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SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

Oct. - Nov. 1946

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CONFIDENTIALSubject: Generals' & Colonels' Course.

School of Co-operation,

CIVITAVECCHIA.

SC/C/1.

28 Nov 46.

O.C. 12 DMJ.

Ref NY SC/C/1 of 7 Nov 46.

1. Gen MATTEOLI has weakened somewhat and is wondering whether in fact the time is yet ripe for a course of this nature. Cols GUIDA and ROSSI are still very much in favour and are convinced that it can be done, as I am myself. Gen MATTEOLI feels, I think, that the responsibility will be his if the idea is not a success and he is also, I feel, reluctant to be accused of 'dog-wagging'.

2. Whilst on a visit to GENANO on 26 Nov, I found that Gen TABILLINI (PARI) was there on a self-imposed course of two days. This is an excellent sign and apparently senior officers are paying visits to the School of Infantry in increasing numbers. On the other hand I was informed that several ex-students have reported that they have been encountering difficulty owing to the 'it was't done like that when I was a boy' mentality amongst their superiors.

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4. Col TINI, with whom I discussed this question is all in favour of the idea of a generals' and colonels' course being run by the two schools in co-operation, being convinced of its necessity and also of its practicability.

5. The BCS asked me to report on whether I considered further pressure from MIA was required to get this idea going. I feel that pressure definitely is needed and that the details of the course should be worked out by a small group consisting of reps from MIE and the chief instructors of the School of Co-operation and the School of Infantry. I myself feel that a month would not be too long, but it may be considered that we are risking biting off rather more than we can chew at this stage. This and other details, such as the numbers with which it will be possible to cope at any one time can, however,

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6. I am utterly convinced, not only that such a course represents almost an imperative if modern teaching at all levels is ever to be understood and appreciated by the higher ranks of the Italian Army, but also that the great majority of these officers would return to their commands as enthusiastic converts, only too anxious to give maximum support to their juniors in their effort to spread the light. This support is frequently lacking at present. The minority, if minority there be, will obviously be composed of the 'dead-beats', and it will then be up to the Ministero to ensure their removal to certain secluded spots where their views will be injurious to no one and of interest only to students of ancient and unsuccessful military history.

C/JC.

Major, DMR.

Instructor Tactics 12 BLU

Subject : Administration in the Field.

12 U. S. S.

U. S. S.

(Tel : 1000-459-78) (Ext : 100)

U. S. S.

November 1944

To : H. S.
 Chief of the U. S. S.
 (U. S. S.)

1. On 16 Oct., General HATHORN, Commandant School of Cooperation, sent a letter 075/443. to H. S. Central Schools, copy to H. S. U. S., giving his views on the above subject. A copy of this letter was sent to H. S. U. S. A., and has since been discussed with the U. S. S.

2. Attached herewith is a copy of H. S. Central Schools letter 03/100 3/443. H. S. U. S. of 16 Oct., addressed to U. S. S., in which General HATHORN expresses agreement with General HATHORN.

3. It is recommended that the Ministry of War be asked what action they are taking in this matter.

14. Col.
 U. S. S.

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT : Logistical Organization of the Army.

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Ufficio Addestramento

01/10163/Add. Ftr. Prot.

21 October 1946.

To : Stato Maggiore Esercito
Ufficio Servizi

Copy to : Stato Maggiore Esercito
Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento
Sezione Addestramento

Herewith copy of paper No. 915 of the Cooperation
School dated 16 October '46.

I am in full agreement with the view of General
Mattioli concerning the decisions of the S.M.E.

(Sgt) Ercole RONCO,
Commanding General

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SCUOLA COOPERAZIONE VARIE ARMI
Training Office

N° 970 / Add.

Civitavecchia 1 Nov./46

Subj.: - Courses for General Off.
 and Colonels.

1. - Major COUSINS, Liaison Officer of the 12 B.L.U., discussing the tasks assigned to this School has pointed out the convenience that the adjournment Courses for General Officers and Colonels should be started as soon as possible.
2. - Having been asked by the above Major about my opinion with reference to the Courses I have answered that, owing to the deficiency of Instructors, according to my point of view the only way to carry on the above Courses would be the following :
 - A certain number of Colonels could attend the normal Courses for Senior Officers :
 - Special information Courses of short duration could be run for the Generals. Let us say 3 weeks; of which:
 - during the first two weeks the most important questions of tactics, services, organisation, etc. would be touched;
 - during the third week the Generals could assist to the most important practical exercises performed by the Students of the normal Course for Sen. Officers and Colonels during which the cooperation of the various Arms and Services -(of a Division)- is particularly demonstrated.

In this case, considering that the duration of the Normal Courses is of 10 weeks, the Special Courses for the Generals could be started with the beginning of the seventh week and finished at the end of the ninth week during which the most important practical exercises take place.

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In this way, according to my point of view, the best results could be obtained together with the most convenient utilization of the time available and of the Instructors as well. Moreover in this way it would be possible to the Generals to see and discuss the different questions of employment through the direct practical demonstration given by a large number of Senior Officers.

