the workshops for the Centre has continually been taken up with MMIA and is now in progress of forming, this should help as maintaining class V vehicles with Italian driving and the state of the roads here is more than difficult.

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(ii) The Tactical School moved into its new premises for this course and this standard of instruction and discussion are most favourable. Modelled very much on CATC lines and teaching by the same methods which are quite usual to the Italian Army a great deal of interest and enthusiasm is being shown by the students, it is noticeable that now we are getting students from the Gruppi with experience, the standard of discussion is more realistic.

(iii) The Weapon Training School, having now overcome its teething problems has developed well and the general standard of instruction continues to make progress.

(iv) The School of Administration is running two courses, one for Officers and one for Senior NCOs and an interesting syllabus has included visits to British Establishments in ROME. The third week of the course is spent on Hygiene as the School of Hygiene is still only partly functioning but it is hoped will start the full course next time.

The School is being organised by Sgt Barnes who was at CATC.

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1. (h) Continued.

(v) The School of Hygiene is being planned to take courses in general hygiene also Water Duties. The Model ground from CMTC ha s been installed and for the next session it is hoped to run at least three courses. The instructors have all been trained at CMTC and are keen and enthusiastic.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the Month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. The course of 80 students has just been completed. Students were keen and the course successful.

(b) 3-in Mortar Course. Forty students just completed. This course suffered rather from lack of good instructors but fair progress was made.

(c) 6pr Anti Tank Gun Course. Thirty students just completed. Very good results.

(d) Mines Course. Twenty students just completed. Very good results. The mines museum is well laid out.

(e) Snipers Course. Difficulty with the selection of students but this should be overcome in the future as a more thorough system of testing has been initiated.

(f) Physical Training Course. A short course for NCO Unit instructors has produced good results.

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See Appendix "A" attached.

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(iv) Provost School.

Course No 2 Provost Training Course did not commence until 28 May due to the delay in obtaining students. It is proceeding satisfactorily.
Course No 2 Regimental Police also commenced 28 May. In the meantime training of the pool and Carabinieri from this Centre has been proceeding.

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2. (a) Continued.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following students commenced on 20 May - the delay in starting was due to the delay in students arriving.

	Capacity of School	At Present Attending
Driver Mechanics	144	106
Armourers	8	NIL
Vehicle Mechanics	90	NIL
Gun Fitters	28	11

Out of 270 students who were ordered for these courses 167 duly arrived, 50 were returned to Unit after testing and a further 50 after 7 days working as unsuitable.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course due to finish on 5 May was extended for a further two weeks, due to students not having reached the required standard through lack of training vehicles. Of the 249 students attending the final results were as follows :-

Passed as Drivers i/c	182
To continue on next course	17
Unsuitable	50
Total	249

Of the 182 who passed 41 have been posted to the strength as instructors, 24 to the new No 3 GT Company (at present forming and being trained at this Centre), the balance to their Units here.

The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 200 students - this will be for five weeks duration.

(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

	Col/Maj	Capt/Lt	NCOs
Tactical Wing			
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Weapon Training Wing			
Platoon Weapons		18	9
3-in Mortar		9	9
6pr A Tk		9	8
Snipers		5	7
Administration Wing			
Senior	1	8	
Junior		15	12
	7	105	57

Returned to Unit - 4 Officers 5 NCOs.

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2. Continued.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

The Infantry School has been closed for a break of 14 days in order to carry out structurial improvements and to reorganise. Commencing in the middle of the month the following will continue :-

Mines Tactical Course	80	Students	3	Weeks
Anti Tank 6pr	40	"	3	"
3-in Mortar	40	"	3	"
Mines Course	20	"	3	"
Snipers	10	"	3	"

(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr, Signals, Carriers and Mines.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" Attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The courses projected for the Gruppi will be commenced as soon as conditions and accommodation are suitable.

(v) Provost School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

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In order to give the instructional staff leave in the North of Italy, as the majority come from that area, SIVA will not re-open until 16 June. Also it has been found

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See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses during May.

(i) Provost School.

10 Officers, 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

167 ORs Arrived.
56 Remained under instruction.

(iii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School

99 Officers and NCOs.

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2. Continued.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(e) Number of Personnel from PTC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the Course.

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

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See Appendix "F" attached.

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week Ending 5 May	161
" " 12 "	1,155
" " 19 "	626
" " 26 "	157

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(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26.
Infantry	18	196	150	543
Artillery	-	-	-	-
Engineers (LC Sigs)	-	-	33	44
Other Arms	-	-	-	19
Total	18	196	183	606

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3. Continued.

(c) Reinforcements held at 20 May 45.

(N.B. Strength figures are only available fortnightly from RTC)

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength.
Infantry	5,504	3,569
Artillery	1,585	1,106
Engineers (incl Sigs)	1,211	824
Other Arms	1,632	973
Totals	9,932	6,472

4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian)

(a) No 1 and 2 Regts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The process of improving instructors continues. Numbers on establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and improving.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good, showing much improvement with experience and teaching new methods.

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Very good.

(e) [illegible] School.

(i) [illegible] against WE.

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4. Continued.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Of the following :-

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors	12
Driver Mechanic Instructors	21
Armourers	1
Gun Fitters	3
	37

Five (5) only are left now the over 30's Group have been demobilised, but as stated earlier in this report it is hoped to find some Instructors from the School at TRANI.

(ii) Standard of Instruction

Good and Improving.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE is complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory. Many of the recently made instructors still lack the full technical ability necessary.

(g) SITA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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Tactical Wing	4 Officers
Weapon Training Wing	10 NCOs
Administration Wing	2 Officers

These deficiencies can only be filled as suitable Instructors are found from the courses. A number will [illegible] from the course finishing this week and [illegible] that any

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(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A general improvement over the last course as experience increases. Any tendency to lay the Law down too rigidly has been checked by the presence of the more experienced officers from the Gruppi.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation of Training Equipment remains very satisfactory. The Italian Training HQ now keep all records and demand for stores to this office. Although the Italian Officers were carefully trained and helped by Capt SMETHURST (GSO III) before he left to take up his new appointment, they still have great difficulty in identifying stores and are ~~being~~ confused in their ideas of keeping records.

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5. Continued.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the month.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(c) Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

The main items of equipment having been received, there are no really outstanding items.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regts.

Some improvements are still required to buildings, particularly to No 2 Regiment. After five months not one barrack room has a proper door or windows.

(ii) No 3 Regiment.

(a) Signals School.

After taking up the buildings problem thoroughly with the Italian HQ and causing a lot of unnecessary unpleasantness the Main School Block is almost finished and the accommodation building is going well. The whole place is still littered with sleeping Italian workmen and building materials.

(b) Engineer Training.

Accommodation improved.

(iii) Provost School.

The new block added has improved the previous cramped quarters.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

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(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

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(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

Considerable improvement over the first course. The huts originally intended for the WT Wing were not completed in time to commence the course but will now be for the Administration Company. WT Wing is well housed.

NOTE: Since taking up the whole question of accommodation with the Italian War Ministry improvements have been made but there is still a lo t of work on hand to be completed and their progress is apallingly slow.

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6. Continued.

(b) Hygiene.

Hygiene is slowly improving. The main trouble is that the Italian Senior Officers cannot see the importance of the subject, they pay lip service to hygiene in front of British Officers because they think it is what is expected of them but they do not believe in it as a prevention of disease and consequently few steps are taken to enforce hygiene rules laid down. An example is the Commander of No 1 Regiment who went to CMTC on a two day Hygiene Course and since his return has really put his knowledge into effect. As we now have two Hygiene Schools at the Centre, both well organised and teaching CMTC standards, this should eventually show its effect.

(c) Welfare.

A system of investigation of the conditions of the families of soldiers in newly occupied territory was organised before the present leave policy was put into force. This gave relatively quick news of families and helps to keep morale up.

Once again, welfare education is still in the kindergarten stage in the Italian Army - no one really sees the necessity of Welfare except in as far as it affects the soldier's stomach (miglioramento rancio) or his genitals.

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Morale is NOT as high as it was. This is due chiefly to the uncertaintly of the future. A clear cut policy by the Allies showing exactly what the position of the Italian Army is to be, would, if it comes up to expectation, restore confidence in the future and increase morale.

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This fact, together with the so often reported weakness of their officers and inefficiency of NCOs goes to make basic discipline far below standard and until a higher standard of discipline is demanded and enforced by the Italian HQ progress will not be really effective. 5880

However, training continues to progress and show improvement, and during the past month considerable headway has been made.

It is hoped that at an early date some clear cut policy about the future of this Centre will be forthcoming and will enable us to review once again the whole training programme and adjust to fit the new conditions.

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report No.5

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/Pro/60/74/2

31 May 1945

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AA & QMG
'F' BLU IRTC ICF
(In triplicate).

One copy to Bns

PM (Br), AHQ
DPM, RAAC
(Ref RAAC 48A99-99 dated 26 Feb 45)

Reference G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945, and reference this office BTI/Pro/60/74 dated 29 May 1945.

Herewith Appendix "E" to Monthly Progress Report No.5 for month ending 31 May 1945.

Captain,
Provost.

CTRC/asj

~~Purchaser~~ For Info.
Date 6 Jun 45 A-1.

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APPENDIX "E" to BTI letter BTI/Pro/60/74 dated 29 May 1945

List of Issued Equipment for the Month ending 31 May 1945

Units	Stores Received.		Transport received.
HQ 152 Iti Pro Coy, CCRR.	NIL		NIL
155 Iti Pro Sect, CCRR.	Mallets, Tent, Mk.II	5	NIL
	Discs, direction, white/red	50	
	Discs, direction, black/white	150	
	Discs, pegs, supporting	250	
	Lamps, mask, direction	50	
	Lamps, guard, TC	50	
	Indicators, arrow, luminous	2,400	
	Pins, stake, 18"	1,200	
	Pyramids, wire, collapsible	250	
	Lamps, pressure, hurricane	3	
	Plaques, metal, frames, supporting	18	
198 Iti Pro Sect, CCRR.	Mallets, Tent, Mk.II	5	NIL
	Discs, direction, white/red	50	
	Discs, direction, black/white	150	
	Discs, pegs, supporting	200	
	Lamps, mask, direction	50	
	Lamps, guard, TC	50	
	Indicators, arrow, Luminous	2,400	
	Pins, stake, 18"	1,200	
	Pyramids, wire, collapsible	250	
	Lamps, pressure, hurricane	3	
	Plaques, metal, frames, supporting	18	

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	Discs, pegs, supporting	250	
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10 Training Team R.A.
(for Italian Forces)
C.M.F.

1/303. 1 June 45. 57

Major King,
"p" BLN.

Subject: Training.

Reference conversation Major King - Major Grant.

Enclosed is a copy of the training programme 28 May - 4 June giving details of training and numbers of students.

It will be appreciated that at present training is a little difficult owing to the leave scheme at present operating which has taken away quite a high proportion of the best instructors.

In addition to the training mentioned in the R.A.Training Memorandum No.7 dated 20 May, a course has been run to train 50 Signallers in British Equipment and British procedure. This course is still in progress. Three days were also devoted to the training of Senior Officers in an elementary Course on the 19, 21 & 22 Sets.

The complete programme for June are in the course of being prepared and will be forwarded to you within the next day or two.

Allan J. Grant Major, R.A.
for Lt Col, G.S.
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)

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H.Q. 152 Artillery Regiment "PINCENO"
Training Artillery Regiment
Training Office

Training from 28 May 45 to 4 June 45.

DAYS AND HOURS	Officers 25 pr (3rd Course - 5th Week)	Troops & Recruits 25 pr Specialists	3rd 25 pr G
0700 - 1030 Monday 28 May 1500 - 1700	Gun Drill with tractor maintenance Sight Testing	Directors Range finding - Sub-Base	Ammun Layi
0700 - 1030 Tuesday 29 May 1500 - 1700	Ranging Anti-Tank (School)	Smoke screen "Oboe"	Rang
0700 - 1030 Wednesday 30 May 1500 - 1700	Shooting Shooting	Arty Boards - Gun data Target Co-ordinates Link Shooting	Shoo
Thursday 31 May		H O L I D A Y	
0700 - 1030 Friday 1 June 1500 - 1700	Change of Grid Lecturettes	Practical - Directors - Arty Boards - Sands Graph - Compass - Maps	Tact
0700 - 1030 Saturday 2 June	Examinations	Lecturettes	Lect

Number of Students on Courses:

3rd Officers Course - 25 pr	6
3rd Recruits Course - 25 pr	39
3rd Recruits Course (Spec. Laying)	18
3rd Recruits Course - 17 pr	24
3rd Recruits Course - 40 mm	20

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	Smoke screen "Oboe"	Ranging	Gun Drill	Gun Drill - check ZL Targets and Tanks Ammuntion
	Arty Boards - Gun data Target Co-ordinates Link Shooting	Shooting	Gun Drill Recoil System Sights	Gun Drill General Revision Mechanism
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	Practical - Directors - Arty Boards - Sands Graph - Compass - Maps	Tactics - Practical	Practical	Mechanism General Revision Ammunition
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SUBJECT :- Report on Artillery Training.

"G" Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref HTU/A.1/433

4 June 45.

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Further to your letter reference MT/83/9/AT.1 dated 27 May 45.

We send you herewith details of the training of 152 Artillery Regiment, also copy of letter received from G30 II (M).

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SUBJECT :- Monthly Progress Reports.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref HTU/A.1/430

4 June 45.

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1. Herewith Monthly Training Report for the month of May. This unfortunately is not complete as we are still waiting to send you Appendix "H" concerning Equipment and Stores. As this is rendered by the Italian HQ we are in the process of checking at present but hope to forward the full list in about 2 days.

2. We also attach copy of the Training Report received from Major GRIBBLE at Garibaldi Regiment which is not included in our report but will no doubt be of interest to you.

HWK/nsw

(Original Signed by Maj T. WG)
Maj
GS

PROGRESS REPORT No 6.

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'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref BTU/A.1/429.

1 June 45.

DMT (2)

LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) MMLA Trg Branch. (3)
'F' BLU IRTC ICF. (7)

Herewith report for the month of May 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) Although much still remains to be done the general progress of training continues to be satisfactory and shows improvement. The main interferances with training during the past month have been the tendency to general relaxation since the end of the war in Europe, increase in leave including the North part of Italy and the demobilisation of the men over 30 age group, the latter particularly affecting some of the more experienced Instructors. However, the standard of instruction shows considerable improvement and generally more is being done to make training more instructive and realistic. During the past month a considerable amount of training equipment and Italian Instructors have been loaned to the Garibaldi Regiment and the training arrangements for them arranged by DMT have been carried out on British weapons and equipment.

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The training and general administration of the Regiment continues to improve and is making good progress. If a little more interest was shown by the Italian Senior Officers this Regiment could be further improved.

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(d) Infantry School.

This School is very satisfactory and has developed first rate instruction. A great amount of interest is shown by all students and the courses well organised and training efficiently laid on. The only course which suffered from badly chosen students was the Snipers Course.

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(e) Infantry Specialist Training School.

The arrangements made for Specialist Training are now producing good results. All types of training have made good progress and re inforcements of all are available.

3-in Mortar Training. The previous weaknesses have been improved by a change of instructors, and training is satisfactory.

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1. (e) Continued.

Carriers. Now working well. Out of 69 men under training 67 were found to be satisfactory. Maintenance difficulties have been partly overcome by obtaining a further small supply of tools and the workshop is beginning to function well.

Anti Tank Sqn. Proceeding satisfactorily and the students keen. A miniature range for scale shooting at present being constructed. Results from recent firing live ammunition were excellent.

Mines Course. Considerable interest being shown and a good standard of instruction. Recently a larger selection of mines have been obtained.

Physical Training. A PT course for Instructors now in progress. Far more interest now being shown in PT - particularly since the "Tough Tactics" Team gave a 2 hour demonstration to the whole Centre which was very well received.

Signals. The Signals Course commenced last month continues to make good progress.

Hygiene School. Due to unforeseen difficulties the Hygiene School for Unit Officers and NCOs did not start until the beginning of June but the course is well arranged and under direct supervision of the Senior MO here. The supervising officer is keen and should do well.

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(ii) Engineer Training.

The aim of the training is now being accepted by the Italian Staff though the standard of their instruction is not good. Practical Mine Training especially in the Specialist School is progressing but does not instil confidence in the students who are allowed to ignore safety precautions and will run away from a lighted charge. Lack of basic discipline accounts for the major criticism. A policy of giving preference to Training an Artieri first as a soldier, and secondly as an Engineer has been instituted as opposed to the reverse which was necessary previously due to the urgent need for Sappers. Drill and PT are receiving more attention and special lectures and schemes for Officers have been introduced.

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1. Continued.

(E) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The main problem is the difficulty of obtaining students at the right time, this is largely due to the Gruppi not releasing their students as we require them, but a pool of 50 Carabinieri has been formed fully equipped and trained and in future any group sending in Carabinieri for training can if necessary obtain replacements at once.

The Italian Provost Section are now fully trained and up to strength, carrying out their work at the Centre most efficiently. Lack of transport, with over 90% of the vehicles requiring attention makes both work and training difficult.

(ii) Mechanics School.

As reported last month considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable students for the various courses; in fact the result for the recent course assembled is very discouraging. (See para 2 (a), (v)). Of the numbers sent in by the Gruppi few only were suitable and no Vehicle Mechanics or Armourers are at present under training. When it is considered what a great deal of work and British equipment has been put into the preparation and organisation of this School, and the present results, the whole question has been taken up with [illegible] and it is hoped this will be effective. In addition to this difficulty of obtaining students, recently the over 30 age group were demobilised, a large number of trained instructors have gone adding such complications that until further instructors can be found this School cannot function efficiently. As the Italian D & M School at TRANI recently closed all their Instructors under 30 will be made available but the outlook is not good, instructors must be found if the School is to work.

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The second course finishes this week end. Results are good and progress continues in every respect. The standard of instruction has improved including use of "The New Methods" and generally discussion and instruction are developing well.

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1. (h) Continued.

(ii) The Tactical School moved into its new premises for this Course and is now getting that exchange of ideas and experience so valued at CATC. The standard of instruction is improving with experience and students are most enthusiastic in their interest. A number of Senior Italian Officers have visited the School.

(iii) The Weapon Training School, having overcome its teething troubles has developed well and the standard of instruction continues to make progress. The School is being supervised by Sgt BARNES, who was at CATC.

(iv) The School of Administration is running two courses, one for Officers and one for Senior NCOs and an interesting syllabus has included visits to British Establishments in RAOR. The third week of the course is spent on Hygiene as the School of Hygiene is still only partly functioning but it is hoped will start the full course next session.

(v) The School of Hygiene is being planned to take courses in General Hygiene also Water Duties. The Model Ground from CATC has been installed and for the next session it is hoped to run at least three courses. The Instructors have all been trained at CATC and are keen and enthusiastic.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the month.

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(c) 6pr Anti Tank Gun Course. Thirty students just completed. Very good results.

(d) Mines Course. Twenty students just completed. Very good results. The Mines Museum is well laid out.

(e) Snipers Course. Difficulty with the selection of students but this should be overcome in the future as a more thorough system of testing has been initiated.

(f) Physical Training Course. A short course for NCO Unit Instructors has produced good results. 5867

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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2. (a) Continued.

(iii) Engineer Training.

Due to the end of the war the course planned for Engineer Specialist Training with an intake from the Gruppi did not take place and is temporarily with-held. This course could be laid on if students are forth-coming.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 2 Provost Training Course did not commence until 28 May due to the delay in obtaining students. It is proceeding satisfactorily.

Course No 2 Regimental Police also commenced 28 May. In the meantime training of the pool and Carabinieri from this Centre has been well in hand.

(v) Mechanics School.

The following students commenced on 20 May - the delay in starting was due to the delay in students arriving.

	Capacity of School	At Present Attending.
Driver Mechanics	144	106
Armourers	8	NIL
Vehicle Mechanics	90	NIL
Gun Fitters	28	11

Of the 270 students who were ordered for these courses 167 duly arrived, 50 were returned to Unit after testing and a further 50 after 7 days working as unsuitable.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course due to finish on 5 May was extended for a further two weeks - due to students not having reached the required standard through lack of training vehicles. Of the 249 students attending, the final results were as follows :-

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Passed as Drivers i/c	182
To continue on next course	17
Unsuitable	50
Total	249

Of the 182 who passed 41 have been posted to the strength as Instructors, 24 to the new No 3 GT Company (at present forming and being trained at this Centre), the balance to their Units here.

The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 200 students - this will be a five weeks course.

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2. (a) Continued.

(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

	Col/Maj	Capt/Lt	NCOs.
Tactical Wing.			
Senior Officers) and Coy Comds)	6	23	
Junior Leaders		18	
Weapon Training Wing.			
Platoon Weapons		18	21
3-in Mortar		9	9
6pr A Tk		9	8
Snipers		5	7
Administration Wing.			
Senior	1	8	
Junior		15	12
	7	105	57

Returned to Unit - 4 Officers, 5 NCOs.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

The Infantry School has been closed for a break of 14 days in order to carry out structurial improvements and to re-organise. Commencing in the middle of the month the following will continue :-

Mines Tactical Course	80 students	3 Weeks.
Anti Tank 6 pr	40 "	3 "
3-in Mortar	40 "	3 "
Mines Course	20 "	3 "
Snipers	10 "	3 "

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Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr, Signals, Carriers and Mines.

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Junior		15	12
	7	105	57

Returned to Unit - 4 Officers, 5 NCOs.

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(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The courses projected for the Group will be commenced as soon as conditions and accommodation are suitable.

(v) Provost School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

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2. (b) Continued,

(viii) SIVE All Arms Instructors School.

In order to give the Instructional Staff leave in the North of Italy, as the majority came from that area, SIVA will not re-open until 18 June. Also it has been found necessary to increase the duration of all courses to four weeks, so few students arrive with any real knowledge of British equipment or methods and extra time is required to start on a slightly lower level. Also, the extra time will give more instruction in administration, and improvement of general training.
See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses during May.

(i) Provost School.

10 Officers, 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

167 ORs arrived.
56 Remained under instruction.

(iii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

99 Officers and NCOs.

(d) Syllabus and Programmes of projected Courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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See Appendix "C" attached.

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See Appendix "E" attached.

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See Appendix "F" attached.

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(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

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2. Continued.

(c) Number of Personnel from MTC attending Courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Hygiene Course.	6 Offrs		BENEVENTO
(ii)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offrs	16 ORs	PONTECAGNANO
(iii)	Photo Intelligence.	8 Offrs		S.SEVERO.
(iv)	Gun Fitters		12 ORs	SCAFATI

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 5 May	-	161
" " 12 "	-	1,155
" " 19 "	-	626
" " 26 "	-	157

(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Infantry	18	196	150	543
Artillery	-	-	-	-
Engineers (LC Sigs)	-	-	33	44
Other Arms	-	-	-	19
Total	18	196	183	606

(c) Reinforcements held at 20 May 45.

(N.B. Strength figures are only available fortnightly from MTC).

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Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength
Infantry	5,504	3,569
Artillery	1,585	1,106
Engineers (Incl Sigs)	1,211	824
Other Arms	1,632	973
Totals.	9,932 863	6,472

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

(a) No 1 and 2 Regts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The process of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and Improving.

(b) Signals School.

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WE complete.

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Of the following :- 5862

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors	12
Driver Mechanic Instructors	21
Armourers	1
Gun Fitters	3
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Five (5) only are left now that the over age 30's group have been demobilised, but as stated earlier in this report it is hoped to find some Instructors from the School at TR/NI.

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4. (e) Continued.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WE is complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory. Many of the recently made Instructors still lack the full technical ability necessary.

(g) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Tactical Wing	4 Officers.
Weapon Training Wing	10 NCOs
Administration Wing	2 Officers.

These deficiencies can only be filled as suitable Instructors are found from the courses. A number will be forth-coming from the course finishing this week, and already the War Ministry have given an assurance that any Instructors we ask to be retained from the Gruppi will be allowed.

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A general improvement over the last course as experience increases. Any tendency to lay the Law down too rigidly has been checked by the presence of the more experienced Officers from the Gruppi.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

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(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the Month.

See Appendix "H" attached.

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(c) Details of Deficiencies of Outstanding Urgency.

The main items of equipment having been received, there are no really outstanding items.

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6. [illegible]

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regiments.

Some improvements are still required to buildings, particularly to No 2 Regiment. After five months not one barrack room has a proper door or window.

(ii) No 3 Regiment.

(a) Signals School.

After again taking up the building problem thoroughly with the Italian HQ the Main School Block is almost finished and the accommodation building is going well. The whole place is still littered with sleeping Italian workmen and building materials.

(b) Engineer Training.

Accommodation improved.

(iii) Provost School.

The new block added has improved the previously cramped quarters.

(iv) Mechanics School.

No accommodation difficulties. Accommodation good.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

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NOTE :- Since taking up the whole question of accommodation with the Italian War Ministry improvements have been made but there is still a lot of work on hand to be completed and their progress is appallingly slow.

(b) Hygiene.

Hygiene is slowly improving. The main trouble is that the Italian Senior Officers cannot see the importance of the subject, they pay lip service to hygiene infront of British Officers because they think it is what is expected of them but they do not believe in it as a prevention of disease and consequently few steps are taken to enforce hygiene rules laid down. An example is the Commander of No 1 Regiment who went to GHQ on a two day hygiene course and since his return has really put his knowledge into effect. As we now have two Hygiene Schools at this Centre, both well organised and teaching GHQ standards, these should eventually have effect.

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6. Continued.

(c) Welfare.

A system of investigation of the conditions of the families of soldiers in newly occupied territory was organised before the present leave policy was put into force. This gave relatively quick news of families and helped to keep morale up.

Once again, welfare education is still in the kindergarten stage in the Italian Army - no one realy sees the necessity of Welfare except in as far as it affects the soldiers stomach (migliorramento rancio) or his genitals.

(d) Morale.

Morale is NOT as high as it was. This is due chiefly to the uncertainty of the future. A clear cut policy by the Allies showing exactly what the position of the Italian Army is to be, would, if it comes up to expectation, restore confidence in the future and increase morale.

7. GENERAL.

With the war in Europe over, the position of Training has of necessity been adjusted to lay more stress on the production of a well disciplined soldier even at the expence of spending less time on his Field Training. This would not be a difficult undertaking if the general constitution of the average Italian man called up had any bearing on either his will to be trained as a soldier, or his general interest in the New Italian Army. Unfortunately the average Italian man who comes to this Centre is not very interested in either nor can he be made to be.

This fact, together with the so often reported weakness of their officers and inefficiency of their NCOs goes to make basic discipline far below standard and until a higher standard of discipline is demanded and enforced by the Italian HQ progress will not be really effective. At this stage it has again been suggested that an exchange of Instructors with the Gruppi should take place. This would not only lead to more experienced instruction but should also help to establish the much needed basic discipline.

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It is hoped that at an early date some clear cut policy about the future of this Centre will be forth coming and will enable us to review once again the whole Training Programme and adjust to fit the new conditions.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC IOF.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	
(a) Operators Wireless Course +	60	59	17 Weeks	Operating, instrument batteries Excercises
(b) Operators Line Course +	40	28	13 Weeks	Operating, Instrument Excercises
" " " (Inf)+	40	11		
" " " (Arty)+	20	19		
(c) Switchboard Operators Course +	20	10	4 Weeks	E & M - T Instrumen UC 10 Lin Operating
" " " (Inf)	10	7		
" " " (Arty)	10	5		
(d) Short course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	5	4 Weeks	E & M - C Fullerpho Units, ca
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course +	20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledg testing tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledg E & M. Tolophon Map rea

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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N SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

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ts	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
	59	17 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, wireless instruments, 9, 19, 22, sets, faultfinding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Excercises Periodical Testing.
	28 11 19	13 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
	10 7 5	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. F and F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
40	5	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Fullerphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to Manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

trained.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, PTC ICF (Continued)

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At Present under Training	Duration of Course	
(g) Regimental Operators+ Course (Arty)	40	21	13 Weeks	E & M. P Security. and mainten and test se Wavemeters. laying.
(h) Regimental Operators + Course (Inf)	40	16	13 Weeks	E & M. O Sigs secur Fullerphon 18 and 48.
(i) DRs Course +	25	10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Lineman d (men who a for this c

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S SCHOOL, RTC ICF (Continued)

Present order Training	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
21	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, tests and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
16	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and Signal Office duties. Sigs security. Instruments L/T and W/T, telephones and Fullerphones. 10 Line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Excercises.
10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of MC. Map reading. Linesman duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous MC experience are selected for this course).

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ENGINEER TRAINING.

Subject	Duration of Course	Outl
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of tools, Ml Geometry, c and tackles, Scarfield Tre timber for tre
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks	Elementary Br use of br cri
( ) Mine Warfare.	2 Weeks	Course on Bri Beehives, min Theory, laying and detectors and recce, r

This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

So far, no Engineers have left the Centre as reinforcements (the Gruppi do not need them).

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R TRAINING.

of Course	Outline Syllabus.
ka	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sandbag walling, Bl Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Scarfield Training, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
s	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RAJ improvised br use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
s y Pioneer Instructors.	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and Enemy, laying mines and recording discarded mines, use of probers and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

reinforcements (the Gruppi do not need them). The intake of recruits was only 55 during May.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Number on Course		Duration of Course	
	Offrs	ORs		
Pro course for CC. RR of pro sections Italian Combat Groups.	5	50	5 Weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, Maproading, pro and practice) veh classif parking, rd discipline and of CC.RR. within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officer The above, together with com and parking of vehs i

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

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Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
5 Weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, Maproading, pro duties in the fd, MT training, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of move during br, the functions of CC.RR. within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, con and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Duration of Course.	Brief Syl
(a) Vehicle Mechanics.	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, t to eqpt of his unit, tes and execute simple impro Class III
(b) Driver Mechanics.	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test practical knowledge of practical faultfinding, execute running repairs.
(c) Gun Fitters	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr simple sketches, mark c tools, simple soldering. Must have working knowl repairs to breach mech elevating and traversin Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good wksp .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Class III
(e) Maintenance of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment o

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CHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

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Course.	Brief Syllabus of course, and standard.
	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III
	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002 - in read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks). Must have working knowledge of 6, 17, or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breach mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III
	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD carriers.

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration.	Outli
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explo detail of tasks 1 to 7. Drivi
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 40
(c) D & M Students.	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Fault finding, running repairs, AB 412, discipline on the road, vehicles, road accidents, broad from ditches, soft ground etc, of vehicle for complete inspect discipline, convoy platoon c m air attacks, anti gas defence, precautions to be taken when t load carrying convoys, carrying of fire extinguishers, fire pr day and night convoy exercise

The programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the task in deta carrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing pr explanation. The organisation of the School allows four to five pupils to each training vehicle class V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle

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G AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Appendix "F" to DAG Letter
AAG/A.1/429 Dated 7 June 45.

ration. Outline of Syllabus.

1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving instruction.
2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.
3rd Week	Tasks 1 to 8.
4th Week	Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instrs for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti-gas defence, anti skidding means, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Capacity. Offrs	NCOs	Duration.	Brief S
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers i... ...ser and to consider the ... ...training of a Battalion.
(b) Company Commanders	20		3 Weeks	To train Officers in the ... ...supporting arms.
(a) Junior Leaders.	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers ... ...of battle. To give them
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in t... ...weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in ...
(c) 6 pr Anti Tank Gun.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in ...
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in ... ...snipers in their own uni...
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	30	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Uni...
(b) Hygiene	10	10	3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipl...

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L ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

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BTU/A.1/429 Dated 1 JUNE 45.

Duration.	Brief Syllabus and standard.
3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk Gun.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own unit.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipline.

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Subject:- PROGRESS REPORT - No. 1

To:- G Trg Unit to the Italian Army

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S.I.V.A.
Ref R / 7
31 May 45

a. Although much remains to be done progress is good. This second series of courses has included two Adm courses. We are planning to start a series of Hygiene next month.

Accommodation is progressing but the 'Huts' are still unfinished. Water supply is the most serious problem and one which can only be solved on a high level. The Commune of KONZIANA refuses permission to draw water from local sources. More buildings are required for the W.T.S. and so far no start has been made on them. This is going to delay the final change over to permanent quarters of the H.Q. and the Schools Offices.

A tendency for students to find their own accommodation in civilian houses is being checked. The permanent staff are getting down to organising their mess on more satisfactory lines.

The training is going well on the whole. Exercises have run more smoothly as experience has increased and the instructors are more confident. Any tendency to lay the law down too rigidly has been checked by the presence on the courses of students from theGruppi who could quote from their own experiences. From this point of view the courses are definitely improving and we are getting that exchange of ideas and experiences so valued at the O.T.C.

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b. Courses.

i Run during MAY

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Numbers attending.

	Col/Maj	Capt/Lts	N.C.O.
Tac Wing.			
Junior Ldrs.	-	18	-
Sen Off & Coy Cmdrs	6	23	-
W.T.Wing.			
Pl Wpns	-	18	21
3" Mort	-	9	9
6pr Atk	-	9	8
Snipers	-	5	7
Adm. Wing.			
Juniors		15	12
Seniors	1	8	
Total by ranks	7	105	57

Total Students 169

RTU 4 Off 5 NCOs

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ii. Courses projected for the next two months.

