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Ap. - JUNE 1945

SUBJECT :- Discipline - Personnel.

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

Ref BU/A.3/466

14 Jun 45.

G.H.Q.
O2E, C. M. F.

2658861 Gdsm MIDDLEWOOD R.

Herewith Army Form B252 Serial 1 in respect of the
a/n soldier.

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W. W. W.
Maj
CS

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Ar. Form B252

(See King's Regulations)

CHARGE.'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
attached 'F' BLU IRTC ICF.

Regiment

Coldstream Guards.

(Battery
Squadron
Troop or
Company.

CHARGE against No 2658861

Rank GDSM

Name MIDDLEWOOD, R.

Place CESANO

Date of Offence 13 June 45.

OFFENCE. Section 40 (A.A) W.O.A.S. conduct to the prejudice

of good order and military discipline in that he at CESANO at
0015 hours on 13 June 45 when ordered by 7884553 S Sgt WILTON, H to
be quiet called him a 'black-headed cunt', or words to that effect.

Names of Witnesses :-

7884553 S/Sgt WILTON H.
2187692 Sgt ELLIOTT, A.J.

Punishment awarded 14 Days Field Punishment

By whom awarded (Signed) L.H. MACKAY Col 13 June 45.

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10 MAY 1945

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

TO: DIA, HUSB, EOT.

REF: AG/24/512

6 May 1945.

To: H.Q.
R.F.C., I.C.P.

Reference your R.D. letter AG/24/512 dated 24 April 45.

Brevet Drill dress will be taken into use forthwith.

Huron Cap. Rm

Major R.A.
DIA & QPR.

EE/an.

Distribution.

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 Major H. Buckingham, Kings Own
 Major J.C. Blackford, P.S.
 Capt. C.T.R. Gordon, HUSB
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 Major T.R. Rowley, H & L
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 DIA Spec. S.
 DIA D.A.
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Sp. Williamson
 (A5) ~~14 MAY 1945~~ 1" PR Recd (6)
 SUBJECT: Disposal of Personnel.
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L/Camp.

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

5443478. Sgt. Jones. G. DCLI
 6291368. Cpl. Talbot. T. DLI

In accordance with GHQ 2nd. Echelon letter O2E/46665/Rfts/3 dated 10 April '45 the a/m NCOs are being despatched to you by road on Monday 16 April, '45. ETA RAAC Wednesday 18 April '45.

They are filling vacancies of Sgt and Cpl clerks within the W/E and will be struck off strength of this Unit w.e.f. 17 April '45.

Sp. Peterson Capt RA A/Camp Commandant
 BRITISH MILITARY MISSION TO HUNGARY
 (Rear)

Field.
 14 April '45

Copies to - GHQ 2nd. Echelon.
 HQ 54 Area.
 HQ RAAC
 Camp Commandant B.M.M. Hungary (Adv)

MOVEMENT ORDER.

Two NCOs to "G" Training Unit to the Italian Army RAAC on Monday 16 April '45.

5443478 Sgt. Jones. G. DLI
6294368 Cpl. Talbot. T. DLI

1. You will move from here on Monday 16 April '45 in available transport.
2. Report to HQ RAAC on arrival for Unit location.
3. Transit Rations for 72 hours will be taken.
4. Sealed envelope will be handed to O.C. "G" Training Unit to the Italian Army upon arrival.
5. Full kit etc. will be taken.

[Signature] A/Camp Commandant
BRITISH MILITARY MISSION TO HUNGARY
(Rear)

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Field.
16 April '45

SUBJECT :- Discipline

GOC RUC IOF

101 BLU TMC IOF
Ref AQ/8/386

12 April 45

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

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

(a)

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

"The absentees were partisans who only turned up on parade if it suited them. Partisans were very difficult to deal with and Sig PALMUTO looked after them. He promised that the absentees would be punished."

I regard the statement that Sig PALMUTO, a high member of the Government should in anyway be responsible for or interfere with the Military discipline of an Italian Army Training Establishment as being a very serious allegation. Frankly I do not believe it to be true but I think it should be investigated.

I should like to be informed whether the absentees were punished and if so what punishment was awarded.

When we are doing all we can to impress on the Italian soldier that there is no higher honour than to be allowed to fight for the freedom of Italy with one of the forward fighting groups, it seems highly illogical to put offenders to forward groups as a form of punishment.

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

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2. (Continued)

(b) Absence from parade

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

(c) Inspections

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

(d) Care of Arms

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

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It is noticeable that the CQER detachment is invariably well turned out both in their personal equipment and weapons and there is no reason why this standard should not exist throughout the Centre.

