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Reference Monthly Progress Report No. 25 for December 1946.

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45. Vehicles.

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DECEMBER 1946.

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I. SCHOOL OF COOPERATION.'C' Points.1. Courses.

- a. The first Normal Course ended on 20 Dec 46 and it is satisfactory to be able to report that it was an unqualified success. The students were extremely enthusiastic and should prove effective apostles on their return to their various units and formations.
- b. The second Normal Course starts on the 22 Jan 47 and finishes on 5 April 47. Thirty odd students from all arms are expected. The duration of this and subsequent courses of like nature will be ten weeks.
- c. It has been proposed to S.M.A. that the students should assemble one week before the start of the course and should pay visits to ILLINGHAM and GIBBON in order to re-bush themselves with the characteristics of the various weapons before the start of the course itself. This suggestion has not yet been approved.
- d. It is unlikely that the proposed Generals' and Colonels' Course will take place during this coming course as was originally hoped.

'A' Points.2. Instructors.

- a. One instructor has left and one ex-student, a tank officer, is expected. The situation therefore remains static.
- b. No substitute for Col. GUTH has yet been mentioned.

'B' Points.

Nothing to report.

6. It has been proposed to S.M.S. that the students should accompany one week before the start of the course and should pay visits to FIDELIO and CUBANO in order to re-visit themselves with the characteristics of the various weapons before the start of the course itself. This suggestion has not yet been approved.

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b. No substitute for Col. GULLA has yet been mentioned.

1. Points.

Nothing to report.

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II. SCHOOL OF ACQUIRED CARS.1. Points.3. Course.

The results of the course which finished on December 20th, are not yet ready but will be included in the next report. However, in the Officers and NCOs course only four NCOs failed and two were R.T.U. as unsuitable. The next course is due to commence in February.

4. Points.4. Instructors.

Permission has been granted by S.M.A. to retain some of the more promising recruits to fulfil vacancies within the W.A. for instructors.

5. Health and Discipline.

The standard of the recruits attending the last course was high both mentally and physically. Discipline was good.

6. Points.6. Vehicles.

Releases have been received for 8 new Stagbonds and 6 Greyhounds and it is expected that these will arrive before the next course commences. It is presumed that the Greyhounds are in lieu of Deimler Lingoes and it is yet to be discovered whether these vehicles will prove suitable. Two are being collected in advance in order that experience can be obtained.

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7. Petrol.



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7. Patrol.

All Comandos have been met.

8. M.T. Equipment.

Technical for the L.A.D. is due to arrive in January from <sup>1765</sup>LAJL, 12 BU, has promised to check over this equipment on arrival and to give any necessary instructional help as to its proper use.

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III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY - BRACCIANO.161 Points.9. General.a. Courses completed during the month.

Type of Course.	No of Students		Duration	Incl	Results Passed	Points
	Offrs	COs				
5th. M. Courses						
25 yr	30	-	5 weeks	21 Dec.	30	-
6 yr	42	-	"	"	42	-
17 yr	15	-	"	"	15	-
.....	7	-	"	"	7	-
25 yr	-	27	"	"	27	-
6 yr	-	80	"	"	75	5
17 yr	-	10	"	"	11	1
.....	-	11	"	"	10	1
R. O. C.'s Courses						
	15	-	7 weeks	8 Dec.	15	-
S. O.'s Courses						
	17	-	6 weeks	14 Dec.	17	-
Young Specialists.						
	-	191	12 weeks	21 Dec.	113	70 #
5th. Artillery Commanders' Course (incl / Goals)	24	-	2 weeks	7 Dec.		No classification

5th. Div. Courses									
25 Ex	30	-	5 weeks	21 Dec.	-	30	-	-	-
16 Dr	46	-	"	"	-	42	-	-	-
17 Ex	19	-	"	"	-	19	-	-	-
In....	7	-	"	"	-	7	-	-	-
20 Dr	-	27	"	"	-	27	-	-	5
6 Ex	-	80	"	"	-	75	-	-	4
17 Dr	-	19	"	"	-	14	-	-	1
In....	-	11	"	"	-	10	-	-	-
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Off. Staff	24	-	2 weeks	7 Dec.	-	-	-	-	No classification
Commanders (incl Course	7-Gen/Is)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

x - incl. 39 wastage.

b. Future Courses.

The series of Advanced Instructors Courses is due to instructors in 13 Jan. The object of these courses is to train existing instructors up to the required standard for GPO's, IC's, EC's, RSO's and Royal. Commanders. Specialist courses are scheduled to begin in March 47. A number of these of this instruction will require to be given by the instructor in January 42 F.L.U.

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1st Point.

10. The school of artillery is at present closed for the Christmas and New Year recess.

2nd Point.

11. Reconstruction work has been somewhat halted due to the weather and holidays.

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IV. ARTILLERY RECRUIT TRAINING CENTRE - CIVITA VECCHIA.'G' Points.

12. The Instructors refresher courses which commenced in Dec. 46 have been discontinued until Jan. 47, in order to allow the maximum possible number of permanent staff to proceed on Christmas leave.

'A' Points.

NIL

'W' Points.

NIL

V. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS.'G' Points.13. Training stores.

The position in respect of training stores is much improved. A very considerable quantity of stores has now been released at P.M.I. by the Italian War Office. Collection from Pavia has already commenced.

14. Courses completed during Month.

No courses were completed during December.

15. Courses in Progress.

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16. Forecast of Courses.

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15. Courses in Progress.

A Specialist Course is now in progress and will terminate on Jan. 12.

16. Forecast of Courses.

There will be no courses prior to the new recruits course which is due to start in February. Probably a Reserve Officers course will commence in February or March.

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14. Points.17. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of instructors. The present instructors are reasonably good.

18. Administration.

There has been a steady improvement in administration during the last 3 months.

19. Welfare.

The general welfare is good.

20. Discipline.

Minor ailments only.

'G' Points

21. Accommodation.

Dining arrangements have been much improved. Certain necessary accommodation stores have been released from Pavia by the Ministry of War.

22. Clothing.

There is still an insufficiency of woollen underwear and socks.

23. Vehicles.

All vehicles are mechanically sound and are being well maintained. Tyres are urgently needed, but some are expected during January.

VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS.

'G' Points

24. Courses in Progress.

Recruit courses are progressing satisfactorily. Students will disperse early in January.

25. Future Courses.

Refresher course for Officers and NCOs are due to commence on 21st. January 1947, and will be of 40 days duration.

'A' Points.

26. Welfare.

A well stocked canteen is functioning extremely well.

'G' Points.

'C' Points

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25. Future Courses.

Refresher course for Officers and NCOs are due to commence on 21st. January 1947, and will be of 40 days duration.

'A' Points.

26. Welfare.

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'Q' Points.

27. Accommodation.

Rebuilding and reconitioning of class rooms is well in hand but progress is slow; in some rooms training and repair work are being carried out simultaneously.

Students accomodation is excellent.

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28. Vehicles.

Of 14 Motor Cycles held for D.R. training, only one is serviceable. An inspection of the M.C.s shows that release of tyres would put all of them on the road.

29. General.

Spare parts for W/T cells are in short supply, as are also serviceable dry cells. It is emphasised that more spare parts will be necessary in the near future, when the 1947 courses commence. The shortage of vehicles suitable for training driver-operators limits the training of students.

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VII SCHOOL OF INFANTRY.'G' Points.30. Courses.

The following courses proceeded in December:-

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|-------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| i)    | Regtl Ofprs and NCOs 81mm mortar.  | } Internal. |
| ii)   | " " " " Tactical.                  |             |
| iii)  | Young Officers Tactical.           |             |
| iv)   | Supplementary C&R tactical.        |             |
| v)    | Engineer ofprs. and NCOs tactical. |             |
| vi)   | Track. 57.                         |             |
| vii)  | Carrier drivers.                   |             |
| viii) | 81mm mortar.                       |             |
| ix)   | Range-takers and Goniometrists.    |             |
| x)    | Snipers.                           |             |

31. Future Courses.

For detail of courses see to commence during Jan. 47 see appx. ...

32. Establishment.

A proposal for a very considerable (almost 50%) increase in the 4th has been put forward to 842. It is most unlikely that this will be approved in full, but it is hoped that a few more bodies will be allowed as it is far from easy to arrange even a demonstration platoon at present.

'A' Points.33. Instructors.

Further internal courses are being held during January in order to produce sufficient instructors, as there are seldom, if ever, sufficient to enable squads of a reasonable size to be arranged whilst maintaining the necessary small reserve for sickness, leave etc.



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16' Points.

Nothing to report.

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VIII POLICE SCHOOL.

16' Points.

General - Course.

The seventh course for Regimental Police finished on December 21st,

1946, the results being classified as follows:-

Excellent	6
Very Good	4
Good	5
Passed	9
Failed	7
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The recruits seemed to enjoy the course and several of them since returning to their own units have written letters of appreciation to the Commandant.

35. Manuals.

The Commandant at the request of the Ministry of War has compiled a Manual on the duties and correct employment of Regimental Police. This Manual is to be circulated to all units, and it is to be hoped that it will remove the misconception of some unit commanders regarding the proper employment of trained recruits.

14' Points.

36. Captain COLACCA is being replaced as Commandant by Capt. JUKKA who is due to arrive on Jan. 17th. from URBIHO. On the arrival of Capt. JUKKA arrangements for the next course will be discussed.

19' Points.

37. Accommodation.

Instructions have been received from 8 Territorial Command to hand over the present barracks to the Italian Red Cross and to move the school into MACAO Barracks near Rome Central Station. A great deal of alteration to MACAO Barracks will be necessary before it can be occupied, and although work has already started it is not likely to be completed before approx. 20th. January 1947.

IX P.T. SCHOOL.

16' Points.

38. Courses.

- a. The Internal Refresher Course for instructors ended on the 21st. December 1946. The school re-opens for a further Refresher Course on the 13th. January 1947.
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39. Establishment.

A proposal has been put forward for an increase in establishment of over 100% all ranks, the greater part of which is made necessary by the move to Rome referred to below, which will necessitate the school becoming a self supporting unit. This proposal has not yet been approved.

**1760**40. Location.

- a. The school is moving from Casadio to Rome during Jan. 47 and the H.Q. will be in Palazzo Salviati.
- b. Civilian Gymnasiums and other facilities will be made use of until a permanent site is found.
- c. This move is felt to be sound as Casadio would never have made a suitable central Army school of P.T., especially in winter.

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'L' Points.

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points.

Nothing to report.

X SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION.'G' Points.41. Course in progress.

The present course due to have finished on December 31st, 46 is being continued until January 15th, 47, in an effort to give the remaining drivers more practical instruction.

42. Future Courses.

The next course is scheduled to commence on March 1st, 1947 when the intake will be reduced to 1,000 recruits.

The officers course is again postponed until reinforcement vehicles are available. It is expected that this course will also commence on March 1st.

'A' Points.43. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of 11 NCOs and 17 men on the permanent staff.

Application to the Ministry of War was made for permission to retain some of the more promising recruits to make up this deficiency but was refused on the grounds that every available driver was needed to fulfill outstanding deficiencies in other units.

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43. Points.

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44. Welfare.

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45. Vehicles.

The new projector purchased some time ago has arrived and films can now be shown in the theatre. The Canton retains its popularity, and the profits maintain their high level.

46. Points.

46. Vehicles.

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XI. MOTOR VEHICLE TRAINING CENTERS.101 Points.46. Results of Courses for 1946.

1) Trade	Course Completed	Passed	Failed	Not Examined	Place of Training
Furriers	30-9-46	21	5	-	IND. BLDG. ROMA.
Flockstains	"	11	6	-	"
Carpenters	"	19	3	-	"
Welders	"	19	4	-	"
ii) Assembler	31-10-46	58	9	-	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Engine Fitter	"	72	1	-	"
Fitter, General	"	56	12	-	"
Electricians	"	24	1	-	"
Fuel Injection	"	18	-	-	"
Dryer Tech.	"	120	63	-	"
iii) Dvr/Mechs(Inf)	31-12-46	40	14	10	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
" (Normal)	"	161	84	44	"

47. Training Status:

Major assembly referred to in Report No. 24 have now been dispatched to TMMH arsenal. A JMF engine, in running order, has been supplied for training of students, but more Allied vehicle assemblies and chassis are still urgently required. A quantity of metal, welding electrodes and rods, together with miscellaneous tools and stores, have been supplied to the school during the month. Text books, for the use of students, are in somewhat short supply. A beam projector has been obtained, and is being installed in the shop building. Efforts are being made to obtain suitable training films.

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48. Administration.

Engine Pitter	12	56	"	12	10	10
Pitter, General	1	24	"	1	14	14
Electricians	-	10	"	-	63	10
Fuel Injection	-	120	"	-	14	14
Lair or Tech.	-		"	-		
III) Ltr/Mechs(Inf)	31-12-46	40		14		
" (Normal)	"	161		84		

47. Acquiring stores.

Major Casermetta referred to in Report No. 24, have been loaned to TADM arsenal. A Jiff engine, in running order, has been supplied for training of students, but more Allied vehicle assemblies and chassis are still urgently required. A quantity of tools and stores, have been supplied to the school during the month. Text books, for the use of students, are in somewhat short supply. A 35mm projector has been obtained, and is being installed in the i. q. building. Efforts are being made to obtain suitable operating films.

48. Education.

49. Administration.

Owing to the lack of permanent staff, a number of students (approx. 30-40) have to be detached from their instructional courses, to perform such duties as infantry exercises, office rounds, mess exercises, etc. This system is not only inefficient, but also seriously interferes with instruction.

50. Welfare.

A bar and recreation room for the use of students is under construction, and is actually in use. Attempts are being made to obtain such items as table-tennis sets, croquet etc. An officers recreation room, for the use of the permanent staff is also being installed.

51. Points.

52. Accommodation.

Work still continues in Casermetta "B", and students are being transferred from Casermetta "A" to "B" as accommodation becomes available.

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ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTER.10. Points.51. Training.a. Gunfitters.

There are at present no instructional handbooks in Italian on British artillery equipment; few wall diagrams and no sectional models or class aids. There is also an insufficiency of tools, materials and equipment for the Preliminary General Workshop Practice Course designed to train fitters. Partly as a result of this, the passing-out standards of fitters is extremely low.

It appears that many unsuitable students are still being selected by C.A.s to undergo training at the School. Instances have occurred whereby students have failed the 3-weeks workshop practice course, and although obviously unsuitable for further training as either armourers or gunfitters, the School has been unable to return such men to their units and been compelled to retain them for the full duration of the course.

At the end of a course there is no written examination; a student being graded on his ability to answer two or three oral questions. This is considered to be a quite inadequate test of a student's knowledge.

Too many students appear to be allotted to each class, usually about 17-20 to an instructor.

b. Armourers.

Few wall diagrams are available and no sectional models or class aids are held at the School. Lack of tools and spare parts impedes progress in the practical repair of small arms. No provision has ever been made in the syllabus enabling students to gain experience in actually firing the weapons taught.

Students are eventually passed out on the results of a most elementary fitting test at the end of the workshop practice course and by oral examination at the end of the weapons course. A test of this nature is not considered to be of any particular value.

It is considered that the existing syllabi should be discontinued, and replaced by completely new ones. It is also considered that far more care should be exercised by selection boards at C.A.s.

52. Training accommodation.

Classroom accommodation for theory lessons is adequate, but for practical work, accommodation is not particularly suitable. The artillery equipment room, for example, is an open fronted building, which at this time of the year, is extremely uncomfortable for students and instructors alike. Furthermore, the height of the building is insufficient for the larger equipment and no lifting appliances are available. This latter state of affairs makes the dismantling and re-assembling of



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#### 53. Future Courses.

No information is available as to the scope and nature of future courses.

#### 54. 1st Points.

##### Welfare.

There is one very small canteen for the use of all ranks, where small stocks of drinks are sometimes available.

Senior NCOs who live at the school have no recreational amenities such as a club or janteen.

#### 55. 1st Points.

##### Clothing.

Students are not issued with overalls, & it is understood that no boots and clothing are available to students.

##### Cleaning Rags.

The supply of these is non-existent. An adequate supply is essential to maintain cleanliness of equipments & for use by students in their practical work in the stripping and assembling of parts.

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XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND AFFAIRS.

'G' Points.

54. Courses.

No courses are at present in progress.  
New courses are due to commence on 12th. January 1947.

'L' Points.

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points.

56. Accommodation.

Building repair work is continuing.

59. Vehicles.

All vehicles are efficient.

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Internal.

All officers, 12 F.I.U.

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## PROGRAM OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS JAN

(a) School	(b) Course	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begin.	(f) End.
		Off'rs.	NCOs.	Troops			
Cooperation.	1st. Course for Senior Officers	30	-	-	10	22 Jan.	5 ...
Armoured Cars	NO COURSES IN PROGRESS						
Engineer	NO COURSES IN PROGRESS						
Signal.	Telegraph Mech.	-	-	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan.
	Switchboard Op.	-	-	433	16	ditto	ditto
	- Telephonist	-	-	308	16	ditto	ditto
	Wireless Op.	-	-	48	16	ditto	ditto
	Dvr. Operators	-	-	66	24	ditto	10 Mar.
	Radio Mechanics	-	-	45	16	ditto	13 Jan.
	Operator Line & Teleprinter	-	-	78	?	?	?
	Electricians	-	-	142	?	?	?
	Despatch Riders	-	-	104	8	13 Jan 47	10 Mar.
	Inf Line Operator	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.
	Arty Dvr. Op.	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.
	Arty Signallers	-	-				

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COURSES TO BE HELD AT GENERAL MILITARY SCHOOLS JANUARY 1947.

