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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 85782/DG
Date: 18/11/46

Subject: Courses for the personnel of Artillery Service
i/c of British material. -

With reference to the discussion with Lt.Col. Curties and Capt. Ward, which took place on the 15th inst. we forward herewith a copy of our letter 85670 dated 16/11/46. -

We would point out that, according to the instructions contained in this letter, each Artillery Directorate will have:

- a) - on the 15th January 1947: an officer and an NCO who have experience of the general characteristics of the material and ammunition;
- b) - on the 31st January 1947: another officer and NCO who have the same experience;
an officer and an artificer specialised in British ammunition. -

sgd.

Properzi
Gen.

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GSO II TRG	
BGS	
GSO I (SD)	

TRG M. M. I. A.	
File	TRG/ 26/2/1
Date	25/11/46

To
Q for info.

TRANSLATION

(20)

From: Arty and MT Gen. Dir.
To : SME

Ref: 85670
Date: 16/11/46

Subject: Courses for the personnel of Artillery Service
i/c of British material. -

Further to agreements made with the Artillery Inspectorate, the following has been agreed:

1) - A course for Artillery directors and vice-directors; chiefs and vice-chiefs of the detached sections; officers i/c.

It will be organised by the Artillery Inspectorate which will detail the instructors.

It will have an informative character on the characteristics and constitution of British material (arms and relative spare parts, ammunition, explosives, incendiary, web equipment, etc.), dismantling and mounting operations, maintenance.

LOCATION : Rome, at the ex seat of ISTeA (Via Marsala 106)

PERSONNEL ATTENDING THE COURSE : each course must be attended by only one officer per unit, in order not to cause a crisis in ~~xxx~~ the service. Therefore 31 officers per course (there are two Artillery Directorates and 20 Artillery Detached Sections). -

DURATION OF THE COURSES : two weeks

COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSES : first days of January 1947

NUMBER OF COURSES : six (it is estimated that the number of officers is 5 for each unit, but it is necessary to carry out at least one more course due to the changes that will unavoidably happen in the units; i.e. postings to reserve, transfers, etc)

MATERIAL TO BE EXAMINED:

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The list will be directly forwarded to the Artillery Inspectorate by the A.M.C. Division, which will also make direct agreements with said Unit for the drawing of the material from the Artillery School. Works to be carried out at the ISTeA : direct agreements have already been made between the Artillery Inspectorate and the Engr HQ of the Rome Military Territorial Command.

2) - A course for Senior NCO armourers and assistant armourers.

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Characteristics, duration and date of commencement as per para 1. -
With reference to para 3 "c" of letter to which we reply, we propose
that, in order to use the material being withdrawn from the ISTeA,
said unit be considered and organised by the Artillery Inspectorate.
Personnel attending the course : no more than one person per unit.

Number of courses : twelve.

We beg you to give instructions in order that one officer
and two NCO instructors come from Bracciano to Rome and to designate
the unit which will take on strength for rations and accomodation
the personnel attending the course (31 men per course). -

3) - A course for officers and civilian employees i/c explosives/
This will be organised by this General Directorate.

It will have a theoretical, practical character on the incendiary
ammunition, accessories, their parts and function, and particularly
regarding the elements for considering the state of preservation and
the provisions to be taken when the examination is unfavourable.

Location : it is proposed that, instead of at the ISTeA, the course
be carried out at the Artillery Directorate of Rome, which already
has the required teaching material and instructors.

The Artillery HQ of the Military Territorial Command is requested,
with letter 3653/CD dated 12/9/46, to prepare the class-room. This
work is very urgent and cannot be postponed, not for the courses
only, but also for ensuring the soundness of the building, which can-
not be used as it is in a dangerous condition owing to the effects
of the bad wheather.

Number of the personnel attending the course : 1 per unit (31 per
course).

Duration of the course : 1 month

Number of courses : three

Commencement of the courses : beginning of January 1947

Programme : as laid down in letter 4040 dated 1/11/46 from the
Artillery Directorate of Rome.

