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BTU/A12 CONFERENCES

Feb. - June 1945

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SUBJECT :- Re-organisation of HQ INF.

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

Ref BU/A.12/457

16 Jun 45.

Re-Training (Maj KING)

GSO II RA (Maj GRANT) RA
GSO II Infantry (Maj PRICH)
SO. RE (Major SHAW) RE
SO. R. SIGS (Maj SWINERTON)

1. A draft memorandum of Col MACKAY'S "re-organisation of HQ INF" has now been received and is available for perusal in Maj KING'S office.

2. A conference will be held in 'C' BU office on Monday 18 Jun 45, at 1030 hours to discuss this subject and decide on any modifications or alterations considered necessary to the draft.

3. Col MACKAY has directed that the following officers will please attend :-

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Maj W.D. PRICH
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Maj J.W. SWINERTON.

4. As Maj GRANT and Maj SWINERTON will wish to see the draft before attending the conference, it is suggested they come to GSO II earlier and the draft will be made available for them to read.

230 II Training (Maj KING)

230 II RA (Maj GRANT) RA
230 II Infantry (Maj PACE)
230 II (Major HARRIS) II
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3. Col. HARRIS has directed that the following officers will please attend :-

Maj H.W. KING.
Maj A.E. GRANT. CA
Maj W.H. PACE
Maj J.C. HARRIS. 230 II
Maj J.W. HARRIS.

4. As Maj GRANT and Maj HARRIS will wish to see the draft before attending the conference, it is suggested they come to GCHQ earlier and the draft will be made available for them to read.

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MIA Conf.

RESTRICTEDLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MIA)

Minutes of HPI - ITI Trg Meeting held at
HQ MIA Rome on 12 Jun 45.

Ref. G/Trg/4

PRESENT.

1.

Lt Col S.M. Ingledew
Col W. Pidsley
Col P.J. Noakes
Col L.H. Mackay
Lt Col J. Peddie
Reps of Branches and Services
Major W.L. Medlam

Chairman
Col A MIA
Col Q MIA
Comd 'P' BLU
G I. DMT
MIA and 'P' BLU
GII (Trg) MIA.
Secretary

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- (a) to co-ordinate the trg of the Italian Army through MIA
 - (b) to maintain interest in trg and to make such plans for the future as present limited knowledge of futures permitted.

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- (a) to train Italian interim army to assist the Allies in their present tasks and so allow re-deployment of Allied tps to other spheres of operations.
 - (b) to train Italian army to take its place as a future peacekeeping force in Italy and to take its place as a friendly neighbour towards Britain and America.

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TRG PROCEDURE

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4. It was agreed that, in accordance with AFHQ instructions, MIA was responsible for trg and that in future all reports would be rendered to MIA. MIA will forward a monthly consolidated progress report to DMT.

G(Trg)
MIACESANO CEILING

5. In anticipation of AFHQ's written order it was agreed that
- (a) Cesano ceiling for reinforcements would be 7500 exel staff
 - (b) those attending courses from units would be in addition to (a) above.

'P' BLU to submit org and WEs for contro staffs. 'F' BLU

TRADESMEN

Col A agreed to put forward his views on percentage of ceiling to be trained as tradesmen. A

For A.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	G.S.O. II
Date	F. 12

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ActionTYPE OF TRG

6. It was agreed that all recruits would receive basic trg under the auspices of a particular arm or service except Infantry which would be catered for separately. Personnel would then be drafted to units. Specialist schools would cater principally for students sent from units.

ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES
ON COURSES

7. Chairman outlined the new procedure which was to allot all vacancies to Italian Ministry of War, which would in turn allot to Combat Gps, Adm Dive and other ERI-IFI Italian fans. It was stressed that these vacancies MUST be filled.

TRG EQUIPMENT

8. It was agreed that the present procedure for obtaining trg equipment should continue i.e. 'P' BLU direct to DMT, but with copy to MMIA.
9. Col Q agreed that 'P' BLU could not accept responsibility for trg equipment once issued to Italian units. All equipment was issued as on loan. The method of accounting was on a high level but Col Q agreed to raise the question again with AMHQ of charging the Italian Govt for such equipment as was now being issued.