(a) Units COs. Troops	(b) Duration (weeks)	(c) Begins.	(d) Ends.	(e) Remarks.
-	10	22 Jan.	5 April	
-	36	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
-	433	ditto	ditto	
-	308	ditto	ditto	
-	48	ditto	ditto	
-	56	ditto	10 March 47	
-	45	ditto	13 Jan. 47	
-	78	?	?	
-	142	?	?	
-	104	13 Jan 47	10 March 47	
-	143	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
-	393	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	

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(a) School	(b) Course	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins	
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops			
Infantry	Troop 37	-	-	540	6	7 Jan.	15
	81mm Mortar	-	-	379	6	ditto	6
	Range-finders	-	-	3	4	ditto	1
	Goniometrists	-	-	56	4	ditto	1
	Snipers	-	-	78	6	ditto	15
	Troop 37 - CAR NCOs	-	66	-	5	13 Jan.	
	81mm Mortar-CAR NCOs	-	55	-	6	13 Jan.	2
	81mm Mortar-Regtl. Offrs and NCOs	26	52	-	6	13 Jan.	2
	5th Supplementary Calt Tactical.	30	-	-	6	27 Jan.	
	Pl & Sec Comds Tactical	32	32	-	6	27 Jan.	
Co.	Regimental Police	-	-	31	4	15 Nov. 45	2
	Regimental	40	20	20	8	17 Feb. 47	
<u>SCIENTIFIC AND M.R.A.C.</u>							
Drivers	Drivers	-	-	654	12	1 Oct. 45	
	M/Cyclists	-	-	48	12	1 Oct. 45	

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(a) Locations Troops	(b) Duration (weeks)	(c) Regions	(d) Dates	(e) Remarks
- 540	6	7 Jan.	15 Feb.	Inf. Specialists
- 379	6	ditto	ditto.	" "
- 3	4	ditto	1 Feb.	" "
- 56	4	ditto	1 Feb.	" "
- 76	6	ditto	15 Feb.	" "
56 -	5	13 Jan.	ditto	-
55 -	6	13 Jan.	22 Feb.	-
52 -	6	13 Jan.	22 Feb. .	-
- ..	6	27 Jan.	8 March	-
52 -	6	27 Jan.	8 March.	-
- 31	4	19 Nov.46	21 Dec. 46	-
20 20	8	17 Feb. 47	12 May 47.	-
654	12	1 Oct.46	15 Jan.47	
48	12	1 Oct.46	31 Dec.46	

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(a) School	(b) Course	(c) Students Ofc's. NCOs. O's.	(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Term	(f) Unit
<u>ORIENTATION &amp; M.R.T.C. (cont'd)</u>					
	Driver Kochs	- - 16	16	1 Oct. 46	21
	Engine Fitters	- - 89	16	ditto	
	Assemblers	- - 67	15	ditto	
	Fitters, General	- - 78	16	ditto	
	Electricians	- - 82	16	ditto	
	Fuel Injection	- - 17	16	ditto	
	Sheet Metal Workers	- - 44	16	ditto	
	Vulcanizers	- - 27	16	ditto	
	Painters	- - 26	16	ditto	
	Radiator Repair	- - 22	16	ditto	
	Textile Refitters	- - 21	16	ditto	
INST. IND. SIC D'ARONA COM	Blacksmiths	- - 25	16	ditto	
	Carpenters	- - 25	16	ditto	
	Welders	- - 30	16	ditto	
	Tanners	- - 40	16	ditto	
INST. IND. GALILEO COM	Blacksmiths	- - 27	16	ditto	
	Carpenters	- - 31	16	ditto	
	Welders	- - 31	16	ditto	

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Obs.	(e) Duration (weeks)	(d) Begins.	(f) ends	(g) Remarks.
16	16	1 Oct. 46	21 Jan. 47	
85	16	ditto	ditto	
87	16	ditto	ditto	
78	16	ditto	ditto	
82	16	ditto	ditto	
17	16	ditto	ditto	
44	16	ditto	ditto	
27	16	ditto	ditto	
26	16	ditto	ditto	
22	16	ditto	ditto	
21	16	ditto	ditto	
25	16	ditto	ditto	
25	16	ditto	ditto	
30	16	ditto	ditto	
40	16	ditto	ditto	
27	16	ditto	ditto	
31	16	ditto	ditto	
31	16	ditto	ditto	

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(a). SCHOOL	(b). COURSE.	(c). STUDENTS.		(d). DURATION (Weeks)	(e). BEGINS.
		WPO.	WPO's		
School of Admin & Welfare.	Hygiene	30	-	5	13 Jan 47
	Cry & Funct ioning of	30	-	5	13 Jan 47
	Services		-		ditto
	Appints		70 & Crs		ditto
	Shorthand		28 & Crs		ditto
	Freightmen		36 & Crs		ditto
	Elastic Modellers		31 & Crs		ditto
	Cooks		40 & Crs		13 Jan 47
	Stenomen		40 & Crs		ditto
Administration	40 & Crs	ditto			

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No. 18 CIN. C.	(d). DURATION (Weeks)	(e). BEGINS.	(f). ENDS.	(g). REMARKS.
-	5	13. Jan. 47	17. Feb. 47	
18 CIN	5	13 Jan 47	17 Feb 47	
18 CIN	5	ditto	ditto	
18 CIN	5	ditto	ditto	
18 CIN	5	ditto	ditto	
18 CIN	4	13 Jan. 47	10 Feb 47	
18 CIN	4	ditto	ditto	
18 CIN	4	ditto	ditto	

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17.  
 1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome

Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference	Command
1.	School of co-operation	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Col. MARTIN
2.	Technical car school	Tor di Quinto	F 738721	Col. CURZIO
3.	School of Languages for French / for French	Bracciano Civitavecchia	F 1893 ) F 1894 )	Col. FERRARI
4.	School of Languages	Civitavecchia	F 1894	Col. FERRARI
5.	School of Languages	Civitavecchia	F 7156	Col. FERRARI
6.	Technical school	Castello	F 6285	Col. FERRARI
7.	Police School	Rome	F 724672	Col. FERRARI

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 dated January 1947.

Location Statement of Italian schools-

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 500,000 sheets 16 and 17.  
 1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (south)

Location	Map Reference	Commandant	British Prison Officer
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Gen. BATTIOLI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSINS
For di Quinto	F 738727	Col. CUZZINATI	Maj. G.T. BRIDGES
Prasiano Civitavecchia	F 1893 ) F 1891 )	Col. FALDI	Maj. G.K. ALEXANDER
Civitavecchia	P 184	Col. TAMBIONI	Maj. D.A. WILKINSON
Orchignola	F 7458	Col. BARCOSE	Maj. W.A.T. MORSONE
Casano	F 6266	Col. TANGI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSINS
Rome	F 721672	Capt. COLACCI	Maj. G.T. BRIDGES

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Serial No.	School	Location	Map Reference
8.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
9.	School of Motorisation	Cecchignola	F 7458
10.	School of Adm. and Welfare	Rieti	B 0723

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Location	Map Reference	Commandant	British Liaison
Cesano	F 6286	Col. DINARI	Maj. F.G.L. COUSINS
Cecchignola	F 7458	Col. NEGRI	Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE
Alfare	Rieti	B 0723	Col. GACHET Maj. R.N.J. HIBBARD

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XIV. SCHOOL OF CO-OPERATION.60. Instructors.

It is hoped that this will have a greater proportion of Lt. Colis. who are potential instructors on the next course. Lack of trained instructors is the Achilles heel of this school, which cannot develop to its full scope until the seriousness of the situation is appreciated and dealt with by G.I.

XV. POLICE SCHOOL.

61. Capt. COLSON'S posting is the subject of an inquiry by the Carabinieri who are holding an investigation on his administration after having received letters of complaint from anonymous sources.

Capt. COLSON is extremely upset at what he considers is a vindictive attack on his character and is leaving his job. He has asked that his replacement be an officer who is well-versed about police work and has never conducted a course on this subject.

XVI. ADMINISTRATION TRAINING OFFICER.

62. Grave concern is felt about the present administration of S.M.O. It is thought that the morale of instructors of all ranks is low, because of the uncertainty which exists regarding the future policy of the School.

It would appear that at no time has the co-operation of the present staff of S.M.O. been sought by the Ministry of War in matters concerning the present re-organization of the school. Quite naturally all members of the staff are anxious about their future.

This low state of morale must inevitably cause itself to be felt in the practical administration of the school. An example of this was noted on a very recent visit to the school, when it was found that every artillery equipment in the Demonstration room was badly rusted. The metalwork of guns, which is normally kept bright, was extremely dirty, and the general layout of the entire Demonstration room was very much to be desired.

Such a state of affairs existing in a school which specializes in training recruit personnel and others in the examination, maintenance and repair

abandoned in an orderly way. There was nothing about Collins which was never

XVI. ADMINISTRATION OF THE G.C. SCHOOL.

62. G.C. concern is felt about the present administration of the G.C. school. It is thought that the morale of instructors of all ranks is low, because of the uncertainty which exists regarding the future policy of the School.

It would appear that at no time has the concentration of the present staff of S.S.O. been sought by the Ministry of War in action's personnel staff or anxious about their future. Quite naturally all members of the

this low state of morale must inevitably have itself felt in the present administration of the school. An example of this was noted on a very recent visit to the school, when it was found that every artillery equipment in the Demonstration Room was badly rusted. The metalwork of carriage, which is normally kept bright, was extremely dirty, and the general layout of the entire Demonstration Room left very much to be desired.

Such a state of affairs existing in a school which specialises in teaching recruit personnel and others in the examination, maintenance and repair of artillery equipment, shows a lack of interest on the part of the administration.

It is known that for a considerable period, the administration of this school has left much to be desired. However it is thought that not only of the M.I. should be placed on the G.C. school. It is understood that the G.C. has protested many times to his superiors regarding the lack of equipment existing at the school; the inadequacy of the staff and lack of personnel staff. Similarly, these protests provide the reason why the G.C. has incurred the displeasure, if not the animosity, of certain of his superiors. Certainly he has been almost completely ignored in the various discussions which, presumably, must have taken place regarding the future of S.S.O.

It is considered that because of the unavailability of the equipment, particularly that applicable to gunfitters, and the lack of proper materials and unless completely re-organised.

It is doubtful if the importance of training of suitably skilled tradesmen in the repair and maintenance of weapons, is appreciated by other officers at the Ministry of War.

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*W. H. H.*

Lt. Colonel,  
G.S.

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STAFF LIST - 12 D.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.O. I	W/Lt. Col. A.W. GIBSON OBE	(28390)	A. & B.H.
G.S.O. III			

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D. & M. G.

SERVICES

D. & M. G.	Instr. Major O/Maj.	O.T. BRIDGES OBE	(120450)	R. & S.C.
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ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D. & M. G.	T/Maj.	C.R.F. SIMPSON	(237160)	R. & S.C.
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TRAINING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf.	Instr. Lectures W/Maj.	F.G.L. COUSINS	(53734)	D. W.H.
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R. & S. G.

Instr. R. & S. G.

R. & S. G.

Instr. Gunnery T/Maj.	G.S. ALEXANDER	(37447)	R. & S.
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R. & S. G.

SERVICES

D. & M. Wing  
Instr. Major S/Maj. C.T. FARRINGTON OES (120450) R.A.S.C.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D. & M. Wing T/Maj. C.R.F. LARSON (237160) R.S.M.S.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf.  
Instr. Technics W/Maj. F.G.L. COMBENS (53734) D.H.F.

R.A.S.C. WING.

Instr. R.A.S.C.

R.A.S. WING.

Instr. Gunnery T/Maj. G.K. JASKANLER (87447) R.S.

R.S. WING.

Instr. R.S. T/Maj. D.A. WILLIAMS G.M. (124306) R.S.

R. SIGNALS.

Instr. R. SIGS.

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Appendix 'D' to 12 B.L.U.  
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dated January 1947.

(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against US CM/1016/2 dated 19 Aug. 46.

(1) Officers.

Instr. R.O        - Major  
Instr. K. BISS   - Major  
GSO III           - Capt.

(2) <u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>	<u>Colls.</u>	<u>Ptes.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stoneman Tech.	-	-	1	1
Instr. R.	2	-	-	2
Clerks GD	-	1	2	3
Stoneman Ks	-	1	-	1
Instr. K. BISS	1	-	-	1
GD men	-	-	1	1
Motor Cyclist	-	-	1	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

(1) <u>Officers.</u>	NIL			
(2) <u>Other Ranks</u>	1 Sgt.		Due to return	Jan. 2/47.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(1) D/C under HAVILA-Vs	Offrs. - NIL
	OKs - 3
(2) Due under GSO 1352/45	Offrs - 1
	OKs - NIL
(3) Due for release in 4/8 G/47	Offrs - NIL
	OKs - 1
(4) Due for Pythou in January	Offrs - NIL
	OKs - NIL



GD men - - - 1 1  
Motor Cyclist - - - 1 1

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when due to return.

- (1) Officers. NIL
- (2) Other Ranks. 1 Sgt. Due to return - Jan. 20th.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

- (1) Due under HAVILDAVE  
Ofprs. - NIL  
Gr's - 3
- (2) Due under GPO 1352/45  
Ofprs - 1  
Gr's - NIL
- (3) Due for release in 4/S Gr 1st  
Ofprs - NIL  
Gr's - 1
- (4) Due for Pythou in January  
Ofprs - NIL  
Gr's - NIL

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Serial No.	Vehicle	V.D.	No. Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)
1	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 C.S.	2. 5230009	282-1998	91018097	E	-
2	HUESAR HEAVY UTILITY 4 x 4	4894166	-	-	E	-
3	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	11. 6175674	23/38555	106. 6114	E	-
4	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	3. 1443	1560869	E	-
5	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	CP. 154012	E	-
6	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	-
7	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	1. 5661261	-	-	E	-
8	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	11. 5101007	-	-	E	-
9	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	11. 477086	-	-	E	-

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No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
9	4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-	Serviceable.
1	-	-	M	-	-	Serviceable. From 9 VEH PARK CAPUA. Authy: MELA Q.T. 12 dated 17.10.46.
4	23/38555	WV. 6144	E	-	-	Serviceable (At S.MARIGLIA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DODGE 24982463 Authy: HQ MELA 9/204 dated 27 May 46.
9	S. 1443	1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable. New engine fitted.
71	-	CPV.154012	E	-	-	Serviceable.
86	-	-	-	-	BLR	
61	-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. New engine fitted.
07	-	-	E	-	-	Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L.5603553 (BLR) Authy: MELA Q/1020 dated 27.7.46
6	-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From HQ MELA Authy: Q.T./12 dated 17 Oct. 46.

Serial No	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (B)	Local Repair (LR)
10	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-
11	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5117266	23/3/1948	-	-	LR
12	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1461106	B. 182	-	-	-
13	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5547039	294/235/5209	-	E	-
14	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1451654	-	11.20-21207	E	-
15	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 4706671	-	11.20-73779	E	-
16	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2 G.S.	5265330	-	-	E	-
17	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	C. 162699	-	-	-	LR
18	CHEVROLET HUP	C. 5906055	-	-	E	-
19	CHEVROLET HUP	C. 5906022	-	-	-	LR
	LANCIA CAR 4 str	11238	-	-	-	LR

Certified above vehicles are held in charge, that their condition is as stated and that the above found correct.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
23/3/1348	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. 638 W/S Overhaul.
B. 182	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
294/235/5209	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	14.20-21207	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	14.20-73779	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From 18 VEH. PARK CASARSA. Authy: MIA Q.204 dated 25/10/46. Held for 8 B.I.U., when required.
-	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. 638 W/S. (On loan from Italian Army) Manufacture of Small part
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. 638 W/S. Steering trouble. From MIA Authy: HQ MIA AT/12 dated 17 Oct 46
-	-	-	LR	-	Unserviceable. Repeated tyre failure. (on loan from Italian Army)

that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected and

*Atwell* Lt. Colonel,  
G.S.

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AMENDMENT No. 1.

Reference Para 58 : TRAINING STORES.

DELETE :-

Arrangements have been made for the sectionalizing of a considerable number of major assemblies. These are to be used for constructional purposes at TURIN arsenal. Chassis and assemblies of Allied vehicles, preferably engines in some sort of running order, are still most urgently required. It is suggested that an investigation be made into the possibility of obtaining a number of class 6 vehicles from stocks now in the possession of A.R.A.R.

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I. SCHOOL OF COOPERATION.'G' Points.1. First Students Course

a. This course is going well. As a result of an urgent appeal to S.M.E. one rep from each of the Servizio di Sanita, Servizio di Commissariato and the Servizio Trasporti arrived towards the end of October.

b. The general standard of the students may be described as mediocre. The necessity for selecting and sending only the very best officers is therefore again emphasized. The principal limiting factor to the development of the School to its full capacity and scope is that of instructors, and the only possible source of instructors is that of students attending courses. This since our man is working stressing again, particularly as both the future Senior Officers' School and Staff College will themselves be developments of the School of Cooperation. Neither one nor the other can be considered seriously until this School is itself working at somewhere near 100% efficiency.