4) A course for artificers : this will be organised by this General
Directorate and will be similar to the course referred to in para 23
for characteristics, commencement, duration, programme, location and
number of personnel attending each course.

Number of courses : twelve.

With reference to para 3 of the letter to which we reply, we
would point out that the billets for NCOs and men at present have
room only for 110 beds, and therefore we beg the Services Office of

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the S.M. to issue the necessary instructions in order to increase them to 200, through further constructions and release of premises.

We also beg said office to issue instructions for the construction of an explosive chamber ~~xx~~ at said Directorate, for the unloading and rendering harmless of British ammunition to be used for instructional purposes. -

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/2/1
Date: 25/11/46

TO SEE	
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GSO II TRG	☐
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GSO I (SD)	☐

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.I. A.
To : M.I.A.

Ref: 76958/18165
Date: 23/10/46

Subject: Dummy ammo. for training purposes. -

Further to telephone conversation between Major Ebsworth (M.I.A.) and Lt. Col. Kardovino (M.O.I. A.) we would inform you that the issue of dummy art. ammo rounds per gun for training purposes to units equipped with British guns should be done as follows:

	issue to each of the following regiments:	
Guns and cal.	7th Cremona-Chieri Arty (Turin)	Issue to Arty School Pracciano (Rome)
	11th Legnano-Brassia "	
	35th Friuli-Trento "	
	100th Mantova-Piacenza "	
	184th Folgore-Montecatini Arty (Lucca)	

25 pdrs	96 rounds	90 rounds
17 "	32 "	34 "
6 "	34 "	9 "
40 mm	268 in magazines	136 " in magazines

TO SEE

G.S.

G.S. (M.I.A.)

G.S. (M.I.A.)

G.S.

G.S. (M.I.A.)

sgt.

Russo
Gen.

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TRG M. M. I. A.

File : T.M. 26/2/1

Date: 29.10.46

A seguito conversazioni telefoniche tra il Maggiore Westcott di codesta Missione ed il Ten. Col. Kerdovino, di questo Ministero, si comunica che la distribuzione di colpi di artiglieria inerti per istruzione al perso ai corpi provvisti di materiale britannico dovrebbe essere effettuata come segue:

A ciascuno dei seguenti:

7° Art. Cremona-Verona (Torino)

11° " Imbano - Brescia

35° " Fiumi - Trento

155° " Mantova - Piacenza

184° " Volpore - Montecatini (Inno)

Alla Scuola Artigli-
ria Breccione (Roma)

Pesi e calibri

25 libbre

17 "

6 "

40 mm/

26 colpi

32 "

34 "

200

in caricatori

50 colpi

34 "

3 "

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P. IL MINISTRO

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[Signature]

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War

Ref No: 25359/11

To:- *Amia*

Date: 10 Oct 46

Subject:- Inspection to the Artillery School of Bracciano

It is our duty to inform you that we have invited Col. WILLIAMS and Maj. GRAY - respectively Military Attaché and Assistant Military Attaché at the American Embassy, to inspect the Artillery School of Bracciano on the 24 Oct 46.

We would appreciate your kind approval on the matter.

sgt. Lombardi
col.

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*Verbal Reply
to M of W OK -
No further action required.
(see original letter
from M of W. signed By Lt. Col. MEDHAM.)*

W.D.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : T*G/26/2/11
Date: 21-10-46

SUBJECT : Training Officers

G-(Training)
GHQ CMF

TRG/87

7 Oct 46

Tele 22694

Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MMIA)

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Reference TRG/1 dated 1 Mar 46.

1. Herewith :-
Syllabus of Misc Course Programmes at the School of Artillery.
2. Syllabus of courses at School of Anti Aircraft Artillery will be forwarded when received.

R. B. Singh
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 1
Date: 9.10.46.

TO SEE
OSO I TRG
OSO II TRG
OSO II TRG
BGS
OSO I (D)

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30 June, 1946.