There is to be a break of two weeks to give the permanent staff a chance to visit their homes in recently liberated territory. Most courses have been increased to Four weeks.

Series Three -starting Monday 18 June 45

Tac Wing. Four weeks	a Junior Ldrs	36	Jun Offs
	b Sen Off & Coy Comds	35	Capt. Maj; Cols.
W.T.Wing. Four weeks	a Pl. Wpns.	40	Jun Offs & NCOs
	b 3" Mort.	20	" "
	c 6pr Atk.	20	" "
	d Snipers.	20	" "
Adm. Wing Four weeks	a Junior Course	30	" "
	b Senior "	20	Capt,Maj,Cols.
One Week ---	c Hygiene "	20	Jun Off & NCOs.

Special note on Hygiene Wing. It is proposed to run the Hygiene Wing as follows :-

a One weeks course for Jun Offs and NCOs.
b Four days course for 10 water dutymen.
c Three days course for Senior Officers.
d Three days for the Jun Adm Course.
e One day for the Sen Adm Course.
f A certain amount of Hygiene to be included in the Tactical Courses.

iii. Numbers attending from :-

Combat groups	99
S.T.C.-I.C.F.	61
Garibaldi Div.	9

c. Does not apply to SIVA.

d. Instructional Staff (Italian)

i Deficiencies against W.E.

Tac Wing	4	Officers.	58~~5~~0 NCOs.
W.T.Wing	1/2	"	— "
Adm.Wing			

The Hygiene is not included in the WE as it is an increase on the original intention, but we have a staff 1 Medical Offider and 2 NCOs who have done courses at the G.T.C. This staff should be increased to 4 NCOs who have done courses at the G.T.C.

e Controlled Stores received during the month.

Pistols Signals ------ 6
P.I.A.T. ------ 1
Sub M.G. MD ------ 2

URGENT DEFICIENCES.

Rifles Mk 4 ------ 40

f Administration.

Considerable improvement on the first course, and apart from the 'Huts' there are no insuperable problems at the moment. Accommodation is required for the W.T. wing. If this is provided by 25 men Nissen Huts we shall need 10. Although this was known three weeks ago nothing has started yet. However we have sufficient accommodation to be going on with provided we do not ask for much in the way of offices for the HQ and the Schools.

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Subject:- Progress Report - Ordnance Services.

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"F" B.L.U.,
I.R.T.C., I.C.F.
Ref : ORD/4/6
May 31st 1945.

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To: AA & QMG,
"F" B.L.U. (3 Copies) ✓

Ref: BTU/D9/13 of 23rd March 1945.

Paras (a) to (f) not applicable.

Para (g) General Remarks.

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2. The Boot Repair Shop referred to in my last report dated 28th April 1945 has not yet opened. I can only attribute this to a complete lack of initiative and organising ability on the part of HQ; RTC, ICF, as it is now about seven weeks since I informed them the equipment was available, tables and stools have also been provided at my instigation.

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4. During this month I have initiated a drive towards improving the standard of quartermastering within units. Results are still awaited. The tendency, unfortunately not discouraged by HQ. RTC, ICF, is for units either to sit back and wait for stores to drop from heaven or else to make demands which bear no relation to any authorised entitlement. I have [illegible] but so far

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DRIVING & MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
R.T.C., I.C.F.

PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 1945.

'P' BDU. RTC. ICF.
Ref: GS/3/636
31 May 1945.

1. COURSES

(a) The first four weeks' course due to terminate on 5 May 45 was extended for a further two weeks, until the 18 May. This was found necessary as the pupils were not considered to have reached the desired standard, due mainly to the lack of training vehicles.

(b) Of the 249 pupils attending, the final results were as follows :

Passed as Drivers I/C	182
To continue further training during second 4 weeks course.	17
Considered quite unsuitable as drivers.	50
	249

(c) Of the 182 who passed, 44 have been posted to the strength of the D. & M. School, 24 to No.3 G.T. Company and the balance returned to their units.

(d) The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 170 pupils, to be increased by a further 30 from the Caribaldi Division. This and subsequent courses will be of 5 weeks' duration.

2. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

(a) A certain lack of interest has been evident among the officers, and consequently among the men, of the school staff. Vehicles were not maintained as well as they might have been, having regard to the lack of tools and equipment. As a result of representations made by this H.Q. the Lieut-Colonel commanding the School was replaced by a younger Major, having greater initiative and organizing ability. His enthusiasm is already reflected in the increased keenness and general efficiency of the School.

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3. EQUIPMENT:

(a) Controlled stores received during month -. NIL

(b) Deficiencies of outstanding urgency :-

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Vehicles:	Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 or 4 x 4 G.S.	- 15	Against proposed W.E.
	Trucks 15-cwt. 4 x 2 G.S.	58 17	
	Cars 2 str. 4 x 2.		
	Motor Cycles, solo.	- 5	
Tools:	Chests, tool, fitters.	- 4 (On proposed SEL)	
	Grease guns	Indents submitted.	
	Spanners D.E.		
	Screwdrivers		

4. GENERAL:

(a) Training has been greatly hampered by the acute shortage of vehicles and equipment. 15 3-ton vehicles have been certified as B.E.R. and are being evacuated. Of the remaining 86 vehicles, 40 are V.O.R. in workshops or awaiting workshop attention. The balance of 46 vehicles is inadequate for the thorough training of the desired target of 400 pupils. Efficient convoy training and the supervision and checking of road work is well-nigh impossible as there is not a single car, motor cycle or 15-cwt. vehicle available for the instructors. Twenty-five class V 3-ton vehicles were received from the Drivers Training School at TRANI only on 29 May. These will greatly alleviate the situation and it is hoped that there will be a general improvement over the first course, during which an average of only 20 vehicles a day were available for training.

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(b) Authority for the formation of 152 Italian Driving & Maintenance School was given under A.F.H.Q. CR/1116/G-1 (Br) dated 27 April 45. In spite of requests by this H.Q. no definite W.E. or S.E.L. has yet been received and the actual approved composition and authorised holdings of the school are still not known.

Major R.A.S.C.
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SUBJECT: Mechanics School - Progress Report.

'F' BLU. IRTC. ICF.

Ref: REME/Ret/4

30 May 1945.

To: Commandant,
'F' BLU. IRTC. ICF.

Reference your G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945, the under mentioned report is submitted as required by D.M.T. in their letter DMT/D9/13 dated 3 April 45.

2.a. (iv) Very discouraging for the Driver Mechanics course. Pupils are not very suitable and will need much training. The eight fitters appear to have had previous experience and are good.

Training has become impossible owing to 90% of the Instructors being demobilised. Request has been made to Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA) for replacements.

2.b. (i) Commencing on 14 May 1945 the following courses were begun :-

2nd Driver Mechanics Course - - 77 pupils.

1st Fitters and Gun Fitters Course - 8 pupils.

(ii) No courses are projected until such time as instructors are posted.

(iii) The number of men attending courses from Combat Groups are :-

MANTOVA	-	4
FRIULI	-	40
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TOTAL		56

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(v) None.

2.c. (i) Does not apply. Students arrive on set dates.

(ii) None. (Thirty pupils that were trained on the 1st Course are now attending a course at the Driving & Maintenance School).

(iii) Twenty-seven

2.d. (a)

Vehicle Mechanic Instructors	-	-	12
Driver Mechanics.	-	-	21
Armourers.	-	-	1
Fitters.	-	-	3
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(b) The five Instructors left to continue with the instruction are good, but the assistant instructors are poor and if they don't improve they will need replacing.

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2.e. (i) Two drilling machines, 3/8" x 5/8" a
One Valve Grinding Machine.
One 5 KW. Generator.
(Received through R.E.M.E. sources).

(ii) WX.0457 Plant Welding and Cutting HP O/A light weight.
WX.0495 Plant Welding Electric, single operator, motor driven, 110 volts D.C.

2.f. Administration:

(i) Accommodation: - Instructors - complete.
Officers - complete.
Pupils - - Sleeping, dining and canteen may be completed by the end of June 1945. Work has been held up owing to lack of materials. At present, all are living under canvas.

School - complete; except that sheds will be necessary for instructions vehicles for the winter months.

(ii) Hygiene: - Good. Extra issue of soap is essential for washing denims.

(iii) Welfare: - Poor. Canteen is awaited. Games (indoor and outdoor); books - literary and technical.

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(iv) Results of the pupils will be very poor.

(v) The solution, in my opinion, lies in :-

(a) The posting of suitable replacement instructors.

(b) The Italian Government recruiting specialists, partly trained, and giving them the training as offered by the School, or :-

(Enrolling young, mechanically minded recruits between the age of 19 and 21 and giving them a six months course.

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Major REME.
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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report - Engineer Training

'H'BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/A.10/233

30 May 1945

Comd.,
'F' BLU IRTC ICF
(In triplicate)

AFHQ (Engr Sect)
Commandant, ETE, CMF
MLIA (For SORE)

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Ref G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

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

(i) Rightful celebrations for Victory in Europe and surrender of the Germans Forces in Italy (accounting for the first half of the month).

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

(iii) Three FESTAs.

(iv) Demobilisation of over 30's, increase in authorised and unauthorised leave.

(b) Far more training is now being done by the Italians themselves though 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 instil confidence in the students who are allowed to ignore ~~safety~~ precautions and run away from a lighted charge. Instructors do not make students work sufficiently hard.

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(d) Engineer School.

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

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

(iii) Special lectures and schemes for officers have been introduced.

(e) Lack of efficient Italian drivers, vehcile 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 compressor when this vehicle is not being used for training.

2. COURSES.

The situation remains as at the start of last month. No courses for Gruppi are being run but elementary courses can be commenced now as stated in my BTI/A.10/175 dated 27 April 1945.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake. In spite of representations to many 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 BRACCIANO. Some have been there for nearly two months in spite of efforts to get them posted or put into some useful work. (See last months Report). The actual strength of these parties gradually diminishes the longer they remain at BRACCIANO.

4. EQUIPMENT.

The following items of equipment are still outstanding:-

Item No. 98 No. 4 Pumping Set.
Item No. 99 No. 5 Pumping Set.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

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

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

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

(d) Morale. Not so high as formerly.

6. GENERAL (Addendum).

The translation and republication of technical engineering publications and drawings have made steady progress. 5812

J.C. Blanch

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Progress Report No.5

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/Pro/60/74

29 May 1945

AA & QMG
'F' BLU IRTC ICF
(In triplicate)

PM (Br), AFHQ
DPM, RAAC
(Ref RAAC 48A99-99 dated 26 Feb 45)

Reference G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945.

Progress Report for month ending 31 May 1945 herewith.

A. GENERAL PROGRESS.

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HQ 152 Italian Provost Company, CCRR	(WE CM/737/1)	
155 Italian Provost Section, CCRR	(WE CM/524/1)	(Service)
198 Italian Provost Section, CCRR	(WE CM/524/1)	(Holding)
319 Italian Provost Section, CCRR	(WE CM/524/1)	(Holding)

Are completely to strength, subject to normal wastages, i.e. postings forward, demobilisation and the like and are employed as previously reported, (with the exception that No.319 Italian Provost Section, CCRR having completed initial training, forms a holding section, although in fact, absorbed into duties.) Furthermore, by special arrangement, and by the drafting in of twenty unmobilised Carabinieri to relieve local duties, a Pool of Reinforcements is being formed. Further reports on the progress of the Company and the three Sections are not considered necessary, in view of (a) the completion of the preliminary raising, (b) the normal progress of the equipping thereof (c) the fact that the Company is now functioning in the role for which it was intended.

GENERALLY.

Issues to and the equipping of the Company have been normal

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during the month. In addition a reserve of clothing, kit, equipment and necessaries complete to scale 50 ORs is being raised in view of the lack of such completion to scale of most students reporting, and inview of the state and condition of such clothing and articles of which they are in possession.

Para 2 (B)(i)

(a) Provost Training Course No.1 now terminated.

(b) Regimental Police Course No.1 now terminated.

(c) Provost Training Course No.2, as per training programme already submitted, continuing.

(d) Regimental Police Course No.2, as per training programme already submitted, continuing.

(ii) (c) and (d) above continuing.
Provost Training Course No.3.
Regimental Police Course No.3.
Course No.1 for Provost Staff Officers (Italian).

(iii) In total 10 officers and 50 ORs from Groups.

(iv) Submitted for all courses.

(v) Not applicable.

Para 2 (C)

For completion by Staff Captain "A".

Para 2 (D)

(a) Instructional Staff (Italian) to strength.

(b) Not applicable.

Para 2 (E)

(i) Lists of equipment received during the month attached.

(ii) No outstanding urgencies.

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(iii) In total 10 officers and 50 ORs from Groups.

(iv) Submitted for all courses.

(v) Not applicable.

Para 2 (C)

For completion by Staff Captain "A".

Para 2 (D)

(a) Instructional Staff (Italian) to strength.

(b) Not applicable.

Para 2 (E)

(i) Lists of equipment received during the month attached.

(ii) No outstanding urgencies. 5840

Para 2 (F)

ADMINISTRATION.

(i) Accommodation. To capacity despite acquisition of complete new block.

(ii) Hygiene. ORs are overcrowded, but not excessively so. The construction of the cookhouses are now complete and the latrine situation, although small for the numbers accommodated, is satisfactory. Baths continue to be taken in ROME.

(iii) Welfare. Morale. All men whose homes have recently been liberated have been granted leave, with the exception of those domiciled in the TRIESTE area. Messing is now very satisfactory and there is little to report on, the general situation being that this office is now receiving requests from ORs that they may be allowed to continue their service and be re-mobilised, as against return to civil life or fixed Territoriale Service.

First Action/Reply
G 2 SO II
4 June. AI

Captain,
Provost.

CTRG/asj

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Appendix "E" to BTI/Pro/60/74
dated 29 May 1945

List of Equipment received during the
Month of May 1945

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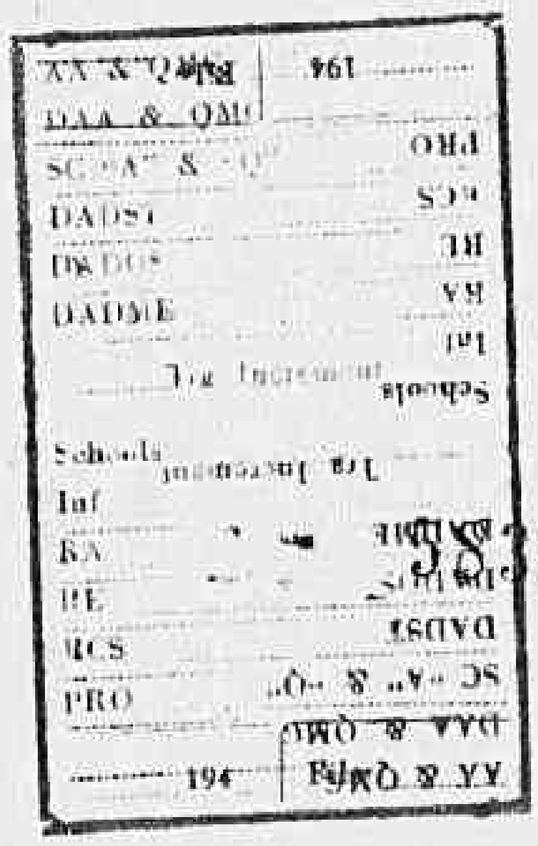

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SUBJECT:- Infantry Training Progress Report for May 1945

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/A.10/229

Commander,
'F' HLU IRTC ICF

29 May 1945

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(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.

(c) Infantry School.

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.

This school is very satisfactory except it suffers from a shortage of transport and needs to be a little stricter in the turnout and discipline of the 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 dependant on numbers of reinforcements to be called for.

3. NUMBER OF MEN UNDER TRAINING.

See separate appendix.

4. WELFARE, HYGIENE AND MORALE.

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

(ii) 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.

(iii) Morale - fair.

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(iv)/.....

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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 slowness of getting things done. To get a class room whitewashed requires a volume of correspondence as may be read in Punch.

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

W L Price

Major GSO.II
Inf Training.

WLP/asj

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For Authority
GSO II
4 June 45.

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 6

152(It)Signal Training Centre
29 May 45

"F" BLU RTC ICF (3)
S.O. R.Signals MMLA

Folio 13.

Ref. "G" Training Unit letter BTU/D9/13 of 23 March hereunder is report on progress at above STC during May' 45.

1. General Progress.

Progress has been maintained within the limits of accommodation available at BR.CCIANO. A considerable amount of training is carried on in other barracks e.g. artillery and infantry. One wing of the School building is still occupied by workmen, and some reallocation of accommodation is still to be made.

2. Courses.

(a) Syllabuses.

Qualification sheet for the new trade of Radio Mechanic (formerly Instrument Mechanic) has been applied for and will form the basis for an amended course when received.

Revision of the Infantry Signallers course is at present under discussion.

There is a great need for a higher standard of Physical Training, and the provision of specialist instructors has been requested.

(b) Personnel.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel trained or under training during the month. Considerable reduction in Staff and Students has resulted from increased leave facilities.

3. Instructional Organisation.

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3. Instructional Organisation.

Main effort of the month has been concentrated on obtaining punctuality and the maximum use of lesson time. In this respect the officers have not been setting a good example. There is still a tendency on the part of the O.C. School and Chief Instructors to remain glued to their office chairs and to assume that all is well.

4. Stores.

A typewriter has been received during the month from MMIA sources.

All equipment surplus to DMT letter [illegible]/4/MT1 of 2 Feb. has been returned to R&D with the exception of one Switchboard 10 line U.C. in use at CESANO.

Negotiations are in progress for the acceptance of a large quantity of miscellaneous electrical components for use in Radio Mechs' training.

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For Action/Reply

4 June AI

Lt.-Col. R.Signals, Inspectorate of Army Equipment visited the School during the month.

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5. Administration.

All administration other than training administration has been taken over by C.C. 3rd Regt. "Piceno" Division. While relieving the school of the responsibility of interior economy, messing etc. the arrangement is not satisfactory chiefly due to lack of understanding and co-operation. It is not uncommon for C.C. Regt. to give an order which cuts right across the School organisation, without prior discussion with C.C. School.

Some improvement in the standard of hygiene and dress has been noted during the month. The idea of prevention of disease rather than cure appears to be making some impression. The regt. M.O. is keen but gets inadequate support.

6. Transport.

Use and maintenance of vehicles has passed under regt. con control, and has resulted in a steady decrease in the standard of maintenance and efficiency.

It was found that indiscriminate use was being made of vehicles intended specifically for wireless training. C.C. Regt. had even sanctioned the removal of seats, tables etc. in these vehicles so that they might be used for transporting personnel and stores. An instruction was therefore given that Wireless Vehicles would be used only on the personal authority of C.C. School. Within a few days however a driver was stopped leaving the Barracks with a wireless vehicle. He had apparently been sent for a vehicle by O.C. Artieri School and had taken the first vehicle he saw. He was in possession of a "Foglio di Viaggio" issued by the Regt. but these specify neither vehicle nor journey. The guard at the gate was unaware that the vehicle was not to be taken out.

It is also observed that no check of consumption of PCL is entered on the "Foglio di Viaggio", and misuse of PCL appears inevitable.

Of six wireless vehicles previously reported held, one has been found to be U.S. and the transport return has been amended accordingly. Three more wireless vehicles have been received during the month, making a total of 8 of this type.

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It is also observed that no check of consumption of POL is entered on the "Foglio di Viaggio", and misuse of POL appears inevitable.

Of six wireless vehicles previously reported held, one has been found to be G.S. and the transport return has been amended accordingly. Three more wireless vehicles have been received during the month, making a total of 8 of this type.

Further motor cycles have been received from "F" BLU to make a total of 34 now held.

7. Morale.

A decided decline in morale has taken place during the month, chiefly because each man thinks he has a claim to immediate leave, and does not and will not understand the difficulties of administration and transport etc. which prevent his wish being granted. A party of 20 - 30 men even forced their way into the senior officers' mess to make themselves heard. Some stimulus has resulted from the firm allied action in the TRIESTE dispute, which has increased the allies' prestige to some extent.

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8. General.

The men have found that inertia is an effective counteraction to discipline. They have no confidence in or respect for their officers, and ignore their NCO's. Subalterns are afraid to enter barrack rooms to get men out of bed in the morning; unless accompanied by a captain they are a target for abuse and even for missiles. It is hoped that the demobilisation of certain classes will largely remove the undisciplined element.

Major,
S.O. R.Signals.

FWS/TAS

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Appendix "A"

152(It) Signal Training Centre

Synopsis of Personnel, May' 45

1. Students accepted for Training during month.

(a) Genio

Operators Wireless	25	
" Line	16	
" Switchboard	9	
Linemen	8	
Electricians Signals	3	
Radio Mechanics	2	
Despatch Riders	10	
To be allotted to trades	71	
Officers	18	
NCO's.	10	
	172	172

(b) Artillery

All trades	38	38
		210

2. Courses completed during month.

(a) Local

Officers	18	
NCO's.	10	
Operators Line (Genio)	27	
" " (Infantry)	13	
" " (Artillery)	7	
Operators Wireless (Infantry)	25	
Operators Wireless (Artillery)	16	
	116	116

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Operators Wireless (Artillery)	16	
	116	116

(b) At Viterbo (Garibaldi Regt.)

Officers	3	
NCO's.	8	
Operators Line	28	
" Wireless	42	
	81	81
	187	
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3. Students Under Training on 27 May.

(a) Genic

Operators	Line	16
"	Wireless	44
"	Switchboard	9
Electricians	Signals	5
Radio Mechanics		16
Despatch Riders		10
Linemen		8
To be allotted to courses		71
		179

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(b) Artillery

Operators	Wireless	19
"	Line	12
"	Switchboard	3
		34

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(c) Infantry

Operators	Line/Wireless	16
"	Switchboard	8
		24

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Total of Students under instruction 237

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	Switchboard	9	
		34	34

(c) Infantry

Operators	Line/Wireless	16	
"	Switchboard	8	
		24	24
Total of Students under instruction			237

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SUBJECT :- Progress Reports.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref HTJ/A.1/423

31 May 45.

GSO II (RA)

Folio 44

Herewith letter from HQ requesting further brief information on the number and types of courses at present being run at Artillery School.

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SUBJECT :- Report on Artillery Training.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel : 16672

DMT/88/9/ATA.1

27 May 45.

HQ 'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army, MTC MCF.

Copy to :
HQ NBLA
HQ 'P' MLO MTC MCF.

1. Reference your MLO/A.1/392 dated 25 May 45 enclosing No 7 Training Memorandum from 10 Training Team, RA, may this Directorate please be informed briefly of the number and type of courses at present being run at the Artillery School and the number of Students under instruction ?

2. It is realised that, as mentioned in the final paragraph of the above quoted report, future policy about the training of the new Italian Army is not clear, but it is considered that any plans for the extention of training that were immediately on hand at the cessation of hostilities in ITALY, should still be carried out, unless instructions to the contrary are received.

(Signed) ? ????? Lt-Col
for Brig.,
D.M.T.

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SUBJECT: Report on Artillery Training

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 16072

DMT/88/9/MT1

27 May 45.

HQ 'G' Trg Unit to the Italian Army, RTC, ICF

Copy to:
HQ M.M.I.A.
HQ 'F' ELU, RTC, ICF

Folio 41

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For Action/Information

GSO II	Brig.
Date 31 May.	File A.1

A. Geddes Lt Col
31/5/45 Brig.,
D.M.T.

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GII Trg. MMA.

SUBJECT: Training at the Mechanics School.

GII Trg MMA

Thx

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GSO II	
Date	File A1.

'G' MAI. MMO. MM.

Ref: MMO/G/1/12.

22 May 45.

To: Commanders
'F' MAI. MMO. MM.

1. On returning from leave I paid a visit to the school and have found the following :-

Italian Instructors:

Due to demobilisation of over 30's WE-5

what Percentage is this?

(a) Gun fitters and fitters section - - Only one instructor remains. 2 1/2 0

(b) Armourers: The only instructor is likely to leave in a week or two. WE = 1

(c) Vehicle Mechanics and Driver Mechanics: Only four remain, with eleven assistant instructors. WE = 4 5 (includes electrician) what percentage.

Pupils: (It)

Second course which commenced Monday 14 May 45 - 117 pupils.

(a) Gun Fitters: Eleven on course.

(b) Armourers: None.

(c) Vehicle Mechanics: None.

(d) Driver Mechanics: 106 Pupils.

Administration Section (Italian).

Technical Storeman - One left.

Native Sergeant - None.

2. It is unfortunate that all the instructors should have been demobilised on 11th. Some form of regulated release could have been organised by H.Q., MMO MM whereby reliable and suitable instructors from the Italian Regular Army could have been found in the Cruppl to replace those who were to be released. It is impossible to find instructors from reinforcements arriving at the Centre. Men are young, with very little previous technical experience. There are

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Italian Instructors:

Due to demobilisation of over 30's WE-5

(a) Gun fitters and fitters section -- Only one instructor remains. 25%

(b) Armourers: The only instructor is likely to leave in a week or two. WE-1

(c) Vehicle Mechanics and Driver Mechanics: Only four remain, with eleven assistant instructors. WE-48 (including electricians)

Pupils: (3t)

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Administration Section (Italian).

Technical Storeman - One left.

Italian Sergeant - None.

2. It is unfortunate that all the instructors should have been demobilised en bloc. Some form of regulated release could have been appealed by H. Q. 1500 fit sturdy reliable and suitable instructors from the Italian Regular Army could have been found in the Gruppi to replace those who were to be released. It is impossible to find instructors from reinforcements arriving at the Centre. Men are young, with very little previous technical experience. There are sufficient instructors to complete the training of the present course, but I regret to state that no further training will be possible after this course. All courses planned for the future must, of necessity, be cancelled until such time as Instructors are posted. 825

3. It is also very disconcerting that only 167 students should arrive for training out of a total of 270. On oral examination 50 were returned to Unit as unsuitable. A further 40 will also be returned, leaving 77, who will definitely need a further three weeks training and then passed to the D. & M. School to attend a Driver I/C's Course.

4. Gruppi are not choosing pupils carefully. If pupils are not up to the standard as laid down in the syllabus, training becomes a farce. Hy I suggest that an Italian Officer and an Italian Sergeant Instructors visit Gruppi and interrogate, grade and select the men for the Courses, and so avoid needless expense and inconvenience.

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5. As long as Italian tradesmen are not paid a higher rate of pay than the private soldier and also comparable with the civilian tradesman wages, it is evident that tradesmen will be difficult to find. Some form of appreciation is recommended.

6. If the Italian authorities do not appreciate the valuable experience and knowledge that can be gained from the School, I would suggest that permission be obtained for all trading stores and British Instructors to be returned, and the School disbanded.

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

GRH/ah.

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Major King.
O.C.Mechanics School.
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Major [redacted].
D.A.D.M.T.

GHF/ah.

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O.C. Mechanic School.
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Jun Leaders Wing,
Tact.cal School,
C.M.T.C.
22 Mch 45.
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26 MAY Recd
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Subject:- REPORTS ON ITALIAN OFFICERS.

Col. H. MACKAY, R.A.,
M.M.I.A.,
c/o. Italian R.T.C.,
CESANO, Nr. ROME.

Please find enclosed copies of the reports on Italian Officers which were sent to D.M.T. These copies are being forwarded to you on the instructions of Lt-Col. JNC HORSFALL, DSO, MC.

S.J.N. Liddell
Capt.,
Junior Leaders Wing.

C.M.F.

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Junior Leaders Wing,
Tactical School,
C.M.T.C.
17 Mch 45.
JL/12a.

Subject:- ITALIAN OFFRS COURSE
26 Feb - 17 Mch 45.

H.Q., Tactical School.

The interest and keenness shown throughout the entire Course was remarkable, with the natural result of a feeling of satisfaction in a job well worth while from both sides - student and instructor. It was indeed a pleasure to have such diligent and attentive students. On not one occasion was a single student late on parade - surely an indication in itself of a successful Course.

The general average of knowledge was higher than had been expected, but a definite rigidity in each was apparent. This may be due to the lack of experience by the officers concerned, and/or a somewhat implicit faith in the infallibility of their instructors. It is therefore a factor to be carefully noted in future Courses - stress must continually be laid on the fact that there may well be more than one correct solution to a tactical problem, and that in instructing one must avoid giving the answer to such a problem.

The standard of practical work carried out was very good, especially in the commanding of patrols.

Regarding the attached reports, it should be noted that these reports are based on the present rank held by the respective students.

J.R. Colbeck Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

C.M.F.

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REPORT.

ITALIAN OFFICERS COURSE.
26 FEB - 17 MCH 45.

Capitano U d'ALMA.

Intelligent officer who thinks quickly and clearly. Is apt to be a little rigid in his ideas of tactics although these are usually of a sound nature. He showed both interest and keenness during the whole of the Course. Has a good personality, and should be suitable as an instructor.

C.M.F.
17 Mch 45.

Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

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REPORT.

TRAINING OFFICERS COURSE.
26 MAY - 17 JUNE 45.

Captain A. CHADWICK.

This officer was outstanding during the whole of the course, and showed intense interest. He has sound tactical knowledge which he applies intelligently. He does not show that rigidity which characterises some of his brother officers.

His personality made itself felt early on in the Course. Placed in charge of his fellow students, there was no occasion on which these were late. Obviously a good type of Indian Reg. Officer

He will make a reliable and very good instructor.

C.H.F.
17 JUN 45.

Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

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REPORT.

ITALIAN OFFICERS COURSE.

26 Feb - 1st Mar 45

Gentiluomo E SIDDIA.

This officer proved himself sound in knowledge and in ideas. His contributions to discussions were always relevant and to the point. He showed flexibility to the application of theory. Tactically sound. His is a serious though pleasant disposition, and he is recommended as being a suitable instructor.

O.M.F.
17 Feb 45.

Major,
Senior Instructor Wing.

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REPORT.

TRAINING OFFICERS COURSE.
26 FEB - 17 MAR 45.

Sottotenente J BERNI.

Intelligent officer who rather lacks in experience. He worked hard and well during the course, in naval tactically, and with further coaching should make quite a good instructor.

C.I.W.S.
17 Mch 45.

Lieutenant Major,
Junior Landing Wing.

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REPORT.

ITALIAN OFFICERS COURSE.
26 FEB - 17 MCH 45.

Tenente M.BERTHOLI.

Rather a heavy type of officer with somewhat rigid ideas from which he is not readily inclined to depart. He showed both interest and keenness throughout the whole of the Course, but cannot be recommended as an Instructor.

C.M.F.
17 March 45.

J.Bolwell Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

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REPORT.

ITALIAN OFFICERS COURSE.
26 Feb - 17 Mch 45.

Dettachment E RICH.

A hard worker who thinks quickly and, within his own level, well. He was eager to learn, and with a bit more experience and coaching should make a reasonable instructor.

C.M.F.
17 Mch 45.

Jacobsville Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

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REPORT.

ITALIAN OFFICERS COURSE
- 26 FEB - 17 MCH. 45.

Tenente G FRADIANI.

Very quiet type of officer who did well during the course. Is practically sound and keen. His retiring personality may handicap him as an instructor. His knowledge is good, and his reasoning sound, whilst his practical work showed a very good command.

With further coaching he should prove suitable as an instructor.

G.H.F.
17 MCH 45.

J.M. Bobsille. Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

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TRAINING OFFICERS COURSE
- 26 FEB - 17 MCH 45.

Satisfactorily Passed.

This officer's practical work was well done, and he showed interest throughout the Course. His knowledge and experience are limited, and it is not thought that he would make an instructor.

He appears to be a good Inf Pl Cond, but lacks the personality demanded of an instructor.

C.M.F.
17 Mch 45.

Major,
Junior Leaders Wing.

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Passing Vessels.

At anchor at Natal. No Radio both exchanged and transacted. Apart from these there was no communication of the character that has not a calculable possibility of becoming an incident.

No Naval Incidents Occurred Whilst Ashore.

Submitted,

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Senior Lieutenant Surgeon.

U.S.S.
27 Feb 18.

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TRIAL OFFICERS COURSE.
-- 26 Feb - 17 Apr 42. --

Ensign G BOWEN.

This officer showed both interest and keenness during the course. His knowledge is quite good, but he is rather rigid in outlook and thought. He is inclined to lack initiative, and therefore it is doubtful whether he would be a suitable Instructor.

C.I.W.
27 Feb 42.

J. Jackson Major,
Junior Instructor Wing.

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All officers stressed the need for instructional rounds in addition to the regular [illegible] as they will greatly [illegible] their instructional [illegible].
It is recommended that courses of our instructional supervisors are thoroughly [illegible] so that they have more information to be able to relate to their [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Although [illegible] outlook and keen to learn, has improved considerably and will make a good instructor.

[illegible]
Although this officer has had more practical experience and seems to have a more modern outlook than most of the others, has a dogmatic attitude and a volatile temperament, which would not make him a good instructor, but with encouragement and the opportunity may do well as his knowledge is good and sound, but his temperament is not suitable for an instructor.

