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TRANSLATION

FROM: W. of W.

REF: 6387/R/4 Add

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 20/10/46

SUBJECT: Directives for training.

Reply to your letter TRG/26 dated 2/10/46.-

1) We forward herewith copy of the w/n letters regarding the training of recruits:-
- Art. Inspectorate: letter N° 1030/Ins dated 5/9/46.
- Eng. Inspectorate: letter N° 03/5960/Ord dated 16/9/46.
- Art. and Mot. General Directorate - MT. Div.: letter N° 9034/2CA. dated 29/8/46.-

2) We shall forward to your Mission copy of the circulars on training as soon as these are issued.-

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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TRG M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/26.
Date: 13/2/11/46.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Artillery Inspectorate REF: 1930

TO : Addressees DATE: 5 Sept. 46

SUBJECT: Advanced training of artillery recruits.

Reference circ. 5216/R/O/I dated 17 August from SME.

1) The SME has already explained the reasons why a number of artillery recruits must be trained temporarely in units instead of at the Artillery School and the proper centers entrusted with advanced training.

2) The present general directives for advanced training of recruits to be assigned to 25 Pdrs groups and to general services or who are not to become tradesmen, complete directives already issued by the SME in circular 4446/R/1 dated 1st May 1946 and in the booklet "Programs for the training of recruits in CARs Year 1946" 2nd edition, the "premise" of which at page 3 and the "prescriptions" at page 23 are to be particularly considered.

3) The aim of this training is that of forming gunners who, beside having completed instructions common to all weapons (for the parts which will be deemed necessary) are suitable to be assigned to 25 lbs groups and to carry out tactical and firing exercises .

Gunners to be assigned to general services and who are not to be trained as tradesmen, must also attend the training.

All recruits must be trained in all duties of the gun members, so as to ensure, as far as possible , chances in the said duties and to put in evidence the most suitable personnel for particular duties (DCs and layers).

4) Experience recently acquired from the previous contingent of recruits, make us believe that a training group satisfactorily operates under the following conditions:-

- strength a little over 150 recruits;

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- organisation: 3 sections, each commanded by a junior officer instructor; I2 squads, each commanded by an NCO instructor (and possibly with at least one junior NCO);
- strength of the squad : I2 - I5 recruits;
- equipment: I gun car for every 2 squads;
  I gun dismantled for each section;
  4 LMGs, 4 automatic carabines, 2 Pist per section or group.

Each group must aim to train each recruit at least 2 hrs a day on the service of the piece.

5) The weekly training program which S.M.E. ordered to be forward by this Inspectorate is shown on enclosure 1.

Said program, of a length of 8 weeks of training (280 periods of instructions of 45 minutes and 56 periods at the disposal of the unit commander) has been adopted for the advanced training of the previous contingent at the Artillery School and amends slightly the original one, according to the experience acquired.

Regtl. commanders may modify that program in accordance with the particular unfavourable conditions of the ground and climate or if they were to ascertain a lack of training in some instructions carried out in the CARs (for instance, increase the periods laid down for training in regulations or in small arms)-

6) In Enclosure 2; compilled according to that included between pages I0 and I3 of the above mentioned booklet "Program for the advanced training of recruits in the CARs" a graphic time-table for the 8 weeks of training is enclosed.

Such a scheme is to be used as a guide.

7) Still as a guide, the directives for the advanced training of recruits at the Artillery School are enclosed (Encl. 3).

Summaries of the various instructions on material and ammo. compiled by the Artillery School will be forwarded later on.

8) I finally inform you that on account of a wish expressed by M.M.I.A.:
- recruits for 25 lbs groups should be gathered in training units to be kept separate from units formed by old soldiers;
- a part of the instructors of the training groups of the

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Artillery School who may become free, must be sent to the regiments to cooperate in the training of recruits (ordered seperately).

Sgd. CARATTI
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Enclosure NO I

ART. INSPECTORATE

Advanced training program for artillery recruits for 25 Pdrs by R.C.A.S.-

Length of the course:-	8 weeks
(~~weekly~~ period of instructions per week	35
)total period of instructions	280
(periods at disposal	56
)total periods	336

1st Week -	Periods of instructions-
a) P.T.	6
b) Regulations Rules on behavior: in barracks, on pass, in public premises. Rules on hygiene and sanitation.-	2
c) Weapon training	5
- Rifle: 100 yd range (exercise I)	3
- L.M.G. Bren: description, characteristics, dismantling, maintainance, use of sight, way of holding the weapon, point and fire(repetition)	2
	5
d) Art. training-	
- Description of guns	I
- Guns: characteristics and description of 25 Pdr gun, description of dismantled gun	3
- Maintainance: theorical and practical rules on the cleaning of the gun	2
- Ammo: description of ammo	2
- Firing: general principles, elements definition	I
- Service of the piece: squad on duty, formation in marching order and combat order, number off, change places	10
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e) Close order 3
Total periods of instructions per week 35
f) At disposal 7

Note regarding weapon training.

Nomenclature will be taught repeating during each lesson the names of the parts handled.-

2nd Week	Period of instruction
a) P.T.	6
b) Regulations	2
- Rules on the territorial service: guards, sentries, barrack life and service	
c) Weapon training	4
- L.M.G. Bren: functioning of the weapon, stoppages, emplacement of the weapon under cover, use of bipod and tripod (repetition)	2
- rifle: preparation in firing 200 yds	2
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d) Art. Training	20
- material: gun barrel, recoil system, sledge, cradle, bridge, breschlever, firing mechanism, safety	3
- maintainance ; check tyre pressure and general cleaning	2
- ammo: 25 Pdr shells, marks on projectile and shell cases	I
- firing: direct aim	2
- service of the piece: in the group, prepare for the march, squad in the order of march and in the order of combat	IO
- Various : British weights and measures	2
e) Close order	3
Total periods of instruction per week	35
f) At disposal	7

3rd Week	Periods of instruction
a) P.T.	6
b) Regulations	2
- Rules on the territorial service, inspection to guards, round, Garrison standing orders	

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c) Weapon training — 6
- Rifle: firing at 200 yds — 3
- LMG Bren : single shots, bursts and rapid at 200 yds — 3
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d) Art. training — 18
- Material : gun carriage, lower carriage platform, shield, sights in direction, in elevation — 3
- Maintainance: lubrication of the various parts of the gun, lubricating material to be used — 2
- ammo: H.E. shells, armd . piercing shells, smoke shells — 1
- firing: indirect aim, repetition direct aim — 2
- service of the piece : direct and indirect aim, repetition: in the group, prepare for the march, squad in the order of march and combat — 10
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e) Close order — 3

Total periods of instruction per week — 35

f) At disposal — 7

4 Week	Periods of instruction
a) P.T.	6
b) Regulations	2
- Repetition: notions on guards and rounds. Garrison standing orders. Public order service.	5
c) Weapon training	
- Automatic carabine Thompson: characteristics, description , maintainance, load and unload the weapon. Aim.	2
- Anti-tank bomb thrower for Infantry (PIAT): characteristics, dismantle and recompose the weapon, load and aim	3
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d) Art. training	19

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- Material: elastic parts, breaks, recuperator repetition: gun baril, cradle sledge, breach aim 3
- maintainance: liquids to be used in the elastic system, check of the elastic parts 2
- ammo : propelling charge, bursting charge, fuses N° II7 and II9, notes on use 2
- firing: words of command and warning of the DC and 2nd in command of the group during fire, repetition: indirect aim 2
- service of the piece: indirect aim misfire and warning during the fire: exercises in direct aiming

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e) Close order 3

Total periods of instructions per week 35

f) At disposal 7

5 Week

		Periods of instruction
a)	P.T.	6
b)	Regulations	2
	- Mil. Penal code, offences against the state	
c)	Weapon training	21
	- Material: repetition elastic parts, sights	3
	- maintainance: general rules on care of the gun in various circumstances	2
	- ammo: primers, percussion fuses 231 and double effect 221 and 222	2
	- firing: indirect aim	2
	- service of the piece: repetition, misfire, warning during fire, exercises on direct and indirect aim	
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e)	Close order	3
	Total periods of instructions per week	35
f)	At disposal	7

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(I) Going out to nearby areas with the guns attached, can be initiated.-

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6 Week		Periods of instruction
a) P.T.		6
b) Regulations - Repetition - Uniform		2
c) Weapons training		
-Anti-tank bomb thrower for infantry (PIAT) Repetition	I	
-Hand grenades: instructions on the functioning of hand grenades Nº 36,69 and 77.	2	
	3	
		21
d) Art. training		
-Material: check and adjustment of sights	3	
-Maintainance: examination of the material	2	
-ammo : storage of ammo during the march and during firing, warnings	I	
-firing: anti-tank fire, technical notions, practical exercises	3	
-service of the piece: exercises on the conduct of the fire, general repetition	6	
-External exercises: (I) taking position, procedure and warning, aiming exercises	6	
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e) Close order		3
Total periods of instruction per week		35
f) At disposal		7

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(I) Explain here the principles of waiting and deployment positions, concealment and camouflage.
Explain briefly the functioning of the group in action (observation and liaison)

7 Week		Periods of instruction
a) P.T.		6
b) Regulations		2
- Transport, road police, soldiers travelling by themselves by rail, on other type of transport.		3
c) Weapons training		
- Anti-tank bomb thrower for infantry (PIAT) firing with H.E. bombs		2I
d) Art. training		
-Material: sights	2	

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- Maintainance: examination of the material 2
- ammo: general repetition 1
- firing: anti-tank fire, practical exercises 2
- service of the piece: exercises on the conduct of the fire, general repetition (1) 8
- Projectile firing 6

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e) Close order 3

Total periods of instruction per week 35

f) At disposal 7

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(I) Explain here, also day and night movement, ~~noise~~ and antigas, anti-tank and anti aircraft defense, works on the battle field etc.

8 Week — Periods of instruction

a) P.T. 6

b) Regulations 2
- Repetition; explaination of duties ~~until~~ while on leave

c) Weapons training 3
- throwing of hand grenades

d) Art. training 21
- Material : general repetition 3
- Maintainance: general repetition 2
- firing : general repetition 2
- service of the piece : group exercises general repetition 8
- Projectile firing 6

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e) Close order 3

Total periods of instruction per week 35

f) At disposal 7

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(I) Elementary tests - Competitions.

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Enclosure 3

Art. School

Directives for the advanced training of the recruits (1st - 1925 class)

1) Planning out of the training.

The training must be planned out, from the beginning, on a strictly unique policy. -

Each subject must be divided into a number of lessons corresponding to a total number of periods of instructions assigned to that subject. Repetitions and any external exercises should be counted in these lessons. External exercises are to be considered as lessons of more consecutive periods.

On each lesson, at least one scheme should be drawn up in advance with the succession of points to be taught or to be summarised, the demonstrations to be carried out, the practical exercises for recruits, the interrogations, and eventual competitions to be held among individuals or squads. -

The scheme will be completed with references on manuals at the disposal of the instructor (i.e. regulations synopsis, hand books etc.) and with the number of the pages or chapters regarding it. -

This obviously means that every instructor should have at his disposal (possibly on permanent issue) the necessary manuals.

Thus all the instructors will use the same system and can be substituted.

Wherever possible and practically convenient, it would be desirable that each lesson be written in full.

We noted, in practice, to be excellent the system of gathering, several weeks before the beginning of a training period, all instructors, officers and NCOs available, and test them in turn on the most important lessons; example: 4 first weeks. One instructor a time will give a lesson lasting 45 minutes and the other instructors will attend it as if they were recruits and at the end of the lesson they will make their remarks.-

In 6 days and working for instance 4 hours a day we can repeat 24 lessons. And if these lessons are selected well enough as to represent the basic of the training, all instructors will undoubtedly benefit by it. -

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Generally, it is not the practice to have instructors specialised and every instructor (officer and NCO) should be in a position to give to a squad all practical elementary instructions of the whole training period.

It is understood that some of the instructions on theory and practical ones requiring the attendence of a section or group will be materially given by officers with a without the help of NCOs who all or in part could be usefully left to themselves so that they may prepare other lessons of their concern.

In case of an NCO i/c squad being unavailable, the officer will automatically replace him.-

Each instructor must keep a nominal roll of his recruits on which he will note all instructions carried out and against the name of each recruit he will record absence and all personal characteristics which permit all time a judgment. Said nominal roll, which must be handed over to the new instructor in case of change, should show notes considered in the "Personal Record Car" copy enclosed for you guidance.-

To complete the planning out of the training it is advisable to mark in advance and with maximum care the areas and premises earmarked for each squad or section and regulate the timely arrival of material and personnel so as not to cause delays in each period of instruction. The instruction will punctually end at the time fixed.-

Reduce to the minimum, periods of time wasted on account of moving to the places of instruction and in every case exclude them from the useful time for training.-

All these warnings which might book useless, have the greatest importance when considering the briefness of the periods of training and their sequence strictly connected.-

II) <u>Development of the training.</u>

Battery commanders will, in addition to compiling and illustrating verbally - week per week - the detailed time-table in force for groups under their command, gather daily in the afternoon and wherever necessary, group commanders and will give to them advices on the instructions of the following day.-

Group commanders will do the same with their instructors.

If this is done daily, only a few minutes will be required for these advices.-

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Each lesson on instruction lasts 45 minutes and must be developed both through the activity of the instructor (illustration, recapitulation of certain previous lessons, dealing new subjects, demonstrations, interrogations, summarising, etc) and through the activity of the recruit (imitation, practice,

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application, answer questions of the teachers, emulation, etc.)

Several practical rules to be observed during the lesson are given below:

- Instructors should be irreproachable in their uniform and person
- Maximum punctuality in beginning and ending the instructions (clock-bugle)
- Teaching equipment should always be handy at the beginning of the instruction and in sufficient quantity for the number of recruits present.
- Tact, serenity, firmness and brilliant, passionate and varied survey to be given by instructors.
- Words of command to be given from "attention" position.
- A question should be put to all the class and then after a few minutes, point to the recruit who must answer it.
- Movements of practical application to be carried out with intensity and with the maximum correctness (always preceded by "attention") It is better to alternate periods of intense activity with short period of physical (not mental) relaxation rather than have a slack behaviour.

The functioning of units, especially at the beginning, requires an attentive control from commanders in order to guarantee a close adherence of the instructions to the time-table in force and to the rules stated above, and to contain unavoidable little individual differences in a limit so that they may be easily eliminated when the recruits are called to carry out exercises in sections and groups.

Said control should be done with the intention of assisting, guiding and advising the recruits.

The instructor, although having his specific responsibility must be helped and guided.

This is most essential within a battery of which the commandant will bear the responsibility of guaranteeing a uniform training of all the recruits of a whole regiment. -

III) Continuation of the training comon to all arms (basic)

a) Premise -

Substantially this is as that written on pages 13-21 of publication "Programs for the training of recruits in CARs for the year 1946" identical in the part "P.T." "Regulations" "Close Order", with large reduction in the part concerning "weapons".

The fundamental principle is that of making the point on what has been done during the preliminary period in CARs.

If the contents of page 7 - 10 of s/m publication have been

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entirely acquired by the recruits, then we can proceed ~~with~~ in accordance with the weekly program. Otherwise we must complete the basic training and then proceed further.-

The most convenient time for this examination is the period of arrival of the recruits in units: period during which we can examine the recruits as they report. Practically a week is required before we can begin the weekly program.

b) P.T.

See publication "Elementary and combat P.T." part I - II - IX - and X -).-

It might be necessary to entrust this training to instructors who have special aptitudes and knowledge of various exercises. Therefore, instruction per squad cannot in all cases be done: hence the necessity of grouping the recruits per sections.-

It will be necessary to distribute to units, programs, regulations and some material.

Light athletic exercises should be suitably alternated with games and small competitions.

A couple of hours marching should be done in this case if shown on the program.-

Gradual progress of the training so as to strengthen and not tire the recruits. Especially, take care of the whole formation; dont tend to look for and form the athlete.

c) Close order.

- Close order should be carried out with weapons where possible. Do not annoy. A few dinamic moments.

This training can be done for 20-25 minutes a day.-

Tend progressively to the simultaneous and military presence which must constitute half of all the formal training.-

- Tell the instructors to study thoroughly the handling of the British rifle (in units issued with same).-

d) Regulations.

