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TRG/EQPT CORRESPONDENCE

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Apr. 1, 1945 - June 19, 1945

(95)

SUBJECT :- D.F. 6 pr Anti Tank Guns.

'C' Training Unit to the Italian Army  
C. I. P.

Ref HCU/B.1/469

19 Jun 45.

Comandante Generale, OMC PVA.

Replying to your letter 3933/add. Art di. prot.

1. Will you please arrange to return the 4 or 6 pr anti Tank Guns D.F. to No 557 B.I.D.
2. The guns should be returned in a clean condition and the Comdant 'C' Orders made up accordingly.

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*[Signature]*  
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14 JUN Recd

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SUBJECT: Gun and Small Arms Inspections.

1st LIEUT., INF., INF.

REF: HQHQ/ISSP/1/

14 June 1948.

To: Commander,

1st B.A.N., INF. INF.

1. Please find attached reports, in duplicate, of a recent inspection made by R.A.M., S/Lt. on the 6-pounder training area and the small arms in the 1st and 2nd Co drafts.
2. No inspection has been conducted with the 3rd Regiment, but I think it will be quite fair to assume that the condition of their weapons will be similar.
3. Immediate steps should be taken to clean all weapons daily, otherwise, I regret to say, they will rapidly become unserviceable.
4. It appears that the weapons are not cleaned immediately after firing. Ten to fifteen minutes set aside in an organized and supervised class after the firing would produce good results.
5. Drafts are aware, as you are aware, are to be trained at the Mechanics School, Oswestry, but it is hoped that it isn't the intention of R.A.M., HQ HQ to use them to clean rifles, when their main duty will be that of maintenance and reporting to the O.C. of Company any neglect on the part of individual soldiers misusing or neglecting their weapons.
6. The condition of the 6-pounder guns as reported in the attached reports, may have been purposely planned for some specific test in the training, and is possibly known to R.A.M., HQ HQ.

*Chilton*

Major R.S.S.  
D.A.D.S.S.

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GO.II Infantry.

GO.II Training. ✓

| For Action/For Invt. |       |
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| <i>Chilton</i>       |       |
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| Date                 | FM 61 |

INSPECTION ON SMALL ARMS.

| SMALL ARMS. | REGT.         | CONDITION.  | CAUSE.  |
|-------------|---------------|---|---|
| 1. Rifles.  | 1<br>and<br>2 | 1. Barrels corroded.<br>2. Rusty.<br>3. Bolts were placed in the wrong rifles. (N.B. Cause of misfires).                | 1. Not cleaned and oiled.<br>2. Not oiled and maintained.<br>3. Carelessness. |
| 2. Brens.   | 1<br>and<br>2 | 1. Dirty.<br>2. Rusty.<br>3. Parts of barrels, bipods and other moving parts seized. Great force required to move them. | No maintenance or cleaning and oiling.  |
| 3. T.S.M.C. | 1<br>and<br>2 | 1. Dirty.<br>2. Corroding.<br>3. No attention paid to maintenance.  | No maintenance or cleaning.   |

Mortars 2" x 3"

Fouling in barrels after firing.

Not cleaned after firing.

INSPECTION ON SMALL ARMS.

| CONDITION.  | CAUSE.  | REMEDY.  | REMARKS. |
|---|---|--|----------|
| Barrels corroded.<br>rusty.<br>Bolts were placed in the wrong<br>rifles. (N.B. Cause of<br>misfires).                   | 1. Not cleaned and<br>oiled.<br>2. Not oiled and<br>maintained.<br>3. Carelessness. | 1. Clean thoroughly<br>daily and replace<br>the bolt in the<br>rifle marked with<br>the same number. |          |
| rusty.<br>rusty.<br>Parts of barrels, bipods and<br>other moving parts seized.<br>Great force required to<br>move them. | No maintenance or<br>cleaning and<br>oiling.  | Clean thoroughly,<br>strip and oil, and<br>re-assemble daily.  |          |
| rusty.<br>corroding.<br>No attention paid to<br>maintenance.  | No maintenance<br>or cleaning.  | Clean thoroughly,<br>strip and oil.  |          |

Residue in barrels after firing.

Not cleaned  
after firing.

1. Clean and boil  
mortar barrel after  
use.
2. Daily cleaning  
of mortars is very  
essential with  
cleaning rods, rags  
and oil C.70.

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## INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDS.

| Number.   |          | Regt. | Bore.               | Breech Mechanism.                         | Carriage.   | Cleanliness                                 |
|-----------|----------|-------|---------------------|---|---|---|
| Carriage. | Barrel.  |       |                     |   |   |   |
| CA. 9275  | 54680    | 2     |                     | Serviceable.                              | Serviceable (Handspike missing).                      | Fair. (Well lined except for parts cut off) |
| 6279      | L. 28237 | 2     | Serviceable.        | Serviceable. (Dirty).                     | Serviceable. (Shoulder pad missing).                  | Poor.                                       |
| 12337     | 54542    | 2     | Serviceable. Rusty. | Serviceable. (Extractor requires fitting) | Serviceable. (2 Handspikes and shoulder pads missing) | Poor.                                       |
| 3811      | 26942    | 2     | ---                 | Unserviceable due to rust.                | Shoulder pad broken.                                  | Poor.                                       |
| 1922      | 8969     | 2     | Needs Cleaning.     | U/S. Rusty and dirty.                     | ---   | Poor.                                       |
| 11404     | 7019     | 2     | Serviceable.        | Serviceable.                              | Serviceable.  | Poor.                                       |
| 12377     | 108622   | 2     | "                   | "   | "   | "   |
| 6455      | 1106743  | 2     | "                   | "   | "   | "   |
| 39293     | 20754    | 2     | "                   | "   | "   | "   |
| 2557      | 74921    | 2     | "                   | "   | "   | "   |
| 924       | 6620     | 2     | "                   | Firing gear stiff. Requires cleaning.     | Buffer leading.                                       | "   |
| 14836     | 8874     | 2     | "                   | Serviceable.                              | Serviceable.  | "   |