To:- General Headquarters,

British Army of the Rhine.
Central Mediterranean Force.
British Troops in Austria.
Headquarters,
Eastern, Northern, Scottish,
Southern & Western Commands.
A.A. Command.
Northern Ireland District.

From: - Director of Royal Artillery.

Subject:- Courses - School of Artillery.

1. The School of Artillery miscellaneous course programme for the autumn term 11 Sep to 18 Dec 46 is given in the attached appendix.
2. Applications for vacancies should be forwarded to the War Office (R....4(a)) **not** later than six weeks before a course is due to assemble, when allotment to Commands will be made.
3. Vacancies which cannot be filled will be notified to the War Office (P.A.4(a)) as soon as possible in order that they may be re-allotted to other formations.
4. Nominal rolls of students selected to attend courses will be forwarded to reach the Commandant, School of Artillery, at least seven days before the course is due to assemble, showing the number, type, and period of the course, and the command in which the student's unit is serving. A separate roll is required for each course. In the event of late change, or withdrawal having to be made, the Commandant, School of Artillery will be informed by telegram.
5. Joining instructions are contained in CI 305 of 1944.

1st Virginia
 Lt. Col. G. S.
 Major General.

Copy to:-- Commandants,
School of Artillery,
Coast Artillery School.
School of A.A. Artillery.
R.A. O.C.T.U.
Depot, R.A.
B...S. Washington.
D.M.A. Ministry of Supply.
General Headquarters,
South East Asia Command.
India.

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Appendix to 45/AS/1260(R.A.4(a))
dated 30 June, 46.

THE SCHOOL OF ARMY MISCELLANEOUS COURSE PROGRAM

AUTUMN TERM 11 SEP - 16 DEC 46

SERIAL NO. (a)	COURSE (b)	OBJECT (c)	NO. OF STUDENTS OTHERS ORS (d) (e)	DATE OF ASSEMBLY (f)	DATE OF DISPERSAL (g)
26T	(A) OFFICERS COs REFRESHER AND POTENTIAL COs (three weeks tactics, three weeks gunnery for fd, med, hy, A tk and AA in mobile role - other arms attend tactical period only) (a) RA (fd, med, hy, and A tk) (b) RA (AA) (c) Other arms	To refresh COs, who have been staff or otherwise employed, or on change of category, and teach potential COs all aspects of COs' duties.	14 6 10	11 Sep 11 Sep	23 Oct 2 Oct
27T	COs and ACBOs	To refresh COOs and ACBOs, and train potential COOs and ACBOs in all aspects of their duties.	20	11 Sep	2 Oct
28T	ECs REFRESHER AND POTENTIAL ECs (three weeks tactics, three weeks gunnery for fd, med, hy, A tk and AA in mobile role - other arms attend tactical period only) (a) RA (fd, med, hy, and A tk) (b) RA (AA) (c) Other arms	To refresh ECs, who have been staff or otherwise employed, or on change of category, and teach potential ECs all aspects of ECs' duties.	14 6 10	2 Oct 2 Oct	13 Nov 23 Oct
29R	FIELD OFFICERS RAIDER	General information course on radar in the field role.	12	4 Dec	11 Dec
30S	ESOs	To refresh ESOs and train potential ESOs in all aspects of their duties.	20	4 Dec	5005 22 Jan (a)
31S	(B) MIXED-OFFICERS AND ORS S RG HQ SPECIALISTS		5	10	23 Oct
32S	S SP HQ SPECIALISTS	Specialist	5	10	6 Nov
33S	ASTRO SPECIALISTS	Courses for	5	10	13 Nov
34S	S RG FD SPECIALISTS	Observation and	5	10	8 Jan (a)
35S	COMPUTING SPECIALISTS	Survey Regts.	5	10	8 Jan (a)