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Nothing to report.

## 'Q' Points

### 3. Accommodation

The deadlock referred to in the report for October still exists.

4. One more civilian car is now on the road.

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II SCHOOL OF ARMORED CARs'Q' Points5. General

The N.C.O.'s course new in progress has been reduced in numbers through release. Progress generally in the Officers, N.C.O.'s and recruits courses has been good although practical training has suffered through shortage of petrol. (see 'Q' Points).

'A' Points6. Instructors

An increase of 2 officers, 7 N.C.O.'s and 25 soldiers on the permanent W.E. has been put up to the Ministry of War to bring the W.E. in line with British W.E.'s. No decision on these suggestions has yet been received.

'Q' Points7. Accommodation

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This may eventually result in the School losing some of its best instructors.

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9. Petrol

Although 20,000 litres of petrol is the monthly entitlement only 7,000 litres have been received during November. This seriously curtails the practical training at a critical period of the course as the firing range is 50 kilometres away.

However, this shortage appears universal at the present **1739** as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce have restricted C.I.P. in issues in view of the shortage of petrol supplies arriving in this country.

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III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY - BRACCIANOIG' Points10. Generala. Courses completed during the month

Type of Course.	No. of Students		Duration	Ended	Results	
	Offrs	NCOs ORS			Passed	Failed
4 NVA Courses						
25 Pr	25	-	5 weeks	9 Nov 46	25	-
A Tr	28	-	"	"	23	-
L.A.A.	6	-	"	"	6	-
25 Pr	-	24	"	"	24	-
A Tr	-	68	"	"	60	8
L.A.A.	-	15	"	"	14	1
2nd Arty Commander's Course	15	-	2 weeks	16 Nov 46	No classification	
	(incl 5 Brigs)					
RSO's Course	15	-	7 weeks	23 Nov 46	15	-

b. Future Courses

The Inspector of Artillery has agreed to reserve the period JAN - MAR 47 for internal courses. Arrangements are well in hand for utilising this breathing space to the best advantage.

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11. General - Health and Discipline

Percentage sick 0%.

Percentage under punishment 4%.

12. Points

12. Accommodation

During the month, repairs to the following parts of the School were completed:-

- a. N.C.C.'s Barracks.
- b. Storerooms in main Barracks.
- c. 7 lecture rooms
- d. 10 rooms in the officer's quarters.

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IV ARTILLERY RECRUIT TRAINING CENTRE - CIVITAVECCHIA

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13. Training Stores

The guns which were released to the Arty R.T.C. continue to be of little use due to incomplete sights and lack of drag ropes etc.

Some advances has been made in Training Devices during this month; both the R.T.C. and School of Artillery have miniature ranges in operation.

14. Courses completed

The recruits from the second call up have now finished their course and have been posted as follows:

Number of recruits	Wastage due to serious illness Court-martial etc	To Divisions	To Br. Gata Calabria, Aosta & Reggio	Retained for permanent cadre at RMC & S of A
Incl. A. 445	38	536	19	76
A Tk 314	27	222		46

+ Including 21 earmarked for H.A.A.

15. Future Courses

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Pot NCOs Course Instructors	- 34	Dec '45	4 weeks
Refresher Courses			
L.A.A.s	17 50	10 Jan '47	4 weeks
A.T.C.s	3 20	10 Jan '47	4 weeks

If the refresher course in L.A.A. is to be of any **1737**  
live shooting against a target is essential.

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Points16. General - Health and Discipline

Percentage sick during month Nov 10%  
 Percentage sick admitted to hospital 5%  
 Percentage serving punishment 3%

'Q' Points17. Accommodation

A detailed statement of the re-construction work at Duc D'Aosta barracks is given below.

a. Work already completed

- i. Re-construction of 2 barrack blocks for V & VI Gruppo.
- ii. Re-construction of a further block for the new 25 Pr wing. (less glazing)
- iii. Coochouse for 1,000 men.
- iv. M.C.O.'s mess.

b. Work in progress

- i. Re-construction of unmarried officers quarters.
- ii. Re-construction of Guard room.
- iii. Re-construction of H.Q. offices etc.
- iv. Weather proofing.
- v. Provisional officers mess.

c. Work projected

- i. Coochouse for 3,000 men.
- ii. Dining Hall for 3,000 men.
- iii. Barracks for 2 further troops.
- iv. M.C.O.'s club.
- v. Re-organisation of O.R.'s Spaccio.
- vi. Improvement of existing lecture rooms.
- vii. Improvement of gun sheds.
- viii. Renovation of baths and showers.

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V. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

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18. Training Stores

Training stores are still in short supply. However, a considerable quantity of extremely useful stores have been located at PAVIA. S.O.R.E. M.H.I.A. has negotiated for these stores and it is understood that the Ministry of War have agreed to the release and that collection will be authorised shortly. Training Stores on charge at the School are being maintained extremely well.

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19. Courses completed during monthRecruits advanced training course

This course ended on 16 Nov '46. Results were encouraging and a great improvement on the last Recruits Course. Of the 988 recruits, 370 were retained to commence the Specialist Course now in operation.

20. Courses in progressSpecialist course

The best men of those who had completed the Recruits course (approx 37%) were selected for this course. They are showing a great deal of enthusiasm in their training.

21. Forecast of Courses

No new course is contemplated until the new recruits course due to commence in Feb '47. However, a course for officers is at present under consideration.

22. 'A' PointsInstructors

The present instructors are reasonably good and set a good example in cleanliness. The school is still below strength in instructors. The suggested officer's course, if it materialises, should be a potential source of instructors. Similarly, the specialist course now in progress should produce good N.C.O. instructors.

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The administration has improved tremendously particularly during the last 6 weeks.

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25. Discipline

Discipline has improved during the month, the percentage of defaulters having dropped from 18% in October to 9.5% in November.

26. Health

Good - minor ailments only.

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'G' Points27. Accommodation

Dining arrangements are bad. The men draw their food from the cookhouse and through lack of dining halls have to retire to their sleeping quarters to feed. This is very undesirable. However, efforts are being made to obtain 6 large huts from Italian sources in Northern Italy to serve as dining accommodation.

28. Clothing

There is some improvement since October. 50% of the greatcoats and battle dress demanded have arrived, also the demand for pullovers has been fully met. However, woolen underwear, socks and boots are greatly needed. Especially is this the case in respect of socks.

29. Vehicles

Vehicles are in mechanically good condition and are efficiently maintained. However, there is a lack of tyres the result being that certain vehicles are off the road.

39 new tyres have been demanded but as yet these have not been delivered.

30. Accommodation Stores

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VI SCHOOL OF SIGNALS'G' Points31. General Remarks - Recruit Training

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The results of the first Radio Mechanic and Telegraph Mechanic courses were as follows:-

Radio Mechanics

Excellent	5
Very Good	14
Good	19
Satisfactory	10
Unsatisfactory	9
Total	<u>57</u>

Telegraph Mechanics

1	-
4	-
4	-
9	-
1	-
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'A' Points

Nothing further to report.

'Q' Points32. Accommodation and Training Accommodation

All works continue to make good progress.

VII. SCHOOL OF INFANTRY'G' Points33. Training Areas

There is still trouble with the local inhabitants over the use of the surrounding countryside as a training area. This problem must be settled in the near future as these disturbances interfere very seriously with the work of the School.

34. Courses

The following courses terminated in November:-

Instructors Course 3" Mortar  
Instructors Course 81 mm Mortar  
Instructors Course Breda  
Coy and Pl Comds Tactical Course.

35. Manuals

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36. Instructors

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The School is still experiencing difficulty in both numbers and quality of instructors. Squads are inclined to get too large and instruction suffers in consequence.

37. Drivers

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The situation is extremely bad. For 75 vehicles the School has 25 drivers of whom only 15 are qualified.

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Nothing to report.

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VIII. POLICE SCHOOL'G' Points38. General - Courses

The present course assembled on 25 November at the Palazzo Salvati. 34 students from all arms are undergoing training although the original Ministry of War instructions called for recruits from Armoured Car, Infantry and Welfare Schools.

The physique of the students is good. 2 hours daily P.T. is included in the training.

The Commandant would like to run a course for Officers and N.C.O.'s considered to be potential instructors.

'A' Points39. Instructors

Replacement Carabinieri instructors have not been of the best type. However, the Commandant of the School has received permission from the Inspectorate of Infantry to choose, in future, men who are known to him.

40. Welfare

Both Officer and O.R. canteens are in operation. These were started by unit subscription and no initial grant was received from the Ministry of War.

41. Discipline

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'Q' Points

42. Accommodation

Barrack rooms are well laid out, and good well equipped 1732 class rooms are in use.

'Q' Points

43. Courses

IX P.T. SCHOOL

3. The fifth normal course finished on the 3 Nov. The Commandant has sent in a very good report, the more important proposals of which are referred here 1.d.d. their appropriate headings.

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43. Courses (contd)

b. The Instructors Refresher Course (19 Nov - 21 Dec) is being run in RME. The School has received, and continues to receive, most welcome assistance in every sphere of its activity from the Italian Federation of Sport.

44. Site of School

CESANO is a very poor place for a permanent army school of P.T. It will need a tremendous amount of money spent on it to make it at all suitable, especially in winter.

45. Students - Age limits

Numbers on the last course were far below the schools capacity and it has therefore been proposed that the age limit should be raised from 28 to 30 or 32.

46. Length of Course

Extension from 12 to 16 weeks has been suggested.

47. Telephone system

It has been proposed that the camp telephone system, which is always breaking down, should be replaced by a permanent line.

'A' Points48. Medical

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50. IQ Points50. Accommodation Stores - General

Furniture for quarters and office fittings are still in short supply.

51. Repair Works

A very large amount of repair work still remains to be done. To give one example, the troops cook house is still in the open.

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X SCHOOL OF MOTORIZATION'G' Points52. Courses in progress

539 drivers with previous experience of driving and who are already holders of civilian licenses finished their training and were passed out and posted. It is proposed to prolong the present course well into January 1947 to allow the remainder of the recruits to get more practical driving instruction on the limited number of vehicles available.

As the recruits pass out after their final driving test they are to be given a driving license stating which type of vehicle they are recommended for ie diesel, petrol etc and they are to be classified in three grades. Licenses of different colours have been designed to show the various types and grades.

53. Future Courses

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'A' Points54. Instructors

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55. Welfare

The canteen and theatre under the supervision of a new welfare officer continue to give good service.

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57. Vehicles

Position still bad as approximately only 30 vehicles are available for practical training. A conference was held on 19 Nov and was attended by General ROSSI, Lt-Col ALGIA and Col NIGRI and although promises were made that further vehicles were to be expected, nothing definite was decided as to future policy. Col. HURRI was told he could expect 30 more vehicles in Nov but these have not yet arrived.

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XI MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE'G' Points59. Training Stores

Arrangements have been made for the sectionalising of a number of major assemblies at TURIN arsenal. These are to be used for instructional purposes. Chassis and assemblies of allied vehicles, preferably engines in some sort of running order, are still most urgently required. It is suggested that an investigation be made into the possibility of obtaining a number of class C vehicles from stocks now in the possession of A.R.A.R.

60. Training accommodation

Lighting in lecture and demonstration rooms is being greatly improved by the construction of additional windows.

60. General Remarks

A great deal of useful work is being done by students undergoing training as general fitters, in sectionalising assemblies which afterwards will be used for instructional purposes.

A.R.E.M.E. Sjt Vch Mech has been attached to the school to train students in the inspection and classification of vehicles.

'Q' Points61. Accommodation

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Accommodation stores are still being manufactured by students undergoing carpentry and joinery courses. However, a considerable amount of additional furniture is still required. Also needed are metal stands for M.T. assemblies in the class rooms. These could be made in the school, if a sufficient quantity of suitable mild steel was made available.

63. General

Attention is drawn to the inferior quality of C.I.P. lubricating oils supplied to Italian army vehicles. With such oils in use, changes of oils of engine and transmissions are necessary more frequently than when Allied Service lubricants are used.

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XIII. ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE63. Points64. Training Stores

These have always been in extremely short supply at S.M.O.A., particularly in respect of tools, gauges and weapons for instructional purposes. Furthermore the supply of metal for basic workshop training has never been adequate.

A number of tools and gauges were received by P.I.C.E.N.Z.A. on 14 Oct '46. It is hoped that these will be released to S.M.O.A.

A JO cut or 2 ton Gantry is very urgently required for safety reasons, when dismantling and reassembling equipments.

65. General

D.A.B.M.E. 12 B.L.U. visited the arsenal at PIACENZA on 7 Nov '46 in order to inspect a proposed new site for S.M.O.A.. It is considered that the location inspected is not altogether suitable. With the same object in view a visit was also made to the Fabbrica D'Armi Esercito, IMMI. This visit forms the subject of a separate report.

66. Points66. Instructors

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67. Administrative Staff

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- 1 Chief Technician (civilian)
- 2 Draughtsmen mechanical.

These additions were previously recommended on **1727**

#### 68. Welfare

Welfare amenities have never been adequate at this school. It is hoped that this very important matter will be given due consideration when a new location for S.M.O.A. is found.

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'G' Points69. Clothing

Overalls for use of students and instructors are most urgently required. Students and instructors cannot be expected to give full attention to their work if it is necessary to concentrate on avoiding contact with dirty equipment.

70. Accommodation Stores

A certain amount of office furniture has been obtained and will be released to the school in its new location.

XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & WELFARE'G' Points71. Course

No courses are at present in progress except for an unofficial course in typing for 28 men drawn from the Central Military Schools.

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73. Administrative Staff

The School is entirely deficient of drivers for its vehicles. It is considered that 4 drivers represent the minimum requirements.

74. Welfare

There is a slight improvement in the welfare arrangements of the school, in that the canteen is now administered by the school itself and not as hitherto by a civilian contractor. Also a member of the S.A.F. - an organisation somewhat similar to the W.V.S. - has also been appointed to the school, and is engaged in general welfare duties.

No further progress has been made in providing a welfare centre but the installation of a cinema apparatus is contemplated.

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75. Accommodation

A civilian contractor is about to commence work on the several urgent repair works which are so urgently required.

76. Clothing

Winter clothing has been issued.

77. Vehicles

All vehicles are efficient.

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## PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS DEC. 194

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
Cooperation.	1st Course for Senior Officers	26	-	-	8	21 Oct.	21 Dec.
Armoured Cars.	Instructors	26	38	-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.
	Recruits	-	-	140	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.
Artillery.	3rd Army						
	Commanders' Course	22	-	-	2	25 Nov.	7 Dec.
	R.S.O's. Course	-	18	-	8	7 Oct.	1 Dec.
	Cadets YO's Course	14	-	-	6	4 Nov.	
	3.7" H.A. Introductory Course	4	2	-	3	1 Dec.	21 Dec.
	3.7" H.A. Equipment Course	1	2	-	9 days	27 Dec.	
Artillery Recruit Training Centre.	Specialists	-	-	188	12	25 Aug.	21 Dec.
	5.5' Medium Conversion Course	5	7	-	15 days	13 Nov.	3 Dec.
		NO	COURSES	IN	PROGRESS.		

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Appendix C  
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 dated 3 December 1946.

COURSES HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS DEC. 1946.