- The regulations, especially those regarding discipline, should be done by the group commander or 2nd in command. Explain a little and converse a lot.-

- Gain and mix with the audience so as to fix well in their mind all the basic principles of education of the ~~soldier~~ civil.

- Order, discipline and subordination must be fundamental subjects.-

- Several lectures on education which might interest

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everybody (necessity of human work, necessity of our country, freedom and respect the laws, our civilisation etc.). -

- School on moral and rules on behaviour should form the subject of several meetings of groups or batteries to improve and regularise the behaviour of the men.

e) Small arms. (see Vol. 1 of pamphlet "Training on small arms" and precisely the a/m pamphlets).

Rifle - (See AAP Vol. 1st, 3rd and 18th Appendix III -).

All the recruits, in addition to the firing exercises, eventually done in CARs, must carry out at least the first two firing exercises on ranges 100 yds (preparation) and 200 yds (perfectioning). (Pamphlet 1st par. 15 and pamphlet 18th appendix III). Aiming and positions should be accurately taught. -

L.M.G. - (See AAP Vol. 1st, 4th and 18th appendix IV). -

All the recruits must know the weapon and must know how to handle it. At least one third of the strength should do the first three exercises on the firing ranges (unless the remaining three lessons are to be completed by recruits to be specialised as M.Gs).

Automatic carbine - (See AAP Vol. 18th appendix IX and 21st). -

All recruits must know the weapon and must know how to handle it. At least one third of the strength should do the first two exercises on the firing ranges unless the remaining two lessons are to be done by recruits to be armed with automatic carbines. -

PIAT (See AAP Vol. 18th appendix VII and 24). -

All the recruits must know the weapon and must know how to handle it. At least one third of the strength should do the two lessons.

Hand grenades (See AAP Vol. 13). -

All the recruits will have to know the various types of hand grenades and their use and ~~xxx~~ possibly complete two lessons. -

IV - Art. Training

a) Service of the piece/

Service of the piece is compulsory for all the recruits.

At first training is done per squad each having a gun vehicle at disposal (1 or 2 hours a day). - 4343

When the strength of the squad exceeds the number of gun numbers, frequent changes will be made so that everybody

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alternatively execute the exercises and looks on. The latter will have to be frequently interrogated.-

The elementary training requests that each function be known by all and above all that every recruit learns to carry out silently, correctly and with the due energy, the movements prescribed.-

It is not vain formalism to pretend that the movements be carried out exactly as indicated in the regulations as these regulations advise, always the shortest, more accurate and sure way to reach the aim. The movement repeated always in the same manner permit to acquire elasticity particularely appreciable during combat and in conditions of bad visibility.-

When we have no NCOs capable of expressing themselves brilliantly, it might be usefull that the instruction, even elementary, be carried out in sections by an officer (i.e. four pieces) leaving to the NCOs the duty of assisting and especially controlling the gun numbers of each gun.

This procedure becomes more normal with the advancing of the training when group service is done and can also be usefully applied in several special aiming lessons for those who are more qualified to be trained as DCs and layers.-

In such case, the recruits selected can be changed per couple (DCs and layers) to each piece. Words of command will be given by an officer and the control will be carried out by NCO instructors.-

Words of command and warnings will be those of the regulations. No change is permitted.

b) <u>External exercises.</u>

These exercises concern especially: take and abandon waiting position and the deployment position.-

They can be started on the 5th week when the commandant judges sufficient the degree of elementary training reached by the men.

Naturally, several preliminary exercises can be done in camp should there be enough space to carry out same.-

The strength concentrated in training units is far superior to that which a normal group can move and train during external exercises.-

Example, a training group of about 150 recruits (corresponding to the total strength of 6 Groups) going out with 4 guns a time should carry out at least 6 repetitions of the same external exercise so that all the personnel is practically trained at least once.-

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c) Exercises on explosive projectiles are not included in the "Preparatory firing" but are demonstrated before these. They can be omitted should there be no firing range near the garrison.

These are real and true lessons on service of the piece with explosive projectiles and conclude the art. advanced training.

No deep firing lines are required (1000 - 2000 yds targets)

The positions must be easily controlled and commended and should allow visibility of the targets.

Also in this case difficulties are the same as those encountered for external exercises: i.e. for a group of 150 men 27 squad in 5 successive teams must fire. These teams can fire in one cycle or in two days (at a week interval) so that the teams of the second day can fill in any gap noticed during the first day.

From recent experience acquired it appears possible to make in one day and in about two hours 2 groups fire simultaneously on 6 various targets (3 per group) alternating 5 teams.

From the 5 teams of each group, the first adjusted on 3 various targets. Each of the other 4 teams did effective repetitions of one shot per gun on each of the three targets changing each time the aiming point.

Teams not employed can observe the effect of the firing.

The first team retakes position and the fifth abandons it.

d) Art. theory.

Arty theory should always be taught by officers in a class room using blackboards and training posters.

Improvised posters proved to be very useful.

Avoid terms which cannot be easily understood. Teach only what the men must know.

Proceed slowly, interrogate and repeat frequently.

e) Equipment and maintainance

The training has a double aim: -

- to teach to the gun numbers, not only the nomenclature of the main parts but also the functioning of various mechanical parts, the difficulties met during firing and how to avoid them and the rules on ordinary maintainance.
- to instil, from the beginning, in the mind of every gunner the responsibility and pride they must feel for their gun.

Give to the lessons a practical character.

Make the pupils handle the parts more than make them listen.

The last hour of each day must be reserved for cleanliness

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and maintainance of the gun.-

The gun must be presented to the recruit, from the day they arrive, in perfect condition.

f) Ammo.

The scope of this training is, above all, to make the recruits conciensious of the delicate task in handling ammo.

A good knowledge of the propelling charge, (I) and its practical functioning, is essential.

Insist on the degree of time fuses.

In case sectioned projectiles are not available, use the a/m training posters.-

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(I) Various primers and fuses.

Sgd. M. PALMA
Col.

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War — Ref. 2720/10/Ins

To:- Rome Military Territorial Command — Date: 16 Oct 46.
MMIA for information

Subject:- Subsistence Recruits Advanced Training Courses

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A copy of the attached letter No. 2[illegible] dated 27 Sept 46 from MMIA is forwarded to you regarding the arranging of advanced training courses for subsistence recruits.

As it is known, orders have been issued that, temporarily, said training will be carried out by individual subsistence cdys., until the renewal of the courses mentioned above, with a view to permit a uniform procedure in the carrying out of these courses.

Therefore it is thought advisable to set up a Training Centre in Rome for the s/m training. This Centre must be completed by the end of the year in order to be in a position to receive, during January next, the new contingent of recruits.

As the Centre cannot be formed, at present, as an independent unit, it is necessary for it to come under the Commissariat Units in that area, from which it will draw personnel and transport for general services.

The main problem in the carrying out of said project is that of the premises required for housing approx. 600 -700 men.

Therefore we beg you to carry out the necessary work in order to find the property which is considered most convenient for the requirements of the Centre. We would appreciate two or more solutions to the problem as soon as possible in order to decide about the conformity of the premises, together with the Officers of MMIA who have kindly offered their assistance and to supply 4939 most suitable suggestions for the organization of the Centre.

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TRG M.M.I.A.
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Subject : Monthly Call-Up.

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C.M.F.

(Tel ROME 489081 Ext 545)

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2 October 1946.

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

Copy to : H.Q.
Italian Central Military Schools.

1. British Officers of 12 B.L.U. and Italian Officers of the Central Schools have discussed fully the question of a monthly call-up and agree on the main points.

2. The main conclusions are:-

a. That the School of Signals, Motor Repair Training Centre and Arty Repair Training Centre cannot change the present system without serious loss of efficiency. These Schools run numerous small courses of four and more months duration.

b. That the Schools of Artillery, Engineers, Infantry and Motorization could manage with a monthly call-up, but would very much prefer a two monthly call-up.

3. The School of Signals, who run a very large number of small courses would not be able to adopt a monthly or two monthly system without a serious loss of efficiency. They would prefer to run two courses a year, rather than three, as at present. It is suggested that if a far more frequent call-up is adopted, the School should continue to run courses as at present, and that recruits should be sent temporarily to units to await being called forward to the School. This also applies to Artillery and Infantry Signallers, whose present course is found to be too short.

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5. The Armoured Car School have not yet had experience of training recruits, and cannot express an opinion.

6. The remaining schools, which run courses of eight weeks or less, make a convincing case for a two monthly call-up, on the grounds that it will keep the recruits at an even strength throughout the year, and that courses will not

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

Copy to : H.Q.
Italian Central Military Schools.

1. British Officers of 12 B.L.U. and Italian Officers of the Central Schools have discussed fully the question of a monthly call-up and agree on the main points.

2. The main conclusions are:-

a. That the School of Signals, Motor Repair Training Centre and Arty Repair Training Centre cannot change the present system without serious loss of efficiency. These Schools run numerous small courses of four and more months duration.

b. That the Schools of Artillery, Engineers, Infantry and Motorization could manage with a monthly call-up, but would very much prefer a two monthly call-up.

3. The School of Signals, who run a very large number of small courses would not be able to adopt a monthly or two monthly system without a serious loss of efficiency. They would prefer to run two courses a year, rather than three, as at present. It is suggested that if a far more frequent call-up is adopted, the School should continue to run courses as at present, and that recruits should be sent temporarily to units to await being called forward to the School. This also applies to Artillery and Infantry Signallers, whose present course is found to be too short.

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7. The schools would require the following increases in W.E.:-

Engineers School	A small increase in personnel and equipment (Details not known)	
Signal School	Instructors	30% ?
	Adm Staff	12 Officers 27 O.R.'s.
	Signal Eqpt	(Details not known)
School of Motorization	73 All Ranks.	

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8. There is a case for calling up every eight weeks, rather than every two months, as is done in the U.K. This would enable standardization of programmes, troop trains etc.

9. The principal objections to a monthly call-up are given as follows:-

a. Italians who are accustomed to an annual call-up dislike the idea of a "press gang perpetually on the prowl".
b. It is thought that frequent call-ups and troop movements will increase expense.
c. Perpetual coming and going at the schools will result in confusion.
d. An increased reception staff will be needed at the schools.
e. The morale of the instructors will suffer as they will get no leave. (12 B.L.U. does not agree with this point)

10. The attached diagrams have been lent by the Italians. It is requested that they may be returned.

11. The ~~draft~~ text of this letter has been ~~seen by~~ discussed with General Ronco, who agrees with it.

AWG/vg.

Lt-Colonel
G.S.

TO M.A.L.A.
File FRC/26.
Date 16.10.46.

TO SEE
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SUBJECT: Training directives

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMLA)
(489081 Ext. 389) TRG/26
2 Oct 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your 5971/W/4 of 22 Sept 1946.

1. May this HQ please be supplied with copies of your directives as below:

Artillery : Fwd under letter 1930 dated 5 Sept.
Engineers : Fwd " " 5980/OEE of 14 Sept.
M.T. Corps : Fwd " " 9304 of 29 Aug.

2. This HQ would also like copies of other Trg directives as and when you publish them.

WLM/ab

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 26
Date: 2 · 10 · 46

Major General,
M. M. I. A. 4536

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 5971/R/4

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 22 September 1940.

SUBJECT:- Training programmes for troops of various arms (infantry excluded). 38

In reply to letter TRG/26 of 14 September last.

The programmes in question have been sent to all military territorial commands in due time for the training of the contingents of recruits being posted to corps, as follows:

- artillery : with letter 1930 dated 5th inst of the Artillery Inspectorate;
- engineers : with letter 5980/ord. of the 14th inst;
- M.T. corps : with letter 9304 of 29 August last.

See file

Sgd. BIUZZI
Gen.

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check with Eng whether he for instance has seen the directive referred to. I would like to see the file if the thing is on it

R.A.G.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File: TRG/ 26.
Date: 30/8/40.

action taken By G.I on Chart See Fol 43

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

27 September, 1946.

See folio 45

SUBJECT:- Advanced Training of Recruits for Subsistance Duties.

TO:- Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 2592/IC/RIS of 20 September and your 5998/R/4 of 19 September.

2. This Mission is in agreement with the views expressed in the above letters, namely:-

(a) that advanced training of Subsistance Personnel is better carried out at a Central School than within Subsistance Companies.

(b) that the existing Central School at Milan needs a thorough reorganisation.

(c) that pending this reorganisation it will be necessary, temporarily, to train the next intake with certain selected Subsistance Companies as an emergency measure.

3. It is considered that a complete overhaul and reorganisation of the Central School for Subsistance Duties is a very urgent need, that it should be proceeded with as quickly, yet as thoroughly, as possible, with a view to its reopening with a qualified staff and proper syllabus either at Milan or elsewhere, if found more suitable, at the earliest possible date.

TRG MAN
File 26
Date 28/9/46.

4. Technical Officers of this Mission will be pleased to give you any advice or assistance in regard to the reorganisation of this school or with regard to any other training matters connected with Subsistance Personnel.

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5. Will you please, therefore, notify me of your intentions in regard to this form of training and keep me informed of progress in reorganisation of the school.

M.W. Stone BGS

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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BF to hd HQ

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W. REF: 2592/IC/Ris

TO : M.M.I.A. DATE: 20/9/46

SUBJECT: Advanced training for Subsistence recruits.

From reports received from various territorial units regarding the subsistence recruits sent to the Advanced Training Centre of Milan, it resulted that the degree of technical training acquired by them at the s/m Centre has been, generally, sufficient.-

Undoubtedly, better results could have been obtained from that course if various difficulties would have not hindered the carrying out of same.-

In fact, it was the adoption of a new system for which neither the instructors were sufficiently prepared nor could we obtain immediately all the necessary teaching material.-

To this, we add that the premises which could be allotted to that Centre, were not the best ones and repair works had to be carried out out while the course was in progress.-

The procedure of sending to a single unit the subsistence recruits for their technical training, instead of sending them directly to the subsistence coys (ex supply units) is, under all aspects, the solution to be prefered. And this, because :-

I)- The subsistence coys have not sufficient staff to detail personnel for training the recruits.

2)- The subsistence coys have many duties to carry out and, notwithstanding any superior intervention, the recruits would have been taken off their training and employed in urgent service.

3)- The accommodation of subsistence coys is generally just enough for a limited number of men and hence it would

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not permit the easy carrying out of regular courses.

4)- It is much easier and more practical to have in one single unit, all the teaching material required for this particular training.-

5)- By having one unit for the training of the recruits we can obtain better results because of the ~~single~~ STANDARD system adopted.

6)- Finally, the intervention of the central authorities for training (S.M.E.) could be more timely and effective.-

Sgd. PELLIGRA
Gen.

C.F.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File: T.01 26
Date: 24/9/46

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W. REF: 5998/R/4

TO : All Mil. Territorial Commands, Gen. Direct. Comm., DATE: 19/9/46
M.M.I.A. for information.

S I G N A L

Further to and partly amending letter N. 5078/R/4 dated 10th August 1946 (.)-

Due to admin. difficulties, the advanced training of recruits on subsistance will be temporarily carried out in all subsistance coys instead of at Milan Centre (.) Milan Territorial Command will please arrange to send the recruits arriving there to the respective coy. to which they are assigned (.) All Territorial Commands will arrange for the reception and accomodation of the contingents (.) The General Directorate of Commissariat will please immediately arrange the transfer to the coys concerned of Officers and N.C.Os (Commissariat and subsistance) instructors first course in CAR and will issue by signal instructions regarding the carrying out of the programmes (.) Aknowledge (.) -

Sgd. QUERCIA
Col.

TRG M.M.I
File : TRG/26.
Date: 20/9/46

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SUBJECT: Issue of Training Directives

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMITTEE (MMLA)

(TEL EXT. 589) TRG/26

14 Sep 46

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TO : Ministry of War

See fol 42

1. Reports reaching this HQ indicate that Commanders of Arms other than Infantry are in need of a Directive on which to plan the Training of their Commands.

2. We would suggest therefore that your Stato Maggiore should instruct the Inspectorates of Artillery, Engineers and Signals to prepare and issue in due course Directives for Training in accordance with and in implementation of, the General Staff plan for Training in 1947.