The system of double Courses, as far as this School is concerned, could be started with the next 2nd Normal Course.

- 3 - Major COUSINS has informed that the above question will be decided by that S.M.E. through M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT : School of Cooperation.

17 HQ.
C. S. P.

(Tel : 489033 Ext : 543)

G. 20.

12 November 1946.

To : HQ.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (S.M.I.).

Reference attached copy of letter from Major Gomers.

1. It is recommended that the proposals in paras 2 and 4 of the above quoted letter be put into effect.

2. It is understood that Gen. Mattioli is making a similar recommendation to the Ministry of War. A copy of his letter has been asked for. When it is received, it is suggested that S.M.I. might, if they agree with it, back it with a further letter to the Ministry.

AKC/p.

Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

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MEMORANDUM : School of Cooperation.

12 M.D.
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At. Colonel.
U.S.

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Subject: Second Students' Course.

School of Tactics,

CIVITAVECCHIA.

O.C. 12 DIV.

SC/G/L.

7 Nov 46.

Ref Progress Report Oct 46 Part 1, Para 2.

1. This matter has been considered very carefully by Gen. MATTEOLI, Col. GEM, Col. ROSSI and myself and we have come to the following conclusions:-

- (a) A Generals' Discussion Week is not the best answer at this stage.
- (b) It is improbable that a sufficient number of Colonels could be made available to attend a course to justify postponing the second normal course for Lt Colon and Majors, large numbers of whom are also badly in need of a course.
2. Our unanimous recommendations are therefore as follows:-
 - (a) That the second normal course should commence on Monday 20 Jan 47.
 - (b) That the numbers attending be approximately the same.
 - (c) That a certain number of vacancies - say five or six - be allotted to full colonels.
 - (d) That three or four vacancies be allotted to senior officers of the Services.
 - (e) That selection of the officers to attend should commence forthwith.
 - (f) That a Special Course for, say, six Generals be run concurrently with the normal course during the seventh, eighth and ninth weeks of the (ten week) course. The first two weeks will consist principally of theory and will be run by the chief instructors and under the supervision of Gen. MATTEOLI, the last week being reserved for 'practical' exercises.

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3. It is considered that this method would be perfectly feasible as the junior instructors will by then be in a position to take over certain portions of the Chief Instructors' normal work. The advantage of this method is that it will enable the Generals to see for themselves how the School is run and will thus have considerable propaganda value.

4. It is further suggested that the Generals assemble in Rome the week prior to the course and that two or three demonstrations are laid on at the School of Infantry for their benefit. This would make an excellent 'antipasto', as the vital importance of minor training is one of the key-stones of the teaching at this School.

5. It is requested that this proposal be given consideration and if approved, put up to higher authority for implementation.

W. J. J. J.
Major, DMR.
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SCHOLA COOPERAZIONE V.A. - Training Office

No 909/Add.

Civitavecchia 16-10-1946

Subj.: - Visit to the Schools of the
Officers attending the 1st
normal Course by the Cooper.
School at Civitavecchia.

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- 1 - Confirming the previous arrangements will you please note that the visits of the above Officers to the Schools will take place according to the following program:
 - Visit to the Infantry School at Cesano (including a demonstration by Armoured-Cars ,in action); on the 15 November next - (Friday morning):
 - Visit to the Artillery School ; on the 19 Nov.next (morning)
 - Visit to the Field-Engineers School ; on the 30 Nov.next (morning).
- 2 - Object of the above visits is the practical demonstration of the employment of such means and materials that are not available by this School. It would be moreover appreciated if the Officers - with the object of improving their knowledge - could take part to some of the practical exercises.
- 3 - It would be particularly interesting if they could :
 - By the Infantry School=
 - 1st part - assist to the attack exercise of a Platoon using covered approaches (about 2 hours)
 - 2nd part - assist to a Reconnaissance exercise - demonstration given by an Armoured Section from the Armoured-Cars School (1 hour)
 - by the Artillery School=
 - 1st part - assist to the description of the different types of guns used (one hour)
 - 2nd part - take part to a firing exercise - Designation of targets and ranging to be done by the Officers of this School (about 2 hours)
 - by the Field-Engineers School=
 - 1st part - assist to the description of the mechanical means ,materials, and fording & river-crossing means.
 - 2nd part - assist to the building of a Bailey-bridge and to the laying and clearing of minefields (about 3 hrs)
- 4 - The above Schools are kindly requested to let me know a few days beforehand the programs decided on occasion of the visit.

The GENERAL IN COMM.
(E.MATTIOLI)

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Training Office

n° 01/10246/Add.Ftr.

ROME 4 Nov. 1946

To the H.Q. of 12 B.L.U.

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CHIEF OF TRAINING OFFICE
 (Ten.Col.Ugo SIVO)

G.S.O. I	SEEN
G.S.O. II	SEEN
D.A.A. & Q.G.	
Instr. Gunnery	
Instr. R. L.	
Instr. R. Sigs	
Instr. Inf	
Instr. Tactics	
Instr. P. & M	
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SUBJECT : Administration in the Field

12 MB.

G. M. S.

(Tel : 1000 40900 Ext : 300)

G. 20.

November 1946.

