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MAR. 1946 - JAN. 1947

1106 CS SME

Subject:- Tank Driving School.

Reference SME letter 5400/5/6 of 31 July 47.

Classification.

1. REGINA ELENA Barracks, which was the pre-war home of the tanks, has just been derequisitioned. As various other parties were trying to get control, SME stepped in and established control on behalf of the Tank School.
2. Training Ground is NOT suitable though there was a tank obstacle exercise in the old days. Driving instruction will be carried out at TOR DI QUINTO BASSO and tanks will be boarded at the Armd. Car School. Lodging and theoretical instruction at REGINA ELENA.
3. Group of 12 officers and 10 under/officers leave for BOLOGNA 25 day for intensive 4 week course on SHERMAN. All are experienced "caniste".
4. First Course, intended to train instructors, due to commence about end of September. Numbers not yet decided. 8 weeks.
5. Second Course to train up personnel (offrs and under/offrs) for First Tank Coy.
6. Third Course will train up tank crews from September call-up who have previously attended Specialist courses.

TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of Defence.
To : See addressees
I.L.F.B. for info.

Ref: 5400/S/6.

Date: 31 July 1947.

SUBJECT:- Tank driving school.

1. - This S.M. establishes that the "Tank driving School" (to be formed) be located in Rome - Regina Elena Barracks, in the Tiburtino district.

2. - The present staff of the school itself, will be transferred to the Barracks in accordance with verbal instructions previously given. An understanding for the executive instructions will be reached with Rome Military Territorial Command.

3. - Regarding the organisation of the Barracks, in relation to the logistic and teaching requirements of the School, the Rome Military Territorial Command is requested to issue the necessary instructions to the HQ of the Territorial Engrs under its Command, which will provide for the working out of the relative plans in cooperation with the HQ of the School itself.

The relative works, according to the tasks entrusted to the School, will be considered as most urgent amongst all those laid down to be carried out in the territory of Rome Mil Terr Command.

4. - As a consequence of the above, and as a partial amendment to the previous information issued only to the units concerned, this S.M. establishes that the premises and the fields of Tor di Quinto Bassa (State property riding School) requisitioned up to now by Allied HQ, and those which will be later vacated by Allied troops, be taken over by the HQ Armoured Cars, which will dispose of same according to requirements of the courses and which will approach the HQ of the Tank Driving School for the utilisation of the ground for the 2nd cycle of tank training.

5. - The "Societa' Incremento Corse" will enabled to obtain the use of the track and seats for its requirements on the basis of an understanding which will be reached between the Inspectorate Veterinary and Remount Service and the General Directorate of Engrs, to be submitted to this S.M. for approval.

6. - The HQ Tank Driving School will still be under the command of S.M.E.

sgd LIUZZI
Gen.

TO SEE
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GSO II TRG
GSO III TRG
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Maj Cousens.

See S.M.E and get
further details.
Is Tiburtine
suitable as a
Tank driving area?

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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Tel: 478421

TRG/63

Ext: 209

June 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Subject:- RAI Publications.

Further to our TRG/63 dated 18 June 47.

1. Enclosed are further Training Publications relative to Armoured Fighting Vehicles.
2. List of Publications are enclosed (Please acknowledge on duplicate list)

C. P. Alexander
Major
for. Major General,
Director.

Copy to:

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QIG/CCW.

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RAC PublicationsCrew Duty & Maintenance.

Shannon II.
 Stuart VI.
 Shannon V.
 Shannon LII.
 Stuart V.
 Staghound.

AFVP/CDM/32.
 AFVP/CDM/33.
 AFVP/CDM/45.
 AFVP/CDM/49.
 AFVP/CDM/55.
 AFVP/CDM/56.

Armament Training Pamphlets.

Shannon 'A' 76 etc.

AFVP/CI/39.

Instructor's Diagrams.

Shannon V.
 Shannon II.
 Stuart V.

AFVP/TD/2.
 AFVP/TD/4.
 AFVP/TD/5.

RECEIPT FORM

FROM.....

DATE.....

TO: C(TRG) AFHQ - IIFB

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of above mentioned Publications.

Signature.....

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421

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Ext: 216

16 June 47.

Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

Subject: RAC Publications.

1. Enclosed are Training publications relative to Armoured Fighting Vehicles.
2. These have arrived from the British Armoured Fighting Vehicle School at Bovington.
3. Will you please inform us if further copies of any publications are required.
4. List of Publications enclosed (Please acknowledge on duplicate list).

*copy
ATTACHED.*

Macpherson Lt Col ES.
Major General,
Director.

Training Distribution:

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WJH/ccn.

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RAC PublicationsAircraft Training Pamphlets

Sherman 'B' 105 mm. *PART I & II.*
 Sherman 75 mm.
 Stuart Vc *VI* 37 mm.
 Challenger 17 pr.

AFVP/GI/36. ✓

AFVP/GI/5. ✓

AFVP/GI/30. ✓

AFVP/GI/32. ✓

Vehicle Training Pamphlets.

Sherman III.
 Sherman I & II.
 Stuart V.
 Stuart VI.
 Staghound

AFVP/VP/3. ✓

AFVP/VP/5. ✓

AFVP/VP/6. ✓

AFVP/VP/21. ✓

AFVP/CDM/60. ✓

Destruction Diagrams.

Sherman III.
 Stuart VI.

AFVP/ID/1. ✓

AFVP/ID/7. ✓

General.

RA Lecture Notes 105 mm. S.P. and questionnaire. ✓
 RA Lecture Notes 3" S.P. M.10 and questionnaire. ✓

RECEIPT FORM

FROM.....

DATE.....

TO: G(ENG) AFHQ - IIPB

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of above mentioned Publications.

Signature.....

Tel. No:- Bovington 521. Ext. 106.

Subject:- R.A.C. Publications.

To:- Colonel A.H. Gillmore, O.B.E.,
M.M.I.A. H.Q.,
Rome,
Italy.

125/1/1386

21 May '47.

The following publications are forwarded to you in accordance with a request made by Colonel W. Turner.

As it is understood that these publications are required for translation; only one copy of each has been sent.

Should you require further copies would you please write direct to this Section.

We also enclose a covering letter from Colonel Turner.

Publications for M.M.I.A. H.Q.

RAC Publications

Crew Duty & Maintenance.

Sherman II.	AFVP/CDAM/32. ✓
Stuart VI.	AFVP/CDAM/33. ✓
Sherman V.	AFVP/CDAM/45. ✓
Sherman III.	AFVP/CDAM/49. ✓
Stuart V.	AFVP/CDAM/55. ✓
Staghound.	AFVP/CDAM/56. ✓

Armament Training Pamphlets.

Sherman 'B' 105 mm.	AFVP/GI/36. ✓
Sherman 75 mm.	AFVP/GI/5. ✓
Stuart V. 37 mm.	AFVP/GI/30. ✓
Sherman 'A' 76 mm.	AFVP/GI/35. ✓
Challenger. 17 pr.	AFVP/GI/34. ✓

Vehicle Training Pamphlets.

Sherman III.	AFVP/VP/3. ✓
Sherman I & II.	AFVP/VP/5. ✓
Stuart V.	AFVP/VP/6. ✓
Staghound.	AFVP/VP/7. ✓
Stuart VI.	AFVP/VP/21. ✓
<i>Staghound</i>	AFVP/CO/14/60. ✓

Instructors Diagrams.

Sherman III.	AFVP/ID/1. ✓
Sherman V.	AFVP/ID/2. ✓
Sherman II.	AFVP/ID/4. ✓
Stuart V.	AFVP/ID/5. ✓
Stuart VI.	AFVP/ID/7. ✓

General.

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TO FILE
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BGS
GSO 111111

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Feb. 1947

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Publications for H.M.I.A. H.Q.

PAC Publications

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Sherman V. AFVP/CDRM/45. ✓
Sherman III. AFVP/CDRM/49. ✓
Stuart V. AFVP/CDRM/55. ✓
Staghound. AFVP/CDRM/56. ✓

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Stuart V. 37 mm. AFVP/GI/30. ✓
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Challenger. 17 pr. AFVP/GI/34. ✓

Vehicle Training Pamphlets.

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Sherman I & II. AFVP/VP/5. ✓
Stuart V. AFVP/VP/6. ✓
Staghound. AFVP/VP/7. ✓
Stuart VI. AFVP/VP/21. ✓
Diagram (RAF/CDRM/60)

Instructors Diagrams.

Sherman III. AFVP/ID/1. ✓
Sherman V. AFVP/ID/2. ✓
Sherman II. AFVP/ID/4. ✓
Stuart V. AFVP/ID/5. ✓
Stuart VI. AFVP/ID/7. ✓

General.

RA Lecture Notes 105 mm. S.P. and Questionnaire. ✓
RA Lecture Notes 3" S.P. M.10 and Questionnaire. ✓

Bovington Camp,
Dorset.
NSS/HJP.

Walter Sherman Col.
Major,
O.C., R.A.C. Publications Section,
R.A.C. School.

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG XVIII DATED 10/6/47

"A" vech for dismantling - Arm'd Car School 4.6.47

9.

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Col Balanzino was aware of this plan but could not state to what extent this had been implemented.

He will however make the Arm'd Car School's Comdr's complaints known to Gen ROSSI.

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ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Ref: 478824
Ext: 322

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13/13/1947

3 June 47

REF - CH

15
Subject: Training.

Ref. your MS/A/2303 dated 25 May '47 and
further to this Branch Letter MS/3/SECRET dated 19 May '47.

It is pointed out that the Training Wing
referred to in the a/m letter will in no way be associated
with that referred to in Major TUNNEY's report of 24 Apr.,
in as much as it is the intention of the War Ministry to
establish the Repair Training Wing at MILWAU, and in close
proximity to the proposed A.F.V. Repair Workshops from
where practical experience will be gained.