Major-General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : TRG/27

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26
Date: 8/14/4

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W. REF: 5550/R/4 Add.

TO : All Territorial Commands DATE: 31/8/46
HQ. Central Schools
M.M.I.A. for info.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/26
Date: 2/9/9

TO SEE.
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SUBJECT: Training of recruits of the 1st four month 1925 class.

Further and reference to letter N. 5078/R/4 dated 10/8/46.-

1) The formation of new Artillery and Engineer units and the increase of equipment of the Signal School (Rome - Cecchignola) being carried out, consent to bring some alterations in the procedure of advanced training and trades specialisation of the recruit of the 1st four months. 1925 class (signal personnel for Genio, Infantry and Artillery units).-

2) Therefore, the table attached to the a/m circular (regarding the training of said personnel) should be amended as per tables N. 1. 2 and 3 attached herewith.-

3) In particular :-

- Enclosure N. 1 -

- Refers to Infantry signal personnel to be transferred to units and to the Signal School. The figures shewn therein (for each trade and for each unit) correspond to 1/3 of the W/E of Junior N.C.Os and men:
They will report:-
- to units:on 24 Nov. 46
- to the Signal School: on 7 Jan. 47

- Enclosure 2 -

- Refers to Artillery Signal personnel to be transferred to units and to the Signal School. The figures shewn therein (for each trade and for each unit) correspond to 1/3 of the W/E of Junior N.C.Os and men.
They will report to units and to the Signal School on 23rd Sept. 46.

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In order to ensure that the Signal School has cadre personnel for the 342 Art . recruits, each Div. HQ. will arrange to send there, by the 12 Sept. 46, 2 subaltern and 3 Senior N.C.Os (Art.) who will attend also a suitable refresher course on the use of signal equipment.

- Enclosure 3 -

- Refers to Signal Corps personnel. The figures shewn therein (for each trade and for each unit) correspond to 1/3 of the W/E of Junior N.C.Os and men.
They will report to the Signal School on 23rd Sept. 46.

4) The figures shewn a enclosures are the maximum and cannot be increased.
According to the figures shewn in the aforesaid enclosures, units concerned will have to forward urgently to the CAR.HQs the informations REQUESTED in this S.M.s' circular N. 5240/R/4 of 16/8/46 in order to permit, in time, transfers to units and to the school.-

5) All other items contained in the table attached to a/m circular N. 5078/R/4, prevail.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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RECLUTE DELL'ARMA DI FANTERIA ALLIEVI SPECIALIZZATI PER LE TRASMISSIONI
(forza commisurata a un terzo degli organici graduati e truppa)

ALLIEVI SPECIALIZZATI	Per ogni regg. di fanteria	Totale 26 rgt. ftr.	Per la Scuola di fanteria
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SIGNAL SCHOOL da avviare alla Scuola collegamenti (Roma - Cecchignola):	FOR EACH INF. REGT	TOTAL FOR 26 INF. REGTS	FOR INF. SCHOOL
Marconisti ...W/T OPERATORS...	33	858	5
Centralinisti ...SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS...	5	130	1
	38	988	6
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO UNITS da avviare ai corpi:			
Telefonisti ...TEL. OPERATORS...	15	390	1
Guardafili ...LINEMEN...	7	182	-
Staffette su motociclette ...DRS (MCI)...	21	546	-
	43	1118	1

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ERRED TO THE SIGNAL SCHOOL)	FOR EACH INF REGT	TOTAL F.R 26 INF REGTS	FOR INF SCHOOL	TOTAL
lla scuola collegamenti				
ntanola):				
W/T OPERATORS	33	858	5	863
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	5	130	1	131
	38	988	6	994
FERRED TO UNITS				
at corpi:				
TUS OPERATORS	15	390	1	391
LINEMEN	7	182	-	182
u motociclisti DRS (MCI)	21	546	-	546
	43	1118	1	1119

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RESIDUI DELL'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA ALLIEVI SPECIALIZZATI PER LE TRASMISSIONI
(forza commisurata ad un terzo degli organici graduati e truppa)

ALLIEVI SPECIALIZZATI	Per ogni rgt. art. campagna	Totale 10 rgt. art. camp. TOTAL FOR 10 FIELD	Per ogni rgt. art. contraerei	Totale 5 rgt. art. contraerei	Per ogni rgt. art. contro carro FOR EACH	Totale 5 rgt. art. contro carro TOTAL FOR	Per ogni reparto spec. art. div. FOR EACH	Totale 5 reparti spec. art. div. TOTAL	Per ogni gr. misto art. per brig. fant. FOR EACH	Totale 3 gruppi misti brig. fant. TOTAL	Per ogni gr. misto art. per div. fant.
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE da avviare alla scuola collegamenti (Roma - Cecchignola): SIGNAL SCHOOL	PER EACH FIELD ART REGT	ART. REGTS	FOR EACH A.A. ART REGT.	TOTAL 5 AA ART REGTS	AT. ART REGT	5 A.T. ART REGTS	DIV. ART UNIT.	5 DIV ART UNITS	MIXED ART. GR. FOR INF. BRIG.	3 MIXED ART. GROUPS for INF BRIG.	AT S
Marconisti ..W/T OPERATOR	18	180	1	5	3	15	-	-	2	6	
Marconisti conduttori W/T DRIVERS	-	-	4	20	3	15	7	35	1	3	
Centralinisti SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	2	20	2	10	3	15	1	5	1	3	
	20	200	7	35	9	45	8	40	4	12	
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO UNITS da avviare ai corsi: TEC. OPERATORS — LINEMEN											
Telefonisti-stendifili DRIVERS M/CS	27	270	12	60	13	65	5	25	3	9	
staffette su motociclette	6	60	6	30	5	25	1	5	2	6	
	33	330	18	90	18	90	6	30	5	15	

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RECLUTE DELL'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA ALLIEVI SPECIALIZZATI PER LE TRASMISSIONI
(forza commisurata ad un terzo degli organici graduati e truppa)

SPECIALIZZATI	Per ogni rgt. art. campagna	Totale 10 rgt. art. camp. TOTAL FOR 10 FIELD	Per ogni rgt. art. contraerei	Totale 5 rgt. art. contraerei	Per ogni rgt. art. contro carro FOR EACH	Totale 5 rgt. art. contro carro TOTAL FOR	Per ogni reparto spec. art. div. FOR EACH	Totale 5 reparti spec. art. div. TOTAL	Per ogni gr. misto art. per brig. fant. FOR EACH	Totale 3 gruppi misti brig. fant. TOTAL	Per la scuola di art. FOR	TOTALE TOTAL
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tti OPERATORS	2	20	2	10	3	15	1	5	1	3	1	54
	20	200	7	35	9	45	8	40	4	12	10	342
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	33	330	18	90	18	90	6	30	5	15	3	558

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RECLUTE ALLIEVI COLLEGATORI DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO DA INVIARE ALLA SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO (
Cecchignola) PER L'ADDESTRAMENTO AVANZATO E DI SPECIALIZZAZIONE.
(forza commisurata ad un terzo degli organici graduati e truppa)

Specializzazioni	Per ogni btg. collegamenti divisionale	Totale 5 btg. colleg. divis.	Per 1 comp. colleg. territ.	Totale 10 cp. collog. territ.	Batt. special. colleg. M.G.	Per sc. collegamento	Per sc. artiglieria	Per 1 plot. coll. di brig.	Toto 3 pl coll di brig
W/T. MECHANICS Apparecchiatori telegrafonici	3	15	1	10	1	1	-	1	
LINEMEN Stenditori guardafili	20	100	5	50	17	-	-	2	
TELEGRAPH AND TEL. OPERATORS Telegrafisti e telefonisti	13	65	7	70	8	2	1	2	
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS Centralinisti	9	45	5	50	12	-	-	1	
RADIO FITTERS Radiomontatori	5	25	1	10	-	1	-	1	
W/T OPERATORS Marconisti	33	165	7	70	38	-	-	5	1
W/T DRIVERS Marconisti conduttori	9	45	-	-	-	-	-	1	
DRS (MCI) Staffette su motociclo	8	40	-	-	-	-	-	1	
ELECTRICIANS FOR ENGINE AND MAINTENANCE Elettricisti per manutenzione e carica accumulatori ACCUMULATORS	5	25	-	-	-	1	-	1	
TELEPRINT OPERATORS Telescriventisti	-	-	2	20	9	-	-	-	
RADIO MECHANICS Radiomotoristi	-	-	1	10	2	-	-	-	
TELEPRINT MECHANICS Apparecchiatori telescriventisti	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
RADIO-ELECTRICIAN FITTERS Radioelettricisti montatori	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	
W/T INTERCEPTERS Marconisti intercettatori	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	
	105	525	29	290	102	5	1	15	4

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IEVI COLLEGATORI DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO DA INVIARE ALLA SCUOLA COLLEGAMENTI DEL GENIO (Roma -) PER L'ADDESTRAMENTO AVANZATO E DI SPECIALIZZAZIONE.
isurata ad un terzo degli organici graduati e truppa)

izzazioni	per ogni btg. collegamenti divisionale	Totale 5 btg. colleg. divis.	Per 1 comp. colleg. territ.	Totale 10 cp. colleg. territ.	Batt. special. colleg. M.G.	Per sc. collegamento genio	Per sc. artiglieria genio	Per 1 plot. coll. di brig.	Totale 3 plot. colleg. di brig.	TOTALE GENERALE
CARRIERS i telegrafonici	3	15	1	10	1	1	-	1	3	30
LINEMEN rdafili	20	100	5	50	17	-	-	2	6	173
TEL. OPERATORS telefonisti	13	65	7	70	8	2	1	2	6	152
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	9	45	5	50	12	-	-	1	3	110
RADIO FITTERS	5	25	1	10	-	1	-	1	3	39
T. OPERATORS	33	165	7	70	38	-	-	5	15	288
T. DRIVERS duttori	9	45	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	48
RS (M.C.) otociclo	8	40	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	43
CHARGE AND MAINTAINERS er manutenzione e ccumulatori ACCUMULATORS	5	25	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	29
TELEPRINT OPERATORS tti	-	-	2	20	9	-	-	-	-	29
RADIO MECHANICS	-	-	1	10	2	-	-	-	-	12
MECHANICS ri telescriventisti	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
RADIO FITTERS sti montatori	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
INTERCEPTERS ercettatori	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	7
	105	525	29	290	102	5	1	15	45	968

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : All Mil.Terr.HQs
Central Schools HQ Rome
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 5078/R/4

Date: 10/8/46

Subject: 1925 first fourmonthly group recruit training.

Further to letter OI/2529/Mob. dated 25/7/46.

We forward the attached list, in which are shown units to which recruits of all arms belonging to the first fourmonthly 1925 group will be sent for advanced training and subsequent tradesmen courses when preliminary training has been completed at CARs.

Posting dates are shown in letter 4450/R/O dated 12/7/46.

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

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ADVANCED TRAINING AND SUBSEQUENT COURSES FOR RECRUITS BELONGING TO THE FIRST 1925 FOURMONTHLY GROUP.

Infantry:

a)- Advanced training will be carried out at CARs with exception:
- of armoured car drivers, who will be trained at the Armoured Car School - Rome - Tor di Quinto (a)
- of carrier drivers, they will be sent to the Infantry School - Cesano di Roma (a)

b)- Specialist training (to be commenced at the School on the 7th of January 1947 (b)):

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- Machine gunners)
- mortar personnel) Infantry School - Cesano di Roma.
- snipers)
- range finders)
- cooks - Services and Supply School - Rieti-
- armoured car mechanics (c) - M.T. School - Rome - Cecchignola
- armourer pupils - Armourers and Mechanics Battery School of Artillery - Civitavecchia
- telephonists, linesmen - at Corps
- switchboard operators)
- Fullerphone switchboard operators) Engineer Signals School - Rome - Cecchignola.
- R.T. personnel)
- carpenters and joiners)
- electricians) Sapper Engineer School - Civitavecchia - Sacile Barracks.
- blacksmiths)
- general mechanics)

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(a) See circular 4207/R/9 dated 12/7/46
(b) See circular 450/R/0 dated 12/7/46, para i)
(c) Drivers and motorcyclists will be trained with Units.

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Artillery - Advanced training and subsequent courses:

- Switchboard operators)
- Fullerphone operators) Engineer Signals School - Rome - Cecchignola.
- R.T. personnel)
- telephonists, linesmen - at Corps
- Artillery tradesmen - Mechanics and Arty tradesmen Battery - Civitavecchia - Sacile Barracks.

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- artificers - Artillery Directorate of Rome Mil. Terr. HQ.
- Artillery ~~armoured~~ car mechanics - M.T. School - Rome - Cecchignola
- Artillery drivers)
- 25 pounder gunners)
- non tradesmen personnel for various duties) at Corps
  with Artillery Units)
- staff of Terr. Artillery establishments)
- 6 pounders, 17 pounders 40 mm. - School of Artillery (I)
- range finders - School of Artillery - Bracciano.

(I) Training locality will be given later.

Engineers: Advanced training and subsequent courses:

- general sappers for various divisional services: at corps to which they have been posted in the allocation table.
- divisional tradesmen)
- general sappers for various and) to Sappers Engineer School
  tradesmen services, posted to) Civitavecchia - Aurelia
  territorial establishments) Barracks.
- signalmen employed on various services)
  " telephonists (telephonists, switchboard) by corps to which they are posted
  operators, linesmen))
  " D.R.s)
  " Fullerphone switchboard operators)
  " R.T. personnel) at the Engineer Signals School - Rome, Cecchignola.
  " radio fitters)
  " telegraphists)
  " mechanics)
- Engineer drivers - by corps to which they have been posted.
- M.T. mechanics)
- engine pump mechanics) at the M.T. School - Rome - Cecchignola.

Transport - Advanced training and subsequent courses:

- drivers : 50% of the draft, by M.T. corps to which they have been posted. Remaining 50% - M.T. School - Rome, Cecchignola.
- other tradesmen: M.T. School - Rome, Cecchignola.

Medical:

Advanced training: at medical companies of Mil.Terr.HQs in the area in which Units with which they will subsequently serve are located.

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Supply:

Advanced training: at the Commissariat of Milan Mil.Terr.HQ, Via Olivieri (Baggio)

Animal and Vet. Service:

Advanced training : at the Animal Supply Centre Piemonte - Pinerolo.

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SUBJECT : Courses at Central Military Schools

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: 489081 Ext 545)

RECEIVED 9 - AUG 1946
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G/G.15/2025

8 August 1946.

TO : G. Trg. M.M.I.A.

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Reference your letter TAC/26 dated 25 July 1946.

Herewith completed proforma.

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for Lt. Col.
G.S.

AWG/ma.

YRG M.M.I.A.
Rlc: 26
Date: 8/9/6.