POPULARISING RTC CESANO
IN EYES OF COMBAT GPS

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 - (b) Gen Vagni would personally invite Genba. Gp Comds to visit RTC
 - (c) Propaganda was being spread through MMIA, LOS, Brit Trg Incls and BLUs.
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POPULARISING PTC CESANO IN EYES OF COMBAT GPS

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- (a) M of W would write officially to junior Italian firms.
- (b) Gen Magni would personally invite Combat Gp Comds to visit PTC
- (c) Propaganda was being spread through MMIA, LOS, Brit Trg Incrs and BLUs.
- (d) 'P' BLU to submit suitable article to 'A' MMIA for inclusion in "La Patria".

It was decided to retain nomenclature "PICENO"

ACCOMMODATION

11. It was agreed to support M of W's request for additional barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA. 'P' BLU would submit details of proposed tenant after studying new layout.

BRITISH WES

12. It was announced that implementation of British liaison and Trg Unit to PTC ICF CM/1018/1 and consequent disbandment of 2 Trg Team CM/510/1 and BLU to PTC ICF CM/732/1 and British Trg increment for PTC ICF CM/733/1 had been ordered by AFHQ 7.3.46.
- 1 June.
- It was hoped that instructions for disbandment of Trg Unit to Italian Army CM/730/1 and Trg increment (Inf) to BLU (for Combat Gps) CM/542/1 and Trg increment (PWE) to BLU (for Combat Gps) CM/640/1 would follow shortly.
- GI asked DMT to look after all offrs who would not be immediately absorbed into the new WES.

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ActionAL AND MAN-MANAGEMENT TRG

13. On the recommendation of Col A it was agreed first to train a small nucleus of Italian offrs which would then be capable of training Combat Gps and Adm Divs G(Trg)

GARIBOLDI REGT

14. Sufficiently trained in its Italian weapons to undertake I.S. duties.

AQMG(2) agreed to press RAC for those items of British equipment not yet released.

TRUCK DVPS AC

15. Col A stated that the Italian Army was short of veh dvrs and it was agreed not to vary the programme of trg for the remaining two Truck Coys AC. G(Trg)
Personnel are located at CIVITAVECCHIA.

FUTURE MEETING

16. It was decided to hold another meeting shortly. G(Trg)

3. June 45

Lt-Col G.S.

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SUBJECT :- Conference on General Training.

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

Ref BTU/A.12/453

11 Jun 45.

All Officers, 'B' BEE UNIC ICF.

1. Major KING will be visiting MMIA tomorrow, Tuesday to attend a Conference called by CNO I MMIA on the general subject of Training.
2. If you have any outstanding points (other than those mentioned in recent reports) will you please arrange either to discuss these with Major KING or send a short Memo to this office.

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W. King
Maj
GS

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17 MAY 1988

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CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMBATTENTI
FORZA ITALIANA DI COMBATTIMENTO
RUMINIA UNICA

Ufficio Addestramento

Per Action/For Inform.	
Date 23 May	File Acc.

SICURITA' ADDESTRATIVA DEL SIGMA 1: MAGGIO 1988

- presenti :

- Generale	ATTILIO	
- Ten.col.	DI VO	
- Ten.col.	DE MILLE	- 1° rgt. -
- Maggiore	SCHEA	- 2° rgt. -
- Maggiore	VIGNISI	- Scuola spec. di itr. -
- Maggiore	BANDI	
- Maggiore	GERMANO	{ Comando scuola
- Maggiore	RUBINUS	
→ - Maggiore	KING	
- Maggiore	FRICK	
- Capitano	FOCACCIA	- 1° Btg. auto
- Capitano	VINCIGLIA	- Campo adestr. att. -

Sono stati trattati i seguenti argomenti :

1° - Dai dati numerici relativi alla forza in addestramento forniti dal vice comandante di rgt. si rileva ancora una notevole differenza fra la forza presente e quella partecipante alle istruzioni :-

E' assolutamente indispensabile affrontare in pieno il problema perché una volta decisi gli organici del personale permanentemente in corso di definizione, non sarà più possibile estrarre dall'istruzione altro personale per servizi fissi. Una soluzione potrebbe essere quella di impiegare in tali servizi il solo personale previsto dagli organici rinforzandolo, nei periodi di maggior lavoro, con complementi comandati a turno, che, rimanendo assenti dall'istruzione solo saltuariamente, saranno compresi nella forza di addestramento .-

2° - L'ammissione nuovi scagioni in addestramento .- Si valuta la convenienza di lasciare nei rgt. scuole blocchi consistenti di personale e non slegate alla spicciolata, viene posta la domanda se sia opportuno che ciò avvenga a blocchi di btg. o di compagnia .- Viene preferita l'ammissione a blocchi di compagnia, in quanto, per il momento, il criterio di avere l'addestramento a gradini nel btg. è il più conveniente .- Il meccanismo che ne deriva esige però il più attento controllo da parte dell'ufficiale addetto all'addestramento del btg. onde non si verifichino disordini .-