INSPECTION ON 6 POWDERS.

| Each Mechanism.                           | Carriage.   | Cleanliness.                                       | Care & maintenance.                  | Remarks.                            |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Serviceable.                              | Serviceable (Hand-spike missing).                     | Fair. (Well cleaned except for parts out of sight) | Fair. Grease nipples need attention. | If damaged, indent for new nipples. |
| Serviceable. (Dirty).                     | Serviceable. (Shoulder pad missing).                  | Poor.  | Poor. (Except bore, which is good).  |                                     |
| Serviceable. (Extractor requires fitting) | Serviceable. (2 Handspikes and shoulder pads missing) | Poor.  | Poor.                                |                                     |
| Serviceable<br>to rust.                   | Shoulder pad broken.                                  | Poor.  | Steel parts rusty.                   |                                     |
| S. Rusty and<br>dirty.                    | ---   | Poor.  | Poor.                                |                                     |
| Serviceable.                              | Serviceable.  | Poor.  | Poor.                                |                                     |
| "   | "   | "  | "                                    |                                     |
| "   | "   | "  | "                                    |                                     |
| "   | "   | "  | "                                    |                                     |
| "   | "   | "  | "                                    |                                     |
| Spring gear<br>off. Requires<br>cleaning. | Buffer leaking.                                       | "  | "                                    |                                     |
| Serviceable.                              | Serviceable.  | "  | "                                    |                                     |



## DEFINITION ON 6 BOUNDS.

| Number<br>Carriage. | Barrel. | ROVT. | BOSS.                              | BRUSH MECHANISM. | CARRIAGE.   |
|---------------------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 7579                | 15503   | 1     | Serviceable                        | Serviceable.     | Serviceable. (traversing<br>Clamp loose).                               |
| 12465               | 2052    | 1     | "                                  | "                | Serviceable.  |
| 9925                | 105354. | 1     | "                                  | "                | "   |
| 20702               | 5861    | 1     | "                                  | "                | Serviceable. (traversing<br>clamp loose. Handspike<br>sockets damaged). |
| 6454                | 12222   | 1     | Not examined.<br>(Greased).        | "                | Serviceable. (trail legs<br>locking device missing).                    |
| 49286               | 123329  | 1     | Not examined.<br>(Greased).        | "                | Serviceable. (hand<br>spike sockets damaged).                           |
| 12423               | 7100    | 1     | Not examined.<br>(Greased).        | "                | Serviceable.  |
| 3858                | 64      | 1     | Disassembled for instruction - - - | - - -            | - - -   |

## GENERAL REMARKS:-

1. Handspike missing.
2. Handspike sockets damaged.
3. Elevation controls need adjusting.
4. Breech blocks were found open instead of closed.
5. Bore of barrels blocked with grease.
6. Nipples painted over and so making it impossible to use.
7. A "Lanyard" was found stuck half way down the barrel.
8. Telescope holders missing.

## INSPECTION OF 6 FOUNDRIES.

| PRIMARY MECHANISM. | CARRIAGE.   | CLEANLINESS. | CARE & MAINTENANCE.    | REMARKS. |
|--------------------|---|--------------|------------------------|----------|
| Serviceable.       | Serviceable. (Traversing<br>Clamp loose).                               | Fair.        | Fair.                  |          |
| "                  | Serviceable.  | Clean.       | Fair.                  |          |
| "                  | "   | Good.        | Fair.                  |          |
| "                  | Serviceable. (Traversing<br>clamp loose. Handspike<br>sockets damaged). | Good.        | Fair.                  |          |
| "                  | Serviceable. (Trail legs<br>locking device missing).                    | Fair.        | Fair.                  |          |
| "                  | Serviceable. (Hand<br>spike sockets damaged).                           | Fair.        | Fair.<br>(Tyres flat). |          |
| "                  | Serviceable.  | Fair.        | Fair.<br>(Tyres flat). |          |
| Instruction - - -  | - - - - -   | - - - - -    | - - - - -              |          |

missing.

sockets damaged.

controls need adjusting.

locks were found open instead of closed. Breach covers are provided.

barrels blocked with grease.

painted over and so making it impossible to use a grease gun.

rod was found stuck half way down the barrel.

holders missing.