It will therefore be appreciated that as
this Wing will deal solely with specialist subjects
associated with tank overhaul and repair the diagrams etc.
required will differ to a large extent from those used at
the Italian Army Tank School and in this connection it was
considered that INF, War Office would be in a position to
assist through the medium the KING A.F.V. Training Wing at
Arboretfield.

At the same time training information on
A.F.V. Recovery would be of considerable assistance as this
subject will also have to be considered when drawing up the
curriculum of the proposed school.

Curran

Lt. Col.

15
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Ref. your letter dated 29 May '47 and
further to this branch letter 11/8/50/17 dated 19 May '47.

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GM/cb

Internal Memo to G.S.D.

Curran

Lt. Col.
A.P.V.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
ROME

9 (Trg) (15)
PADUA 22305

ME/A/2505Subject:- Training29 May 47

To:- ADME
Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Land Forces Branch
ROME

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1. Reference your ME/8/SECRET dated 19 May 47 you are advised that the whole matter as outlined by you has been prepared and submitted to your H.Q. by Major Turner, The Queens Bays who was attached from 1 Armd. Division from 5 - 21 April 57.
 2. Copies of his report were submitted to GHQ(Ops) under cover of your H.Qs letter ref. Trg/26/12 (?) Apr 47 signed by your Commander.
 - 13- 3. The whole matter has been referred to the War Office from this GHQ under cover of letter OPS/TRG/87 dated 29 Apr 47.
 4. It is recommended you obtain a copy of Major Turner's report which you will agree covers the points raised in your letter.
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GSO II TRG	
BGS	
GSO I (SD)	

CAMERON BROWN, Lt-Col.
ADME,
for Colonel,
Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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Date: 4.6.47

ARMED WHICH HEAD LINES
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 489584
Ext: 322

15/3/1947

19 May 47

10.11 - GHI

Subject: Training - A.S.V. Repair.

As no doubt you are aware, the Italian Army is holding in custody on behalf of the British Government a number of light and medium tanks, motor carriages and armoured cars which it is hoped will eventually be released to them and utilised to reconstruct their post Treaty Army.

In order to provide personnel experienced in the maintenance and repair of these equipments temporary plans have been put into operation and future plans are in the process of being drawn up whereby the maximum number of personnel are trained in this type of work.

REPAIR, with its very alien resources, in doing everything within its power to assist in the initial planning and provision of essential equipment for training purposes, but as you will appreciate, our sources of supply are extremely limited and it is felt that the desired results will not be achieved unless additional assistance is forthcoming.

It would therefore be appreciated if the War Office could be approached with the object of obtaining selected diagrams and literature covering the equipment in question such as is in general use at the REPAIR A.S.V. Recovery and Repair F.O. Bedford.

Naturally the Italians are preparing sectionalised models of selected assemblies etc., from local sources.

In addition to this it is considered that a Liaison visit paid by Italian Army officers of both the Motorisation and Artillery Directorates to REPAIR F.O.'s and workshops in the U.K. would be of enormous benefit.

This of course would be a matter for consideration after the Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

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A list of the types of equipment in question is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Lt. Col,
A.D.M.S.

GM/cb

Appendix 'A' to letter Ref. REF/3/EXHIBIT

Cars, Scout Rubber Mk I and II

" " Ford Mk II and III

Cars Light Armoured (Greyhound)

" Medium " Staghound Mk I, II and T47 #2 1/4.

Tanks Light, Stewart Revere.

Tanks, medium Sherman Mk I, IB, IC, II, III, III Dozer
V and VC.

105 mm Motor Gun Carriages S.P. M7 Mk I

3" " " " 14kg. M40.

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Cars, Scout Rubber Mk I and II
 " " Road Mk II and III

Cars Light Armoured Greyhound

" Medium " Staghound Mk I, II and T47 M2 M/A.

Tanks Light, Stuart Recon.

Tanks, medium Sherman Mk I, IB, IC, II, III, III Doser
 V and VC.

105 mm Motor Gun Carriages S.P. M7 M1

3" " " " " M7 M10.

TO SEE
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GSO I (SD)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Ref: 489081
Ref: 489

Arg/26/12

7 3 Apr 47.

C.I.C. (Ops)

Subject:- Approved Training - ITALIAN ARMY.

Reference your Opn Arg/87 of 20 March 47
and your GO 792 of 28 March 47.

1. As requested, herewith 3 copies of Major TUCKER's report.
2. A copy of this report has been passed to the Ministry of National Defence - Army, who have been informed that should they require the services of any or all of the instructors recommended in paragraph 6 of the report, they should include them in their request for a Post Peace Treaty Mission which will be made through diplomatic channels.
3. It would not appear that there is any immediate action to be taken by this Mission or by your Headquarters unless you think it desirable to send a copy of the report to the War Office for information.
4. Major TUCKER is returning to England immediately to become Chief Instructor at ROYDON and has offered to supervise all the necessary preparation of personnel and training equipment at ROYDON should the ITALIAN Government decide to proceed with the recommendations.
5. The BRITISH Military Attache, ROME has been given a copy of this report in case the matter is not settled before this Mission closes down.

MBH/ter

W. H. H. H.
Major General.
Director.

Copy to: BRITISH Military Attache.
ROME.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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Tel: 459 01
Ext: 400

24/25/12

25 Apr 57.

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: - Aired Training - ITALIAN ARMY.

1. I forward herewith a copy of the report by Major TUBBI as a result of his discussions and visits carried out during the last two weeks.
2. Should you require the assistance of any or all of the BRITISH Officers and NCOs recommended in paragraph 6 of the report you should include a request for them in any proposals you may wish to make for a Post Peace Treaty Mission.
3. Major TUBBI returns to England immediately to become Chief Instructor of the BRITISH Aired School. He has offered to do all he can towards collecting training pamphlets and other aids to instruction and to see that the BRITISH Training Team is properly briefed and provided with the necessary equipment before it starts for ITALY. He has been asked to despatch pamphlets etc., to this Mission as soon as possible in order that they can be passed to your Ministry for translation with the least delay.

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John Hurin
Major General,
Dir. etc.

Copy to: BRITISH Military Attache,
10021.

FORMATION OF AN ITALIAN ARMY TANK SCHOOL

Report by MAJOR W.A. TURNER, THE QUEEN'S BMS

1. GENERAL.

Under the terms of the Peace Treaty the ITALIAN Army is to be allowed 200 Medium Tanks. When the ALLIED Forces withdraw they will hand over the Tanks which are now at BOLOGNA awaiting transfer to the ITALIAN Army and consist of the following types:-

SHERMAN Mk. I.	Engine	Guns	Number
II	Radial	75mm	5
III	"	"	4
III (Cl.2)	Diesel	"	12
V	"	"	5
V (Cl.2.)	Crysler (Multi Bank)	"	95
	"	"	2
IB	Radial	105mm	19
IO	Radial	17 Pr	3
VC	Crysler (Multi Bank)	17 Pr	25
TOTAL			170

The majority of these Tanks are Class I, a small number are Class II, none are in a lower Class.

30 additional SHERMANS are due to be handed over to complete the 200 but it is still uncertain what their Marks or armaments will be.

It is strongly recommended that the ITALIAN Ministry of National Defence - Army should obtain from ARAP demilitarised Tanks for sectionalising and for instruction in driving and maintenance in order to avoid having to use combat Tanks for this purpose.

Immediate steps should be taken to secure these demilitarised Tanks before they are further broken down and sold as scrap.

2. ITALIAN PROPOSALS FOR ARMoured TRAINING.

The ITALIAN Army intends to set up a Tank School for Training Officers and NCOs in D & H, Gunnery, Wireless and Tactics; the School will also have a recruit training wing for training recruits for the Armoured Units.

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The ITALIANS have asked for BRITISH assistance in training these instructors and in organising the School itself.
As a preliminary I have spent two and a half weeks in ROME with Col. FELLONI the Commandant elect of the ITALIAN Armoured School, during which my time has been spent as follows:-

- (a) Providing information on Armoured Training in ENGLAND (see Para .3. below)

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- (b) Reconnaissances for the selection of a site for the Armoured School in ITALY (see paras 4 & 5 below)
- (c) Discussions on the numbers and types of BRITISH Instructors required to assist in the formation of the ITALIAN Armoured School (see para 6 below)
- (d) Discussions on the requirements of Training Equipment for the School (see para 7 below)

5. ARMoured TRAINING IN ENGLAND

I was asked to explain the organization in ENGLAND of the Royal Armoured Corps, with emphasis on Schools. For this purpose I have drawn two trees, Appendix 'A' & 'B'. These trees were drawn to bring out points in the discussion and are not complete.

4. SELECTION OF SITE FOR ARMoured SCHOOL IN ITALY.

- (a) It would obviously be an advantage if the same site could be used both for the preliminary training, in the near future, of the Instructional Staff of the School and for the eventual establishment of the School itself.
Reconnaissances were therefore carried out with a view to finding, if possible, a site for both the temporary and permanent Schools or, if this proved impracticable, separate sites for the temporary and permanent Schools.
- (b) Requirements
As regards the temporary School the main requirement is early availability.
For the permanent School the following points are desirable:-
 - (i) Driving & Maintenance Wink
Suitable ground for cross country driving.
The area to be sufficiently large to enable Tanks to drive about anywhere, and not confine them to following each other on special tracks which quickly become very bad and cause Tanks to move only in low gear.
The ground to be slightly hilly and well drained and the soil to be gravel or sand rather than clay, so that it does not become an impassable bog in winter and a dust bowl in summer.
The driving ground to be sufficiently near the School to avoid much road work, but not so close to the school, so that it is covered with dust in

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(b) Requirements

As regards the temporary School the main requirement is early availability.

For the permanent School the following points are desirable:-

(i) Driving & Maintenance Wing

Suitable ground for cross country driving. The area to be sufficiently large to enable Tanks to drive about anywhere, and not confine them to following each other on special tracks which quickly become very bad and cause Tanks to move only in low gear.