Ciò consentirà anche di osservare l'addestramento effettivamente conseguito dagli scagioni in addestramento .-

Il trasferimento di personale dal Campo addestramento all'addestramento di rgt. si svolgerà secondo lo specchio allegato .-

3° - Organizzazione dei reggimenti di fanteria :

I reggimenti di itr., secondo i nuovi organici in corso di studio, saranno così costituiti :

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- comando di reggimento
- compagnia comando
- reparto specialisti
- 3 btg. su 4 compagnia su 5 plotoni di 50 uomini
- un adeguato numero di istruttori

4° - Assenza degli allievi dalle scuole di ftr. e specialisti di ftr.-

Le assenze sono rilevanti e tali da compromettere i risultati dei corsi.-
Per eliminare una delle cause dell'inconveniente viene stabilito che, a cominciare dai corsi che inizieranno prossimamente, gli allievi della scuola di ftr., alloggieranno presso la Compagnia Specialisti del 1° rgt., quelli della scuola specialisti di ftr. presso la compagnia specialisti del 2° rgt.

5° - Direttive addestramento britanniche . Istruzione n.4 - distribuita agli ufficiali presenti .-

(a) - metodo di addestramento .-

Il metodo è il requisito più importante della capacità tecnico-professionale degli ufficiali addestrati all'addestramento .-

Finora per ragioni contingenti, esso non ha potuto essere uniforme; adesso, invece, la situazione consente ch'esso abbia il primo posto nelle questioni addestrative .-

(b) - addestramento armi .-

Abbiamo a sufficienza istruttori armi e munizioni, occorre preparare il materiale accessorio e necessario per rendere interessante e proficuo ogni genere di addestramento .-

Una volta approvati i programmi gli ufficiali addestrati all'addestramento devono preoccuparsi perché tutti i materiali e gli impianti (poligoni compresi) - siano efficienti , pronti e sufficienti .-

(c) - Gli ufficiali addestrati all'addestramento devono avere la situazione degli istruttori costantemente aggiornata e curare che ciascuno di essi sia impiegato a seconda della specializzazione acquisita , trasferendo quelli superanti ai bisogni, alla Scuola specialisti di ftr.-

(d) - Le zone di addestramento fissate dal Comando Suroccidentale contengono limiti solo nel senso laterale e non della profondità .-

Anche tali limiti possono essere superati previa diretti accordi fra i reggimenti interessati .-

Non bisogna essere vincolati alle distanze , se allontanarsi il più possibile dagli accantonamenti assegnando il 1° rancio fuori ed armonizzando le esigenze di una giornata all'aperto con le istruzioni contemplate nel programma .-

(e) - Le dimostrazioni pratiche preliminari sono efficaci soltanto se giustificate allo stretto indispensabile .-

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Prolungate, e peggio, ripetute diventano inutili o dannose; inducono alla pigrizia più che al ragionamento. -

Gli ufficiali addetti all'addestramento dovranno decidersi in sede del programma. -

(f) - Combattimenti sugli abitati. -

Deve essere ravvivato con opportuni accorgimenti (es.: impiego di petardi di scoppianti inoffensivi per simulare le mine onde fare un'intonazione realistica alle esercitazioni; mine a strappo di circostanza con piccole cariche, etc.). - Tali istruzioni debbono essere pertanto preventivamente preparate ed organizzate sinuosamente. -

(g) - E' opportuno che gli istruttori presenzino alle esercitazioni più importanti che si svolgono presso le scuole ed anche presso altri regt. per migliorare le cognizioni tecnico-professionali e realizzare frequenti scambi di idee e di vedute sugli argomenti addestrativi. -

Gli ufficiali addetti all'addestramento debbono essere come i registi cinematografici escogitare tutti i mezzi per ottenere "la trovata, la cosa nuova" che desti interesse nei militari. -

Gli istruttori devono studiarsi di rendere piacevole l'istruzione creando un ambiente accogliente, stimolare lo spirito di emulazione del promuovere gare e competizioni in tutti i campi dell'addestramento. -

In seguito alla cessazione delle ostilità l'addestramento deve adeguarsi alle nuove esigenze. -

Lo scopo principale è di formare il soldato completo sia come disciplina e prestanza sia come conoscenza profonda dei mezzi che deve impiegare. -

(vedesi istruzioni n. 3 del maggiore BROWN allegato).