[illegible]
Has tried and keen to learn but has not sufficient confidence to make a good instructor. Could probably do well at a lower level particularly after this course where he has worked hard.

[illegible]
Major Instructor.

[illegible]
19 Mar 45.

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SUBJECT :- Report on Artillery Training.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref ITU/A.1/392

23 May 45.

DDT.

Herewith copy of the last report received from 10 Training Team RA on the subject of Artillery Training.

ITU/rmw

Maj
GS

Folio 399 44
Refers.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY TRAINING MEMORANDUM No 7.

Since my last report considerable advances have been made in construction of buildings and lecture rooms which are now nearing completion. This has made possible the proper display of dismantled equipments. A tented camp has been established in BRACCIANO to house some additional Artillery reinforcements who had originally been at CESANO. Since training can be carried on within the camp, pressure on the accommodation at the barracks is relieved.

Courses outlined in my letter 1/802 of 17 March continued until the 17 April when the arrival of the additional reinforcements made an expansion of training possible. During the last month the following are the figures for purely Artillery Instruction.

Other Ranks.

25 pr	Specialists	34
	Gun Nos	148
17 pr	Gun Nos	39
40 mm	Gun Nos	37
		258

Officers.

25 pr	29
17 pr	6
40 mm	7
	42

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Use has been made of the School of Artillery Ranges. The 40 mm

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Use has been made of the School of Artillery Ranges. The 40 mm reinforcements course have been firing once a week against a sleeve and the 17 pr courses against moving Anti - Tank targets.

Had the war in Europe continued it had been intended to expand the courses on final completion of the lecture rooms to give courses to officers and NCOs from the Gruppi. Since the future policy is not clear these plans are in suspence.

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(Signed) R.A. DEHN
Lt-Col GS.
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)

Field
20 May 45.

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17 MAY Recd

SUBJECT :- Progress Reports.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.
Ref BTU/A.1/375
17 May 45.

GSO II 10 Training Team RA.

We have today received a request from DMT for a Progress Report on Artillery Training for last month. While it is noted that no previous report on Artillery Training has been called for, as no doubt you deal direct with your RA Department, would you please forward a copy of your last months report or any equivalent report which will satisfy this demand from DMT.

HWK/raw

Maj
GS

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SUBJECT: Progress Reports.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel:16872

DMT/55/12/MT1

13 May 45.

Folio 36

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army. c/o MMLA.

Reference your Progress Report No 5 dated 1 May 45.

It is noted that no reference is made to Arty Training. Will you please therefore forward your report on this as soon as possible.

Brig.
D.M.T.

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(c) Numbers Held (weekly basis)

(i) Week ending April 7 = 105
14 = 561
21 = 182
28 = 401

AG/6/4/456 of 30 April 45

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(ii) Pts Demobilised

Arm	Week 7	Week 14	Week 21	Week 28
Inf	247	608	206	735
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	45	7	15	23
Other Arms	45	20	22	101
Total	348	642	245	921

(iii) Pts Held at 28 Apr 45

Arm	Posted Strength	Female Strength
Inf	4975	3383
Arty	977	787
Engrs (incl Sigs)	996	708
Other Arms	2185	1020
Total	9035	5898

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Monthly Report BLV

2. (f) Administration

(i) Accommodation

During the month there was a complete review by the Italian Ministry of War, of Civilian Contracts. Work is proceeding satisfactorily. There is an acute shortage, however, of glass for windows, wood, electric light fittings and bulbs.

Roads

The repair of roads is lacking owing to the non-availability of bitumen. The main road leading to CASANO Camp is now under repair, but only on a water bound basis. Progress has been extremely slow.

(ii) Hygiene

Water supply is not quite complete in No 1 Regiment. There has been a gradual improvement over the month, but there is still room for improvement.

(iv) Morale

There has been a notable improvement during the month in the Military bearing of all ranks of the Centre. This will be increased by the addition of 63 personally selected Officers derived from ex POW sources in EGYPT. Some Officers and the majority of NCOs are still too diffident and either through lack of interest and insufficient confidence fail to exert their authority and check offences.
Much remains to be done, but given sufficient time it is confidently hoped that the Centre will become a sound military organisation.
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Lieut-Col RA

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Lieut-Col RA

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Subject:- Genio Barracks, BRACCIANO.

12 MAY Recd

152(Itg Signal Training Centre
10 May 45.

Major H.W.King,
G.2 Training.

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1. Attached are suggestions made to the Regt. Commender.

2. In my opinion both Col. PIAZZO and Tem/Col. PERSICO are trying hard, and progress is being made, though much remains to be improved and completed.

3. Priority 1. Covers matters in hand.
Priority 2. Covers matters which I still have to investigate in detail, and the Regt. Cmdr. is being kept informed.

4. At present the utmost assistance can be given by "G" Training or MMIA (whoever is responsible) by keeping on the Contractors tail and arranging that some representative from the DIVISION or the WAR MINISTRY visits this place once a week at least to check progress.

5. Much must be done to improve the men's morale, especially to make everyone realize that this is their show and one of some importance. In this connection I would like a free hand in getting hold of Welfare stuff.

J Anderson Capt Lt.

Copy to
Major Swannerton.

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PRIORITY

Sheet 1.

Subject	Suggestions for T/Col. PERSICO.	Action for "G" Training.	Action by Regt.
1. Orderly Officers' Duties	Report book showing fatigue jobs to be done, in order of importance.		
2. Fatigue Parties	1. Can these be made up from men in clink. 2. Are camp wanderers (mostly M & D) rounded up each morning for fatigues ?		
3. Shit in corn-field behind Sigs?	Suggest Dannert, & "Out of Bounds" notices.		
4. Latrines.	1. Shallow trenches by Sigs. Bldg. to be filled in at once. 2. Notice Boards in fly-proof latrines; CLOSE LID - DISCIPLINARY ACTION ETC.	Hygiene posters; Regt. will deal with translation.	
5. Urinals	More - all must have SUMPS.		
6. Barrack Rooms	1. Ventilation 0700/1000 hrs. at least 2. Sgts. i/c each room 3. Block entrances to latrines out of order.	5804 Water - URGENT.	

To Sheet 2.

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PRIORITY 1.

Sheet 2.

Subject	Suggestions for T/Col. PERSICO.	Action for "G" Training.	Action by Regt.
7. Cook-house	1. Offs.) Sgts.) Mess cooking in separate cook-house as soon as possible. 2. Scale of rations to be made up for men to see. 3. Daily menu to be posted up. 4. Oil & water cookers:- ? frying & cooking. 5. Cleanliness of cooks.	A.C.C. representative to visit and advise.	
8. Main Entrance	1. Flag at all times. 2. Bullshit notices - Sigs., Sappers, Offices, Guard Room; Officer's Mess		
9. Water) 10. Contractor)		Keep on the contractor's tail with aid of Division & War Min.. Can rep. of War Min. visit each week ? Capt. TOCQ has arranged for Lt. Clarke to look round once a week.	

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PRIORITY ?

Subject.	Suggestions for T/Col. PERSICO.	Action for "G" Training.	Action by Regt.
1. Transport		1. Work Tickets 2. Task System 3. Check with ARTY for POL A/Cs. 4. Speed limit in BRACCIANO.	
2. Recreation	1. 2 Marquees for Canteen, Reading Room. 2. Regt. Concert.	More footballs(one in Rgt. Cup 1200 pen. Wireless Books Papers	
3. Regt. Paper	1. Once monthly	Print in Rome Any difficulties with Div. or War Min.?	
4. Band		Can Regt. Band from CESANO come over.	
5. V.D.		Check with M.O., also Sick State.	

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PROGRESS REPORT No 5.

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'C' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref BTU/A/D9,333.

1 May 45.

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LAND FORCES SUB UNIT (AC) WITH Org Branch (5)
'C' BTN HQ No 2 (7)

Monthly report for the month of April 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The general progress of training continues to be satisfactory and shows marked improvement over last month. Although the standard of instruction is not yet of first quality, improvement continues, particularly as all Schools have now produced at least one output from which to select a better standard of instructor. It is also noticeable that now the Centre is more settled and organised, far more attention is being paid to the selection of the right individuals for the various courses.

(b) No 1 Regt.

This Regiment continues to make steady progress. A lot has been done by the British Staff to improve general routine and administration, which in turn has resulted in a considerable improvement in turnout and discipline. There is still difficulty in making training realistic or ambitious, but this should improve now Instructors are coming in from SIVA. However, the attendance on parade is satisfactory, and new items of instruction include Mines, Pilum, and a fair proportion of firing all arms. Recently this Regiment commenced Battalion Drill Parades, which are extremely well done, with the Regimental Band playing, and a good degree of smartness in drill.

(c) No 2 Regt.

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(c) No 2 Regt.

Now has a new Regimental Commander, who we hope will produce results. There is a welcome change in the type of men under training, as there are now a fair number of Christians, Panchayatdars etc, an appeal to whom Brethren. The officers, however, are still weak, and few too many of them. Training methods did not make progress, largely due to bad administration within the unit, but there is certainly an improvement, particularly now the new Regimental Commander has taken over, and a considerable improvement in discipline since last month. As this Regiment is at present short in numbers for training, this should enable the necessary reorganisation to an improved standard to take place.

(d) Military School.

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The Military School functions well. Accommodation for food, and food preparation has produced a difficult model, wall charts etc, so that in every way the efficiency of the School has improved. Courses are well run and organised, and although suffering from the general complaint of lack of transport, follow a lively and interesting syllabus. The British Staff have been asked to give more attention to the selection of students, as it has been found that instruction of this type is often wasted on the type of student they are inclined to send us. The buildings of the School are particularly well laid out. The standard of instruction is improving.

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(c) Infantry Specialist Training School.

Under suitable organised arrangements, Specialist training in Anti-Tank gun, Anti-Mortar and Carriers is proceeding well. The 6 pr and 3-in Mortar Course first completed produced approximately only 60% of the students who completed the course only to posting and non-suitability, however the standard produced was satisfactory and the shooting good. The Italian is very keen on this type of work, and can fire to well up to battle standard.

Carrier instruction is now on a firm footing. On arrival at the Depôt, Officer Instructor and the personnel have overcome the main problems, and there are now well trained personnel for proper instruction to be carried out during the month of May, and also for the schools at least to have their own vehicles. The main difficulty now is the repair and maintenance of the vehicles, as all the Carriers arrived in a poor state of repair, and the establishment allows no organisation for repair, also at present there is a shortage of tools and batteries. The second Depôt is proceeding in Tripolitania and now being established will overcome a lot of these troubles.

Instruction is liable to take 25 students in proceeding - eventually these students will go out to Specialist School, where they are trained as instructors on the machine.

A Specialist Training Instructors course was recently run with 25 students, under the auspices AFHQ.

The Italian School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in about 7 days time.

(d) No 3 Depôt.

At this point, due to the roughly laid out instructions, training has often been partially delayed, the Infantry Corps has a clerical staff as well, but with little improvement in general conditions. It has now been recommended that this Corps be disbanded and absorbed, a Technical Officer will now be allotted to advise the Quartermaster, and the personnel to be posted to the Depôt already.

(e) Specialist School.

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also it would have to a shortage of tools and batteries. The output is governed by individuals not being absent all. overcome a lot of these troubles.

Instruction in Signals to some 25 students is proceeding - eventually these students will be sent to Signals School, unless they can be used as reinforcements in the meantime.

A Flight of Recruits. Instructions were recently given with 25 students, under the command A/Sgt.

The Flying School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in August / Sept time.

(F) No 3 Unit.

In the north, due to thoroughly bad organisation, training has often been seriously delayed, the Anti-aircraft Commander was cleared early in April, but with little improvement in general conditions. It has now been recommended that this Commander be changed but in addition, a Training Officer will now be allotted to advise and survise the administration, which it cannot do from Dakar at present.

(G) Signals School.

The School moved up from DAKAR on April 20, and training is now proceeding in the Signal School at BAMAKO. It was hoped to fill the School to strength, i.e. 300 students, but due to communication difficulties, only 250 have been dealt with to date. It is still hoped to fill the school shortly, however, it is still 5802 the end of the month. The move has been made without general complaint by the Africans, although several recruits deserted. Control of such officers due to inefficiency has been recommended.

(H) Engineering.

The Academy has been made under the Unit Commander. The Italian staff are only much more themselves, and a general effort to improve the training ground, and produce more interesting training is proceeding well. The general complaint of a bad percentage of attendance on training prevails, also the usual complaint against the young officers and NCOs, that little effort is made to enforce discipline. However, there is a noticeable improvement in training, and Ordnal Reinforcements are now available.

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(c) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General Progress in training is satisfactory and proceeding well. The Provost Training Course duly commenced on 9 April and the course for Regimental Police on 16 April, so that shortly, reinforcements will be ready for posting. The general tone of the School is good and a high standard of discipline and turnout most noticeable. Among recent improvements, an out door gymnasium has been completed.

The Italian Provost Sections employed at the Centre are almost up to strength, and doing useful work.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The training of 60 Driver Mechanics duly commenced on 11 April, and the other courses of the School are now proceeding. All sections of the School are completed after much good improvisation, and the larger part of the Controlled Stores have been received. The buildings have been really well equipped, mostly by improvisation, and good accommodation for the School completed.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding students for the first course from this Centre, particularly as most of the courses need students with sound basic knowledge in their subject, and the School then merely needs to teach conversion to the new British methods and types of vehicles, however, it is hoped the intake from the groups arriving on 5 May will produce suitable material. Another difficulty is the fact that there is no Corps of Mechanics or RASC in the Italian Army. Also the age limit of 30 years for posting to Forward units rather narrows down possibilities

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

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(111) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 200 students duly commenced on 6 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V vehicles received, the following gives the present state :-

Vehicles in Workshops (about 10% can part here)	37
Vehicles awaiting Workshop Repair	20
Balance available for training	18
	75

The proposed War Establishment provides for an increased number of 3 ton trucks, plus 15cwt cars and jibs, as at present this number is impossible any supervision of convoy training. Also at present, as there is no GT Company at this Centre, vehicles for Local Administration have to be taken from the already depleted numbers of training vehicles.

If the second course, due to commence on 6 May and taking 4x4 trucks, is to be my success, either better quality vehicles will have to be made available, or an increased number of class V vehicles allotted.

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Vario Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The School has now completed one course in each Wing and the results are well up to expectations, in fact better than we expected for a first course.

A considerable amount of energy and enthusiasm on the part of all Instructors has helped to launch this Centre successfully against most difficult conditions. Lack of transport - the whole School has been run on never more than four 3Ton Trucks and four 15cwt Trucks. Accomodation difficulties - none of the Schools or accomodation for students are in their originally allotted buildings, and considerable improvisation was needed at short notice, due to Contractors not finishing their work to time.

(ii) During this break between courses a regrouping is taking place in order to centralise the Wings. This arrangement will make use of the buildings now completed which together with certain alterations to WE will make the whole set-up more workable and easier to administer.

(iii) The School of Administration planned to open for the next course has been designed to follow the equivalent at CMTC, but only two courses within the School, one for officers and one for Senior NCOs.

(iv) The School of Hygiene also planned should commence during the month of May but has been somewhat delayed due to the British MO from this Centre who was assisting in the planning, being posted away - however, at least a Unit Hygiene course will be arranged. It is hoped to send someone down to MENEVIMIO to discuss possibilities with CI Hygiene School at CMTC as it is felt a complete School of Hygiene must be properly planned by the Medical Staff.

(v) Generally SIVA is a successful undertaking, lacking transport and the right accomodation, the latter is being corrected.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the Month.

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(a) Courses run during the Month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. The young officers course made good progress, and a further course of 30 students, 36 from the GARIBALDI Division, is now proceeding.

(b) 3-in Mortar Course. 30 students commenced the course, but owing to postings and unsuitability, only 60% completed. A fair standard was reached.

(c) 6pr Anti Tank Course. 30 students commenced, 60% finished. Good standard, and results of firing very good.

(d) Mines Course. Instructors were trained at the Engineers Training Battalion, and have just completed their first course of 20 students, with good results.

(e) Snipers. Owing to shortage of equipment, now received, did not start well, but 8 students have been trained so far.

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2. (a) (i) (Continued)

(f) Physical Training Course. A Physical Training Instructors course of 25 young officer students under the British APTC Instructors has produced good results and a pool of Instructors made available.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses outside normal routine training, but it is planned to start the first intake from Gruppi towards the end of May, when Instructors will be available.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 1 (Provost Training Course) commenced 9 April, and students are now in their third week of training.
Course No 1 (Regimental Police) commenced 16 April, and students are now in their second week of training.

(v) Mechanics School.

The Driver Mechanics Course commenced on 11 April with 80 students.
All potential Instructors for the other courses have been under test and instruction, ready for the complete course starting 6 May.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course of 200 pupils commenced on 8 April.
During the week 22 - 28 April, a subsidiary course for 25 Carabinieri was run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.

(vii) SIW. All Arms Instructors School.

The following courses of 3 weeks have been completed.

April 8 - 29.

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	3-in Mortar	13	"

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April 16 - May 4.			
Tactical School	Senior Officers	20	"
	Company Commanders	25	"

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

At present restricted by the number of men available in the Centre for courses, but it is proposed to run the courses at full numbers.

Minor Tactical Course	80	students	3 weeks.
4.2 & 6pr	40	"	3 "
3-in Mortar	40	"	3 "
Mines Course	20	"	3 "
Snipers Course	10	"	3 "

These courses will continue.

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2. (b) (Continued).

(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

The existing arrangements will continue, producing trained reinforcements every three weeks. Depending on suitable men being available for training.

3-in Mortar.
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Carriers.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.
It is hoped to increase the number as accommodation becomes available.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The following courses for the Gruppi are projected to commence 25 May. Duration 2 weeks.

Officers Refresher (Man Management organisation of work, Recce's etc).
Officers and NCOs Bailey elementary.

Officers and Senior NCOs Mine Warfare.

(v) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "L" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

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Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses during April.

NIL.

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

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(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

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2. (d) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(v) Driving Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(e) Number of Personnel from MTO attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Vehicle Mechanics	10 Offrs	SCUOLA MI
(ii)	Motor Duties	10 Offrs 5 ORs	CMTC
(iii)	Gun Fitters	24 ORs	SCUOLA MI
(iv)	Photo Intelligence	3 Offrs	S.SEVERO.

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake

Week ending:	7 April	-	105
	14 April	-	561
	21 April	-	182
	28 April	-	401

(b) Offrs Despatched.

Arm	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Inf	217	608	206	793

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(iii) Gun Fitters — 24 ORs — SCAFATT

(iv) Photo Intelligence — 8 Offrs — S.SERVICE.

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(b) Nos Despatched.

Arm	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Inf	247	608	206	793
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	46	7	15	23
Other Arms	45	20	22	101
Total	348	642	245	921

(c) Nos held at 28 Apr 45.

Arm	Posted Strength		Parade Strength.
Inf	4975		3383
Arty	977		787
Engrs (incl Sigs)	698	5797	700
Other Arms	2185		1028
Total	9035		5898

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Indian)

An examination for establishment of a panel of [illegible] candidates, and this includes eligible [illegible] Instructional Staff. In some cases, where [illegible] necessary, it is [illegible] to [illegible] Bhutan.

(a) No 1 and 2 Terms.

(i) Qualifications required.

Although a shortage of [illegible] Instructors, because of [illegible] with new Edition [illegible] Instructors [illegible] qualified and [illegible] Instructors.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and progressively improving.

(b) Middle School.

(i) Qualifications required VB.

V.B. almost complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A study of daily activity has shown that much [illegible] field due to ignorance of the basic principles of [illegible] method - this is being counteracted with a system of [illegible] Instructors introduced to give a weekly [illegible] Instructors and Cadets to be expected.

Generally providing instruction is satisfactory and improving.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Qualifications required [illegible].

No definite [illegible] Instructors have a total of [illegible] which makes it extremely difficult

(b) School School.

(i) Defoliation Section WE.

W.E. Short Course.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A study of daily activity from above will show instruction full due to increase of the trade training of boarding methods - this is being corrected and a couple of Weekends introduced to give a weekly change of trade instruction and Padres to be contacted.

Generally speaking instruction is satisfactory and improving.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Defoliation Section WE.

No defoliation but Officer Instructors have a large of duties, which takes program left hours.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction is fair but Officers still lack any knowledge of others.

It is difficult to make that the trades instructors make a point of main, therefore not interested in their training, Warrant Officers and NCOs take all opportunities to avoid lecturing. The standard of instruction remains continues to improve slowly.

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(d) Provost School.

(i) Defoliation Section WE.

NIL.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Well up to standard.

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4. (Continued)

(c) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

(a) Twenty six Instructors, who are at present being trained will eventually be found.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving with experience.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Medical Officer	1 (Posted but not yet received).
Station Sergts	1
L Cpls Instructors	4
Drivers A/C	8
Motor Cyclists	1
Driver Instructors	38

The deficiency of 38 Driver Instructors will be made up from recruits who pass as suitable at the end of the current course.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good, though handicapped on the practical side by the shortage of vehicles, tools and equipment for instructors. All unsatisfactory Instructors are being replaced.

(g) RIVA A.A. Area Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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Medical Officer	1 (Posted but not yet arrived)
Platoon Sergts	1
L Cpls Instructors	4
Drivers A/C	8
Motor Cyclists	1
Driver Instructors	38

The deficiency of 30 Driver Instructors will be made up when pupils who pass on suitable at the end of the current course.

(11) Standard of Instruction.

Good, though handicapped on the practical side by the shortage of vehicles, tools and equipment for maintenance. All unsatisfactory Instructors are being replaced.

(c) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

(1) Deficiencies against WE.

WIS Officers	Nil	Nil
Tac School "	4	" Nil
Adm " "	2	" Nil

(11) Standard of Instruction.

The Training, both practical and theoretical has closely followed the British methods used at CTC and for the first course the standard of Instruction has been good. In the Tactical School discussions have been well organised and run, and the standard is high. Instructors who have not made the grade on this Course will be changed.

The Demonstration Company have done some very good work and are keen and unusually smart troops.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of April was satisfactory. All major items indented for on D/T/33/4/A.T.1 of 2 Feb have now been received with the exception of items 115 and 116 - Welding Plants. These plants are needed urgently in order to facilitate the training of men in their use, although the welders tools have been received.

The majority of the Fitters Tools and Tools and spare parts mentioned in the last report have now been received.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the month.

See Appendix "H" attached.
Included in the Appendix are many items not necessarily originally received during April, handed over by 10 Training Team RA. Most of the items appearing under column (n) Artillery School are from this source.

(c) Details of Deficiencies ofoutstanding urgency.

See Appendix "I" attached.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accomodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regts.

Nothing to report since last month.

(ii) No 3 Regt.

(a) Signals School.

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Three Barrack Blocks have been taken over at PRACCHANO all of which are still being renovated and will not be completed for a few weeks.

Eventually when the main School Block is finished, the whole School will be centralised in one Block. At present there is sufficient accommodation for the number on courses (350) but the ceiling of 500 students cannot be reached until the main block is completed, thus releasing room for accomodation.

(b) Engineer Training. 5794

With the slightly decreased numbers, overcrowding is not so bad as last month, and there is a definite improvement.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School now has a complete block of buildings with a central parade ground and is well accomodated.

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6. (a) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

No dificulties. School well laid out and accommodation for students in tents.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The Contractors are slow but have again given a definite promise to have all buildings ready for the course assembling. Once the Schools are in the right buildings, accommodation will be good.

NOTE :- During the month there was a complete review of Civilian Contracts by the Italian Ministry of War. There is an acute shortage of glass for windows, wood and the usual electric light fittings.

(b) Hygiene.

There is a considerable improvement in hygiene. Water supply is now efficient completed at the Centre.

It is hoped that the number of Instructors already trained at CMTC and the courses about to commence at the Centre will do a lot to improve the Italian complete disregard of prevention of disease. The urgency of this matter is kept continually in front of Italian Staff, who are beginning to take notice to some effect.

Billets are on the whole much cleaner, and with the warmer weather are being better ventilated. The general cleanliness in the whole Centre presents a cleaner picture than previously, and much has been done to clean the place up.

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(c) Welfare.

Little to report since last months report. The same arrangements exist and continue and this problem is receiving due consideration. A Gymkhana held on 1 May for all ranks of the Centre was most successful, and prizes to the value of L10,000 were given by the Italian Welfare Funds.

(d) Morale.

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There has been a notable improvement during the month in the Military bearing of all ranks of the Centre. This will be increased by the addition of 68 personally selected officers derived from ex POW sources in UK/T. Some Officers and the majority of the NCOs are still too diffident and either through lack of interest and insufficient confidence fail to exert their authority and check offences.

Much remains to be done, but given sufficient time it is confidently hoped that the Centre will become a sound Military organisation.

There has been no political incident during the month, due perhaps to the reduction of partisans in the Centre.

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7. GENERAL.

The past month has again shown progress and improvement in every respect. The general tone of training at the Whole Centre improves week by week and it can be safely said that the present standard is a fair one and far better than was anticipated.

The general bearing of the Italian Soldiers and their discipline have in turn improved a lot, this is particularly noticeable when moving round the Centre as a good state of orderliness prevails, there is far more saluting and work is better organised.

The weak link is still the inefficiency of a large number of their Officers and the general desire on their part to take the minimum amount of command, this is made very apparent by a few Officers of outstanding ability. However they continue to learn our ways and methods and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staff is a sure way of removing these difficulties.

We have recently reviewed the War Establishment for the Whole Centre and at present a Committee of British and Italian Senior Officers are preparing the recommended establishment considering both sides, and when adopted this will do much to produce better administration and the smoother working of training.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED TRAINING

Serial	Description	Total Received During Month	DISTRI No 2 Regt	No 3 Regt	Prov School	Instrs S When Trg
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	"A" Vehicles.					
1.	Carriers Universal Non Runners	9	6			
	"B" Vehicles.					
2.	Cars 2 str 4 x 2 Utillity	1				
3.	15cwt Trucks 4 x 2 GS	2			2	
4.	15cwt Truck W/T	6				
5.	15cwt/3Ton Lorries	6				
6.	15cwt/3Ton Lorries (Non Runners)	1				
	"C"(AE) Controlled Stores.					
7.	PISTOLS SIGNAL	2				
8.	Binoculars No 2	23				
9.	Mine Detectors American	20				
10.	Mine Detectors Polish No 3 or 4	3				
11.	OQF 6pr DP	4				
12.	Rangefinders No 2 Mk VII	4				
13.	Sights Dial No 7 Mk II	4				
14.	" " No 9 Mk I	12				
15.	Clinos Sight Mk IV	22				
16.	" " Mk V	1				
17.	" Field Mk VI	3				
18.	Telescopes Sighting No M18	1				
19.	" " No 22 C Mk IIA)					
20.	" " No 22D Mk II)44					
21.	" " No 22D Mk III)					
22.	" " No 22D Mk I)					
23.	" " No 41 Mk II	3				
24	Directors No 7	1				
25.	" No 6a	1				

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SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED TRAINING EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 45.

	D I S T R I B U T I O N									
	Instrs School									
gt	No 3 Regt	Prov School	Wpn Trg	Tact School	D & M School	Mech School	Inf School	Arty School	Engr Scho	
	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)	(o)	
	2			6 1			2 23		20 3	
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Appendix "H"

THE MONTH OF APRIL 45.

Tech School (k)	Inf School (m)	Arty School (n)	Engr School (o)	Sigs School (p)	Remarks (q)
	3				
6					
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
26	Stands Instrument No 14	4				
27	Stands Instrument No 27	3				
28	" " No 17a	8				
29	" " No 39	1				
30	Boards Arty No 3 Mk I	4				
31	Trailers Arty No 27 Mk I	10				
32	Guns 25 pr DP	6				
33	Guns 17 pr	4				
34	Guns 40 mm	4				2
35	Telescopes Scout Regt	4				
36	3-in Mortar Barrels DP	4				
37	Bailey Bridge - Sets	1				
	Signal Stores.					
38	Cable Electric D3 Single, miles	55	5	7		5
39	" " D8 " "	2		2		
40	" " W110 " "	2		2		
41	Apparatus Cable Laying No 2	30	4	4		4
42	" " " No 3	5				
43	Barrows Drum	4	2			
44	Frames DP 40 Wire Set	1				
45	Fullerphones	6	2	2		
46	Switchboards U C 10 Line	5	1	1		
47	" F F 40 Line	1				
48	Telephones D Mk V	64	6	12		10
49	Test Sets Port No 2	2				
50	Wireless Sets No 18 or 48	83	16			9
51	" " No 19	14		3		
52	" " No 21	17		3		
53	" " No 22	16		5		
54	Charging Sets 300W	7				
55	" " 1260 W	4	1	1		
56	Wavemeter Cl 'C' or 'D'	10		2		
57	Telephones Sound Powered	14	6			8
58	Avometers Universal	1				
59	Avominors	2				
60	Poles Tele Wood Light 17'	30				

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						2		1
						2		1
						32		2
10	4							54
9	4					2		10
						9		5
						5		6
						3		4
						1		1
						2		6
8								1
								2
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
61	Lamps DCSR with Tripods	3				
62	Training Sets WT	4				
63	Chests Tool Filled (D1)	2				
64	Batteries Sec Part 6 V	70		17		
65	Batteries 12 V	19		19		
66	Lamps Signalling Daylight Short Range	2	2			
67	Instrument Testing Avometers Universal	1				
68	Instruments Testing Avominors Universal	2				
69	Wireless Remote Control No 1	4				
70	Drums Cable No 5	11				
71	" " No 7	3				

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(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
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			4				1 2 11 3

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(k)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)
20	18			15	

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Appendix "I" to BTU letter
BTU/A/29/300 Dated 1 May 45

DETAILS OF DEFICIENCIES OF OUTSTANDING URGENCY.

BMT/38/4/ME.1
2 Feb

Ref	Description	Quantity.
46	Fitters ME Tools	1
47	Electricians Tools	1
50	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
51	FC Forge Hvy	1
56	"S" Tanks	3
57	Tarpaulin 30-ft x 30-ft	1
98	No 4 Pumping Set Complete	1
99	No 5 Pumping Set Complete	1
115	Plant Welding and cutting HP	1
116	Plant welding electric	1
122	Cable electric D VIII twisted miles	5
133	Ladders ET	2
143	Wireless Sets No 11	15
150	Charging Sets 4KW or substitute	1
154	Avominors	2

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116	Plant welding electric	1
122	Cable electric D VIII twisted miles	5
133	Ladders EI	2
143	Wireless Sets No 11	15
150	Charging Sets 4CV or substituto	1
154	Avominors	2

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Subject.- Progress Report No.5.

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"B" BTU. RTC. ICF. (3)
S.C. R.Signals. M.E.F.

I.S.T.C.(It.)Signal Training Centre.

Date. 30th.April'45.

Ref "G" Training Unit letter BTU/DS/I3 of 23rd.March, hereunder is Report on progress at above STC during April'45.

1. General Progress.

Normal progress in all courses has been maintained during the month, until 23rd.Apr. when instruction was suspended to enable the School to be tranferred to BRACCIANO. It is anticipated that training may be resumed during the first week in May. The time-table will be extended to restore normal rate of progress.

2. COURSES.

(a) Personnel

Ref. Appx'B' to BTI/AIO/75 of 26th.Mar. training of DR's has been completed and personnel despatched to CASSANO. The next D.R. Course will commence at BRACCIANO. There is no change in respect of other courses.

(b) Present Holding of Students.

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(b) Present Holding of Students.

Present figures not yet available due to amalgamation of groups formerly at NOCERA and at BRACCIANO.

3. Instructional Organisation.

(a) Study of daily activity has revealed that most instructors fail due to ignorance of the basic principles of teaching Method. 5788

An instruction has been issued in an endeavour to rectify this, and its application will be enforced.

(b) A system of training memoranda has been introduced to give a weekly summary of technical instruction faults to be rectified.

4. Stores.

(a) A list of stores received since the last report is given at APPX"A".

Release of 26 unserviceable wireless sets of various types was

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obtained from AFHQ under auth'y DOS8417/21/Ord13 of 17th.April to enable instrument mechanic's to dismantle sets for examination without having to use complete equipments needed for operators' training.

Owing to apparent duplication a number of items of technical stores have been received in excess of authorised holding under letter DMT/88/4/MT1 of 2nd.Feb. These will be returned to Ordnance during May.

(b) A list of outstanding deffciences is given at Appx."B".

5. Administration.

(a) Accommodation.

Three barrack blocks have been taken over at BRACCIANO, all of which are still being renovated. The present situation is :-

(i) School block.

One wing (8 classrooms) ready for occupation. No use of other wing can be made at present.

(ii) Students Quarters.

Alterations have just begun. No renovation yet commenced.

(iii) Staff block.

Renovation nearly complete. Officers' mess being built in rear.

(b) Hygiene.

Temporary trench latrines are in use pending the restoration of water supply to the buildings.

A shower bath is available.

(c) Move to BRACCIANO.