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11 JUN 1968  
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Subject: Training Targets and Stores

Training Items  
2nd Army Area No 67 0908  
1967  
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1001  
1001  
7 June 68

Center Operating  
1st Training Unit,  
R.I.C., I.S.A.,  
CASH

(81)

Inventory of weapons and stores returned to you today:-

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Range shooting targets   | 7     |
| Handing items            | 4     |
| Signage targets          | 3     |
| Map targets No 26        | 300   |
| " " 36 Large             | 450   |
| " " 32 Small             | 450   |
| " " 33 Small             | 450   |
| Plated targets           | 20    |
| Plas                     | 15    |
| 100 discs                | 12    |
| Reaction personnel 36    | 5     |
| " " 02                   | 4     |
| " " 52                   | 4     |
| " " 75                   | 10    |
| Precision bombs I.I.A.S. | 1000  |
| " cartridges F.I.A.S.    | 60    |
| " shot F.I.A.S.          | 9     |
| " bombs 5" mortar        | 6     |
| Against lighting devices | 6     |
| " " sticks               | 190   |
| Danger flags             |       |
| German steel helmets     | 2     |
| Stinger barrels 3"       | 1     |
| M. post                  | 1     |
| American auto rifle      | 1     |
| Italian carbine          | 1     |
| Italian rifle            | 1     |
| 7.92 mm ammunition       | 3,000 |
| M.C. 34                  | 2     |
| tripod                   | 1     |
| trial night              | 1     |
| para barrel              | 1     |
| M.C. 12                  | 1     |
| tripod                   | 1     |

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Second list of eight 200 reports on your report 6 thru 43;

| Accto    | Proc          | Religion | no         | Quantity |
|----------|---------------|----------|------------|----------|
| 1:25,000 | ALBANY        | 2nd      | 150 21 173 | 10       |
| 1:25,000 | ALBANY        | 2nd      | 150 2 174  | 21       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 30 165 | 43       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 2 167  | 49       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 4th      | 149 1 167  | 55       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 4th      | 149 1 168  | 46       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 4th      | 149 12 167 | 53       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 14 167 | 50       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 4th      | 150 11 167 | 52       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 24       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 14 167 | 43       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 2 165  | 47       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 1 167  | 50       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 14 167 | 40       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 1 168  | 51       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 51       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 56       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 49       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 14 167 | 44       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 14 167 | 45       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 14 167 | 34       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 14 167 | 47       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 12 167 | 44       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 12 167 | 52       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 1 167  | 40       |
| 1:25,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 11 167 | 3        |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 24       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 14 167 | 63       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 1 167  | 5        |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 12 167 | 15       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 10       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 14 167 | 46       |
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| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 51       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 14 167 | 99       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 1 167  | 25       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 14 167 | 20       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 1 167  | 72       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 1 167  | 62       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 1 167  | 6        |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 14 167 | 50       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 11 167 | 47       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 1 167  | 16       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 149 11 167 | 47       |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 1 167  | 106      |
| 1:50,000 | Castel Marone | 2nd      | 150 11 167 | 3        |

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| 1:25,000  | Corchiveri     | 2nd | 149 IV 116          | 51  |
| 1:25,000  | Arzana         | 2nd | 150 I, 2, 3B        | 51  |
| 1:25,000  | Prascati       | 2nd | 150 III, IIII, IIII | 51  |
| 1:25,000  | Alzano Luciale | 2nd | 150 III, IIII, IIII | 56  |
| 1:25,000  | Geodignola     | 2nd | 150 III, IIII, IIII | 49  |
| 1:25,000  | Parà Nord      | 2nd | 150 IV 117          | 44  |
| 1:25,000  | Parà Sud       | 2nd | 150 IV 117          | 46  |
| 1:25,000  | Bellocomini    | 2nd | 150 IV 117          | 46  |
| 1:25,000  | Parà Esterno   | 2nd | 150 IV 117          | 46  |
| 1:25,000  | Corcia Lido    | 2nd | 149 II, III, IIII   | 44  |
| 1:25,000  | Parà Gallarà   | 2nd | 149 II, III, IIII   | 52  |
| 1:25,000  | Macchiarola    | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 10  |
| 1:25,000  | Castel Romano  | 2nd | 149 II, III, IIII   | 3   |
| 1:50,000  | Alzano Luciale | 2nd | 150 IIII            | 81  |
| 1:50,000  | Non            | 2nd | 150 IV              | 63  |
| 1:50,000  | Cori           | 2nd | 150 I, III, IIII    | 5   |
| 1:50,000  | Fogliana       | 2nd | 150 II, III, IIII   | 15  |
| 1:50,000  | Pettina        | 2nd | 150 IIII            | 10  |
| 1:50,000  | Arice          | 2nd | 150 IV              | 16  |
| 1:50,000  | Ardea          | 2nd | 150 I, III, IIII    | 9   |
| 1:50,000  | Velletri       | 1st | 175 IIII            | 31  |
| 1:50,000  | Corchiveri     | 1st | 150 III, IIII       | 39  |
| 1:50,000  | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 IV              | 35  |
| 1:50,000  | Poggio Mirtoso | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 20  |
| 1:50,000  | Monte Rotondo  | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 75  |
| 1:50,000  | Parà in Sabina | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 62  |
| 1:50,000  | Parà in Sabina | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 6   |
| 1:50,000  | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 IV              | 38  |
| 1:50,000  | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 47  |
| 1:50,000  | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 16  |
| 1:50,000  | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 47  |
| 1:50,000  | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 I, III, IIII    | 106 |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 2   |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 6   |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 5   |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 17  |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 5   |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 55  |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 89  |
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| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 15  |
| 1:100,000 | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       | 73  |
| 1:        | Castellano     | 2nd | 149 III, IIII       |     |

Sheet 2.