A tale scopo il programma addestrativo sarà svolto in 10 settimane anziché in 8. -

Si richiama particolarmente l'attenzione su:

- 1.- Organizzazione di gare e ricreazioni
- 2.- Promuovere lo spirito di competizione
- 3.- Migliorare la sistemazione degli uomini negli alloggiamenti (posti letto, servizi, etc.)
- 4.- Osservaggio dei programmi
- 5.- Elevare prestanza e disciplina. -
- 6.- Selezione del personale istruttore. -

Tiri notturni per cannone da 6 libbre - mortai 3" e snipers. -

- Intensificare questo tipo di addestramento che affina e collauda l'efficacia degli specialisti. -

- L'attuale stagione rende particolarmente efficace, anche dal lato fisico, questo genere di addestramento.

- Prendere accordi con la I.I.V. per l'utilizzazione del poligono di tiro. -

- Nell'addestramento notturno sfruttare molto l'imprevisto per vivificare le istruzioni. -

Abbinare con l'addestramento al tiro anche l'applicazione di altri procedimenti tattici. -

Accordi con i reggimenti fanteria

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- (h) - Sia molto sviluppato l'addestramento notturno abbinando¹⁰ ad esercitazioni di tiro (vedi foglio allegato) .-
- in tale addestramento sfruttare molto l'imprevisto per vivificare l'istruzione .-

6° - Mezzi per l'addestramento. Per quanto riguarda i materiali occorrenti all'addestramento i comandi interessati debbono provvedere in proprio. - Qualora però si presentassero delle difficoltà per la costruzione di tali mezzi occorrenti, gli ufficiali addetti all'addestramento del rgt. e scuole lo faranno presente nelle riunioni settimanali .-

In tal modo i rgt. stessi potranno vicendevolmente aiutarsi .-

7° - Orario di istruzione .-

Dal 15 maggio p.v. si osserverà il seguente orario :

- sveglia	ore 5	
- istruzione	ore 6	- 10,30
- pranzo	ore 11	
- riposo	ore 12	- 14
- istruzione	ore 15	- 17,30 .-

8° - Films di addestramento .-

Sono giunti quelli da 35 mm.

Saranno proiettati :

- per il 1° rgt. e scuola di itr. nel cinema del 1° rgt.
- per il 2° rgt. e scuola spec. di itr. nella sala del teatro, ma fino a che non sarà pronta la cabina anche il 2° rgt. fruira del teatro del 1° rgt. itr. --

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1°-Artiglieri attualmente
al Campo attendato

: 103 di Orvieto (reclute)
: 103 di Raviscanino (anziani e reclute)

*si trasforma
al Rgt. 8° dda
Bersaglieri
d/24.5.45*

2°-GENIO attualmente al
Campo attendato

: 66 di Orvieto quasi tutte reclute
: 50 di Raviscanino elemento promiscuo

*si trasforma
al Rgt. 1° dda
d/24.5.45*

3°-FANTERIA

Al Campo add. vi sono attualmente :

- 220 reclute e 35 sottufficiali di ftr. dello scaglione di
Orvieto

*si trasforma
al 336° Rgt. ftr.
d/16.5.45*

totale 87 { 44 bersaglieri (34 di Orvieto e 10 di Raviscanino)
21 granatieri reclute (16 di Orvieto, 5 di Raviscanino)
22 granatieri anziani ma non istruiti (di cui 8 sottuff.
scelti dal magg. Cultura e non più partiti.

*si trasforma
al 336° Rgt.
d/19/45*

Vi sono poi : altri 203 fanti dello scaglione di Raviscanino che po-
trebbero essere assegnati al 335° rgt. ftr. il 25.5, in
modo da iniziare l'addestramento il 28 corr.-

*si trasforma
al 335° Rgt. ftr.
d/19/45*

3° R V I 3 I :

Scaglione di Orvieto comprende :

circa 30 autieri (reclute ed anziani) tra cui qualche sottuff.)
3-4 di sanità
3-4 di sussistenza

Scaglione di Raviscanino :

30 autieri
20 tra sanità e sussistenza

19 MAY 1945
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FONOGRAMMA A MANO

Urgentissimo

Da Comando Scuole = Ufficio Addestramento



AL MAGGIORE R I N G

AL MAGGIORE P R I C E

*Weekly Ing. Conference
at 1600 HRS. TODAY at
H.Q. Schools.*

LT-COL. SIVO

N. 2996 / ADD. del 19 Maggio 1945 alt

Oggi ore 16 sarà tenuta riunione addestrativa settimanale presso
Comando Scuole Alt D'ordine Il Capo Ufficio Addestramento ten.
Colonnello Sivo

Per Azioni Esec. Iniz.	
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Translation

Tomorrow 12 May at 1500 hrs
there will be a Trng conference
at this HQ.