The ground to be slightly hilly and well drained and the soil to be gravel or sand rather than clay, so that it does not become an impassable bog in winter and a dust bowl in summer.

The driving ground to be sufficiently near the School to avoid much road work, but not so close to the school, so that it is covered with dust in summer.

Living quarters and class rooms to be near each other.

Covered sheds for the Tanks in order that

instruction can be continued in wet or very hot weather.

Workshops for Tank repairs are essential.

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(ii) Wireless Wing.

Training can be carried out in class rooms and in wheeled vehicles which have been specially fitted with a wireless set. There is therefore no problem about the selection of a site provided it is comparatively free from serious wireless interference.

(iii) Gunnery Wing.

Accommodation, class rooms, covered tank sheds for instruction in adverse weather and workshops for Tank repairs are requirements similar to those for the Driving & Maintenance Wing.

Rangefires should not be too far from the School or much time will be lost and the standard of instruction will suffer.

The Range should have facilities for firing at moving targets up to a Range of 4200 yds, and for firing at stationary targets with HE up to 9000 yds.

The Range should be equipped with dug outs, telephone systems and roads so that targets can be taken out to the required positions. The ground should be capable of taking Tanks all the year round.

Owing to the large danger area required it is probable that the Range will have to be on the coast or in mountain country.

(iv) Location.

It is very desirable that the D & M, Gunnery, Wireless and Tactical Wings should be near each other.

It has been customary for ITALIAN Army Schools to be in the vicinity of ROME and therefore in close touch with the Ministry of National Defence Army.

5. REPORT ON VARIOUS SITES RECOMMENDED.(a) Tor di Quinto

This is the old Cavalry School and is now the Armoured Car School. It is capable of taking 75 students at a time, 50% of which are officers. The course is 3 months. There is only a small area of ground in the GROTTAROSSA area.

(iii) Gunnery Wing.

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Ranged should not be too far from the School or much time will be lost and the standard of instruction will suffer.

The Range should have facilities for firing at moving targets up to a Range of 1200 yds, and for firing at stationary targets with HE up to 2000 yds.

The Range should be equipped with dug outs, telephone systems and roads so that targets can be taken out to the required positions. The ground should be capable of taking Tanks all the year round.

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(i) Ippodromo di Tor di Quinto.

At present used by the BRITISH as a petrol point. This consists of a race course, stands and stables, over which there is accommodation.

(a) NABUONO Artillery Range

This is a range which was used by the Artillery before the war. It is on the coast so the danger area is adequate. It could provide direct range up to approximately 1200 yds and by firing obliquely a range of approximately 2000 yds might be possible. This range was not fully reconnoitered. There are some dugouts which would require strengthening before being safe for 17 pairs. The ground is swampy and would not stand continual use of tanks in winter. Roads and hard standings would be required, there are some buildings but these have been seriously damaged, and are not useable in their present condition.

(e) BRACCIAIO School of Artillery

This consists of one barracks where the headquarters and School is located and a separate barracks where there is accommodation for 1500 men. This is not full at present. The Artillery ranges which are in the hills North West of the town are not developed, and do not belong to the Government. The area is chiefly scrub and grazing ground and before firing commenced the population was warned by notices and the area is cleared. Compensation is paid for damage. The area is suitable for firing tank 75 mm HE and 105 mm practices. It is not suitable for firing A/T Gun fire such as a 17 pdr owing to the difficulty of clearing the large danger area.

(f) MANZIANA

This place is very near the Artillery Ranges at BRACCIAIO. There is a small hatted camp near this village capable of accommodating approximately 200 men. It is unoccupied.

(g) KIETI

The Barracks are occupied by the Army School of Administration. There is accommodation for approx 90 officers and 600 ORs in addition to which there are excellent rooms suitable for class rooms. The barracks are pleasant, and in good condition, and most suitable for a school.

During the war the BRITISH Army had a temporary Tank and Armoured Car School at KIETI and at a peak period had nearly 3,000 men under training. They were accommodated in the Barracks and requisitioned houses. Tank driving was taught on the aerodrome, where the Tanks were kept. Firing was taught on Ranges one mile North of LONESSA. (+) There is a small camp near KIETI while they completed their practices. It appears that these huts are now occupied by men working in a small coal mine.

The Range is suitable for firing all weapons up to 6,000 yards. The ground will only allow Tanks or Armoured Cars to fire from a stationary position so that practices with the stabiliser will not be possible. This is only a minor disadvantage as the stabilisers on the Sherman Tanks were seldom used in action. The danger area is mountain and of low value and there is practically no cultivation.

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LEONESSA is approx. 30 miles away from RIETI and the road is narrow and over mountains. It would be necessary, therefore, to keep the Tanks which were used on the Ranges at LEONESSA. This is a disadvantage.

The aerodrome at RIETI has now been ploughed up and is growing corn. It is the only possible driving ground in the vicinity of RIETI. It is practically flat, is not very large, and would become badly cut up in wet weather. It is not an ideal driving ground but was used by the BRITISH for 18 months. It is believed to be Air Ministry property.

(+) the Ranges, where the men were accommodated in huts for a few

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It is for consideration whether the School of Administration which requires neither training ground or ranges could be moved elsewhere and that RIELI be used for an Armoured School. The surrounding country is not ideal as it is highly cultivated or mountainous, but it has proved to be a useful Tank School and could be used again with minimum cost to the Government.

(h) Conclusions.

- (i) I have not been shown any site which fulfills the requirements specified in para 4 (b), nor a range which fulfills all the requirements for machine gun, anti tank gun and HE practice.
- (ii) The only suitable accommodation and facilities immediately available for the preliminary instructors course appears to be at the Armoured Car School, TOR DI QUINTO.
I do not, however, consider that TOR DI QUINTO is suitable for the permanent Armoured School as there exists insufficient ground and facilities for training.
- (iii) I consider it essential to start the course for the instructors of the School at the earliest moment and therefore it is necessary to utilise the available accommodation and ranges in the best way, until such time as a permanent armoured school can be established in a site to be selected, as a result of further reconnaissance.
- (iv) I believe it is desirable that the permanent armoured school should include both armoured cars and tanks.

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- (ii) That additional accommodation be provided at CASERMA BLONCHI and also at the Impegnato di TOR di QUINTO as soon as it is derequisitioned by the Allies.
- (iii) That the camp at MANZIANA be opened up for use by the Instructors course which would do its firing on the Artillery ranges.
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6. DISCUSSION ON THE NUMBER OF BRITISH INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF THE ITALIAN TANK SCHOOL.

The first course will consist of 15 officers and 15 NCOs, who will all start by doing a two weeks' period of general information on Tanks, and will then be divided up into classes which specialise in either D & M, Gunnery, Wireless or Tactics.

15 Tanks are to be allotted to the School for all purposes. It will be necessary to select different models of Tanks, so that all types will be available for instruction. It was decided to ask for the following BRITISH Instructors:-

	Officers	NCOs	Remarks
Gunnery	1 (Capt or Maj)	2	
D & M	1 "	3	
Tactics	++ 1 "	-	++ The ITALIAN Army have made a request for Capt. J. W. STEWARTSON IV Hussars for this post.
Wireless	1 "	-	
RELE	-	1 (WOII) (AFV)	

In addition one officer is required to perform the duties of Senior TAC Adviser and Liaison and to take charge of the team.

I strongly recommend that the above team of Officers and NCOs be assembled at the AFV School BOVINGTON at the earliest moment. I further recommend that they remain at the AFV School for sufficient time for the team to be thoroughly briefed and refreshed in their duties, in view of the fact that instructors will probably not have had recent experience of SIERM Tanks. At the same time syllabus will be prepared. The necessary diagrams and training pamphlets collected.

7. DISCUSSION ON TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL.

(a) Training Pamphlets.

A list of publications which will be required is attached at Appendix 'C'.

(b) Diagrams.

It is not possible to list the instructional diagrams which will be required but it is suggested that authority be granted for the instructional team to look into this problem before leaving the AFV School and to bring them out.

(c) Training Equipment.

A list of training equipment which will be required is attached at Appendix 'D'.

Officers	NCOs	Remarks
Gunnery	1 (Capt or Maj)	2
D & M	1 "	3
Tactics	++ 1 "	-
Wireless	1 "	-
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(c) Training Equipment.

A list of training equipment which will be required is attached at Appendix 'D'. It is suggested that this equipment can be obtained by the ITALIAN Army by cannibalising demilitarised tanks in ITALY.

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The items marked 'Z' will be required to be obtained from UK, and I recommend that they should be collected and brought out by the instructional team.

(d) as there is no list of equipment with which I can compare the lists in Appendices it is probable that items may have been omitted and I recommend, therefore, that provision be made to have such items added to the list at a later date.

ROME

24 April 47.

Will be done.

Major,
The Queen's Boys.

DIRECTOR Royal Arm'd Corps War Office.

Scientific Investigation
Research
Experimental
Tank Design & Testing

H.Q. A.F.V. School

Military Training

Officer Cadets

Tank Trg
Regts
(Recruits)

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Driving & Maintenance Wing

Wireless Wing

Gunnery Wing

Tactical Wing

Attached Services.

REME. For Vehicle Repairs.

Royal Corps Signals - Signallers and Ins

DIRECTOR Royal Arm'd Corps War Office.

Appendix 'A'

H.Q. A.F.V. School

Military Training

Military College
of Science
School Tank
Technology
(For Trg Officers
for Special Staff
and Tech appointments)

Officer Cadets

Tank Trg
Regts
(Recruits)

Arm'd Car &
RECCE Trg
Regt
(Recruits)

Wireless Wing

Gunnery Wing

Tactical Wing

Publications

Attached Services.

RECCE. For Vehicle Repairs.

Royal Corps Signals - Signallers and Instrument Mechanics

Gunnery Wing A.F.V.3.

H.Q.
Col i/c
Adjut etc.