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|-------------|-------------------|-----|-----|--|----|
| 1:100,000   | Campagna          | 2nd | 198 |  | 6  |
| 1:100,000   | Benevento         | 2nd | 173 |  | 6  |
| 1:250,000   | Benevento         | 2nd | 36  |  | 6  |
| 1:300,000   | Road map of Italy |     | 19  |  | 11 |
| 1:1,000,000 | Rome - Sarajevo   | 1st |     |  | 3  |
|             | Rome location map |     |     |  | 6  |
|             | Town plan of Rome |     |     |  | 16 |

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

|          |           |       |             |  |    |
|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|--|----|
| 1:7,500  | 2191/251  | Sheet | 149,150     |  | 18 |
| 1:25,000 | 1690/1035 | "     | 23,35       |  | 8  |
| 1:25,000 | 1603/1014 | "     | 149,150,158 |  | 15 |
| 1:25,000 | 1116/139  | "     | 150,158     |  | 14 |
| 1:25,000 | 1610/1054 | "     | 23          |  | 10 |

In the field  
DLV/STW

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Officer Commanding.

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11 JUN 1945

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REMARKS: Rifles

TO: HQ, 10th AF, 10th AF

FROM: AF/SA/MS

10 June 45.

To: H.A.  
INFO DES.

Copy to: H.A. Lenz (Green Hill Camp AF (SIA))  
S.A. Ross Area Allied Command,  
G.I.I.  
D.A.S.O.S.

1. Lieut-Col. R.A. Curtis, R.A., DASH, 10th AF has directed that no further reinforcements will be dispatched on R.T.O., I.S.F. armed with British rifles.
2. Please ensure that all rifles are withdrawn by reinforcements before dispatch.
3. It is understood that all British reports that surplus stocks of rifles are held forward to equip personnel arriving unarmcd.

*Curtis*  
R.A.  
DASH

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| For Action/For Issue |          |
| 11/11/45             | 550 II   |
| Date                 | 11/11/45 |



TRANSLATION  
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HQ Schools  
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3497/Add Subject: - Repairs to Log Eject. 3 June 45.  
Reference your RTU/BI/374 17 May 45.

Major HILTON has disposed that the Mechanics School must not accept the precision instruments which need repair, because it is not the responsibility of the School to send these instruments for repair.

Unless otherwise prevented, delivery of the instruments should be made direct from the interested Schools or Regts.

Please would you inform us of the address of the No. I Advanced Base W/Sps.

We wish to know where these W/Sps. are, in order to have some minor repairs carried out on American and Polish mine detectors.

Lt - Col SIVO.

*Alfa Romeo Co. P. P. P.*

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CC/2v.

CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI  
FORZE ITALIANE DI COMBATTIMENTO  
COMANDO SCUOLE  
Ufficio Ad. - Sezione Artiglieria

5 JUN 1945  
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N. 3497/Adm.art. di prot.

P.M. 92 - 11 3 giugno 1945

OSSERVATO : riparazione materiali di addestramento --

AL B.T.S. - Maggiore King -

s e d eRiferimento BTU/S. 1/374 del 17 maggio u. sc.

Il Maggiore Hilton ha disposto che la Scuola Meccanici non riceva  
più strumenti di precisione da ripararsi, perchè l'invio di detti  
strumenti all'officina riparazioni di Roma non rientra nei compiti del  
la scuola stessa. --

Quovora nulla osti, la consegna degli strumenti all'officina sarà  
fatta direttamente dalle scuole e reggimenti interessati. --

Con l'occasione si prega voler compiacersi comunicare l'indirizzo  
della 1<sup>a</sup> Officina ( I. A. S. W ) . --

Si gradirà inoltre conoscere a quale officina potranno essere in-  
viati per la riparazione i cerchioni americani e portacchi . --

d'ordine

IL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

( ten. col. )

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| For Action/For-Infm. |    |
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|                      |    |
|                      |    |
|                      |    |
|                      |    |
| Date                 | 61 |

SUBJECT: Repair of Small Arms.

1st MAJ. IRAN, I.C.P.

REF: HNSB/A/139

7 June 45.

To: H.C.C.  
R.S.C., I.C.P.

Reference your N.3497/Add. no't dt. prot. M.92 dated 3 June 45, to Major King.

1. I have to advise you that from experience I have found that the repairing of arms in a school, where students are under instruction, does not work satisfactorily.
2. An armours shop has been organised under the direction of a British S/Sergeant and is situated in the main store in that of the Engineers, - The Ordnance "transit Shed".
3. Armours are available; in the meantime the S/Sec. Armourer is repairing all arms that he has to send into stores.
4. It would be advisable if Regiments were informed of the formation of the armoured workshop and its location.
5. Ninety-five percent of the work can be repaired by the Armourer S/Sec.
6. It is hoped that when Armourers are posted, the S/Sec will be free to visit and inspect small arms owned by Units, and advise them on the procedure for repair.
7. Small arms which are beyond local repair will be sent to 638 L. of C. Workshops. Units must not send them direct. All work must pass through the Armourers Shop.
8. Units must state their correct destination when sending their small arms in for repair and not R.S.C., I.C.P. only.

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British S/Sergeant and is situated in the same store as that of the Engineers, - The Ordnance "Trammit Shed".

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CCH/Ad.

Internal.

GSO. II ✓ Major King.  
 C.C. W/shops.  
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 Major RHEM.  
 D.A.D.M.S.

1 JUN 1945  
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SUBJECT:-  
Armourers

TH' BTH IRMC ICF

Ref: BTH/G-15/238

30 May 1945

Officer i/c Training, RMC ICF

G' Training Unit to Ital Army

1. It is felt that the situation regarding armourers is not yet satisfactory.
2. It is recommended that each Regiment should have its own armourers shop. Each Regiment has armourers on the establishment and tools for these should be obtained if not already obtained through DADOS.
3. These armourers should attend to the minor repairs necessary and carry out the zeroing of rifles.
4. A further divisional armourers shop is required for the periodic inspection of arms and rather larger repairs.
5. It is also necessary for Fitters, Gun to be attached to the various Schools to ensure that the 6 pdrs etc, are kept in good condition.

