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30th Jan 1947.

Subject:- SIGNAL TRAINING - ITALIAN ARMY

Ref. notes attached to my X 508 of 25 Jan 47.

I (a) Signals Policy is directed from Signals Directorate, which is combined with Engineers Directorate.

(b) The two directorates will be separated in the near future and will function individually.

(c) Stores and Equipment branches of Signal Inspectorate have already become separated from Engineer Branch.

II (a) Divisional Signals do some training within Div. Areas, but no specialist training is carried out in any formation other than the School of Signals.

(b) Long-range W/T Trng. - NIL

(c) Ship to Shore - NIL

(d) Ground-Air - NIL

(e) Radar (Still held by British) - NIL

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V Cadets all have similar Signal Training at Academy; there is one Signal Officer on the establishment. There are no advanced Signal Courses for Cadets.

Officer Refresher Courses of *4-6 months* duration are held at Signal School.

VI There are no courses for Specialists, such as research, or experimental Signal Officers.

VII Reserve officers, NCOs and men are not recalled for Annual Training, and many experienced individuals of all ranks have been released during 1946.

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25th Jan 1947,

Subject:- SIGNAL TRAINING - ITALIAN ARMY

Ref. Conversation - Col Medlam - Dunn.

The Italian Army Signals are at present being instructed, within units, on Wireless Theory, setting up of W/T Stations, Netting, R/T and W/T procedure along the lines set out in Signal School Syllabi.

Small schemes are arranged; a "fair" degree of efficiency has been attained.

DR and SDS services, as such, are practically non-existent, thus making the Army dependant on the Civil Postal Service to a great extent.

Arty. Regts. and Inf. Bn. Signallers are getting practical training on schemes, excersises etc.; Signallers of Static formations however, are heavily committed in normal routine duties and therefore receive brief refresher training, and experience in domestic installations.

Switchboard Operators are employed in their trade.

, Radio Mechanics and Instrument Mechanics are fully occupied with repair and maintenance of Signal Stores.

Driver Operators are generally properly employed where W/T is used in a mobile role, but, vehicles, in many cases, are misused, i.e. taken for internal economy, transporting personnel etc.

Regtl. Signallers, generally, are receiving satisfactory instruction considering the short period they are required to serve after leaving the Signal School.

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O. A. Ref: SV09/F/5
 To : Military Central Schools HQ
 MIA (for information) Date: 24/10/46

Subject: Training of line-layers, linesmen
 and Dispatch Riders.

Further to letter 5550YR/4/Add dated 31/8/46.

This S.M. orders that trade courses for line-layers, linesmen and dispatch riders be of a duration of 16 weeks instead of 8, following the points brought out by your HQ, i.e.:

- that the training of telephonists, telegraphists and switch-board operators (duration of 16 weeks) requires installation and maintenance of an complicated telegraphic lines, that should become a difficult task, after the transfer of the line-layers and linesmen to the units that they are assigned to;
- that the training of the dispatch riders is limited, due to the scarcity of equipment.

TRG M.M.I.A.

File: T.G. 26/5

Date: 28/10/46

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29/10/46

9th Sep 46

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : Addressees

REF.: 4625/F/5
DATE: 23 July 1946

SIGNAL

FURTHER TO 4573/R/4 (.)

ON 12th AUGUST 46, A REFRESHER COURSE OF A LENGTH OF 8 WEEKS, FOR SIGNAL OFFICERS OF INF. DIVS, WILL BEGIN AT THE SIGNAL SCHOOL, CECCHIGNOLA, ROME (.) ONE JUNIOR INFANTRY OFFICER, ONE JUNIOR ART. OFFICER, ONE INF. SENIOR NCO AND ONE ART. SENIOR NCO OF EACH DIV. WILL ATTEND THE COURSE (.) SAID PERSONNEL WILL REPORT ON 10th AUGUST (.) THEY WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY RECRUITS GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL TO ATTEND TRADESMEN COURSE (.)

FROM : M. of W.
TO : MMIA

REF. 4703/F/5
DATE: 23 July 1946

Further to letter N. 4092/F/13 dated 8th instant.
The above is forwarded for information.

TRG M. M. I. S.
File : TRG/26
Date: 2/27/47

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