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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS

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52 DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
R.T.C. I.C.F.

PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 1945.

1. COURSES.

The third Driving and Maintenance Course commenced on 9 July and was extended to six weeks, terminating on 18 August. A total of 404 students reported for instruction, including 85 from the recently disbanded Clontarf Driving School at Rome.

During the course this number was reduced through postings of pupils, sickness, demobilization and elimination of unsuitable personnel to 271. Of this final total 243 passed out as satisfactory and 58 failed.

The percentage of passes thus amounts to 78.5% of the final number, but to only 53% of the initial number of pupils attending. This is most unsatisfactory. It is both a discouragement to the instructional staff and, because the number of pupils must be limited, delays more suitable personnel from attending these courses.

No improvement can be expected until more exercises are given in the selection of potential drivers, students and all personnel due for demobilization are rigidly excluded from attending the courses.

The fifth course is due to commence on 8 September 1945.

2. INSTRUCTORS.

Instruction has inevitably suffered from repeated changes of officers and senior NCOs on the staff due again to demobilization. It presents no less than 10 officers are shortly due for release either before or during the next course. It is essential if the efficiency and continuity of instruction is to be maintained that regular army personnel or personnel not due for release for some considerable time be posted in lieu of these temporary instructors. The start of the fifth course has been delayed until 8 September to allow leave for school personnel and to enable a short interval course to be run for these officers and NCOs whose technical knowledge and ability is not up to the desired standard.

3. EQUIPMENT.

S/L 347/4 has been approved and items submitted for the items concerned. A quantity of tools, tyre repair outfits and tyre pressure gauges has been received but the following items urgently required are still not available from Ordnance :-

- Tyre pumps, foot
- or Air lines for mechanical tyre pumps.
- Grease guns Type B.

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2. INSTRUCTION.

Instruction has inevitably suffered from repeated changes of officers and senior WOs of the staff has again to demobilization. At present no less than 10 officers are shortly to be released or before or during the next course. It is essential if the efficiency and continuity of instruction is to be maintained that regular army personnel or personnel not due for release for some considerable time be posted as a list of these temporary instructors. The start of the fifth course has been delayed until 8 September to allow leave for school personnel and to enable a short internal course to be run for those officers and WOs whose technical knowledge and ability is not up to the desired standard.

3. EQUIPMENT.

TEL 347/1 has been approved and incidents admitted for the items concerned. A quantity of tools, tyre repair outfits and tyre pressure gauges has been received but the following items urgently required are still not available from Ordnance :-

	Tyre pumps, foot	4250
or	Air lines for mechanical tyre pumps.	
	Grease guns Type B.	

The lack of Type B grease guns seriously affects the maintenance of all Austin, Dodge and Ford vehicles which comprise the majority of school training vehicles.

Authority has been requested for an engine - driven air - compressor to be included in the TEL.

No controlled stores have been received during the month.

4. VEHICLES.

Deficiencies - 1 car 2-seater. A truck 15-ton has been released in Lien but is quite unsuitable for driving supervision and convey control on the road.

State	-	Efficient	50	3-ton 4x2 GS
		In workshops	19	
		FOR awaiting		
		workshop repairs	32	

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REVIEW AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL

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PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 30 JUNE 45.

1. COURSE.

The third driving and maintenance course started on 9 May 45. It is intended to enroll 640 persons to six weeks duration, terminating on 18 August. A total of 404 students are attending including 15 from the recently disbanded Chaparral School at 100%.

2. DEFICIENCY.

- (a) Controlled stores received during the month: Nil.
- (b) Deficiencies of outstanding urgency:

Vehicles. - Nil.

Tools.

- Gasoline gas (MILITARY type 'B').

- Type pressure gauges.

- Air pump, foot.

- do. on MIL - Cables, tool, filled, pistons.

The original demand for Gasoline Gas type 'B' was raised by 100% on 10 May 45. A further consolidated demand for the whole of 100% 100% was submitted by 100% on 29 June which included this type of Gasoline Gas. together with type pressure gauges and foot - pump, but to date these items have not been received.

