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MAR. DEC. 1945

COPY OF TRANSLATIONMEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR TAYLOR OF THE MEDIA CONCERNING THE ORGANISATION OF M.T.
TRAINING FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY

We consider it advisable, in view of the present circumstances, to propose that all the M.T. training should be concentrated in one school.

This is in view of the following circumstances:

- the present lack of good instructors suitable to carry out the work entrusted to them. For this reason, we consider it necessary to unite such personnel in one single group, which, well-directed, would undoubtedly be able to carry out with greater success, the training of even large numbers.
- The advisability of ensuring a unity of training principle intended to create that new M.T. mentality, especially among the personnel of the staff, which is necessary, besides meeting the present situation, to give it that serenity of purpose, which forms the moral basis for reaching of the final aims, also of a technical nature which have been imposed both in the new organisation and by the changed principles of the M.T. regulations.

In order that the above may be opportunely realised, it is, furthermore necessary that the school should be placed directly under the technical commands of the central technical department without any interference from HQ's or other intermediary formations.

Tasks of the school and organisation of courses.

The school should carry out the following training tasks:

- a) courses for drivers of vehicles of various types, both Allied and Italian;
- b) courses for mechanics in the maintenance of vehicles, both Allied Italian;
- c) courses for Artillery mechanics and tradesmen;
- d) courses for specialists for the M.T. Repair workshops;
- e) courses for M.T. Section NCO's;
- f) advanced courses for specialist NCO's for the MT Repair Workshops;
- g) preliminary courses for officers of the MT units or of the various arms of the service which may have on issue MT vehicles;
- h) refresher courses for officers of the MT units or of the various arms of the service which may be supplied with MT vehicles;
- i) higher training courses for officers, of a largely technical nature.

Details of the courses are as follows:-

- a) must guarantee the training of personnel, who, although arriving at the school without any, or ~~very~~ with very little knowledge of M.T. matters (as will be the case among the young members of the classes next to be called-up) must be able to acquire such a degree of knowledge and practice as to permit them to drive, with confidence, the normal types of Italian or Allied vehicles.

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For such a course an adequate assignment of vehicles must be estimated (not more than 8 pupils to each vehicle).

Duration of the course - 2 months; number of pupils attending - 1000
b) must guarantee the training of personnel, who although having the said M.T. training described against letter a) must acquire such a degree of knowledge and practice as to permit them to carry out, with the necessary competence, all the work required for the normal maintenance of vehicles.

Duration of the course - 2 months; number of pupils attending 200.
c) must guarantee the training of personnel who whether or not they already possess mechanical knowledge, must be able to acquire that knowledge of arms and arms repairs which will permit them to carry out their work with safety.

Duration of the course - 4 months; number of pupils attending - 500.
d) must guarantee the training of personnel who, although arriving at the school with only a little mechanical knowledge or with a satisfactory school diploma (not lower than the 5th Form-Elementary for those who have no mechanical knowledge) upon completion of the course will for each of the respective trades be able to carry out the repair works executed in the M.T. Workshops.

Duration of the course - 6 months; number of pupils attending - 150.
e) must guarantee MT training relative to driving, carrying out of the duties of driving instructor and those duties of command required in NCOs i/o's sections.

During the last phase of the course, the NCO's will be called-upon to act as auxiliary instructors to the pupils attending the courses described in a) and b).

Duration of the course - 4 months; number of pupils attending - 100.
f) will give advanced workshop training to NCOs who have acquired theoretical and practical knowledge from the courses which they will have attended at one of the Royal Industrial Institutes under the care of the Ministry of Education, for which negotiations are now in progress. This first course should be of a duration of no less than 6 months. The duration of the advanced course is established at 2 months, and therefore the pupil, in order to reach his full qualification of "Specialist NCO", in a certain category, must attend for a total period of 8 months.

Number of pupils attending the course - 50.
g) will give a complete "preliminary" training to junior officers who are to be transferred to MT units or to units which are supplied with vehicles. They must be given the opportunity of perfecting their knowledge by exercising their command.