Troops.	(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
-	8	21 Oct.	21 Dec.	
-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
140	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
-	2	25 Nov.	7 Dec.	Including 8 Brigadiers.
-	8	7 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	6	4 Nov.		
-	3	1 Dec.	21 Dec.	Taking place under Brit. instruction at 2 AA Bde School L.TIS.Na.
-	9 days	27 Dec.		Part of BLA Course now running in S.M.O.S. under Brit. instruction.
188	12	25 Aug.	21 Dec.	
-	15 days	13 Nov.	3 Dec.	Under Instructor in Gunnery 12 BLU
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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
Signal.	Telegraph High	-	-	36	16	25 Sep.	13 Ja
	Switchboard Op.	-	-	435	16	ditto	ditto
	- Telephonist	-	-	308	16	ditto	ditto
	Wireless Op.	-	-	48	16	ditto	ditto
	Driver Operators	-	-	66	24	ditto	10 No
	Radio-Mechanics	-	-	45	16	ditto	13 Ja
	Operator Line & Teleprinter	-	-	78	?	?	?
	Electricians	-	-	142	?	?	?
	Despatch Riders	-	-	104	8	13 Jan, 47	10 Ma
	Inf Line Operator	-	-	194	8	ditto	ditto
	Inf Wireless Op.	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 De
	Arty Driver Op.	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 De
Infantry	Regtl Offrs & NCOs	45	106	-	5	5 Nov.	7 De
	81 mm Mortar	19	55	-	6	5 Nov.	14 De
	Tactical	52	-	-	6	ditto	ditto
	Young Offrs Tactical	23	12	-	6	ditto	ditto
	Supplementary C.A.R.	13	19	-	4	ditto	30 No
	Tactical	11	12	-	5	ditto	7 De
	Engineers - Tactical	5	36	-	5	ditto	ditto
	Grade 37	10	35	-	5	18 Nov.	21 De
	Carrier Drivers	2	10	-	3	1 Dec.	19 De
	81 mm Mortar	-	4	-	4	29 Nov.	19 De
Range Takers & Goniometrists	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Snipers	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Police.	Regimental Police	-	-	31	4	25 Nov.	21 De
F.T. School	Regimental	-	30	-	4	19 Nov.	21 De

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Duration. (weeks)	Troops.	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
16	36	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
16	433	ditto	ditto	
16	308	ditto	ditto	
16	48	ditto	ditto	
24	66	ditto	10 Mar. 47	
16	45	ditto	13 Jan. 47	
?	70	?	?	
?	142	?	?	
8	104	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	
8	494	ditto	ditto	
8	143	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
8	393	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
5	-	5 Nov.	7 Dec.	
6	-	5 Nov.	14 Dec.	Non divisional Regts.
6	-	ditto	ditto	
6	-	ditto	ditto	
4	-	ditto	30 Nov.	
5	-	ditto	7 Dec.	Internal.
5	-	ditto	ditto	Internal.
5	-	13 Nov.	21 Dec.	Internal.
3	-	1 Dec.	19 Dec.	Internal.
4	-	29 Nov.	19 Dec.	Internal.
4	31	25 Nov.	21 Dec.	
4	-	19 Nov.	21 Dec.	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration, (weeks)	(e) Begins.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops		
<u>MOTORIZATION AND M.R.T.C.</u>						
Drivers	Drivers	-	-	725	12	1 Oct.
	Motorcyclist	-	-	76	12	ditto
Specialists Repair	Driver Mech.	-	-	357	16	1 Oct.
	Engine Fitters	-	-	91	16	15 Oct.
	Assemblers	-	-	87	16	ditto
	Fitters General	-	-	81	16	ditto
	Electricians	-	-	85	16	ditto
	Fuel Injection	-	-	17	16	ditto
	Sheet Metal Work	-	-	44	16	ditto
	Vulcanisers	-	-	27	16	ditto
	Painters	-	-	28	16	ditto
	Radiator Repairs	-	-	24	16	ditto
	Textile Refitters	-	-	21	16	ditto
I. S. Ind. I. D'AROSTA	Blacksmiths	-	-	26	16	15 Oct.
	Carpenters	-	-	25	16	ditto
	Welders	-	-	30	16	ditto
	Turners	-	-	40	16	ditto
Ind. Ind. G. CALMO	Blacksmiths	-	-	27	16	15 Oct.
	Carpenters	-	-	32	16	ditto
	Welders	-	-	31	16	ditto
Scuola Istrutt M.T.	Instructors	15	35	-	8	1 Oct.
MotORIZATION	Drivers	-	-	691	12	1 Oct.
	Motorcyclist	-	-	76	2	1 Dec.

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(c) Students		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
NCOs.	Troops	Duration. (weeks)	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
-	725	12	1 Oct.	1 Jan. 47	
-	76	12	ditto	ditto	
-	357	16	1 Oct.	1 Febr. 47	
-	91	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr. 47	
-	87	16	ditto	ditto	
-	81	16	ditto	ditto	
-	85	16	ditto	ditto	
-	17	16	ditto	ditto	
-	44	16	ditto	ditto	
-	27	16	ditto	ditto	
-	28	16	ditto	ditto	
-	24	16	ditto	ditto	
-	21	16	ditto	ditto	
-	26	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr. 47	
-	25	16	ditto	ditto	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	40	16	ditto	ditto	
-	27	16	15 Oct.	15 Febr. 47	
-	32	16	ditto	ditto	
-	31	16	ditto	ditto	
35	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	691	12	1 Oct.	31 Dec.	339 recruits passed out since last report.
-	76	2	1 Dec.		Every two weeks.

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration. (weeks)
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.	
Artillery Repair Training Centre	Amourers	-	14	25	10
	Amourers	-	-	-	6
	Preparatory for 8th Gunfitters	-	-	67	3
	Gunfitters	-	-	-	8
	3.7" AA Instrs.	1	4	-	2
Administration and Welfare		NO	COURSE	D.	PROGRAM

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(c) Students.			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
OMPs.	HCOs.	Troops.				
-	14	29	10	7 Oct.	21 Dec.	5 Civilians attending Course.
-	-	-	6	5 Nov.	21 Dec.	
-	-	67	3	5 Nov.	30 Nov.	13 Civilians attending Course.
-	-	-	8	6 Nov.	21 Dec.	
1	4	-	2	25 Nov.	5 Dec.	10 Civilians attending Course.
ED	COURSE	IN	DEPARTMENT			

Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
 1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (Sou

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Reference:	
1.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Ce
2.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727	Ce
3.	School of Artillery RI Branch A/R & A/Tk Branch	Bracciano Civitavecchia	F 4890 F 1891	Ce
4.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891	Ce
5.	Signal School	Cecchignola	F 7458	Ce
6.	Infantry School	Cesano	F 6286	Ce
7.	Police School	Rome	F 724672	Ce

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Appendix 'B' to 12 B.L.U.  
Progress Report No. 24  
dated 5 December 1946

Statement of Italian Schools.

Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Location.	Map Reference:	Commandant	British Liaison Officer.
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Gen. BATTIOLI	Maj. P.G.L. COUSENS
Tor di quinto	F 738727	Col. CUZZINATI	Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (Maj. G.T. HERRIDGE)
Bracciano	F 4890	Col. FAHA	Maj. G.K. ALEXANDER
Civitavecchia	F 1891		
Civitavecchia	F 1891	Col. TARGIONI	Maj. D.A. WILKINSON
Acchignola	F 7458	Col. MANCUSO	Maj. V.M.T. MORECOMBE
Cesano	F 6286	Col. TIZZI	Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (Maj. P.G.L. COUSENS)
Rome	F 724672	Capt. SOLACCA	Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (Maj. G.T. HERRIDGE)

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Serial No	School,	Location,	Map Reference
8.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
9.	School of Motorization	Cecchignola	F 7458
10.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	B-0723

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Location.	Map Reference.	Commandant.	British Liaison Officer.
Cesano	F 6286	Col. DINARI	Maj. F.W. HANTON (Maj. P.G.L. COUSERS)
Cecchignola	F 7458	Col. NEGRI	Maj. C.T. BERRIDGE
Rieti	B 072	Col. GACHET	Maj. R.S.J. NIBBARD

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XIV 12 B.L.U.

76. Major R.R.J. HILDARD R.E. rejoined the unit from BRIVENNE on 3 November 1946.

79. Captain H.R. FRENCH R.E. proceeded to England in release with A/S Gp 45 on 6 November 1946.

80. Major A.L. WHEAT R.E.M.E. rejoined the unit from LILOP on 16 November 1946.

81. Major W.R. WHELAN R.Berks proceeded to England on BRIVENNE on 22 November 1946.

82. Major A. WHELAN R.E.M.E. was posted to H.Q. 1 A.C.R.A. on 25 November 1946.

XV SCHOOL OF ARMORED BATTALIONS

83. Training Areas

The civilian population are being allowed to form adjacent land which is Ministry of War property. Col GUZZINI is perturbed about this as not only does he feel that the close proximity of civilians is bad when training recruits, but also that the training area is being restricted.

XVI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

84. Administration

The Commandant Col BARGIONI is an extremely efficient officer, who puts in his time (often 14 hours a day) into improving things generally. The Chief Instructor and Adjutant are also keen and efficient officers.

XV SCHOOL ON ARMORED CAR83. Living Areas

The civilian population are being allowed to leave adjacent land which is Ministry of War property. Col GUZZINI is perturbed about this as not only does he feel that the ease of admittance of civilians is bad when training recruits, but also that the training area is being restricted.

XVI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS84. Administration

The Commandant Col TARGIONI is an extremely efficient officer, who puts all his time (oft. 14 hours a day) into improving things generally. The Chief Instructor and Adjutant are also keen and efficient officers.

XVII GENERAL REMARKS85. School of Cooperation

The question of attendance at 1/2 of the next course by a small number of Generals and Colonels is under consideration.

86. School of Artillery

This School teaches British methods entirely. These are still regarded with suspicion by many senior Italian Artillery officers, including some of those at the Ministry of War. Colonel PALMA has a full knowledge of British Artillery methods and is probably the only senior Italian officer who is fully convinced of their superiority.

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87. School of Infantry

This school runs demonstrations of a three battalions for visiting officers from other schools. They also now agreed to run similar demonstrations of zeroing and crawling with a view to spreading British methods of instruction in the rifle throughout the army. Instruction in zeroing is carried out very well indeed.

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Lt-Colonel  
G. S.

ROME

5 December 1946

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H.Q. Lord Koroos Sub Comm.A.C. (M.H.I.A.) - (7)

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All Officers 12 B.L.U.  
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Appendix 'C' to 12 B. L. U.  
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STAFF LIST - 12 B. L. U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.O. I	T/Lt. Col.	A.V. CIBBON OBE	(28390)	A. & S.H.
G.S.O. III				

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.C. T/Maj.	R.N.J. HEBBARD	(236667)	R.E.
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SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing	S/Maj.	C.T. BERRIDGE OBE	(120450)	R.A.S.C.
Instr. Major				

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E.	T/Maj.	C.R.F. SAMPSON	(237160)	R.E.M.E.
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NAVYING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf.	T/Maj.	F.V. HAMILTON	(130364)	R. Berks.
Instr. Tactics	W/Maj.	P.C.L. COUSENS	(53734)	D.W.R.

R.A.C. WING.

Instr. R.A.C.				
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R.A. WING.

Instr. Gunnery	T/Maj.	G.F. ALEXANDER	(87447)	R.A.
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R.E. WING.

Instr. R.E.	T/Maj.	D.A. WILKINSON G.H.	(154306)	R.E.
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SERVICES.  
D. & M. Wing  
Instr. Major S/Maj. C.T. HERJIDGE OBE (120450) R.A.S.C.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.E. T/Maj. C.R.F. GAMESON (237160) R.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instr. Inf. T/Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (130364) R. Berks.  
Instr. Tactics W/Maj. P.C.L. COUSINS (53734) D.W.R.

R.A.C. WING.

Instr. R.A.C.

R.A. WING.

Instr. Gunnery T/Maj. G.Z. ALEXANDER (87447) R.A.

R.E. WING.

Instr. R.E. T/Maj. D.A. WILKINSON G.N. (154306) R.E.

R. SIGNALS.

Instr. R. Sigs.

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Appendix 'D' to 12 B. L. U.  
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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against W.E. CM/1018/2 dated 19 Aug '46

(1) Officers

Instr R. Sigs - Major  
G.S.C. III - Capt.

<u>Other Ranks</u>	<u>Sgts</u>	<u>Cpls</u>	<u>Ptes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storeman Tech	-	-	1	1
Instrs R.A.	2	-	-	2
Clerks G.D.	-	-	2	2
Instr R.E.	4	1	-	5
Instr R. Sigs	1	-	-	1
G.D. Men	-	-	1	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers

PRIVILEGE 1 Major (Instr Inf) Due to return Jan '47.

(2) Other Ranks

PRIVILEGE 1 L/Cpl Due to return Dec '46.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(1) Due under PRIVILEGE.

Offrs - 1  
C.R.S - 4

(2) Due under GHO 1352/45

Offrs - 1  
C.R.S - Nil

(3) Due for release in A/S Gps 47 & 47

Offrs - Nil  
C.R.S - 1

How to Sign  
G.D. Men

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(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers

PRIVILEAVE 1 Major (Instr Inf) Due to return Jan '47.

(2) Other Ranks

PRIVILEAVE 1 L/Cpl Due to return Dec '46.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(1) Due under PRIVILEAVE.

Offrs - 1  
O.R.S - 4

(2) Due under GPO 1352/45

Offrs - 1  
O.R.S - Nil

(3) Due for release in A/S Gps 47 & 47

Offrs - Nil  
O.R.S - 1

(4) Due for PYTHON during December

Offrs - Nil  
O.R.S - Nil

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st DECEMBER 1946.

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repa (LR)
1	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	S. 5230009	4282-1998	91018097	E	-
2	HUMMER HEAVY UTILITY 4 x 4	4894164	-	-	E	-
3	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	N. 6175674	23/38555	UV. 6144	E	-
4	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S. 1143	1560869	E	-
5	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	GEN. 154042	E	-
6	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	-
7	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	N. 5661261	-	-	E	-
8	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M. 5101007	-	-	-	YES
9	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	N. 47086	-	-	-	YES

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REPORT STATE AS AT 1st DECEMBER 1946.

Appendix 'E' to 12 B.L.V.  
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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-	Good.
-	-	E	-	-	From 9 VEH. PARK CAFUS Authority : MMIA Q.T. 12 dated 17/10/46.
23/88555	UV. 6144	E	-	-	Serviceable (at SANTA MARIJILLA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DODGE Z. 4982463 Authy : HQ MMIA Q/204 dated 27th May 46.
S. 1443	1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	CPV. 154042	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	-	YES	
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	YES	-	611 German W/Shops. Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L. 5683553 (BLR) Authy MMIA Q/1020 dated 27/7/46
-	-	-	YES	-	611 German W/Shops. From HQ MMIA Authy : Q.T./12 dated 17 Oct. 46.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	W.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Key Rep
10.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-	
11	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5117266	23/2/1048	-	-	YES	
12	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1461106	B. 182	-	E	-	
13	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 5547039	294/235/5209	-	E	-	
14	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 1431654	-	20-21207	E	-	
15	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	C. 4706071	-	20-73779	E	-	
16	DODGE 3 Ton 4 x 2 G.S.	5265380	-	-	E	-	
17	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	2. 162699	-	-	E	-	
18	CHEVROLET HUP	2. 5906855	-	-	E	-	
19	CHEVROLET HUP	2. 5906022	-	-	E	-	
	LANCIA CAR 4 str	1258	-	-	E	-	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and found correct.

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Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	YES	-	
-	E	-	-	Good.
5209 -	E	-	-	Good.
20-21207	E	-	-	Good.
20-73779	E	-	-	Good.
-	E	-	-	From 18 VEH. PARK CASERTA Authy : MIA Q.204 dated 25/10/46 Held for 8 B.L.U., when required
-	E	-	-	Serviceable. On loan from Bologna. An Italian Army Vehicle
-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From MIA Authy : HQ MIA AT/12 dated 17 Oct 46.
-	E	-	-	On loan from Italian Army.

charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected

..... Lt. Colonel,  
G.S.



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14 Nov 46

12 BLU

Subject:- Monthly Progress Report

Ref your Progress Report No 23.

1. (a) Para 19

It is not thought that the addition of a RE storeman would be approved by WEC on the grounds that the ITALIANS have now been in possession of BRIT Eqpt for over two years, and that if we have not yet taught them both to identify and to use it, we should have done.

(b) Para 51

Under the Armistice the ITALIANS are not allowed Hy AA. As a matter of grace one tp was approved for the Arty School in order that a cadre might remain in the ITALIAN Army with some elementary knowledge of the subject.

2. It is not however thought likely that WEC would approve the addition of a special REME Instr to teach the ITALIANS about what is at present prohibited eqpt.

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I SCHOOL OF COOPERATION101 Points1. General Coursesa. First Students Course

1. This course started according to plan on 21 Oct '46. Twenty three student officers are attending of whom sixteen are Infantry, six Artillery and one Engineer. The Ministry of War was approached as soon as it was realised that no reps of the Services were included and it is hoped that three will be arriving very shortly.

2. It is realised that up to the present, with officers liable to resign almost at any moment, the selection of suitable officers to attend courses has presented very considerable difficulty. The future situation must now have clarified itself somewhat and it is therefore urged that the selection of the officers to attend the next student's course should start NOW and not be left to the last minute. It is further urged:

- That only the very best officers are selected.

- That the numbers attending from the various arms be carefully worked out and that a proportion of officers from the Services is always included. This is felt to be of great importance.

3. That the School is informed as far in advance as possible of the names and full professional details of the officers selected to attend courses.

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3. Much of the teaching is new and may easily be regarded as heterodox by officers not fully acquainted, through no fault of their own, with up to date military thought. These officers may very well resent hearing that white is black from officers junior to themselves who have attended courses at the School; it is the sincere wish of the School, not only to try to explain to these officers that white is still white when seen through the correct lens, but also to learn as much as possible from these officers' own experiences in war.
4. It is emphasised that this School, representing as it does the tail, has not the slightest desire to attempt to wag the dog, as represented by the various branches of the War Ministry, the Territorial Commands, and the more senior officers of the Italian Army in general.