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Preparations for the move from NOCERA revealed grave inability on the part of the officers of the School to plan and control the economical use of available man power. Such plans as were made quickly broke down due to lack of a chain of command and indifference of officers to the ensuing disorganisation. Few officers gave any coherent orders or even any orders at all, and these were soon countermanded by someone else.

Three hours before the train was due to leave NOCERA the situation had passed beyond the power of the Italian C.C. to control and it was necessary for the British Staff to take command and order the men to proceed to the station and entrain -

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Removal of certain officers has therefore been recommended.

(d) Personal equipment.

During the month sufficient clothing has been drawn to equip students and staff to the scale of

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boots	2	pairs per man
towels	2	" "
socks	3	" " "
overcoat	1	" "
anklets web	1	" " "

(e) Transport.

Much effort is needed to educate officers and drivers out of the " drive it until it breaks down " attitude. The task system has been introduced, and will be enforced during May by the introduction of daily parade under the M.T. Officer and with British supervision.

(f) Welfare. Nothing to report.

6. Morale.

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It is suggested that considerable improvement might be effected by the following means :---

(i) No Officer or NCO newly-commissioned or appointed should be an instructor at the School.

(ii) Some form of "drill and duties" course for instructors might be instituted.

(iii) A proportion of instructors should be exchanged with officers and men from combat units, whose self-discipline might be of

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a higher standard, and who would certainly have practical experience of the training needs of the front-line signaller.

Major.

S.O. R.Signals.

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Appx. "A".

Hereunder is list of stores received since the last report..

Cable Electric Prim. Single. Miles	15.
App Cable Laying No.3 or No.6.	15.
Frames D&F 40 pair.	1.
Switchboards U.C. 10.line.	1.
" D&F 40.line.	1.
Wireless Sets No;18.	5: (U;S.)
" " No.48.	55. (5. U.S.)
" " No.19.	10. (U.S.)
" " No.21.	5.
" " No.22.	6. (U.S.)
Wavemeter C1 "C" or "D"	2.
Charging Sets 300w.	4.
" " 1260w.	1.
Avometers Universal	1;

Stores not enumerated in DNT/88/4/NT1 dated 2nd.FEB '45.

Drums Cable No;5.	15.
Batteries Sec. Port. 6v 40amp.	1.

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Wavemeter C1 "C" or "D"	2.
Charging Sets 300w.	4.
" " 1260w.	1.
Avometers Universal	1;

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Drums Cable No;5.	15.
Batteries Sec. Port. 6v 40amp.	1.

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Appx. "B".

Hereunder is list of outstanding deficiences.

Cable Electric DV111 Twisted Miles	5.
Ladders F.T.	2.
Wireless Sets No.11.	15.
Charging Sets 4Fk or Sub.	1.
Avominors	2.

Stores not enumerated in DNT/88/4/NT1 dated 2nd;FEB'45.

Reels Cable No;1.	57.
Buzzers Sig. TRaining.	30.
Chests Tool Filled M.T.	2.
Cases " " I.E.	2.
Typewriters	1.
Duplicators.	1.

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Buzzers Sig. Training.	31.
Chests Tool Filled M.T.	30.
Cases " " I.M.	2.
Typewriters	2.
Duplicators.	1.
	1.

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PLAN OF COURSES

AT 152 (I.T.) SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRE

TRADE	LOCATION OF COURSE	MAX. CAPACITY OF SCHOOL	MAY 27	JUNE
OPERATORS. LINE	BRACCIANO	40	20	
OPERATORS. WRLS.	"	40		
D.R.s.		25		
S.A.Os.		20	17	
INSTR MECHS.		20		
LINESMEN		30 - 40		
ELECTRICIANS		5 - 10		
*				
REGTL OPS. (INF.)	"	40	16	
REGTL. LINESMEN (INF.)	"	40	8	
S.B.Os (INF.)		10		
REGTL OPS (ARTY)	"	40	26	
REGTL. LINESMEN (ARTY)	"	20	13	
S.B.Os. (ARTY.)		10		

* APPROX. 40 AT CESANO NOT INCLUDED

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PLAN OF COURSES

152 (I.T.) SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRE

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
27			
20			
17			
16			
9			
26			
13			
7 INCLUDED			

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY PROGRESS RETURN. 99 Parnt

COMMANDANT. MECH:SCHL (34)

RE2E/MET/3.

30 th April 1945.

Reference your G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945.

(a) GENERAL PROGRESS. Encouraging since last report.

1. Training of driver mechanics commenced on 11 Apr 45.
2. All sections of the school completed.
3. Eighty per cent of controlled stores received.
4. The W.E. for the Pr. Instr. Staff complete.
5. Course for testing the ability of potential It. Instr commenced.
6. New office premises; accomodation stores; It. Officers mess and kitchen completed.
7. The Compagnia Complementi Meccanici, is now located near the School, to administer the pupils and to act as ay holding company.
8. The entire School area has been fenced off and all doors are secured by pad lock and chain.
9. A new building will be ready for use as the pupils cookhouse, food store, recreation and dinning room.

(b) Courses. (i) 1. 79 Driver Mechanics commenced a course on 11 Apr 45.
2. 53 potential instr. have been under test. Most of them, are unfortunately, are over thirty years of age. Those who are not likely to be demobilised, will be absorbed into the Mechanics School to complete the W.E.

(ii) COURSES PROJECTED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

90 Vehicle Mechs.	7/3/45---16/6/45.	25/6/45--4/8/45.
28 Gun Fitters.	7/5/45---16/6/45.	25/6/45--4/8/45.
144 Driver Mechs.	7/5/45---2/6/45.	11/6/45--9/7/45.
8 Armourers.	7/5/45---26/5/45.	4/6/45---23/6/45.

(iii) None.

(iv) None.

(v) None.

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(iii) None.

(iv) None.

(v) None.

(c) Numbers held (c) Does not apply.

(d) Instructional Staff (Italian).
(a) Twenty-six.
(b) Good.

(c) Equipment. (i)

Rifles	No 4	7.
"	No 1	1.
Bren LMG.	Complete.	2.
TSMG.		2.
PIATS.	" "	1.
Mortars	2"	2.
Pistols	Revolvers Smith & Weston	1.
FA20201	Toolkits Arm. Arts. G.S.	27.
FA20210	" Dr. Mechs.	2.
FA20216	" Electrician M.T.	17.
FA20224	" Fitters Basic	2.
FA20251	" Sheetmetal Workers	108.
FA19533	Vices Benches 4" Jaw	1.
W7 .454	Avometer Universal.	20.
Batteries	6 Volt 125 A.H.	2.
Armourers	toolkits.	

(ii) WX 0457 Plant Welding & Cutting HP O/A Lightweight.
WX 0495 Plant Welding Electric Single Operator Motor Driven 110v DC.

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(f) ADMINISTRATION. (i) Accomodation. Complete. for Instructors.
Pupils. Sleep in tents; Temporary kitchen; new premises under construction. (possibly ready in three weeks.)
School. Complete.

(ii) Hygiene. Good. Baths for the B.& M. and D& M. Schools completed, and will be in use during the week.

(iii) Welfare. Poor. La Patria and Italia are received. Two footballs, set of Indoor games; books (literary and technical) and the organising of a canteen is requested.

(iv) Morale. Good. The liberation of the North of Italy, has cheered the men no end as they have hopes of getting to see their relatives.

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SUBJECT:→ Infantry Training Progress Report for Month of April 1945

INF

'H' BTI IRTC ICF
Ref: BTI/A.10/180
30 April 1945

(33)

Comd,
'F' BLU IRTC ICF

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

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 attendances and poor results,

(c) The lack of balance between intake and output.

The consequence 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 HQ having more control over postings, and secondly by having students attending courses centralised 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 wastage due to postings and sickness, and finally by the Gruppi asking almost entirely for Infantry.

To provide reinforcements satisfactoryily 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, A/Tk 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, MANZIANA, should make a considerable difference as the training continues to be rather unambitious. 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 attendance on parade in this Regiment is fairly satisfactory. Films are being used and the instruction in mine warfare, previously non-existent, has started. A new range (300 yards) is almost ready.

The discipline and general standard of the regiment is improving but turnout 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 organisation and preparation. There is a welcome change in the type of men under training as there is now a fair number of marines, parachutists, etc; as opposed to Tuscan partisans. 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 centre, 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 A/Tk and 3" mortar has been carried out with 30 students on each course. Owing to postings and to the non-suitability of some of the students only approximately 60% of the students completed the course successfully. However, in the case of mortars and A/Tk, 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 A/Tk it is only possible for each course to have one full charge shoot.

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 organisation 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 month of May and also for the schools to have their vehicles if they are runners.

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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 80 students, 36 from the GARIBALDI Division.

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General courses.

A Physical Training Instructors course was ran 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/Tk 6 pdr 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 seperate appendix.

3. WELFARE, MORALE AND HYGIENE.

(i) Welfare. Is quite good throughout the Centre but there is a shortage of sports 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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30 April 1945

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		
Totals	1,545		251
Courses	390		
Totals	1,935		251

Grand Total, 2,186

WLP/asj

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Subject:- PROGRESS REPORTS -- APRIL.

SIVA (41) S.I/V.A.

Ref. R6

29 Ap 45

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To:- 'G' Trg. Unit to the Italian Army

a. General Progress.

The School has already completed five courses and a sixth is continuing. The instruction has been hindered by lack of transport, accomodation (particularly in messing) accommodation stores and to some extent training equipment. Most of the problems connected with these are being solved. Nevertheless results have been better than could have been expected for a first course.

Accomodation is still unsettled and a certain amount of improvisation will be necessary on the next courses. Work on the new Pac. Coy is going forward fairly well and I have no doubt it will be ready in time for the next course. It is very important that the 'HUTS' be ready within the next week. At the present rate of progress this seems most unlikely.

We are trying to effect a certain re-grouping which will centralise the schools more than was possible on the original plan. As regards accommodation available in the village we have reached saturation point and any further expansion will necessitate more building. As it is the 'HUTS' will certainly not hold the Service Coy and the Wpn Trg Wing as first considered and it is now proposed to put the Service and the Dem Coys in the 'HUTS' transferring the Wpn Trg Wing to temporary quarters while awaiting the construction of permanent accommodation.

I would like to place on record our gratitude to Lt.Col. DEIN and his staff for the most willing and comprehensive assistance they have given us in launching the 6pr A.tk Gun Course. Not only have they given us valuable advice but they have loaned us clothing and equipment. Without their help in the way of transport and organising range work much of the practical training would have been impossible. We are most grateful.

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b. Courses.

i. Courses run during the month.

Tac. Wing.

Junior Leaders Course

Combined Coy Comds and Sen Officers.

Weapon Training Wing.

A Platoon Weapons Course

A 3" Mortar Course .

A 6pr A.tk Gun Course.

A Snipers Course.

A - Excellent
B - Very good.
C - Good.
D - Fair.
E. Failed
N.Q. Not qualified (sick or R.T.U.).

All the courses were of three weeks duration.
The following results were obtained.

Pl Wpns. 39 studs (A-2 ; B-4 ;C-10 ;D-8 ;E-9 ;N.Q-6)
3" Mort. 13 " (A-2 ;B-2 ; C-4 ; D-0 ;E-3 ;N.Q-2)
6pr A.tk 17 " (A-3 ;B-4 ;C-1 ;D-2 ;E-2 ;N.Q-5)
Snipers 10 " (A-0 ;B-2 ;EXTRA;C-1;D-0;E-3;N.Q-4)

Where it was obvious a student was not going to benefit by the course either because of laziness or incapacity to take in the instruction he was R.T.U. This happened in 10 cases in the Wpn Trg Wing and and in 2 cases in the Tac Wing.

The following results were obtained on the Jun Ldrs Course :-

26 Students. 8 considered fit to be instructors at a school.
9 considered fit to be instructors in a unit.
7 not considered to be fit to be looked upon as instructors.
1 returned from the course.
1 sick.

The Coy Comds and Sen Officers Course does not finish until 5 May.

ii. Courses projected for the next two months.

Tac. Wing.
Junior Leaders Course.
Coy Comds And Sen Officers Course.
Weapon Trg Wing.
Pl Wpns Course
3" Mort Course
6pr A.tk Course
Snipers
Administration Wing.
Sen Adm Course
Jun Adm Course

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iii. Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses.
NIL

iv. The Syllabus and Programmes already submitted for the first courses remain the same.
The programmes for the Adm Sch are enclosed.
These are for three weeks each but it should be remembered that the Hyg Sch is not functioning yet and it might not be possible to include all the Hygiene instruction.
The Adm Courses are two; a Senior Course for 25 Senior officers and a Junior Course for Pl Cmds and senior N.C.O.s. (25 Students)

v. 'G' Trg Unit and M.M.I.A. are jointly arranging attendance of students at SIVA and I do not know the proportion allotted to the RTC.
The Number from the RTC who were present on the first series of courses was: Officers 40, N.C.O.s 47 (31 officers came from other formations not in fighting areas)

c. This does not apply to SIVA.

d. Instructional Staff (Italian)

i. Deficiencies against W.E.

W.Tg	Officers NIL	NCOs 10
Tec Sch	Officers 4	NCOs NIL
Adm Sch	Officers 2	NCOs NIL

This is against the old WE and not the one which has been recently proposed. There are in H.Q. SIVA four officers in excess of that allowed in the WE. In my opinion these are needed and have been asked for in the new WE.

ii. Standard of instruction.

I am more than pleased with the high standard of instruction reached by most of the instructors both officer and NCO; any instructor who has not made the grade has been noted and steps will be taken to recommend his removal. The training both practical and theoretical has closely followed British methods used at Benevento. It should be understood that this first series of courses has run under great difficulties and they have only been surmounted by a great deal of work and enthousiasm on the part of all. I am looking forward to greater success on the next courses.

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e. Controlled stores recvd during the month.

i. I have asked for a list of these to be made but I have not yet received it . Capt Smethurst should be able to supply this information.

ii. Urgent deficiencies.

The most urgent deficiences are in accommodation stores. Tables and chairs, more blackboards.

Transport continues to give us our more serious headaches. The roads are so bad that any other than vehicles in good condition soon become casualties. I would like to be treated as extra urgent the provision up to ~~WE~~ of the cars for the commanders of the various wings.

f. Administration

i Accommodation:- We have managed by improvising to complete the first courses. It is essential that the accommodation situation improve for the next course. If the 'HUTS' are not ready it will not be possible to run the Adm courses. Much work is needed on the 'HUTS'. I expect Pat Tilonni to be available for the Tac Sch.

ii On the whole the premises occupied by the Sch have been kept very clean; the stores in particular. It will be possible once the Hyg Sch is working topay more detailed attention to hygiene.

iii Welfare. There is a cinema in the town with frequent changes of films. This is well patronised. The men always seem cheerful and are working well. They get away on leave fairly frequently. There will be the problem soon of men with homes in Northern Italy who have not seen their people for some time. If some indicatio of policy could be published for their information I think it would set their minds at rest.

iv Morale Everyone is in good heart. There seems to be a definite determination on everyones part to put SIVA on the map. A very high standard is being demanded and the response has been good. The fact that students were RTU shows that nothing but the best will suffice.

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URGENTLY REQUIRED

TRANSPORT; Including CARRIERS

FILMS

TABLES, Chairs.

STEREOSCOPES
ELECTRIC LIGHTING
TELEPHONES (at the moment our only connection with the outside world is a single phone which is in great demand. There is no connection between departments except by runner)

30 Apr 45.

E Huntington
Major
GTI Schools

SUBJECT :- Progress Report - D&M School

D + M A1

'F' BLU IRTC ICF
Ref ST/1A/448

29 April 45

AAG (M) 'F' BLU IRTC ICF (3)

Herewith Monthly Progress Report on the Driving and Maintenance School RTC ICF as at 30 April 45.

COURSES

1. (a) The first four-weeks course commenced on 8 April 45 and is still in progress. The second course will begin on 6 May 45 and the third on 10 Jun 45.

(b) The syllabus comprises a comprehensive instruction in the theory and practice of driving and vehicle maintenance based on the British 16 Task System.

(c) During the week 22 - 28 April a subsidiary course attended by 25 Carabinieri is being run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.

(d) Excluding the 25 Carabinieri above a total of 202 pupils are under instruction.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

2. (a) The following personnel are deficient against the proposed WE :-

Medical Officer	- 1	(Posted but not yet arrived)
Platoon Serjeant	- 1	
L Sjt Instructors	- 4	
Drivers IC	- 8	(include 1 MCO)
Motor Cyclists	- 1	
Driver Instructors	- 38	

The deficiency of 38 Driver Instructors will be made up from pupils who pass as suitable on the end of this current course.

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COURSES

1. (a) The first four-weeks course commenced on 8 April 45 and is still in progress. The second course will begin on 6 May 45 and the third on 10 Jun 45.

(b) The syllabus comprises a comprehensive instruction in the theory and practice of driving and vehicle maintenance based on the British 16 Task System.

(c) During the week 22 - 28 April a subsidiary course attended by 25 Carabinieri is being run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.

(d) Excluding the 25 Carabinieri above a total of 292 pupils are under instruction.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

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Medical Officer	-	1 (Posted but not yet arrived)
Platoon Serjeant	-	1
L Sjt Instructors	-	4
Drivers IC	-	8 (include 1 MCC)
Motor Cyclists	-	1
Driver Instructors	-	30

The deficiency of 30 Driver Instructors will be made up from pupils who pass as suitable on the end of this current course.

(b) The standard of Instruction is good, though handicapped on the practical side by the shortage of vehicles and tools and equipment for maintenance. Certain officer and OR Instructors have been found unsatisfacory and will be replaced.

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EQUIPMENT

3. (a) Vehicles

The proposed War Establishment provides for :-

Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	-	101
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	5
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	-	2
Motor Cycles	-	5

No intimation has yet been received that the proposed War Establishment has been approved. Of the above vehicles only 75 lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS have been released.

(b) Tools

Demands have been submitted for the requisite tools and equipment for training and maintenance but they have not yet been received.

(c) Accommodation Stores

Adequate except for Tables GS.

(d) NO controlled stores have been received during the month.

GENERAL

4. (a) The first course has progressed as satisfactorily as possible considering the difficulties experienced due to lack of vehicles. Only 75 Class V training vehicles have been released, all in a deplorable mechanical condition. Workshops have made every effort to deal with the large amount of repairs required, but the positions at present is as follows :-

Vehicles in Workshops	-	37
Vs OR awaiting Workshop repair	-	20
Balance available for training	-	18
		75

(b) Unless the balance of 25 3-ton training vehicles is released before the start of the second course it will be quite

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Vehicles in Workshops	-	57
Vs OR awaiting Workshop repair	-	20
Balance available for training	-	18
		75

(b) Unless the balance of 25 3-ton training vehicles is released before the start of the second course it will be quite impossible to accept the full number of 400 pupils. The entire lack of any cars, 15-cwt trucks or motor-cycles renders impossible any supervision of convoy driving. Vehicles for school administration purposes have to be taken from the already depleted number of training vehicles.

(c) Whilst the course is not yet finished, it is estimated that approximately 70% of the pupils will pass as satisfactory drivers, 15% will still require further training and 15% will never become drivers.

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4. (Continued)

(d) The pupils capacity to assumulate MT Instruction varies considerably. In many instances it is difficult to arouse any interest in the subject, due either to lack of "mechanical mindedness", or sheer mental inertia. Several pupils have been found to be completely illiterate.

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Appendix 'A' to
'F' ELU IRTC ICF
letter ST/1A/448
Dated 29 April 45

DEFICIENCIES OF OUTSTANDING UNDERX

VEHICLES

Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 or 4 x 4 GS	-	26
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	5
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	-	2
Motor-cycles	-	5

ACCOMMODATION

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letter ST/1A/448
Dated 29 April 45

DEFICIENCIES OF OUTSTANDING URGENCY

VEHICLES

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Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	5
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	-	2
Motor-cycles	-	5

ACCOMMODATION

Tables GS	-	80

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Subject:- Progress Report.

Ordnance Branch;
'F' BLU, RTC, ICF,
c/o Land Forces Sub-Comm.
MAC (MMIA) MCNS.

To:- AA & QMG,
'F' BLU RTC, ICF.
(3 copies)

Ref. ORD/4/5
28 Apr 45.

Ref. BLU/29/13 of 23 March 1945.
Paras. (a) to (e) inclusive not applicable.

Para. (f) :- Administration.

1. Accommodation. While the sheds at present used for Central Storehouse are adequate in size, storage facilities would be greatly improved by the introduction of racks and shelving, especially for clothing. Officer i/c Clothing Store has previously demanded these; without success, and HQ. RTC. ICF. have now been contacted by this office on the same subject.

The men, the tools, the grindery are all available to start a Boot Repair Shop for the Centre. Only benches and stools are lacking. PADA E has been contacted for local production as AFHQ now state accommodation stores must be supplied from Italian sources.

2. Hygiene)
3. Welfare) Nothing to report.
4. Morale)

Para. (g):- General.
Administration of Ordnance Services in RTC, ICF. :-

To remedy the present ignorance and lack of experience in British methods and procedure, application has been made to AFHQ, through MMIA, for 12 Italian Officers and 60 O.Rs. to attend courses on Ordnance Procedure.

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Training Progress Report - April 1945
(Scuola Artieri)

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/A.10/175

27 April 1945

AA & QMG
'F' BLU IRTC ICF (in triplicate)

AFHQ (Engineer Section).
Commandant, Engr Trg Est., CMF.
MMIA (for info)

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1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) Headway has been made and the Italians are doing much more 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). GH Training

(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 Gruppi have been started but it is considered that it should be possible to start soon. Suggested date May 28th.

(b) The following courses could be run. May MMIA please be asked to give a priority. Overview 2 weeks

Officers. Refresher. (Man Management, Organisation of Work. Recces. Etc)

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 SME for instructors, are not required.

(d) No men from Scuola ARTIERI are attending outside courses in engineering.

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3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly intake. Theoretically 55 but last 2 weeks have been missed.

(b) Under training. 4 parties of theoretically 55 each. Actually approximately 180.

(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 BRACCIANO.

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.

(i) The following items of equipment are still outstanding.

Item No.	
45	Chest, tool, filled, painters.
46	" " " fitters.
47	" " " electricians.
50	Anvil.
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.
56	S Tanks 3

(ii) Water Supply training is being held up by lack of Pumping Sets and S tanks.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation. Improved. Beds have arrived. No room for messes.

(b) Hygiene. Still bad.

(c) Welfare. Not apparent.

(d) Morale. Suprisingly high.

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Report

SUBJECT:- Progress Report No.4

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'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTI/Pro/60/1

27 April 1945

AA & QMG
'F' BLU IRTC ICF (in triplicate)

PM (Br), AHHQ
DPM, RAAC (RAAC 48A99-99 dated 26 Feb 45)

Reference G/6/4/202 dated 3 April 1945.

Progress Report for month ending 30 April 1945 herewith.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS (Provost School).

(i) Course No.1 (Provost Training Course) commenced 9th April 1945 and students are now in the third week of training.

(ii) Course No.1 (Regimental Police) commenced 16th April 1945 and students are now in the second week of training.

(iii) The Italian Training Staff arrived wef 1st April 1945 and received one weeks concentrated training from the British Staff and are now on instructing duties.

(iv) On the 14th May 1945, that is at the completion of Course No.1 (Provost) and subject to examination results, there will be available for posting forward approx 50 ORs, nominal rolls of whom, by ranks, will be submitted at the end of the course.

(v) Disposal instructions for students undergoing training on the Regimental Police course are at the discretion of the Centre.

(vi) Joining Instructions for Course No,2 have been issued.

General training progress is satisfactory. An outdoor Gymnasium is now in course of construction in order to complete satisfactorily the Physical Training instruction undertaken by the School.

The manuals as drafted have been found to be a sound basis for teaching [illegible] little to be said. On Saturdays at 0930 hours

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The main difficulties of the school now are insufficient accommodation stores, such as tables GS and forms GS, and the delay in repairing training vehicles at the Italian workshops, at the present moment the School having 75% of its training motor-cycles and transport awaiting repairs and off the road.

2. (HQ. 152 Italian Provost Company. CCRR (WE CM/737/1)).

Is now fully to strength, including the Instructional Staff, with the exception of 1 OR. Further transport and equipment has been received during the month as per appendix 'E' attached. All personnel are now clothed in British BD, armbands and the like.

3. (155 Italian Provost Section, CCRR (WE CM/524/1)).

Duty Section employed within the Centre on police duties. Accommodation stores, NELs and majority of AFG.1098 stores still remain to come in to complete to scale, otherwise progress normal. Tostrength less 3 ORs.

4. (198 Italian Provost Section, CCRR (WE CM/524/1)).

Section employed on Traffic Control, check points, service other than

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4. (198 It Pro Sect CCRR)(Cont'd)

~~judiciary~~ judiciary service, i.e. nodal points, escorts and the like. Accommodation stores, MELs and majority of AFG.1098 stores still to come in, otherwise progress normal. To strength less 5 NCOs.

5. (319 Italian Provost Section, CCRR (WE CM/524/1)).

Now forming students of Provost Training Course No.1 and are in the third week of instruction. Have been re-equipped with British BD, armbands and the like and progress is normal. Accommodation stores, MELs and majority of AFG. 1098 still remain to come in. To complete strength.

GENERALLY.

Issues to, and the equipping of the comany has been slow during the present month and although the whole company is now raised and functioning, completion of equipment to scale is entirely dependant on Ordnance releases.

2 (b)(i) Provost Training Course No.1 as per training programme already submitted, continuing.
Regimental Police Course No.1 as per training programme already submitted, continuing.

(ii) Provost Training Course No.2
(Regimental Police Course No.2 (at the discretion of the Centre)).

(iii) 5 officers and 50 ORs. For Provost Course No.2 these will not be found by Groups, but will ne raised from Territoriale resources to form the pool of Reinforcements (vide conversation 26 April 1945 Capt A. Grassett - Capt C. Gordon).

(iv) Already submitted.

(v) NA.

(c) For completion by S/Captain 'A'.
Instructional Staff (Italian)

(d)(a) To strength.

(b) Not applicable.

(e) Equipment.

(i) Lists of equipment received during the month are attached.

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(d)(a) To strength.

(b) Not applicable.

(e) Equipment.

(i) Lists of equipment received during the month are attached.

(ii) Such as are remaining to complete the School AFG.1098 and the C.1098 of No.198 Italian Provost Section, CCRR (being the section employed on Traffic Control duties and the like).

(f) ADMINISTRATION

(i) Accommodation. The School and barrack block house are now filled to more than capacity, rooms previously earmarked for administration and stores, etc, now having to be used as sleeping quarters (for) officers, etc. No building is yet available for the new intake of 5 officers and 50 ORs despite representations to the Italian General Staff and the likelihood of earlier arrivals of parties thereof.

(ii) Hygiene. The position is improving and two good permanent latrines have now been obtained for the use of the CCRR. Cookhouses are now being built by each Section and proper allocation and division of sleeping querters has been carried out. Baths continue to be taken at ROME through lack of other facilities.

(iii) Welfare.)
(iv) Morale.) Is good and there is nothing further to add to my previous report. Messing is satisfactory, receipt of mail is normal and leave is functioning equitably. A need exists for a periodic Welfare issue of old magazines, playing cards and the like.

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Captain,
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APPENDIX 'E'

List of Issued equipment for the month ending 30 Apr 45

Unit.	Stores received.	No.	MCs	Cars 4 x 2	Trucks 15 cwt	Lorries 3 ton.
HQ, 152 Iti Pro Coy, CCRR.	NIL	-	2	-	-	-
155 Iti Pro Sect CCRR	Watches, GS	22	-	-	-	-
	Compasses, Pris.	1				
	Binocs, pris, No.2 Mk.II	1				
198 Iti Pro Sect CCRR	Watches, GS	22	-	-	-	-
	Compasses, Pris.	1				
	Binocs, pris, No.2 Mk.II	1				
319 Iti Pro Sect CCRR	Watches, GS	22	14	-	-	-
	Compasses, pris	1				
	Binocs, pris, No.2, Mk.II	1				
HQ, 152 Iti Pro Coy, CCRR. (Provost School)	NIL	-	-	0	2+	-
TOTAL, vehicles.			16	-	2	-

+ Training Vehicles, Class V, only.

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"G" Training Unit to the Italian Army.
C. M. F.

Ref GTU/SC/13

3 Apr 45.

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Allied Forces HQ Comm Z (UNRRA)
"G" ITAL ZONE.

Monthly Progress Report for the month of March 45.

1. CENTRAL PROGRESS.

(a) The general progress of training is satisfactory. Until trained instructors are available the standard of instruction will continue to be unsatisfactory, but a lot is being done to train instructors and in time, as they become available, so the general standard will improve.

(b) No 1 Regt.

The general standard of discipline and turnout have improved. The training programme is being well carried out but training generally is still too formal and rigid and more introduction of the 'Battle School' theory would make training more interesting and instructive, instead of, as at present, when there are too many barrack square and sitting down periods. However, the regiment is progressing, and training is being well prepared.

(c) No 2 Regt.

Since the last report considerable progress has been made but progress is still slow. This regiment has been troubled with large numbers of Unclassified Partisans, but there is a marked improvement both as regards discipline and general turnout, although this has taken up too much of the Senior Officers time and prevents them putting their full energies into expanding

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The disturbing factor is the Infantry Specialist training which is only just starting, due largely to shortage of instructors, but also to lack of appreciation and interest on the part of Regimental Commanders. Proposals have been made, also slight internal adjustments of organisation which it is hoped will produce results during the next month.

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(d) Infantry School.

The Infantry School functions efficiently provided they are on subjects where the Officer Instructors have been to British Schools of Instruction. The method instruction is sound and specialist weapon instruction is improving. This School is being well run and will produce good results.

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(c) No 3 Dept.

(i) Signals School.

Classes at the Signal School, NOWRA are now in their eighth week of training and fairly satisfactory progress is being made. The Training, which was lagging behind the rest of the courses, is now making good progress since the receipt of ten 19Cs.

The School will move up to this Centre on 1st April. Good accommodation is being completed at BRADFIELD next to the Engineer School.

(ii) Engineer Training.

Only recruit training is being undertaken at present but this is making satisfactory progress in spite of the shortage of good Italian Instructors. There have been many administrative difficulties to overcome, particularly feeding arrangements and generally bad discipline, but the situation is improving and progress is showing. The training of Infantry Sapper Training Instructors is working smoothly and includes a mine swamp, minefields and suitable equipment.

(f) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

The Provost School is now ready and complete, waiting only for the Italian Training Staff. The Italian Headquarters have reported the instructors are already on the way so the School should be starting up within a few days.

15th Italian Provost Section CO.NSW (NX 48/524/1).

Is strength less 2 men. The Section is fully equipped and working very satisfactorily.

19th Italian Provost Section CO.NSW (NX 48/524/1).

Is strength less 3 men. Fully equipped and working most [illegible]. This section was commanded by Field Marshall

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(f) Schools.

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155 Italian Provost Section CC.RR (IT CS/524/1).

To strength loss 2 men. The Section is fully equipped and working very satisfactorily.

198 Italian Provost Section CC.RR (IT CS/524/1).

To strength loss 3 men. Fully equipped and working most efficiently. This section was commended by Field Marshall ALEXANDER on his visit.

319 Provost Section CC.RR (IT CS/524/1).

Just arrived at this Centre. They will form the first students for the Provost School, and until the instructors arrive alternative instructors are being arranged.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The Mechanics School will be ready to commence training on 8 April. The Italian Instructors have all been trained and are quite competent to commence instruction. The delay in starting is cause by buildings for administration still to be completed, but in the meantime a considerable amount is being done to improve training facilities and equipment has been approved. The British Army Instructors establishment is complete.

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(f) Schools (Continued).

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The School opens on 8 April having an intake of 300 trainees. Instructors have been trained and will have reached the required standard. Constructional work, which was holding up this course, will be sufficiently advanced to start on this date.

(g) GCTA (All Arms Instructors School).

(i) It was originally hoped to commence the first courses at the beginning of April, but owing entirely to slow progress on the part of the Contractors, the opening dates have been postponed. This extra time will also allow the various Wings further time to tie up their instruction. Work on all buildings is progressing well with the additional help from Italian Engineers from CMMIK.

(ii) The JLW and WTS courses commencing 8 April will be accommodated in makeshift premises and not in all the buildings finally to be allotted to them.

(iii) SO and SNCO of the Tactical Wing will commence on 15 April.

(iv) The Administration Wing and Hygiene Wing will not be opened until early in May, when the other Wings have been launched. Time is needed to arrange the accommodation and the advice of the CMMC is being sought for the organisation, staff and detailed equipment for the Hygiene Section. Major [redacted] will visit CMMC on Wednesday 4 April 45.

2. COURSES

(a) Courses Run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Jungle Range Course. A hundred students on paper but owing to sickness and other reasons, all students did not complete the Course. During the first [illegible]

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(iii) SD and DDSC of the Tactical Wing will commence on 15 April.

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2. COURSES

(a) Courses Run during the month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. A hundred students on paper but owing to sickness and other reasons, all students did not complete the Course. Being the first course, left much room for improvement in instruction, but in an satisfactory lines. A further course of 40 Italian Officers from the Italian Military Academy is now running and progressing well.

