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SUBJECT: Training for Unit Announcers.

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

Ref. EU/C1/445

8 June 45.

Comando Scuola. GAC PEO.

MAJ. F. F. F. (GAC II Inf.).
MAJ. H. H. H. (GAC II Schools).
MAJ. J. J. J. (DAME).

1. Further to recent reference to urgent need for Announcers to inspect and maintain this small arms, it has been arranged with DAME to run a course at the Mechanics' School on the lines of the attached letter which gives necessary details.
2. As 3/Lt. Campbell, the Announcer 3/Lt., is running the course himself, an Officer Interpreter will be needed, not only to interpret the instruction, but also to be responsible for the discipline and well being of the students, in fact, to look after the course generally. May the name of this Officer be forwarded to Maj. H. H. H. forthwith.
3. The selection of students will have to be very carefully arranged, particularly as men with some technical aptitude and knowledge are needed. As was the case with the Signal Course, a small selection party proceed under your instruction to select 12 suitable students. When trained, there is no doubt, these men will be invaluable.
4. It is understood that the Course will include a considerable amount of practical work so that finally, the students will be quite capable of maintaining the small arms of the Battalion, and as is normal each Battalion will have its own small Announcers' Shop.
5. It is expected that the Course will last 3 or 4 weeks.

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SUBJECT : Armourers

P. HMU. IRTG. ICF.

Ref. RMU/C/4/13

8 June 45.

To: O.C.
Mechanics School.

1. The position of the maintenance and care of arms in the Centre is deplorable.
2. It is intended to train 12 Armourers as soon as possible. The 12 Armourers will be Canadians, and they are to be graded on arrival.
3. The Course will commence on the 20th June 45.
4. S/Sgt. CAMPBELL, the Armourer S/Sgt., will run the Course at the School. An Interpreter Officer will be attached to him from HQ RMC. ICF., which Maj. KING is arranging.
5. The Students will be housed and fed at the School.
6. The Course at the School will last one week. The remaining one or two months will be spent by pupils inspecting and repairing arms at the respective Regiments.
7. Maj. PRICE is interesting himself and will arrange that one Battalion at a time will send their Arms, properly labelled with owner's name, and Coy. No., to the Centre where all rifles of the Regiments will be thoroughly examined and greased, i.e. a general overhaul.
8. Any arms requiring workshop repair will be sent into the Armourer's Workshop at the Transit Shed of the Ordnance Store, and repaired by the S/Sgt.
9. The order of repair of arms in Regiments will be, all rifles first, then Brens, Thompson Guns, 2 and 5" Mortars, and lastly PIATs.

The following list of tools will be loaned to S/Sgt. Campbell

4. S/Sgt. CAMPBELL, the Armourer S/Sgt., will run the Course at the School. An Interpreter Officer will be attached to him from HQ KVC. IOF., which Maj. KING is arranging.
5. The Students will be housed and fed at the School.
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7. Maj. PRICE is interesting himself and will arrange that one Detachment at a time will send their Arms, properly labelled with owner's name, and Coy. No., to the Centre where all rifles of the Regiments will be thoroughly examined and greased, i.e. a general overhaul.
8. Any arms requiring workshop repair will be sent into the Armourer's Workshop at the Transit Shed of the Ordnance Store, and repaired by the S/Sgt.
9. The order of repair of arms in Regiments will be, all rifles first, then Brens, Thompson Guns, 2 and 3" Mortars, and lastly FLATS.
10. The following list of tools will be loaned by S/Sgt. Campsall by the school :-
 - 8 Screwdrivers - 12"
 - 4 Hammers.
 - 4 Vices (bench)
 - 1 Large Bench.
 - 8 Press Pliers
 - 4 Hand Vices.
 - 10 lbs Mineral Jelly.
 - 2 Files. - 6" smooth
 - 2 " - 8" "
 - 2 Adjustable Spanners.
11. One 3 ton Lorry should be made available to move the benches and tools to the repair Workshop, at the request of the S/Sgt.
12. Range testing and zeroing will be included in the course.
13. Progress reports will be submitted weekly by the S/Sgt to O.C. Mechanics School, with a copy to D.A.D.M.E. If, during the first week, it is found that a student is not suitable he will be R.T.U.

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(Signed) C. Hilton. Maj. REBE.
 D.A.D.M.E.

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