3. VEHICLES.

- (a) The present state of training vehicles is:

present	50
VCR in working	12
VCR awaiting repair	38
	100

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Tools. - Grease guns (VALVE type 18).
 Tyre pressure gauges.
 Air pump, foot.
 Grease, tool, filled, fitters.

The original demand for Grease guns type '18' was raised by DOD as 'NOT AVAILABLE'. A further consolidated demand for the whole of the ILS was submitted by DOD on 29 Jan which included this type of grease gun, together with tyre pressure gauges and foot - pump, but to date these items have not been received.

3. Summary.

(a) The present state of training valuations is :-

Expenditure	50
FOR in training	12
FOR training repair	30
	100

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(b) The outstanding 5 motorcycles and one car 2 - motor mentioned in the New Progress Report have now been released.

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL

H.T.O., I.C.F.

PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 1945.

1. COURSES.

- (a) The second course, of five weeks' duration, terminated on the 26 May.
- (b) 197 Pupils reported for the second course but this number was reduced to 161 due to exemptions leave, sickness and the move of the Girlfield Host. Of the 161 pupils who completed the course, 111 passed as satisfactory drivers 1/6 and 50 failed.
- (c) The third course is due to start on 7 July which it is anticipated will be attended by 350 - 400 pupils.

2. INSTRUMENTAL WORK.

The instructional staff have worked satisfactorily, despite several changes in officer personnel, and have shown greater interest than in previous courses. Owing to leave, sickness and demobilization the present establishment is inadequate to provide one driver for each vehicle. A number to 15 on 1/1 is being prepared with a view to increasing slightly the present authorized strength.

3. MAINTENANCE.

- (a) Controlled stores received during the month - 121.
- (b) Defalcation of outstanding urgency :-

Vehicles:

Lorries 5-ton 4x2 or 4x4 10.
 Trucks 15 unit 4 x 2 1
 Car 2 - 4 x 2 1

Tools:

Chisels, tool, fitters
 Cranes (over 1000 lbs)

(on proposed list)

4. VEHICLES.

- (a) The present vehicle status is :-

3 - ton

efficient.

WHL in working.

WHL awaiting repair.

efficient (WHL)

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courses. Going to leave, citizens and mobilization the present establishment is inadequate to provide one driver for each vehicle. According to US 01/99/1 is being prepared with a view to increasing slightly the present authorized strength.

3. MANPOWER.

(a) Controlled status received during the month - III.

(b) Deficiency of outstanding urgency :-

Vehicles:

Lorries 3-ton 4x2 or 4x4 10.
Trucks 15 ton 4 x 2 (4)
Car 2 - car 4 x 2 1

Tools:

Chests, tool, fittings
Crews guns (Dozer)

(on proposed car.)

4. VEHICLES.

(a) The present vehicle state is :-

3 - ton

Deficient

VER in working

VER awaiting repair

Deficient (MIL)

Authorized at

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(b) As a temporary measure, 5 1/2 cycles have been transferred from the illegal school in order to allow some convey building. As has been stated in all previous progress reports the lack of 1/2 cycles and deserting vehicles has greatly hampered training. Although the 11 was approved two months ago, these vehicles have still not been released.

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5. TRAINING.

(a) Training in driving and maintenance has been satisfactory, having regard to the condition of the vehicles, the lack of motorcycles and the car 2 - car, and the shortage of grease guns. An incident for grease guns for Dodge vehicles has been returned marked "Not Available". As the majority of vehicles are of this make, practical maintenance naturally suffers.

(b) The standard of pupils reporting is not good. Far too many are entirely lacking in mechanical aptitude. It is found that many pupils state that they have had previous mechanical experience simply to attend a course as a change from regimental duties. A far greater percentage of trained drivers could be produced by the school if units exercised more discrimination in the selection of candidates.

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MONTGOMERY & MATHIAS SCHOOL

H.E.O., I.O.F.

PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 1945.