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b. Future Courses (Para 4 contd)

4. The School is, however, very much concerned with the necessity to:-
- Inculcate a critical frame of mind with its vital concomitant of constructive thought.
  - Eradicate any tendency to regard the status quo as good enough and,
  - Encourage the idea of learning as much as possible from the successful armies of the last war, not with the idea of fitting the Italian Army to fight the last war again, but to adapt that study to the training and organisation of the Italian Army of the future.

c. Visits

It is again emphasised that the School cannot have too many visitors and it is very much hoped that senior officers of all branches of the Service may find it possible to pay visits, particularly on the occasions of outdoor exercises.

d. Demonstrations

1. As a result of an invitation extended by Wing Comdr GREECE, D.R.C. of Air Force Sub-Commission, Gen MATTEOLI, MASS PENNETTI and GSO II Tactics attended a demonstration near UDINE on 24 Oct '46 of modern methods of tactical air support. This was an extremely interesting demonstration and will form the subject of one or more lectures in both this and subsequent courses.
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#### 3. Vehicles

Vehicle situation is as follows:-

Type	W.E.	Present	Efficient	Under repair	E.L.R. Remarks
Bus	5	3	3	-	-
3 Ton	3	5	4	1	Engine
15 cwt	3	2	-	1	Engine
Jeep	3	2	2	-	-
P.U.	3	1	1	-	Engine
Civilian Cars	4	4	3	1	-
M/C	6	6	4	2	-

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II SCHOOL OF ARMORED CARS'G' Points4. General Remarks - Training

The officers and N.C.C.'s course which terminated on 10 Oct has been very successful, only 4 out of 71 students having failed. The complete results of the course was as follows:

Excellent	23
Very Good	24
Good	15
Satisfactory	5
Unsatisfactory	4

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'G' Points5. Accommodation

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The 5.5 Medium Conversion Course under British instruction has had to be again postponed on account of the absence of essential gun stores. Efforts are now being made to obtain a temporary release of this material from FORTECAVANO. Permission is being sought from the Ministry of Supply and A.R.A.R.

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The Cart-wheel sights required for L.A.A., mentioned in 706 previous reports, are now being produced locally.

7. Training Areas

The situation has deteriorated. It is being made the subject of a separate report.

8. General

## a. Courses Completed during Month.

Type of Course	No of Students	Commenced	Finished	Passed	Failed
1st Conversion Course for Regt Commanders	17	15 Oct '46	26 Oct '46	17	Nil

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8. General (contd)

b. Forecast of Courses

A CRA's course is due to start on 15 Nov. A IO's course for cadets from IECCE is being arranged. It is hoped to commence a series of C.F.O., G.F.O. and T.C.'s courses, based on the British syllabi. Much preparation and instruction within the School itself is, however, necessary before these courses can be successfully undertaken.

c. General Remarks

Now that the Arty R.T.C. has been successfully established as a separate unit at CIVITAVECCHIA, the School of Artillery is available for officer and N.C.O. instructional courses.

It is very apparent, however, that the standard of knowledge among instructors is not yet equal to teaching on the desired level. Hitherto instruction on British methods, less the actual gundrill, has been confined to general principles. If any advantages are to be gained, however, the complete drills must be taught in order to achieve the object, namely, speed with accuracy. In order to do this time is required to allow instructors to gain proficiency in British methods with frequent criticism from the resident British Instructor in Gunnery.

Already very considerable progress has been made in this direction during this month. Unless, however, the Inspector of Artillery is prepared to accept a reduced training programme for a few months it will be very difficult for the Commandant of the School of Artillery to find time to organise this advanced training for his instructors under British supervision.

'M' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

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The acquisition of a few Italian gun tractors, TL 37's and TM 40's, has considerably eased the problem of bad weather cross-country traction. In particular the 4 TM 40's received are very welcome. 205  
5.5 guns are now mobile.

11. Accommodation Stores

The situation here continues to improve. The first four new class-rooms are already equipped and in a manner which would do credit to any instructional institution.

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IV. ADVANCED INFANTRY TRAINING CENTER - CIVITA' VECCHIA.11. Points12. Training Stores

I.A.A. training has been simplified by the local manufacture of cartwheel sights.

14. Points13. General

There is still much to be done before the R.T.C. can run at 100% efficiency, but the framework appears to be sound.

10. Points14. Accommodation

The contractor for the work in the DUCA D'ACSTA barracks is to be complimented. At the present rate of progress the DUCA D'ACSTA barracks will be ready before BRACCIANO although work started on BRACCIANO many months ago.

15. Clothing

Recruits are well turned out. The old worn uniforms of the permanent staff still remain.

10. Points16. Training Areas

The training areas existing at CIVITA' VECCHIA are sufficient for fieldwork, demolitions etc, but the absence of any real war gyps makes conditions bad for practical bridging.

17.General - Courses

a. Courses completed during the month

the Staff Officer Course, which was completed.

15. Clothing

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V SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS15. Points16. Training Areas

The training areas existing at OVIHAWACHIN are sufficient for fieldwork, demolitions etc, but the absence of dry and wet gaps makes conditions bad for practical bridging.

17. General Coursesa. Courses completed during the month

70% passed in the Infantry Pioneer Course, which was completed during the month.

b. Recruits Course

The Recruits Course finishes on 16 Nov. A total of 988 recruits is divided into two Bns. About 54% in each Bn come from Elementary Schools. Out of 435 recruits in the 1st Bn 200 are 3.4% illiterates, and out of 553 in the 2nd Bn there are 17% illiterates.

c. Future Courses

It is suggested that a 6 months course of Engineer Training should be run for officers. A course similar to an R.E. C.C.I. course seems preferable. A detailed proposal will follow at a later date.

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17. General - Courses (Contd)d. General Remarks. Recruit Training

The lack of sufficient stores and instructors impedes progress considerably, but there has been marked improvement and the recruits are keen.

18. Training Stores

There is still a great lack of training stores. The Commandant of the School has submitted a list of his requirements to the Ministry of War, but at present the stores are at CAMPSHED under the control of A.R.A.R.

19. Points19. Instructors

The School is still very much below strength in instructors. Those existing are of a fairly high standard. A British sapper storeman is very necessary for recognition and sorting out of stores at the School.

20. Welfare

The film projector has been repaired and there are film shows at the Barracks.

21. Discipline

Discipline requires considerable improvement. Within a week 2 N.C.O.'s and 178 C.R.'s (10% of the total strength) have been the subjects of disciplinary action - mostly for absenteeism of 2 to 3 days. This is after one month's training.

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24. Vehicles

Vehicles are up to strength and in good condition.

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25. Accommodation Stores

These are completely inadequate. Tables and forms for the Mess Rooms have long been demanded.

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VI. SCHOOL OF SIGNALS1. Points26. Training Stores

All requirements will be satisfied without difficulty when the stores at FOWBRACUNO are finally released and moved to ROME.

27. General Remarks - Recruit Training

The first Radio Mechanics and Telegraph Mechanics courses finished on 28 October. Recruits will be included in next month's report.

2. Points28. Instructors

There is still a deficiency of 34 subaltern instructors, and there seems to be no hope of this situation being rectified.

3. Points29. Vehicles

The transport situation is now more acute than ever owing to the fact that:

- a. The School has not to train driver-operators, and most of its holding of vehicles are reserved for domestic purposes.
- b. The School is now in possession of only 20 efficient motor-cycles, and of these only 5 have tyres. The training of despatch riders is therefore extremely difficult.

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VII. SCHOOL OF INFANTRY



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### THE SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

### 19. Points

#### 30. Training Areas

The 3<sup>rd</sup> mortar ranges at CESANO and MANZIANA are the subject of local disturbances with the peasants. Under the present land occupation, however, the peasants contend that they are unable to let the ground be used for firing. Until the Ministry of War either requisitions or purchases land for ranges and training areas it will be difficult for the School to function satisfactorily.

#### 31. General - Courses

- a. The 3<sup>rd</sup> mortar instructor course is well organised and the standard of instruction is good. Small squads of about 12 officers and N.C.O.'s are taught by N.C.O. instructors, who are all capable.

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31. General - Courses - Contd

b. The following courses have terminated in October.

Day Cadets and Pl Officers Tactical course,  
 Pl Officers Course in Pl weapons  
 Pl Officers Instructors Course  
 Pl Officer Recruits Course.

c. The following courses commenced in October.

Instructors Course 3" mortar  
 Instructors Course 81 mm mortar  
 Pl Officers Course Breda,  
 Pl Officers and Pl Officers Tactical Course.

32. Points33. Instructors

There is at present a deficiency of 28 Junior officers and 65 N.C.O. Instructors, but it is hoped that most of these deficiencies will be made up before the recruit courses start in January.

34. Welfare

A parent's meeting was held on 17 Oct and was enthusiastically received by the students, whose welfare facilities at present are limited to a canteen and wireless, with a trip to ROME on Sundays.

During the summer months there is an open air theatre and cinema, which of course cannot be used in winter.

35. Points36. Vehicles

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 7 Trash carriers

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'Q' Points

34. Vehicles

The main shortage of vehicles is:

1/3 Motor cycles  
42 1/2 cwt  
1 Troop Carriers

VIII POLICE SCHOOL

'G' Points

35. General

The 10th Course commenced on 14 Oct for 18 Offrs and 101 N.C.O.'s and 100 Civilians. The instruction during the first fortnight of the course has been good.

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

36. Accommodation

Available accommodation has now been allocated to the School, and the layout of sleeping accommodation and messrooms is now much more satisfactory than in the previous courses.

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IX. P. T. SCHOOL10. Points37. Training

A lot of training is done in ROTC at the running track at CARACALLA. The students show a great deal of enthusiasm for the sports meetings, and a fairly good standard of athletics is achieved.

11. Points

Nothing to report.

12. Points38. Clothing

120 pairs of P.T. shoes of Italian manufacture have been received, and they should see the School through at least another 3 courses.

X. SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION10. Points39. GeneralCourses in Progress

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11. Points40. Instructors

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A considerable number of Senior M.C.O. Instructors are due for release in the near future and difficulty is being found in providing replacements. It is suggested that some of the more promising recruits are retained at the end of the present course to fill the W.E.

41. Administrative Staff

This continues to function smoothly but the practice of posting recruits at the end of the course by name, is still, with the exception of 8 Territorial Command, in existence. The Commandant of the Schools has again taken this matter up with the Ministry of War.

42. Welfare

Although the very good welfare officer, who is responsible for the canteen, is in hospital, the canteen continues to give very good service under a replacement officer.

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42. Welfare (Contd)

A new projector has just been purchased at a cost of 500,000 lire and this will allow training films to be shown in the theatre.

'Q' Points43. Accommodation

Two further blocks have now been completed and the position is easier. The main building is now being prepared for the officers course due to start on 1 Jan and when completed will be able to house approx 80 student officers.

The officers club is now in operation and a billiard table and piano have been provided.

44. Vehicles

Seven new Italian 3 ton load carriers have arrived and information has been received that more can be expected in November, the position, however, is still serious and there is a shortage in the W.E. of over 300 vehicles. The Commandant however states that Gen ROSSI and Col AIOLA are taking an interest and that steps are being taken to improve the position.

XI MOTOR REPAIR TRAINING CENTRE'G' Points45. Training Stores

1 Ford staff car chassis and one 15 cwt chassis have been supplied during the month, together with a number of wall diagrams of allied vehicles, and a number of minor assemblies, but many more are still required for instructional purposes.

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Work not yet completed for the accn of students, but may be ready by the end of November. Accn was ready for the 15 officers who arrived on 1 Oct and the general position is improving, although some furniture is still required.

48. Vehicles

The vehicle situation is bad. (See table below).  
School of Motorisation incl Specialist Repair Branch

Type	W.E.	Held	S	U/S	Deficiency (1 minus 2)	Columns
M/Cycles	100	40	10	30	60	
Cars	25	10	6	4	15	
15 Cwts	40	39+	9	30	1	+ incl Italian
3 Ton	248	175++	48	127	73	Vehs
Hvy Vehs	25	Nil	-	-	25	++ incl 12
Summary	438	264	73	197	174	Leyland 6 X 4

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## 48. Vehicles (Contd)

It will be seen from the above table that a practical deficiency of 365 exists.

## XII ACHIEVING MAINTAINING THE HIGH CALIBRE

## 49. Points

## 49. Training Stores

There has been an appreciable change since the last report. A small number of tools etc have been released from HICOMZ, and arrangements have been made for their collection.

## 50. General

A conference was held at H.C. Central Military Schools to discuss the separation of S.M.O. from the School of Arty and to decide the future training tasks of S.M.O. The following points were agreed to by the S.M.O. and Arty Inspectorate (represented by Col DE PAUL).

- a. Complete separation of S.M.O. from the School of Arty.
- b. Training of Gunners and Artificers by the Inspectorate of Arty. 2010.
- c. Training of Gunners by the PUBLIC D'ARMY of HICOMZ.
- d. That S.M.O. should be under direct control of the Director General of Arty.

General HICOMZ opposed point (c) above on the grounds that discipline of Gunners would suffer.

Since the above mentioned conference took place further discussions indicate that the Director General of Arty and the Inspectorate of Arty are in favour of retaining the previous system having the Gunners School at TIENTI and the Arty Repair School at HICOMZ.

The matter is still being discussed between the Central Schools and the Arty branches concerned and it is in the view of the Inspectorate of these two branches



the future training tasks of S.I.C., the following points were agreed to by the S.I.C. and Artv. Directorate (represented by Col DE FAIR).

- a. Complete separation of S.I.C. from the School of Artv. Training of Gunfitters and Artificers by the Directorate of Artv. DDT.
- b. Training of instructors by the AMERICA SCHOOL of ARTV. That S.I.C. should be under direct control of the Director General of Artv.

General RYCO omitted point (c) above on the grounds that discipline of trainees would suffer.

Since the above mentioned conferences took place further discussions indicate that the Director General of Artv. and the Directorate of Artv. are in favour of returning to a previous system having the armours school at WISNI and the Artv. Repair School at WISNI.

The matter is still being discussed between the Control School and the Artv. Branch concerned and 12-5-44.

In view of the importance of these two training establishments it is felt that a preliminary recommendation to decide suitability of the proposed sites should be carried out before a firm decision is reached.

14. Points

51. Instructions

10. Points

52. Communication Stores

Barely sufficient benches etc are held for the number of students under instruction at the present time.

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A British Instructor on 3.7-inch gun. Part is still required.

XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE'G' Points53. General

- a. The courses for Cooks, Storemen and Accountants have been prolonged for another week. All courses will therefore finish on 2 Nov. Progress in general has been satisfactory, and particularly in the plastic modellers and draughtsmen's courses.
- b. The Ministry of War has now decided to continue running courses on democracy at RIEM. It is not yet known when these courses will begin.

'A' Points54. Welfare

No further progress has been made in constructing a new Welfare Centre to take the place of the DOPOLAVORO PLAGGLA.

'Q' Points55. Accommodation

Repeated requests have been made to the Engineer Directorate for several important repairs and constructional work - notable heating - but as yet no action has been taken

56. Clothing

Winter clothing has not yet been issued.

57. Vehicles

All vehicles are efficient. A Light Utility and an Ambulance are still awaited.

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Colonel

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## PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS NOV.

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Revised.	(f) Year
		Offs.	NAs.	Troops.			
Cooperation.	1st Course for Senior Officers	25	-	-	8	21 Oct.	16
Armoured Cars.	Instructors Recruits	31	69	-	8	28 Oct.	28
		-	-	130	8	28 Oct.	28
Artillery.	25 ptr.	33	53	-	5	7 Oct.	17
	A/Tk	37	71	-	5	7 Oct.	17
	.....	8	15	-	5	7 Oct.	17
	1st R.H.C.'s Course ditto	15	-	-	5	14 Oct.	16
Artillery Recruit Training Centre.	A.L.... A/Tk.	-	-	420	8	7 Oct.	
		-	-	380	8	7 Oct.	
Engineers.	Recruit Course.	-	-	986	8	20 Sep.	1
Signal.	Telegraph Tech.	-	-	36	16	23 Sep.	1
	Switchboard Op.	-	-				
	- Telephonist	-	-	433	16	ditto	
	Wireless Op.	-	-	308	16	ditto	
	Driver Operator	-	-	48	16	ditto	
	Radio-Mechanics	-	-	66	24	23 Sep.	
	Operator Line & Teleprinter	-	-	45	16	23 Sep.	
	Electricians	-	-	70	?	?	
	Despatch Riders	-	-	142	?	?	
Int line Operator	-	-	102	8	13 Jan. 47		

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COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS NOV. 1946.