271	CEOs and CEOs	To refresh CEOs, who have been staff or otherwise employed, or on change of category, and teach potential CEOs all aspects of CEOs' duties.	14 6 10	11 Sep 11 Sep	23 Oct 2 Oct
281	CEOs and CEOs	To refresh CEOs, who have been staff or otherwise employed, or on change of category, and teach potential CEOs all aspects of CEOs' duties.	20	11 Sep	2 Oct
29R	FIELD OFFICERS RAIDER	General information course on radar in the field role.	12	4 Dec	11 Dec
30S	RSOs	To refresh RSOs and train potential RSOs in all aspects of their duties.	20	4 Dec	22 Jan (a)
31S	S RG HQ SPECIALISTS	Specialist	5	10	23 Oct
32S	F SP HQ SPECIALISTS	Courses for	5	10	6 Nov
33S	ASTRO SPECIALISTS	Observation and	5	10	15 Nov
34S	S RG FD SPECIALISTS	Survey Regts.	5	4 Dec	8 Jan (a)
35S	COMPUTING SPECIALISTS		5	4 Dec	8 Jan (a)
36E	(C) ORS	Equipment		11 Sep	20 Sep
37E	25 pr towed and SP	Refreshers		25 Sep	4 Oct
38E	4.5 in/5.5 in GUNS	for Unit		9 Oct	18 Oct
39E	7.2" HOW MK 6.	Filters		23 Oct	1 Nov

(L) Includes one week break at Christmas.

TRANSLATION

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COPY

From:- Artillery School

Ref No. 01/3165/Ord.

To:- Commune of Bracciano

Date. 23 June 46

Subject:- Firing Practice

This H.Q., although aware of the little benefit obtained in the carrying out of artillery firing practices, has found it essential to carry out same because of training requirements which were not estimated and which cannot be set aside.

The firing range has been set up in the smallest possible area, in order to hamper the farm workers in the least way.

Not being able to comply with the request for postponing the firing programme, all precautions have been, and will be taken, to avoid damage being done to farms, to the harvest and to persons.

sgd. Marcello Palma
Col.

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TRG-M. M. L. O.
File: TRG/26/2.
Date: A/2/7

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TRANSLATION

From:- Commune of Bracciano
To/- H.Q. Artillery School
Bracciano

Ref No: 5817
Date:- 23 June 46

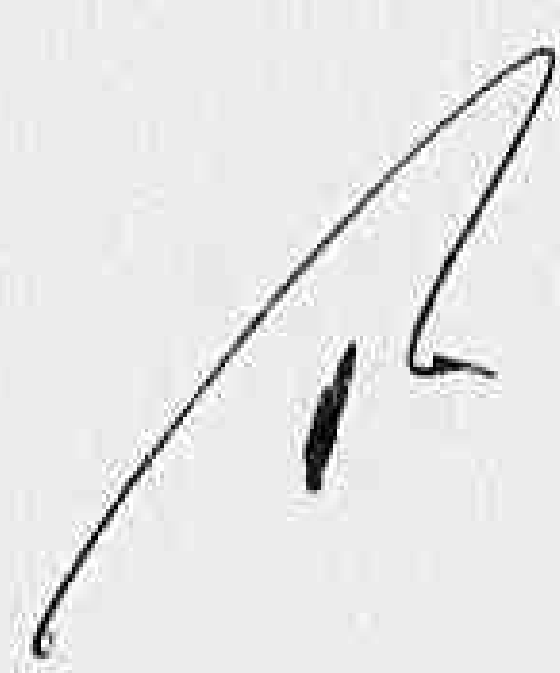
Subject:- Firing Practice

We received yesterday your letter dealing with the firing practices with H.E., to be carried out on the 24th, 26th and 28th of this month in the cultivated land of this Commune where vast areas are sown with wheat, and where, at this moment, reaping and thrashing is in process.

Considering the complaints made to me by many farmers concerned, and further to my previous request to have the firing practices carried out in non-cultivated areas, I beg you to order the immediate postponement of the a/m firing practices in order to avoid damage to the harvest and serious accidents.

This matter is urgent.

sgd. L. Bresciani
Mayor



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SUBJECT : Italian 1330's Course - Duration 6 weeks.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Ref : HOME 66318/3)

Ref : RA/2/1116

20 May 1946

To: Comando Scuole Centrali Militari.