(b) A 3-in Mortar Course with 20 students provided excellent instruction. Shortage of Signal Equipment and late arrival of carriers produced difficulties but the course went well.

(c) 6 pr Course of 20 students. Drill was good and all students have fired, including firing against moving targets with good results.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses have yet started for intake from the Group, due to shortage of trained instructors, but it is hoped to start this intake in about six weeks.

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[illegible] ... not be efficient until the British Instructional Staff of 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants arrive. Six men are sent weekly to the Mechanics School for training

(c) Courses run during the month (Continued).

(iv) Provost School.

Regimental Police course for Army personnel 10 Cfm were trained. Traffic Control course for the equal of 1 Platoon of the Camp 20 Cfm were trained.

(v) Reception School.

No courses run.

(iv) Driving and Maintenance School.

For the purpose of training and selecting potential driving instructors for the School, the initial 14 days D & M course was completed and 55 drivers passed out as suitable. 75 driver instructors will be ready for the first four weeks course.

(vii) RWA All Arms Instruction School.

No course run.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

During April the existing courses will continue. In addition, a Snipers Course of 8 students to produce instructors for the Snipers School commencing in May. Also to provide instructors for the Bal Regiment.

Carriers. A small carrier course is running at present, but instruction is poor and will not be efficient until the British Instructional Staff of 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants arrive. Six men are sent weekly to the Mechanics School for training. but the present difficulties cannot be overcome until the whole of the instruction is on a firm footing. At present, the output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected before the end of May, unless the British staff arriving can speed this up.

The 3-in Mortar Course will take 30 students. The A Tk 6 pr Course 30 students. The Tactical Course a further 40 young

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(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

During April the existing courses will continue. In addition, a Sniper Course of 8 students to produce instructors for the Sniper School commencing in May. Also to provide instructors for the 2nd Regiment.

Carriers. A small carrier course is running at present, but instruction is poor and will not be efficient until the British Instructional Staff of 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants arrive. Six men are sent weekly to the Mechanics School for training, but the present difficulties cannot be overcome until the wills of the instruction is on a firm footing. At present, the output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected before the end of May, unless the British staff arriving can speed this up.

The 3-in Mortar Course will take 30 students. The 4.2 in 6 pr Course 30 students. The Tactical Course a further 40 young officers and SO NCOs. Mine Warfare 20 students.

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

(ii) No 2 Regiment Specialist School.

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Starting on 5 April and will train 30 A Tk personnel and 30 3-in Mortar personnel by the end of the month. In addition the Carrier Course should produce sufficient drivers to man all carriers at this Centre.

Mines Training will be confined to the production of sufficient instructors to fill requirements at the beginning of May also of instructing a number of Regimental Officers to be capable of instructing in elementary Mine Warfare.

A short Hygiene Course of one week will commence on the 9 April and continue. This course will deal with unit hygiene and will train unit sanitary men.

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(b) Courses projected for the next two months (Continued).

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iv) Engineer Training.

As soon as the recruits training can carry on without British supervision a special course will be run for officers the programme of which is not yet available. It is hoped to start Engineer Training for an intake from the Depot in about six weeks. For programme of present course see Appendix "G".

(v) Provost School.

319 Italian Provost Section will have 51 students to complete the course. See Appendix "D". 3 Officers and 50 students from the Depot Groups are scheduled to commence this course immediately after this first course is finished.

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) S.E.A.A.I. School.

Courses projected for April and May are as follows :-

Date of Assembly	Course.
8 April	Junior Leaders Tactical Wing.
8 April	Platoon Weapons.
8 April	Junior Master Gnr A Tk
8 April	Snipers
8 April 15 April	50 Ex U.C.C. TAC W.I.N.G.
15 May	Weapon Training Wing.

All the above wil in addition :-
School of Administration.
School of Hygiene.

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See Appendix "F" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(viii) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

Courses projected for April and May are as follows :-

Date of Assembly	Course.
8 April	Junior Leaders Tactical Wing.
8 April	Platoon Weapons.
8 April	3-in Mortar
8 April	Gpr A Tk
8 April	Snipers
15 April	Weapon Training Wing.
15 May	SECTION TAC WING.

All the above and in addition :-
School of Administration.
School of Hygiene.

Detailed syllabus. See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses. 5756

(i) Infantry School. XXX.

(ii) No 2 Regt Specialist School. XXX.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "H" attached.

(iv) Engineers Training. XXX.

(v) Provost School.

During May the 5 Officers and 50 students mentioned in para (b) (v).

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2. (c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses (Continued).

(vi) Mechanics School. NIL.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

100 from MAINOA Div on 8 April.
100 from Brigade on 6 May.

(viii) NIL. All Arms Instructors School.

In order that the organisation may be kept as simple as possible in the opening stages, the first course of each thing will be made up of students from this Centre. The second course will be made up as follows :-
On or about 15 May.

Course	Total	RNC	MAINOA	15 Army
J.L.W.	36	6	6	24
[illegible]	38	3	10	20
[illegible]	40	10	10	20
2 Tpts	20	5	5	10
3-in Mortar	20	5	5	10
Gun A Tk	20	5	5	10
Engineers	30	7	8	15
Administration	20	5	5	10
Signals	221	48	34	119

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "B" attached.

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80 }	35	5	10	20
12 Byes	40	10	10	20
3-in Mortar	20	5	5	10
Gpr & Tk	20	5	5	10
Sub)ems	20	5	5	10
Administration	30	7	8	15
Hygiene	20	5	5	10
	231	42	54	119

(4) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "B" attached.

(iii) Drywood School.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iv) Driving Maintenance School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

(v) RCEME All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vi) MECHANICS SCHOOL.

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2. (Continued).

(e) Number of personnel from NWC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	RA Sanitation and Anti Malaria.	8 Offrs	NEGATIVE.
(ii)	Hygiene and Sanitation	6 "	"
(iii)	Anti Gas	5 "	"
(iv)	Vehicle Recovery	10 ORs	NEGATIVE
(v)	Gun Pitters	25 ORs	"
(vi)	Issuers and Storemen (Rations)	1 " 4 ORs	NIL
(vii)	Photo Interpretation.	3 "	NEGATIVE.

3. RATIONS USED.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 3 Mar	-	1635
10 Mar	-	195
17 Mar	-	508
24 Mar	-	339
31 Mar	-	536

(b) Rats Decapitated.

Men	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	660

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3. Mobile Hqs.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 3 Mar	-	1685
10 Mar	-	193
17 Mar	-	509
24 Mar	-	559
31 Mar	-	534

(b) Sets Completed.

Arm	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	660
Arty	-	-	-	-	-
Engrs	-	-	-	-	-
Other Arms	160	64	-	32	274
	160	64	-	432	934

(c) Sets held at 31 Mar 45.

Arm	Double Str	Single Str.
Inf	7639	4208
Arty	727	592
Engrs	1170	840
Other Arms	1589	649
	11,145	6,289.

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4. [illegible] (CONTINUED).

(a) Naval Ratings.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

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

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Improving, still not up to standard, but will be satisfactory by the end of April.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Deficiencies in Specialist Instructors to complete WE are being found by [illegible] but the deficiency figure is small. Up to date details are not available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical instruction is fairly good but supervision other than by British staff is poor. The Italian Staff is inclined to incomplacency except under close British supervision.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete except for one Major who is on his way.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Standard of instruction is passable with NCOs and improving with experience, but bad in respect of officers. It is hoped to improve the officers by running their special course.

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are deficient in specialist instructors to complete is also being found by MTE but the deficiency figure is small. Up to date details are not available.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical instruction is fairly good but supervision other than by British staff is poor. The Italian Staff is inclined to inconsistent except under close British supervision.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Complete except for one Major who is on his way.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Standard of instruction is passable with NCOs and improving with experience, but bad in respect of officers. It is hoped to improve the officers by running their special course.

(d) Recruit School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

No Italian Instructors have arrived yet.

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(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Does not apply.

(e) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

25 Vehicle Mechanics - these are to be found from trainees entering the School.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Up to the standard of any trainsmen tests.

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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (EPUKAN) (Continued).

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Chief Instructor (Captain).	1
Subalterns	3

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Progressing well, the instruction should be of a good standard.

(g) RIVA AIR Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

There has been difficulty in finding sufficient instructors to fill the WE particularly as a large number of the instructors trained at CMTC were already instructing at CMTC. This has now been rearranged and the few deficiencies filled with officers considered suitable to instruct with the intention of training them as the courses progress.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction should be good as the best of the CMTC trained instructors are at present working on their syllabus. There has been the same difficulty in getting them going but the outlook is most favourable. The demonstration company are good troops and keen.

5. ENGINEER EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of March has generally been satisfactory. As the outset, difficulty was experienced in collecting vehicles, but this was overcome by transferring reliefs to AMF HQ NMC. The only really outstanding items are Fitters Tools, and Tools and Spare Parts of all descriptions for the Mechanics School.

(b) Detailed statement of controlled stores received during the month.

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Instructors trained at CATE were already instructing at Ottawa. This has now been rearranged and the few deficiencies filled with officers considered suitable to instruct with the intention of training them at the Ottawa programme.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction should be good as the best of the CATE trained instructors are at present working on their syllabus. There has been the same difficulty in getting them going but the outlook is most favourable. The Demonstration company are good troops and keen.

5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of March has generally been satisfactory. At the outset, difficulty was experienced in collecting vehicles, but this was overcome by transferring releases to M/S HQ RCEME. The only really outstanding items are Fitters Tools, and Tools and Spare Parts of all descriptions for the Mechanics School.

(b) Detailed statement of controlled stores received during the month.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(c) Details of deficiencies or outstanding urgency.

See Appendix "G" attached.

6. ACCOMMODATION.

(a) Accommodation.

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(i) No 1 and 2 Bogie.

The accomodation is good basically but with the lack of doors, and with the windows being half bricked up, conditions are far from good. Further huts are required for classrooms and dining-halls, and if the Centre is to be compared with the corresponding British Establishment, the provision of extra accomodation and considerable improvement to existing buildings is urgent.

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6. ACCOMMODATION (Continued).

(ii) No 3 Dept.

(a) Signals.

The accomodation at [redacted] when finished will be good and arrangements are proceeding to have up the School complete on 10 April.

(b) Engineer Training.

At [redacted] the present overcrowding is being gradually improved by the provision of some huts and eventually hostage. Heating has been the worst problem but arrangements are in hand to improve the present cook-house.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School has received its fair share of the accomodation available, and although rather cramped has no real accomodation problem. Further accomodation has been asked for to improve the situation. During the period of waiting the buildings have been improved and arranged most efficiently.

(iv) Mechanics School.

Accomodation is being completed and will be good. At present 95% completed for instructors and 10% completed for students, tents will be used if not finished in time. The School is really well laid out and well decorated.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

Accomodation will be sufficiently completed and adequate for the first course. Accomodation is good.

(vi) NEW All Arms Instructors School.

The Schools buildings have been all allotted and now it is a question of speeding up the Contractors. Everything is being done to market time. The attached sketch shows system of accomodation.

(b) Recipe.

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...chool for to improve the situation. During the period of writing the buildings have been improved and arranged most efficiently.

(iv) Mechanics School.

Accommodation is being completed and will be good. At present 99% completed for instructors and 10% completed for students, tents will be used if not finished in time. The School is really well laid out and well decorated.

(v) Driving and Maintenance School.

Accommodation will be sufficiently completed and adequate for the first course. Accommodation is good.

(vi) GHQ All Arms Instructors School.

The Schools buildings have been all allotted and now it is a question of speeding up the Contractors. Everything is being done to assist them. The attached sketch shows system of accommodation.

(b) Hygiene.

General hygiene shows some improvement. With the attachment of a NO and 5 Sgt Majors, it has been possible to keep much closer supervision. There is still a certain amount of indiscriminate defaecation which can be checked only by general discipline. Cook-houses as yet are rather primitive but plans are afoot to carry out improvements continuously. Billets are on the whole clean and ventilated but most windows in the main buildings are partly blocked up. Considerable improvement will have to be carried out before the hot weather arrived. The methods of disposal of refuse and introduction of hygienic latrines are all part of the programme which is developing day by day. A short works course for unit sanitary men will start early in April and provide additional help in the drive to make the Centre more hygienic.

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6. ADMINISTRATION (Continued).

(c) Welfare.

(i) This problem is now receiving the due consideration and a general effort is being made. There is an Italian Welfare Officer appointed and although he complains they are unable to carry out a welfare programme on anything like the scale of the British, the following arrangements are in operation.

(ii) CINEMA.

Theatres plans are in preparation for an open air theatre to accommodate 2,000. Throughout the month instrumental and vocal concerts have been given to an average attendance of 400.

Cinema. There is a cinema operating at present and shows are given every evening. An additional cinema is under construction.

Cartoons. Each Bn has a cartoon.

Rest Rooms. The two Regiments are organising rest rooms, libraries etc.

(iii.) BROTHELS.

Arrangements are being made to use the civilian theatre.

(iv) RESTAURANTS.

An officers club is planned and nearing completion, this will be staffed by the Italian Red Cross. There is a good local cinema, also used for training films.

(v) Newspapers.

1,500 copies of 'La Patria' are distributed daily. 1,500 copies of 'Italia' weekly and over 8,000 books have been distributed.

(vi) Sports.

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Cartoon. Each Bn has a cartoon.

Rest Rooms. The two Regiments are organising rest rooms, libraries etc.

(iii) THEATRE.

Arrangements are being made to use the civilian theatre.

(iv) CINEMA.

An officers club is planned and nearing completion, this will be staffed by the Italian Red Cross. There is a good local cinema, also used for touring films.

(v) Newspapers.

2,500 copies of 'La Patria' are distributed daily. 1,500 copies of 'Italia' weekly and over 4,000 books have been distributed.

(vi) Sports.

Sports gear is sadly lacking. Football and sports grounds are under construction.

(d) Morale.

The introduction of British Public Press and Equipment has played a large part in the uplift in morale, which continues to improve as shown by the outward signs, such as saluting, personal cleanliness etc. Morale is not good and the resultant laxity of discipline and sloppy attitude to work tending on the part of the individual soldier makes the job of the British Staff an up-hill one. However, a lot more has been achieved and morale shows a marked improvement, particularly now the individual soldiers life is becoming more interesting. It is felt a lot more can be done by the Junior Officers to build up the morale, particularly in applying man management which is being taught and stressed on every available opportunity.

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GENERAL.

Generally it can be said that the past month has shown a considerable improvement in many respects. Morale is better, discipline is better, and the cycle of training is beginning to turn. However, there are many deficiencies. Unless training is kept right to the fore part in the minds of the Italian Officers, any excuse is accepted as a chance to miss it. Feasts, holidays, and weather, too many fatigues, anything is accepted as a chance to let the men off, with the result that unless this matter is carefully controlled, programmes are not completed. The Senior Officers will not delegate responsibility and do not understand the benefits of decentralisation, but more and more thought is being given to these matters and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staffs is producing the good results. So far as the individual soldier is concerned, Kids Ego' needs building up, and until he has more confidence in himself and his officers, training is bound to suffer through his lack of interest. However, progress continues and each day sees improvement. Recently General [illegible], the Italian Officer Commanding, wrote a letter to his Regimental Commanders formal an, intimate and direct lines impressing the need for discipline and the weeding out of inefficient officers. A copy of this letter has been seen and it reflects creditably on the genuine effort now being made by the Italian Officers to produce results.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC ICF

Name of course.	No of Students.	Duration of course.	
(a) Operators Wireless course.	50	17 weeks	Operating, I Instruments, Batteries an Exercises.
(b) Operators Line course.	27	13 weeks	Operating, I Instruments Exercises.
(c) Switchboard Operators course.	8	4 weeks	E & M - Tele Instruments. UC 10 line. Operating -
(d) Short courses for linesmen.	9	4 weeks	E & M - elec Fullerphones Cable laying
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course.	19	17 weeks	Knowledge of testing - w tools.
(f) Electrician Signals course.	5	8 weeks	Knowledge of Electrical t Manipulative

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC ICF

ts.	Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus.
	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, Wireless Instruments, - 9, 19, 22 set, fault finding and maintenance, Batteries and charging. Exercises. Periodical testing.
	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises. Periodical testing.
	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones D5 & F and line. Switchboard UC 10 line. F & F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
	4 weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - Telephones, Fullerphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing units Cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
	17 weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
	8 weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to apparatus in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL RTC ICF (Cont'd)

Name of course.	No of Students.	Duration of course.	
(g) Regimental Operators course. (Arty).	87	13 weeks	E & M. Instrument Telephones W/T sets 1 maintenanc
(h) Regimental Operators course. (Infantry)	129	13 weeks	E & M. Sigs secur Fullerpho set 18 ar
(i) DRs course.	11	4 weeks	DR duties Linesman (Men who are sel

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL RTC ICF (Cont'd)

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ts.	Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus.
	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T & W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, Test and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11, & 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries. Line laying.
	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T & Sigs office duties. Sigs security. Instruments L/T & V/T, Telephones and Fullerphones. 10 line and super-imposing unit. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
	4 weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of M/C. Map-reading. Linesman duties. Telephones. (Men who claim to have had previous M/C experience are selected for this course).

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ITALIAN ALLIANS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Vacancies Officers	NCOs	Duration	Brief syll
1. Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officer battalion with supporti problems of a brigade trinity of a battalio
(b) Coy Commanders	20		3 Weeks	To train Officers in t company with supportin
(c) Junior Leaders	56		3 Weeks	To train Junior Office Platoon under conditio train in addition to tra
2. Specialist Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors i handling of the platoo
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors i handling of the 3-in
(c) 6 pr A Tk Gun	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors i handling of the 6 pr
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors i capable of training s
3. Administration.				
(a) General Administration.			3 Weeks	To train Officers in conditions of war in
(b) Syrians			3 Weeks.	

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Duration	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a brigade commander and to consider the training of a battalion.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an infantry company with supporting arms.
3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a Platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
3 Weeks	To train instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 3-in mortar.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6 pr A Tk Gun.
3 Weeks	To train instructors in the art of sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own units.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in unit administration under all conditions of war including unit hygiene and discipline.
3 Weeks.	

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration	Outline of t
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, en detail of tasks 1 - 7. Det
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AB
(c) D & M Students	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Qualifying, driving regula AB 442, discipline on the ro military vehicles, road safe of vehicles from ditches, ac oil, inspection of vehicle and convoy discipline, convo convoy signals - air attacks of anti aid chains, prevent troop carrying and load carr and inflammables, use of fir repair service, day and nigh

The programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the tasks in de ch the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practi examination. The organisation of the School allows 4 to 5 pupils to each training vehicle on V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle vehicles undergoing repairs. 15 WE awaiting small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting long

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Outline of Syllabus.

Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, details of tasks 1 - 7. Driving instruction.

Details of tasks 8 - 16, AD 406. Driving instruction.

Tasks 1 - 8
Tasks 9 - 16
Roadfinding, running repairs, replies a driver must not effect, Mark Plates, AD 406, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instructions for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing of vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding gears, Pilotage of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

[illegible] of endurance, explaining the tasks in detail and finally supervision of the driver carrying [illegible] platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work and the other two theoretical [illegible] to 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. The vehicles are all class [illegible] time some additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 March, of 75 vehicles held 10 were in [illegible] vehicle repairs and 20 awaiting longer workshop repairs.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS GROUP ETC IOF

Name of course.	Vacancies. Offrs.	Ors	Duration of course.	Brief D
(a) VEHICLE MECHANICS.		30	6 weeks	Test of mech aptitude; theo... ...ugh of this unit, test and ... ...execute simple improvised ... Class III.
(b) DRIVER MECHANICS.		14	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of ... knowledge of spec trk, ... fault finding, road mark ... repairs. Class II.
(c) GUN FITTERS.		28	6 weeks	Must have previous engr ... simple sketch, work accurately ... simple soldering qualifications.
				Must have a working knowledge ... repairs to breech mechanism ... elevating and traversing ... Class III.
(a) ARMOURERS.		8	2 weeks.	Must have a good wkg know ... .38 pistol, Sten, 2-in mortar ... Class III.
(c) MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSAL AND TRACK CARRIERS.		6	1 week	Maint and adjustment of ...

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Duration of course.	Brief details of course, and Standard.
weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential, practical fault finding, road test driving, petrol electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II.
weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential, practical fault finding, road test driving, petrol electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II.
weeks	Must have previous engr shop experience. Tested to work to .002-in, read simple sketch, work accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
	Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanism, buffer and recuperator system, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and mounted stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
weeks.	Must have a good wkg experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifle, .38 pistol, Sten, 2-in mortar, 3-in mortar, Bren and Thompson gun. Class III.
weeks	Maint and adjustment of UNIMOG and LLOYD carriers.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC IOW.

Name of course.	Vacancies.		Duration of course.	Brief
	Offrs	ORs		
Pro course for CORR of pro secn Italian Combat Gps.	5	50	5 weeks	For CORR Drill, PT, u (eqpt, use o tfc circuits org, and com within the G For Full Re The above, a and control ncv, adv no

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ECF.

Duration of course.	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
5 weeks	For CCRR Drill, PT, marksmanship, pro duties in the fd, MT trg, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh stopping and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of mov during hr, the functions of CCRR within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, con and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ENGINEER TRAINING

Subject	Duration of Course	Outl
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of tools, M fd geometry, co and tackles, an Overfield Trac timber for trac
(b) Bridging.	2 Weeks	Elementary Bail br, use of br
(c) Mine Warfare	2 Weeks	Course on Brit Beehives, mine enemy, laying prodders and d drill and reco

This course also for Infantry Pioneers Instructors

Weekly intake is theoretically 55 but to date there have been two intakes of 200 a

The first three parties will have completed training by 30 April, and will produce

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ENGINEER TRAINING

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urse	Outline Syllabus	
	Care of tools, knots and lashings, Revelling, sandbag walling, fd geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Minerfield Tracking, construction of jeep tracks, use of local timber for tracks. Water supply eqpt, use of compressor.	1
	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RSJ improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.	
ers Instructors	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mined charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and enemy, laying mines and recording, disarming mines, use of probers and detectors, gap marking eqpt, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.	

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ted training by 30 April, and will produce approximately 75 trained sappers.

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Pads	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Cyanides, Simple	25	-	90	-	25	-
Cyanides, Misc	27	-	-	27	-	3
Cyanides, Cpx	-	-	3	4	4	-
Halogenated Cpds	-	-	9	9	9	-
Misc	11	-	11	-	11	-
Instrument Decision	16	5	-	-	15	-
Miscellaneous, Misc	5	-	5	-	5	-
Inf (Hgh)						-
Total Cpds (Inf)	29	-	98	49	29	-
Total Misc (Inf)	-	-	22	22	22	8
Halogenated Cpds (Inf)	9	-	9	9	9	
Arty Hgh						-
Total Cpds (Arty)	30	-	60	30	30	-
Total Misc (Arty)	-	-	18	18	18	
Total Halogenated Cpds (Arty)	9	-	9	9	9	8
TOTALS	135	5	299	177	243	19

NOTE :- (a) No intake during March owing to accumulation difficulties.

(b) No intake of Mnemon (for Mortar, Arty and Inf) during Feb

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...RED STRAIN AND OUTPUT OF STUDENTS TO ITALIAN SOCIAL TRAINING CENTRE. Appendix "D" to DMI/39/18
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ARRIVED May	ARRIVED June	OUTPUT (End of each month) Feb	OUTPUT (End of each month) Mar	OUTPUT (End of each month) Apr	OUTPUT (End of each month) May	OUTPUT (End of each month) June
-	25	-	-	-	23	-
27	-	-	-	24	-	-
4	4	5	-	6	5	5
9	9	-	-	8	8	8
-	11	-	10	-	10	-
-	13	-	-	-	18	-
-	5	-	4	-	4	-
49	49	-	-	45	-	30
22	22	-	-	201	20	20
9	9	8	-	8	8	8
30	30	-	-	27	-	54
18	16	-	-	16	16	16
9	9	8	-	8	8	8
177	204	19	14	152	118	207

...ring March owing to accommodation difficulties.

...Idaeuan (for Signals, Arty and Inf) during Feb on instructions from HQ1A

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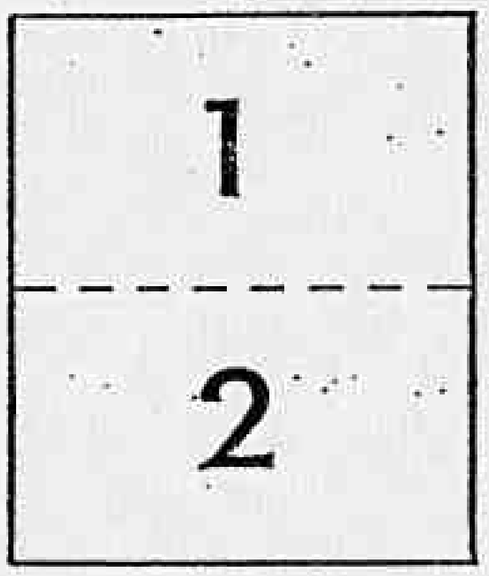

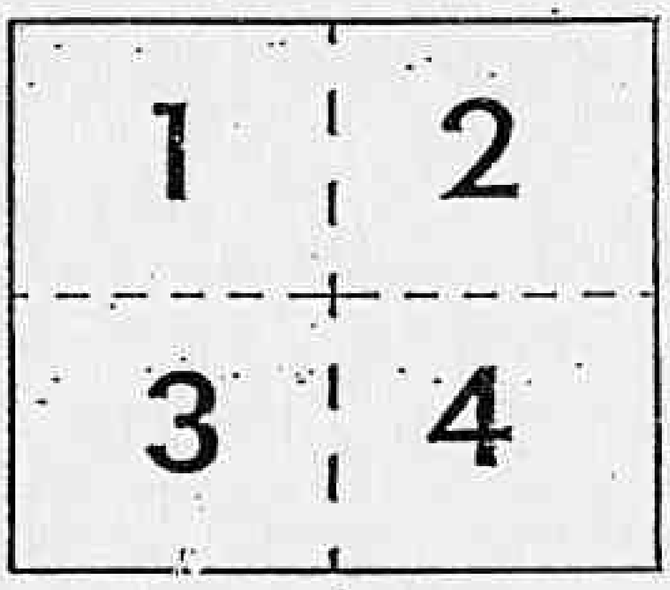

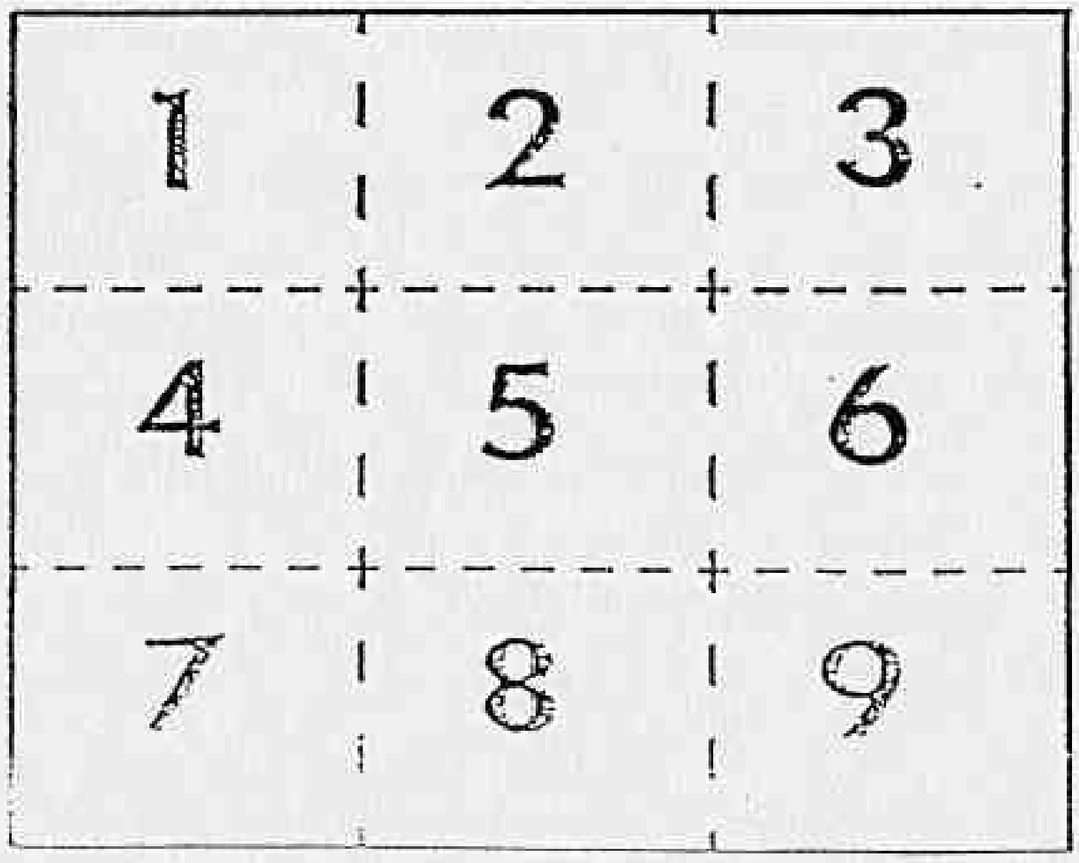

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(a)	(b)	c. Designation.	Total Vertical Loading Points	Do 1	Do 2	Do 3	Do 4
		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	1.	Cuaderno Universal	23				
2.	2.	Cuaderno 3ª Especial	16				
3.	3.	Cuaderno Universal Tipo Francés	1				
4.	4.	Cuaderno Legal	0				
5.	6.	15 cm/m Tapa [illegible]	2				
6.	7.	3 Tipo Francés [illegible]	2				
7.	8.	[illegible]	34				
8.	11.	15 cm/m Tapa Forrada (US)	3				
9.	12.	15 cm/m Tapa [illegible] (USA)	2				
10.	14.	" " " " [illegible]	6				
11.	15.	" " " " Tipo Francés	11				
12.	-	3 Tipo Finca	1				
13.	-	15 cm Cuaderno	1				
14.	-	Francesa Lib.	10				
15.	17.	Cuaderno No 4	2				
16.	18.	Tapa Fina	17				
17.	19.	Tipo	3				
18.	20.	Final	37	24	34		
19.	21	Plano Legal	1				
20.	22.	Especiales No 2.	2				
21.	23.	Cuaderno Especial	12				
22.	24.	Carpeta [illegible]	17	10	25		
23.	25.	Oficio 5ª	7		3		
24.	26.	Libro Contable Carpeta.	4		2		
25.	27.	Libro Contable Folio No 34	7		5		
26.	28.	Folios 65.	9				
27.	29.	0.5" Sin Completo	7		6		
28.	30.	0.5" Sin (2)	2?				
29.	31.	Rayaditos No 2 [illegible]	2		1		
30.	32.	Folios Telegrafo	31				
31.	33.	Tapa Normal .31	25	12		5	
32.	34.	Miscelaneo Estadistic No 5	3				
33.	52.	Legal	1				

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Schedule of Enlisted Men's Mess Meeting during the month of April 43.

Distribution to attendance.

Engr. School (a)	Inf. Sch. (b)	Engr. School (c)	Inf. School (d)	Engr. School (e)	Inf. School (f)	Med. School (g)	Infantry School (h)	Artillery School (i)	Engineers School (j)
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24		5		6					
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		14		25		12		24	
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APPENDIX 'H'
TO BTH/D7/18
DATED 3 APR. 45.

...Division the month of June 45.

...ments.

D & M School (l)	Medical School (m)	Infantry School (n)	Artillery School (p)	Engineer School (q)	Signal School (r)	Reception Center (s)
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	4	3				
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	12	24				
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	10					
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			6			

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30.	92.	[illegible] Telescope	27			27
31.	93.	Model Revolver .38	23	12	3	8
32.	94.	Binoculars Universal 16 5	1			
33.	95.	Knife	1			
34.	63.	Shelter Tents	6			
35.	64.	Haversacks	6			
36.	78.	Belts Web 1¾" Lt II	6			
37.	82.	Large Mitts, Pr 22 Lt II	1	1		
38.	89.	Underwear Heavy No 22 Lt I	6			1
39.	91.	Uniforms Dynamo Lt VII	5			
40.	92.	Tent Pole Extension.	2			0 1 0
41.	95.	Carrier Ammo Light	1			
42.	95.	Field Levels	4			
43.	96.	Tapes Measuring 100 ft	2			
44.	97.	Axes: Hatch 2"	1			
45.	101.	Body Combat or Lift	1			
46.	102.	Case Armored Lengths	6			
47.	103.	Hose Delivery Lengths	10			
48.	104.	Nozzle Type	2½	20	20	4
49.	106.	Sight Correctional Lt V	2			
50.	107.	Siphon Chemical Types 70 ea	1			
51.	108.	Tablets Prep 1/10 Sealed	12			
52.	109.	Booklet Training Aerial Defense	1			
53.	110.	Cocarde Aeronef Nationale	1			
54.	111.	Light Flare Parachute	2			
55.	112.	Post Signal Aeronautic	1			
56.	113.	Wool Serge Aeronautic	1			
57.	117.	Regular Trade Uniform	12			
58.	121.	Sign Aero 22 (Air)	1			
59.	131.	Cross D.C.F. 10 Aero (Aero)	2			
60.	132.	Radiophones	14			
61.	134.	Operating Units	2			
62.	138.	Telephones D Lt V	24			
63.	139.	Telephones L	12			
64.	152.	Instruments Pointing No 1	2			
65.	162.	Cable Electric 14 Lt Type	400			
66.	163.	Bridge Bridge (Williams Type)	3			
67.	169.	20 Ton Ft Cable with Lugs	12			
68.	180.	Thermometers Range	2			
69.	—	Bridge Bridge (50 Ton)	1	200		
70.	—	Binoculars No 7	1			
71.	—	Instruments Sighting Set	2			
72.	—	Bridge 6 Ton	1			
73.	—	Heliographs	2			
74.	—	Lamps Lamps	2			
75.	—	Cable Lt 7 Conds	1			
76.	—	Bridge Bayer	1			
77.	—	Service Tools Armament	1			

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Appendix "I" to BTU/D9/18.
Para 2 (e)

Details of Deficiencies of outstanding urgency.