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Ref: M/2/1036

31 May 1945.

1. COURSE

- (a) The first four weeks' course due to terminate on 5 May 45 was extended for a further two weeks, until the 18 May. This was found necessary as the pupils were not considered to have reached the desired standard, due mainly to the lack of training facilities.
- (b) Of the 249 pupils attending, the final results were as follows:
- | | |
|--|------------|
| Passed as drivers I/O | 182 |
| To continue further training during second 4 weeks course. | 17 |
| Considered quite suitable as drivers. | 50 |
| | <u>249</u> |
- (c) Of the 182 who passed, 41 have been posted to the strength of the D. & M. School, 24 to No. 3 G.S. Company and the balance returned to their units.
- (d) The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 170 pupils, to be increased by a further 30 from the Carlisle Division. This and subsequent courses will be of 5 weeks duration.

2. TECHNICAL STAFF

- (a) A certain lack of interest has been evident among the officers and consequently among the men of the school staff. Vehicles were not maintained as well as they might have been, having regard to the lack of tools and equipment. As a result of representations made by this Major, the Lieut Colonel commanding the school was replaced by a younger Major, having greater initiative and organising ability. His enthusiasm is already reflected in the increased numbers and general efficiency of the school.
- (b) The H.E.Os. of the instructional staff are satisfactory, though some still lack the full technical ability desired.

3. REMARKS

- (a) Controlled stores received during month - Nil

(b) Satisfaction of outstanding work -

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- (c) Of the 182 who passed, 14 have been posted to the strength of the B. A. H. school, 24 to No. 3 C.E. Company and the balance returned to their units.
- (d) The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 170 pupils, to be increased by a further 30 from the Carabinieri divisions. This and subsequent courses will be of 5 weeks duration.

2. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

- (a) A certain lack of interest has been evident among the officers and consequently many the men of the school staff. Vehicles were not maintained as well as they might have been, having regard to the lack of tools and equipment. As a result of representations made by the Major, the first Colonel commanding the school was replaced by a younger Major, bringing greater initiative and organizing ability. His enthusiasm is already reflected in the increased business and general efficiency of the school.

- (b) The B.C.Os. of the instructional staff are satisfactory, though some still lack the full technical ability desired.

3. STAFFING:

- (a) Controlled stores received during month - NIL.

- (b) Deficiencies of outstanding urgency :-

<u>Vehicles:</u>	Landen 3-ton 4 x 2 or 4 x 4 C.E.	-	15
	Trucks 15-ton 4 x 2 C.E.	-	5
	Cars 2 ton 4 x 2	-	2
	Motor Cycles, solo.	-	5
			Against proposed V.E.

Tools:

Chests, tool, pattern.	-	4 (on proposed list.)
Carriage guns	}	Indents submitted.
Spencer D.M.		
Scrubbers		

4. GENERAL:

- (a) Training has been greatly hampered by the acute shortage of vehicles and equipment. 15 3-ton vehicles have been certified as B.C.E. and are being overhauled. Of the remaining 86 vehicles, 40 are V.C.E. in workshop or awaiting workshop attention. The balance of 46 vehicles is inadequate for the thorough training of the desired target of 400 pupils. Efficient convey training and the supervision and checking of road work is well-nigh impossible as there is not a single car, motor cycle or 15-ton vehicle available for the instructors. Twenty-five class V 3-ton vehicles were received from the Drivers Training School at Trent only on 29 May. These will greatly alleviate the situation and it is hoped that there will be a general improvement over the first course, during which an average of only 20 vehicles a day were available for training.

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- (b) Authority for the formation of 152 Italian Driving & Maintenance School has given under A.P.H.Q. CR/1116/C-1 (Rr) dated 27 April 45. In spite of requests by this H.Q. no definite W.E. or S.E.L. has yet been received and the actual approved composition and authorized holdings of the school are still not known.

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SUMMARY :- Progress Report - DM School

MEMO DNO ICP
Ref 02/14/148

29 April 45

MEMO DNO ICP (3)

Herewith Monthly Progress Report on the Driving and Maintenance School ITC ICP as at 30 April 45.

COURSES

1. (a) The first four-week course commenced on 8 April 45 and is still in progress. The second course will begin on 6 May 45 and the third on 10 Jun 45.
- (b) The syllabus comprises a comprehensive instruction in the theory and practice of driving and vehicle maintenance based on the British 16 Tank System.
- (c) During the week 22 - 28 April a supplementary course attended by 25 Carabinieri is being run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.
- (d) Including the 25 Carabinieri above a total of 302 pupils are under instruction.