Cc: to: Land Forces Sub Comd AC (MIA)
Commandant, Italian School of Art.

1. The Italian 1330's course, under British instruction was completed on 14 May.
2. 20 students attended the first 2 weeks of the course, which was confined to instruction on the British instruments employed on Survey. Due to the non-availability of British instructors after the 2nd week to deal with a course of this size, those students that belonged to Regiments were returned to their units. The course was, however, continued for the Italian instructors from the School of Artillery, BRAGLIANO.
3. These instructors are now conversant with British Survey methods. Given the opportunity of further practise which will automatically arise when preparing survey schemes for their future course, and having related to them the necessary small vehicles required for surveying reconnaissance they will be admirably equipped to run their own 1330's course at BRAGLIANO.
4. The demand for the above vehicles has already been covered in the proposed scales of equipment submitted by 12 British Liaison Unit to MIA.

GFA/rav

Major RA,
Instructor RA,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

Internal.

20 May 1946

To: Comando Scuola Centrale Militari.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Group AG (MILIA)
Commandant, Italian School of Artillery.

1. The Italian AGC's course, under British instruction was completed on 14 May.

2. 20 students attended the first 2 weeks of the course, which was confined to instruction on the British instruments employed on Survey. Due to the non-availability of British instructors after the 2nd week to deal with a course of this size, those students that belonged to Regiments were returned to their units. The course was, however, continued for the Italian instructors from the School of Artillery, BRACCIANO.

3. These instructors are now conversant with British survey methods. Given the opportunity of further practice which will automatically arise when preparing survey schemes for their future course, and having released to them the necessary small vehicles required for surveying reconnaissance they will be admirably equipped to run their own AGC's course at BRACCIANO.

4. The demand for the above vehicles has already been covered in the proposed scales of equipment submitted by 12 British Liaison Unit to MILIA.

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GSA/rav

Major RA,
Instructor RA,
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/R
Date: 2/21/5

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GSO II (Gen)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.O.W.

TO: M.M.I.A.

(relying to letter TRG/26/7 dated 14th last)

REF: n° 1968/R/4

DATE: 23/3/46

SUBJECT: Course for topographic personnel

Confirming verbal understandings.

- 1) The course will begin on 8 April next (Monday) in order that all the persons who must attend, can come to the course timely.
- 2) Billets and mess will be arranged in the Barracks Sacile, ~~whereas~~ at the School of mechanics and trades of Arty.

c/a

Gen. Liuzzi

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/7
Date: R/26/3

TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Fmn)

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SUBJECT : Course for Survey Personnel

LAND FORCES SUBCOM, AC (MIA)

TRG/26/7 ←

14 Mar 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Arrangements can be made for starting the Course for Regimental Survey personnel on 1st Apr 46.

2. Will you please inform us if the date 1st Apr is suitable for you.

3. It has been ruled by the British School of Artillery that Italian Students can not be accommodated at the Duca d'Aosta Barracks. Will you please inform us therefore if accommodation and Messing can be arranged for the Students at one or other of the Barracks in use by the Italian Army in CIVITAVECCHIA.

WLM/ell

Her of you
✓ Major-General, MIA. *LVW*

Copy to :- 12 BLU to Central Military Schools (for Maj HOW)

~~EXX~~ Internal File TRG/41/2

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ROYAL ARTILLERY BRANCH
GHP, GHP

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MAR 1946

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Mar 46

SUBJECT: Training of Italians at
School of Artillery

TO: School of Artillery, GHP

Copy to: MIA

Reference your S.A. 4/2 of 15 Feb 46.

1. Delay in replying is regretted, but decision as to equipment has been the cause.

2. Courses Field Branch

- (a) Your suggestions, less issue of equipment, are agreed.
- (b) MIA have been instructed to forward detailed lists of Medium equipment required. When these have been examined equipment is going to be issued to ITALIAN Army. They will have to make this equipment available for courses to be run by you on their behalf.
- (c) Training ammunition will also be included in MIA request and will NOT be issued to you. MIA must make arrangements for provision when it is required.