Bank Gunnery Section	Gun Fitters Section	A/A Section	Investigation	
(1) To train Officers & NCO instructors for:- Training Regts, OCTU & Field Units	(1) To teach gun fitters (2) To maintain the gun in the wing.	Compass & Directional Equipment Live Trg A.F.V. Recognition	Information Bureau Publications	
(2) Senior Officers Refresher Courses				Staff for Targets, & instr
(3) Assist Regts while they are Firing Range Practises or when issued with new type of Tank by loaning instructors		Training Equipment Design		

NOTE: The investigation Section examine new tanks and equipment to discover the best teaching method. The publications section for production of training pamphlets.

The information Bureau collates information from any source which is then readily available for

Appendix 'B'

Gunnery Wing A.F.V.S.

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Col i/c
Adjut etc.

Gun Fitters Section

1/1 Section
Compass &
Directional
Equipment

Investigation

Information Bureau

Administration

Q.M.

Medical

(1) To teach gun fitters

(2) To maintain the gun in the wing.

Five Trg

Publications

RANGES

Vehicle
Park &
Workshops

A.F.V.
Recognition

Staff for maintaining
Targets, equipment
& insuring safety

Training Equipment
Design

Trucks
Land Cars
Wheel
Vehicles

Other

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new type
constructors

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er section for production of training pamphlets.

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Appendix 'C'

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE ITALIAN A.F.V. SCHOOL

Crew duty card AFVE/CD & 1/43
 Sherman tanks (armament) AFVE/GI/1
 75 mm. Gun M.A.P. No 35 part 3 (with amendment)
 30in. Browning machine gun M.A.P. No 35 part 13
 50in " " " " " 10
 Sten machine carbine SAT Vol 1 Pamphlet No 22
 Thompson " " " 1 " " 21
 Grenade S.A.T. Vol 1 Pamphlet No 13
 Firing data for Sherman tanks (75mm gun M 3 and coaxial 30 in.
 Browning machine gun) AFVE/GI/20

AFVE/MSO/58
 AFVE/GI/5

Service instruction book TM 9 - 754 (General)
 " " " " 1750 (Power train unit)
 " " " " 1752 (Auxiliary generator)
 " TM 10 -360 (Fire prevention)
 " " " " TM 9 1799 (Stabilizer)
 " " " " 1808 (periscope and telescope)

Sherman E. Tank 105 mm M 4 part 1
 " " " " " 2
 " " " " 75 mm.
 " " " " 76 mm.

Service part catalogue for medium tank M4A1
 " " " " " M4A2
 " " " " " M4A4

Sherman 'B' tank - 105 mm. howitzer M4 - part 1 & 2
 " " " " 75 mm. gun M4
 " " " " 17 lbs " M4

APPENDIX 'D'

LIST OF MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR THE ITALIAN A.F.V. SCHOOL

D & M Wing
Sherman

	II	III	V
Continental Red seal Tank Engine model R 975 EC 2	1		
Power Unit		1	1
Carburetor Governor and throttle box assembly	1		1
Water pump for single water pump type engine			1
" " " multiple " "			1
Cylinder	1		
Cylinder block		1	1
" head block		1	1
Crank shaft	1	1	1
Master and articulated connecting rods	1		
Connecting rods	1	1	1
Cam shaft	1	1	1
Valve operating mechanism	1	1	1
Clutch & flywheel assembly	1	1	1
Engine oil pump	1	1	1
" pressure pump	1	1	1
Scavenger oil pump	1	1	1
Engine oil cooler	1	1	1
" filter	1	1	1
" primary oil filter		1	
" secondary oil "		1	
Blower		1	
Radiator		1	1
Starting motor	1	1	1
Instrument panel assembly	1	1	1
Propeller shaft	1	1	1
Air cleaners	1	1	1
Complete electrical system	1	1	1
Grease guns of all types	1	1	1
Transmission assembly (without housing)	1	1	1
" housing		1	
Differential (without housing)	1	1	1
" one piece housing		1	
" three pieces housing		1	
Final drive (without housing)	1	1	1
Volute spring suspension assembly (with roller & bogie wheels)	1	1	1
Track block - steel	1	1	1
" - rubber	1	1	1
Crowders	1	1	1
Track adjustment assembly	1	1	1
Driving sprocket	1	1	1
Tools and equipment on the vehicle set	1	1	1

Wireless Wing.

RADIO

No 19 type - efficient complete sets

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Crank shaft	1	1	1
Master and articulated connecting rods	1	1	1
Connecting rods	1	1	1
Cam shaft	1	1	1
Valve operating mechanism	1	1	1
Clutch & flywheel assembly	1	1	1
Engine oil pump	1	1	1
" " pressure pump	1	1	1
Scavenger oil pump	1	1	1
Engine oil cooler	1	1	1
" " filter	1	1	1
" primary oil filter	1	1	1
" secondary oil "	1	1	1
Blower	1	1	1
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Starting motor	1	1	1
Instrument panel assembly	1	1	1
Propeller shaft	1	1	1
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Transmission assembly (without housing)	1	1	1
" housing	1	1	1
Differential (without housing)	1	1	1
" " one piece housing	1	1	1
" " three piece housing	1	1	1
Final drive (without housing)	1	1	1
Volute spring suspension assembly (with roller & bogie wheels)	1	1	1
Track block - steel	1	1	1
" " - rubber	1	1	1
Crawlers	1	1	1
Track adjustment assembly	1	1	1
Driving sprocket	1	1	1
Tools and equipment on the vehicle set	1	1	1

Wireless Wing.

RADIO

No 10 type - efficient complete sets	3
" "	3
Ear phone	3
Microphone	3
Antenna - complete - for A set	3
" " B set	3

X Films	
X Diagrams - complete set.	

Appendix 'E'LIST OF MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR THE ITALIAN A.F.V. SCHOOLGunnery Wing

105 mm. howitzer		1
75 " gun		1
17 Lbs		1
Bomb thrower	2 MK 1/1	1
" "	1 MK 1/1	1
" "	2 MK 2	1
Mortar	2" M 3	1
Machine gun caliber .30 - Browning		4
" "	" .50	4
" "	" .50	4
Sub machine gun caliber .45		1
Ammunition of all types for all guns which should be known by the tank crew.		1
Rear smoke emitter		1
X Drill rounds for all guns		1
stabilizer (components)		1
Electrical turret traversing system (components)		1
Hydraulic traversing mechanism		1
Line instruments		
Lighting		
Marked handwheels		1
Quadrants		1
Periscope indirect vision		
Telescope direct		
Gun tools - set		1
X Rypas (Sherman complete)		2
X Instructional turrets (Sherman)		2
X Miniature Range bracket for .22 rifles		2
X Miniature Range bracket for .22 rifles		2

} All mounted
instructional
stands

X Instructional Films
X Diagrams.

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SUBJECT :- Plan of Tk School for Italian Army

1 ARMD DIV

G/L/300

27 Mar 47

GHQ G (Ops)
2 Armd Bde

ANHQ IMAS (Land Forces Sub-sec)

RECEIVED 29 MAR 1947
DATE

Ref your GHQ Ops/Trg/87 dated 20 Mar 47 :-

1. Maj W.A. TURNER, BAY3, has been selected to advise on the plan of the Tk School for the Italian Army.
2. He will report on 5 Apr to RAAC ROME preparatory to taking up his duties on that day.
3. Please arrange for suitable accn for Maj TURNER and his wife.
4. It is understood that the att will be from 5 to 21 Apr 47.
5. For 2 Armd Bde - Maj TURNER's report on the advice he is giving will be submitted direct to ANHQ (IMAS), with copy to GHQ CMF.

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Date: 1. 4. 47.

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1 ARMED DIV (QUEENS BAYS)

2 ARMED BDE - 1 ARMED DIV GHQ GMP - RAAG

TRG/26/12

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FOR MAJOR TANNER (.) ACCOMMODATION FOR YOURSELF AND WIFE

ARRANGED NOTES, CONTINENTAL FROM 5 APRIL (.)

WORK WITH ITALIAN ARMY STARTS 8 APRIL

See 7d 8.
for further info

TRG
File : TRG/26/12
Date: 31.3.44

ROUTINE

G(THG)

Original's Reference: 00792

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 23 1947

Message Centre No: 467

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 23 1947

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: CEC GLE 2(OPS)

TO: LIAISON (Gle) LIAISON

REPLY: LIAISON

UNCLASSIFIED:

Re: your TMO/26/1247 of 12 March and TMO/TMO/27 of 20 March.

1. LIAISON, via TURNER, says selected to give advice and assistance on TMO

of TMOs closed for Italian Army.

2. Period of attachment 2-31 April.

3. LIAISON, TURNER regarding to HQ, TMO on 5 April for instructions. Please arrange
for to meet him at HQ, TMO.

4. Enclosed in your message form for LIAISON, TURNER and wife, informing him direct
source, with copies into addresses and this HQ, need attention.

5. ACK.

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ATTENTION LIAISON 2

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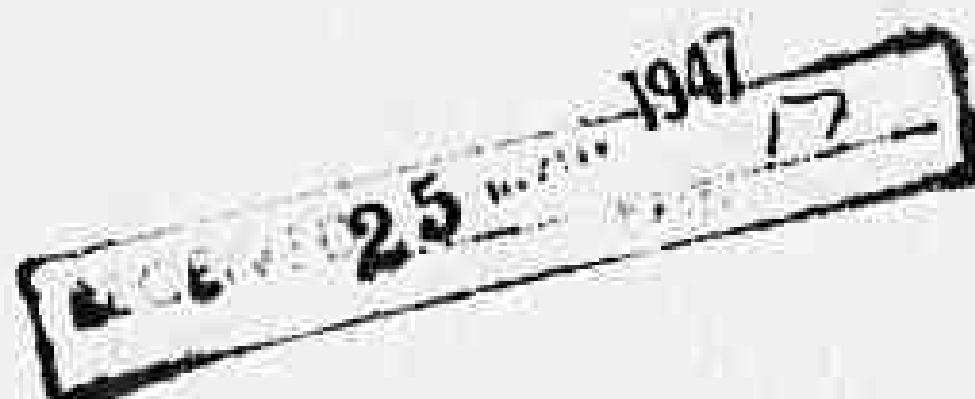
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SUBJECT :- Armd Trg - ITALIAN Army



G (Ops) GHQ CMF

Ops/Trg/87

20 Mar 47

Tele No. 22153

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1 Armd Div

APHQ (IMAS) LFSS

See 7d 8

Reference APHQ (IMAS) letter Trg/26/12/LF. of 12 Mar 47 addressed to this GHQ copy to you.