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*W.L.P.*  
Major GSO.II  
Inf Training.

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SUBJECT :- FIAT Targets.

'H' BTI IRTG ICF

Ref BTI/Q.2/251

2 June 45.

OC 'G' BTU.

1. Thereexists a need for a number of Enemy Tanks here and at BANZELINA as targets for FIAT firing.
2. Efforts in the past have been made to obtain these but without success owing to lack of transporters etc.
3. Could the provision of these be taken up with MIA?

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Maj  
GSO II (Inf)

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SUBJECT :- Training Equipment

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

Ref ITU/B.1/435

5 June 45.

DEPT

GSO II (Infantry)  
GSO II (Schools)

1. We recently constructed at SIVA a miniature range for use with the 6pr Anti Tank Gun (See Pamphlet 18 Page 28 "Lessons on Range Firing"). We are also completing another at the Infantry School.
2. Can you obtain four (4) .22 calibre rifles and 10,000 rounds .22 ammunition for use on these ranges. At present they are using 1 small bore Italian Rifle but have no ammunition left.

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*W. W. W. W.*  
Maj  
GS

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SUBJECT : Trg Eqpt.

5 JUN Recd  
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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ CME

Tel : 11656

DMT/87/5/1/MT.1

2 Jun '45

'G' Trg Unit to the Italian Army.

1 A quantity of surplus No. 9 and No. 11 W/T Sets are available in this theatre.

2. Will you please state if you require any extra sets for trg purposes and if so the quantities of each type reqd.

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Brig.,  
D.M.T.

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1 JUN 1945

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Subject: Issue and Distribution of Stores to Units.To: HQ, RTC, ICF."F" B.L.U.:L.R.T.C., I.C.P.For information to:GSO II "G" Training Unit. ✓Ref: OSD/12/52May 30th 1945.DAA & GAG, "F" B.L.U.WO I i/c DADCS Shed.

1. There is no longer a necessity to have a shed set aside entirely for Training Equipment. Such equipment should be distributed to units as soon as it arrives and there should not be any accumulation of stores. Further receipts of Training Equipment will not be very large in quantity.
2. The present Training Equipment Shed can therefore be put to other uses.
3. It is proposed that this shed be referred to in future as the "Transit Shed". All stores from Base Depots arriving in packages addressed to individual units will be handed over by DADCS to the Officer i/c of Transit Shed, units will be notified to collect their stores from there.
4. All Training Stores, if addressed to individual units will be treated in the same way.
5. All Training Stores addressed to RTC, ICF, will be handed over by DADCS to Officer i/c Transit Shed. DADCS will notify HQ, RTC, ICF, giving precise details of such stores and will request HQ, RTC, ICF to allocate them to units who will collect them with a minimum of delay from Transit Shed.
6. DADCS will continue to release rifles as and when necessary, but will do so in bulk to maintain the total holding within units of RTC, ICF, to the ceiling of 5048. These rifles will be handed over to Officer i/c Transit Shed, HQ, RTC, ICF, will be notified and requested to allot them to units for immediate collection from the Transit Shed. 2618
7. The receipt and issue of Bulk Stores is in no way affected by the above remarks.

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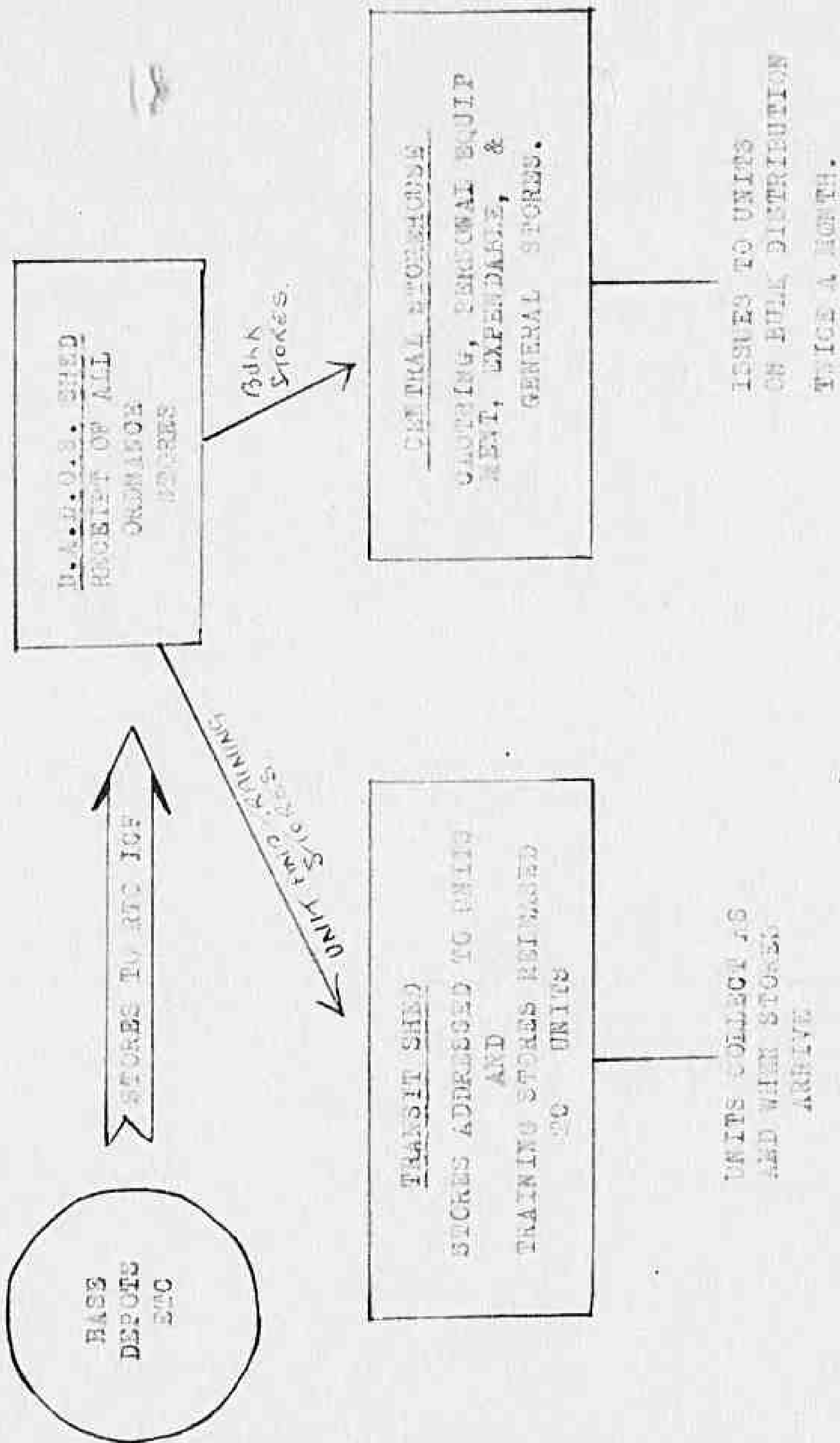
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SUBJECT :- Documentation.