MONOGRAMMA nr. 1

Dal Comando Scuole - Ufficio addestramento

→ Set Maggiore King
at Maggiore Price

nr. 2669/Add. - data 11 maggio 1945 alt

Domani 12 corrente ore 15, riunione addestrativa presso
questo comando alt

D'ordine capuff. addestramento Tencol. Sivo



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CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI
FORZE ITALIANE DI COMBATTIMENTO
COMANDO SCUOLE
Ufficio Addestramento

P.M. 92, 11 21 aprile 1945

MEMORANDUM

→ ALL' F. B.L.U. - Magg. King
- Magg. Price

LORO SEDI

- Oggi alle ore 15 avrà luogo la riunione settimanale di addestramento presso il Comando Scuole -.



COL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
(Ten. Col. U. Sivo)

Sivo

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S/ Conference at 1500 hrs today at HQ Schools.

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1. *Conduct a literature review* on the topic of the research.

18 MAR 1945

CHINESE TYPE.

Mr. Paul, A.T.C., Ltd.,
c/o Lord Street Bus Co.,
15, (P&A) Road,
Roorkee, A.A./1/54.
15 March 1955.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT ORENO, 09.30 AM.
16 MARCH 1945.

Present:
Lt. Col. L. A. McCoy, R.A.
Lt. Col. Dohr, R.A.
Ten. Col. W. Siro.
Major W. L. Price, N. S. State.
Major Leary.
Major Randall, R.A.

On 17 March A.F.O., I.C.B. ordered the following treatment from
P.L.I. Merchant (Inventory) to :-

(a) The artillery bn.	-	352.
(b) The engineer bn.	-	261.
(c) The signals bn.	-	266.
TOTAL:	-	579.

4. However, accommodation for these transfers is not available at PULLMAN, and the orders have been cancelled and the following decisions were made :-

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is, however, accommodation for these transfers is not available at BRACCIANO, this order was cancelled and the following decisions were made :-

(i) Under M.H.I.A. authority S/C/29/43 of 17 March 45, the Artillery Bn. at BRACCIANO becomes an independent entity and is commanded by Col. de PALLI, formerly commander of No. 3 Regiment. Col. Palm and Lt. Col. Daini, P.A., were requested to find a suitable site in the vicinity of the Artillery barracks to form a tented camp to accommodate the 552 Artillerymen from No. 1 Regiment.

They were requested to report as soon as possible on suitable location and the number of tents and beds required.

The principle was established that all Artillerymen from whatever source shall invariably be administered and trained by the Artillery Bn. Col. Sivo informed the meeting that Col. FLIZZI had arrived at BRACCIANO to assume command of the Engineer Regiment (now consisting only of Engineers and Signallers).

Major FLIZZI was instructed to make arrangements for the accommodation of 254 Genio, ex No. 1 Regiment, in not more than 2 blocks in the Genio Barracks. If for BRACCIANO estimated that the total of Engineers at BRACCIANO would then amount to approximately 750.

(ii) Major Maxwell pointed out that there were already 250 signallers at BRACCIANO barracks, and on April 1st it was anticipated that a further 50 would arrive from NOCIUM. He explained that there was no room for them for as many as 750 Signallers in addition to Genio proper, and asked that urgent consideration should be given to this matter. He suggested that the transfer of the 500 Signallers from NOCIUM to BRACCIANO should be postponed until accommodation problems had been solved.

(iii) Pending official approval of the formation of the 4th Regiment, it was decided to transfer personnel of the 'Misto' Bn., together with its administrative Headquarters, to a tented camp in the vicinity of Stanzano. Genio. Major Lecky was instructed to make a survey and to arrange organising the Camp immediately. The first stage would be to receive the 260 'Misto' personnel and its Headquarters from BRACCIANO, and the second to receive the 266 'Misto' personnel drafted from No. 1 Regiment. It was emphasised that these transfers should be completed as rapidly as possible.

(iv) It was agreed that as the transfers from No. 1 Regiment progressed, Infantry recruits should be drawn from the "ORIOLO" Camp to replace them and transferred to No. 1 Regiment. It was anticipated that a total of not less than 1,000 from the Oriolo Camp could be so transferred and absorbed into No. 1 Regt.