1. Signal School.

Cable Wd D.VIII Single, miles	2
Cable Wd D.VIII Twisted, miles	5
Reels, cable, No 4	47
Apparatus Cable Laying, (No 2 or 6)	17
" " " (No 3)	1
Ladders, FT	2
Wireless Sets No 14	15
" " " 18 or 48	38
" " " 21	5
Charging Sets 1250 w	1
" " 4. KW	1
Belts Lineman	20
Bags Mine	48
Pliers Discontinuing 7", Insn	48
Poles, Tele, wood, light, 17 ft	20
Mins, earth	32
Pipes earth,	6
Large DHR (with signal)	3
Drivers, Signal Training	30
Training Sets W/T	4

2. Mech School.

MA 20201.	Tool Kits Arm Arts GS	1
MA 20221.	Tool Kits Veh Mechs 2 Arms Vehs - Basic	42
MA 20210.	Tool Kits Dvr Mechs GS	44
MA 20214.	Tool Kits Electricians Basic	2
MA 20216.	Tool Kits Electricians MT and GS Supplementary	2
MA 20224.	Tool Kits Fitters GS Basic	17
MA 20225	Tool Kits Fitters Supplementary	17
MA 20234	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Basic	2
MA 20252	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Supplementary	2
MA 19515	Vices Bench (4" Jaw)	118
	Jacks 2-3 Ton	10
MA 10015	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
	Tool Kits Welders acet & elect	2

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	Pipes earth,	6
	Lamps MSF (with stand)	3
	Dumcars, Signal Training	30
	Training Echo W/T	4

2. High School.

FA 20001.	Tool Kits Arm Artn GS	1
FA 20221.	Tool Kits Veh Mechs & Arms Vehs - Basic	42
FA 20210.	Tool Kits Dvr Mechn GS	44
FA 20214.	Tool Kits Electricians Basic	2
FA 20216.	Tool Kits Electricians MT and GS Supplementary	2
FA 20224.	Tool Kits Fitters GS Basic	17
FA 20225	Tool.Kits Fitters Supplementary	17
FA 20251	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Basic	2
FA 20252	Tool Kits Sheet Metal Workers Supplementary	2
FA 19915	Vices Bench (4" Jaw)	198
	Jacks 3-5 Ton	10
FA 10015	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
FA 20064	Tool Kits Soldiers cost & clock	2
FA 15825	Plates Surface 36" x 24"	1
FA 13876	Gauge Surface Universal No2 4" Base 12" x 18" Spindle	1
FA 14570	Indicator Dial Test	1
930 S. 3	3 cwt Pulley Blocks	2
930 S. 5	5 ton Pulley Blocks	1
MX 0025	Benches Portable 7 feet	59
MT/0017	Forge Portable 36" x 20" with hand and electric fan 110 v DC	1
MT/0457	Plant Welding and cutting HP C/A (Lightweight)	1
MT/0495	Plant Welding electric, single operator, motor driven 110 v DC	1
LW6.MT2	Engine Diesels Various (12 available)	6
LW6.MT2	Auto Starts various (12 available)	12
LW6/MT2	5573 Sunpic Carbon and Spark radio alligning	1
MT0454	Accessories Universal	1
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	Batteries Sec Port 6v 125 AL.	20

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2 Apr.

A-1 H Trg Unit.

(23)

Lt Col Cumberbatch.
O/C D.U.T.

In addition to the monthly return I am taking the opportunity of writing a few lines on some of the outstanding points.

The Schools at SIVA are progressing well but as you will see from the report are not opening as early this month as had been hoped due entirely to the slow progress of the contractors. Shortage of materials and labour restrict them but a lot has been done to help them out although it is doubtful if the main buildings will be fully completed this month. Alternative accomodation for the Tactical School has been arranged as a temporary measure.

The Staff of the Italian Tac School has been very slow off the mark, they waste time but their programmes are now under way and is well planned to be ready to start their instruction.

Huntingdon is doing a lot to put SIVA on the map and a policy of putting up signs and generally selling SIVA to them is in progress.

There is a shortage of Instructors for their S.O and S.U.C.C. courses but we have put in all the Officers who attended CMTC irrespective of whether they were recommended or not and hope to find new material from students in time.

For the first courses this centre cannot find sufficient Officers to fill all student vacancies but this will not do any harm as it will give the Schools a chance to start with smaller classes and so give their Instructors more scope.

Carrier Training is a problem. At present we have plenty of Carriers but practically no drivers. The present instructors really know little about the job so that the earlier the Officer and two Sergts arrive to teach them the quicker the Carriers will become mobile. The Carrier instruction manual is now interpreted which is a help.

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The individual soldier here is still a problem - When they are occupied on interesting instruction such as specialist training they are good, but so many of the Inf Regt men are undisciplined and training them is a difficulty. However their Officers now seem to be trying and if all arrangements that have been made work things should improve. I am told things have improved a lot since the early days. I think most of the troubles are complete lack of man management and the drab uninteresting places they live in (in addition to the usual troubles). More glamour required !

The main stop to training is "Fiesta" days, unless this is controlled there will be a bad discrepancy in the programmes. They have been suitably advised.

Smethurst is bringing the report so he will be able to enlarge on any points you may like further information on, also he has some items on the equipment side to clear up which will be better done by personal contact.

2/4/45.

W. Hastings
Major
L.S.

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G II. (TRAINING).

Progress Report.

1. Ref BTU/D9/13 of 23MAR45 herewith progress report for Engineer Training at RTC ICF.

2. General Progress. Engineer Training. Only recruit training is being undertaken at the moment and this is making satisfactory progress in spite of the paucity of good Italian Instructors. The main promblems are bad administration, very poor percentage attendance in recruit parties and lack of enforcement of discipline by Italian officers.
Pioneer Training. This has not started properly as yet. Todate the minemuseum, minefields and equipment generally has been prepared and the instructors are now undergoing a course at BRACCIANO with the engineers.

3. Courses. 1. No courses have started as yet for men from GRUPPI.
2. As soon as the recruits training can carry on without British supervision, (In an estimated four weeks), then ~~aff~~ a special course will be run for officers which will require considerable supervision. It is hoped that courses for GRUP I might be feasible in two months or possibly 6 weeks.
3. The officers course programme has not yet been fully worked out but will include man management, map reading, recce of engineer jobs, organisation of working parties and provision of required material etc.
4. No Engineers are attending outside courses.

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6. Equipment.

1. Details with GIII.

2. Main items required are water supply equipment and tool kits.

7. Admin. 1. Accomodation. Very crowded and liable to get worse in future Tents are being provided. Beds are required. There is no room for messes for the men. Cookhouses are bad.

2. Hygiene. Bad due to lack of enforcement of discipline.

3. Welfare. Not apparent. NAAFI is badly wanted.

4. Morale. As high as can be expected under the present admin.

J.B. Blundell
Major
SORE

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Subject :- Reports - March.

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Siva.
H, B.T.I.
Ref. R 5.
31 Mar 45.

A1

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army.

a. General Progress. It was originally hoped that the first courses would start on the 2nd April, but owing to the slow progress of the contractors working on the huts for the Weapon Training Wing and the building for the Tactical Wing the opening date has had to be postponed. Work is being accelerated now by the loan of Italian Engineers from Cesano.

Certain courses will be able to start shortly but it should be clearly understood thatthey will be accommodated in makeshift premises and not in the buildings which will be finally allotted to them. Enclosed you will find sketches showing the temporary system and the final system.

As regards the Adm Wing accommodation has been allotted but it is not proposed to open this wing until the Weapon Training and the Tactical Wings have been launched. Time is needed to put the premises in order and the advice of the C.M.T.C. is being sought for the organisation, staff, and equipment for a Hygiene Section.

b. Courses.

i. No courses have been run this month.

ii. The courses projected for the months of April and May are as follows :

Assembling day.	Course.
8 April	Junior Ldrs Tactical
8 April	Platoon Weapons'
8 April	3" Mortar.
8 April	6pr Atk.
8 April	Snipers.
15 April	S.U.C.C. and S.O. Tactical.
13 May	All the above courses and in addition the Administration and Hygiene courses.

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iii. In order that the organisation might be kept as simple as possible in the opening stages the first courses of each wing will be made up of students from the R.T.C. The second courses will be made as follows :

v. The numbers asked for from the R.T.C. for the courses starting on 9 Ap are as follows:

J.L.W.	30 Officers	
Pl Wpns	20 Officers	20 N.C.Os
3"Mort	10 Officers	10 N/C/Os
6pr A.tk	10 Officers	10 N.C.Os
Snipers	10 Officers	10 N.C.Os

Starting on 15 April:

S.U.C.C. and S.Os 35 Officers

vi. Numbers held.

This does not apply to this centre, but mention is made later to deficiencies in the W.E. of the Administration Company.

d. Instuctional Staff

The deficiencies are in process of being made up and I expect this will be completed in the near future. As regards the Adm Wing I will be in a better position to say what is needed after my visit to the C.M.T.C.

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g. General. There are serious deficiencies in the W.E. of the Adm Coy. The most important at the moment is the lack of 14 carrier drivers. We have already discussed the question of typists and batmen. The other outstanding deficiences to W.E. are being dealt with by the Italians The transport situation at present is as follows :

4 x 3 tonners.
3 x 15 cwts.
5 x M/Cs
~~X~~ 2 Bren Carriers.

Two 3 tonners which were on loan have been withdrawn. I do not think the above will prove sufficient and I think the question of increasing the W.E. in transport should be considered urgent.

E Huntington
Maj.
GS.

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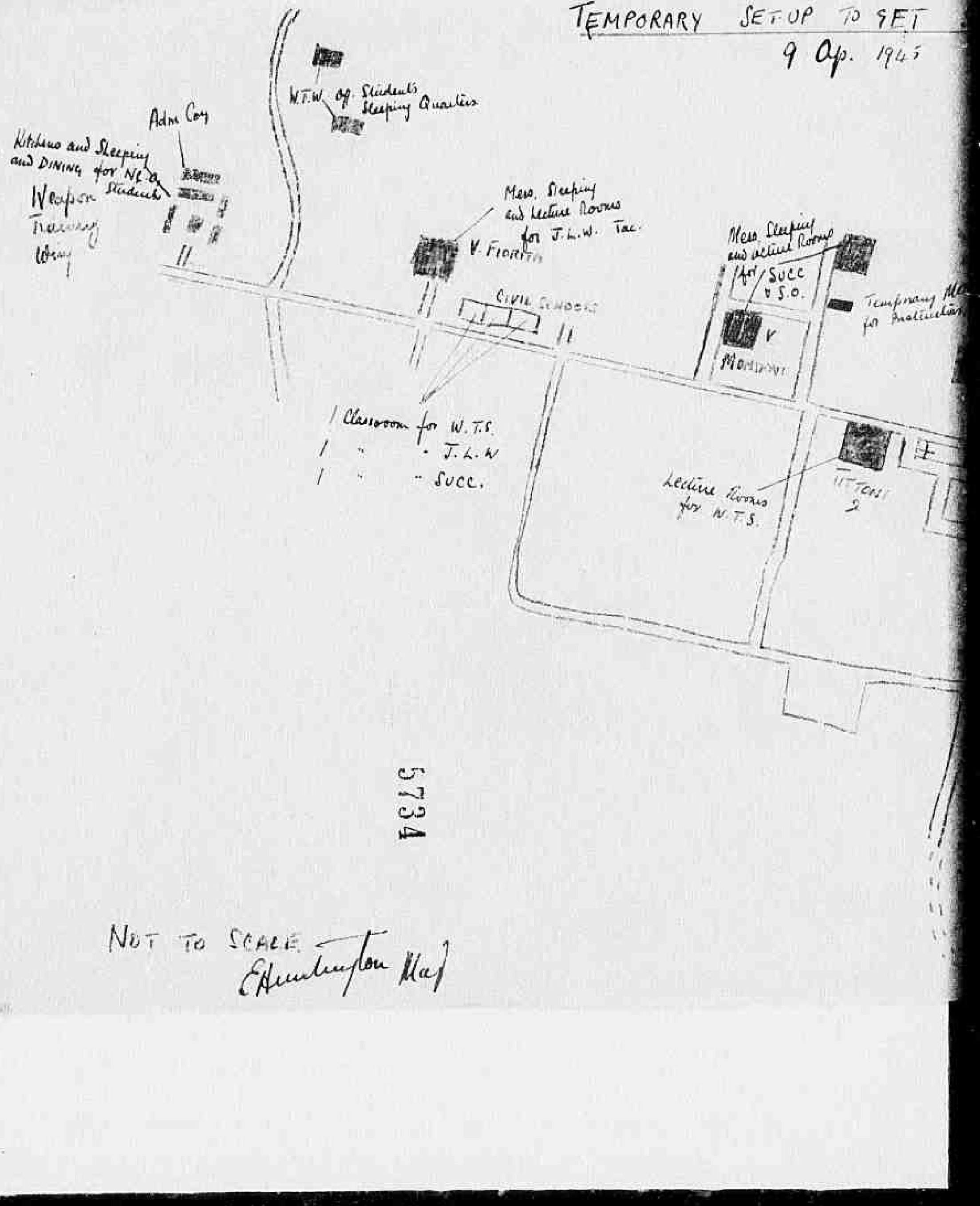

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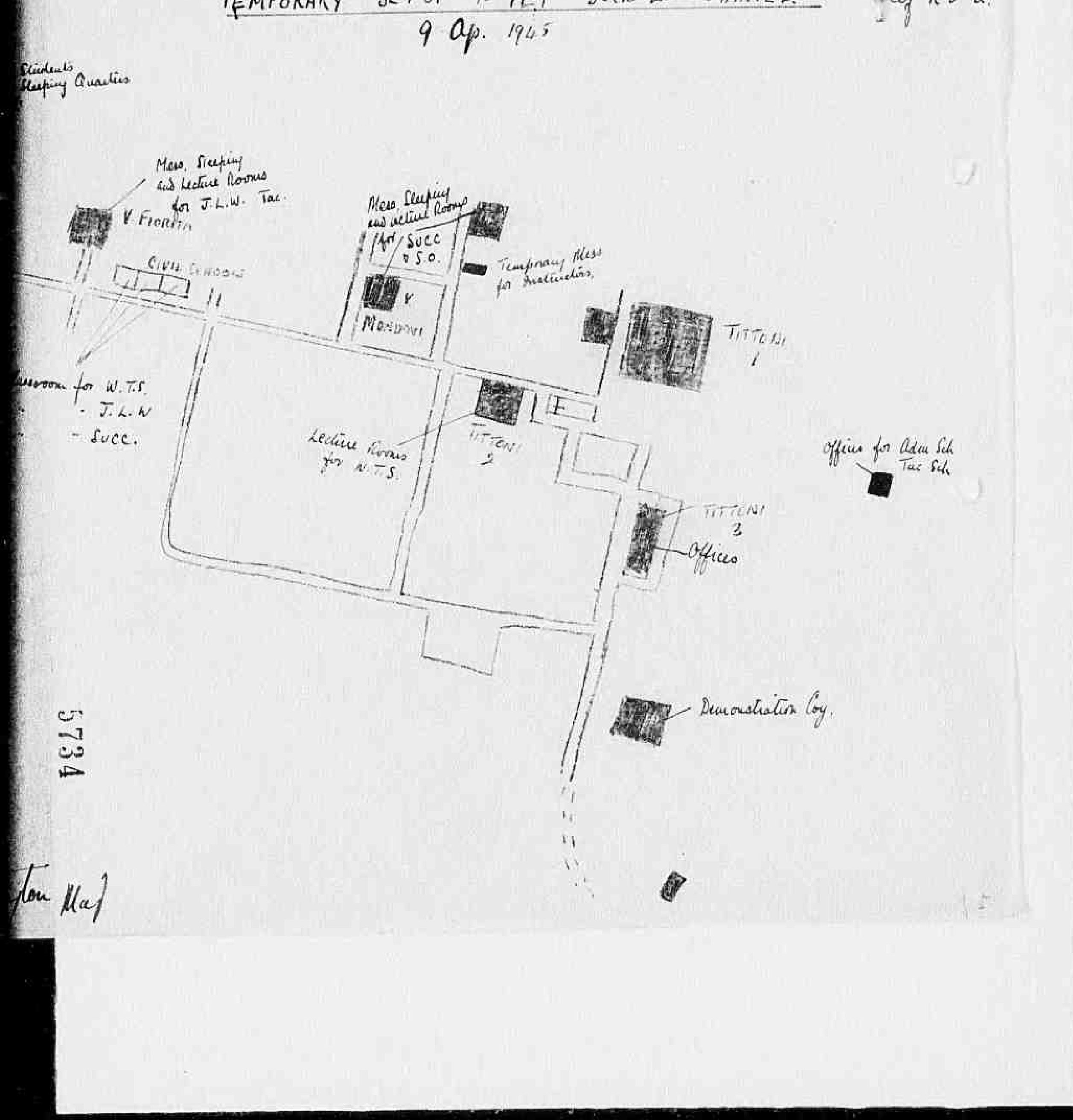

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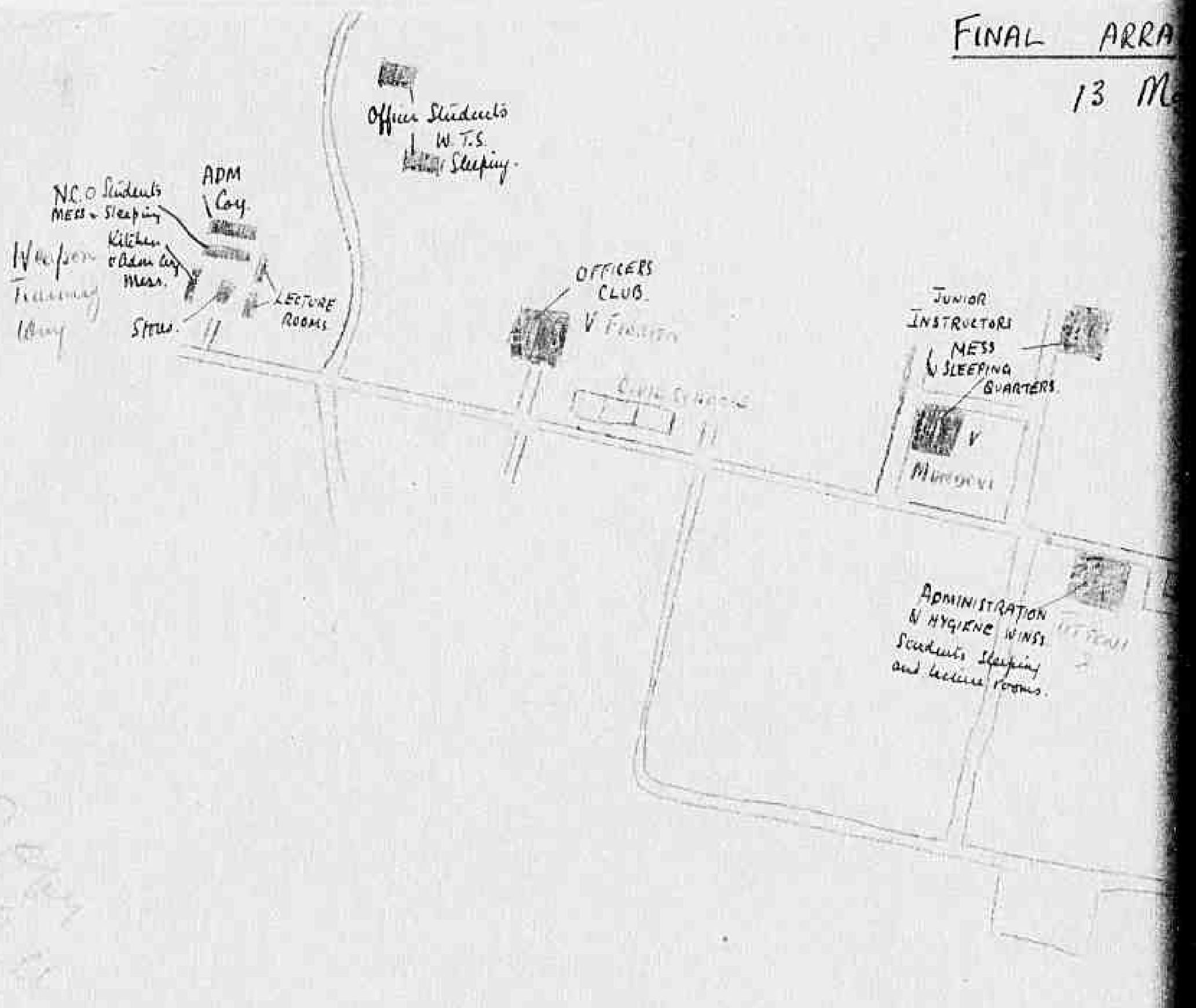

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13 May. 1945.

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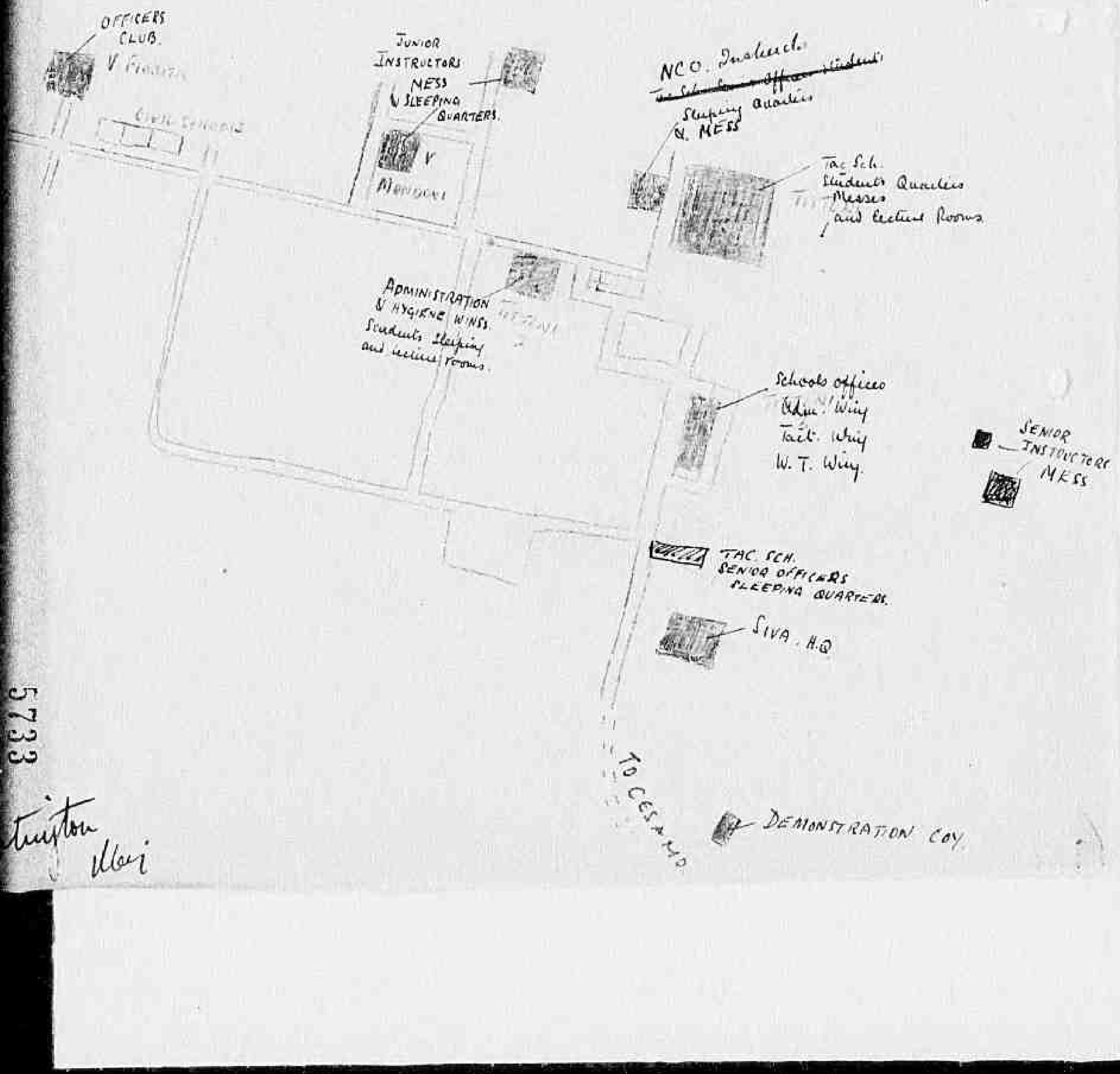

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'F' BLU IRTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (LEILA) ROLE.

Ref: MED/45/164

29 March 45.

Subject: HYGIENE REPORT.

General hygiene shows some improvement. Water supplies for drinking purposes are brought by water truck; for ablutions the supply is mainly from wells, which are tested monthly. So far, analysis shows that this supply is not fit for drinking.

Latrines are of two types - flyproofed deep pits, or by water born sewage in previously constructed latrines. Owing to the paucity of water supply the former are, at present, more satisfactory. There is still a certain amount of indiscriminate defaccation which can be checked only by general discipline and supervision.

Cookhouses are as yet somewhat primitive. Swill and tins are, in most cases, placed in separate receptacles and collected daily. Food stores are satisfactory. Flyproofing will be carried out when material is released.

Billets are, on the whole, clean and well ventilated.

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Captain R.A.M.C.

Notes (111)

CONFIDENTIAL (20)

SUBJECT:- Progress Report No.4, Signals. (RTC ICF).

'H' Br Trg Incr
IRTC ICF:

Ref: BTI/A.10/75

26 March 1945

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army

'F' BLU RTC ICF
SO R.Sigs, MMIA

Ref BTU/D9/13 dated 23 Mar 45, herewith progress report No.4 for Signals, RTC ICF.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS (Training)

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(c) Numbers held (excl Perm Staff)

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Signals (Genio).	94	
Arty.	26	
Inf.	46	
	166	166

At BRACCIANO:-

Signals (Genio).

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(a) Conversion Trg	83	
(b) Recruits	124	
	207	207
Total.		373

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(d) Instructional Staff (Italian).

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Officers - - NIL

ORs - - Specialist Instructors required to complete WE are being found by SMRE. The deficiency figure is small. Up-to-date details are not immediately available.

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(d) Instructional Staff (Italian). (Cont'd)

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical Instruction is fairly good, but supervision of this instruction (other than the tactful supervision exercised by the small British Staff) is very poor indeed.

With few exceptions the Instructional Staff (Italian) is inclined to be inconsistent and unpunctual, but under British supervision displays bursts of enthusiasm in the right direction.

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Total.	786	"

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With the Engineer School located in the same barracks as the Signal School, accommodation will be somewhat cramped, but it is the intention to overcome this by erecting tentage to house the overflow.

(ii) Hygiene.

A general all-round improvement is apparent with regard to hygiene although, by British standards, much remains to be done to improve the condition of cookhouses, latrines, etc.

(iii) Welfare.

Welfare amenities of any description have so far not been forthcoming; anything in this line would be greatly appreciated.

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(f) Administration. (Cont'd)

(iv) Morale.

Appears to be resignedly low among the officers generally. A few of them quietly bemoan their post-war fate as the "losers". A large number of them are worried over family matters, and complain that they cannot now afford to keep their families on their pay.

Most of the Italian ORs are cheerful and well-behaved. They sometimes display mild discontent regarding pay, lack of amenities, shortage of soap, etc, but their complaints are good-humoured and show intelligent understanding of the situation regarding these matters. They often pass uncomplimentary remarks about Italian officers to the British NCOs and this is definitely discouraged.

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SO R. Sigs. R.T.C., I.C.F.

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Operaters Wireless Cour .. 17 Weeks.

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Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training periods of one hour per week.
Total number of periods..... 816.

Subject.	No. of periods.
1. **Operating.**	
(a) Initial Lectures.	4.
(b) Key manipulation;(Morse Instruction).	54.
(c) Collective Buzzer Reading.	100.
(d). Pair Working.	70.
(e) Group Working.	80.
2. **Procedure.**	
Normal Procedure and R.T. Procedure.)	
Signal Office Duties and Records.Codes.))	40.
Signal Security.)	
3. E. and M. and Wireless Theory;	90.
4. **Wireless Instruments.**	
NO. 9 Set.) Lectures fault finding	30.
No. 19 Set.) and maintenance.	60.
No. 22 Set.) Siting-Aerials etc.	60.
Wavemeters.	6.
Batteries and Charging.	30.
5. **Exercises.**	80.
6. **Periodical Testing.**	44.
7. **Non - Signal Training.**	
P.T. and Drill.)	
Inspections.))	68.
Medical Lectures Etc.)	
Map Reading.)	
Total.	~~5728~~ 816.

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Operaters Line Course. 13 Weeks.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training Periods each of one hour.
Total Periods;;;;;.. ..... 624.

Subject.	No. of Periods;
1. Operating.	
(a) Lectures;	4.
(b) Key Manipulation; Morse Instruction.	54.
(c) Collective Buzzer Reading.	110.
(d) Pair Working;	156.
2. Procedure. (incl. Signal Security).	
Signal Office Duties and Records. Codes.	50.
3. E. and M.	
Elementary Principles.	30.
4. Instruments.	
Lectures, practical testing and maintenance.	80.
5. Exercises.	64.
6. Periodical Testing.	24.
7. Non - Signal Training.	
P.T. and Drill;)	
Inspections;)	52.
Medical Lectures Etc.)	
)	627

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5. Exercises.		64.
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7. Non - Signal Training.	P.T. and Drill;) Inspections;) Medical Lectures Etc.) Map Reading.)	52.
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	Total.	624.

N.B.

Operators Line are given 10 more periods on PROCEDURE than Operators Wireless are given because the former usually require to know more about Signal Clerk's duties.

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Switchboard Operators Course. — 4 Weeks.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training Periods each of one hour per week.
Total Periods 192.

Subject.	NO; of Periods;
E; and M.	
Elementary - cells - the Telephone, calling devices - indicaters - switchboards.	24.
Instruments.	
Telephones D5 and F; and L. / Switchboard U.C. 10 Line. / Switchboard F and F.	36.
Procedure.	
L.T. Procedure and Phonograms. / Switchboard Operating Procedure. / Signal Office Duties and Records. / Signal Security.	24.
Operating.	
(a) Switchboards Schemes. / (b) Phonogram pair work.	84.
General.	
P.T. and Drill. / [illegible]	24.

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Procedure.

L.T. Procedure and Phonograms.	)	
Switchboard Operating Procedure.	)	
Signal Office Duties and Records.	)	24.
Signal Security.	)	

Operating.

(a) Switchboards Schemes.	)	
(b) Phonograms pair work.	)	84.

General.

P.T. and Drill.	)	
Medical Lectures.	)	24.
Inspections Etc.	)	

Total. 102.

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Short Course for Linemen.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 4 Weeks each of 48 Periods.

Subject;	No; of Periods.
E. and M.	
Elementary Principles.	24.
Instruments.	
Connect up, adjust, change cells, microphone capsules, etc. (no tools to be used on instruments.); Telephones D5, F, and L; Fullerphone; Switchboard U.C. 10 Line; Switchboard F and F; Superimposing Units. Frames D. and P; Test Set Portable No.2. [redacted]	) 24.
Cable Laying Drill.	
(a) Lectures. (b) C.L. No.3 (from vehicle). (c) Mechanical Layer No.1; H; and J. practice and Crossings.	) 108.

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Fullerphone;
Switchboard U.C. 10 Line;
Switchboard F and F;
Superimposing Units.
Frames D. and P;
Test Set Portable No.2.
[redacted]

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General.

Line Testing.) 4.
Maintenance of cable and equipment.) 8.

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Non - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill;
Medical Lectures.
Map Reading.
Inspections Etc.) 24.

Total. 192.