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students Officers	NCOs.	Troops.	(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks
Tactics	School Instructors	20	-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	First Studc
Armoured Car	No 1 Course	11 CC RR 18 Cav	20 CCRR 20 Cav	- -	8 weeks	13 Aug	13 Oct	Complete c
Artillery	No 3 Instr 25pdr for F A Regts 17 pdr 40 mm	10 8 8	15 30 20	- - -	4 weeks	16 July	13 Aug	Next recru 15 Sept.
	No 10 Instructors	-	20	-	4 weeks	18 July	15 Aug	
	Course for Instr R.T.C.	20	40	-	4 weeks	15 Aug	10 Sept	
Engineer	Advanced Recruit	-	-	575	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	No further
	NCO's Course	-	40	-	4 weeks	8 July	5 Aug	courses fo
	Junior officers	20	-	-	6 weeks	8 July	19 Aug	
Signals	Switchboard op	-	-	140	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
	Telegraphist	-	-	160	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
	Wireless op	-	-	346	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	
	Electrician	-	-	75	16 weeks	6 May	6 Sept	All recrui
	Radio-Mechanic	-	-	58	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
	Telegraph Mech	-	-	53	24 weeks	6 May	6 Nov	
	Party Signaller	-	-	500	12 weeks	6 May	6 Aug	
Infantry	P A C	30	90	-	6 weeks	4 July	15 Aug	

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	(c) Students			(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Officers	NCOs.	Troops.	Duration	Begins	Ends	Remarks
ructors	20	-	-	7 weeks	5 Aug	21 Sept	First Student course commences 7 Oct
	11 CC RR 18 Cav	20 CCRR 20 Cav	- -	8 weeks	18 Aug	13 Oct	Complete course including tactics
25pdr gts17 pdr 40 mm	10 3 8	15 30 20	- - -	4 weeks	16 July	13 Aug	Next recruit courses schedule for 15 Sept.
ructors Instr R.T.O.	- 20	20 40	- -	4 weeks 4 weeks	18 July 15 Aug	15 Aug 10 Sept	
ecruit ss ficers	- - 20	- 40 -	575 - -	6 weeks 4 weeks 6 weeks	8 July 8 July 8 July	19 Aug 5 Aug 19 Aug	No further courses scheduled until courses for recruits in Sept.
d op ist p n nic ech ller	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	140 160 346 75 50 33 500	16 weeks 16 weeks 16 weeks 16 weeks 24 weeks 24 weeks 12 weeks	6 May 6 May 6 May 6 May 6 May 6 May 6 May	6 Sept 6 Sept 6 Sept 6 Sept 6 Nov 6 Nov 6 Aug	All recruit courses.
	30	90	-	6 weeks	4 July	15 Aug	

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(a) School.	(b) Course	(c) Students Offrs	(c) Students NCO.	(c) Students Troops	(d) Duration	(e) Begins.	(f) Ends.	Remarks.
Infantry	El Weapons	33	90	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	Snipers	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	Carriers	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	3" Mortar	36	36	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	T A C	200	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
	CMR Instrs.	50	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
	Sniper	-	-	6	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept	Recruit course subject to a[illegible] Duration dep[illegible] used.
	Mortar 3"	-	-	364	6 weeks	12 Aug	23 Sept	
	M M G.	-	-	575	8-12 weeks	12 Aug	7-21 Oct	
Police	Course No 6	20	25	75 OCER	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
P.T.	Course No 5	30	60	-	12 weeks	12 Aug	4 Nov	
Motorization and M M G.	Recruit D & M	-	-	1394	14 weeks	25 May	31 Aug	Next D.M. Co[illegible] also Officer[illegible] details avai[illegible]
	Turners	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruct[illegible] School D[illegible]
	Blacksmiths	-	-	25	6 months	do	do	
	Carpenters	-	-	25	6 months	do	do	
	Welders	-	-	27	6 months	do	do	
	Coach Trimmers	-	-	[illegible]	6 months	do	do	
	Sheet metal workers	-	-	6	6 months	do	do	Instruct[illegible] Co[illegible]
	Radiator repairers	-	-	[illegible]	6 months	do	do	
	Testers	-	-	[illegible]	6 months	do	do	
	Painters	-	-	[illegible]	6 months	do	do	
	Hydraulic brake spec	-	-	[illegible]	6 months	do	do	
	Fuel Rectifier	-	-	[illegible]	6 months	do	do	
	Tyre Repairers	-	-	5	6 months	do	do	
	Fitters	-	-	6	6 months	do	do	

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	(c) Students			(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Offrs	NCOs.	Troops	Duration	Begins.	Ends.	Remarks.
ns	33	90	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	10	20	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	36	36	-	5 weeks	11 July	15 Aug	
	200	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
o.	50	150	-	6 weeks	26 Aug	7 Oct	
	-	-	6	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept	Recruit courses. Date of commencement subject to arrival of equipment. Duration dependent on type of equipment used.
	-	-	364	6 weeks	12 Aug	23 Sept	
	-	-	575	8-12 weeks	12 Aug	7-21 Oct	
6	20	25	75 OCTU	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
5	30	60	-	12 weeks	12 Aug	4 Nov	
6	-	-	1394	14 weeks	25 May	31 Aug	Next D.M. Course scheduled for Sept 15th also Officers course but no further details available.
	-	-	29	6 months	5 June	5 Dec	Instruction given at Instructional School Sho d' Aosta.
h	-	-	23	6 months	do	do	
s	-	-	23	6 months	do	do	
	-	-	27	6 months	do	do	
mers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
al workers	-	-	6	6 months	do	do	
equipers	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	Instruction given at Centro Studi Aosta.
	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
brake spec	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
tifier	-	-	1	6 months	do	do	
lers	-	-	5	6 months	do	do	
	-	-	5	6 months	do	do	

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(a) School.	(b) Course.	(c) Students Offrs	NCOs.	Troops	(d) Duration	(e) Begins	(f) Ends	(g) Remarks
(cont) L R T C	Fitters vehicle	-	-	101	6 months	1 Aug	1 Feb 47	
	Engine Specialist	-	-	114	do	do	do	
	Chassis Spec.	-	-	49	do	do	do	Instr
	Electricians	-	-	18	do	do	do	
	Injectors pump spec	-	-	1	do	do	do	
Adm and Welfare	Services	15 8 Air Force 10 CCRR	9 Air Force	-	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
	Man Management	8 8Air force 7 CC.RR	7 6 Air Force	-	4 week	22 July	19 Aug	
	Hygiene	17 1 Air Force	14 Air Force	-	do	do	do	
	Office clerk	-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept.	

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	(c) Students			(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Offrs	NCOs.	Troops	Duration	Begins	Ends	Remarks.
icle ialist c. s ump spec	- - - - -	- - - - -	101 114 49 12 1	6 months do do do do	1 Aug do do do do	1 Feb 47 do do do do	Instruction given at Fiat works Rome
	15 8 Air Force 10 CCRR	9 Air Force	-	4 weeks	22 July	19 Aug	
ent	8 8Air force 7 CC.RR	7 6 Air Force	-	4 week	22 July	19 Aug	
	17 1 Air Force	14 Air Force	-	do	do	do	
k	-	-	16	4 weeks	12 Aug	9 Sept.	

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SUBJECT :Charter of G.O.'s
Military Schools

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS

AQ/2/1/2005

August 1946

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

Ref. this Office AQ/2/1/1951 dated 23 July 1946.

Copy of the reply by H.Q. Central Military Schools to the above quoted letter is forwarded herewith. (No. 01/6960/Add.Fant. dated 28 July 1946).

Lt.Colonel
G.S.

AWG/ap

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Q. CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
Training Office

28 July 1946

N.01/6960/Add.fant.

Subj-: Responsibilities of the G.O.C. of the Central Milit.Schools

Ref: AQ/2/1/1951 of the 23 July inst.

1.- The G.O.C. is responsible for all the Training policy at the Schools and for the disciplinary policy as well.
No written charter from the Ministry of war lays down his duties and responsibilities because same proceed from the normal attribution of a General Comm.

2.-a) According to the tasks previously decided by the S.M.R.E. for each School the G.O.C. decided about the number, kind and duration of Courses, the necessary programs, the general procedure etc.
As soon as the S.M.R.E. has agreed, instructions are forwarded by S.M.R.E. same to the various Units with reference to the number of Students supposed to attend the Courses.
At the end of each Course the H.Q. of Centr.Schools sends to the S.M.R.E. a full report about the results, general observations and new proposal.

b) The tactical teaching had followed until now the instructions of the British one - Copy of all the translations, booklets, etc. are forwarded to the S.M.R.E. that, together with the Infantry Divisions, Inspect. of the various Arms etc. will study and codefy the above teaching.
The Cooperation School will be of great help to the S.M.R.E. in this circumstance.

c) Instruction about the tecnical training are given by the S.M.R.E. in agreement with the Inspect. of the various Arms (Artillery, Engineers, Motorisation).
The H.Q. of Central Military Schools is however continually and directly in touch with the Inspect. of v.Arms.

d) Provisions of instructional & admin. staff are decided by the H.Q. of the C.M. Schools by asking the necessary personnel from the Ministry of War or with convenients transferments of personnel from one school to another.

e) The H.Q. of the Schools, according to the new W.E. and following the disbandment of its Ufficio Servizi has no authority about decisions on priority for building and repairs. He only suggests to the Ministry of War and to the Comando Genio Territoriale which are the most urgent and important works to be done and xxx eventually recommends the priority of the works same.
Practically the execution of above works dipends directly from the Engineers and particularly from the available funds.

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3.- Technical advice is given normaly by the Training Office of S.M.R.E. or directly by the Inspectorates.

4.- Normally the Schools do not communicate direct to the Ministry of War but follow the following channels:

- Through the H.Q. of the Central Milit.Schools with reference to Training and disciplinary questions;
- through the Comando Territoriale with ref. to service, works etc.

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SUBJECT : -Charter of C.O.C.

Military Schools -

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478008)

Ref : A2/2/1/1951

July 1946

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To : H.Q.
Central Military Schools

Copy to : (G.Trg.)
H.Q. Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Information is requested on the following points :-

1. Does the C.O.C. Military Schools hold a written charter from the Ministry of War, laying down his duties and responsibilities ?

2. To what extent is the C.O.C. responsible for the following :-

(a) General Training policy at the schools.
(b) Tactical doctrine.
(c) Technical training policy at schools, such as the School of Artillery, which have an Inspectorate at S.M.A.E.
(d) Provision of instructional and administrative staff for the schools.
(e) Decisions on priorities for building and repairs.

3. When the C.O.C. requires technical advice from Italian sources regarding one of the specialist arms, how does he obtain it ?

4. On what subjects if any, do C's C. schools communicate direct to the Ministry of War ?

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General Staff
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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

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Let me see and further return on this case when it comes in

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SUBJECT: Courses at Central Military Schools.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, MC(INDIA)

(TEL EXT: 476) TRG/26

25 Jul 46

TO : 42 British Liaison Unit
to the Central Military Schools

1. The attached summary of Courses at the Central Military Schools has been prepared from information available at this H.Q. In some cases the information may not be complete. It is requested therefore that the duplicate copy be amended and returned to this office.

2. In future a pro forma on similar lines will be submitted by you together with the Monthly Report showing courses in progress together with those it is intended to commence during the following month.

See F 35.

Major General
M. H. I. A.

MC/mm

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HQ M. M. I. A.
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TRANSLATION

FROM : M. of W. REF : 4207/R/9 - Add.

TO : Addressees
N.M.I.A. for inf. DATE : 12/7/46

See F 30

SUBJECT : Directives for training personnel to be transferred to Divisional Recce Bns and CCRR armoured units.

1 - The training of personnel to be transferred to Divisional Recce Bns will be carried out as under:

a) Battalion and Company Commanders: at Armoured Car School (Rome - Tor di Quinto alta).

b) Platoon and squad commanders:
- to be employed in armoured sub units: Armoured Car School
- to be employed in other units: Infantry School (Cesano of Rome)

c) O.Rs.

preliminary training: in CARs

advanced training for ORs:
- to be employed in armoured car units: Armoured Car School (possibly at the Signal School) - Rome Cecchignola see para 5 letter c) below;
- to be employed in carrier units: Infantry School
- to be employed in support and mobile units: at CARs (programme laid down for the Inf.) except for tradesmen who, after advanced training, will be sent to Inf. School.

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2 - The Armoured Car School trains:
- officers earmarked for Divisional Recce Bn. which are being formed (for all senior officers and captains and only for Armoured Cars subalterns)
- personnel (NCO. and men) of armoured car units
- instructors and drivers of CCRR armoured car units.

The said School carries out courses ordered from time to time by this SMRE. These courses are attended by ORs and personnel of the various arms

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3 - Directives for the carrying out of normal courses

1) OCRs:

Formation of Armoured Car instructors and drivers.

In particular:

a) officers and NCO: tactical notions relating to employment of armoured cars(for police duties only); general technical notions on the use of armoured cars.

b) OCRs: driving and practical use of armoured cars; notions on weapons and signal equipment of the Armoured Car.

II - Personnel earmarked for Recce battalions

a) Bn and Coy. commanders (Armoured Car, carriers, - supporting weapons, - mobile units): - general technical notions on the formation and employment of armoured car units. Tactical notions on the employment of Recce Bn., its men and the coordination.

Consequently, completion of training of Recce Bn Comdrs (concerning the employment) will be carried out at the Cooperation of various Arms School.

b) Officers earmarked for Armoured Car units:

Technical notions on the functioning, driving and use of Armd. Cars including notions on armament and signal equipment. Tactical notions on the employment of Armoured Car Corps isolated and also in cooperation with other units of the Recce Bns. 4911

c) Armd Cars NCO and Men: N.C.O.: Technical notions on the functioning, driving , armament and signal material of the Armd Car. Tactical notions on the employment of the Armd Car squad and platoon. MEN: formation of armoured car drivers, weapon expert and wireless operators.

4 - Length of courses at the Armoured Car School: all, 8 weeks

5 - Special provisions:

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4 - Length of courses at the Armoured Car School: all, 6 weeks

5 - Special provisions:

a) Tactical notions on the employment of Recce bn. Armoured car units, carriers, supporting and mobile weapons; will be given on the basis of instructions issued separately

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by this SMHE which will also prepare the necessary programmes;

b) before attending the courses at the Armd Car School, senior officers to be appointed Recce Un Comdr will be sent by this SMHE to the Signal School where they will attend a general course on W/T/

c) similarly, NCOs and Men to be trained in W/T (Armd Car) can be sent to the Signal School (for a period of one month) where they will attend a general course on W/T.

d) for personnel to be trained at the School of Infantry the same programmes used for tradesmen's courses will apply;

e) training programmes compiled by the Armoured Car School will have to be submitted for the approval of this SMHE, a fortnight before the beginning of each course.

Sgd. CADORNA Gen.

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all ok.

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War (SMRE)
To:- MMIA

Ref No: 4092/F/13
Date: 8 July 46

Subject:- Central Schools courses for Officers, NCOs and Men of units.

1.- Ref to letter TRG/26 dated 22 June 46.
The enclosed schedule shewing the courses, already commenced or to be started on the 1st Sept 46, at the Central Schools for Officers, NCOs and Men, is forwarded to you.

2.- Further information will be forwarded on:
- Signals School: whose training programme is being compiled.
- M.T. School: (only for courses for Officers and NCOs of units)
The carrying out of these courses, at present under examination, depends on the availability of instructors(who are being sent) and premises, which have yet to be prepared.

3.- Regarding the Pioneers School, this SM points out that, on account of its present temporary location in Civitavecchia, which does not consent to the billeting of Officers and NCOs, who will frequent the courses, the School is not in a position to carry out a regular training programme and therefore it is suggested to postpone the courses until a later date, except for refresher courses (which are being considered), for a limited number of Officers and NCOs.

sgd. Liuzzi
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Courses for Officer, NCOs and Men of units - to commence between 1st July and 1st Sept

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		200	150	-	26 August 46	8 weeks
Artillery School	2nd instructors course for the new artillery units	17	36	-	15 July 46	4 weeks
Various Arms School	1st instructors course for the School and Groups Bn. Commanders	20	-	-	22 July 46	8 weeks
Police School	9th Perfection course	20	25	75	22 July 46	4 weeks
Armoured Car School	2nd series of courses for CC.RR. drivers	-	-	100	15 July 46	1 week for groups of 2
	2nd normal course for members of armoured-car units	22	40	-	19 August 46	8 weeks
M.T. School	1st Armoured-car tecnical course.	6	9	-	8 July 46	3 weeks
	1st course for section mechanics.	-	-	300	1 July 46	16 weeks
	1st course for skilled mechanics	-	-	400	1 July 46	16 weeks
Services and Assistance School	1st normal hygiene course	30	12	-	22 July 46	4 weeks
	Ist Admin. Staff Course	I4	22	-	22 " 46	4 weeks
	Ist Course for Stores and Offices personnel	-	60	I20	22 " 46	4 weeks

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	1st Course for Stores and Offices personnel	-	60	120	22 " 46	4 weeks

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SUBJECT : Training - REME.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMLA)

TEL.EXT. 476 TRG/26

4 Jun 46

TO : G.H.Q. - for G(Trg)

1. It is understood that there is a British School of Mechanics at PADUA.

2. ADME of this HQ (Lieut-Col A. BLUNT REME) would like to visit this School for one day, approx 20 Jun 46, with a view to obtaining information about the General layout of the School, latest methods of instruction, and details of Courses, which would be of great assistance in the mechanical training of the Italian Army.

3. May approval please be given for this visit?
If arrangements for the visit should be made direct between this HQ and the School could the following information be supplied.-

(a) Postal address and telephone number

(b) Exact location.