(c) Units	(d) Troops	(e) Duration (weeks)	(f) Begins.	(g) Ends.	(h) Remarks.
1	-	8	21 Oct.	16 Dec.	
9	-	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
1	130	8	28 Oct.	28 Dec.	
3	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	4th Course N.Y.A.
4	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
3	-	5	7 Oct.	11 Nov.	
1	-	5	14 Oct.	18 Nov.	
8	-	5	21 Oct.	25 Nov.	
1	420	8	7 Oct.	2 Dec.	
1	380	8	7 Oct.	2 Dec.	
1	988	8	20 Sep.	16 Nov.	
1	36	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
1	433	16	ditto	ditto	
1	308	16	ditto	ditto	
1	48	16	ditto	ditto	
1	66	24	23 Sep.	10 Mar. 47	
1	45	16	23 Sep.	13 Jan. 47	
1	78	?	?	?	
1	142	?	?	?	
1	104	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops			
Signal (contd)	Inf Wireless Op.	-	-	494	8	13 Jan. 47	10 Mar. 47
	Arty Driver Op.	-	-	143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.
	Arty Signaller	-	-	393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.
Infantry.	Instructors Platoon	53	73	-	8	8 Oct.	15 Nov.
	Instructors Platoon Mortar	25	100	-	8	5 Nov.	26 Dec.
	Instructor Platoon	-	25	-	7	28 Oct.	21 Dec.
	Junior Leaders Tactical Course	25	100	-	8	28 Oct.	21 Dec.
	For Sqr Offrs & NCOs.	20	20	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.
	GAR Instrs. Course	20	12	-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.
Police.	Regimental Police	14	101 NCOs	-	4	14 Oct.	14 Nov.
			CC. RR.				
P.F.	Regimental Instrs.	20	27	-	12	12 Aug.	4 Nov.
<u>MECHANIZATION AND M.R.T.C.</u>							
Drivers Training	Drivers	-	-	1067	12	1 Oct.	1 Jan. 47
	M/Cyclists	-	-	114	2	1 Oct.	14 Oct.
Spec. Repair	Driver Mechs.	-	-	345	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb. 47
	Engine Fitters	-	-	95	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47
	Assemblers	-	-	80	16	ditto	ditto
	Fitters General	-	-	80	16	ditto	ditto
	Electricians	-	-	80	16	ditto	ditto
	Fuel Injection	-	-	80	16	ditto	ditto
	Sheet metal work	-	-	80	16	ditto	ditto
	Vulcanizers Painters	-	-	24	16	ditto	ditto

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	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Troops	Duration. (weeks)	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
494	8	15 Jan. 47	30 Mar. 47	
143	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
393	8	10 Oct.	5 Dec.	
-	8	8 Oct.	15 Nov.	
-	8	5 Nov.	28 Dec.	
-	7	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
-	8	28 Oct.	21 Dec.	
-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
-	4	5 Nov.	5 Dec.	
-	16	14 Oct.	14 Nov.	
-	12	12 Aug.	4 Nov.	
067	12	1 Oct.	1 Jan. 47	13 ATOL. This Course should be only 2 weeks duration, but it has been extended due to the great shortage of motor-cycles.
114	2	1 Oct.	14 Oct.	
345	16	1 Oct.	1 Feb. 47	
93	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
81	16	ditto	ditto	
31	16	ditto	ditto	
1692	16	ditto	ditto	
7	16	ditto	ditto	
21	16	ditto	ditto	
21	16	ditto	ditto	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students			(d) Duration. (weeks)	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
AUTORIZATION AND M.R.T.C. (contd.)							
Spec. Repair	Radiator Reprs.	-	-	23	16	15 Oct.	1
	Textile Refitters	-	-	23	16	ditto	
Inst. Ind. Duc D'Aceta	Blacksmiths	-	-	25	16	15 Oct.	1
	Carpenters	-	-	25	16	ditto	
	Welders	-	-	30	16	ditto	
	Tuners	-	-	39	16	ditto	
Dist. Ind. S. Gallileo	Blacksmiths	-	-	37	16	15 Oct.	1
	Carpenters	-	-	30	16	ditto	
	Welders	-	-	31	16	ditto	
Scuola Istrutt. I.T.	Instructors	15	35	-	8	1 Oct.	
Artillery Repair Training Centre.	Armourers	-	-	32	7	16 Sep.	1
	Armourers	-	14	26	10	7 Oct.	1
	Armourers	-	-	20	7	29 Oct.	1
	Cunfitters	-	-	24	7	29 Oct.	1
	Armourers	-	-	70	7	3 Nov.	2
				(approx)			
Administration and Welfare.	NO COURSES IN NOVEMBER.						

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(c) Students		(d) Duration. (weeks)	(a) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(e) Remarks.
NCOS.	Troops.				
-	23	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	23	16	ditto	ditto	
-	25	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	25	16	ditto	ditto	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	39	16	ditto	ditto	
-	57	16	15 Oct.	15 Feb. 47	
-	30	16	ditto	ditto	
-	31	16	ditto	ditto	
25	-	8	1 Oct.	1 Dec.	
-	30	7	16 Sep.	4 Nov.	27 arrived to attend course.
-	26	10	7 Oct.	16 Dec.	28 arrived to attend course.
-	20	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	29 arrived to attend course.
-	24	7	29 Oct.	17 Dec.	29 arrived to attend course.
-	20	7	3 Nov.	23 Dec.	
	(approx)				
III NOVEMBER.					

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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref: Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	U.S. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 733727
4.	School of Artillery PA Branch A/A & A/Tk Branch	Bracciano	F 4390
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Civitavecchia	F 1891
7.	Infantry School	Coccolignola	F 7458
8.	Police School	Medano	F 6286
9.	F.T. School	Rome	F 724672
10.	School of Motorization	Cesano	F 6286
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Coccolignola	F 7458
		Aloti	B 7723

3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727
4.	School of Artillery RD Branch A/A & A/Tk Branch	Bracciano	F 4490
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1894
6.	Signal School	Civitavecchia	F 1841
7.	Infantry School	Cecchiagnola	F 7458
8.	Police School	Cesano	F 6286
9.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 724672
10.	School of Meterisation	Cesano	F 6286
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Cecchiagnola	F 7458
		Rieti	B 7723

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12 B.L.U.  
General Points

Staff List 12 B.L.U.  
Staff List Italian Central  
Military Schools

Deficiencies in All Rents  
as against W.E.  
Domestic Transport State  
as at 1 October 1946.

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58. Major R.N.J. HIBBARD R.E. proceeded to England on PRIVILEGE on 4 October 1946.

59. Major C.T. HERRIDGE R.A.S.C. rejoined the unit from PRIVILEGE on 12 October 1946.

60. Major D. WILKINSON R.E. joined the unit on 14 October 1946 filling the vacancy of Instructor R.E. who left 20 September, vice Major W.E. CHAPMAN on FINCH.

XV GENERAL POINTS61. School of Cooperation

This School is trying very hard to encourage independent thought on the tactical and administrative doctrine of the Italian Army.

62. Attached Car School

This School has the following problems.

a. Accommodation for recruits.  
1. Temporary Caserma. - This is very unsatisfactory and is too far from the School.

2. Final - TOR DI QUINTO BASSO. This is at present used by the British Petrol Point.

b. Final location for School.  
Eventually the School will probably become an Arm Car and Tank Training Centre. There appear to be three alternatives:-

- a. To remain at TOR DI QUINTO
- b. To move to TARQUINIA
- c. To keep the Arm Car's at TOR DI QUINTO and establish the tanks at TARQUINIA.

63. School of Artillery - CIVITAVECCHIA

The barracks are unfinished and the water supply is poor.

62. Armoured Car School

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- a. Accommodation for recruits.
  - 1. Temporary Caserma. - This is very unsatisfactory and is too far from the School.
  - 2. Final - TOR DI QUINTO MASSO. This is at present used by the British Petrol Point.
- b. Final location for School.
 

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  - a. To remain at TOR DI QUINTO
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  - c. To keep the Arm'd Car's at TOR DI QUINTO and establish the tanks at TARQUINIA.

63. School of Artillery - CIVITAVECCHIA

- a. The barracks are unfinished and the water supply is poor.
- b. Until S.M.O.A. moves there will not be room for the 25 pr Recruit's Wing.

64. School of Artillery - BRACCIANO

The biggest problem is ranges. Until land is bought or hired, firing can be stopped at the whim of the Contadini.

65. SABAUDIA

The A.S. Wing of the School is moving to SABAUDIA next year. This will be a big improvement.

66. H.Q. Central Military Schools

The abolition of H.Q. Central Schools is a logical measure, which will result in greater efficiency provided that a D.M.L. is established. As it stands at present the new organization does not appear to provide for coordination.

67. School of Engineers

This school will not be satisfactory until it is settled in its final location.

68. School of Signals

This is one of the best Schools, and is taking its place as a real centre for the Signal Corps. It needs:

- a. A separate Signal Branch at S.M.S.
- b. Married quarters.

69. School of Infantry

The main need of this School is training and firing areas. The problem is similar to that at BRACCIANO.

70. School of Motorisation and M.F.R.C.

This School cannot function fully until it gets a full establishment of vehicles.

71. S.M.O.A.

This School needs to be moved to its final location.

72. P.T. School

This School needs to be moved from CESSANO.

73. Police School

This School has the difficult task of teaching Traffic Control to Carabinieri, which is foreign to their tradition. When British influence is withdrawn, the difficulties of the School will probably increase.

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This School teaches Welfare, but its own Welfare facilities are poor.

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November 1946.

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all officers 12 B.L.U.  
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G.S.



Appendix 'C' to 12 D.S.H.  
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dated November 1966  
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STAFF LIST - 12 D.S.H. U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

C.S.O. I	T/Lt. Col	A.W. GIBBY CBE	(20390)	A. & S.H.
C.S.O. I.II	T/Capt	W.A. THURTELLAN	(256126)	R.B.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	T/Maj.	R.W.J. HERRARD	(236667)	R.D.
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SERVICES

D. & M. WING Instr. Major	W/Maj.	C.T. FERGUSON CBE	(120430)	A.A.S.O.
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ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

D.A.D.M.L. ditto	T/Maj. T/Maj.	A.T. TWID C.R.J. GARRICK	(230314) (237160)	A.E.M.E. R.A.M.E.
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TRAINING BRANCH

Instructor Inf. Instructor Tactics	T/Maj. W/Maj.	F.W. HAMILTON P.G.L. CHUMLEY	(130364) (237160)	R. Books. D.W.R.
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R.A. WING

Instr. Gunnery	T/Maj.	G.K. ALKALAHER	(07447)	R.A.
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R.B. WING

Instr. R.D.	T/Maj.	D.A. WILKINSON	G.M. (194506)	R.D.
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T. & B. WING  
Instr. Major

W/Maj. C.T. HERJUDGE CMC (120450) R.A.S.G.

ELEMENTAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

D.A.D.M.E.  
ditto

T/Maj. A.T. TWING (250819) R.H.M.E.  
T/Maj. C.R.F. CAMPSON (237160) R.H.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH

Instructor Inf.  
Instructor Tactics

T/Maj. F.W. HAMILTON (130394) R. BONKS.  
W/Maj. P.G.L. OGDEN (13734) D.W.R.

R.A. WING

Instr. Gunnery

T/Maj. C.K. ALEXANDER (117447) R.A.

R.E. WING

Instr. R.E.

T/Maj. D.A. WILKINSON G.M. (154306) R.D.

R. SIGNALS

Instr. R. Sigs.

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ATTACHED

Approved: 121 to 123, E. U.  
 Report No. 23  
 November 1946  
 (insert with Supplement)

(A) Details of All Ranks as against W.R. 37/1019/2 Cases 1946

(1) Officers

Instr. R. Sigs - Majors

(2) Other Ranks.	S/Sigts	Sigts	Capt	Prsn	Total
App. Art Ad	1	-	-	-	1
Exec Vcl. PLANT	-	-	-	1	1
Clerk Tech RMT	-	-	-	1	1
Instrs R.A.	-	2	-	-	2
Clerks C.F. Any Arm	-	1	-	1	1
Instr R.E.	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Op W/T R. Sigs	-	1	-	-	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return

(1) Officers

LILCP  
 PRIVATE  
 1 Major (RICE) Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Major (RE) Due to return Nov. 1946.

(2) Other Ranks

PRIVATE  
 1 C.O.M.S.  
 1 S/Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.  
 1 Sgt Due to return Nov. 1946.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(1) Due under MILP, PRIVATE etc.

Offrs.  
 C.O.M.S.

(2) Due under W.R. 1350/45

Offrs.  
 Sigs.

(3) Due for Release in 4/3 Ops 45,46,47.

Offrs.  
 Sigs.

(B) Details of All Ranks on Leave and when Due to Return.(1) Officers.

1 Major (RMSE)	Due to return Nov. 1946.
1 Major (RM)	Due to return Nov. 1946.

(2) Other Ranks

1 C. J. M. S.	Due to return Nov. 1946.
1 S/Sgt	Due to return Nov. 1945.
1 Slt	Due to return Nov. 1945.
1 Spr	Due to return Nov. 1946.

(C) Details of All Ranks due for Leave in the immediate future.

(1) Due under MILP, PRIVILEGE etc.

OFFICERS.	-
Enl. 's	4

(2) Due under CPC 1352/45

OFFICERS.	-
Enl. 's	-

(3) Due for Release in A/S Ops 45,45,47,

OFFICERS.	4
Enl. 's	4

(4) Due for PUTION during November

OFFICERS.	111
Enl. 's	4

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## DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st NOVEMBER 1946.

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	I.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Repair
1.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5230009	4282-1998	91018097	E	-	-
2.	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 4740602	23959	O/D. 2079	E	-	-
3.	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	L. 6175674	23/38555	UV. 6144	E	-	-
4.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100869	S. 1443	1560869	E	-	-
5.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871	-	CEV. 154042	E	-	-
6.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386	-	-	-	LR	-
7.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	H. 5661261	-	-	E	-	-
8.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	Z. 5101007	-	-	E	-	-
9.	HILLMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	W. 477086	-	-	E	-	-
10.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLO	5210043	-	-	E	-	-

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REPORT STATE AS AT 1st NOVEMBER 1946.

Appendix 'F' to 12 B.L.U.  
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Tract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
2-1998	91015097	E	-	-	Good
259	C/D. 2079	E	-	-	Serviceable. Shortly to be handed over to M.M.I.A.
18555	UV. 6114	E	-	-	Serviceable (At SANTA MARINELLA) Held in lieu of 15 cwt DOLGE No. 4982463 Authy : HQ M.M.I.A. 2/204 dated 27th May 46.
1143	1560869	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	UV. 154042	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	-	LR	-	638 W/S. Brakes faulty.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. Held in lieu of 3 Ton Chevrolet L. 5683553 (BLR) Authy : HQ M.M.I.A. 2/4020 dated 27/7/46
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable (At SANTA MARINELLA) From HQ M.M.I.A. Authy : Q.T./12 dated 17 Oct 46.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.

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on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected  
 Lt. Colonel, .....  
 C.S.

Contract No.	Character No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
23/3/101B	-	B	-	-	Good.
B 152	-	B	-	-	Good.
294/235/5209	-	B	-	-	Good.
24.20-1207	-	LN	-	-	552 B/S
24.20-7179	-	-	-	BLR	
	-	B	-	-	Serviceable, hold on loan from 24.20. Shortly to be handed over to BETA.
	-	B	-	-	Serviceable, on loan from BETA in Indian Army Vehicle.
	-	B	-	-	Serviceable.
	-	B	-	-	Serviceable, from NETA Army : HQ NETA 41/12 dated 17 Oct 46.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	V.D. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (IR)	Local Repair (IR)	Beyond Repair
11.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLD	C. 5117266	93/3/1048	-	B	-	-
12.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLD	C. 1461135	B. 162	-	E	-	-
13.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLD	C. 5947939	294/255/5209	-	B	-	-
14.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLD	C. 4231654	-	104.20-21207	-	12	-
15.	Motor Cycle BSA 500 C.C. SOLD	C. 4706071	-	104.20-71779	-	-	-
16.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 5338723	-	-	E	-	-
17.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z. 162699	-	-	E	-	-
18.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906255	-	-	E	-	-
19.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z. 5906022	-	-	E	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and found correct.



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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
182	-	E	-	-	Good.
182	-	E	-	-	Good.
182	-	E	-	-	Good.
-	20-21207	-	LR	-	538 W/3
-	20-75719	-	-	BLR	
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. Held on loan from SER. Shortly to be handed over to BLR.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. On loan from BOLOGNA. An Italian Army Vehicle.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable.
-	-	E	-	-	Serviceable. From BLR Authy : BLR AT/12 dated 17 Oct 46.

charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected

..... Lt. Colonel,  
U.S.

MAJOR BERRIDGE

SUBJECT : 12 P.M.S. Progress Report.

12 ELU.  
C. I. E.

(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext : 515)

G. 33.

21 October 1946.

TO : All Officers 12 B.L.U.  
S.O. R.Sigs. M.M.I.A.  
Capt. R.L.S.C. M.M.I.A.

1. Officers are requested to forward progress reports to this H.Q. by the 28th October in accordance with A.O/6/5/2057 dated 15 August 1946.
2. All officers are reminded that headings should be listed in the order 'G', 'A' and 'Q' and not in the order 'A', 'Q' and 'G' as previously requested.

*C. R. Lawry*  
Capt. R.B.  
GSO III.

VC/gm.

2. All officers are reminded that headings should be listed in the order 'G', 'A' and 'Q' and not in the order 'A', 'Q' and 'G' as previously requested.

vc/gm.

*C. R. L. L. L.*  
Capt. R.B.  
GSO III.

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by the 2nd October in accordance with 10/5/57 dated 13 August 1957.

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Subject : Progress Report - School of Cooperation

12 B.L.U.  
C.M.F.

(Tel ROME 482081 Ext 545)

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October 1946.

To : H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.L.A.) (7)

H.Q.  
Italian Central Military Schools (2)

Reference this H.Q. G.33 dated 3 October 1946.

Herewith Progress Report for September on the School of Cooperation.



Lt-Colonel  
G.S.

NET/VS

Internal

All Officers 12 B.L.U.

Reference this H.Q. G.33 dated 3 October 1946.  
Herewith Progress Report for September on the School of Cooperation.



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SCHOOL OF COOPERATION'G' Points1. Instructors Course

a. This course terminated on 21 Sep '46. Eight officers are being retained on the staff of the school either as instructors or on the H.Q. The former will require considerable practice before they can be considered as competent instructors and it is the policy of the school that they should receive this practice in subsequent courses, working under close supervision of the Chief Instructors.

b. It is hoped that those who return to their units and firms will do their utmost to spread the gospel. Owing to the shortage of trained instructors, courses are of necessity small and it will take a very long time for the teaching to make itself felt in the Italian Army as a whole if those who attend these courses do not disseminate really energetically what they have learnt.

