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TRANSLATION

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From: Ministry of Defence.
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 5304/S/6.
Date: 4 August 1947.

SUBJECT: - S.M.O.A.

Reply to letter TRG/16/3 of 17 July 1947.

1. Transfer of S.M.O.A. from Civitavecchia to Terni was decided by this S.M. - in accordance with the proposal of Lt Col Gibbon made in the meeting of 9 October 1946 - since 27 October 1946.

This decision was afterwards modified - accepting the proposal of Col Pidsley made in the meeting of 2 May - in order to subdivide the S.M.O.A. into two groups:

- a unit for armourer students, at the Arms Factory of Terni;
- a unit for arty fitter students, at the Arsenal of Piacenza.

The establishment for these two units is shown in the attached appendix.

2. The arrangements referred to in above para 1 - in agreement with the suggestions made by your Mission - have been worked out by this S.M. together with Col Avallone.

3. The carrying out of the plan has not been cancelled but only postponed owing to the shortage of funds for the financial period 1946 - 47.

4. This S.M.;

- intends to completely carry out the plan;
- has already obtained the direct assignment of 570.000 lire to the Terni Arms Factory for the commencement of the works considered most urgent;
- has urged the General Directorate of Engrs to carry out the remaining work (for a total amount of 13.500.000 lire).

sgd LIUZZI
Gen.

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File : TRG/16/3
Date: 6.8.47

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GSO III TRG
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Appendix to letter 5304/S/6 dated
4 August 1947, from S.M.E.

ESTABLISHMENT

A) ARMOURER STUDENTS UNIT

- HQ
- HQ squad
- two student sections

PERSONNEL:

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| - Commanding: | 1 capt |
| - section commanders (instructors): | 2 subordinates |
| - NCO instructors: | 8 |
| - junior NCO instructors: | 6 |
| - NCOs; junior NCOs and men for various duties: | 8 |

Total:

- 3 officers
- 10 NCOs
- 12 junior NCOs and men.

B) ARTY FITTER STUDENTS UNIT : as above.

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Ministry of National Defence - Army.

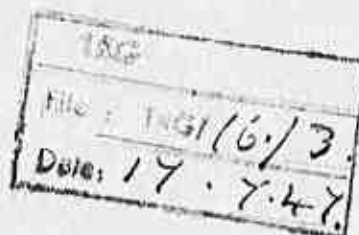
Subject:- S.M.C.A.

1. As a conference held recently at this HQ it was decided by members of the Artillery Directorate that the most desirable course to pursue was the transfer of S.M.C.A. from Civitavecchia to Terni.
2. It was understood that action to represent the opinions of the meeting would be taken by Col. AVALLONE.
3. On 9 July ADME this HQ had a further conference with Col. AVALLONE, and was informed that the project was at a complete standstill.
4. May this HQ please be informed what action is contemplated by S.M.E. in this most necessary and urgent matter.

Major General,
Director.

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14 JUL 47

'G' Branch (through 'Q').

Subject: Proposed Armourers Training
School - TERNI.

1. At a recent conference held by Colonel 'Q' of this Branch to investigate the report submitted by the ADME on the general state of training at the SMOA Artillery School it was decided, and agreed by the representative of the Artillery Directorate, that by far the most satisfactory solution lay in the transfer of the Armourers Training Section at SMOA to the S.A. Factory at TERNI.
2. It was further pointed out that, to enable a suitable school to be opened up at TERNI, certain structural alterations to existing buildings would be necessary, at an estimated expenditure of 10/15,000,000 Lire, and for this purpose the assistance of Genio would be required. The Italian representative, Col. AVALLONI, agreed to represent the case without delay.
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On 11 July ADME therefore visited the S.A. Factory at TERNI with the object of confirming the above points, which were found to be correct in every respect.

4. It will be noted that, before any progress can be made in carrying out the project it will be necessary to exert pressure on the War Ministry to - a) instruct Genio to commence this work forthwith, or b) to request the War Ministry to vote the required financial assistance to the Artillery Directorate to enable them to carry out the work themselves with the assistance of local labour etc.

5. In order that the required reconstruction may be carried out, and the plan as outlined in para 1 put into operation without further delay, may pressure be brought to bear through staff channels to clear this financial hold up.

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Date: 18.7.47

Subject : S.M.C.A.B. L. U.
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28 January 1947

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

Reference this office G.16 dated 30 December 1946: -

It is requested that answers may be given to the points raised
in the above quoted letter.

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GSO 3 TCH	
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TRG M. M. I. A.
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SUBJECT : S.M.O.A.

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C. M. F.

(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext : 545)

G. 16.

30 December 1946.

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

It is requested that the Ministry of War may be asked to give the following information in regard to the Artillery Repair Training Centre (S.M.O.A.).

1. Has a decision been reached regarding the separation of S.M.O.A. from the School of Artillery ? YES.
2. When is S.M.O.A. due to move from CIVITAVECCHIA, and where is it to move to ? It is understood that TERNI will not be ready before May, and that CIVITAVECCHIA is needed for the Artillery recruits from February. NOT
BEFORE
JULY
3. It is understood that the Ministry have ^{proposed} a new syllabus. Is this to be adopted for the course beginning on 10 Jan ? NO
4. Is O.C. S.M.O.A. to be consulted in regard to this new syllabus ? FOR
TERNI.

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

AWG/gm.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File : 1 16/3.
Date: 3.1.47.

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(CSO I TRG)

Subject: Artillery Repair Training Centre (S.M.O.A.)

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(Tel: ROME 489081 Ext 545)

G. 18

18 November 1946

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

1. Verbal information has been received that S.M.O.A. is to be reorganized as follows :

Basic Course (6 weeks)+ - TERNI

Further training (Armourers) - TERNI
" " (Gun Fitters) ROME

2. It is requested that confirmation of this may be obtained from the War Ministry.

3. The following additional information is required :

- Location of proposed school in ROME
- Detailed syllabus of Courses
- Date of reopening of S.M.O.A. in new locations

4. It is further requested that an Italian Officer may be detailed to discuss the proposed arrangements with Major Sampson, and to accompany him to the new locations in ROME and TERNI.

TO: S.M.O.A.
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+ This B.L.U. recommended a basic course of 8 weeks. It is thought that this is the minimum if good results are to be obtained.

AWG/ma

Spoke to ADME who is working on this.
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