PERSONNEL STAFF

2. (a) The following personnel are deficient against the proposed staff :-

Medical Officer	-	1 (posted but not yet arrived)
Platoon Sergeant	-	1
Lt. Staff Instructor	-	4
Drivers IC	-	8 (include 1 MCO)
Motor Cyclists	-	1
Driver Instructors	-	38

The deficiency of 38 Driver Instructors will be made up from 214 pupils who pass as suitable on the end of this current course.

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- (b) The syllabus comprises a comprehensive instruction in the theory and practice of driving and vehicle maintenance based on the British 16 Tank System.
- (c) During the week 22 - 28 April a subsidiary course attended by 25 Carabinieri is being run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.
- (d) Including the 25 Carabinieri above a total of 202 pupils are under instruction.

DEFICIENT PERSONNEL

2. (a) The following personnel are deficient against the proposed
WS 1:-

Medical Officer	-	1 (posted but not yet arrived)
Platoon Sergeant	-	1
Lt Sjt Instructor	-	4
Drivers IC	-	8 (include 1 HDO)
Motor Cyclists	-	1
Driver Instructors	-	38

The deficiency of 50 Driver Instructors will be made up from ~~22~~ **214** pupils who pass an suitable on the end of this current course.

- (b) The standard of instruction is good, though handicapped on practical side by the shortage of vehicles and tools and equipment for maintenance. Certain officer and OR instructors have been found unsatisfactory and will be replaced.

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REQUIREMENTS3. (a) Vehicle

The proposed War Establishment provides for :-

Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	-	104
Trucks 15-ton 4 x 2 GS	-	5
Car 2-str 4 x 2	-	2
Motor Cycles	-	5

No intimation has yet been received that the proposed War Establishment has been approved. Of the above vehicles only 75 Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS have been released.

(b) Tools

Demands have been submitted for the requisite tools and equipment for training and maintenance but they have not yet been received.

(c) Accommodation Stores

Adequate stores for Tables GS.

(d) AC controlled stores have been received during the month,GENERAL

4. (a)

The first course has progressed satisfactorily as possible considering the difficulties encountered due to lack of vehicles. Only 75 Class V training vehicles have been released, all in a deplorable mechanical condition. Workshops have made every effort to deal with the large amount of repairs required, but the position at present is as follows :-

Vehicles in workshops	57
Vs GR awaiting workshop repair	20
Balance available for training	18
	75

(b) Unless the balance of 25 3-ton training vehicles is released before the start of the second course it will be quite unable to accept the full number of 400 pupils. The

Demands have been submitted for the requisite tools and equipment for training and maintenance but they have not yet been received.

(c) Accommodation Status

Adequate escort for Tallen GB.

(d) 10 controlled stores have been received during the month.

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Vehicles in Workshops	57
Vs GB awaiting Workshop repair	20
Releases available for training	18
	75

(b) Unless the balance of 25 3-ton training vehicles is released before the start of the second course it will be quite impossible to accept the full number of 400 pupils. The serious lack of any cars, 15-cwt. trucks or motor-cycles renders impossible any supervision of convoy driving. Vehicles school administration purposes have to be taken from the already depleted number of training vehicles.

(c) Whilst the course is not yet finished, it is estimated that approximately 70% of the pupils will pass an satisfactory drivers, 15 will still require further training and 15 will never become drivers.

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- (d) The pupils capacity to assimilate the instruction varies considerably. In many instances it is difficult to arouse any interest in the subject, due either to lack of "technical mindedness", or sheer mental inertia. Several pupils have been found to be completely illiterate.

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Appendix 'A' to
19. MM ITC ICS
Letter SF/1A/1443
Dated 29 April 45

DIFFERENCES OF QUANTITIES BETWEENVEHICLE

Locories 3-ton 4 x 2 or 4 x 4 GS
Trucks 15-ton 4 x 2 GS
Cars 2-ton 4 x 2
Motor-cycles

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Appendix 'A' to
1st BLU DTC IOP
Letter 97/11/443
Dated 29 April 45

DETAILS OF CARRYING EQUIPMENT

VEHICLES

Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 or 4 x 4 GS
Trucks 15-ton 4 x 2 GS
Cars 2-ton 4 x 2
Motor-cycles

26
5
2
5

ACCOMMODATION

Tables GS

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DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 1945.