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(a) The Artillery Bn. - 352.
(b) The Engineer Bn. - 254.
(c) The 'Misto' Bn. - 266.
TOTAL 872.

data, and it is thought this will meet all requirements.

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It was found, however, that Lt. Col. H. H. Hocking, Jr., would require the revision of his current data, including and other equipment at a meeting with Col. H. H. Hocking, which is to be held at 10.00 hrs. on 10.12.1961.

H. H. Hocking

Major-Col. H. H. Hocking

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UFF. Servizi - Sezione R.M.

n. 05/45/1/ser.

P.M. 92 - 14 febbraio 1945.

O G G R. M. O : Equipaggiamento e munizionamento per addestramento.

AL COMANDO 235° RGT. PIV. (1° RGT. MIO. 3 21821.) P.M. 92
 AL COMANDO 336° RGT. PIV. (2° RGT. GFL. DI STR.) P.M. 92
 AL COMANDO 152° RGT. PIV. (3° RGT. GFL. MIO.) P.M. 92

e, per conoscenza :

AL COMANDO 3. E. L.

(Rilasciato foglio R. M. O. / 54/1 del 12.2.1945)

SILA. R.M.D.

Presi comunicare - entro le ore 16 di domani 15 c.a. - 3

nominativi :

- di 1 ufficiale per ogni Rgt.
- di 1 ufficiale per ogni btg. dei 3 Rgt.

Detti ufficiali, addetti particolarmente all'equipaggiamento ed ai materiali, faranno parte, insieme ad ufficiali italiani e del Comando Centro, di una speciale Commissione che esaminerà le modalità relative alla ricezione, controllo e distribuzione dell'equipaggiamento e munizionamento per l'addestramento.

Il giorno 16 c.a. - alla ore 17 - la suddetta Commissione si riunirà nei locali della mensa del Comando Centro, per trattare i seguenti argomenti :

- Metodo di ricezione dell'equipaggiamento - Responsabilità del Comando Inglese e Italiano.
 Rasse della questione iniziale per l'equipaggiamento di verno - Brecciano e Manziana.
 Reggiani e consegnatori nei reggimenti e nelle scuole.
- Maquette - Sono già state fatte richieste per particolari riguardi equipaggiamento e munizionamento - E' ciò completamente soddisfacente per assicurare un completo controllo ?
 Chi è il responsabile dell'aggiornamento dei registri di carico per equipaggiamento e munizionamento al Comando del Centro, Reggimenti, Battaglioni, scuole ecc. ?

Il materiale dell'equipaggiamento per

Presesi comunicare - entro la ore 16 di domani 15 c.m. - a

nomine attiva in ...

- di 1 ufficiale per ogni regt.

- di 1 ufficiale per ogni batt. dei 3 Regt.

Detto ufficiali, addetti parzialmente all'equipaggiamento ed ai materiali, faranno parte, insieme ad ufficiali inglesi e del comando ventro, di una speciale commissione che esaminerà le modalità relative alla ricezione, controllo e distribuzione dell'equipaggiamento e munizionamento per l'addestramento.

Il giorno 16 c.m. - alle ore 17 - la suddetta commissione si riunirà nei locali della scuola del comando ventro, per trattare i seguenti argomenti:

a) - Metodo di ricezione dell'equipaggiamento - Responsabilità dei comandi Inglese e Italiano.

Esame della questione iniziale per l'equipaggiamento di Casano - Brecciano e Manziana.

Magazzini e consegnatari nei reggimenti e nelle scuole.

b) - Esattezze - Sono già state fatte richieste per pericoli riguardanti equipaggiamento e munizionamento - E' ciò completamente soddisfacente per assicurare un completo controllo? Chi è il responsabile dell'aggiornamento dei registri di carico per equipaggiamento e munizionamento al comando del ventro, Reggimenti, battaglioni, scuole ecc.?

c) - Considerazioni sulla distribuzione dell'equipaggiamento per assicurare che il maggior uso sia fatto di esso e quale equipaggiamento è disponibile per tutte le armi.

d) - Ogni altro argomento che la Commissione ritenga importante.

d'ordine
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IL TEN. COLONNELLO CARO DI S.M.