3. Courses AA Branch

- (a) Your suggestions agreed, less 3.7in AA equipment.
- (b) Similar instructions for AA equipment have been given MIA as for Medium in 2(b) above.
- (c) We have suggested that your 3.7in AA equipments (with associated stores, less radar) be handed over to MIA instead of to Ordnance. This will not be settled till MIA requests are received. In the meantime, please retain.
- (d) AA Mobile Training Team is agreed. Please forward names of personnel to be posted to the team.

4. Our letter 353.0-6 of 20 Feb 46, which was referred to in our 352.01-4 of 15 Feb 46 is cancelled.

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[Signature]

(D.R.M. OWEN)
Major GSO II RA

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SUBJECT :- Training of Artillery Recruits

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
TRG/26/2

4 Mar 46

Ministry of War

Reference conversation Col. MORICONI - Lt-Col MEDLAM
on 4th March 1946.

1. It is agreed that the Training of recruits for the Field Regiments (25 pdr) only may be done at the Regiments concerned for the 1st Call-up.

2. The following provisos must however be observed :-

- (a) The recruits would be segregated into a Training Battery or Troop and would not share the duties of the trained soldier.
- (b) All recruits would be trained on a syllabus to be issued from the Artillery School.
- (c) The Instructors prepared for them at BRACCIANO would be attached to Regiments to carry out the necessary training.

Will you please confirm that this agreement was reached.

3. It was further agreed that at a future date (dependant on the move of the British School of Arty) the entire Recruit Training Centre would be accommodated together in the CIVITAVECCHIA Barracks.

WIM/c11

Copy to :- TRG/27

M. M. I. A.
Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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Lt-Col W.L. DEAN
CSO I(trg) MOLA

DO/WLM

18 Feb 46

Dear Sir

Reference our conversation and your letter
S.A 4/24 of 15 Feb 46 (copy to me).

GHQ have informed me over the phone that our
requirements (5 of each) of 3.7 in and 5.5 in will be met and
that we can draw immediately. However the 'Q' boys will
not play till they see it in writing and I am getting the
requisite written authority. I will let you know the
earliest date on which the equipment will be in our hands.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours (re)

Lhr

Lt-Col C.H. DREW
Commandant,
School of Artillery,
APO S.551. CMF

Copy to :- File TRG/16/7

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RECEIVED 15 FEB 1946

Subject: Training of Italians at
School of Artillery, C.F.

SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY, C.F.
APO, S 551
Phone: Civitavecchia 3

Ref: S.A. 4/24
15 February 46

Rd Branch,
GHQ, C.F.

G. J. v.

1. In further reference to our S.A. 4/24 of 8 Feb 46 on the above subject. I have to-day discussed the matter with G-1 MIA and ascertained their requirements. I have the following proposals to make, these proposals still being possible after certain re-organization and reduction has taken place at the School of Artillery and which is the subject of a separate letter to you.

2. Courses required:

Rd Branch - Two Courses in 5.5" Med Arty Drill and Mgt, each of about 20 officers and NCOs, to run consecutively, and to start as soon as equipment is available.

One Course, Survey: about 20 officers and NCOs to start after the 1st Med Course has finished.

Italian personnel of both courses to be accommodated at Italian Aurelia Barracks, Civitavecchia.

Two medium equipments will need to be made available earliest, either to School of Artillery or to or to Italian Army, whichever is quickest.

AA Branch - Training Team of 1 x IG, 2 x ASG, and 2 x Regimental Assistant Instructors (Sgts at present attached to School of Artillery from 2 AA Bde.) to train 3.7 HAA gunners at the Italian School at Bracciano. Start forthwith.

2 x 3.7 HAA Equipments complete with associated stores but less Radar to be handed over to Italian School at Bracciano as part of their agreed requirement.

Training Team to be accommodated at Bracciano under arrangements made by MIA.

If the two Regtl Asst Instrs cannot be made available from 2 AA Bde the course will take longer but it is pointed out that these NCOs have just completed an assistant instructors course, and that this will be valuable experience for them.