TRG (A.M.I.B.)
File : TRG/62
Date: 8/4/6

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Major-General
M. M. I. B.

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Copy to : TRG/26/3.

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TRG (28)

SUBJECT :- Courses at Central Military Schools.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : AQ/6/2/1804

28 June 1946

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

1. Reference your letter TRG/26 dated 22 June '46.

2. Herewith attached forecast of courses for Regimental etc personnel for period 1 July - 1 September 1946.

Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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TRG M.M.I.
File : TRG/26
Date: 2/7/46

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School	Course	Date of Commencement	Attended by Offrs	Attended by NCOs	Duration	Recruit Training in progress	Remarks
Tactics	School Instructors	22 July	15		8 weeks	NO	1st Student course scheduled to commence 1 Oct.
Artillery	No.2 course for new Arty Unit instructors	7 July	20	40	4 weeks	Completed 8 July	
	No.3 course	7 Aug.	20	40	4 weeks	NO	
	R.S.O course	?	?	?	7 weeks	NO	To be commenced when survey data complete at Bracciano.
	5.5 Med. Conversion course	?	?	?	3 weeks	NO	To be commended on release of equipment giving SMRE 1 month notice.
Infantry	Tactics	1 July	30	90	6 weeks	NO	
	Platoon Weapons	8 July	33	90	5 weeks	NO	
	3" Mortar	8 July	36	36	5 weeks	NO	
	Snipers	8 July	10	20	5 weeks	NO	
	Carriers	8 July	10	20	5 weeks	NO	
	Tactics	26 July	200	150	6 weeks	NO	
	CAR Instructors	26 Aug	50	150	6 weeks	NO	
	MMG	?	?	?		NO	On release of equipment
Engineers	Advanced Recruits	8 July		575 ORs	6 weeks	Yes	Elementary Recruit Training Completed by 6 July
	NCO's course	8 July		116	4 weeks	Yes	
	Junior Officers	8 July	40		6 weeks	Yes	

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School	Course	Date of commencement	Attended By Offrs.	Ncos	Duration	Recruit training in progress	Remarks
Adm. & Welfare	Adm.	15 July	9	12	5 weeks	NO	
	Welfare	15 July	9	7	5 weeks	NO	
	Hygiene	15 July	5	12	5 weeks	NO	
Armoured Car.	Carabinieri	15 July		95	2 weeks	NO	During period 1-15 July Offr. & NCO permanent staff attend 'Staghound' course at Centro Studio.
	Cavalry 2nd course	18 Aug.	?	?	8 weeks	NO	
Signal	NIL	NIL	NIL		NIL	YES	During period July 15-Aug.15 training confined to Arty & Inf. signallers. Until more accommodation & instructors are available no further courses are possible.
P.T.	Course No.5	1 Aug.		80	12 weeks	NO	
Police	Course No.6	8 July		55	6 weeks	NO	

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SUBJECT: Courses at Schools

LAND FORCES HQ-OTTAWA, ONT (HQLA)

(ADMIN Dist 300) TRG/26

22 Jun 46

TO : [illegible]

See 29, 132 & 33

1. It appears that the recent inauguration of recruit training at the various Schools of the Royal Canadian has had the effect of reducing the numbers of courses being run for Regimental officers and NCOs.

2. It has always been envisaged and agreed between this HQ and your Ministry that it is absolutely essential that these courses should run continuously irrespective of and independently from what might be necessary for recruits etc.

3. Will you please inform me of the projected programme of courses, giving scope and dates, to be run at the various Schools between now and 1 September.

M. W. H.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

WJM/sb

TRG M. M. I.
File : TRG/26
Date: 22/6

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Copy to : 12 British Columbia Dist

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SUBJECT: Courses at Schools

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA)
(489081 Ext 589) TRG/26
22 Jun 46

TO: 12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

See 32 & 33

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1. Attached is copy letter TRG/26 dated 22 June addressed to Ministry of Ar.

2. Will you please send (independently from the answer anticipated from M. of W.) your own forecast of courses for Regimental etc personnel.

3. It is requested that a list be prepared showing against each School the types of courses which each School is capable of running.

4. It will then be a simple matter to see that courses are used.

Major General, CD
M. M. I. A.

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TRG M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/26
Date: 22/6.

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SUBJECT: Brig Lists.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM., MC. (ROME)
(459061 Set 400) → 220/26
14 Jun 46

TO : 12 BRITISH ARMY UNIT

Reference note M/6/2/1585 of 17 May 46 and GSI 22 6/4 of 2 June 46 (2 letters).

As the information contained in these Brig Lists will be of value to the Italian Army as a whole, and not merely to the Italian School of Artillery, will you please ensure that Italian General Military Schools place all information received from the Survey Directorate (SI) at the disposal of the Ministry of War.

TRG M.M.I. (A)
File : TRG/26
Date: 8/15/6.

TO SEE
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GSO II (Ops)

M.W. Nov. 4901
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Copy to : Ministry of War
(with copies of Folios 21, 22, 25, 26).

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Telo : FREDOM 940.

SENIOR DIRECTOR/ER, GSG CMF.

File: SI 6/1.

Subject: Trig Lists.

Date: 2 June '46.

To : 16 (PAL) Fd Svy Depot RE.

Copy to: HQ Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (AMLA).
12 British Liaison Unit.

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Please issue the following Trig Lists to GSGS 4164 IRAN Main Land, to 12 British Liaison Unit (for the Italian Central Military Schools) ROME.

1. Two copies of the following will be supplied:-

AAI
10; 11; 20; 21; 22; 33; 34; 35; 36; 37; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 50; 58; 59; 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 88; 89; 92/93; 94/95; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 111/104; 112; 114; 119; 120; 121; 122; 130; 138 (Parts 1 & 2); 143; 152/160/161; 170/171.

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SICILY; SARDINIA; CORSICA; S of 43° 10'; N of 42° 50'; S of 43° N; S of 39° N; S of 39° 40'; Between 41° 20' & 42° 20' and W of 16° 27'; Between 41° 20' & 42° 20' and W of 14° 27'; Between 42° 20' & 43° 20' and W of 12° 27'; 149/150; 159; 126/127; 122/130/137; 123/124; 125; 131; 132; 133/134; 138/139; 140; 141 123/138; N of 42° 40'; Between 42° 40' and 43° 20'; 122/123/124/125; 130/131; 132/133/134; 126/127; 122/123/130; 108; 109/110; 115; 116; 117/118; 113; 80; 68; 69/70; 57/58; 56; 43/44.

2. One copy of the following AAI lists will be supplied:- 4900

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3. Disposal instructions for remaining stocks will be issued later.

HQ A.M.L.A.
File: TIG/E2b.
Date: 2/4/6.

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(D.F. CHRISTIE Maj RE)
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Tele : FREEDOM 940.

SURVEY DIRECTORATE,
GHQ CMF.

Subject: Trig Lists.

File: 6/1.

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMIA).

Date: 2 June '46.

Copy to: 12 British Liaison Unit (for Italian Central Military Schools) ROME.

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Ref your letter TRG/26 of 20 May '46.

1. We are sending you, when possible, two copies each of the Trig Lists to the Italian 1:100,000 sheets, and a copy of the issue order showing full details of the lists involved is being forwarded to you.

2. It is regretted that in certain cases ~~the~~ no lists are available and only one copy of the list for sheets 87 and 91, but our stocks of these are so low that we only hold sufficient for our own record and library purposes.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/26
Date- 2/3/6.

TO SEE
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(D.F. CHRISTIE Maj RE)
for AD Survey.

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SUBJECT: Triangulation Stations, SVY-TRG.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)

TRG/26

20 May 46

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

Attached copy of letter from 12 BLU is forwarded for your consideration.

It is strongly recommended that a copy of Trigonometrical List for all triangulation stations in Italy be issued to this HQ for the information of the Italian Army.

M. W. Hope.
BGS

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

BGS M. M. I.
File: TRG/26
Date: 21/5.

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SUBJECT :- Triginometrical Points.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318/9)

Ref : AQ/6/2/1585

17 May 1946

See F 28.

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

Reference conversation Brigadier Hope - Major Alexander at BRACCIANO on 16 May 1946.

Difficulty has arisen in teaching the Italians British Survey methods, in that all Italian calculations are based on computations involving latitude and longitude, whereas the British method is based on the formation of a grid and the use of co-ordinates. The conversion necessary involves a long and tedious mathematical calculation. During the war this conversion was carried out and AFHQ issued under secret cover to formations, triginometrical lists giving triangulation stations of the Italian mainland. Since this publication contains no information which is not already known to the Italians in that the co-ordinates produced are computed from pre-war Italian data, in order that the Italians may be taught the British methods without resorting to the lengthy conversion, it is requested that the AFHQ publication be lifted from the secret list and issued to the Italian School of Artillery.

for Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Results of Courses -

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)

TRG/26

May 46

TO : LIST 'B' (Less 12 BLU)

Att results of courses held at the School of Arty, the Signal School and the School of Infantry during the month of April are forwarded for your information.

Major-General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to :- TRG/7

D. M. M. I. A.
TRG/26
Date R/13/5

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SUBJECT: Interim Report on Incidents at CIVITAVECCHIA, and BRACCIANO.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools
(Tel: ROME 66318/9).

Ref: AQ/10/1/1526

7 May 46.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA). (2 copies)

1. Prior to the end of April I visited all the Schools, with a view to ascertaining whether every possible step had been taken to ensure that recruits, when they arrived, should be satisfactorily accommodated and that all necessary preparations made for feeding them and dealing with immediate welfare requirements. I formed the impression that in spite of grave difficulties, each of the Italian Colonel Commandants of the Schools had done everything possible to meet the situation, but that a considerable amount of improvisation would be inevitable, pending the completion of the builders work.

2. On Saturday, May 4th, Major Alexander, G.II R.A., reported to me that there had been incidents at the former Genio Barracks at BRACCIANO, now occupied by the Recruit Training Centre, School of Artillery. The main causes of complaint made by the recruits were :-

(a) That the rations were inadequate and not as well cooked as they were accustomed to.

(b) That the dining accommodation was too rough and compared unfavourably with that at the C.A.R., and

(c) That the location of the barracks was remote from any recreational facilities.

These complaints originated among a small body of recruits, but however, had the effect of causing disaffection among the whole. Major Alexander reported that Col. Palma had taken very active steps to deal with the demonstration and that he believed that, although it must be admitted that conditions at Bracciano compared very unfavourably with those at some of the C.A.Rs., the feeling was likely to die down, and he did not regard it as a very serious matter.

3. On Sunday, 5 May 46, I visited CIVITAVECCHIA to discuss the matter further with Major Alexander and ascertain whether there were any developments in the Engineer Barracks at AURELIA. Major Alexander stated there had been no further trouble at BRACCIANO but Major Chapman, G.II R.E., stated there had been considerable trouble at the Aurelia Barracks. It appears that approximately 1,000 recruits left the barracks and proceeded on foot for a distance of approximately 5 miles to Civitavecchia Railway Station, where they assembled. They expressed the intention of taking the first available train back to Rome

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(a) To improve food conditions.

(b) To do everything possible to expedite the improvement of Barrack conditions and

(c) To move the whole of the Engineers to the Duc d'Aosta Barracks (at present allotted to the School of Artillery), within the next three days. ...../2.

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I then obtained transport and persuaded the men to return to the Aurelia Barracks. I stated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineers from the Aurelia to the Duc d'Aosta Barracks as this proposal had already been considered and turned down by M.M.I.A. and S.M.R.E., but I emphasized the importance of doing everything possible to improve conditions at the Aurelia Barracks so as to minimise the causes of complaint. I then returned to CESANO to see General Ronco.

4. Early on Monday morning, 6 May, I visited CECCHIGNOLA to ascertain if there was any danger of incidents at the Scuola Automobilistica and the Signals School. There was no trace of any trouble at the Scuola Automobilistica and on arrival at the Signals School I found General Ronco in the process of addressing the troops and impressing upon them that they must accept conditions as they were, on the understanding that everything possible was being done to improve them as far as possible and within the financial allotment allowed for the purpose. I formed the opinion that there was no likelihood of any immediate trouble at Cecchignola. I impressed on General Ronco that the most important point was to deal with the outbreaks at CIVITAVECCHIA, but I re-iterated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineer School to the Duc d'Aosta barracks. General Ronco promised to visit Civitavecchia in company with General Cortelezza of the Genio Militare, on Tuesday, 7 May, and at the time of writing this report I understand he is at Civitavecchia for this purpose.

5. I have despatched my G.III, Capt. Gibbins, to Civitavecchia to ascertain the latest position and report to me on his return. In my opinion a great deal depends on whether General Ronco can convince the dissident recruits that everything possible, within the limitations of finance, is being done for their good, without making promises which are incapable of fulfilment, such as it would appear have been made by General Matticli.

6. In my opinion the trouble is purely a temporary one and does not compare with that experienced last year with the recruits at TREVIGNANO Camp, who had not got the benefit of one month's disciplinary training at the C.A.Rs. It will be recollected that though this was thought to be serious it died down after some minor demonstrations, which were more vocal than actual.

7. It appears, however, that the main cause for the present discontent is due to misinterpretation by the Colonels of C.A.Rs., of their instructions to do everything possible to popularise the army among new recruits. In some cases they have undoubtedly carried this too far and instead of treating recruits as young soldiers subject to discipline, have pampered them to such an extent as to spoil them. While this does not apply to all C.A.Rs., with the Italian temperament, the influence of a few discontented soldiers can adversely affect the whole of a much larger body. I explained this opinion to Major Baumann during my visit to M.M.I.A. on Monday morning, and he promised to mention it to S.M.R.E. at the first opportunity.

8. A further report will be submitted after the effect of General Ronco's address this morning has been appreciated.

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RG M.
File T.G/26
Da R/11/5.

Colonel.

TO
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GSO II (Fr)

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Date: 8/11/5.

TO
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GS.
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Colonel.
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P.S. It should be noted that the Caserta Barracks Civita Vecchia were occupied by No 1 Infantry Training Regt. throughout the winter & there were neither incidents nor complaints of any sort.

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SUBJECT : Advanced Recruit Training.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

TRG/26

18 April 46

TO : List 'A'.

The following arrangement for Advanced Recruit Training have been notified by Ministry of War in their letter 2294/R/4 dated 30 March 46. addressed to all Corr Comd HQ's. :-

See F 14

1. At the end of the Primary Training Period at CAR's, recruits destined for :-

(a) Artillery

(b) Engineers and Signals

(c) A.T.

(d) Medical

(e) Supply

(f) Veterinary Services.

will be sent to the Schools and units shown in Appx 'A' to carry out their Advanced Training. On completion of this they will be despatched to the units to which they have been posted.

2. Infantry Recruits will remain at CAR's until the end of the period of Advanced Recruit Training (Infantry), and will then be sent to the units to which they have been posted.

The quotas of men for Specialist training will subsequently be sent by the units to the Schools shown in Appx 'B' at a time to be laid down by S.M.R.E.

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for Major-General
A. A. I. A.

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Appx 'A' to MDA letter
T 6/26 dtd 19 April 46

Advanced Recruit Training

Schools and Units to which will be sent the recruits of the 1924 classes (2nd and 3rd four monthly groups) destined for Artillery, Engineers, Medical, M.T., Supply, and Vet Services. :-

1. ARTILLERY.

(a) To the Signal School - CECCHIGNOLA.

Recruits to be trained as telephonists and wireless operators. Mil Terr HQ's will report by 20 April 46. to each CAR concerned the quota to be trained as telephonists and wireless operators in respect of a third of the WE of units under their command.

(b) To the Mechanics and Arty Tradesmen School - CIVITAVECCHIA.

Recruits to be Trained as Artillery tradesmen.

(c) To the MT School - CECCHIGNOLA

Recruits to be trained as MT mechanics.

(d) To the Directorate of Artillery of SCME Condlitor.

Recruits to be trained as Artificers.

(e) To the Artillery School - BRACCIANO.

(i) The remainder of the recruits (excl drivers) assigned to Artillery in respect of a third of the WE, as 6pr, 17pr, and 40mm gun crews
(ii) Instrument personnel.
(iii) personnel for artillery unit Services.
(iv) personnel for territorial Artillery organisations.

(f) To the Units to which they are assigned in accordance with the allotment tables.