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'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army  
C. I. I.

Ref HU/3.1/431

4 June 45.

Maj SWEDENSKI SO. I. Sigs.

DADOS 'F' EMB INFO HQ.

Herewith letter and vouchers from DADOS  
for your compliance please.

HM/xxx

(original signed)  
by [unclear] FINE  
HMJ  
CS

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SUBJECT :- Training Equipment.

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'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army  
O. N. P.

Ref HU/3.1/232

4 June 45.

CSG III (Schools)

CSG III (Infantry)

1. We have received notification from ISAF Training Equipment Branch that the Mountain Warfare training equipment, Ston Gun and No 5 Rifles you asked for last month cannot be made available for training purposes.

2. Efforts are being made to obtain German Anti Lifting Device III LA from other Training Establishments.

HWK/rmw

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Maj  
CS

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FILE (13)

SUBJECT :- Handing in of Stores.

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

Ref HTU/3.1/400

25 May 45.

Comando Scuola, CAC FIC.

Reference your letter 2781/Add di prot dated 15 May 45.

Will you submit further details of stores you wish to hand in. The usual procedure for handing in stores is known by your Stores Officer, but before any action is taken, will you please advise this office exactly what you wish to hand in.

HWK/raw

*mm*  
Maj  
GS

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25 MAY 1945  
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Subject: Training Equipment.

To: A.D.O.S., R.A.A.C.,  
Rome.

For information to:

"G" Training Unit to  
Italian Army.  
DA/T/88/4/MT1, refers.

"F" B.L.U.,

I.R.T.C., I.C.P.,  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm,

AC (AMIA) Rome.

Ref: ORD/24/77.

May 25th 1945.

1. D.M.T., A.P.H.Q. state the following item was released under MBCH 1/P3/294, Ord Brit letter DOS/2017/3 (ORD 2) dated 20th Feb 1945 refers---- Plants Welding and Cutting L/W O/A Qty 1.
2. This is an item on Training Scales and demand was not initiated through this office and I have no record of it passing through our hands or of it being received. The only information I possess is as above.
3. D.M.T. states if not received at RFC, ICE, it should be traced back to 3 Sub Depot 557, B.O.D. through A.O.C.S. HAAC.  
Can you assist please ?.

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For Information of File

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Can you assist please ?.

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Major

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SUBJECT :- Training Equipment.

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

Ref BTU/B.1/394

23 May 45.

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Corrado Scudila. OAC FIG

*Folio Refers.*

1. At this Centre we have 8 3-in Mortars all equipped with old pattern back sights. That is, the backights are graduated up to 1600 yards, whereas the new type are graduated up to 2800 yards. Our ammunition at present is issued with the extra propellant charge suitable for use with new backight.

2. May the old type backights be replaced with the new type.

*W.M.H.*

MAJ  
CS

WMC/rav

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SUBJECT: Training Equipment.

101 Training Unit to the Italian Army  
C. A. P.

Ref HBU/B.1/426

1 June 45.

Corrado Scudola, CAP SIG.

MAJ HUNTINGDON, S.I.V.A.

1. We have received notification from SIGMA that they are short of certain items of equipment.

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Items 3

No doubt you will be able to arrange to complete this amount, which fulfills their establishment.

2. They require PIAF drill bombs and a further supply of PIAF Practice Shot. It is understood these are available having recently come in, and your stores will no doubt forward them.

*W. H. Hunt*

MAJ  
SIG

HBU/WW

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MAJ HUNTINGDON.

Gerardo Sencola, CAG IWO,  
Maj HUNTINGDON, S.I.V.A.

1. We have received notification from SIVA that they are short of certain items of equipment.

Difos 124 IV - 40  
Boxes - 5

No doubt you will be able to arrange to complete this amount, which fulfills their requirement.