Field
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Copy to: M.I.A., C.F.

C. J. v.
Lt-Col., R.A.
Commandant.

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See F. 6. 24/26/2.

Dec F. 6. 6/4/26/2.

Field Branch - Two Courses in 5.5" Red Arty Drill and Egmt, each of about 20 officers and NCOs, to run consecutively, and to start as soon as equipment is available.

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Copy to: M.M.I.A., C.I.F.

Ch. D.
Lt-Col., R.A.
Comdant.

CHAS. C. C. 2	17.
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Training of Artillery Personnel

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1. The Italian Ministry of War has asked if courses in Medium and Heavy anti-aircraft artillery can be arranged at the British School of Artillery.

2. They wish to instruct in each a team as follows:-

5 Senior Officers (probably Majors)
40 Captains
15 Subalterns
40 NCOs

A total of 100 Italian would thus attend the 2 courses.

3. Will you please inform what action can be taken to meet this request.

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Copy to:- Ministry of War
12 AM to Central Military Schools

Major-General. WIA

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G. Tringling

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This letter arrived just as I was leaving the Office today. I shall not be back until the end of the week owing to my northern tour.

In the meantime will you start looking into points mentioned in the letter. My own immediate reactions to the points raised in OC 12 BLUS covering letter are:-

- ① 1st. This will have to be discussed with the Artillery Directorate of the Ministry. It takes a good many months to train a ~~strong~~ Battery Surveyors. Unless a good proportion of them are long service soldiers there would not be enough trained Surveyors in an Artillery Regt to make a working survey section.

Immediate Requirements ~~are~~ for 10-20 pdr Regts are

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30	Battery Surveyors

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Find out (1) what Regts have at present
 (2) what is future looking

(c) Can you find out from Ministry what
 the hold up is.

(d) Take this up with (1)

(e) Can we find out what estimate figures are
 for accommodation either at Bagdad
 How says there is no accommodation so what the answer is 19 Jan

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17 Jan. 46

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MFA). (Attention of Brig. M.W.Hope, D.S.O.).

11. Following our conversation of last week, I attach herewith copies of three memoranda submitted to me by my G.II. R.A. and I would very much appreciate your comments thereon.

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Muzzle Brakes.

I mentioned this point to you and personally it seems obvious that the Italian Army should, as far as possible be trained on British equipments, exactly as they are used by our Army.

Additional Directors and Artillery Boards.

The Italians have asked me if I will lend them their additional requirements of these items but I have refused, on principle, as I feel that with the Italian temperament any such loans will merely make them more dilatory than usual in endeavouring to obtain their requirements through proper sources.

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I think you will agree that it is essential to have some additional special sights for training of layers and I hope you can arrange for these to be authorised.

Accommodation:

There still appears to be some uncertainty as to the maximum figure likely to require accommodation in the Italian School of Artillery and the Artillery Recruits Wing. Colonel Medlam mentioned a total figure of 2,400 -- that is some 1,200 less than has recently been quoted. I would like to have some ruling on this point.

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None the less, if there is a reduction to 2,400 I am very much in favour of transferring the 17 pdr., 40 mm. and 6 pdr. Courses to the Aurelia Barracks, CIVITAVECCHIA, as these barracks appear likely to be surplus, are ideal for the purpose and are in fairly close proximity to the ranges.

I do not agree with How's contention that a considerable increase in the permanent staff will be required, although some additional personnel will, of course, be necessary.

The additional contractors' work called for in paragraph 5(b) of Major How's 'Accommodation' letter may prove to be unnecessary if, in fact, the figures are reduced to 2,400 for the total Artillery Branch.

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Married Families.

I consider this problem to be vital as, with the Italian temperament, it is exceedingly improbable that any School of Instruction will become really efficient unless the Instructors have reasonable opportunity of cohabiting with their families.

Consideration to these points is, in my opinion, urgent.

2. Have you any information as to the probable date when the British School of Artillery will vacate the Aosta Barracks at Civitavecchia.

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

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