Recruits to be trained as Drivers in accordance with the percentage laid down in SAFE letter No 01/619/Mob dated 28 Feb 46 less those to be trained as MT mechanics.

2. ENGINEERS AND SIGNALS

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(a) To the Engineers School - CIVITAVECCHIA.

Recruits posted to Engineers.

(b) To the Signal School - CECCHIGNOLA.

Recruits posted to Signals.
Mil Terr Grad HQ's will report by 20 April 46 to the CAR's concerned the quota to be posted to Engineers and Signals in respect of a third of the WE of units under their comd.

(c) To the MT School - CECCHIGNOLA

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(b) To the Mechanics and Arty Tradesmen School - CIVIT VECCHIA.

Recruits to be Trained as Artillery tradesmen.

(c) To the MT School - CECCHIGNOLA

Recruits to be trained as MT mechanics.

(d) To the Directorate of Artillery of NOLF Caserta.

Recruits to be trained as Artificers.

(e) To the Artillery School - BRACCIANO.

(i) The remainder of the recruits (excl drivers) assigned to Artillery in respect of a third of the WE, as 6pr, 17pr, and 40mm gun crews
(ii) Instrument personnel.
(iii) personnel for Artillery unit Services.
(iv) personnel for Territorial Artillery organisations.

(f) To the Units to which they are assigned in accordance with the allotment tables.

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(c) To the MT School - CECCHIGNOLA

Recruits to be trained as motor pump mechanics, MT mechanics and MT fitters.

(d) To the Units to which they are assigned in accordance with the allotment tables

Recruits to be trained as Drivers, in accordance with the percentage laid down in S.M.P.E. letter 01/619/Mob dated 28 Feb 46. less those to be trained as motor pump mechanics, MT mechanics, and MT fitters.

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3. M.T.

(a) To the M.T. School - CECCHIGNOLA

50% of recruits posted to M.T.

(b) TO the units to which they are assigned in accordance with the allotment tables.

The remaining 50% of recruits for M.T.

4. MEDICAL

To the appropriate Medical Coys of all Terr Comds.

All recruits selected for Medical duty.

5. SUPPLY

(a) To the Directorate of Commissariato of all Terr HQ at MILAN

All recruits posted to Supply, less 4 Motor-cyclists.

(b) To the M.T. School - CECCHIGNOLA

4 Motor-cyclists, selected from the recruits at No 3 CAR.

6. VETERINARY SERVICE.

(a) To the Animal Supply Centre at PINEROLO

All recruits posted to the Service, less 4 Drivers.

(b) To the MT School - CECCHIGNOLA

4 Drivers - 2 from the recruits at No 6 CAR, and 2 from the recruits at No 2 CAR.

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Appx 'B' to M.L. letter
TRG/2 dated 18 April 46.

Schools to which Infantry Recruits will be sent for Specialist Training.

On completion of Advanced Training at the C.R's Infantry Recruits will be sent to units in accordance with the assignment tables. For subsequent Specialist Training recruits will be sent to Schools, as follows :-

1. INFANTRY SCHOOL - CESANO

Machine-gunners, mortar numbers, and snipers.

2. ARTILLERY SCHOOL - BRACCIANO

Instrument numbers.

3. ENGINEER SCHOOL - CIVITAVECCHIA

Carpenters and joiners, electricians, Blacksmiths, and general mechanics.

4. SIGNAL SCHOOL - CECCHIGNOLA

Telephone operators, Fullerphone operators, and wireless operators.

5. MECHANICS AND ARTY TRADESMENT SCHOOL - CIVITAVECCHIA

Armourers.

6. M.T. SCHOOL - CECCHIGNOLA

M.T. Mechanics.

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Translation

From: C. of W.
To: See Addressees
for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. 2294/R/4
Date 30/3/46.

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Subject Advanced Recruit Training.
2 Enclosures (attached to this letter)

Further to letter OI/619/Mob/ dated 28/2/46.

1° The recruits belonging to:
- the artillery
- the engineers
- the M.T.
- the medical
- the supply
- vet service

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after the end of the preliminary training period at C.A.Rs will be sent to the units shown in enclosure I, in order to carry out advanced training there.
On completion of this, they will report to the unit to which they have been posted.

2° Infantry recruits will remain at C.A.Rs until the end of the advanced training, and will then be sent to the corps to which they have been posted.
The quotas for specialist training will subsequently be sent by the units to the schools shown in N°2 at the time to be laid down by this S.M.

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3° Mil.Terr.Hqs will arrange accordingly bearing in mind the absolute urgency of the reports which the units concerned will have to make to C.A.Rs arranging in time for transport required for the estimated movements.

P.T.O.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/23
Date: 8/4/46

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4° Instructions will be given later for any further distribution necessary in respect of the actual situation of the tradesman draft to be sent to the various schools.

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Enclosure I to letter 2294/R/4
dated 30/3/46 from S.M.R.E.
op.and Ad.Office - Admin.Section.

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List N°I

Unit to whom will be sent the recruits of the I924 class (2° and 3° fourmonthly group) belonging to:

- the artillery
- the engineers
- the M.T.
- the supply
- vet service

See F 16

to carry out advanced training there after the end of preliminary training at C.A.Rs.

I - Artillery

a) to the Sup.Signal Schools - Rome(Cecchignola)

to be trained as

- telephonists
- radio operators

the units to whom the recruits are assigned will report by the 20 xxx April I946 to each C.A.R. concerned, the quota to be trained as xxx telephonists and radio operators in respect of a third of the W/E of units under their command.

b) to Mechanics and Artillery Trdsmen School - CIVITAVECCHIA (Sacile Barracks)

- all those to be trained as artillery trademen.

c) to the M.T. SChool - Rome(Cecchignola) - 4888

- all those to be trained as artillery M.T. mechanics.

d) to the Directorate of Artillery of the Rome Comiliter

- all those to be trained as artificers:

e) to the Artillery School at Bracciano

- the remainder of the contingent(drivers excluded)assigned to the artillery,in respect of a third of the W/E,as :
  - pur.I7 pdr and 40 mm xxxxx gun crews.

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Instrument personnel
personnel for artillery unit services
personnel for territorial artillery organisations

f) to corps to which they are assigned in accordance with the allotment tables.

- those to be trained as drivers in accordance with the percentage laid down in letter 25 of the recruit allotment table, attached to letter No OI/6I9/Mob dated 28/2/46, less those to be trained as artillery M.T. mechanics.

2 ENGINEERS

a) - to the Eng. Sapper school - CIVITAVECCHIA (Aurelia barracks)
- recruits posted to engineers

b) - to the Eng. Signals School Rome (Cecchignola)
- recruits posted to Eng. Signals.
the units to whom the recruits are posted will report, by the 20/4/46, to the C.A.Rs concerned the quota to be posted to the sapper eng. and eng. signals in respect of a third of the W/E of units under their command.

c) - to the M.T. School - Rome (Cecchignola)
All those to be trained as:
- mechanics for eng. motor pumps
- M.T. mechanics (eng.)
- M.T. fitters (eng.)

d) - to the corps to whom they are posted by the allotment table.
those to be trained as drivers in accordance with the percentage laid down in letter 25 attached to the recruit allotment table, enclosed in letter OI/6I9/Mob dated 28/2/46, less those to be trained as motor pump mechanics, eng. M.T. mechanics and M.T. fitters.

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3. M E D I C A L.

To the medical companies of Mil.Terr.HQs in whose jurisdiction the units to which the recruits are posted for duty have their HQ.

4. M.T.

a) - to the M.T. School - Rome(Cecchignola)
- 50% of the contingent posted to M.T.

b) - to corps to which they are posted by the allotment table
- remaining 50%

5. SUPPLY

a) - to the Directorate of Comm.of the Mil.Terr.HQ at Milan Via del Carmine N 4:
- all the contingent posted to supply,less four motor cyclists

b) - to the M.T. School:
- 4 motor cyclists,drawn from the recruits of the Milan C.A.R.

~~6. VETERINARY~~

6. VET.SERVICE

a) - to the animal supply centre at Piemonte - PINEROLO
- the whole contingent posted to the service,less 4 drivers

b) - to the M.T. School
- 4 drivers,drawn two from the recruits at Bologna C.A.R. and two from recruits at Genoa C.A.R.

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ENCLOSURE 2 to letter 2294/R/4
dated 30/3/1946 C.M.R.E. + OP and Adm.
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L I S T 2

UNIT TO WHICH INFANTRY RECRUITS WILL BE SENT FOR SPECIALIST TRG.

Infantry recruits, the advanced training period at C.A.Rs ended, are sent to the corps laid down in the allotment table.

Corps, for subsequent specialist training, will send the recruits to the following localities:

I. INFANTRY SCHOOL + CESANO DI ROMA
- Machine gunners
- Mortar numbers
- Snipers

2. ARTILLERY SCHOOL + BRACCIANO
- Instrument numbers

3. ENG.SAPPER SCHOOL + CIVITAVECCHIA (Aurelia Barracks)
- Carpenters and joiners
- Electricians
- Black smiths
- General mechanics.

4. ENG.SIGNAL SCHOOL + ROME (Cecchignola)
- Telephonists
- Fullerphone switchboard operators
- Radio Operators

5. MECHANICS AND ARTILLERY TRADESMEN SCHOOL + CIVITAVECCHIA (Sacile barracks)
- Armourers

6. M.T. SCHOOL + ROME (Cecchignola)
- M.T. mechanics.

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TRG M.M.I.
File : TRG/17
Date: 2/24/3

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.of W. SMKE
TO : All Mil.Terr. HQs

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GSO I
GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Fmn)

REF: 01/619/MOb
DATE: 28/2/46

SUBJECT: Division of the 1924 Recruit Class (2° and 3° fourmonthly groups) between Arms and Services and Allocation to various units.

1 - The quotas which each C.A.R. will have to supply to units and various Army units have been laid down in the attached allocation and division table for arms and services of the 1924 class recruits (2° and 3° four-monthly groups).

These quotas have been decided on with the idea of:
- allocating to each unit, for each arm, corp and service, a draft equal to 1/3 of the W/ES planned for the interim army (excluded therefore US-TTI and BRI-TTI units still in existance) so that, coinciding with the call-up programme and the four-monthly discharges of subsequent batches, we shall thus have, generally, 2/3 of the W/E strength trained and 1/3 in training at C.A.Rs;
- giving units regional characteristics as far as possible and with temperaments suitable to tone down the unwanted aspects of regionalism.

With exception made for the alpines - who preserv their traditional characteristics - the allocation to corps also agrees with the idea of sending, generally, young men from the southern regions to northern Italy and viceversa, i.e.

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in order to accentuate the work of education and the ~~nn~~ national characteristical cohesion of our Army.

2 - On the basis of these ideas - which are to be borne in mind with pratical application of further measures - it will be necessary to equally distribute older military personnel, to be carried out within each Military Terr. HQ.

Any surplus of deficiences will be reported to this S.M. for any action which may be taken.

3 - In posting recruits to units it will also be borne in mind the advisability of not mixing them, as far as possible, with the older soldiers.

For this purpose the solution could be adopted of forming a recruits battalion in the regt; (and in companies and platoons in battalions or indipendent companies).

Anyway we leave the power to Mil. Terr. HQs, in respect of the particular situation of units under their commands, to adopt the more convenient solution as well as measures for the accomodation and the carrying out of training.

It will be necessary, anyway, to bear in mind from now on that, in view of the gradual discharging of the older classes, the final situation of Units, when the 3° batch of recruits have been called up, will be, generally, with a strength of:

- 1/3 of the 1° batch of recruits. } trained
- 1/3 of the 2° batch of recruits } trained

whilst 1/3 of the 3° batch of recruits will be in training at the C.A.Rs.

Thus, by small subsequent, equal distribution of the recruits units will assume definite characteristics fully

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adhering with the call-up programme and the four-monthly discharges.

4 - The following instructions will be followed by C.A.Rs for the division of the recruits between the various arms and services and the allocation of them to various units:

a) - the operations necessary for the division of the recruits between the various arms and services will be carried out from the 1° to the 20th April 1946.

b) - An appropriate commission formed as under will operate at each C.A.R.

- President: Z/1.C. of the C.A.R.
- Members: a senior officer or Captain for each arm (Infantry - alpine, only for the C.A.Rs concerned - Artillery - Engineers - MT) not belonging to C.A.R. and also a CAR medical officer.
- Advisory member: C.O. of the recruits company.
- Secretary: a junior officer.

c) said commission:

- will allocate each recruit, on majority, to an arm or service in accordance with qualifications required and on the basis:
  - of instructions contained in circular 13 G.M. 1946 concerning the allocation to various arms and services;
  - of the designation of districts for the suitability to arm and service;
  - a short interview with the idea of valuing aptitudes and intellectual qualities;
  - of civilian occupation.
- will earmark each recruit for trades and duties, laid down for each arm, service and corp, in accordance with aptitude, physical and intellectual qualities of the recruit; this will be shown at the side of each name, on the nominal report list

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to be sent to units to which they have been allocated and advanced training centres.

- Will arrange, by the 25th April 1946, to allocate by sorting out, artillery - engineer - M.T. - Medical - supply - veterinary service recruits in the number laid down for each unit shown in the allocation table. The conformation on the aptitudes for various artillery, engineer and M.T. trades will be the responsability of Central Military Schools HQ.

The sorting out for the allocation of infantry recruits (excluded alpine, for which allocations are already shown in the attached table) will on the other hand be made during the last ten days of the third month by C.A.R. HQs and with the help of a Senior Officer from the Military Territorial HQ to which the C.A.R. belongs.

It is necessary to ensure the various units an equal proportional division of the recruits with qualifications necessary for the more important trades and general services.

For this purpose, separate sorting out will be carried out within each arm or service of the group of recruits earmarked for these trades or general services.

5 - Separate instructions for the sending of artillery - engineer - M.T. - medical - supply and veterinary service to formations and units in charge of advanced training.

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6 - Each Military Territorial HQ will report by telegram to this S.M.:

- By the 30th April 1946 the number of artillery - M.T. - medical - supply - veterinary recruits allocated to each unit and also the total number of recruits allocated to infantry and alpine.

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- By the 30th April 1946 the number of infantry and alpine recruits allocated to each unit.
- By the 30th April 1946 the percentage of drivers, mechanics and tradesmen allocated up to date to each arm, service and unit in accordance with instructions given in para 25 of the allocation table as well as the number of recruits posted to the 8° Infantry Rgt. (para 23 of the aforesaid table).