2. They require 5000 drill heads and a further supply of 10000 drill bits. It is understood these are available having recently come in, and your stores will no doubt forward them.

*W. L. King*

Maj  
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Maj HUNTINGDON.

Tannoy Loudspeaker Equipment. This was sent out to you, included in a load of stores 2 days ago.

Batteries. Obtain these from Signal School at BRACKLING. A note to SUPERSTITION will release them for you.

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SUBJECT :- Collection of Training Equipment.

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

Ref BTU/B.1/386

21 May 45.

GSO III Tactical School, GTC.

1. The bearer of this note, Sgt BARNES, is from 'G' Training Unit at the Italian Reinforcements Centre, CESSANO.
2. He is instructed to report to Capt FRENCH at GTC who will kindly advise him as to what to collect the equipment etc, recently arranged by Major HENDERSON on his visit to GTC.
3. Major HENDERSON particularly requests that the Scale Models from the model room workshop are included.

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*V.M.*  
Maj  
GS

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SUBJECT :- Signal Equipment.

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

Ref DTU/B.1/387

21 May 45.

Major SWINERTON SO. R Sigs.

*folio 68 and 58  
Refer.*

1. Attached is a copy of letter received from DTU - ref DTU/83/4/MT.1 of 18 May 45.
2. Will you please forward a list of items in accordance with para 2 of DTU's letter.

GRW/rev

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
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SUBJECT : Signal Equipment.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

DAT/83/L/AT.1

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army.

13 May 45.

Copy to : Salvage Directorate, AFHQ.

1. This Directorate has been advised by the Salvage Directorate that wireless components are not available from Salvage sources.
2. If you will forward a list of the specific items you require, endeavours will be made to obtain release from R.S.D., 557 B.O.D.

(Signed) J.M. BOFFERS  
Capt. RA

For ERIG.,  
D.M.T.

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LROF V MEDY NR 07296/7/8/9/ QIM  
FROM DMT 56 AREA 061700B  
TO (1) RACTD (2) SCHOOL OF ARTY  
(3) PARA BDE DEPOT (4) G TRG UNIV TO ITALIAN ARMY

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QOX BT  
DMT/980 . RESTRICTED . PLEASE FWD BY 20 APRIL ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS  
TARGET AND TARGET MATERIAL UP TO 30 SET . NIL RETURNS REQUIRED .  
ESSENTIAL DEMAND BE KEPT TO MINIMUM . ALL INFM

BT 061700D  
SENT 1827B UTW B3 K  
RD NR07296/7/8/9 1827B CDM KK

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SUBJECT :- Training Equipment.

Training Unit to the Italian Army  
C. I. P.

Ref MU/24/248

6 Apr 45.

Mr Col HAGLEY : : MU 248 IDP.

1. Replying to your memo MU/1/227 dated 4 April 45, the following recommendations are made to amend the present organization for dealing with training equipment at this Centre.

- (a) At present the MU staff dealing with training equipment consists of one GSO III, who is responsible for the issue and records of all training equipment and ammunition. This officer works to the training scale laid down by ME and maintains records and the information supplied by ME in their release advices, and the receipts of equipment into the Central Training Store.
- (b) Returns are made monthly to DEF Regiment Branch, and a close control is kept over outstanding requirements of equipment.
- (c) This officer advises the Italian Staff in the distribution of all equipment and ammunition. 2604
- (d) At present, the only British Representative in the Central Stores is an RAGO private soldier storeman. This man receives the whole of training stores and ammunition and passes advice of receipt to GSO III for record purposes. Some difficulty is experienced as this man is not suitable to identify all equipment which arrives.

consists of one book which contains records of all trading equipment and ammunition. This officer works to the trading scale laid down by DAF and maintains records <sup>and</sup> the information supplied by DAF in their release advices, and the receipts of equipment into the Central Training Store.

- (b) Returns are made monthly to RAF Equipment Branch, and a close control is kept over outstanding requirements of equipment.
- (c) This officer advises the Italian Staff in the distribution of all equipment and ammunition. 2604
- (d) At present, the only British Representative in the Central Stores is an MAJCO private soldier storeman. This man receives the whole of training stores and ammunition and passes advice of receipt to GSO III for receipt purposes. Some difficulty is experienced as this man is not suitable to identify all equipment which arrives.

For the future, the following recommendations are made :

- (a) GSO III remains as at present, dealing with the records and advising on the issue of stores, and coordinating all equipment matters at this Centre.
- (b) In order to keep a check on all equipment and ammunition coming into Central Stores, an MAJCO Sergeant Storeman, Ammunition Branch, be added to the present establishment, and in addition an Italian clerk to keep the necessary records.
- (c) It is felt this MAJCO Sergeant would overcome the present difficulty of having no one capable of identifying the stores or suitable to advise the Italians on their maintenance.

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CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI  
FORZE ITALIANE DI COMPLETTAMENTO  
COLANDO SCUOLE

- 5 APR Read

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Ufficio Addestramento

Mr. 1412/Adde. di prof.

P.M. '92, li 5 aprile 1945

OGGETTO : Richiesta materiale di addestramento - periodico  
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IL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO  
( Ten.Col. UGO SIVO )

*Ugo Sivo*



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IL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO  
( Ten.Col. Ugo Sivo )



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10-0001 L.H. BROWN. 20 JUL 1950 REF.