Duration of the course - 6 months; number of pupils attending - 50.
h) will disseminate general MT knowledge to officers of various ranks, in relation to recent technical innovations, and further new training principles for personnel, as well as further changes in regulations.

Duration of the course - 2 months; number of pupils attending - 50.
i) will train officers who, because of having special qualifications and higher scholarship diplomas, may be given the opportunity of solving constructive problems. Thus they will be able to prospect new materials or modify those already existing, and dedicate themselves to the study of workshops etc.

Duration of the course - 12 months; pupils attending - 20.

The total number of pupils who would be able contemporarily to attend the school is estimated at 2120.

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TRAINING OF SPECIALIST PERSONNEL

The training of specialist personnel of the various categories necessary to the MT Repair Workshops would also be carried out at the Royal Industrial School and Institutes under the care of the Ministry of Education, and also with the following civilian establishments:- FIAT, ANSALDO, MARILLI, RACI.

Negotiations are in progress both with the said Ministry and the aforementioned establishments and society, in order to arrive at agreement as to organisation. Such an organisation, which was formerly effected by the now disbanded Inspectorate of MT Corps, had reached highly satisfactory results.

The agreements and negotiations now being undertaken, have the aim of furnishing the courses with experienced teaching personnel, sufficient vehicles and equipment, and with programmes and principles drawn up by the central technical formation. Thus they may, as in the past, guarantee results, both as regards quantity and quality, to an extent warranted by requirements.

The Royal Industrial Schools and Institutes can hold the following specialisation courses:

motor mechanics - fitters - turners - smiths - electricians and magneto mechanics - carpenters - electric welders.

The FIAT Firm:

motor mechanics - fitters - electricians and magneto mechanics - injection pump mechanics.

The ANSALDO Firm:

turners - smiths - electric welders.

The MARILLI Firm:

electricians and magneto mechanics.

The R.A.C.I.:

Motor mechanics - fitters

The Royal Industrial Schools would be able, generally speaking, to carry out the courses in the following localities: 2656
TURIN, MILAN, VICENZA, ALESSANDRIA, BOLZANO, UDINE, GENOA, FLORENCE, ROME, NAPLES, BARI, PALERMO (total no of sites: 12)

The FIAT Firm:

MILAN, TURIN, ROME (total no of sites: 3)

The ANSALDO Firm:

GENOA SESTO I.

The MARILLI Firm:

MILAN (SESTO S. GIOVANNI)

The R.A.C.I.:

ROME

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Total no of sites for courses about 18.

Upon agreements the possibility would exist of training at each site an approximate number of between 50 and 70 pupils. This would make possible a turnover (for each course of a duration of 6 months) of between 900 and 1260 pupils to which should be added the 150 pupils trained at the Military school.

We would thus arrive at an approximate total turnover of 1500 men every 6 months.

At the military school, trades could be taught for which facilities existed neither at the Royal Industrial Schools nor at the manufacturing firms and the RACI. These trades are: vulcanizer - storeman - upholsterer etc.

With reference to the above and in the interests of the training of "military specialists" it is necessary to stipulate that there should be, at the military school a repair workshops, besides that used for training. Such a workshop in addition to serving for repairs of M.T. materials used by the school would act as a unit workshop for the practical and advanced training for Specialist NCO's and men.

FORMATION OF A SPECIALIST CORPS

In order to be able to form a corps of military specialists, below NCO's rank, it is necessary to award them some form of trade pay.

The matter is still under review, and nothing has yet been resolved.

It is necessary to hasten this matter, submitting the advisability of an adequate payment being made, comparing favourably with that made to civilians, to the specialist personnel, who thus would wish to sign for period of not less than 5 years. The creation of a corps of military specialists, in addition to guaranteeing a technical independence to the Italian Army, would also enable it to employ elements of a secure competence, thereby meeting the requirements without having to recourse to civilians labour. This latter as shown by the present situation, does not generally fulfill the necessary demands in specialisation.

In order to meet the enormous demands for work by the repair services, we have had to employ the civilian specialist personnel, offered to us in the normal way, but in view of the modest pay, but in view of the modest pay offered by the Military Administration, especially with regard to experience specialists, in comparison with that paid by civilian firms, we have ~~265~~ agreed to employ a larger number of personnel to that estimated in order to be able to ensure quality by using quantity.