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Instruments Mechanics Course. — 17 Weeks.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training Periods each of one hour per week.

Total Periods. 816.

Subject.	No. of Periods.
(a). Knowledge of Training Manuals, electricty and magnetism.	102.
(b). Instruments and Testing. Lectures and Instruction on all types on charge. (a) Line Instruments. (b) Wireless Instruments.	330.
(c). Practical bench work and use of tools.	330.
(d). General Military Training. P.T. and Drill. Medical Lectures etc. Inspections.	54.
Total.	816.

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(c). Practical bench work and use of tools. 330.

(e). General Military Training.

P.T. and Drill.
Medical Lectures etc. 54.
Inspections.

Total. 816.

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Electrician Signals. — 8 Weeks.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 hours periods weekly for eight weeks.

Total number of Periods. 384.

Subject.	No. of Periods.
1. (a) Knowledge of Manuals ap licable to (b) apparatus in current use. (b) Elecrticiry and Magnetism.	96.
2. (a) Primary and Secondary Batteries. (b) Electrical testing and measuring instruments. (c) Telephones.	48.
3; Manipulative Work. (a) Jointing wires and cables. (b) Soft Soldering. (c) Make off Flexible cords.	36.
4. Charging Engines. Operate and Maintain.	146.
5. Map Reading. Elementary Knowledge.	10.

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(a) Jointing wires and cables.
(b) Soft Soldering.
(c) Make off Flexible cords.) 36.

4. Charging Engines.

Operate and Maintain. 146.

5. Map Reading.

Elementary Knowledge. 10.

6. Non - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill.
Medical Lectures.
Inspections Etc.) 48.

Total. 364.

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Regimental Operators Course & Arty.9. — 13 Weeks.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 hourly periods per week.
Total Periods. 624-384.

Subject.	No. of Periods.
1. Electricity and Magnetism.	20.
2. Operating.	
(a) Lectures.	8.
(b) Key manipulation.	40.
(c) Collective buzzer reading.	70.
(d) [redacted] Pair and group practice.	100.
(e) Lamp sending and reading;	70.
(f) Exchange operating practice & phonogram practice.	10.
3. Procedure.	
Signal Office Duties and Records.	25.
Signal Security.	
R/T Procedure. W/T Procedure	
4. Instruments.	
(a) L/T and V/T - description- setting up and operating- tests and maintenance. Telephone D5 and Fullerphone	40.

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(i) Exchange operating practice & programs
practice. 10.

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3. **Procedure.**

Signal Office Duties and Records.)
Signal Security.)) 25.
R/T Procedure. W/T Procedure)

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4. **Instruments.**

(a) L/T and V/T - description- setting up)
and operating- tests and maintenance.)
Telephone D5 and Fullerphone)) 10.
S.U.C. 10 Line- Superimposing Unit)
(1 transformer) Lamp S.D.S.R. and)
[redacted]. Test Set, Port)

(b) [redacted]) Description, netting) 5722
W/T Set No; 22 719 or 11 and 21.) and tuning; remote control
siting station & use of aerials. 78.
Wavemeters- description and use of.)

Charging (300 Watt Chg Engine) and
maintenance of secondary batteries. 10.

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5. **Line Laying.**

Principles of - cable laying and jointing -
use of A.C.L. Nos 2 and 3. 26;

6; **Exercises.** 120.

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7. **[redacted] Signal Training.**

Drill and P.T.)
Medical Lectures - Map Reading.) 43.
Inspections Ect.)

Total 624.

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Regimental Operaters Course (Infy.). 13 Weeks.

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 hourly periods per week.
Total Number of periods 624.

Subject.	No; of Periods.
1. Electricity and Magnetism.	20.
2. Operating.	
(a) Lectures.	2.
(b) Key manipulation:	40.
(c) Buzzer - collective reading.	70;
(d) [redacted] - Pair work and group practice.	100.
(e) Lamp reading and sending.	80.
(f) Exchange operting practice.	20.
3. Procedure.	
Normal procedure - R/T Procedure - Signal Office Duties, Signal Security - Codes. Signal office Records.	25.
4. Instruments.	
(a) L/T & V/T - description - setting up and operating and routine maintanance; Telephone D5 & Fullerphone. S.U.C. 10 Line & Superimposing Unit (1& transformer) [redacted] TEST SET. Lamp S.D.S.R.	28.
(b) W/T Sets 18/48 - detailed description - netting drill - routine tests and maintanance - use of aerials.	50.
5. Line Laying.	
Principles of - cable jointing - use of a Linemans equipment generally.	26.
6. Exercises.	120.
6. Non - Signal Training.	
P.T. and Drill.	
Medical Lectures.	

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4. Instruments.

(a) L/T & V/T - description - setting up and operating and routine maintanance; Telephone D5 & Fullerphone. S.U.C. 10 Line & Superimposing Unit (1:1 transformer) [redacted] TEST SET. Lamp S.D.S.R. 28.

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6. Exercises. 120.

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6. Non - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill.
Medical Lectures.
Inspections Etc.
Map Reading. 43.

Total 624.

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D.R.s Course. 4 Weeks;

Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 training periods weekly.
Total number of periods 192.

Subject.	No. of periods.
1. D.R. Duties.	
(a) Army Organisation- to assist in the location of Units etc. in the Field.	8.
(b) Duties of D.R. Clerk.	4.
(c) Ride a Bicycle. (d) Ride a Motor Cycle.	60.
2. Maintenance of M/C and knowledge of M/C Engine.	36.
3. Map Reading.	
1; Conventional Signs. 2. Use of Maps - Practice. 3. Use of Scales. 4. Setting Maps by Various Means. 5. Use of Map References. 6. Visibility of points. 7. Bearings. 8. Memorizing of Routes by Map Study.	24.
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(a) Knotting and jointing and principles of cable laying.) 24.

(b). Telephones, Buzzer & Magneto.

~~(c). Reconnoitre & report on Lines.~~

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5. Non - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill.
Inspections Etc.) 3720
Medical Lectures.

Total. 192.

N.B.
Men who claim to have had previous motorcycling experience are selected for this short course.
RT.

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PROPOSED RATE OF INTAKE OF SIGNALS TO ITALIAN SIGNAL UNITS

Trade. (~~Units Involved~~)	J-F-M-A-M-J						Output at end of each month			
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	July.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
Operators, Wireless.	25	-	50	-	25	25	-	-	-	23
Operators, Line.	27	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	24	-
Switchboard Ops.	4	-	8	4	4	4	3	-	6	3
Linemen.	-	-	9	9	9	9	-	-	8	8
T.Rs.	11	-	11	-	11	-	-	10	-	10
Instrument Mechanics.	16	-3	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	15
Electricians, Sigs.	5	-	5	-	5	-	-	4	-	4
(Inf SIGNALLERS)										
Regtl Oprs. (Inf).	49	-	98	49	49	49	-	-	45	-
Regtl Linemen. (Inf).	-	-	22	22	22	22	-	-	20	20
Switchboard Ops. (Inf).	9	-	9	9	9	9	8	-	8	8
(Arty SIGNALLERS)										
Regtl Oprs. (Arty).	30	-	60	30	30	30	-	-	27	-
Regtl Linemen. (Arty).	-	-	18	18	18	18	-	-	16	16
Regtl Switchboard Oprs. (Arty).	9	-	9	9	9	9	8	-	8	8
TOTALS.	185	3	299	177	204	175	19	14	162	118 115

NOTES: (a) No intake during March owing to accommodation difficulties.
(b) No intake of linemen (for Signals, Arty read Inf) during Feb on instruct

RHT/asd.
26 Mar 45

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APPENDIX "D"

...ENT OF STUDENTS TO ITALIAN SPECIAL TRAINING UNITS.

...K-E			Output at END of each Month.									
...May.	Jun.	July.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
-	25	25	-	-	-	23	-	46	-	23	23
27	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	24	-	-	24
4	4	4	3	-	6	3	3	3	3	3	3
9	9	9	-	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
-	11	-	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-
-	13	-	-	-	-	25 18	-	-	-	12	-
-	5	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
49	49	49	-	-	45	-	90	45	45	45	45
22	22	22	-	-	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
9	9	9	8	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
30	30	30	-	-	27	-	54	27	27	27	27
18	18	18	-	-	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
9	9	9	8	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
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AD

SUBJECT: Progress Reports.

'F' ELD. INTC. ICF.

Ref: G/G/4/202

3 April 1945.

To: 'H' INT. INTC ICF.
D.A.D.O.S.
D.A.D.M.S.
D.A.P.S.T.
Staff Capt.
'G' Trg.Unit to Italian Army (ref conversation Major King/Staff Captain).

1. This H.Q. letter ref: G/G/4/2 dated 6 March 45 (not to 'G' Training Unit) is cancelled.

2. In future, commencing 30 April 45, all progress reports, as required under 'G' Training Unit letter, ref: MTU/30/15 dated 23 March 45 will be rendered to A.A. & Q.M.G., 'F' ELD., in triplicate, by 09.00 hrs. on the last day of each month. One copy of each report will immediately be forwarded on to 'G' Training Unit by the office of 'F' ELD.

3. Reports by individual branches will only be made on the applicable sections of 'G' Training Unit's letter mentioned above. The Staff Captain will be responsible for supplying the figures required under para. 2(c).

Major G.S.
Mid Ter.

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31 MAR 1945

SECRET

(18)

SUBJECT :- Progress Report

(A1)

'F' BLU IRTC ICF
Ref 6/4/184

31 Mar 45

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army

Ref your BTU/D9/13 dated 23 Mar 45.

Herewith reports required under para 2 (c) and (f) of the above mentioned letter :-

2. (c) Numbers Held

(i) Week ending Mar 3 - 1683
10 - 195
17 - 508
24 - 335
31 - ##

(ii) Rfts Despatched

Arm	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Inf	-	-	-	400	
Arty	-	-	-	-	
Engrs	-	-	-	-	
Other Arms	168	64	-	22	
Total	168	64	-	422	##

(iii) Rfts Held at 24 Mar 45

Arm	Posted Str	Parade Str
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Arty	704	581
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Other Arms	1907	1294
Total	11651	7569

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Note ## = Figures not available at the date of this return.

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Progress Report. F. BLU.

2. (f) Adm

(i) Accn

Considerable progress was made in completing school and personnel accn but considerable difficulty is being experienced owing to lack of materials. Civ Firms have made extremely good progress in spite of almost insuperable difficulties caused by lack of tpt and material.

RAAC has been asked to help in provision of material and a considerable amount has been issued, but this HQ has now been infm that no further material will be allotted and consequently all work must invariably be slowed down. This will mean that school buildings will not be completed in the required time and some courses may have to be postponed.

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Theatres - Plans are in preparation for an Open Air Theatre to accommodate 2000. Throughout the month instrumental and vocal concerts have been given with an average attendance of 400.

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Cinemas - There are two cinemas op at present with a seating accn of 700. Shows are given every evening. A third cinema is in the course of preparation which will have a seating accn of 500.

At BRACCIANO, arrangements are being made to use the civ theatre.

Canteens - Each bn has a canteen and regtimental canteens are in the process of preparation.

Rest Rooms - The two regts at CESANO are at present organising Rest Rooms, libaries, games rooms and a bar.

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2(f) Contd) Welfare

Newspapers - 2,500 copies of 'La Patria' are distributed daily. 1500 copies of Italia weekly. 1050 books various have been distributed.

Sports - Sports gear is sadly lacking and almost non existent. A football ground, race track and sprinting track are in the course of planning and constr.

For the summer, a recce has been carried out on Lake BRACCIANO for a bathing beach and swimming schools.

(iv) Morale

The introduction of Brit Battledress and eqpt has played a large part in the uplift in morale of the Italian soldier. He has yet to be educated to take a pride in his uniform and wear it in accordance with a few simple principles, but he is learning. Morale is reasonably high though some doubt seems to be expressed as to Italy's exact role in the peacetime Europe. Concern for and a desire to see their familes in the North as soon as an armistice is declared exercises the minds of many of the soldiers.

for Lt-Col RA

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SECRET

(A)

SUBJECT :- Progress Reports.

File (D)

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref BTU/D9/16

30 Mar 45.

DDT.

Ref your Signal DDT/872 dated 28 March 45.

Attached is Appendix "A" showing figures required (DDT/88/9/MT1 dated 20 March 45 refers).

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Appendix "A" to BTU/D9/16
Dated 30 March 45.

Numbers Held - RTC ICF.

1. Weekly Intake.

Week Ending.				
23 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar
2,536	1,683	195	508	335

2. Numbers sent forward Weekly.

Week Ending.				
	23 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar
Infantry	1,070	-	-	-	400
Artillery	25	-	-	-	-
Engineers	60	-	-	-	-
Other Arms	45	168	64	-	22

3. Numbers of Mtts held at end of month (24 Mar)

	Posted Strength	Parade Strength.
Infantry	7,982	4,857
Artillery	704	581
Engineers	1,058	837
Other Arms	1,907	1,294
Total.	11,651	7,569

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'H' Br Trg Incr
IRTC ICF.

Ref: Pro/2/18

29 March 1945

SUBJECT:- Progress Report No.3

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army.
(Ref BTU/D9/13 dated 23 Mar 45)

'F' HLU IRTC ICF
(Ref G/6A/34 dated 3 Mar 45)
PM (Br), AFHQ.
DPM, RAAC.
(Ref RAAC 48A99-99 dated 26 Feb 45)

Following is consolidated Progress Report called for.

(A) GENERAL PROGRESS.

(i) (Provost School)

The School site and class-rooms are prepared together with the Training Manual for the use of the Instructors and sandtable and blackboards and the like have been constructed and the Training Programme drafted. Liaison with G.II (Inf) and DADST for Weapon Training and PT the former and D & M School the latter, is complete. The issue of training vehicles to the School was completed w.e.f. 28 March 1945 and the larger portion of the training stores were received on the same date. There still remains to come in the Italian Training Staff, one of whom is now in transit to the School, a small quantity of training stores and the School stationery issue. The urgent requirement is now the completion to strength of the Italian Training Staff, who will, in turn, require one weeks concentrated training by the British Staff. As the School is ready, even to the allocation of training fims, it will be seen that progress now is entirely dependent on the completion of the Italian Training Staff, particularly so, as elements of No.319 Italian Provost Section who form the students of Course No.1 are in transit now to the School and are expected within 48 hours. The training staff are those shewn in WE CM/737/1.

(ii) (HQ, 152 Italian Provost Coy CCRR (WE CM/737/1)

Officer Commanding in transit to the Centre. All other personnel remain to be drafted in. One 15 cwt and 2 bicycles allotted against SEL Part I.

(iii) (155 Italian Provost Section CCRR (WE CM/524/1)

To strength less 1 Carabinierie and 1 Appuntato. The Section has been fully equipped in BD, armbands and the like and is at duty and is becoming very satisfactory. The officer Commanding has been posted to Territoriale duty for inefficiency and an acting commander detailed. Equipped to date with 15 H/Cs 2 x 15 cwt trucks and one Utility. Accommodation stores and NELs demanded. Progress normal and dependant only on Ordnance issues.

(iv) (198 Italian Provost Section CCRR (WE CM/524/1)

To strength less 3 Vice Brigadieri. The Section is also equipped with BD, armbands and the like and is the Section commended by Field Marshall Alexander on his inspection. Is the Section with no transport entitlement. Accommodation stores and NELs demanded.

(v) (319 Italian Provost Section CCRR (WE CM/524/1)

Is being raised and the advance party is now in transit to this Centre. They will form the first students for the Provost School.

GENERALLY:-

The raising and equipping of No.152 Italian Provost Company is proceeding normally and is entirely dependant on the Ordnance releases made against it.

(B) COURSES.

(i) Regimental Police Course for Artillery personnel (10 ORs).
Traffic Control Course for Squaron Movieri of the Camp (20 ORs)

(ii) Course No.1 and 2 (repetition of No.1) as per attached training programme.

(iii) Course No.1: None, as vacancies will be entirely absorbed by the 51 students forming No.319 Italian Provost Section.

Course No.2: 5 officers and 50 students from the Combat Group.

(iv) Syllabus: Drill, PT, Small arms training, Map-reading, Provost duties within the Group, MT training, Traffic Control, (Equipment, use and practice), Veh classifications, Method and use of Traffic circuits, Vehicle staging and parking, Road discipline and movement, Function of CCRR within the Group, Duties on Bridges, Ps W, Camouflage, Advanced Divisional movement and advanced traffic control. The latter five subjects being for full ranks and officers only.

(v) NIL.

(C) NUMBERS HELD.

(i) Weekly Intake : NIL

(ii) Number sent forward weekly : NIL

(iii) Rfts held : 198 Italian Provost Section CCRR complete to [illegible] in ranks less 3 W/Brigadieri. Rfts NCP

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(v) NIL.

(C) NUMBERS HELD.

(i) Weekly Intake : NIL

(ii) Number sent forward weekly : NIL

(iii) Rfts held : 198 Italian Provost Section CCRR complete to WE in ranks less 3 V/Brigadieri. Rfts NOT to be sent forward or used from that Section except in extreme emergency, as they are absorbed in Camp duties with No.155 Italian Provost Section.

(D) INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian).

(a) Deficiencies against WE = All.

(b) Not applicable.

(E) EQUIPMENT.

(i) Lists of equipment received are attached.

(ii) Stores most urgently required are those necessary to complete School G.1098.

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(F) ADMINISTRATION.

(i) Accommodation. Three barrack blocks house, or will house very shortly, personnel of the 3 Sections, Company Headquarters, the nucleous of Instructors and the personnel of the Traffic Control section and the Regimental Police attached. In addition administration offices have to be found from the same blocks and the School buildings. The amount of personnel involved, including officers and senior ranks, is approx 200 and the situation can be said to be extremely difficult, but the whole centre is very restricted as to accommodation and the Provost Wing has not received its fair share. It will be, however, necessary to secure further accommodation very shortly and this is being sought.

(ii) Hygiene. Due to the fact that no hot baths function in the Centre, all ranks under command of the Provost Wing are transported to ROME once weekly in order to obtain these facilities in the private baths. The latrine situation is, at the moment, bad, no facilities existing within the Block and the latrines of an adjoining detachment are used. This is being remedied by the erection of box latrines. The portable water supply too is irregular.
The issue from British Stocks of Battle-dress, boots, shirts, underwear and the like and the disposal of the old uniforms, many of which were very old and filthy, and the insistence on clean changes and the like plus a weekly medical inspection, has brought about an improvement which is quite noticeable in the men's personal pride and turnout.

(iii) Welfare.
(iv) Morale. The morale of the CCRR is good and since the issue of British Battle Dress and clothing to them and the insistence on drill, a smart turnout, and the normal requisites expected of a Military Policeman, it is even higher. They feel they now have their authority back and are treated as soldiers. Many of them, however, have their families in the North and, not being in receipt of any mail, are pre-occupied. Attempts are made to induce these men to take local leaves, if necessary, with other more fortunate Carabinieris. Equally, the leave position for men with homes in Sicily and the far South, has to be regulated on a slow basis, due to the difficulties of travel and transport and the fact that for a leave of seven days for a Sicilian man, it is necessary to budget for at least seven to ten days travel. For the others, privelege leave is regulated in the normal manner i.e. 5% of the Unit Strength being away on leave at any one time.

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The recent distribution of British Battle Dress and equipment has eliminated a grave sapping to the men's efficiency, having served presumably for a year with broken boots and tattered uniforms and with little hope of replacement.

Messing is satisfactory and there are no complaints from the [illegible].

Mail receipt is normal and the men are in receipt of the CCRR newspaper and the Army newspapers.

Use is made of the Centre's cinema and the men are in the position of being able to go to Rome in off-duty hours.

No restriction has been placed on any men requiring time off to attend religious services or celebrations that have special significance for him.

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The men are also in possession of draughts, playing cards and some musical instruments.

Captain,
Provost.

CTRG/asj.

APPENDIX 'E' (i)

List of Issued Equipment etc, for Month ending 31 March 45

Unit.	Stores received.	Transport received. Bicycles.	M/Cs	Cars 4x2	Trucks 15-cwt	Lorries 3-ton.
HQ,152 Ital Pro Coy CCRR.	NIL	2	-	-	1	-
155 Ital Pro Section CCRR (duty)	NIL	-	14	1	2	-
198 Ital Pro Section CCRR (Holding)	NIL	-	-	-	-	-
319 Ital Pro Section CCRR (Trg)	NIL	-	-	-	3	-
HQ, 152 Ital Pro Coy CCRR (Provost School)	T.S.M.C. cal .45 6 Magazines, TSMC 54 Pistols, rev .38 12 Amn, pistol .38 544 rds Hammers, Carp 1 lb 2 Saws, tenon 14" 2 Shears, tinmans, snip, 7" 2 Sleeves, traffic	-	21	1	3	1

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Total Tpt.		2	35	2	9	1

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* Training vehicles - Class V only.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Reports.

'H' BTI IRTC ICF
Ref: BTI/A.10/78

23 March 1945

'G' Trg Unit

'F' RLU IRTC ICF

Ref BTU/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 BTU/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 "[illegible] school spirit" into this regiment. However, the regiment is comparatively

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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 "[redacted] 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, whitewash 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. Improvement has been made as regards both the discipline, and the cleanliness 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 Bn 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 PROGRESS. (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 organisation 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 Commandermust be made.

It is fully realised 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 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 show.

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.

(B) COURSES.

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

(i) 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 organisation left much room for improvement, but it has helped by producing a considerable number of

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A 3 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 fire control was always by voice control. Even with these limiting factors, however, the shooting was good.

6 pdr 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 moveing targets were limited and this course will be firing again on the 2/3 April.

(ii) Future Courses.

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(ii) Future 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 vehicle drivers before the end of April, and that the regular output of trained carrier reinforcements cannot be expected until the end of May. These timings would be greatly reduced by the prompt arrival of the British Officer and 2 Sgts detailed for carrier training.

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3" mortar	-	30 students.
A/Tk 6 pdr	-	30 students.
Tactics	-	A further 40 young officers. -60 " "
Mine warfare	-	20 students.

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

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(c) 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. 5746 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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(E) EQUIPMENT.

This paragraph is being dealt with by Capt Smethurst.

(F) ADMINISTRATION.

(i) Accommodation. The accommodation is good basically, but suffers from lack of windows and doors; the water supply is still unsatisfactory; garage accommodation is inadequate. The worst feature of the accommodation is probably the hasty way in which it was allotted in the first place by the Italians and it is now very difficult to make the best use of it without creating an upheaval. Further huts are required for class-rooms and dining halls if the centre is to be compared with the corresponding English Establishment. From the Infantry point of view the immediate provision of 10 huts as class-rooms would be most welcome. This is the minimum demand.

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(iii) Welfare. I think a good effort is being made in this line. Units are beginning to have quite presentable canteens, though extra tables are needed for these. Some sports goods 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 organisations in the organisation of news of missing relatives, etc.

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(G) GENERAL.

Remarks have already been made about the amount of time spent in holidays. Men are always either on holiday, being vaccinated or absent without leave. Again there are far too many soldiers at present undergoing on fatigues. The result is that squads have had, in some cases, to be put back one week in training.

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(G) 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 develope into a first class training Depot.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Reports.

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army
Ref BTG/19/13

23 Mar 45.

'P' ENS NTC ICF (3)
'H' Br Trg Unit NTC ICF. (6)

1. The DMT has requested a Monthly Progress Report from this HQ.

2. All Officers concerned please submit their monthly Reports so under to reach this office by the 1st of each month.

(a) General Progress.

(i) No 1 Reception Dept, No 2 Trg Dept (Inf) and Infantry School.

(ii) No 3 Trg Dept by arms and services.

(iii) Provost ~~Unit~~. Silver

(iv) Schools ~~Unit~~.

(b) Courses.

(i) Courses run during the month.

(ii) Courses projected for the next two months.

(iii) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses.

(iv) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(The above report will be made with special reference to All Arms Instructors School, Medical School etc.)

(c) Number of personnel from HQ attending courses at British or

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(v) Number of personnel from MTC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

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(c) Numbers Held.

(i) Weekly Intake.

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(d) Instructional Staff (Italian).

(a) Deficiencies against WE.

(b) Standard of Instruction.

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4. Continued.

(e) Equipment.

(i) Detailed statement of controlled stores received during the (by sub units).

(ii) Details of any deficiencies of outstanding urgency (To be shown as an appendix).

(f) Administration.

(i) Accommodation.

(ii) Hygiene.

(iii) Welfare.

(iv) Morale.

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SUBJECT: Progress Reports.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel:11667

DMT/88/9/MT1

20 Mar 45.

British Training Unit c/o MMIA

Further to this Directorates message DMT/668 dated 14 Mar 45.

Further Progress Reports will cover the following points and will be rendered on the 1st of each month covering the previous months work.

(a) 1. General Progress.

(i) (a) No 1 Reception Regt, No 2 Trg Regt(Inf) and Infantry School.

(ii) (b) No 3 Trg Regt by arms and services.

(iii) (c) Provost Wing.

(d) Schools Wing.

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(e) Number of personnel from RTC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

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

1) 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 CESANO could be an excellant Training Centre, and the attitude of the men towards their officers is improving.

Whilst in early February training was almost non - existant, 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.A. and SMRE. 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.

This is of paramount importance. Now it is often a case of the blind leading the blind. It is essential that officers detailed as, for example, Signal Instructors in the establishment can instruct in British material. If this is NOT the case there must be a considerable delay, while the instructor is himself trained. When 36 carriers arrived at TOR SAPIENZA it was necessary to use British personnel from various units to drive them to CESANO, as only 1 Italian, an officer, can drive. These shortages have been pointed out before but until they are made good, the demands of the Gruppi cannot be met. If M.I.A. and SMRE can not find Italian Instructors, then more British Instructors will have to be asked for, and the whole conception of the Centre changed.

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Wireless Operators (Genio)	22	6th June.
Line Operators (Genio)	27	9th May.
Operators Artillery	26	9th May.
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 WT 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 Procedure and Map Reading.

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Infantry Signal Training other than courses at Signal School has not commenced. Signal Instructors are now in transit and it is hoped to start in about 1 week's time, on a small scale.

The Signal School expects to move to BELCCLANO 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. Non officers (Italian) have been asked for and demands are being partially met.

The men under instruction are keen and learn quickly.

The equipment situation is generally satisfactory.

At present it has not been found possible to divide the Engineer Training into Engineer School and Engineer Reinforcements owing to shortage of instructors.

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

2 weeks Fieldworks (Including roads and Water Supply).

2 weeks Elementary Demolitions and Minewarfare.

2 Weeks Bridging.

1 weeks Weapon training.

(c) Facilities. The Contractors have proved to be disappointing by slow in preparing the class rooms etc, but under strong pressure are beginning to show results.

4. Mechanics School.

Instructors and Stores are now satisfactory. The state of the buildings is the main limiting factor.

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The above personnel will be found from this Centre. The remaining courses commence as under.

14 April 45 Fitters Course.
2nd April Driver Mechanics Course.

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5. Instructors Schools MANZIANA.

(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 pieces 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.

G30 II (Schools) considers that he will be able to make a first class School at MANZIANA.

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6. Driving and Maintenance School.

Owing to operational requirements No 2 GT Company, which has 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 required as instructors, 40 are now fully trained, but 60 still require further training.

Whilst if it would assist, a specialist course could be run to help 56 HAU, it would be a very improvised course.

Neither the staff or the accommodation is ready, but it is hoped to commence properly on 8 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.
1,113 have completed 3rd week of training.
1,100 are undergoing preliminary training.
400 Artillery are being converted into Infantry and have started short conversion course.

The programme is being followed and all the basic periods of weapon training and fieldcraft are being taught fairly satisfactorily, with the exception of minewarfare and 2in mortar. The first is due to lack of instructors, the second by shortage of equipment, though this is improving.

(b) The Infantry School is at present running courses as follows :-

(i) Tactical Course 100 pupils.

(ii) 3in Mortar Course 20 pupils.

(iii) 6 pdr course 20 pupils.

The remaining courses have not yet started for reasons as under :-

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(c) Reports on individual subjects.

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(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) PT. 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, accomodation is ready and the School is ready to function when the two following demands are met.

(i) Release of ADOS demanded training shares based on 14 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 HQ are still awaited.

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Naval Artillery Training Memorandum No.6.

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

COURSE.	DURATION.	DATES.
Anti Aircraft	3½ weeks	31 Jan - 24 Feb.
Anti Tank	3½ Weeks	31 Jan - 24 Feb.
25 pr	5½ Weeks	31 Jan - 9 Mar.

Students attended as follows :-

	25 pr	40 mm.	17 pr.
Officers from NAPLES	10	8	5
NCO's from NAPLES	33	21	25
Officers from TARANTO Group	-	-	4
NCO's from TARANTO Group	-	-	6
NCO and O.R. from BENEVENTO Group	-	2	-

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

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16 Mar 45.

Lt Col, G.S.
Commanding 10 Try Team R.A.(for Italian Forces)

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SUBJECT:- Reports - SIVA.

H.Q. SIVA,
MANZIANA.

Ref SIVAREP. 1.

10 March 1945

Commanding Officer,
"F" SDU., RPD., JCF.

1. The programmes for all schools have been prepared and those for the Tactical School approved by Col RFA. 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 rehersals 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.

4. BILLETS.

The Head Offices are now beginning to function. Stationery in reasonable quantity has arrived, but the most serious deficiency is in typewriters. It appears these have already been purchased and are at present at the Ministry for War awaiting authority for their release from Allied sources (MMIA I suppose), who have blocked the issue of typewriters. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

The Engineers are working on the remaining billets but in some cases the progress is so slow I doubt whether the premises will be ready on the dates we shall need them.

5. Preliminary recces of the area for training grounds have been made and I think we shall have no difficulty in finding all we need reasonably close to MANZIANA.

6. TRANSPORT.

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When the schools are running we shall have about 200 students and a demonstration Coy of 100 who will have to be carried to and from the training area. This centre is modelled on the CSTC where the JLW alone has an allotment of 6 x 3-tonners, 4 x 15 cwts 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, 5 x 15 cwts, 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 6 x 3-tonners personnel, and 3 M/Cs (one for the MTO and 2 for DRs) be made.

7. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

I have arranged with Major Price for a certain number of weapons and ammn 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 ORTOLO 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 organised 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?

EH/ns J/.

Major, GSO.II,
Schools.

Copy to:
GSO.II, BTU.
FI P.

Report on Progress at Airborne Training Centre, Italian Combat Force, AMGOT.

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6 March 45.

1. Introduction. The disbanded 1st and 4th Artiere Corps arrived at AMGOT on 1 March 45 swelling the total of troops in the barracks to approximately 400. Five parties have been formed (numbered 1 - 5), each party consisting of 35 men for training.

2. Training. Up to 5 March 45, the only training which has been done is Artillery training with a small party of some 40 men. This squad has been used to prepare the training area and also such as guides etc in a vain attempt to find suitable Italian officer instructors.

3. Equipment. Equipment is coming slowly in. The main deficiencies at the present are :-

Water supply equipment.
Heavy wires. A 3 Tonner is now touring forward areas.
Tool kits. A number of tools have been obtained from Italian sources.
3 trailer Village loads.

4. Italian Instructors. Not one suitable Italian officer instructor has yet come to light. Most Italian trained officers at Cassino show no technical knowledge, keenness or interest. They appear quite deficient in the normal attributes of an officer.

Until a number of suitable NCO's have been found and with the increased British Staff, the training of recruits should be satisfactorily carried out.

Good Instructors are also required for Italian Pioneer Training and the Schools will at a later date require 'top notch' Engineer Instructors.

5. British Instructors. The UK volunteers to be approved for the British Instructor Cadres :-

Capt	1
Sergeants	4
Clerk	1
Storeman	1

The fourth sergeant, the clerk and storeman are still wanted.

It is understood that approval has been given to have 1 officer,

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Sergeants	4
Clerks	1
Storeman	1

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It is understood that approval has been given to have 1 officer, extra NCO's and 10 men attached to assist initial training. This party is being mustered.

6. Standard of Recruits. There has been little opportunity to study the new recruits, but the three impressions is that they are strong, hardworking, quick to learn and amenable to discipline. Then properly trained, they would not fall far short of the British Sapper.

7. Training. A week's sapper training at Maiduguri has been added to the 2 weeks Fieldcraft (including Arms and Rifle Drill), 2 weeks Elementary Demolition and Minewarfare and 2 weeks Field and Improvised Bridging. Parties 1, 2 and 3 have commenced training (one on Fieldworks, one on Bridging and one on Sapper Training). It is intended to start off party No 4 on Minewarfare on March 12, party No 5 on March 19 etc.

Detailed programmes for the 7 weeks training are now being prepared.

8. Technical Equipment. Work on accommodation is proceeding at an increased rate, but there is still much to be done.

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(a) Full water supply is guaranteed by 15 March 45.

(b) Shower baths and some wash benches are now in operation.

(c) [illegible]

(d) Latrines have been improved, but are not yet fly-proof.

(e) The Contractor cannot get glass for Nissen windows.

(f) Beds are still needed.

(g) The kitchens are not yet operating.