To : G. M. S.
Central Military Schools.

The School of Cooperation sent a letter on the above subject, 315/100 dated 16 Oct. '46, to your office, copy to 12 H.I.S.

It is understood that as a result of this letter General Huxley sent a letter to G. M. S.

It will be appreciated if a copy of this letter can be sent to this H.I.S.

A
Lt. Colonel.
G. M. S.

10/11/46

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COOPERATION SCHOOL
Training Office

N° 915/Add.

Civitavecchia 16 Oct. 46

Subj.: - Q side organisation of the Army.-

To Colonel GIBBONS for information.

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During an interview with Colonel Gibbons, Chief of the 12 B.L.U. the same has expressed the opinion that while for the tactical side the organisation corresponds more or less to the experience drawn from the war and is accordingly carried on by our Combat Groups, it is not so as regards the Q side whose cooperation with the Army in Action is far from being satisfactory.

This is probably due to the recent adoption of temporary ^{Service} formations that are practically the same as the pre-War ones.

Colonel Gibbons insists on the opportunity that such discrepancies be eliminated and the Q. side organisation be improved in such a way to satisfy all the modern requirements. He has also made clear that he does not mean by this that the new Q. side organisation should be made on a British pattern but that all the experiences of the late War should be carefully taken into consideration to build up a new organisation corresponding in full to the necessities of our Army.

Colonel Gibbons suggests that the different problems referring to Hygiene, Rations, Ammunitions etc. should be studied by special boards including representatives of the S.M.E., of the Inspector. and General Director. and by expert Officers of this School.

Having Colonel Gibbons kindly requested that his suggestions be forwarded to the Central Authorities will you please inform the S.M.E. accordingly.

According to my opinion I believe that owing to the complexity of the problems to be dealt with the question could be more conveniently and more promptly decided by a Board including experts of both the Q. and the Tactical side.

The GENERAL IN COMM. 1245
(Enrico Mattioli)

Send a copy to H.H. 1245

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APPY 3.

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SCHOOL OF COOPERATIONINSTRUCTORS

Appointment	Est	Present	Name	Re marks
Tactics Section	19			
Chief Instructors		1	Col. GUIDA	
Arty Instructors		2	Ten.Col PALOMBARINI	
Signal Instructors		3	Magg. PONTANI	
		4	Ten.Col SOLDANI	
		5	Ten.Col HERNASCONI	
		6	Magg. FILIPPONIO	
		7	Magg. QUADRANI	{ Ass. Corso naviga- zione aerea.
		8	Ten.Col DI STEFANO	
		9	Magg. GRANITI	
		10	Ten.Col TUCCI	
		11	Magg. AMATI	
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Admin Section	4			
Chief. Admin. Instruct.		1	Col. ROSSI	
		2	Maggiore AMADEI	
		3	Maggiore BENEDETTI	
		4	Cap. Med. MELANDRI	

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APPX 'C'

SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

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H.Q. and Admin Staff.

Appointment	Est.	Present	Name	Remarks
Commander	1	1	Gen. MATTIOLI	
21/c	1	1	Col. TIMOSSI	
Staff Capt "A"	3	1	Cap. VECCHIO	
		2	S.Ten. ROPONDI	
		3	--	
Chief Admin Officer	1	1	Magg. CIAMPA	
Stores Officer	2	1	Cap. CELENTANO	
		2	Cap. CAMURANI	
Pay Officers	2	1	Ten. BARTOLOZZI	
		2	S.Ten BONINI	
O.I Training	1	1	Col. COSTAMAGNA	
G.I.s Training Staff	6	1	Ten. C. CARASSO	
		2	Magg. PENNETTI	
		3	T.Col. BATTAGLINI	
		4	Cap. RAIMONDI	
		5	Cap. MAGLIOLI	
		6	---	
Ration Officer	1	1	Magg. FALSETTI	
Medical Officer	1	1	Cap. MELANDRI	
Admin (Coy Commander	1	1	Cap. RUFFO	
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Officer (21/c	3	2	Cap. FIORENTINO	
(3	S.Ten MARMOTTI	
(Plt Cmdr		4	S.Ten SCHIFANI	

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Pay Officers	2	2	Cap. CAMURANI
G.I Training	1	1	Ten. BARTOLOZZI
G.Is Training Staff	6	2	S.Ten BONINI
		1	Col. COSTAMAGNA
		1	Ten.C. CARASSO
		2	Magg. PENNETTI
		3	T.Col. BATTAGLINI
		4	Cap. RAIMONDI
		5	Cap. MAGLIOLI
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Officer(2i/c	3	2	Cap. FIORENTINO
(3	S.Ten MARNOTTI
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APP'D.

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SCHOOL OF COOPERATIONMEDICAL

Officers on Sick leave

O.R. on Sick leave

Officers admitted Infirmary

O.R. admitted Infirmary

Admitted Hospital

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Complaints

Parafirmosi

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Hepatitis

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Ence Contusion

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Enteritis

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Oligsaemia

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Sterizium

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