(S. Ingallieri)

Nota

dovrà inoltre essere designato il personale (Regt. e Battaglioni) per la registrazione dell'equipaggiamento, del munizionamento.

ed armamento all'arrivo nei vari magazzini di Rgt. e Btg. - Gli ufficiali del Rgt. e del Btg. saranno responsabili della revisione, della custodia, del mantenimento e della distribuzione giornaliera, con tre ripetute ai reparti dei vari materiali ricevuti.

Conference Agenda

Subject :- Training Equipment.

Conference 1700 hrs 12 Feb 45.

Present :- Lt-Col Gagliavelli
1 officer HQ HQ
1 officer No 1 Regiment
1 officer No 2 Regiment
1 officer No 3 Regiment.

G.S.O. III
DADG
DAME
Interpreter.

Q/05/24

Object :-

1. To complete all Battalions and Schools to scale of schedule.
2. To ensure correct distribution of equipment bearing in mind irregularity of arrival of stores.
3. To check equipment on arrival.
4. To allocate responsibility for collection, distribution and upkeep of equipment.
5. To record arrival and distribution.

Means.

1. All Battalions and Schools to have schedule, to note modifications and advise G.S.O. III (Training Equipment) of additional requirements as soon as possible.
2. All Battalions and Schools to appoint immediately an Equipment Officer and Store Staff to record equipment on receipt, to be responsible for its inspection and upkeep, to maintain it centrally, and to issue against receipt to sub-units daily for training, and a letter to be maintained.
3. HQ HQ to appoint immediately a chief Equipment Officer to be responsible for collection of all equipment on advice from G.S.O. III (Training Equipment), for its inspection on arrival, for its correct subdivision and issue to Regiments and Schools, for periodic inspection of Battalion and School training stores and for maintaining central record of all Training Equipment and ammunition by ledger.

4. G.S.O. III (Training Equipment) responsible for notifying Chief Equipment Officer HQ HQ of all releases by D.M.T., when and where equipment and ammunition is to be collected and ensuring it is done promptly. When it has arrived, by liaison with Chief of Staff and Chief Equipment Officer HQ HQ,

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4. G.S.O. III (Training Equipment) responsible for notifying Chief Equipment Officer HQ RVC of all releases by D.L.T., when and where equipment and ammunition is to be collected and ensuring it is sent promptly. When it has arrived, by liaison with Chief of Staff and Chief Equipment Officer HQ RVC, to ensure correct and fair subdivision between regiments and schools as per Schedule of D.L.T.
5. DADOS, in liaison with Italian Ordnance Officer is responsible for housing of all equipment centrally at USMTC on arrival and ensuring that it is inspected and recorded. Copy of report in each case to be forwarded to L.S.I.
6. DADOS is also responsible for periodic inspection of ammunition and equipment in regimental and school stores.
7. Chief of Staff to ensure economical use of all types of training ammunition in view of acute shortage.
8. Chief Equipment Officer HQ RVC to forward to G.S.O. III Training Equipment weekly, consolidated ammunition expenditure return, ammunition holding return, equipment holding return, and equipment damage and loss return from all regiments and schools (Saturdays).

tribution - See over.

Ad. Thompson
Col.

British Training Unit.

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1 Lt Col HORSFALL

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SUBJECT:- Training Equipment - Reinforcement Training Centre -

Italian Combat Forces.

British Training Unit.
R.T.C. I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
AG (JSLA) ROME.
Ref BTU/BI/1.

17 Feb 45.

To :- Commander R.T.C. I.C.F.

Copy to :- President and Members of Board.
Commander D.L.U.
D.M.T. A.P. H.Q.
Inspector General of Training S.M.R.K.

1. Reference D.M.T. letter No DM/88/4/AM.1 dated 2 February on the above subject.

It will be apparent that unless an efficient organization is set up forthwith for the reception, accountability and distribution of training equipment at the Training Centre there is a probability of a break down. This must be avoided.

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Lt Col Horsfall DSO MC.

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C.S.C. III (Infantry)

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Members.

G.S.O. II (Infantry)
G.S.O. III (Training Equipment)

DADGS

DATM

Ten Col Gagliarelli

1 officer from D.O. R.T.O.

Interpreter.

1 officer from Div H.Q.

1 officer from each Regiment and each Battalion 3 Regiment.

(a) Would Commander R.L.V. make the R.L.V. officers available please.

(b) Would Commander R.T.O. make the R.T.O. officers available please.

3. Agenda.

(a) Method of Reception of equipment. Responsibility of British and Italian Staffs.

Consider the question of the initial break up of equipment between G.S.O. II, BRACOLANO and Manciana Stores and Store Keepers in Regiments and Schools.