[signature]

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2nd Bty 3rd Inf.

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SUBJECT :- All Arms School, MANCIANA.

'Q' Trg Unit to Italian Army
C. M. F.
Ref BTU/A7/19.

6 March 45.

The following is an interim progress report given to me 5 March 45 by Major MORTIMORE, GSO II Schools.

1. Demonstration Coy has now moved in and should commence training on 8 March 45.

2. Service Coy (Batmen, clerks, drivers etc) is in the process of moving into MANCIANA - about 50 have arrived out of a final total of 150.

3. The Contractors are working in the other requisitioned buildings and these should be ready by the end of March.

4. The huts being put up by the Contractors for the WTS are progressing very slowly - shortage of material appears to be one cause - I do not think these will be ready. Meanwhile I am trying to find alternative accommodation.

5. The Italian permanent staff officers are moving to MANCIANA 6 March 45. This excludes the instructors who are at present at MONTEROTO.

5. GSO II (Schools) is moving to MANCIANA 6 March 45.

7. Stores are being stored and it is hoped to assemble much of the Training Stores this week.

8. Shortage of transport causes much delay.

9. It is hoped that the J.L.W will start 1 April 45. All other wings are scheduled to start 8 April. There is a reasonable hope that this will be achieved.

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SUBJECT :- Report from GSO II Signals.

Ref HQ/A7/18.

5 March 45.

Captain THOMAS had the following things to report on the running of his Signal School at NOCERA :-

1. Nearly all the US Signal Equipment had arrived.

2. 175 men were at present undergoing instruction in 13 various types of training.

3. The 3rd Regiment at BRACCIANO had been holding Signallers without declaring them. However, 83 so-called trained signallers had been segregated from the remainder and an instructors cadre of 1 offr and 5 NCO's had arrived with adequate equipment to carry on the training of these 83 men at BRACCIANO to satisfy the immediate needs of the Gruppi. These men should have finished their training in 3 - 4 weeks. Instruction was to start on Wednesday, March 6th.

4. Arrangements had been made with Colonel SIVO to send 120 untrained men for instruction to NOCERA; the numbers for the various types of training were being decided by Colonel SIVO. They should arrive down at NOCERA by 12 March.

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Subject:- Signal Training, R.T.C., I.C.F.

Commanding E.T.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. OPERATORS, URGENT DEMAND FOR.

Ref your A/7/138 dated 21 FEB 45 regarding the urgent demand for Operators Wireless and Line. On 27 FEB 45 I discovered that 120 part-trained men (60 Wireless and 60 Line) were being held by 3 Regt at BRACCIANO and that the "UFFICIO PERSONALE" at the R.T.C. was not aware of their existence owing to mistakes in returns which had been rendered by 3 Regt. Since this discovery, 37 Operators have been posted to Gruppi, and the balance, 83, are now being trained at BRACCIANO on British signals equipment by instructors from the Signal School, NOCERA. These 83 operators are already trained on Italian equipment and it is estimated that they will be sufficiently advanced on British equipment to warrant their being sent fwd to take part in ops after four weeks further training.

2. SIGNAL SCHOOL, NOCERA.

(a) The following are under training at NOCERA. It is pointed that these men started from "scratch":-

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Operators, Arty	26	9 MAY 45
Operators, Inf	46	9 MAY 45
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Electrician Signals (Genio)	5	4 APR 45
Despatch Riders (Genio)	15	
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* The DR's are held up owing to lack of M/C's.

(b) A further 120 men are now being despatched to the Signal School, NOCERA, to commence training as operators or as linemen on 12 MAR. This number cannot at present be exceeded owing to the school accommodation situation, but the numbers of students, by arms, is roughly in proportion to recent demands.

Arty	25	Total, 120.
Sigs	35	
Inf	60	

3. UNTRAINED SIGNALS PERSONNEL.

At present 15 signals officers and 124 untrained signals O.R's are held by 3 Regt at BRACCIANO (in addition to the 83 part-trained men mentioned in para.1) During the time the officers are held as reinforcements; and whilst the men await vacancies at the Signal School, as much signal training as possible should be included in their daily routine, e.g., Electricity and Magnetism, Wireless Theory and Procedure

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and Map Reading, etc; To assist in this I have handed over from the Signal School, 50 copies of every available signals pamphlet (Br-Iti) to the Signals Instr attached to 3 Regt (Ten. Sciecchetti).

In the absence of classrooms, tables and forms, etc., barrackrooms will be made use of for lectures, the men using their rolled blankets as seats.

4. TRANSPORT.

14 Wireless vehicles on the M.E. of the Signal School are not yet available for issue at R.V.P.

The issue of 14 motorcycles is also awaited. This is seriously hampering D.R. training; the only machine at present available for this purpose being of an old Italian two-stroke type.

Capt., R.Signals,
S.O.R.Signals, B.T.I., RTC., ICF;

5 MAR 45

Copy to S.O.R.Signals, M.M.I.A;

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report CC. RR. (Provost) School.

BLU RTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMLA) HQMG.
Ref PROV/2/4

22 Feb 45.

BLU DPM AMHQ.

Following is Interim Progress Report on the formation and training to date of the CC. RR (Provost School).

1. Organisation. Attached is a chart showing organisation of the Training Wing. At the moment there exists 2 Carabinieri Sections, one designated a foot section, and the other mobile. The foot section is that shown as permanent Camp Service, which are organised with the assistance of Provost. The mobile section exists ready to be posted forward, although its equipment and G 1098 are not to the new WE, and duties at the moment absorb it with the Permanent Section. Camp duties at the moment comprise the following :-

(a) Divisional HQ posts.

(b) Security Guards on installations, dumps, DADOS dumps etc in a similar manner to VP's

(c) Check Points and TP's for vehs W/T's absentees and the like at CESANO, BRACCIANO, POLIDORO, BIVIO and CACFIC.

(d) Discipline and absentee patrols for the Division in ROME.

(e) DRLS to HQ Command Legione di Caribinieri ROMA.

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(h) All police duties (such surveillance to include all civilians) within the Centre.

(k) The signing of the Centre.

The system of training will be by sections, that is to say, at the completion and the passing out of the section under training, the trained section will be ready for posting, and will cease its assistance of the Caribinieri Section, its place being taken by the newly trained section, and a new section under training be formed. CC.RR Company HQ's remain to be posted in and have been demanded together with the nucleus of Italian Instructors for the Provost School. The latte will consist of 1 officer, 1 Warrant Officer, 3 NCO's and 2 OR's. The 2 OR's being for admin duties. In a like manner, the British NCO Instructor has been requested from DPM AFHQ.

2. Build - up. An excellent school site has been obtained and is in course of preparation, with the ~~exception~~ of charts, diagrams and the like. Accommodation Stores have been demanded from the Italian authorities although little active assistance is given. All G 1098 and trg eqpt and transport (based on the WE of 1½ Sections CC. RR Provost) remain to come in, and it is pointed out that the School, in view of its specialist character, cannot commence complete training until the stores are to hand.

3. Training. A manual of Provost training in Italian is in course of ~~publication~~ and on completion, a copy thereof will be submitted to HLU and DPM AFHQ, the latter for approval that the Manual conforms to that Departments views on provost training.

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The main of the manual , which is for the use of Italian Instructors, is based on that laid down by the C.M. POLICE Depot (Italian Training Wing). In addition, demand has been made for the printing in Italian of MTP 47, for the use of the Instructors and incidentals to trg such as W/Tickets, AFA 3676 and the like. In due course of time, trg films will also be allotted dealing with Provost duties.

In the meantime, trg in simple traffic control is being given to twenty Italian OR's (not CC. RR) in order that the Camp Traffic may be properly regulated, and these will be functioning on duty within the camp shortly, under the surveillance of the CC. RR.

Shortly, pending the opening of the School, a course will be run for the elementary trg of Regimental Police. It is pointed out that all the instruction is being given by ex-students of the CM Police Depot found within the CC. RR section here and is not yet officially of the school, although supervised by the Provost.

The standard which is being aimed at is the Provost Standard and it has already been demonstrated that drill and pride of Regiment are necessary adjuncts to the whole training of the school. In this connection strong efforts are being made to put the CC. RR in Battledress, in order that a high turnout can not only be demanded but met. Drill and discipline are now and will be insisted upon at the School, and the result thereof will be seen very shortly in the OR's put on Camp Traffic duties.

It is pointed out, however, that the necessary stores (such as Sleeves, Traffic) must be met at an early date if the school is to function properly and the students thereof become a matter of pride to the Centre, which is what is intended.

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5. Forecast. In order of periority, to commence training.

(a) The release of accommodation Stores.

(b) The formation of CC. RR Coy HQ's and the posting in of the nucleus of instructors including the Provost NCO.

(c) The issue of the allotted @ 1098 and training equipment.

(d) The posting in of the trainees.
Within one week of the completion of "A" "B" and "C" the school will be open and would submit its training programme. 1085

6. Forecast of Training.

With the present allottment of instrs the following can be envisaged :-

I Drill (Provost School).
II P.T. (By arrangement with G II Inf)
III Range Practices (By arrangement with G II Inf)
IV Provost Duties (Provost School)
V Map Reading (Provost School).
VI MT Training (DEM School for theory)
VII Traffic Control (Provost School)
VIII The Manual now in course of production, mentioned in para 3.

Capt.
Provost.

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SUBJECT :- Initial Comments on Italian Army R... :- 2.

To:- [illegible] Jan. 26.

1. There have be n the u...l crop of initial difficulties which have and are being dealt with. o problem has arisen which cannot be solved and which has not arisen before in similar circumstances. However although the spirit of urgency is being instilled into all ranks, it is of course realised that it takes time for Italian buildings to be made habitable, to collect training equipment, to gather in Englishmen and Scots and instruct them in their duties and to prepare and organise the vast number of training programmes with the necessary reason. In fact, as I write this memorandum, the staffs of Number 1 Reception Regiment are only arriving at Caserta. This does not mean that we have been allowing the grass to grow under our feet awaiting the arrival of staffs, in fact a great deal has been done in preparation, or salvation and reconnaissance. Programmes have been prepared for the reception and care of the schools, these as the result of numerous conferences which make clear to all available what has to be done. Priority has been given to the training of the civilian and the soldier re-called to the colours and eight weeks is the minimum required to produce a comparatively efficient soldier. At this point I think I should state that I protested most strongly about sending Air Ministry men forward recently to reinforce the Brigade, as they were in my opinion a completely disorganised, half dressed rabble and it was not their fault as they had no training.

I am informed that they will get training when they reach the forward areas. That may be, but in my opinion they should not have been allowed to go forward in the state they were in. It is surely better for the Brigade to wait until their ranks can be filled with decent material who have a sporting chance of survival.

2. At present training validity is taking more the form of preparation than execution, but training programmes have been issued for such training as can be carried out without any training equipment. [illegible]; drill including gas training subjects have been in the order of the day. In each case a suggested eight weeks programme which I sent to the Commandant, [illegible] the place of training will be carried out as the time indicated.

The raising of [illegible] has been planned at Divisional, but the area will not be sufficiently habitable until the middle of January. In the meantime one trained and highly potential squadron have been selected and by the [illegible] Thomas [illegible] 11 (Sqn.) Belgium and these men will be sent south to the Italian Air School at the 20th. January. The training period had hope for squadrons can be shortened as some of these 'all-in' squadrons have been raised

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TRAINING.

2. At present training training is taking more the form of preparation than execution, but training programmes have been issued for such training as can be carried out without any training equipment. e.g., Drill marching and hundred man weapon subjects have been the order of the day. I attach a suggested eight weeks programme which I sent to the Commandant, A.T.S. and this phase of training will be carried out on the lines indicated.

The training of artificers has been planned at BULFORD, but the area will not be sufficiently habitable until the middle of February. In the meantime one hundred and eighty potential Artificers have been selected so-far by Major Thomas A.A.C. 11 (Sigs.) in Egypt and these men will be moved south to the Italian Signal School on the 23rd. January. The training period will then for Artificers can be shortened as some of these 'half-up' Artificers have been trained in the past and have now a little satisfactory knowledge; they [illegible] nothing about recent signal procedure.

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It is hoped that the Cavalry School will be able to be moved in the near future but a lot of constructional work is required in the area allotted to the Cavalry.

At present artillery personnel from the Tenth Div. have arrived at HEADQUARTERS and from some of these some artillery instructors and Staffs will be selected for the R.A.T.S. and School, the remainder being available as reinforcements.

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I do not expect that it will be possible to start the landing of Engineers before the beginning of February.

SUPPORT.

3. I attach the agenda of the necessary recces carried out by the relevant officers and myself at [illegible]. The questions and answers give a true picture of what can be achieved at this place. The Infantry Assault programme has now been completed and preparation is now proceeding. The staff and the majority of equipment necessary for the Battalion has now arrived and preparation is going well.

STAFF.

4. I would like the whole British staff to be sent up here as soon as possible Clerks and typewriters on urgent necessity.

Everything is being done to get this whole organisation going properly as soon as possible.

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SKILL-AT TRAINING

1. According to present calculations no Infantry Soldier will be at the ATC for more than eight weeks. It is however hoped that those re-called to the colours will be able to complete eight weeks with the Reinforcement Regiment although they are doing one week with the Reception Regiment. On this basis a suggested eight weeks programme is attached. The civilian 'Call-up' on the other hand will only have five weeks with the Reinforcement Regiment having carried out essential basic training; the programme for this category is essentially the same but naturally more time should be spent in ensuring a sound foundation. No matter to which category the Infantry Soldier belongs he must be able to take his place in the Platoon efficiently. This means he must be the master of all Platoon weapons and be able to use them under all conditions, he must have a sound knowledge of Field-craft and Battle Drill and he must be able to work with the section and platoon in all minor tactical operations, this naturally includes defence, attack on a strong point and patrolling. Movement by night should receive the most careful attention and should be continually practised. The drill for taking over a defensive position is most important for on this depends to a large extent the successful outcome against any enemy counter-attack on the position. Although the time is comparatively short one should try and introduce all ranks to elementary mine warfare, even though it is only to ensure the lifting and laying of mines and a working knowledge of the anti-personnel mine. It is suggested that the programme be based on what one will achieve each week; working up by stages to our goal at the end of the eight week. Weapon training on the barrack square and on the long ranges should become less as the weeks proceed so that during the final weeks the majority of the time can be spent on section and platoon tactics and firing all weapons under battle conditions.

2. The following subjects should be considered during training at the same time as much variety as possible should be introduced. Every day should start with physical training and every day during the first six weeks should have a period of drill :-

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2. The following subjects should be considered during training at the same time as much variety as possible should be introduced. Every day should start with physical training and every day during the first six weeks should have a period of drill :-

(a) Weapon Training - Platoon Weapons

(b) Grenades

(c) 30 yards Range and Long Ranges

(d) Bayonet Fighting and Assault Course

(e) Field Firing and Battle Practices

(f) The Organisation of the Section, Platoon and Company

(g) Demonstrations e.g. Section and Platoon at war strength

(h) Battle Drill and Section Formations

(j) Battle Procedure in the Section and Platoon

(k) Simple appreciations

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(m) Sand Model Exercises on all Minor Tactical Operations

(n) Use of Ground and Cover by the individual and the Section

(p) The Section and the Platoon in the defence

(q) The Recce and Fighting Patrols, both by day and Night

(r) Counter-attack by fire up to Platoon level

(s) Attack on an Enemy Point either by Section or Platoon

(t) Elementary Mines

(u) Wiring

(v) Digging Slit Trenches with special reference to Field of Fire

(w) Camouflage from ground and air

(x) Personal Hygiene in the Field

(y) Administration in the Section and Platoon

(z) Direction Finding by Day and Night

(a)(a) Care of Equipment

(b)(b) Training Films

(c)(c) Elementary Map Reading.

The above subjects are embodied in the two attached suggested programmes for each category. Organisation and co-ordination of programmes will naturally have to be crefully worked out.

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(v) Sighting Rifle Members with special reference to Field of Fire

(w) Camouflage from ground and air

(x) Personal Hygiene in the Field

(y) Administration in the Section and Platoon

(z) Direction Finding by Day and Night

(a)(a) Care of Equipment

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3. Ranges and Training Areas are most suitable for our purposes Areas will have to be allotted to Regiments to prevent over lapping.

Col S.C.W.W. RPA

26 Jan

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING 1ST WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0830	0900–0945	0950–1030	1035–1120	1130	1300–134
1				Squadding	Introductory Talk	Drill		
2				Drill	Judging Distance	Judging Distance		Bayonets
3	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Drill	Bren		Dinner Hour	
4				Drill	Bren	Mortar		Bayonet
5				Drill	Bren	Bayonets		Applicati of Fire Indicatio Recogniti
6				Bayonets	Bren	Drill		Bren 30 ya

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING 1ST WEEK

1120	1130	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700
ll		B r e n		Range Practices Rifle Group and Application 100 and 200 yards		
g e		Bayonets	Bren	2 in Mortar	Bren	2 in Mortar
		Bren		2 in Mortar	Fieldcraft movement by day Sec 3. 11	Fieldcraft movement by night Sec 3
ar		Bayonet	Application of Fire Location of Targets	Bren	Bren	Application Fire Indicat and Recognit
nets	Dinner Hour	Application of Fire Indication & Recognition	Bren	Fieldcraft and Camouflage Section 4. 13 - 17.		
rill		Bren Firing 30 yards Range		Sports and Games		

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING 1ST WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
n	Range Practices Rifle Group and Application 100 and 200 yards			
Bren	2 in Mortar	Bren	2 in Mortar	
	2 in Mortar	Fieldcraft movement by day Sec 3. 11	Fieldcraft movement by night Sec 3.12	Fieldcraft movement by night Sec 13.45 and 46
plication of Location Targets	Bren	Bren	Application of Fire Indication and Recognition	
Bren	Fieldcraft and Camouflage Section 4. 13 - 17.			
te	Sports and Games			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 2ND WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900-0945	0950-1030	1035-1120	1130
1				Drill	Fire Control Orders		
2				Drill	Fieldcraft crossing obstalces Sec 5, 19 & 20	Bayonets	
3	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Rifle Range Practices 200 yards Application and Snap			Dinner Hour
4				Drill	TMC	Bren	
5				Drill	TMC	Bren	
6				Drill	Bren	Bren	

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 2ND WEEK

5-1120	1130	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700
		Bren		2 in Mortar	2 in Mortar	Fieldcraft Concealment from air Sec 18
yonete		2 in Mortar	Fieldcraft Observation Training Sec 6 22 and 23	Thompson Machine Carbine (TMC)	Fieldcraft Field Signals Sec 3	Rifle Revision
rds	Dinner	Bayonet Assault Course	TMC	Mortar	Fieldcraft Field Signals Sec 1 [illegible] - 31	TMC
ren		Bren 30 yards Range		Bren	Fieldcraft Keeping Direction and Memorising Route Sec 11 39 - 42	
ren		Fieldcraft Snap Shooting Rifle TMC Section 8, 27		Fieldcraft Cover from Fire Demonstration. Section 7 24 and 25		
ren		Fieldcraft Selection Lines of Advance Sec 10. 32 - 37		Sports and Games		

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 2ND WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
n	2 in Mortar	2 in Mortar	Fieldcraft concealment from air Sec 18	Film Camouflage air view
Fieldcraft Observation Training Sec 6 22 and 23	Thompson Machine Carbine (TMC)	Fieldcraft Field Signals Sec 9	Rifle Revision	Crossing Obstacles and Carriage of Tools
TMC	Mortar	Fieldcraft Field Signals Sec 9 29 - 31	TMC	
30 yards nge	Bren	Fieldcraft Keeping Direction and Memorising Route Sec 11 39 - 42		Sec 11 39 - 42
ft Snap ifle TMC 27	Fieldcraft Cover from Fire Demonstration. Section 7 24 and 25			
Selection vance 2 - 37	Sports and Games			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 3RD WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900-0945	0950-1030	1035-1120	1130	1
1				Drill	Fieldcraft. Selection of Advance. (Advanced) Sec. 10 38			
2	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Drill	Fieldcraft. Individual Stalk. Sec. 12		Dinner Hour	
3				Drill	Demonstration Platoon at WE Sec. 15 ##	Tactics Section Formations Sec 17 66 - 69		
4				Drill	Bren	Tactics. Selection of Fire positions Sec 19		
5				B r e n Firing Practices More Advanced				
6				Drill	Tactics Lecture objects of Battle Drill	Tactics Movement before contact Sec 25		

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PROGRAMMES OF WORK 3RD WEEK

1035-1120	1130	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	162
ection of anced)		Application of Fire Range Cards		Bren Open Range 100 yards and 200 yards Practice		
dividual 2		36 Grenade Live Throwing		Range Demonstration Own and Enemy Weapons		
Tactics Section Formations Sec 17 56 - 69	Dinner Hour	Tactics Location of Enemy Sec 18 70 - 76	75 Grenade Lecture and Practice		Bren Advanced Hand	
Tactics. Selection of Fire positions Sec 19		69 Grenade Instruction and Throwing		Bren Firing Practices 200 - 300 ya		
nced		Drill	Tactics Platoon Selection Lines of Advance Sec 20	Mines British Mark V =X=	Tactics Appreciation Sec 22	Tact S
Tactics Movement before contact Sec 25		Mines. Other British Mines =X=	First Aid and Hygiene	Games and Sports		

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 3RD WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
f Fire s	Bren Open Range 100 yards and 200 yards Practice			
ade r	Range Demonstration Own and Enemy Weapons //			Observation and Hearing by Night. Sec 44, 54 and 55
75 Grenade Lecture and Practice		Bren Advanced Handling		
nade nd Throwing	Bren Firing Practices 200 - 300 yards			Night Exercise Revision
ctics Platoon lection Lines Advance Sec 20	Mines British Mark V =X=	Tactics Appreciation Sec 22	Tactics Orders Sec 24	
st Aid and ygiene	Games and Sports			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 4TH WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900-0945	0950-1030	1030-1120	1130
1				Drill	Tactics Section in Assault. Sec 26		
2	Physical Training	Breakfast Parade	Muster Parade	Drill	Tactics. Lecture and Practical. Patrols and Patrol formations. Sec 34		Dinner Hour
3				Drill	Mines. Lecture and Disarming Teller Holtz Schu 'S' Mine =X=		
4				Drill	Mines. Other German Types =X=	Projector Infantry Anti Tank	
5				Drill	Demonstration Use of Explosives and Bangalore Torpedo =X=		
6				Tactics Platoon in Attack Sec 28 and 30			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 4TH [illegible]

1120	1130	1300–1345	1350–1435	1440–1525	1530–1615	1620–1700
in 6		Laying at Mines =x=			36 Grenade Rifle Discharger	
Pract- atrol 4		Tactics Section in Assault Drill Sec 27			Tactics Briefing and preparati for Night Patrol	
nd tz	Dinner Hour	Battle Inoculation Sec 6,	Tactics Section Exercises wi Firing			
tor In- Anti		Mines Capping Drill =x=	PIAT	Verbal and Written Message	PIAT	
		Tactics. Platoon in Attack Battle Drill Sec 28 and 30	Hygiene and First Aid	Tactics. Brief a preparation for Patrol		
30		PIAT Training	Games and Sports			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 4TH WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
ing at Mines =K=		36 Grenade Rifle Discharger		
tics n in Assault Drill Sec 27		Tactics Briefing and preparation for Night Patrol		Tactics Night Recce Patrol
e Inoculation c 63	Tactics Section Exercises with Firing			
Gapping Drill =K=	PIAT	Verbal and Written Message	PIAT	
cs. Platoon in Battle Drill 28 and 30	Hygiene and First Aid	Tactics. Brief and preparation for Patrol II		Recce Patrol II
Training	Games and Sports			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 5TH WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900–0945	0950–1030	1035–1120	1130
1	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Drill	PIAT Range Practice		Dinner Hours
2				Drill	Tactics Lecture Fighting Patrols	First Aid and Hygiene	
3				Drill	Tactics. Recce and Occupation of Defensive Position		
4				Weapon Training Revision	Wiring Drill		
5				Weapon Training Revision	Lay Mines on Position		
6				Interior Economy	Map Reading	Assault Course Advanced	

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 5TH WEEK

1035-1120	1130	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-	
e		Map Reading	First Aid and Hygiene	Tactics. Platoon in Attack with Field Firing			
irst Aid and Hygiene		Map Reading	Tactics Defence Lecture Sec 41		Brief and Practice Formations for Fighting		
Recce and ensive	Dinner Hour	Tactics Digging of Platoon Positions Weapon Pits and Camouflage. Patrols and Covering Parties to be provided					
rill		Wiring of Positions Already Prepared					
on Position		Digging of Communication Trenches. Evening Meal be served on Ground.					
Assault Course Advanced		Sports and Games					

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 9TH WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
First Aid and Hygiene	Tactics. Platoon in Attack with Field Firing			
Tactics Defence Lecture Sec 11		Brief and Practice Formations for Fighting Patrol		Night Fighting Patrol
Digging of Platoon Positions Weapon Pits and Camouflage. Patrols and Covering Parties to be provided		Tactics		Officers and NCOs Lecure Work Table
Wiring of Positions Already Prepared				
Digging of Communication Trenches.		Evening Meal to be served on Ground.		Night Gapping Mine Field
Sports and Games				

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[illegible] OF DAILY SCHEDULE

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900-0945	0950-1030	1039-1120	1130
1	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Drill	Tactics Lecture and Drill Attack on Strong Point		Dinner Hour
2				WT Revision	Lecture Reliefs in the Field		
3	1st Light Counter Attack by Fire =X=			Rest			
4	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Range.	Battle Practices		
5				Drill	Street Fighting		
6				Battalion Drill Parade			

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 6TH WEEK

20	1130	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700
on		Tactics Attack on Strong Point with Field Firing Against Defensive Positions Already Dug. Sec 35				
the		Daylight Preparations for Night Relief. Recces. Signing and Marking of Routes etc				
		Map Reading	First Aid	Demonstration Booby Traps		
		Lecture and Film Street Fighting			Practice Clearing Houses Drill	
		Street Fighting				
		Sports and Games				

Dinner Hour

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 6TH WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
Tactics on Strong Point with Field Firing Against Defensive Positions Already Dug. Sec 35				Lecture Organisatin of Gruppi
Daylight Preparations for Night Relief. Recces. Signing and Marking of Routes etc				Relief. Counter Attack by Fire 1st
First Aid	Demonstration Booby Traps			
Picture and Film Street Fighting		Practice Clearing Houses Drill		Model Discussion NCOs Street Fighting
Street Fighting				
Sports and Games				

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 7TH WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900–0945	0950–1030	1035–1120	1130	13
1	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Weapon Training Revision	Clearing Woods Drill Sec 3		Dinner Hour	
2				Weapon Training Revision	Map Reading Practical			Fi
3				Drill	Map Reading	First Aid		Le Ni
4				Drill	Tank Recognition Films			
5				Weapon Training Revision	Map Reading	Lecture Observation Reports		
6				Battalion Drill Parade				

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 7TH WEEK

1035-1120	1130	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620	
Woods Drill		Close Country Fighting Exercise					
ng Practical		First Aid	Knots	Loading of Platoon Truck			
First Aid	Dinner Hour	Lecture Night Raids	Brief and Daylight Rehersal for Night Raid				
ition Films		Offensive Action Against Tanks by Day					
Lecture Obser-vation Reports		Observation Exercise Advanced				Brief Exerc	
		Sports and Games					

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 7TH WEEK

1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1615	1620-1700	Night
Close Country Fighting Exercise				Film Know Your Enemy
Knots	Loading of Platoon Truck			
Brief and Daylight Rehersal for Night Raid				Night Raid
Offensive Action Against Tanks by Day				
Observation Exercise Advanced		Brief Night Exercise		Night Attack Tanks in Harbour
Sports and Games				

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PROGRAMME OF WORK 4TH WEEK

Day	0730	0800	0850	0900-0945	0950-1030	1035-1120	1130	1
1				Platoon Exercises 3 or 4 Quick Decision Exercises Involving Different Drills. Emphasing Consolidation				
2				Weapon Training	Map Reading Practical			
3				Range Practicea Classification				
4				24 Hour Exercise to Include Digging Platoon Defensive Position, Wiring and Patrolling				
5	Physical Training	Breakfast Break	Muster Parade	Exercise Continued			Dinner Hour	
6				Passing Out Parade				

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Notes

+	=	Co-operation of 3 in Mortars Required.
//	=	Will require assistance of other Schools.
~~//~~	=	Section 16 modified to suit Italian Platoon.
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General Remarks

1. The 'Drill' part of Battle Drill should not be stressed and as soon as is mastered should not be taught again.

2. The Digging Exercise should take place in a field firing area.

3. The Weapon Training Periods are given only by subjects and sufficient time is allowed for revision.

4. The Weapon Training revision periods should be in the form of 10 minutes refresher on each subject.

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SUBJECT :- Initial Comments on Italian Army R.T.C.

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TO :- DIRECTOR MILITARY TRAINING

D.M.T

GENERAL

1. The following notes are in no way an official report on progress but a general survey of the problems and ramifications inherent on such a vast enterprise. Even with the greatest will and a realisation of the urgency of the project it is apparent that it will take a comparatively long time before the Centre and Schools are running smoothly and approaching the British Standard.

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I have no doubt in my mind that the problems involved are much too great for the Italians to compete with by themselves, I have had a continuous stream of Senior Italian Officers since my arrival all wishing directives on their duties. These have been given verbally but the necessary Training Memoranda and Course Programmes are being prepared to give the Italians something to work on. However I have made it quite clear that the Italian Staff must do their own recces and prepare their own schemes after which they will be vetted by the British.

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I am doing all in my power to get accommodation ready to receive British Staff Officers. At the moment I have a GSO II and GSO III who are making valiant and successful efforts to compete with the more pressing problems but the Full Staff is required urgently. I hope accommodation will be ready for them in two or three days. In addition to Officers, Clerks and Office Equipment are an immediate necessity.

LOCATION AND SUITABILITY OF SITES OF SCHOOLS

2. (a) CESANO

The following Training Units and School will be located at CESANO :-

(i) No 1 Reception Regiment

At presents consists of five coys of 400 men each. This area may suitably be called NORTH Barracks. Training Areas are nearby and there is one decent Barrack Square; two places for 30 yard Ranges and two 600 yard Ranges have already been reced. I am hoping to get a bulldozer to assist in building these Ranges as a first priority. All the above Ranges are within ten minutes walk of either the Reception Regiment or the Reinforcement Regiment.

In the NORTH Barracks area is also located The Infantry School. A very suitable building has been allotted and there should be little difficulty in finding Mortar and Battle practise areas. Initially the Rifle Ranges mentioned in preceding paragraph will be used but further Ranges are required and should not be difficult to find.

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(ii) No 2 Reinforcement Regiment (Infantry)

The whole of this Regiment is to be housed in an enormous building suitably called the COMB. This Barracks is roughly in the Centre of the CESANO area and there is plenty of room for personnel and the necessary store rooms. It is sufficiently near the Training Areas as I visualise them at present.

(iii) No 3 Reinforcement Regiment

In effect the main part of this Regiment will be at BRACCIANO and only the HQ and [illegible] portions will be at CESANO.

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(iv) The D and M School

Located at the South end of the Factory Area. There is a good asphalt road available for driving instruction and space for sufficient Class Rooms. In addition there has been some damage to buildings through bombing. From a Training point of view I am satisfied the area is suitable.

(v) The Mechanics School

Located at the North end of the Factory Area. There are a number of large scale buildings with cement floors. The roofs are missing in most places and a lot of labour will be required to put them right, but when this is finished there should be a suitable Mechanics School.

(vi) Headquarters, Offices etc

All HQs, Offices and Messes should be suitably housed. There is plenty of room. Refugees are occupying many good buildings and it is hoped that alternative accommodation will be found for them.

(b) BRACCIANO

Both the Engineer and Signal Centres and Schools are located at BRACCIANO. I have only had a cursory recce of the area but from reports I gather it is satisfactory. From an engineer point of view it should be, from a signal point of view it is.

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TRAINING

3. At the moment I gather we will have the Infantry Soldier for a period of eight weeks. After considering the problem I think that the best answer is to allot three weeks to The Reception Regiment where basic training can be installed and five weeks to the Reinforcement Regiment. With this object in view I have issued a Training Memorandum and Programme for the first three weeks. I have been requested to do this by the Commandant R.T.C. I expect this procedure will have to be repeated for all Regiments and Schools initially but the main object i.e., that the Italians should run their own show, will constantly be kept in view.

The Commander R.A.A.C. gave me a trace showing the relevant boundaries of R.T.C. area, RA Ranges and RAC Experimental Area. This clarifies the whole area situation and will not affect training as required by D.M.T.

At the moment it is proposed that 7 A.G.R.A. Ranges should also be used by the Artillery School.

I gather there will be no difficulty about this and it would seem to be the best solution.

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The early arrival of Training Equipment is another essential, so that the recruits already here will not become discouraged.

The Commanders of the Instructors and Infantry Schools are well known to me and the Commander of Engineers I have met. All these Officers are of a high Italian Standard and if the same Standard is kept up there should be little to worry about.

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