In this manner, there has been created an establishment, which in many cases is elephantine, the cost of which is, for the Army, enormous, and far above that which would be necessary for the small group of suitable and well-trained military personnel required by the repair services.

In this way, a large economy could be realised in the training phases of the military specialists, who if they have not signed on to stay in the Army, would have to be changed yearly with the disadvantage of being available only for a period of 4 months, for each class, since personnel, in order to reach the qualification of specialists, must undergo an 8 months period of taring.

Sdg. Lt. Col. Antonio Morani.

SUBJECT: Workshop Lorry.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: AQ/6A/806

31 Dec. 45.

To: Comando
Scuole Centrali Militari.

Reference your 08/2500/S/AUT dated 4 Dec. 45.

The request for loan or allotment of a Workshop Lorry
from 155 Workshops to Scuola Autiori is to be made in the normal
manner by the latter, through your own channels.

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Major R.A.C.
DAA & QMG.

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SUBJECT : Vehicles - WE - Italian

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.M.I.A.

R O M E

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27 December 1945

TO : 12 B.L.U.

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1. Reference your AQ/64/724 of 11 Dec 45.
2. Request for loan or allotment of a w/s lorry from 155 Workshops to CSCM CESANO is to be made in the normal manner by the latter through Italian Channels.

*your own
right under Italian law*

*with to circ.
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[Signature]

C.E. KING, Major

TO : 12 B.L.U.

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1. Reference your AQ/64/724 of 11 Dec 45.
2. Request for loan or allotment of a w/s lorry from 155 Workshops to CSCM CESANO is to be made in the normal manner by the latter through Italian Channels.

info must be furnished

with to CPM's
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[Signature]

C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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DAA & QMG	DADST	
	DADCS	
	DADME	
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SUBJECT: Ordnance Technical Store Section.

'P' BRANCHES HEADQUARTERS & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.P.

Ref: 12/6/53

14 July 45.

To: R.C.
R.T.C. I.C.P.

1. In order to ensure that a proper system of supply of R.T. and Technical Stores to units and workshop of R.T.C., I.C.P. is established, it is recommended that an Ordnance Technical Store Unit be formed forthwith. Personnel for this unit are shown at Appendix 'A'.

2. This unit will be under the direct command of W/Officer Services and work closely in with the Workshops. It should be located preferably near the Workshops.

3. This unit will obtain all necessary technical stores through D.A.D.O.S. 'P' B.L. & T.U. All units of R.T.C., I.C.P. will submit their demands for R.T. and other Technical Stores to the Technical Stores Section, who will consolidate them before passing the demand on to D.A.D.O.S. On arrival of the stores, Units will be informed and collect from the Technical Stores Section. Details of instructions for indenting procedure will be prepared and issued by D.A.D.O.S. 'P' B.L. & T.U.

4. It is recommended that the personnel required for this Technical Stores Section should be supplied from the Officers and C.Ms. who have attended Courses on R.A.C.C. procedure.

5. An establishment for this Technical Stores Section will be included when submitting proposed establishments for the whole of R.T.C., I.C.P., but in order not to delay matters it is strongly recommended that this Section be formed forthwith.

Quip
Major R.A.
D.A.A. & C.M.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'

(To 'P' H.L. & T.U.
 letter AG/64/983
 dated 14 July 45).

PERSONNEL FOR PROPOSED TECHNICAL SIGINT SECTION.OFFICERS.

Officer Commanding	-	Captain.
Second-in-Command.	-	Subaltern.

O.Ns.

Clerk.	-	1 Warrant Officer.
"	-	1 Corporal.
"	-	2 Privates.
Storeman.	-	1 Sergeant. (M.T.)
"	-	1 Corporal (Armaments)
"	-	3 Privates (M.T.)
"	-	1 Private. (Armaments)
Interpreters.	-	2 Sergeants.

SUBJECT:- Organisation.

'P' British Liaison
& Training Unit.

N/6N/797

21 June 45.

To:- H.Q.
R.T.C. I.C.F.