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1. The status of persons in operation with regard to handling equipment is as follows:

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(b) The training references for Controlled Storage and Non Controlled Storage are obtained through DADCS.

(c) GSO III receives information that equipment has arrived from the staff in the training store shed, which consists of an Italian staff assisted by a mission, RAC.

(d) On receipt of equipment GSO III advises SAC IOP how it should be distributed to sub units.

(e) Returns are made by GSO III to SAC for additional equipment and equipment held, the latter based on the assumption that the returns have in fact been distributed to the sub units concerned.

2.

With regard to para 1, the following comments are made.

(a) The SAC III has found that, while holding a JEM Staff appointment, he has been obliged to neglect the proper maintenance of his duties i.e. the paper work consisting of repair records, substitution oil returns, in favour of servicing (not only carrying out repairs) the tanks on all vehicles with regard to equipment in the store. His duties have shifted into those of a technical storeman (without the technical knowledge) and to those generally associated with a Company (armor) maintenance. The following instances may be cited.

(i) Two days to collect vehicles and equipment. 2602

(ii) Arriving for the morning at the military station of 1200 hours and their transfer to 0800.

(iii) Visiting on two occasions GSO I of 3 vehicles to arrange oil services and repair of training equipment.

(iv) Almost daily acquisition from the Italians to replace details of equipment.

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- (v) Because of lack of staff, having of necessity to supervise the issue of equipment from the Storehouse. The supervision of the receipt of equipment has, particularly, been impossible as the only knowledge currently the GSO III has of the receipt of the equipment is if the staff of the Storehouse advises him that it has arrived. On two very occasions the only proof of receipt has been when the GSO III has himself found the equipment lying in the Storehouse.
- (b) With regard to returns, the Staff has to have no idea of receiving what is written on paper with equipment that is in their hold by sub units. They soon quite satisfied they no longer receive returns regarding which those of the GSO III the Staff that equipment is deficient or incomplete as of little importance.
3. In view of the foregoing, the following suggestions are made:-
- (a) If the equipment is a British responsibility, that an adequate British Staff to control, direct and generally supervise all training equipment to be maintained. This, it is suggested, should consist of one WO and several Sergeants. Their responsibility would be to receive stores and issue all training equipment from the Central Storehouse and control and check equipment that has been allotted to sub units and to hold inventories.
- (b) If the equipment is an Italian responsibility, that one British WO should be employed in the Central Storehouse to receive and issue all equipment and advise the Italians on all matters with regard to training equipment.
4. If the situation remains as it is at present, with only a GSO III and 19 staff to manage him, it is felt that the best use will not be made of the equipment that is available. Delay will be caused in orienting for operations and spare parts, and the value of the equipment will deteriorate owing to lack of supervision and maintenance. Further, proper control of the equipment will not be maintained.

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*Robert G. G. I*

Capt 16/5 L  
 GSO III.

*Major KING*

SUBJECT :- Training Equipment.

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1st Training Unit to the Italian Army  
C. M. P.

BMV/M/242.

Apr 45.

Lt-Col L.H. MACKAY. 1st BMV ITC ICP.

*KMM*

Reference conversation of this morning on the above subject.

1. The system at present in operation with regard to training equipment is as follows :-

- (a) One GSO III is responsible for all training equipment and ammunition of the BMC ICP.
- (b) DMT issues releases for Controlled Stores and Non Controlled Stores are obtained through DADOS.
- (c) GSO III receives information that equipment has arrived from the staff in the training store shed, which consists of an Italian Staff assisted by a private, RADC.
- (d) On receipt of equipment GSO III advises BMC ICP how it should be distributed to sub units.
- (e) Returns are made by GSO III to DMT for additional equipment and equipment held, the latter based on the assumption that the releases have in fact been distributed to the sub units concerned.

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With regard to para 1, the following comments are made.

- (a) The GSO III has found that, while holding a DMT Staff appointment, he has been obliged to neglect the proper side of his duties i.e. the paper work consisting of proper records, statistics and returns, in favour of advising (not only advising but also returning) the Italians on all matters with regard to

Stores are obtained through DADOS.

- (c) GSO III receives information that equipment has arrived from the staff in the training store shed, which consists of an Italian Staff assisted by a private, RACC.
- (d) On receipt of equipment GSO III advises HTO ICF how it should be distributed to sub units.
- (e) Returns are made by GSO III to DAF for additional equipment and equipment held, the latter based on the assumption that the releases have in fact been distributed to the sub units concerned.
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- (i) Two trips to HAINES area to collect vehicles and equipment.
  - (ii) Arranging for the unloading at TOR SAPIENZA station of L2 carriers and their transfer to CERANO.
  - (iii) Visiting on two occasions 530 I of C Workshops to arrange and supervise the repair of training equipment.
  - (iv) Almost daily enquiries from the Italians to explain details of equipment.

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(v) Because of lack of staff, having of necessity to supervise the issue of equipment from the Storehouse. The supervision of the receipt of equipment has, fortunately, been impossible as the only knowledge generally the GSO III has of the receipt of the equipment is if the staff of the Storehouse advises him that it has arrived. On too many occasions the only proof of receipt has been when the GSO III has himself found the equipment lying in the Storehouse.

(b) With regard to returns, the Italians seem to have no idea of agreeing what is written on paper with equipment that is in fact held by sub units. They seem quite satisfied that so long as their paper records agree with those of the GSO III the fact that equipment is deficient or incomplete is of little importance.


In view of the foregoing, the following suggestions are made :-

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GCS/raw

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 Capt 16/5 L  
 GSO III.

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