2. First Students Course

a. The first students course is due to start on 21 Oct '46 and finish on 21 Dec '46 (nine weeks). About twenty five students are expected. The scope of this course will be roughly the same as that of the previous course except that certain important aspects of minor tactics will be dealt with in more detail, eg patrolling. It is intended that some of the more promising students should be retained as instructors and that in this way the school will gradually be built up to its full capacity.

3. Visits

Gen CADORNA visited the school on 20 Sep '46 and expressed himself as very well satisfied. It is hoped that officers of all ranks of S.M.E. will pay visits to the school as it is obviously most desirable that there should be the closest possible liaison between S.M.E. and the school.

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### 'A' Points

#### 4. Instructors

- a. In the Tactics section 12 instructors are present out of a W.E. of 19.
- b. In the Adm Section, two are present out of a W.E. of four.
- c. These figures do not include the eight new instructors.

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#### 5. Health

Generally good.

### 'Q' Points

#### 6. Accommodation

The situation with regard to the accommodation of married families of both officers and O.R.'s in CIVITAVECCHIA is still very unsatisfactory and is the subject of a separate letter.

#### 7. Vehicles

See Appx 'A'. Like ourselves, the Italian Army is suffering from a dearth of trained and experienced drivers with its inevitable adverse effect on the standard of maintenance.

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SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

TRANSPORT

Type	Estb	Present	Pit	Under Repair	B.L.R.	Remarks
Bus	5	2	2	-	-	-
3 Ton	3	6	4	1	1	Engine
15 Cwt	3	3	-	1	2	Engine
Jeep	3	2	2	-	-	-
Utility	3	1	1	-	-	-
Civilian Cars	4	4	3	1	-	Engine
M/C	6	6	6	-	-	-



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2 October 1946.

To : H.Q.  
 Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.) (20)

H.Q.  
 Italian Central Military Schools (2)

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I. SCHOOL OF COOPERATION

Owing to the absence of the Instructor in Tactics the report on the School of Cooperation will be presented at a later date.

II. SCHOOL OF AMMUNITION1. Points.1. General Remarks - Report Training.

The Ministry of War has recognized the question of training recruits at the Ammunition Depot. The reasons for this is not yet known.

2. Points.

Nothing further to report.

3. Points.

Nothing further to report.

III. SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY1. Points.2. Training Areas.

Use of the so-called training areas in the vicinity of BRUGGIANO is dependent at present on the size of the division population. It is not always possible to exercise the volume of the usual division, particularly recently when harvesting was in progress. It is felt that the only solution would be for the Government to buy a tract of land for the use of the Schools of Artillery, Infantry and Cooperation. Shooting could then be carried out at will. It is impossible to run a School of Artillery that cannot shoot at will.

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II. SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY GUNS'I' Points.1. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The Minister of War has presented the question of training recruits at the Amoural Artillery School. The reasons are still to be known.

'A' Points.

Nothing further to report.

'Q' Points.

Nothing further to report.

III. SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY'G' Points2. Training Areas.

Use of the so-called training areas in the vicinity of BRACCLANO is dependent at present on the status of the civilian population. It is not always possible to override the vote of the local authority, particularly recently when harvesting was in progress. It is felt that the only solution would be for the Government to buy a tract of land for the use of the Schools of Artillery, Infantry and Cooperation. Shooting could then be carried out at will. It is impossible to run a School of Artillery that cannot shoot guns.

at the measured one school. The number of recruits is not known.

'A' Points.

Nothing further to report.

'Q' Points.

Nothing further to report.

III SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

'G' Points.

2. Training Areas.

Use of the so-called training areas in the vicinity of BRACCIANO is dependent at present on the whim of the civilian population. It is not always possible to override the vote of the local Mayor, particularly recently when harvesting was in progress. It is felt that the only solution would be for the government to buy a tract of land for the use of the School of Artillery, impossible to join a School of Artillery that cannot shoot G.M.

3. Training Accommodation.

The proposed to form a new school. School offers a solution to the very limited training (accommodation at BRACCIANO).

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General Remarks - Recruit Training.

Training of Artillery Recruits and School of Artillery recruits is proceeding smoothly in the light of experience gained on the previous call-up. The statistics are as follows:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Location</u>
480	Infantry	BRACCIANO
320	Artillery	"
100	in Artillery	"
251	Specialists	BRACCIANO
	School of Artillery	"

5. General Remarks - Other Training.

As a result of the recent visit to Artillery Recruits and of an examination of practical knowledge of recruits attending the School, it has been decided to alter the bulk of the course to be more practical work and less theory. This is a factor to be considered.



101 Points.6. Instructors.

A further five Pd Arty instructors have been trained during the month.

7. Administrative Staff.

231 recruits have been received by the School of Arty for retention. This brings the W.E. of the School to almost 100%.

101 Points.8. Accommodation.

Work on the Recruit Training Centre at the DUCA D'AOSTA BARRACKS, CIVITAVECCHIA, is proceeding very well. There are sufficient buildings completed to house A/tk and I.A.A. recruits who have already arrived. There is talk of further expansion at BRACCIANO, but before any contracts are entered into, it is felt that it would be desirable to ensure that suitable firing areas are guaranteed to the School, if necessary by government purchase.

9. Clothing.

The second call-up of recruits has arrived very much better clothed than their predecessors. There is some fear, however, that the winter uniforms may not be received early enough.

10. Vehicles.

Until the Survey Wing has released four Jeeps from A.R.A.P., it will not be possible to give survey instruction, using British methods.

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Balance between interim and final demands is not yet set. This is being taken up with the "Direzione del Genio".

12. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The results of courses completed during August 46 were as follows:-

Classification	Operators Switchboard	Operators and Teleprinter	Line Operators	Electricians	Artillery Signalers
Excellent	10	14	31	5	40
Very Good	26	39	—	14	49
Good	47	20	102	20	104
Satisfactory	45	25	140	19	250
Unsatisfactory	12	26	18	6	47
Total	<u>140</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>190</u>

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Signal Courses

Some of the courses commenced during September:-

<u>Signal Course</u>	<u>Length of Course (Weeks)</u>	<u>No of Students</u>
Engineering Electronic	24	33
Radio Technician	24	44
Wireless Signaller	16	29
Radio Technician Board	16	110
Signaller's Test	16	152
Signaller's Wireless	16	288
Telephony Signaller	16	48
Telephony Signaller	16	29
Signaller's Test	8	173
Signaller's Test	8	43
Telephony Signaller	8	30
Telephony Signaller	8	216
Telephony Signaller	8	56
Telephony Signaller	16	72

The Ministry of War have agreed that signals trades in the Italian Army shall be brought as closely as possible into line with those in the British Army. It is hoped that the signal trades in the Italian Army will ultimately be the Signal trades in the Italian Army. This batch of recruits will continue to be separated into "Marconisti" and "Telegrafisti-Centralinisti" but it is hoped that the next batch will be trained as "Specializzati per le Trasmissioni".

14. Points

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#### 11. Points.

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#### 14. Post.

#### 14a. Accommodation.

The War Office have stated that they feel unable to take steps to evict the "squatters" at CECCHIGUOLA until alternative accommodation can be found for them. As far as possible, alternative accommodation seems to be the "VILLAGGIO CANTIERI" the situation now being 1.1.150 Q.M. Truck Coy (U.S.) moves from the

#### 15. Vehicles.

2 more wireless trucks have been received bringing the total to 6. The need for more is, of course, as urgent as ever.

#### 16. General.

The O.C.'s messhouse is now complete and functioning, and is well worth a visit.

### VI. SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

#### 10. Points.

#### 17. Accommodation.

The majority of the classrooms have now been redecorated and their present layout is satisfactory.

18. General Remarks - Recruit Training.

The Instructor Course is making satisfactory progress, and the standard of firing is about the average to quite good. The training on Breda during this course will not be as satisfactory as the other arms, owing to the fact that no training manual exists for this weapon. The only manual available is the one for the Breda, which is at present being used by the instructors as a basis for preparing the training manual.

19. Points.

The question regarding instructors has not improved during the month.

20. Remarks.

The fact that the supply courses some concern to the Administrative officers of the School. The fact that the courses are frequently blocked, causing a certain amount of dissatisfaction on the part of the students.

21. Points.

The fact that the whole of the School. It is doubtful whether the work will be completed before winter.

22. Remarks.

Various State up in the School, Victoria.

VII. POLICE SCHOOL.

23. Points.

The fact that the 2200 R.C.O. Instructors posted to the School have not attended this course, and are therefore of no use to the School as instructors. The fact that the School has written a letter to the G.C.C. to request that only suitable instructors who have passed the course be posted to the School.

officers of the School. During the 11-1958 and 11-1959 periods, officers of the School were assigned to the School for the purpose of maintaining the records of the School.

'G' Points.

21. Substandard.

Work is continuing slowly in the whole of the School. It is doubtful whether the work will be completed before winter.

22. Vehicles.

Vehicle State as in previous reports.

VII POLICE SCHOOL

'G' Points.

23. Instructors.

Two of the three N.C.O. Instructors posted to the School have not attended their classes, and are therefore of no use to the School as instructors. The C.O. of the School has written a letter to the G.O.C. Cambridge, asking that any suitable instructors who have passed the course with high marks, should be posted to the School.

24. Training cycles.

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6 of the 16 cycles used for training are off the road for lack of tyres.

25. General Remarks.

It has been impressed on Formation H.Q. that students sent on this course must be able to drive, as the School has neither the time nor the instruction for teaching students to drive.

'A' Points.

Nothing further to report.

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19: Points.26: Accommodation.

26: Suitable accommodation has been promised at the Palazzo Salviati before the next course assembles on 14 Oct. This has not been made available earlier on account of the bad layout of offices at the H.Q. Central Military Schools. However this matter is now satisfactorily settled.

VIII. P.T. SCHOOL27: Points.27: Training Areas.

27: The sports ground is being improved and the present course is on the whole much better from the training point of view than the previous one.

28: General Remarks - Training.

28: The Italian Federation of Sport is giving much assistance and encouragement to the School. A film projector has been loaned for showing athletic and sports films, which are of interest and good training value.

29: Points.29: Health.

29: 14 out of the 47 students who arrived for this course have already been returned to their units owing to the poor state of their health.

30: Points.30: Accommodation.

30: The accommodation is now satisfactory.

IX. SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION31: Points.31: Courses in progress.

31: Two new courses assembled on 20 Sep which necessitated a considerable amount of reclassifying; numbers of students per course being 100 and 150. In addition 24 Junior

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29. Points

Health

44 out of the 47 students who arrived for this course have already been returned to their units owing to the poor state of their health.

30. Points

Accommodation

The accommodation is now satisfactory.

IX. SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL

10. Points

Courses in progress

Two new courses assembled on 20 Sep which necessitated a considerable amount of reclassifying; numbers of students per course being Driving School, 1,300, Specialist School, 786. In addition 24 Junior Officers and 54 Senior N.C.O.'s are arriving to attend the Driving School on 1 Oct.

Courses finished

a. Driving School

Students at beginning of course	1731
Students turned down	356
Students finished course	1375
Students passed out	1028
Students unsuitable	347

b. Specialist School

Students at beginning of course	200
Students turned down	17
Students finished course	183
Students passed out	120
Students unsuitable	63

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is up to strength in instructors, with the exception

Administrative Staff

has been left the Specialists School, as agreed upon by H.Q. M.M.I.A.,  
At present there are four Coys in existence and the  
personnel of a W.E. based on two Coys.

has been dropped this month due to termination of courses  
due to an increase in prices but are still quite

well provided for the theatre.  
is now nearly completed and is quite well  
accommodation is

is still quarters for married families, but it  
taken up by H.Q. M.M.I.A.  
on certain buildings for student quarters  
October 15.

is an improvement in vehicle holdings; the position at

	Holdings	Efficient
100	61	17
5	11	5
14	14	4
103	101	59
11	11	7

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NAME	Holdings	Efficient
W/S	64	17
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W/S	14	4
W/S	181	59
W/S	11	7

TRAINING CENTER.

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assemblies and chassis are

which commenced on 1 July

1076 students is due to

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1.1. Points.Instructors and Admin Staff.

The School is suffering from a shortage of instructors and Admin Staff. The original W.E. on the basis of 500 students, is slightly inadequate and staff is insufficient to meet the needs of the School with 4076 students attending courses on 1 Oct. The position can be set out as follows:-

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YEAR

	W.E.	Required for 500 students	Required for 4076 students	Requirements over existing W.E.
1. Instructors	1	1	1	-
2. Admin Staff	8	6	13	5
3. Lecturers (M.A.s)	2	2	4	2
4. Lecturers (B.A.s)	15	8	16	11
5. Lecturers (M.Sc.s)	24	33	53	29
6. Lecturers (Ph.D.s)	40	46	46	-
7. Lecturers (Administrators)	21	30	30	-

The School has applied for more Officers and M.C.D.'s without success and to relieve the shortage, has borrowed from the Training School. A table of courses seen dependent on this shortage being relieved.

2.1. Officers.

Little change, except for the addition of an Officer's Bar.

2.2. Discipline.

The standard of incoming recruits is stated to be much higher than

2.3. Standards.2.4. Points.2.5. Accommodation.

Work in connection with the partitioning of classrooms in the new building has now been completed. Work is proceeding in the Officer's Mess and completion is expected during the last week of Oct. The Mess is being furnished with furniture. Beds etc have been ordered and have not yet arrived.

2.6. Vehicles.

The number of vehicles that are held

1. Admission  
 The number of recruits is stated to be much higher than

2. Discharge  
 Little change, except for the addition of an Officer's Bar.

3. Accommodation  
 Work in connection with the positioning of classrooms in the

4. Transportation  
 The number of vehicles that are held in good condition is stated to be approximately half the number of vehicles that are held in poor condition, but mainly because the vehicles were received from disbanded units in poor condition. Additional vehicles have been requested, but the present position is as shown:-

5. Deficiencies

6. Other  
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	V.D.	Held	Deficiencies
Light Cars	100	43	57
Trucks	25	10	15
Motorcycles	40	11	29
Other Vehicles	248	1524	96
	25	Nil	25

Note : + 12 of these are Leyland L44 non-injection of 5 Tons 4 X 2.

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XI ARTILLERY REPAIR TRAINING CENTER101 Points.44. Training Stores.

No improvement in situation since last report.

45. Training Accn.

Is only sufficient to accommodate comfortably about 60 students under instruction.

46. General Remarks.

a. Unless files and other tools are forthcoming during October, it is considered that insufficient tools will be available for the first 3 weeks training of the 136 students who are expected to arrive on 31 Oct. There will also be insufficient weapons available to allow the proper training of students, unless the additional requirements noted in August report are made available.

b. No spare parts are available for weapons.

c. An Instrument Artificer (Field) has now been attached to the School. British staff now comprise the a/m N.C.C. and 1 Craftsman Armourer.

102 Points.47. Instructors.

A British Instructor on Ordnance Q.F. 3.7 ins A.A. Equipment is still urgently required, in order to train Italian Instructors.

48. Administration.

Additional staff as noted in the August report are still required.

under instruction.

46. General Remarks.

b. Unless files and other tools are forthcoming during October, it is considered that insufficient tools will be available for the first 5 weeks training of the 156 students who are expected to arrive on 31 Oct. There will also be insufficient weapons available to allow the proper training of students, unless the additional requirements noted in August report are made available.

B. No spare parts are available for weapons.

C. An Armament Artificer (Field) has now been attached to the

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47. Points.

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48. Administration.

Additional staff as noted in the August report are still required.

49. Points.

49. Clothing

Overalls for students are urgently needed.

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50. Accommodation Stores.

Inefficient benches or chairs are held to accommodate the number of students expected to arrive in October.

XIII SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE.

51. Points.

51. Training Stores.

Good progress has been made in obtaining stores and equipment, and the situation can now be considered fairly satisfactory.

52. Training Accommodation.

Classrooms have been greatly improved.

53. General Remarks.

The "Vocational Training" Courses were completed on 7 Sept. Each was a four weeks duration and for O.R.'s only. Results of the courses were as follows:-

Subject	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Failed or Unclassified	Total
Accountants	7	4	7	4	1	23
Plastic Modelers	2	3	4	5	2	16
Stenographers	-	5	5	9	1	20
Printers	1	-	2	5	-	18
Stenomen	7	4	3	10	-	24
Typists	-	2	8	19	4	33
					Total	134

Students were subjected to intelligence tests on arrival, and 16 (including some illiterates) out of the original 152 were rejected. Such inconvenience was caused by the fact that 25% of the students had failed to report by the first day of the courses.

Such Vocational Training Courses (including a cook's course) and Courses on Unit Administration, Hygiene and Man Management commenced on 30 Sep. The inclusion of Psychology or "Cognoscenza del Personale" in the Man Management Course is under discussion. 5 periods are already on the syllabus.

54. Points.54. Instruments.

The W.M. is complete, with the exception of one officer instructor for the Man Management Course.

55. Administrative Staff.

The W.M. is most inadequate for a School of "Administration". The problem would be in many ways solved if civilian personnel could be used for fatigue duties.