1. Will you please note that with immediate effect, the only address of this unit is now :-

'P' British Liaison & Training Unit,
R.T.C., I.C.F.

2. Please inform all units of R.T.C. I.C.F.
3. Copies of new staff list attached.


Colonel
Comd. 'P' British Liaison
and Training Unit.

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SUBJECT:-

Regimental Situation

Comd.,
 1st BLU IRTC ICF
 CC, 'G' Trg Unit

1st BLU IRTC ICF

Ref: BTL/A. 10/260

5 June 1945

The following is a translation (modified) of a letter from
 CC No.2 Regiment.

"The actual strength of the Regiment as it appears in the daily
 returns does not present a true picture of the number of men available
 for training or posting.

The following is an explanation.

1. Establishment and Control.

To carry out its proper functions the Regiment needs the following
 staff.

Officers.	NCOs and Men.
17	38
5	54
	40
	51
	52
5	21 (i)
6	37 (ii)
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Regimental H.Q.

HQ Company.

Drivers & Pioneers

Band

Soldiers for various duties.

(Cook, batmen, barbers, storemen,
waiters, shoemakers, etc, etc).

Battalion HQ.

Each Company. (5 Platoons)

(i) Clerk, Telephonists, runners, mess batmen.

(ii) Section Commanders, Instructors, barbers, Engineers room
orderlies, storemen, clerks, etc.

Total 10210 409

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	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>NCOs and Men.</u>
Regimental H.Q.	17	38
HQ Company.	5	54
Drivers & Pioneers		40
Band		51
Soldiers for various duties.		52
(Cook, batmen, barbers, storemen, waiters, shoemakers, etc, etc).	5	21 (i)
Battalion H.Q.	6	37 (ii)
Each Company. (5 Platoons)		2648

- (i) Clerk, Telephonists, runners, mess batmen.
- (ii) Section Commanders, Instructors, barbers, Buglers, room orderlies, storemen, clerks, etc.

Total. Officers. 109

NCOs & Men. 742"

NOTE:

It will appear that much of the above is excessive.

- (1) The band is not essential.
- (2) Regiment HQ appears overstuffed. It must however, be realised that
- (3)
 - (i) The 40 Pioneers are necessary because no contractors work on the building.
 - (ii) The drivers etc of the specialist school are on the strength of No.2 Regiment.
 - (iii) There are an immense number of officers who use CESANO as a transit camp and are always posted to No.2 Regiment.

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2. Guards and Duties.

The following daily squads are found by the Regiment for which the men in para 1 cannot be touched.

	<u>Senior NCO.</u>	<u>Junior NCO.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
(1) Guard on Barracks.	1	1	6
(2) Carrier and Gun Park.		1	3
(3) Regimental transport.		1	3
(4) Div Clothing Store.		1	3
(5) Div Petrol Store.		1	3
(6) Div Ammunition Dump.	1	3	12
(7) Regiment.	1	3	9
(8) Posto di Blocco, Ponte MILVIO.	1	1	8
(9) Patrol at ANGUILARA.	-	-	12
(10) " " CESANO.	-	1	3
(11) 3rd Lotto (Internal).	-	2	-
(12) Div Magazini.	1	2	4
<u>TOTAL.</u>	5	17	66

Working on the normal rule that a man must have only one Guard every three days, this needs:-

Senior NCOs	15
Junior NCOs	51
Soldiers.	198

(7) Regiment.	1	3	9
(8) Posto di Blocco, Ponte MIMMO.	1	1	8
(9) Patrol at ANGUILARA.	-	-	12
(10) " " CESANO.	-	1	3
(11) 3rd Lotto (Internal).	-	2	-
(12) Div Magazzini.	1	2	4
<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>66</u>

Working on the normal rule that a man must have only one Guard every three days, this needs:-

Senior NCOs 15
Junior NCOs 51
Soldiers. 198

That is - 264 GPs.

To this must be added that there is always about 20% of the Regiment on leave, sick or in hospital, let us say 317 men.

Taken all round 1,059 men is needed to actually run the Regiment and do the Guards.