(b) Accuracy. Already requests have been sent out asking for certain equipment and ammunition returns. Is this completely satisfactory in ensuring a complete check?

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Who is responsible for keeping up to date equipment and ammunition ledgers at R.C. R.T.C. Regiments, Battalions, Schools etc ?

- (c) Consideration of distribution of equipment to ensure the best use is made of what equipment is available for all arms.
- (d) Any other points which the board consider relevant.

4. Time and Place.

Blanchard

Col.
British Training Unit.

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Agenda for Conference.

Monday 12 Feb 45.

Time - probably morning.

Gen Castiglione
Gen di Brig Riccardi.
Col Ravaglia
Chief of Staff.

Col Reg.
C.S.O. I.

Subjects.

1. Provision of Instructors for Italian O.M.T.C.

(a) Numbers that can be provided now by A.T.C. to go to Benevento.

(b) Additional numbers to complete N.E. at Italian O.M.T.C. to be provided by S.M.R.S. to fill remaining vacancies at Benevento.

2. Provision of officers for C.S.U. at MACCLANC.

3. Grading of intake of recruits so that the best are retained and those unlikely to make soldiers weeded out before passing 4th week in No 2 Regt.

4. Provision of instructors for C.S.U.C. Infantry School and Engineer School from Cremona and other grounds to

- (b) Additional numbers to complete W.B. at Italian C.M.F.C. to be provided by S.M.R.B. to fill remaining vacancies at Benevento.
2. Provision of officers for C.R.B. at BLOOGLANG.
3. Grading of intake of recruits so that the best are retained and those unlikely to make soldiers weeded out before passing 4th week in No 2 Regt.
4. Provision of instructors for D.M.F.C. Infantry School and Engineer School from German and other forward Group to give reinforcements benefit of active service experience with British equipment. Particular provision of Mines and Carrier instructors for Infantry School.
5. The teaching of Man Management and Welfare to all officers and N.C.O.'s
6. Improvements in Hygiene.

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Minutes of Conference.

12 Feb 45.

Present.

Gen Castiglioni.
Gen di Brig Riccardi
Ten Col Inghilleri
Ten Col
S Ten Jannicelli.

Col Rea.
Lt Col Mackay
Lt Col Horsfall. DSO MC
G.S.O. III.

1. Instructors for Instructors School.

- (a) The numbers given to Gen Riccardi are double the number required for the future staff of the school, to allow for sickness, leave, absence, etc. *The full number of instructors required*
- (b) Gen Riccardi can provide 46 ~~to go on first set of course and 23 on second.~~
- (c) The best possible material would be sent.
- (d) The list of names to be produced tomorrow (13 Feb 45).

2.(a) Formation of C.R.U.

- (a) General Riccardi proposed formation of a Regiment for recruits.
- (b) Since there should not be any more recruits - a recruits regiment would not be necessary. If however more recruits do arrive a recruit regiment could be formed later.
- (c) There would not be enough room in BRACCIANO for a complete unit, but it could be spread in sub-units in the area.
- (d) Agreed in principle to formation of a C.R.U.
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 - (b) Gen Riccardi stated a minimum of 50 would be required but would give answer later.
3. (a) Agreed that men unlikely to make good soldiers may be sent to ORVILTO to become L of C troops though only if small numbers were involved.
4. (a) Instructors for Mines and Carrier Driving - 2 of each could be obtained from Gruppi if MIA agree.
- (b) Instructors generally and particularly sappers with battle experience with the Gruppi could be exchanged with instructors here - if MIA agree.
- 5 & 6. Drive on Man Management and Hygiene agreed for R.T.C, but for Gruppi it would require initiating by S.M.R.E.

Penelope
Col.
British Training Unit.

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SUBJECT: Conference - Training Equipment.

British Training Unit.
R.T.C. I.C.P.
c/o Land Bureau Sub Comm.
AO (MBA) BOMB.
Ref. BU/14/2.

11 Feb 45.

To:-	Gen Col HERRINGHAM 1 officer from H.Q. R.T.C. 1 officer from No 1 Regt 1 officer from No 2 Regt 1 officer from No 3 Regt 1 Gen JAMESON.	G.S.O.1. BOMB. BOMB. G.S.O. III. (Equipment). G.S.O. III.
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1. A conference will be held at 1700 hrs on Monday, 12 February 45.
2. Subject - The issue and maintenance of equipment and ammunition to all schools and Battalions of the R.T.C.

ATC/RAF.

Col.
British Training Unit.

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