(a) General Progress.

Constructive work at the D. & M. School has progressed satisfactorily. Whilst there still remain many smaller items to be completed, the work will be sufficiently far advanced to accept 300 pupils on 8 April 45.

(b) (i) Courses held during the month.

An initial 14 days' D. & M. Course was run during the month for the purpose of training and selecting potential driver instructors for the school. On the completion of this short course 55 drivers were passed out as suitable instructors. These are sufficient for the first 4 weeks' April Course, and further driver instructors will continue to be trained and selected until the required total of 100 is reached for the second course in May.

(ii) Courses projected.

The first full-length four-weeks' Course will commence on 8 April. 300 pupils will be accepted for this course, 200 from R.T.C., I.C.F. and 100 from the HARROGA Division. The latter 100 are notified as being required to return to the Division by mid-April. They would thus have only 7 days' training out of the 28 for the full course, and could by no means be regarded as trained drivers after such a limited period of instruction.

The second four weeks' Course will commence on 6 May 45, at which 400 pupils can be accepted. By this time it is anticipated that the full establishment of instructors and training vehicles will be completed.

(iii) Outline of syllabus and programme for the April Course is attached.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Instructional Staff (Italian).

(1) Deficiencies against proposed S.E. :-

Chief Instructor (Captain)	-	1
Subalterns	-	3

(2) Standard of Instruction.

The school is not yet functioning in a sufficient capacity to enable any opinion to be expressed. The O.C., D. & M. School, Maggiore Army, 144

On the completion of this short course 33 drivers were passed out as instructors. 78 others are efficient for the first 4 weeks' April Course, and further driver instructors will continue to be trained and selected until the required total of 100 is reached for the second course in May.

(ii) Courses Projected.

The first full-length four-weeks' Course will commence on 8 April. 500 pupils will be accepted for this course, 200 from R.T.S., S.S. and 100 from the MAFROVA Division. The latter 100 are notified as being required to return to the Division by mid-April. They would thus have only 7 days' training out of the 23 for the full course, and could by no means be regarded as trained drivers after such a limited period of instruction.

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(iii) Outline of syllabus and programme for the April Course is attached.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Instructional Staff (Italian).

(1) Deficiencies against proposed N.E. :-

Chief Instructor (Captain)	-	1
Subalterns.	-	3

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The school is not yet functioning in a sufficient capacity to enable any opinion to be expressed. The O.C., D.2 H. School, Maggiore MAGGIORI, to be keen, competent and experienced in the training of drivers. -

(e) (i) Controlled Stores received during the month - Nil.

(ii) Vehicles and Deficiencies.

75 3-ton Class V training vehicles are held. The vehicle deficiencies under the proposed N.E. are shown at Appendix 'A', also accommodation stores still required.

(f) Administration.

(1) Accommodation.

Accommodation is adequate for the first 4 weeks' April Course. Cookhouse, mess room and sleeping accommodation are finished and ready for the reception of the trainees. Sleeping accommodation comprises one large building capable of holding 220 double-tier beds, with ample spacing and ventilation.

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(ii) Hygiene.

Latrines and ablutions are adequate to allow for 300 pupils, but further building will be carried out to provide for the increased number of 400 pupils for the May and subsequent courses. Hot showers are available within the school.

(iii) General.

(i) The attached programme is based on the British 16 Task System of maintenance. This method has been designed to enable a driver to understand his vehicle and to carry out systematically the necessary lubrication and adjustments himself. The 16 Daily Tasks are arranged in logical sequence to cover every part of the vehicle, and any system of training should aim at instilling these tasks into the driver's mind until they become a habit.

(ii) Past experience of this system has shown that the ideal method of instruction may be briefly summarised as follows :-

- (a) Explaining to the driver the vital need of regular daily maintenance to the vehicle, and giving him the broad outline and reasons for the 16 Task System.
- (b) Taking in order each part of the vehicle affected by the relevant task and explaining its construction and function.
- (c) Explanation and demonstration of the task concerned.
- (d) Execution of the task by the driver under supervision.