1. It is requested that you nominate an Offr with the necessary qualifications and experience as asked for in para 4 of such letter. Period of attachment will be 5 - 21 Apr.
2. Please forward name and unit of Offr selected soonest, so that place of reporting to and soon etc can be arranged.
3. Offr's report on advice given will be submitted direct to APHQ (IMAS) with copy to this GHQ.

For the Secretary - Ministry

WAR MINISTRY

Int. 26 Mar

John P. Jago, Lt Col

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CEF

Subject: Armoured Training - ITALIAN

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Major General,
Director.

Copy to : GSO I, 1 Armoured Division,
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File : TNSI 26/12
Date: 12.3.47

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.

To : IMAS

GSO I TRG

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GSO IV TRG

Ref: I548/I/I7

Date: 3/3/47

Subject: Course for tank driver instructors.

4- Regarding the circumstances pointed out in letter I47I/I/I7 dated 25/2/47, the courses (orientativi) for tank drivers, carried out at Este and Bologna, have had effective results limited to driving practice on roads.

In fact it has not been possible to carry out driving practice off the road, nor to deepen the technical knowledge of the students; as tactical employment did not enter the scope of the course, it was not dealt with.

2- In order to meet future requirements (formation of a "Tank Drivers School" and armoured units) the first provision that seems necessary, is to form a small group of instructors, through an appropriate course, as the courses already carried out have not been considered as sufficient for the purpose.

3- The Italian Army has not at present a "Tank Drivers School", not even of a modest importance, nor is there the possibility of forming one quickly, as it should be formed in the Civitavecchia area, where at present the premises are occupied by the "Pioneer School" which will be transferred elsewhere. Whilst awaiting for the premises to be vacated and in order to gain time for the forming of the instructors group, we consider it convenient to use other premises. The area which seems to answer to the purpose, having land suitable for driving and firing ranges, is that of Cesano.

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Monday, Aug 10 by Major Christie
Tuesday, Aug 11 by BGS.

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4 - The programme for the "Instructors Course" which will be attended by approximately 20 officers and NCOs, should include instruction on the following subjects:

- a) - "technical" matters: mechanical characteristics of armoured vehicles - driving - maintenance;
- b) - "armament" : carrying out of firing practices;
- c) - "radio apparatus and signals".
- d) - tactical employment.

5. - The organisation of the course requires an adequate availability of expert instructors and equipment which will guarantee an effective carrying out of said course.

For this purpose it would be advisable that a previous survey be made by a competent British officer together with an Italian officer (Col. Pedoni) in order to check the effective possibilities of Cesano, to define the necessary installations, and in particular to define:

- the number of British instructors
- the number and type of tanks
- the teaching equipment.

6. - After the organisation has been arranged and after the instructors and equipment have arrived, the course should have a regular development.

However it is foreseen that all this will require time and that the ratification of the Peace Treaty will take place before the course can be completed, interfering therefore with the possibility of continuing to use the British instructors.

As the course, once commenced, must be completed, we ask that the availability of the British instructors be ensured, even if, after the commencement of the course, the Peace Treaty is ratified.

7. - The requirements concerning the organisation of the course - which are of an evident importance in respect of the efficiency and employment of the equipment - could be met with your valuable assistance, and we would be grateful if you would firstly appoint a British officer to collaborate with the Italian officer (Col. Pedoni) and later, to make the necessary arrangements in order to obtain the required instructors and equipment.

It would be advisable for the British officer to contact Col. Pedoni as soon as possible, in order to settle the matters mentioned in para 5 and to lay down the programme of the course. -

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File : TRG/ 20/12
Date: 7-5-47

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Fri. Aug

From: M.O.D.
To : ILAS

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File : TRG/26/12
Date: 3.3.47

Ref: 1471/F/17
Date: 25/2/47

Subject: Course for tank driver instructors. -

1. - a.e.f. 22/2/47 the three "Tank driver guidance courses" carried out in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter TRG/26/12 dated 30/12/46, have been concluded.

2. - As known, the duration of said courses was originally fixed for a period of six weeks and later was reduced to two weeks, due to the purpose of said courses (only driving and maintenance) and above all to the limited possibility of instruction of the organisations where the courses were carried out. -

3. - It can be said that the "guidance" aim of these courses has been reached but in the modest limits of a superficial knowledge of the mechanical side and driving and maintenance. The instruction regarding the arms and radio has been absolutely insufficient.

The notions obtained and the practice carried out by the personnel are not therefore to be considered sufficient for an adequate habilitation of driving and maintenance, nor to have given them a thorough knowledge of the equipment which is indispensable for the personnel destined for the duties of the instructors at the Tank School about to be formed. -

4. - In the recent visit made by Gen. Goulburn to the Bologna Artillery and Armoured Vehicle Park (where the last of the three guidance courses were carried out) the necessity was felt of carrying out a new course having the specific purpose of preparing instructors for the above mentioned School.

5. - In relation with said necessity we beg you to examine the possibility of permitting a "course for instructors" to be carried out with a British Armoured Unit for which instructions could be defined at a later date.

sgd. Liuzzi

Allied Force Headquarters
 Italian Military Affairs Section
 Land Forces Sub Section

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 14 Feb 47.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject : Training of Personnel in Driving
and Maintenance of Armoured Vehicles.

The attached copy of report on 2nd Sherman Course
 for Officers and N.C.O.'s is forwarded for your information.

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Major General,
 Director.

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Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC (MIA) C.M.F.

Attached herewith is copy of report on 2nd Sherman
Course for ofrs and NCOs of the Italian Army.

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report to M.G.W.
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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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File :	G/26/12.
Date:	14.2.46.

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REPORT ON 2ND D & M COURSE ITALIAN ARMY.

	Oral test -----	Driving -----
Capitano La Noce F.	96%	good
Tenente Martini A.	78%	good
S.Tenente Maviglia E.	100%	good
Serg.Magg D'Avanzo A.	92%	good
" Spialtini F.	100%	good
" Murru A.	90%	fair
" Ambrosi N.	94%	good
" Lavelli L.	90%	good
" Colombo C.	60%	good
" Scardovi C.	94%	good

As before the students were mostly very keen and willing to learn and with one exception quickly became good drivers.

The test on mechanics of the tank and maintenance at the end of the course showed that they had acquired a good basic knowledge.

Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Telephone

Rome 489084 Ext 476

Trg/26/12/L.F.

3 Feb 47.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Training of Personnel in Driving
and Maintenance of Armoured Vehicles

The attached copy of report on first two weeks
Sherman Course for Officers and N.C.O.'s held at ESTE is
forwarded for your information.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 26/12
Date: 3 . 2 . 47

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Major-General,
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TO : MMIA

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31 Jan 47
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TRG M. M. I. A.	
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SUBJECT :- D.M. Course Italian Army.

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TRG/87

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Tele No: 22694

LAND FORCES SUB COMM,
AC (MMIA). C.M.F. ✓

25 JAN 1947

The att copy of report on first
two weeks Sherman Course for officers
and NCO's of the Italian Army, is forwarded
for your information.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File: 126/26/12.
Date: 25.1.47

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Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

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D. M. COURSE ITALIAN ARMY.

1. Attached are (a) report on first 2 weeks Sherman Course for officers and M.C.O's of the Italian Army. (b) Revised programme in light of experience from first course
2. The following points are submitted for consideration.
 - (a) It is realised that 279 A.D.S. is probably the only possible place for holding these courses but it is not really suitable. No unit which requires freedom for action can function with complete efficiency, when it is entirely dependent on the routine of another. Thus there is no proper quiet classroom with blackboards, chairs etc : petrol cannot be obtained at all times, but only within working hours which sometimes results in wasted time : the tanks used are sometimes borrowed by working parties of the A.D.S. for towing purposes : the tanks, though Cl. 1, are not in all cases complete with wireless and internal communication facilities.

In addition the country at ESTE is almost entirely cultivated, thus no cross country driving can be done, but exclusively road driving. On the other hand the staff of 279 A.D.S. has given every possible assistance.

(b) The Italian Army is to be equipped with 3 main types of Sherman Tanks - the petrol radial, the petrol multitank and the diesel. Of these three, by far the greatest number is to be petrol multitank (MK V). At ESTE these are radial and diesel tanks for instructional purposes, but no multitank at all. For actual driving all three tanks are much the same, but for maintenance obviously very different.

(c) There were to be provided to assist with driving instruction, 3 troopers, one each from Bays, 6 R.T.R. and IX L. The first two have been here from the beginning, but the latter has still not arrived. He can however be dispensed with.

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ANNALS OF FIRST ITALIAN ARMY D.M. COURSE

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NAME.

Ten. Col. Gagliarelli	95	Good.
Cap. Camera.	95	Good.
Cap. Ballarath.	80	V. Good.
S.M. Piccilli.	79	V. Good.
S.M. Ulivi.	85	V. Good.
S.M. Espon.	91	V. Good.
S.M. Pensari.	92	V. Good.
S.M. Cappalletti	78	Good.
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Sgt. Armida	65	V. Good.

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DAY	0900 - 1015	1030 - 1200	
MONDAY	Assembly of course and introductory lecture		1
TUESDAY	Daily Maintenance Lecture	Practical Maintenance	2
WEDNESDAY	Driving Instruction		3
THURSDAY	Lubrication Cooling Fuel	Systems lecture	Practical explanation and maintenance demonstration
FRIDAY	Driving Instruction		
SATURDAY	Maintenance and Revision Tests		

C O P YITALIAN ARMY D.M. COURSE.1st Week.