7 - C.A.R. will report to each unit the names of the recruits which have been posted to them. Unit will in turn report to their districts the names of the recruits received from C.A.R.

sgd. Piacentini
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in data 28 febbraio 1945

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

TABELLA ASSEGNAZIONE REGLUTE CLASSE 1924 (II e III QUADRIMESTRE)

RIPARTITE PER ARMI E SERVIZI

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Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

TABELLA ASSEGNAZIONE REGOLUTI CLASSE 1924 (II e III QUADRIMESTRE)

RIPARTITE PER ARMI E SERVIZI

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Comando Militare Territoriale di TORINO (23)	1° reggimento alpini	–	628(1)	–	–	–	–
	Div.fanteria "FRIULI"	1213	–	340	220	154	92
	Scuole centrali militari	270	–	100	129	122	–
	Com.Mil.Terr. di UDINE	96	–	–	32	38	40
	" " " " BARI	120	–	–	–	10	10
	TOTALI....	1699	628	440	381	324	142
Comando Militare Territoriale di GENOVA (23)	1° reggimento alpini	–	314(2)	–	–	–	–
	Div.fanteria "FRIULI"	284	–	72	52	40	22
	" " "FOLGORE"	535	–	143	95	68	31
	Div.S.I. "CALABRIA"	225	–	–	21	–	22
	I-III/60° reggimento S.I.	330	–	–	–	–	–
	Com.Mil.Terr. di NAPOLI	645(19)	–	–	64	103	93
	" " " " ROMA	340 (17)(22)	–	–	56	90	52
	TOTALI....	2259	314	215	288	301	220
Comando Militare Territoriale di MILANO (23)	4° reggimento alpini	–	314(3)	–	–	–	–
	Div. S.I. "CALABRIA"	643	–	–	55	14	–
	Com.Mil.Terr. di PALERMO	258	–	20	60	75	86
	" " " " ROMA	770 (15)(21)	–	26	130	230	117
	" " " " BARI	638	–	–	38	46	45
	TOTALI....	2309	314	46	283	365	248
Comando Militare Territoriale di BOLZANO (23)	4° reggimento alpini	–	564(4)	–	–	–	–
	5° reggimento alpini	–	157(5)	–	–	–	–
	Div. S.I. "CALABRIA"	305	–	–	27	10	–
	Div.fanteria "MANTOVA"	542	–	145	81	104	47
	Scuole Centrali militari	214	–	78	102	98	–
	Com.Mil.Terr.di ROMA	530 (16)(20)	–	–	98	168	88
	" " " " GENOVA	143	–	–	11	28	18
	TOTALI....	1734	[illegible]	223	319	408	153

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1° reggimento alpini	–	628(1)	–	–	–	–	–	628
Div.fanteria "FRIULI"	1213	–	340	220	154	92	–	2.019
Scuole centrali militari	270	–	100	129	122	–	–	621
Com.Mil.Terr. di UDINE	96	–	–	32	38	40	14	220
" " " " BARI	120	–	–	–	10	10	9	149
TOTALI....	1699	628	440	381	324	142	23	3.637
1° reggimento alpini	–	314(2)	–	–	–	–	–	314
Div.fanteria "FRIULI"	284	–	72	52	40	22	–	470
" " "FOLGORE"	535	–	143	95	68	31	–	872
Div.S.I. "CALABRIA"	225	–	–	21	–	22	–	268
I-III/50° reggimento S.I.	230	–	–	–	–	–	–	230
Com.Mil.Terr. di NAPOLI	645(19)	–	–	64	103	93	22	927
" " " " ROMA	340 (17)(22)	–	–	56	90	52	18	556
TOTALI....	2259	314	215	288	301	220	40	3.637
4° reggimento alpini	–	314(3)	–	–	–	–	–	314
Div. S.I. "CALABRIA"	643	–	–	55	14	–	8	720
Com.Mil.Terr. di PALERMO	258	–	20	60	75	86	22	521
" " " " ROMA	770 (15)(21)	–	26	130	230	117	29	1.302
" " " " BARI	638	–	–	38	46	45	13	780
TOTALI....	2309	314	46	283	365	248	72	3.637
4° reggimento alpini	–	564(4)	–	–	–	–	–	564
5° reggimento alpini	–	157(5)	–	–	–	–	–	157
Div. S.I. "CALABRIA"	305	–	–	27	10	–	–	342
Div.fanteria "MANTOVA"	542	–	145	81	104	47	–	919
Scuole Centrali militari	214	–	78	102	98	–	–	492
Com.Mil.Terr.di ROMA	580 (16)(20)	–	–	98	168	88	29	963
" " " " GENOVA	143	–	–	11	28	18	–	200
TOTALI....	1784	[illegible]	223	319	408	153	29	3.637

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Comando Militare Territoriale di UDINE (23)	9° reggimento alpini	–	471(6)	–	–	–	–
	Div.fanteria "CREMONA"	295	–	80	60	53	23
	" " "FOLGORE"	571	–	154	105	73	44
	Com.Mil.Terr.di GENOVA	470	–	20	35	94	32
	Div.fanteria "MANTOVA"	601	–	160	90	116	55
	TOTALI....	1937	471	414	291	336	154
Comando Militare Territoriale di BOLOGNA (23)	Div.fanteria "MANTOVA"	70	–	18	12	14	–
	Div. S.I. "AOSTA"	719	–	–	53	14	22
	Div. S.I. "SABAUDA"	697	–	–	50	10	–
	Com.Mil.Terr.di BARI	700	–	24	51	59	52
	" " " " NAPOLI	710(18)	–	21	70	120	100
	TOTALI....	2896	–	63	236	217	174
Comando Militare Territoriale di FIRENZE (23)	4° reggimento alpini	–	64(7)	–	–	–	–
	Div. S.I. "AOSTA"	681	–	–	50	10	–
	Div. S.I. "SABAUDA"	703	–	–	53	14	22
	Div. fanteria "CREMONA"	635	–	170	127	112	40
	Div. fanteria "LEGNANO"	558	–	150	113	65	40
	TOTALI....	2577	64	320	343	201	102
Comando Militare Territoriale di ROMA (23) - (27)	5° reggimento alpini	–	314(8)	–	–	–	–
	Div. fanteria "CREMONA"	837	–	228	165	150	50
	" " "LEGNANO"	416	–	110	84	53	30
	Com.Mil.Terr. di BOLZANO	426	–	20	56	114	72
	" " " " MILANO	520	–	–	140	60	52
	TOTALI....	1899	314	358	445	377	204

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	5° reggimento alpini	–	471(6)	–	–	–	–	–	471
--	Div.fanteria "CREMONA"	295	–	80	30	53	23	–	511
le	" " "FOLGORE"	571	–	154	105	73	44	–	947
	Com.Mil.Terr.di GENOVA	470	–	20	36	94	32	12	664
	Div.fanteria "MANTOVA"	601	–	160	90	116	55	21	1.043
	TOTALI....	1937	471	414	291	336	154	33	3.636
	Div.fanteria "MANTOVA"	70	–	18	12	14	–	–	114
a--	Div. S.I. "AOSTA"	719	–	–	53	14	22	–	808
le	Div. S.I. "SABAUDA"	697	–	–	50	10	–	8	765
	Com.Mil.Terr.di BARI	700	–	24	51	59	52	20	906
	" " " " NAPOLI	710(18)	–	21	70	120	100	22	1.043
	TOTALI....	2896	–	63	236	217	174	50	3.636
	4° reggimento alpini	–	64(7)	–	–	–	–	–	64
a-	Div. S.I. "AOSTA"	681	–	–	50	10	–	8	749
le	Div. S.I. "SABAUDA"	703	–	–	53	14	22	–	792
	Div. fanteria "CREMONA"	635	–	170	127	112	40	–	1.084
	Div. fanteria "LEGNANO"	558	–	150	113	65	40	21	947
	TOTALI....	2577	64	320	343	201	102	29	3.636
	5° reggimento alpini	–	314(8)	–	–	–	–	–	314
a-	Div. fanteria "CREMONA"	837	–	228	165	150	50	21	1.451
le	" " "LEGNANO"	416	–	110	84	53	30	–	693
	Com.Mil.Terr. di BOLZANO	126	–	20	56	114	72	–	388
	" " " " MILANO	520	–	–	140	60	52	18	790
	TOTALI....	1899	314	358	445	377	204	39	3.636

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Comando Militare Territoriale di BARI	Div. fanteria "LEGNANO"	428	–	118	90	58	32
	" " "FRIULI"	270	–	66	47	30	20
	Com.Mil.Terr. di MILANO	726	–	24	198	77	72
	" " " " BOLOGNA	550(11)	–	–	78	84	60
	" " " " FIRENZE	415(13)	–	–	30	38	44
	TOTALI....	2389	–	208	443	287	228
Comando Militare Territoriale di NAPOLI	Div. fanteria "LEGNANO"	364	–	100	75	48	26
	" " "FOLGORE"	660	–	181	109	83	55
	Com.Mil.Terr.di BOLZANO	95	–	–	38	80	24
	" " " " TORINO	100(9)	–	22	72	45	52
	" " " " GENOVA	137	–	–	10	28	–
	" " " " PALERMO	100	–	–	27	30	30
	Div. fanteria "LA SPEZIA"	553	–	155	83	106	50
	TOTALI....	2010	–	458	414	420	237
Comando Militare Territoriale di TARANTO	Scuole centrali militari	39	–	35	39	37	–
	Com.Mil.Terr.di BOLOGNA	562(12)	–	20	94	100	71
	" " " " FIRENZE	825(14)	–	20	57	75	89
	" " " " TORINO	184(10)	–	–	100	60	72
	" " " " GENOVA	386	–	–	30	75	28
	" " " " UDINE	170	–	24	55	67	69
	TOTALI....	2316	–	99	375	414	329

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(1) - di cui:
- 314 per battaglione "Susa", da trarre dai distretti di Pinerolo - Torino;
- 314 per battaglione "Aosta", da trarre dai distretti di Ivrea - Novara - Vercelli

(2) - per battaglione "Saluzzo", da trarre dai distretti di Cuneo - Genova - Mondovì - Sa

(3) - per battaglione "Edolo", da trarre dai distretti di Bergamo - Brescia - Como - Sond

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Div. fanteria "LEGNANO"	428	–	118	90	58	32	–	726(30)
" " "FRIULI"	270	–	56	47	30	20	21	454(31)
Com.Mil.Terr. di MILANO	726	–	24	198	77	72	22	1.119(32)
" " " " BOLOGNA	550(11)	–	–	78	84	60	20	792(33)
" " " " FIRENZE	415(13)	–	–	30	38	44	18	545(34)
TOTALI....	2389	–	208	443	287	226	81	3.636
Div. fanteria "LEGNANO"	364	–	100	75	48	26	–	613
" " "TOLOGNE"	660	–	181	109	83	55	21	1.109
Com.Mil.Terr.di BOLZANO	96	–	–	30	80	24	36	274
" " " " TORINO	100(6)	–	22	72	45	52	14	305
" " " " GENOVA	137	–	–	10	28	–	13	188
" " " " PALERMO	100	–	–	27	30	30	13	200
Div. fanteria "SAN MARCO"	553	–	155	83	105	50	–	947
TOTALI....	2010	–	458	414	420	237	97	3.636
Scuole centrali militari	89	–	35	39	37	–	–	200
Com.Mil.Terr.di BOLOGNA	562(12)	–	20	94	100	71	16	963
" " " " FIRENZE	825(14)	–	20	57	75	89	25	1.091
" " " " TORINO	184(10)	–	–	100	60	72	20	436
" " " " GENOVA	386	–	–	30	75	28	13	532
" " " " UDINE	170	–	24	55	67	69	29	414
TOTALI....	2316	–	99	375	414	329	103	3.636

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feriore a m.1,75.- Tali reclute saranno avviate direttamente a Roma al termine dell'addestra
to presso i C.A.R. e dovranno essere tempestivamente reintegrate - come appresso - in favore
degli enti cui verrebbero a mancare:
- C.A.R. dei comandi militari territoriali di Torino e Bologna: richiederanno ciascuno 60 re
clute fanteria al C.A.R. del comando militare territoriale di Milano;
- C.A.R. del comando militare territoriale di Udine: richiederà 60 reclute fanteria al C.A.
del comando militare territoriale di Bolzano;
- C.A.R. del comando militare territoriale di Firenze: richiederà 60 reclute fanteria al C.A
del comando militare territoriale di Genova;
- i C.A.R. dei comandi militari territoriali di Bolzano, Milano e Genova trarranno le predet
ta aliquota di reclute dal contingente di fanteria che, in base alla presente tabella, dovrebb
ro assegnare al comando militare territoriale di Roma e le invieranno direttamente agli e
ti di assegnazione che verranno indicati dai C.A.R. richiedenti.-

(24) - saranno assegnate agli alpini, con assoluta precedenza, tutte le reclute valligiane idonee fi
no al completamento delle aliquote stabilite. Per i requisiti richiesti tenere presente le n
me contenute nella circolare n.13 G.M.1946.-

(25) - nelle aliquote di fanteria, alpini, artiglieria, genio, sanità e sussistenza, assegnate a ciascu
ente, dovranno essere comprese, possibilmente, le seguenti percentuali di reclute conduttori d
automezzi, meccanici o mestieri affini per le esigenze della guida e manutenzione automezzi
dotazione ad ogni ente.-
Le frazioni saranno arrotondate all'unità superiore:

- Fanteria:
  - comandi militari territoriali = 2%
  - divisioni di fanteria = 14%
  - divisioni di sicurezza interna = 2%
  - scuole centrali militari = 12%
- Alpini: = 1%
- Artiglieria:
  - comandi militari territoriali = 3%
  - divisioni di fanteria = 20%
  - scuole centrali militari = 21%

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tti cui verrebbero a mancare:
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del comando militare territoriale di Udine: richiederà 60 reclute fanteria al C.A.R.
mando militare territoriale di Bolzano;
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R. dei comandi militari territoriali di Bolzano,Milano e Genova trarranno le predette
te di reclute dal contingente di fanteria che,in base alla presente tabella,dovrebbe-
egnare al comando militare territoriale di Roma e le invieranno direttamente agli en-
assegnazione che verranno indicati dai C.A.R. richiedenti.-

assegnate agli alpini,con assoluta precedenza,tutte le reclute valligiane idonee fi-
mpletamento delle aliquote stabilite.Per i requisiti richiesti tenere presente le nor
nute nella circolare n.13 G.M.1946.-

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e ad ogni ente.-
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- Genio:
  - comandi militari territoriali = 6%
  - divisioni di fanteria = 18%
  - divisioni di sicurezza interna = 15%
  - Scuole centrali militari = 16%
- Sanità:
  - comandi militari territoriali = 2%
  - divisioni di fanteria = 14%
- Sussistenza:
  - comandi militari territoriali = 4%

(26) -- Le aliquote assegnate a ciascun comando militare territoriale si riferiscono a tutti gli enti dipendenti non appartenenti organicamente alle grandi unità indicate nella presente tabella.- Le aliquote di reclute di sanità e sussistenza, assegnate alle divisioni di fanteria e sicurezza interna, che per motivi contingenti non trovassero effettivo impiego presso l'ente di assegnazione, saranno destinate altrove, secondo i bisogni, dal comando militare territoriale competente per territorio.-

Nell'aliquota di fanteria, assegnata a ciascun comando militare territoriale, esclusi quelli di Torino -- Bolzano -- Udine e Palermo, sono comprese 720 unità per il reggimento di fanteria.-

(27) -- Il comando militare territoriale di Roma segnalerà a questo S.M. il numero delle reclute operatori cinematografici, radiotecnici e radiomontatori, distinto per distretto di provenienza, affluito al C.A.R. di Orvieto, per le eventuali ulteriori disposizioni al riguardo.- Tali reclute saranno assegnate all'arma del genio e tenute a disposizione del Ministero della Guerra (Ufficio Reclutamento del Soldato).-

Esse dovranno essere assunte in forza in più del contingente regionale di 3636 da parte del C.A.R. di Orvieto ed in meno dai C.A.R. dei comandi militari territoriali con giurisdizione sui distretti di appartenenza delle reclute stesse.-

(28) -- Qualora si verificassero, per cause varie, diminuzioni di forza delle reclute di ciascun C.A.R., saranno ridotte proporzionalmente, in uguale misura, per tutti gli enti di assegnazione, le aliquote di sanità e di fanteria.-

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distretti di appartenza delle reclute stesse.-

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poto di sanità e di fanteria.-

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C.A.R.	ENTE DI ASSEGNAZIONE	aliquote armi e servizi						
		fanteria (25) (25) (28)	alpini (24) (25)	artiglieria (25) (26)	genio (25) (26) (29)	motorizzazione (25)(26) (29)	sanità (25) (26) (28) (29)	sussistenza (25) (26) (29)

(29) - per l'assegnazione delle reclute all'arma del genio,alla motorizzazione,alla sanità e su stenza,tenere presente quanto disposto al riguardo con circolare n.13 G.M.1946.- A ciasc ente dovranno essere assegnate reclute dei mestieri richiesti in misura proporzionale al aliquota stabilita per ogni ente.-

(30) - tratti dai distretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli.-

(31) - trattai dai distretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Palermo.-

(32) - di cui 213 tratti dai distretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli e 9 dai distretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Palermo.-

(33) - tratti dai distretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli.-

(34) - tratti dai distretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli.-

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EGNAZIONE	aliquote armi e servizi							
	fante-ria (25) (26) (28)	alpini (24) (25)	arti-glie-ria (25) (26)	genio (25) (26) (29)	moto-rizza-zione (25)(26) (29)	sanità (25) (26) (28) (29)	sussi-stenza (25) (26) (29)	TOTALE

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quanto disposto al riguardo con circolare n.13 G.M.1946.- A ciascun
segnate reclute dei mestieri richiesti in misura proporzionale alla
ogni ente.-

litari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli.-

litari del comando militare territoriale di Palermo.-

istretti militari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli e 906
el comando militare territoriale di Palermo.-

litari del comando militare territoriale di Napoli.-

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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(Tel: ROME 66518/9).