(iii) The training programme attached is based on the above system. It will be seen that after the first day the initial period each morning is allotted to the practical execution of the task which formed the basis of the previous day's instruction. By the end of the first two weeks the pupils will have been taught the construction and function of every part of the vehicle with the maintenance task relevant to each.

(iv) The first period each morning during the second two weeks is again devoted to the practical application of the daily task by the pupils, the remainder of the day being given to the other subjects enumerated.

(v) Particular emphasis is given throughout the course to the extent of repairs and adjustments to which drivers must be limited. Many drivers with more enthusiasm than skill are inclined to attempt repairs and adjustments outside the scope of their technical knowledge and the tools at their disposal. This leads to greater damage to the vehicle and additional work being thrown on the workshop. The driver must be limited to the adjustments indicated under the 16 Tasks and to such minor running repairs as are within his capacity. Any other repairs must be taught to report immediately for workshop attention.

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- (a) Explaining to the driver the vital need of regular daily maintenance to the vehicle, and giving him the broad outline and reasons for the 16 Task System.
- (b) Making in order each part of the vehicle affected by the relevant task and explaining its construction and function.
- (c) Explanation and demonstration of the task concerned.
- (d) Execution of the task by the driver under supervision.

(iii) The training programme attached is based on the above system. It will be seen that after the first day the initial period each morning is allotted to the practical execution of the task which formed the basis of the previous day's instruction. By the end of the first two weeks the pupils will have been taught the construction and function of every part of the vehicle with the maintenance task relevant to each.

(iv) The first period each morning during the second two weeks is again devoted to the practical application of the Daily Task by the pupils, the remainder of the day being given to the other subjects enumerated.

(v) Particular emphasis is given throughout the course to the extent of repairs and adjustments to which drivers must be limited. Many drivers with mere enthusiasm then skill are inclined to attempt repairs and adjustments outside the scope of their technical knowledge and the tools at their disposal. This leads to greater damage to the vehicle and additional work being thrown on the workshop. The driver must be limited to the adjustments indicated under the 16 Tasks and to such minor running repairs as are within his capacity. Anything beyond this he must be taught to report immediately for workshop attention.

(vi) The training organisation for the Drill Course is as follows :-

Major	-	Corporal.
Captain.	-	Chief Instructor.
9 Officers	-	One for each section of 37 or 38 men
8 N.C.Os.	-	" " " " " "
72 Driver Instructors.	-	" " " " 4 or 5 pupils.
3 Driver Constructors.	-	Spare.

Each platoon will therefore comprise :-

2 Officers.
2 N.C.Os.
18 Driver Constructors.
18 Training vehicles.
75 Pupils.

This will allow 3 spare vehicles and instructors to be kept as reserves to allow for sickness or absence of instructors or breakdown of vehicles.

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(vii) Throughout the course, during training periods the pupils forming two of the four platoons will be given practical driving instruction, whilst the other two platoons are occupied with the subjects set out in the programme. This instruction will be reversed morning and afternoon so that each pupil has the same length of time devoted to each subject, whether practical or theoretical.

(viii) The organisation of the school allows a maximum of 4 or 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. The vehicles, however, are all Class V and in very poor mechanical condition, and it is envisaged that with inexperienced pupils handling them, there will be a large proportion V.O.R. This will necessitate increasing, in some cases, the number of pupils to each vehicle.

At 31 March, of the 75 training vehicles held, 10 are in Workshops undergoing repairs, 15 V.O.R. awaiting small workshop repairs, and 20 awaiting larger workshop repairs.

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APPENDIX 'A'

To: D. & M. School NYC ILL
 Monthly Progress Report
 as of 31 March 1945.

VEHICLE DEFICIENCIES.

Training Vehicles:-	Lorries 3-ton. 4 x 2 G.S. Class V.	-	25
Domestic Vehicles :-	Trucks 1 1/2-ton. 4 x 2 G.S.	-	5
	Lorries 3-ton. 4 x 2 G.S.	-	1
	Cars 2-seater.	-	2
	Motor Cycles.	-	5

ACCOMMODATION STORES.
(Italian sources)

Beds, double tier.	-	75
Mattresses.	-	200

Cooking utensils for 100 men.

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