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0900 - 1015

1030 - 1200

1400 - 1600

Assembly of course and introductory lecture

Introduction to tank itself

Daily Maintenance Lecture

Practical Maintenance

Practical Maintenance

Driving Instruction

Half Day

 Lubrication }
 Cooling }
 Fuel }

Systems lecture

Practical explanation and
maintenance demonstration

Driving

Driving Instruction

Maintenance

Maintenance and Revision Tests

Half Day.

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ITALIAN ARMY D.M. COURSE

D A Y	0900 - 1015	1030 - 1200	
MONDAY	Lecture on Diesel Sherman		Practic Sherman
TUESDAY	Driving Instruction - Diesel		Maintena
WEDNESDAY	Lecture on Crew control Tank Commanding, tactical driving, IC System		Half Day
THURSDAY	Driving Instruction & Tank Commanding		Maintena
FRIDAY	Sherman Turret - practical		Driving
SATURDAY	Oral tests and Driving Tests		---

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ITALIAN ARMY D.M. COURSE

0900 - 1015

1030 - 1200

1400 - 1600

Lecture on Diesel Sherman

Practical Diesel
Sherman

Driving Instruction - Diesel

Maintenance

Lecture on Crew control
Tank Commanding, tactical driving, IC System

Half Day

Driving Instruction & Tank Commanding

Maintenance

Sherman Turret - practical

Driving

Oral tests and Driving Tests

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Lt Col FORMER SUB COM HQ (MIL) GAT

TRG/26/12

17 Jan 47

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Training of personnel in driving and
Maintenance of Armoured Vehicles.

1. Further to our TRG/26/12 of 29 Nov, 3 Dec, and 30 Dec.
2. The first course of 3 weeks duration will finish on the 25 Jan 47 and the second course commence 27 Jan 47. It is therefore requested that a further 3 Officers and 6 ORs with tank driving experience be detailed to report to the 279 Arm'd Del Bn on the morning of this latter date.
3. Arrangements as to interpreters, accommodation etc, will be in accordance with those of the first course.

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Date: 18/1/47

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Major General,
GOC, MIA.

Copy to: G(Trg) CHQ (conversation Lt Col LONSDALE - Major CHRISTIE refers)
2 Arm'd Bde.
279 Arm'd Del Bn (for Captain STRAWSON & Hussars)
5 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT :- Trg Offrs and ORs - ITALIAN Army

1 ARMD DIV

32/G/29

4 Jan 47

HQ MMIA CMF G(Trg)
GHQ CMF G(Trg)

2 Armd Bde

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JAN 1947

Ref our 32/G of 24 Dec 46.

1. Att herewith trg programme for the D & M course on the SHERMAN Tank for Offrs and ORs of the ITALIAN Army.

C. Vellane Capt
for Maj Gen
Comd

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TRAINING PROGRAMME SHEET

FIRST WEEK

Morning 0845 - 1250 Afternoon - 1400 - 1600

MONDAY

- Assembly of Course - Introduction of Tank - Engine details and Investigation.

TUESDAY

- Cooling System - Practical Maintenance : Starting and stopping : procedure

WEDNESDAY

- Lubrication System - Lubrication Details: : 1/2 Day

THURSDAY

- Petrol System - System Details - : Maintenance on Filters : Practical

FRIDAY

- Ignition System - Theory and Practical : : Driving

SATURDAY

- Revision of previous periods : : 1/2 Day

SECOND WEEK

MONDAY

- Magneto Booster or Heater Systems - : : Driving

TUESDAY

- Battery - Theory and Practical Maintenance - Charging System : : :

WEDNESDAY

- Clutch - Theory and Practical - Maintenance : 1/2 Day

THURSDAY

- Gear - Box Differential and Brakes and Steering : : :

FRIDAY

- Suspension - Volute Spring - Track details and Maintenance : : :

SATURDAY

- Driving : : : 1/2 Day

THIRD WEEK

MONDAY

- Description - Operation and Controls and Gauges - Theory and Practical

TUESDAY

- Tank System - Practical First and Last parades

WEDNESDAY

- Dirw - Tighting Equipment and Maintenance : : 1/2 Day

THURSDAY

- Tool Check - Preparation of Vehicle : : Driving

FRIDAY

- Detection and Remedying of faults : : Driving

SATURDAY

- Theory Test and Practical Maintenance Test : : 1/2 Day

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THURSDAY - Petrol System - System Details - : Maintenance on Filters
- Practical Drainage : Practical
FRIDAY - Ignition System - Theory and Practical : Driving
SATURDAY - Revision of previous periods : 1/2 Day

SECOND WEEK

MONDAY - Magneto Booster or Heater Systems - : Driving
- Theory and Practical :
TUESDAY - Battery - Theory and Practical Maintenance - Charging System
WEDNESDAY - Clutch - Theory and Practical - Maintenance : 1/2 Day
- Prop Shaft :
THURSDAY - Gear - Box Differential and Brakes and Steering
FRIDAY - Suspension - Volute Spring - Track details and Maintenance
SATURDAY - Driving : 1/2 Day

THIRD WEEK

MONDAY Description - Operation and Controls and Gauges - Theory and Practical
TUESDAY - Task System - Practical First and Last parades : 1/2 Day
WEDNESDAY - Dirw - Fighting Equipment and Maintenance : Driving
THURSDAY - Tool Check - Preparation of Vehicle : Driving
FRIDAY - Detection and Remedying of faults : Driving
SATURDAY - Theory Test and Practical Maintenance Test : 1/2 Day

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TO : MMIA

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REF 1 ARMD DIV 32/G OF 24 DEC 46 (.) CONFIRMED THAT T/K TRG WILL BE AT 279

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 8557/F/17/Add.
Date: 31/12/46

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Subject: 1st Armoured Car guidance course at the
279 Armoured Delivery Squadron. -

Further to verbal agreements of 28th inst. =

1. - We forward herewith a list of the officers and Senior NCOs detailed for the a/m course which will commence on the 6th January 1947 at Este (Padua) at the 279 Armoured Delivery Squadron.
2. - The Udine Military Territorial Command has informed us to-day that the officers will be billeted at the Central Hotel and the Senior NCOs at the Cavallino Hotel. -
3. - It has been ordered that said Military Territorial Command will supply the personnel attending the course with rations in kind for the functioning of the messes which will be managed by the a/m hotels. -
4. - The personnel attending the course will report to 279 Armoured Delivery Squadron on the morning of the 5th January and they will be received by an officer of the Udine Military Territorial Command who will give them information regarding billets and rations. -

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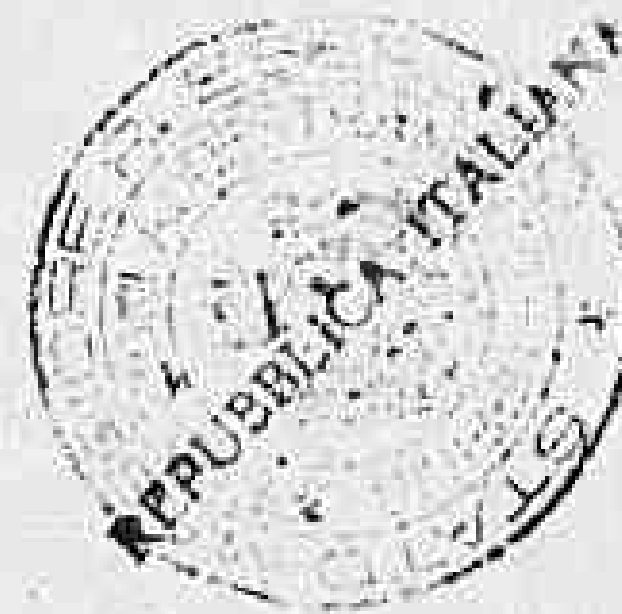
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dello S.M.E. - Uff. Op. e Add. - Sez. Add.

PERSONALE comandato al 1° corso orientativo carristi presso il
279° Armoured Delivery Squadron in Este.

Colonnello	PEDONI Antonio	- spettatore (Ministero Guerra)
Ten. Col.	GIGLIARELLI FIUMI Giuseppe	- frequentatore (Distr. Perugia)
Capitano	CAMERA Luigi	- frequentatore (Distr. Mantova)
"	BALLARATI Wolfango	- " (Comiliter Roma)
S. Ten.	POILLUCCI Luigi	- interprete (Comiliter Palermo)
"	TARABOCCHIA Alfonso	- " (Comiliter Palermo)
Tenente	BESSI BENIZIO Giovanni	- " (Comiliter Bari)
Serg. Magg.	RAINONA Angelo	- frequentatore (68° ftr. "Legnano")
"	ULIVI Nello	- " (dep. 6° ftr. autieri)
"	PANZERI Arrigo	- " (div. "Cremona")
"	ESPERO Enrico	- " (div. "Cremona")
"	CAPPELLETTI Fernando	- " (rgt. art. "Folgore")
Sergente	ARMILA Sandro	- " (67° ftr. "Legnano")

Un sottufficiale - frequentatore - da designarsi dal Comiliter di Bologna.



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ATTENTION OF 400

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See 401 46
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Subject: Training of personnel in driving and
maintenance of armored vehicles

1. Further to a message of 20 Nov, 1947, and 20/10
of 3 Dec. 1947 concerning Major CHRISTIAN - THE PHASE -
DELIVERY 8 448.

2. It is confirmed that the first course of
instruction in maintenance and driving of armored vehicles
will be held at the armored delivery squadron mess
commencing 5th Dec. 1947.

3. 3 officers and 7 NCOs will attend with 100 men
and it is recommended that 2 or 3 interpreters are also in
attendance.

4. It is requested that you arrange accommodation
and rationing of the students and interpreters.

5. It is emphasized that students should have had
previous experience in driving armored vehicles and in
the operation of wireless equipment.