56. Beliefs.

No progress has been made in constructing a new "Centro di Rassegna". It, as originally proposed, the Centre is constructed within

to report to the Director of the courses. The fact that 25% of the students had failed

and Courses in Vocational Training Courses (including a cook's course) 30 SEP. The inclusion of psychology or "Cognoscenza del Personale" in the Man Management Course is under discussion. 5 periods are already on the syllabus.

41. Points.

54. Instructors.

The W.L. is complete, with the exception of one officer instructor for the Man Management Course.

55. Administrative Staff.

The W.L. is most inadequate for a School of "Administration". The problem would be in many ways solved if civilian personnel could be used for fatigue duties.

56. Welfare.

No progress has been made in constructing a new "Centro di Messeria". It, as originally proposed, the Centre is constructed within the barracks, the estimated cost will be at least 15 million lire. It has been pointed out that soldiers would prefer to spend their off-duty hours at a club outside the barracks. A good officer's club has been formed and is being very decorated. It was suggested on a recent visit of the Chief of the 2nd (Corpo Assistenza Femminile) that the C.R.'s centre could be more conveniently run by a military rather than a civilian organisation. The number of the C.A.F. is already at the School and has done valuable work. A proposal to increase the number to two, and to set up an organisation for all the Schools on a similar basis, will be the subject of a letter to M.I.A. at a future date.

57. Discipline.

Good.

58. Health.

Good.



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59. General.

Cost of living etc is still a major preoccupation among the permanent staff, as mentioned in the previous report.

60. Points.60. Accommodation.

Much commendable progress has recently been made in the construction of sleeping quarters, messes etc. On 21 Sep General CADENA, on a visit to the School, expressed great satisfaction at the progress made. Officer students sleeping quarters have now been completed. However there is still much constructional work to be done at the School (lighting, heating, repair etc), involving a further estimated expenditure of 5 million lire.

61. Clothing.

The condition of C.A.R. students clothing still leaves a great deal to be desired.

62. Vehicles.

The vehicle situation has much improved, though one Light Utility and one Ambulance are still awaited. Also a request has been made for a British type water truck, to be used for instructional purposes on the Hygiene Course.

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Internal.

All officers 12 B.L.U.

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Lt-Colonel  
G.S.

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## PROGRAMME OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS OCT

(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Ofprs.	NCOs.	Troops.			
Armoured Car	No 1 Course	11 CC RR	20 CC RR	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	13
	Instructors Cavalry and Carabinieri	33	35	-	8 weeks	19 Aug	2
Artillery BRACCINO	Fd Arty	22	-	-	5 weeks	23 Aug	28
	Fd Arty	-	44	-	do	do	
	A/Tk Arty	18	32	-	do	do	
	L.A.A. Arty	24	35	-	do	do	
	Survey Preparatory	-	30	-	3 weeks	15 Sep	5
	Young Specialists	-	-	210	8 weeks	Finished	20 A
	Young Specialists	-	-	180	13 weeks	23 Sep	21
Signal			As in previous report				
Infantry	Recruit 3" Mortar	-	-	376	6 weeks	12 Aug	31
	Recruit M.H.G.	-	-	576	8 weeks	12 Aug	31
	Recruit Carrier	-	-	103	4 weeks	12 Aug	7
	Recruit Sniper	-	-	50	4 weeks	12 Aug	2
	C.A.R. Instructors	200	50	-	6 weeks	27 Aug	
Police	Regimental Police	20	130 NCOs & Troops		1 month	10 Oct	10
F.T.			As in previous report				

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COURSES TO BE HELD AT CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS OCT. 1946.

(c) Students.		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
NCOs.	Troops.	Duration.	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
20 CC RA	-	8 weeks	18 Aug	15 Oct	Complete course including Tactics.
35	-	8 weeks	19 Aug	2 Oct	
-	-	5 weeks	23 Aug	28 Sep	Includes 2 Officers from Sicily.
44	-	do	do	do	
32	-	do	do	do	
35	-	do	do	do	
30	-	3 weeks	15 Sep	5 Oct	To train potential surveyors in Mathematics.
-	210	8 weeks	Finished 20 Aug		1st call-up
-	180	13 weeks	23 Sep	21 Dec	2nd call-up
As in previous report					
-	376	6 weeks	12 Aug	31 Oct	
-	576	8 weeks	12 Aug	31 Oct	
-	103	4 weeks	12 Aug	7 Oct	
-	50	4 weeks	12 Aug	29 Sep	
50	-	6 weeks	27 Aug	5 Oct	
130 NCOs & Troops		1 month	10 Oct	10 Nov	
As in previous report					

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.
		Offrs.	NCCs.	Troops			
Motorization and M.R.T.C.	Turners	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec
	Blacksmiths	-	-	25	do	do	do
	Carpenters	-	-	23	do	do	do
	Welders	-	-	27	do	do	do
	Coach Trimmers	-	-	1	do	do	do
	Sheet metal workers	-	-	6	do	do	do
	Radiator repairers	-	-	1	do	do	do
	Testers	-	-	1	do	do	do
	Printers	-	-	1	do	do	do
	Hydraulic brake spec.	-	-	1	do	do	do
	Fault Rectifier	-	-	1	do	do	do
	Tyre Repairers	-	-	5	do	do	do
	Painters	-	-	6	do	do	do
	D. and M. Course	-	-	700	16 weeks	20 Sep	20 Jan
	Driving	-	-	1375	10 weeks	20 Sep	10 Sep
	Driving	24	54	1300	6 months	1 Aug	7 Nov
	Fitters Vehicle	-	-	101	do	do	do
	Engine Specialist	-	-	114	do	do	do
	Chassis Specialist	-	-	49	do	do	do
Electricians	-	-	18	do	do	do	
Injectors pump spec.	-	-	1	do	do	do	
I.R.T.C. Scuola di Specializzati Riparazione.				As in previous report.			
I.R.T.C. Industrial School Inca d'Azeta				As in previous report.			
I.R.T.C. Centro Studi				As in previous report.			

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(a) Plants. NCOs.		(d) Troops	(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruction given at Instructional School Duc d'Aosta.  Instruction given at Centro Studi Rome.
-	-	23	do	do	do	
-	-	23	do	do	do	
-	-	27	do	do	do	
-	-	1	do	do	do	
-	-	6	do	do	do	
-	-	1	do	do	do	
-	-	1	do	do	do	
-	-	1	do	do	do	
-	-	1	do	do	do	
-	-	5	do	do	do	
-	-	6	do	do	do	
-	-	700	16 weeks	20 Sep	20 Jan 47	75 % students passed this course.
-	-	1375			10 Sep	
54	-	1300	10 weeks	20 Sep	7 Nov	Instruction given at Fiat works Rome.
-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47	
-	-	114	do	do	do	
-	-	49	do	do	do	
-	-	16	do	do	do	
-	-	1	do	do	do	
As in previous report.						
As in previous report.						
As in previous report.						

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students.			(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.
		Offrs.	NCOs.	Troops.		
Artillery S.A.C.A.	Amourers	-	-	32	10 weeks	16 Sep
School of Adm and Welfare	Unit Administration	21	-	-	5 weeks	30 Sep
	Hygiene ✓	30	-	-	do	do
	Man Management	25	-	-	do	do
	Accountants	-	8	22	4 weeks	do
	Elastic Modellers	-	7	14	5 weeks	do
	Stenographers	-	5	16	do	do
	Draughtsmen	-	6	19	do	do
	Storemen	-	8	34	4 weeks	do
	Typists ✓	-	7	22	5 weeks	do
Cooks	-	13	38	4 weeks	do	

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(a) Troops.	(d) Duration.	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	(g) Remarks.
32	10 weeks	16 Sep	25 Nov	60 men due to arrive on 1 Oct for next Armourers course. 136 students will be commencing courses for Armourers & Gunfitters on 31 Oct.
-	5 weeks	30 Sep	2 Oct	
-	do	do	do	
-	do	do	do	
32	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	
14	5 weeks	do	2 Oct	
18	do	do	do	
19	do	do	do	
34	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	
22	5 weeks	do	2 Oct	
38	4 weeks	do	26 Sep	



SIGNALS TRADES IN THE ITALIAN ARMY

Italian Nomenclature.

Corpo dei Collegamenti

Apparecchiatori di Linea  
Apparecchiatori Telegrafonici  
Centralinisti  
Marconisti  
Marconisti-Conduuttori  
Motociclisti  
Motoristi-Elettricisti  
Radiomontatori  
Stenditori di Fili (Campagne)  
Stenditori di Fili (Linea Permanente)  
Telegrafisti  
Telescriventisti

Parteria  
Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Parteria)  
Artiglieria  
Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Artiglieria)  
Marconisti-Conduuttori

Reparti Esploranti  
Marconisti-Conduuttori

British Nomenclature.

Royal Corps of Signals.

Line Mechanics  
Telegraph Mechanics  
Operators, Switchboard  
Operators, Wireless  
Driver Operators  
Despatch Riders  
Vehicle Mechanic Electricians  
Radio Mechanics  
Lineman (Field)  
Linemen (Permanent Line)  
Operators Line  
Operators, Teleprinter

Infantry  
Infantry Signallers

Artillery  
Artillery Signallers  
Driver Operators

Reconnaissance Units  
Driver Operators

Fanteria  
 Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Fanteria)  
Artiglieria  
 Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Artiglieria)  
 Marconisti-Conduuttori  
Repanti Espicranti  
 Marconisti-Conduuttori

Infantry  
 Infantry Signallers  
Artillery  
 Artillery Signallers  
 Driver Operators  
Radio Transmitters  
 Driver Operators

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Location Statement of Italian Schools.

Ref : Maps Italy 1 : 200,000 Sheets 16 and 17  
1 : 12,000 Town Plan of Rome (South)

Serial No.	School.	Location.	Map Reference.
1.	H.Q. Central Military Schools	Rome	F 724672
2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 733727
4.	School of Artillery FM Branch A/A & A/T Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cocchignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Cesano	F 6286
8.	Police School	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.T. School	Cesano	F 6286
10.	School of Motorisation	Cocchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	E 0723

2.	School of Cooperation	Civitavecchia	F 1891
3.	Armoured Car School	Tor di Quinto	F 738727
4.	School of Artillery Fd Branch A/A & A/T Branch	Bracciano	F 4890
5.	School of Engineers	Civitavecchia	F 1891
6.	Signal School	Cocchignola	F 7458
7.	Infantry School	Cosano	F 6286
8.	Police School	Rome	F 724672
9.	P.C. School	Cosano	F 6285
10.	School of Motorisation	Cocchignola	F 7458
11.	School of Adm. & Welfare	Rieti	B 0723

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3 October 1946.

To : M.Q.  
 Land Forces Sub Comm A.S. (M.M.I.A.) (7)

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 School of Administration  
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 Staff List Italian Central  
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63. Major W.E. CHAPMAN R.E. left for England on PYTHON on September 1946.
64. Major C.T. BEERIDGE R.A.S.C. proceeded to England on PRIVILEGE on 13 September 1946.
65. Major N.F. CHANCE R IR F left the unit on 16 September on posting to 1 Bn R IR F.
66. Major F.C.L. COUSEMS D.F.R. assumed the appointment of Instructor Tactics on 16 September 1946 vice Major N.F. CHANCE posted to 1 Bn R IR F.
67. Major W.L. PRICE M. Staff's left for England on PYTHON on 22 September 1946.
68. Major P.W. HAMILTON R. Berks joined the unit on 23 September 1946 filling the vacancy of Instructor Infantry vice Major W.L. PRICE on PYTHON.

XIV SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE

69. Administrative Staff.

Ten Col GAGNET is unsatisfied with his second-in-command, Maggiore SILVESTRI. It appears that this officer had a dubious record with the MANTOVA Infantry Division.

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*[Signature]*  
Lt-Colonel  
G.S.

Internal

All officers 12 B.L.U.

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STAFF LIST - 12 E.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.S.O. I	T/Lt. Col.	A.W.	CIEBCH, CHEE	(28390)	A. & S.H.
G.S.O. III	T/Capt.	T.R.	THEVILLMAN.	(256126)	R.B.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.S. & Q.M.S.	T/Maj.	R.M.J.	HIBBARD.	(256667)	R.E.
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SERVICES.

D. & M. Wing.	W/Maj.	C.T.	EDRIDGE, ORR	(120450)	R.A.S.C.
Instr. Major					

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

D.A.D.M.F.	T/Maj.	A.T.	TWINE.	(230619)	R.E.M.E.
ditto	T/Maj.	C.H.P.	SIMPSON.	(237160)	R.E.M.E.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Instructor Inf.	T/Maj.	T.W.	HAMILTON.	(130364)	R. Berks.
Instructor Tactics	W/Maj.	P.C.L.	COUSINS.	(53734)	D.W.R.

R.A. WING.

Instr. Gunnery	T/Maj.	G.K.	ALEXANDER.	(57447)	R.A.
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R.E. WING.

Instr. R.U.					
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R. SIGNALS.

Instr. R. Sigs.					
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Instructor Inf.  
Instructor Tactics

T/Maj.  
W/Maj.

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T/Maj.

D.A.

WILKINSON. G.M.(154306)

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Appendix up to 12 L.L.U.  
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(A) Deficiencies in All Ranks as against V.E. CM/1048/2 dated 19 Aug '46.

(1) Officers.

Instr. R. Sigs - Major  
Instr. R. E. - MAJOR

(2) Other Ranks.	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total
Instrs R.A.	-	2	-	-	2
Clerks G.D. Army Arm	-	-	-	1	1
Instr R.E.	-	1	-	-	1
Instr Op 1/1 R. Sigs	-	1	-	-	1

(B) Details of All Ranks on leave and when due to return.

(1) Officers.

LILLOP  
PRIVILEGE

1 Major (REIN) Due to return Oct 1946.  
1 Major (PLAC) Due to return Oct 1946.

(2) Other Ranks.

PRIVILEGE

1 Sgt. Due to return Oct 1946  
1 Plr. Due to return Oct 1946  
1 L/Cpl Due to return Oct 1946  
1 Pte. Due to return Oct 1946

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(1) Due under ILAP, PRIVILEGE etc.

Offrs. 1  
O.R.'s. 2

(2) Due under GNO 1352/45.

Offrs. 3  
O.R.'s. 1

(3) Due for Release in A/S Cps 43, 44, 45.

(1) Officers.

1 Major (R.E.S.) Due to return Oct 1946.  
 1 Major (R.A.C.) Due to return Oct 1945.

LILLOP  
 PRIVILEGE(2) Other Ranks.

1 Sgt. Due to return Oct 1946  
 1 Dir. Due to return Oct 1946  
 1 L/Cpl Due to return Oct 1945  
 1 Pte. Due to return Oct 1946

## FRIEVEAVE

(C) Details of All Ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

(1) Due under LIAP, FRIEVEAVE etc.	Offrs.	1	
	O.R.'s.	2	
(2) Due under GHO 1352/45.	Offrs.	3	
	O.R.'s.	1	
(3) Due for Release in A/S Gps 43, 44, 45.	Offrs.	1	
	O.R.'s.	2	
(4) Due for FRIEVEAVE during October.	Offrs.	NIL	
	O.R.'s.	NIL	

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st OCTOBER 1944

Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	V.D. No	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Rep (LR)
1.	FORD STAFF CAR 4 x 2 str.	M 1510429				
2.	DODGE Lorry 3 Toner 4 x 2 G.S.	L 5689402	S.M.6191	D 604206	E	
3.	DODGE TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 5230009	4282/1998	91018097		
4.	FORD TRUCK 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 4740602			E	
5.	STANDARD CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	M 6175674	23/38555	UV 6144	E	
6.	HILMAN CAR 2 str 4 x 2 UTILITY	5100069	8/1145	1560869	E	
7.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5626871				
8.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	5158386				
9.	JEEP CAR FWD 4 str 4 x 4	M 5661261			E	

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
					BLR w.e.f. 23.9.46
S.M.6191	D 604206	E			
4282/1998	91018097				w/shops BOLOGNA,
		E			Previously on strength of RESE attachment. Now on strength this Unit.
23/38555	UV-6144	E			Held in lieu of 15 cwt Dodge Z 4982463 Authy: HQ MMIA 9/204 dated 27th May 46
S/1145	1560869	E			
					Requires Tyres
					Off Road for Repairs
		E			Issued by No 2 B.L.U. GENOA.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type.	W.W. No	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)
10.	HILLMAN Lt. UTILITY	M 5101007			E	
11.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	5210043				
12.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 5117266	258/1048		E	
13.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 1461106	B/182		E	
14.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 5547039	294/23/85209		E	
15.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 1431654			E	
16.	BSA M/C SOLO 500 CC	C 4706071				
17.	DODGE 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 5338723			E	
18.	DODGE 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	Z 162699			E	
19.	CHEVROLET HUP	Z 5906855				

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AD and correct.

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Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
		E			Held in lieu of 3 former Chevrolet 156833553 HLR Authy: 2/1020
					W/Shops for Repairs
238/1048		E			
B/182		E			
294/23/85209		E			
		E			Previously on strength of RME. Attachment now on strength of this Unit
					ditto W/Shops for Repairs.
		E			Held on WE of MMIA. On loan to 12 B.L.U.
		E			Held on WE of MMIA. On loan to 12 B.L.U.
					Received from MMIA. At present in 638 W/shops ROME.

that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and B 406 have been inspected and

..... Lt. Colonel,  
C.S.



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