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10 April 46.

To: Comando Scuole Centrali Militari.

Copy to: H.Q. Land Forces Sub Comm.
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(1) Technical Students.

A case has recently arisen where, out of 52 students sent on the S.M.O.A. Armourers Course at Civitavecchia, only four had any previous knowledge of small arms, and in consequence the Course, which was originally scheduled to be completed by 30 April will now have to be extended to six weeks. It is absolutely absurd that on a highly technical course like this, Students should be sent without any technical training whatsoever. Unfortunately this is not an isolated case as I have many other instances of Courses of a technical nature where Students have been sent without having the slightest knowledge of the subject or prepared themselves beforehand. It is suggested that the importance of this matter should be placed before the S.M.R.E. to enable them to instruct all Commanders to make a very careful selection of Students before despatching them on courses.

(2) Clothing.

It is most noticeable and deeply to be regretted, that personnel are arriving at the Comando Scuole from the Combat Divisions infinitely better equipped and clothes than those arriving from the Territorial Divisions. It is fully realised that the Territorial Divisional Commanders have a great number of difficulties, but it is of vital importance that they should understand that Students who arrive inadequately prepared and unsuitably dressed for Courses, waste an enormous amount of time and diminish the total value of the Course. It is requested that S.M.R.E. may be asked to emphasize the importance of Students arriving at this Headquarters ready to commence work, as we have no facilities whatsoever here for re-equipping or re-clothing Students who are improperly dressed.

(3) Instructors for W/T and Junior Leaders School, ex S.I.V.A.

It appears that a number of these Instructors have been posted to the Technical School at Civitavecchia, while others have been sent to other [illegible] It will be appreciated that a great deal of trouble

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(4) Water.

In spite of the fact that this subject has been referred to on so many occassions, it is important that it must again be emphasized. Unless adequate water supplies become available before the commencement of Courses as scheduled, it will be virtually impossible to obtain

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that spirit of contentment and enthusiasm which is so essential in order to achieve the best results. It is fully appreciated that the Genio Militare is doing everything possible and that the main difficulty lies in lack of funds, but none the less, I consider it to be a matter of such vital importance as to justify continual re-iteration. It is noticeable that in the Cesano district a number of the civilian farm houses rely for their water supply, on windmills, and as Cesano is well known to be a very windy spot it is suggested that the installation of one or two similar windmills might overcome the difficulty of obtaining electric equipment, which is apparently the main cause for the lack of water. May this suggestion be submitted to the expert authorities concerned with a view to their consideration.

(5) Finance.

It is realised that the financial allotment to the Italian Army is exceedingly limited. It appears, however, that within these limitations there is an enormous amount of confusion in the method of allocation to the various Schools. For example, Civitavecchia appears to have got almost sufficient money to meet all their requirements. Torre di Quinto has certainly got adequate funds to make the School into a first-class establishment. Cecchignola has not got 10 per cent of its total requirements and the position is a very grave one, while at Cesano, where it is understood that 80 million Lire has already been spent, is most inadequately catered for and the allocation in relation to the Schools already mentioned is quite insufficient. It appears obvious that the one person best qualified to decide the relative merits and necessities of the various Schools is the Commanding General, and it is suggested that representations should be made to S.M.R.E. that financial allotments should be made in bulk to the Scuole Centrali Militari, and actual allocation to the various Schools made by General Ronco himself; thus obviating instances such as that at Civitavecchia and Torre di Quinto, where either a greater enthusiasm or perhaps closer association with the authorities concerned, has enabled them to obtain an ~~proportion to be allotted to them~~ allotment out of all proportion to Schools in other localities.

(6) Parade Grounds and Roads.

This subject has also been discussed and commented on to a degree which renders it more than tedious, but in spite of the efforts of Senior Italian Officers and their British advisers, literally nothing whatsoever has been done, with the sole exception of the Gun Park at Bracciano, on which an enormous sum of money appears to have been spent. This appears to be a similar case to that referred to in the preceding paragraph, where a disproportion of the sum of money allotted has been spent in one School, whereas others are starved for want of their most essential requirements.

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It is realised that the financial allotment to the Italian Army is exceedingly limited. It appears, however, that within these limitations there is an enormous amount of confusion in the method of allocation to the various Schools. For example, Civitavecchia appears to have got almost sufficient money to meet all their requirements. Torre di Quinto has certainly got adequate funds to make the School into a first-class establishment. Cecchignola has not got 10 per cent of its total requirements and the position is a very grave one, while at Cesano, where it is understood that 80 million Lire has already been spent, is most inadequately catered for and the allocation in relation to the Schools already mentioned is quite insufficient. It appears obvious that the one person best qualified to decide the relative merits and necessities of the various Schools is the Commanding General, and it is suggested that representations should be made to S.M.R.E. that financial allotments should be made in bulk to the Scuole Centrali Militari, and actual allocation to the various Schools made by General Ronco himself; thus obviating instances such as that at Civitavecchia and Torre di Quinto, where either a greater enthusiasm or perhaps closer association with the authorities concerned, has enabled them to obtain an allotment ~~proportion to be allotted to the~~, out of all proportion to Schools in other localities.

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It would be appreciated if this may be given your consideration.

Colonel.
Cond. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT: Results of Courses

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

TRG/26

5 Apr 46

TO : LIST 'B' (Less 12 BLU)

Att results of courses held at the School of Arty, the Signal School and the School of Motorisation during the month of Mar are forwarded for your information.

Major-General,
MMIA.

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Internal CC.MM Section
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SUBJECT :- Training of Officers and NCOs.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318-9)

Ref : G/G.15/1067

30 March 1946.

TO S E
GSO I
GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Fmn)

To: 'G' Trg,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA).

Copy : Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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Having been selected, on the old system, the student officer did a year's service at a School for 6 months as a private soldier and 6 months as a Corporal. He was then posted as an Officer to his regiment.

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2. In the same way, it would seem that NCOs are to be selected in roughly the same way. If a man volunteers and passes certain educational qualifications after (?) 3 months at a CAR he will be made either a Graduati, where he will do a special course at the CAR, or a Sotto Ufficiali, when he will do a course at the Infantry School or with his corresponding arm.

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In the second year specialisation in the arm of the service.

Of course, this is quite unofficial and written by a Junior Officer, but it does show the wide gap between Italian and British ideas of NCO Training.

TRG M. M. I. A.
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5. In the same way efforts to give NCOs responsibility are meeting with only average success, and meeting with considerable opposition. Though it is believed that Italians are considering the introduction of the Sergeant Major as the rank is known in the British Army.

6. It is considered that the whole question of NCO and Officer training requires clarification, and that now is a favourable moment to press forward any ideas which we may have.

W. L. Price

Major GSO II
Trg & Inf Trg
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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Suggested on this are that the foundation stone of the Italian idea of Short Officers has been translated into Sergeants (Short Officers should be responsible) and with a 2½ or more years term of service. The example is the Australian Sergeants. The answer is young NCOs [illegible] a 3 or 4 year term. No [illegible] time for [illegible] Thus the need for training the NCOs. Because [illegible] personnel cannot exist.

There should be taken up

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My views on this are that the fundamental error lies in the Stalag idea of slave officers. I am then faced with something like officer standard but lack responsibility and write a 25 or more years term of slavery. The example in the aircraft Sotteffeatio. The answer is yours, two years a 7 or 10 year sentence. No more time for escape. Thus the need for Treatment, the prison Reading & persuasion treatment not cash.

I think this should be taken up. The "hard" would have to be good prog't a good life — But no punishment. The Boy's and Service to be controlled after 12 years.

No wonder time to tackle this problem. The young ones have 5 yrs (Borstal) serving 1 year & the ones above are "lifers" — but in actual life are unsophisticated youngsters.

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BGS

6 Mar 46.

1. I have for many months experienced great difficulty in ensuring adequate supervision of certain technical aspects of Italian Army trg.

These are chiefly :-

Signal Training
Engineer Training
Mechanical (REME) Training
(Artillery Training)

2. I suggest that in future it would be wise to adopt the following system :-

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(i) General Policy and Coordination of <u>all Training</u>

(ii) That they handle all Training in the Field and all Cadet/Officer Training.

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4. Should this general scheme seem practicable to you I can expand my ideas in detail.

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FROM: Ministry of War — REF: 1704/L/1 Add

TO: M.M.I.A. — DATE: 11.3.46

SUBJECT: W/Es of the Schools and recruit advanced training.

Reference verbal request from Lt.Col.Medlam.

This S.M. does not advise the leaving of the advanced training of a quota of the artillery and engineer recruits to the duty units, thus deviating from the principle of centralised training at the Schools organised for the purpose.

On the other hand, this measure would no longer have any reason for being put into effect once the wars establishments of the respective shhools were established. It will, on the contrary, be necessary to adopt it for the drivers, but it is to be considered an enforced and purely temporary ~~xxxxxxx~~ solution, whilst we are waiting for the Motorisation School to reahh the position of being able to train the whole draft.

Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

TO S E

M.M.I.A.
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REF: 634/V

FROM: Ministry of War

TO: Gen.BROWNING,G.O.C.,M.M.I.A.

DATE: 9.March 1946.

I would inform you that the following Brigadiers have been instructed to attend the course being held at the Central Military Schools at Cesano di Roma on Equipment and Tactics,of two weeks duration:

PAPINI	Alberto
SEQUI	Roberto
ANDREINI	Enrico
BERNARDI	Tullio
FASSI	Carlo
TESTI	Franco
MORGARI	Guglielmo
ROVEDA	Mario
MAGLIANO	Emilio
DE VINCENTIS	Armando
BROCCOLI	Umberto
CESSARI	Ruggero
MOGGIO	Teodoro

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At the end of the course I will nominate the respective appointments to the Infantry H.Q.s at the Military Territorial Commands.

Sgd. BROSIO

Minister for War

O.Danin Cpl.

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M.M.I.A.

Date: 8/12/5.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 537/V/1

TO: Cabinet,

M.M.I.A. for info,

DATE: 30.1.46

SUBJECT: Infantry Commanders at the Military Territorial Commands.

Further to letter 136/Ord./1 of 22.1.46.

We consider it advisable that the Generals to be appointed as Infantry Commanders with the Military Territorial Commands attend an instructive course on the equipment and procedure at the central military schools.

The course, which will be of two weeks duration, will commence on the 1st. March next,

The Generals will report to the School, H.Q. (Cesano di Roma) on the 28th. February.

Will your Cabinet kindly issue the necessary instructions.

Sgd. LIUZZI

General.

O. Danin Cpl.

Schools here range from Private to Gen 4th!! Private right!

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 490/R/4 Add. 4.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 22.1.46

SUBJECT: Advanced training of the recruits.

We forward for your opinion:

See F 10-1

a) seven returns regarding the drafting of recruits to the central military schools for advanced training;

b) a return showing the split of the contingent between the departments appointed to carry out the advanced training.

The advanced training of the recruits of the medical and and animal and veterinary services will be carried out as notified to your Mission in letter 4463/R/4 of 31.12.45.

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For the recruits of the subsistence service arrangements will be made at the Milan territorial establishments care of the Milan Commissariat Directorate.

We have not yet fixed the percentages of artillery and engineer tradesmen of the territorial units, whose war establsihments are still being elaborated.

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Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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SUBJECT: Damage to Open Wire Routed.

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

Ref: AQ/8/884

18 Jan. 46

To: Comando
Scuole Centrali Militari

1. It has been brought to the notice of this H.Q. that in the past three days at least three cases of damage by machine gun fire to the open wire route between BRACCIANO and MANZIANA have occurred.

2. The unit responsible is believed to be the Italian Command Training School of Manziana (C.C., Col. CARPIENELE)

3. Please arrange for an IMMEDIATE investigation to be made and kindly take the necessary steps to prevent any further damage of this nature occurring again.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

HJB/eh.

Copy to: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MMIA).

H.Q.,
Rome Area Allied Command. (Your letter 130/G3(Pr) dated 16 Jan.46 to Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MMIA) refers).

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to M.M.I.A.

ref 265/IR

16/1/46

Subject / Training Cadres for medium cal. Arty. ,heavy C.A.C. and heavy bridges .

Ref letter G/Trg/10/8 dated 20/12/45

1. As regards the training of the personnel on the medium cal. Arty. , heavy ~~C.A.C.~~ AA and heavy bridges ,we think necessary :

_ that a restricted nomber of Arty. Os and N.C.O.s be specialised in order to have the quantity of instructors needed for effecting the further courses;

_ that the same instructors now in the Pioneers School be trained in the use of heavy bridges ,employing also the personnel trained in the bridge Engineering School of Capua.

_ that the materials needed for the effecting of the courses be assigned to the Arty. and Pioneers Schools .

2. Arty. personnel:

They can be sent to the British School of Civitavecchia:

5 superior Os

10 Captains

15inferior Os

10 N.C.O.s

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for each of the 2 specialities (medium cal. and heavy ~~C.A.C.~~ A.A.)

We are of the opinion that the apposite personnel be sent before to the Arty. School in Bracciano for a first phase of training.

3. Arty materials medium cal.

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For each calibre : a battery of 4 guns complete with tools and means of transport, and 1 gun which will be kept unmounted.

Materials of heavy C.A.C. : n;1 battery of 4 guns complete with tools, means of transport and operation room with tools, and one gun to be kept unmounted.

4. Materials of Engrs.

12 complete sections of Bailey bridge with floating supports and with all the equipment needed for the manouvre on water courses (materials needed for building 30 metres of bridge T.T.).

G. Liuzzi

C/o

There is other correspondence on this subject. What is the file reference? S/S Davis

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO
SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

n° 265/R/1 di prot. Add. Roma, li 16 gennaio 1946

OGGETTO: quadri istruttori per artiglieria di medio calibro, controcarra pesante e per i ponti pesanti.

ALLA ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(risp. a/Tra/10/8 del 20 dicembre 1945)

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1.- Per l'addestramento del personale sulle artiglierie di medio calibro, controcarra pesante e per i ponti pesanti questo Stato Maggiore ritiene necessario:
- specializzare per ora un numero ristretto di ufficiali e sottufficiali di artiglieria onde trarne una aliquota di istruttori sufficiente allo svolgimento di corsi successivi;
- addestrare all'impiego dei ponti pesanti gli stessi istruttori attualmente in servizio alla Scuola artieri, utilizzando anche il personale istruito alla Scuola pontieri di Capua;
- assegnare alle Scuole di artiglieria e artieri il materiale necessario allo svolgimento dei corsi.

2.- Personale di artiglieria:
Alla Scuola Britannica di Civitavecchia possono essere inviati:
- 5 ufficiali superiori
- 10 capitani
- 15 subalterni
- 10 sottufficiali

per ciascuna delle due specializzazioni (medio calibro e controcarra pesante).
Si rappresenta la opportunità che il personale idoneo sia fatto preventivamente affluire alla Scuola di artiglieria di Bari=no per un primo periodo di ambientamento.

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3.- Materiali di artiglieria di medio calibro:
Per ciascun calibro: una batteria di 4 pezzi completa di caricamenti e mezzi di traino, più un pezzo da tenere smontato.
Materiali di artiglieria controcarra pesante:

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Una batteria di 4 pezzi completa di caricamenti, mezzi di traino e di centrale di tiro con tutti gli accessori, più un pezzo da tenere smontato.

4.- Materiali del genio:
12 sezioni complete di ponte Bailey con sostegni galleggianti e con tutto l'equipaggiamento occorrente alla manovra sui corsi d'acqua (materiale necessario per la costruzione complessiva di 30 m. di ponte TT.).

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- G. Linzzi -
Ghinzzi

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

Tel: 66043
16 January 1946

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130/G3(Br)

SUBJECT: Damage to Open Wire Routes.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission - AC (MMIA)

Confirming verbal report.

1. Three cases of damage by machine-gun fire to the open wire route between Bracciano and Manziana have occurred during the past 3 days.

2. It is reported that the unit responsible for this damage is the Italian Command Training School of Manziana (OC - Col. Caspintelli).

3. May steps please be taken to prevent further damage of this nature.

E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
for Commander British Troops Rome.

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Action taken by 12 BLU
See file 4857 G2
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