WTC/ob

Colonel
Deputy Commander

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Copy to: 2 Army. etc.

5. PHU (copy of 1 Army. Div. letter 25/4 at 94 400)

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3. It is recommended that the following be referred to the appropriate committee for their consideration and report.
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Colonel
Military Commissions

Copy to: 2 Acad. Div.
5 Bldg (copy of) used. Div. Letter 12/3 of 24 Dec
(see enclosed).

QR.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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ROMA DA UDINE NR 727 76 27 1100

G/115/142(.) UNCLASS (.) VAP MINISTRY INFORM 5 TERRITORIAL
 COMMAND THAT COURSE TANK DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE WILL BE
 HELD DATE NOT SPECIFIED 265 ARMOURD DELIVERY SQUADRON
 ESTE (.) OFFICER VISITED ESTE TO KNOCE SITUATION (.)
 SQUADRON KNEW NOTHING TILL PHONED GHQ STATED LOCATION
 WOULD BE EITHER ESTE OR UDINE (.) PLEASE SEND FULL DETAILS
 SOONEST AND STRONGLY URGE ESTE RATHER THAN UDINE DUE
 ACCOMMODATION DIFFICULTIES
 NO SIGNATURE

See 7d's 38, 39
 for further info

from 5 B.L.O.

TO SEE
GSQ 1 TRG
GSQ 2 TRG
GSQ 3 TRG
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TRG R.M.I.A
File 115 /MG 26/12.
Date: 30.12.46.

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: 1 ARMD DIV G

271406 A

TO : GHQ CMF G(TRG) 2 ARMD BDE

INFO: HQ MMIA CMF G(TRG)

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0160 REF THIS HQ LETTER 32/G OF 24 DEC 46 (.) IT IS CONFIRMED
 THAT 279 ARMD DEL SQN ESTE IS THE LOCN FOR THE COURSE AND THAT
 UNIT IS IN POSSESSION OF THE NECESSARY FACILITIES

30 December 1946

mm

TO SMC
GSO1 TRG
GSO2 TRG
GSO3 TRG
BGS
GSO4 TRG

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: 26/12
Date: 30.12.46

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SUBJECT :- Trg Offrs and OR ITALIAN Army

1 ARMD DIV

32/G

CHQ CMT 3(Trg)
2 Armd Bde

24 Dec 46

HQ MIA CMT 6(Trg)

Ref tele conversations HOBSON - ANDERSON and GRANTHAM - CHANDLER.

1. 2 Armd Bde will arrange for the following to train a total of 10 offrs and 20 OR of the ITALIAN Army as instrs in D & M on the GERMAN tk :-

One offr
One instr
Two drivers

2. 2 Armd Bde instr team will report to 279 Armd Del Sqn, ESTE on 2 or 3 Jan 47.

3. HQ MIA CMT are arranging for 3 offrs and 7 OR of the ITALIAN Army to be trained at a time. An interpreter will accompany each batch of trainees.

4. The first course will start on Mon 6 Jan 47.

5. For 2 Armd Bde - proposed plan for courses giving syllabus, eqpt required etc, will be fwd to reach this HQ by 30 Dec 46.

6. For CHQ CMT 6(Trg) - request you confirm that :-

- (a) 279 Armd Del Sqn is the correct locn for the course.
(b) 279 Armd Del Sqn is in possession of the necessary facilities, i.e. three GERMAN tks (runners), classrooms, accn for instrs etc.

TO: CHQ
FROM: CHQ
SUBJECT: Trg Offrs and OR ITALIAN Army
DATE: 24 Dec 46
FILE: 335
DATE: 30 Dec 46

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: 335 26/12
Date: 30 Dec 46

Grantham
Major
for Gen
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: CHQ CMT

181700 A

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COM(MMIA) CMT

INFO: 1 ARMD DIV

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G085 FROM G(TRG) (.) YOUR TRG/26/13 OF 6 NOV (.)
 PLEASE SEND STAFF OFFICER TO HQ 1 ARMD DIV TO DISCUSS DIRECT
 DETAILS OF PROPOSED COURSE FOR ITALIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND NOCS
 IN D AND M OF ARMD VHS (.) FOR 1 ARMD DIV (.) CONVERSATION
 GSO1-GSO 1(TRG) REFERS (.) PLEASE INFORM THIS CHQ RESULT OF
 DISCUSSION WITH MMIA

19 December 1946
 mm

TRG M.M.I.A.
File - 26/12
Date: 19.12.46

TO SEE
GSO1 TRG
GSO2 TRG
GSO3 TRG
BGS
GSO 1 (SD)

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MLIA CMF

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I ARMD DIV

GHQ CMF

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TRG 26/12 FROM G(TRG) (.)

G 085 G TRG GHQ OF 18 NOV (.) MAJ R.P. CHRISTIE G(II) TRG ARRIVES HQ

1 ARMD DIV APPROX 231600 TO DISCUSS DETAILS PROPOSED COURSE FOR ITALIAN
OFFICERS AND MCOS IN D AND M OF ARMD VEHs

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G (Trg)

Robert L. May

(35)

MMIA CMF

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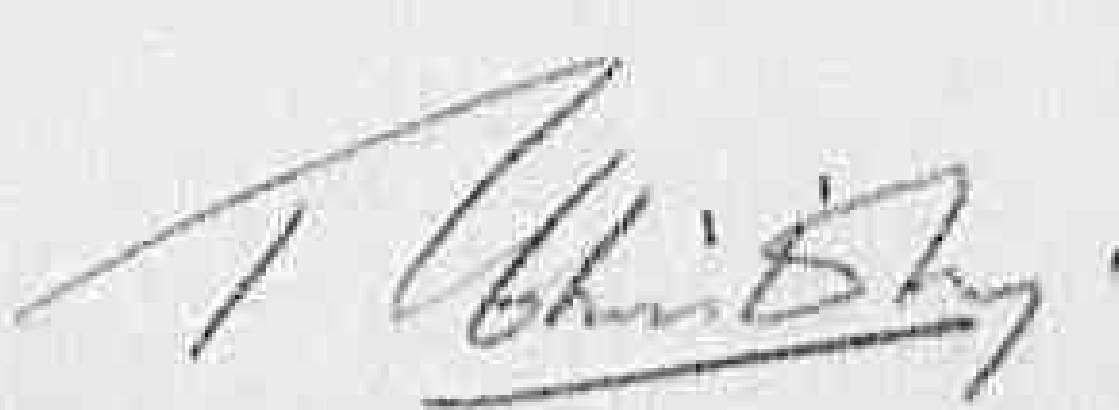
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TRG 26/12 FROM G TRG (.)

MAJ R.P. CHRISTIE G(II) ARRIVES UDINE AIRPORT (ITALIAN) APPROX
231500 (.) TRANSPORT TO MEET AND PROCEED DIRECT TO TRIESTE
RETURNING SAME EVENING (.) ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED NIGHT 23

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G(TRG)



Telephone
Rome, 489081 Ext 476

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMP

TRG/26/12

3 Dec 46

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Subject: Training of personnel in driving and
maintenance of Armoured Vehicles.

Further to our Trg/26/12 of 29 Nov 1946.

1. Information has now been received that the 6 squads referred to will consist of 2 squads of 5 Officers each and 4 squads of 5 NCO's each.
2. No further information as to date of course is yet available.

RPC/mtb

Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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Telephone
Rome, 489081 Ext 476

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MIA) GMP

TRG/26/12

29 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Training of personnel in driving and maintenance of Armoured Vehicles.

Further to this HQ letter TRG/26/12 of 6 Nov in reply to your 1/3475/Serv of 23 Oct.

1. CHQ GMP has agreed to running a course for 6 squads for 6 weeks on the driving and maintenance of Armoured vehicles. This course will not deal with the tactical aspects of Armour in any way.
2. The course will be held at 269 Armoured Delivery Squadron at ESTE, near PADUA. Italian Interpreters and accommodation will be required.
3. Further details regarding this course, including the date of commencement and strength of the squads, will be forwarded as soon as received. Meanwhile it is requested that you start to choose the students and interpreters and make the necessary arrangements regarding accommodation, rations etc.

CPC/mm

Major-General,
GOC, MIA.

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Telephone
Rome, 489081 Ext. 309

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MILIA) CME

TRG/26/12

6 Nov 46

TRG CHQ CMT

RAC CHQ CMT

HQ 1 Armd Div

Subject: Training Italian Army personnel in Driving
and Maintenance of Armoured Vehicles.

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3. In order that the tanks may be properly maintained pending the possible formation of Italian Armoured Units it will be necessary to train a squad of Italian Army personnel in maintenance and driving.

4. This HQ requests therefore that a course under British Instructors be run for 10 Officers and 20 NCOs, with the necessary interpreters, of the Italian Army in order that maintenance of the vehicles may be properly effected and that subsequently a properly trained team of Italian Instructors should be able to function.

5. It is emphasised that since the tanks destined for Italian Army may not under present arrangements be used, it would be necessary for tanks to be made available for the Italian students from other sources.

6. If you agree in principle to the feasibility of this project we will send a Trg Staff Officer to your HQ to discuss the matter and make such detailed arrangements as are necessary.

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WIM/sb

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WIM/sb

Internal: 'Q'
 SD
 REMS

W W Wade
 Major General, 388
 GOC, MIA.

Dis. 6 Jan. 2/5 1945
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2/5 1945
W W Wade
Major General

Telephone
Rome, 489081 Ext 389

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA) CMF

TRG/26/12

6 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Training of Personnel in driving and maintenance
Armoured vehicles. 27

Reference your 1/3475/Serv of 23 Oct 46, paragraph 2.