(e) Civilians

The number of civilians in the Centre is increasing. These include Hawkers, Photographers, Musicians and children. This is a great danger to security and I recommended that all civilians living in the area should be issued with passes, that all workmen employed by the Contractors should have a pass and that itinerant hawkers and Musicians should be very strictly limited and only allowed in the area with the pass. Children are more difficult to control but they should not be allowed to enter Regimental or Unit Barrack and Training Areas. To control the civilians it will be necessary to institute regular patrols found from other sources that the CQER who are already overtaxed.

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2. (Continued)

(f) Uniformity of Dress

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

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

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

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

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

L.H. Mack

The reputation of the Centre is steadily rising and a complete reformation. Although the Centre has been founded and will continue to be a very busy place and under the circumstances should select every man of reputation whom we meet, there is a possibility of a high standard of discipline and will cease.

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Lieut. Colonel R.A.

I am at a loss to understand why some of the men in the Italian Army dress at the first opportunity and walk about with their clothes flapping like a scare-crow. It is not worthy of the dignity of the Italian Army and would have been unheard of in the old days.

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L.H. Buck

The departure of the great majority was a deplorable performance. Although orders have been issued that all ammunition should be carefully checked and under no circumstances should soldiers carry any ammunition when on duty, there was a number of shots when the train pulled out. This practice is highly dangerous and discipline must be maintained.

Lieut. Colonel R.A.

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Major King
Major Price
Plout
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REF ID: A626145

28 April 45

H.Q.
RTO ICF

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

Chas. F. Johnson

Major, R.A.,
D.A.M. & Q.M.G.

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 Major T. HENRY KINGS OWI
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25 APR 1945

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SUBJECT Dress Discipline - Khaki Drill (KD)

FM BLU IRTG ICF
Ref AQ/26/421

25 April 45

HQ FIVE ICF

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

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

OFF DUTY

KD Shorts

Bush Shirt, (tucked inside shorts)

Web Belt

Mosetops

Anklelets Web

Boots or Shoes

KD Shorts

Bush Shirt (worn outside)

Cloth Belt/Web Belt

Mosetops

Anklelets Web

Boots or Shoes

or

KD Slacks

Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)

Web Belt

Boots or Shoes

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

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Anklets Web
Boots or Shoes

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

D. H. P. [Signature]

MAJ RA
DA & QMC

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Please arrange necessary
demonstrations with the BSM's

Ward

or

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

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Internal
H' BTU ✓

G' BTU

Major E.Y. ANDREWS RASC
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Major T.K. KETLEY YORKS & LANCS

BSM MARSH
BSM MAJOR
BSM SPEERS
BSM BAKER.
File

20 APR Recd

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SUBJECT :- Dress Discipline - Khaki Drill (KD)

HQ ITC ICF
Ref AG/26/379

20 April 45

HQ ITC ICF

1. Summer Dress, worn in the British Army as Khaki Drill will be worn with effect from 1st May 1945.

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

- 1 pair KD Shorts
- 2 pairs KD Slacks
- 2 Bush Shirts
- 1 pair hosiery.

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

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

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

KD SLACKS AND SHORTS MUST REMAIN ROLLED DOWN UNTIL
10 PM. IN THE EVENING AS FROM 1000 HOURS UNTIL
ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNSET.

Disciplinary action must be taken against any offender.

6. Arrangements will be made for a demonstration of the wearing of British style of tropical kit. This will be conducted at once from the lines of the previous demonstration and in ample time before the

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

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

NO SLACKS AND SLACKS WITH SEVEN FOLDED DOWN WILL
BE WORN IN THE EVENING AS FROM 1900 HOURS UNTIL
ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNDOWN.

Disciplinary action must be taken against any offender.

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

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

ON DUTY

KG Shorts
Bush Shirt (tucked inside the shorts)
Web Belt
Hose-tops
Anklets Web
Boots

- OR -

KG Slacks
Bush Shirt (tucked inside the shorts)
Web Belt
Anklets Web
Boots

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7. (Continued)

OFF DUTY

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

- ON -

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

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Please arrange necessary

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D. P. Deland
 Maj RA
 DIA & QM

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 PWT SPERS
 PWT BUCKING
 PWT

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Please arrange necessary
 demonstrations with the BSM's

D. J. Deland
 Maj RA
 DAA & QTR

Maj King 19 APR Recd

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SUBJECT :- Summer Dress'P' BLU ITC ICF
Ref AQ/26/360

18 Apr 45

HQ ITC ICF

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

MBG/c11

InternalCopy to :- ALL OFFICERS
BQIs
FileMaj RA
IAA & QMG

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