3. Actual Number of Men (Employment)

NCOs and Men in the Regiment 1461. These may be divided as follows:-

(i) Group (At School or at courses)	...	...	207
(ii) In training - 1st week.	...	...	40
6th week.	...	...	265
(iii) Group available for duties, permanent staff, etc.	...	...	588

The departure of 167 men for CREMONA and 37 Grenadiers for FREGOLI (drawn partly from the third and partly from the second groups) has so diminished the number of men that it is necessary to touch the men of the first Group.

The result/.....

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The result if there is nobody available for courses, schools, reinforcements and the other various requests of officers and Commanders.

NOTE:- A lot of the above is exaggerated, but definitely the situation is highly unsatisfactory.

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WLP
Major GSO.II
Inf Training

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Marking Numbers.

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'P' MLU, ERTS, ICF.
q/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (ICHA) ROYAL.

Ref: AQ/64/510

8 May 1945.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (ICHA).

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refer.

May vehicle marking numbers please be allotted
to the following Italian Units in course of formation :-

152 Italian Driving & Maintenance School.

153 Italian L.A.D.

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Light.Col. R.A.

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SECRET: Vehicle Signs.

1st REG. DEPT. ICS.
c/o Land Force Sub Com.
AG (MILA) 1988

Ref: AG/6A/509

8 May 1945.

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

1. Reference your letter AG/6A/5/101 dated 5 May 45.
the unit number for the 319 Field Bakery is 551. It is
regretted that the wrong number was given in this H.Q.
letter AG/6A/595.

2. Reference your letter AG/6A/5/101 dated 5 April
application has been made to A.F.H.2. For a unit number
for the 152 D & H. School.

Chgt. R.A.
Staff Captain.

RM/at.

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Subject:- Unit Mobilization, 3(Italian G.T.Coy)

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

"P" E.L.U.,
I.R.T.C., I.C.F.,
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC (P.M.I.A) Rome.

For information to :

DAA & QAG "P" BLU RTC ICF. ✓

HQ RTC ICF.

Ref : ORD/14/15
April 18th 1945.

Herewith indents Nos 3GTC/27 - 33 for vehicles and weapons based on S.E.L.'s for 1 Company HQ, 4 Transport Platoons, 4 Relief Driver Increments, and 1 Mechanical Engineers Platoon, to make up No 3 Italian General Transport Company, in accordance with AFHQ/OR/1116/G1 (BR) serial 1391 of 13th Jan 1945, appendix F.

It would be greatly appreciated if a request were forwarded for prompt release of vehicles.

Regarding weapons I have omitted rifles, which can be supplied as and when required from the pool held at RTC ICF.

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M.W. JEFFERY.

Major
D.A.D.O.S. 2644

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SUBJECT :) Formation - RTC ICF'F' BLU RTC ICF
Ref G/6A/1

13 Mar 45

Hq RTC ICF

1. Reference this Hq letter G/6A/34 dated 3 Mar 45, indents called for under paragraphs 6 and 7 have not yet been received. May these please be forwarded immediately.

2. If any difficulty is being experienced in the matter, please do not hesitate to contact this Hq.

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DAA & QMG

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Subject: Formation Order

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Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (101A)

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2 March 45

101A L.O. BLU
RMC. ICF.

Herewith copy of formation order of 83
Evacuation Hospital as requested.



Major,
D. A. D. M. S.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (101A)

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 SUBJECT: Provost R.T.G., I.O.P.

171 B.D.G., R.T.G., I.O.P.

Ref: 5/54/45

13 March 45.

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 To: Provost.

Reference your Pro/2/1 of 8 March 45.

1. All strengths will be calculated by War Establishment RA/524/1, irrespective of what War Establishment H.Q. HQ IGP hold.
2. The War Establishment of 152 Italian Provost Coy. C.G.R.R. (CS/757/1) includes the instructor staff.
3. All deficiencies of equipment, etc., must be indented for by O.C. 152 Provost Coy., C.G.R.R. No automatic action is taken by D.A.D.G.S. 'P' B.D.U.

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 Major R.A.
 HQ & GHQ.

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