1. A request has been made to GHQ for a course to be run for about 10 Officers and 20 NCOs, with interpreters, in the driving and maintenance of Sherman tanks and SP Anti-tank Guns. These personnel would thus be able to maintain the tanks at BOLOGNA and subsequently to train further personnel so that the vehicles will be kept fully maintained.
2. It is suggested that there may be a source of men already trained in the driving and maintenance of these types of tanks. 1051 Italian Tank Maintenance Platoon which was stationed at PADOVA was disbanded recently. If the personnel from this unit can be traced you will have a nucleus of trained personnel.

GBC/nm

[Signature] nm
Major-General, 11
GOC, MMIA.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 6360/T/10

TO: See addressees.

DATE: 6 October 1946.

M.M.I.A. for info.

SUBJECT:- 4th ordinary course armoured car drivers.

- 1) - The 4th ordinary course for armoured car drivers will commence on 28th October next at the armoured car drivers school - Tor di Quinto Alta.
Duration : 8 weeks.
Reporting to school : before 1200 hrs 26 October 1946.
- 2) - The following personnel will attend:
a) - 1 senior officer; 5 subalterns; 20 N.O.C.s belonging to the Carabinieri;
b) - 4 senior officers; 22 junior officers; 20 N.O.C.s belonging to the cavalry and shown in attached list.
- 3) - Separate instruction will be issued for the 5 senior officers attending the course on general R/T procedure at the Signals - Engineers School 14 - 26 October next.
- 4) - Posting : by the Military Territorial Commands concerned.
- 5) - All personnel attending the course must be medically examined to ascertain their complete physical fitness.

sgt. LINCHI
Gen.

R.A.C.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/12
Date: 10.10.46.

TO: S. L.
GSO: TRG
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 6320/R/4

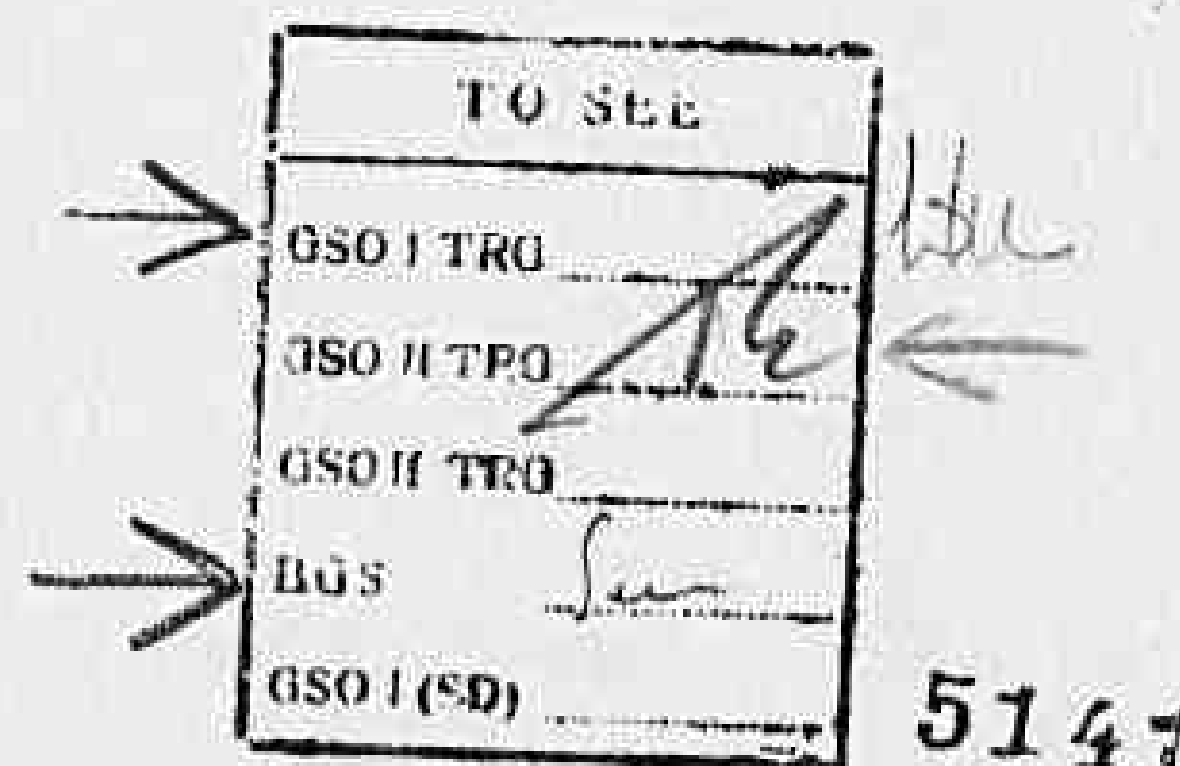
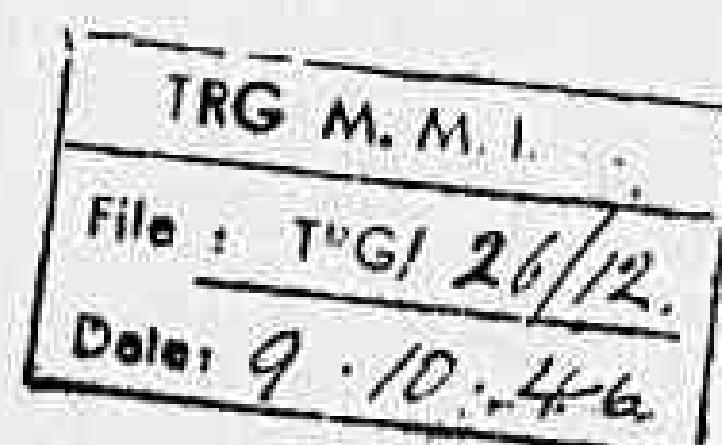
TO: All Mil. Terr. Commands.
M.E.T.A. for information.

DATE: 4 October 1946.

TELEGRAM

Further to 5718/R/4 dated 3 September last. Contingents of recruits destined for Armoured car companies must be sent to Armoured Car School to complete advanced training 26 October next. Report at Rome at Accommodation Centre M. M. I. Barracks, Via Nomentana. Acknowledge by signal.

S.A.S.



WAR MINISTRY - S.M.R.E.
Ops & Trg Office - Trg Section.

Nº 684/R/9. Trg.

Rome, 1 Feb. 1946.

Subject: Armoured Car School.

Rome Comiliter.
Cabinet. (Continuing folio 288/R/9 of 17 February.
Engineer Directorate General.
HQ Mil. Schools.

Continuing folio 4348/R/9 of 31 Dec. '45:

1. - Mission, as a consequence to inspections carried out by British Officers Armoured Car instructors has decided to suspend creation of such a School at Tarquinia, and to organise one instead at Tor di Quinto in the premises previously occupied by the Cavalry Practical Training School.
2. - On account of this you are begged to report as to the present state of said premises and show a brief estimate of expense and period of time necessary for the carrying out of eventual works, indicating also whether such premises are at present occupied and if so by what unit.

General Att.chd.

G. Liuzzi.

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No. 785020

TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War
 To:- Addressees
 MIA for information

Ref: 5718/R/4
 Date: 9/9/46

(22)

S I G N A L

Ref. 5378/R/4 dated 10 August 46.

Due to unforeseen unavailability of premises at Armoured-cars School, postpone despatch of armoured-car driver recruits at end of primary training.

Further information will be forwarded.

sgd. Quercia
 Col.

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Phone in memo
 re this + yesterday's conversation
 W was repn.
 by

TRG M. M. I. A.	
File -	TRG/26/12.
Date -	R/10/9

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C. II	
C. III	
C. IV	
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C. XI	
C. XII	

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From M.of W.

To See Addresses
for info.M.M.I.A.

Translation

Ref : 4580/F/10

Date: 16/7/1946

Subject: 3rd Armoured Car Course.

1. The 3rd Armoured Car Course will commence at the Armoured Car School Tor Di Quinto Alta on the 19th of August 1946.

Duration: 8 weeks

Report to the School: by 1200 hours of the 17th Aug. 1946

2. The u/m will attend the course:

a) 1 Senior Officer - 10 Junior Officers - 20 NCOs belonging to the Carabinieri Corps;

b) 5 Senior Officers - 13 Junior Officers - 24 NCOs belonging to the Cavalry Corps as shown in the attached list.

3. The 5 Senior Cavalry Officers will first attend a preliminary course lasting two weeks at the Engineers Signal School (Roma Cecchignola) on radio telegraphy in accordance with instructions contained in letter b) para 5 of our circular ~~no~~ n° 44207/R/9 dated the 12th inst. -

Report to the above school: morning of the 4th of August 1946.

4. Transport: Military Territorial HQs concerned.

5. All personnel detailed to attend to course will be medically examined before being sent.

TRG M. I. A.
FID. 26/4
R/18/4

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

TO: *WW*

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TRG M. M. L. A.
FIG. - TRG/24/H
DATE: 2/18/4

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

TO SEE
<i>[Signature]</i>

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.F.
 To : See addresses
 Ref: 4098/R/9
 Date: 27/6/46
 MIA (for information)

Subject: 2nd Series of Staghound driving courses for Carabinieri.

- 1 - This **S.M.** orders that during the period between the 15th July and 10th August, 1946, second series of Staghound driving courses, each lasting one week, will be carried out. A 100 Carabinieri, in possession of driving licence, subdivided in blocks of 25 is for each course, *will attend.*
- Commencement of courses:
 respectively at 0600 hours on the 15th, 22nd and 29th of July; 5th August.

- 2 - Should it not be possible to reach the quota of men in possession of the a/m driving licences, any deficiencies will be equally divided among the personnel attending the course.
- 3 - The courses will be carried out at the Tor di Quinto Alta Armoured Car School, personnel attending the course will be billeted and fed by the Corp General HQ.
- 4 - The programme will be limited to driving and maintenance instructions.

D^{AK}

sgd. Liuzzi
 Gen.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/247
Date: 27/7

TRG
GSO I
GSO II (M)

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sgt. Liuzzi
Gen.

TRG M.A.I.A.
File: TRG/26/7
Date: 2/1/7

TO BE
GSO 1
GSO 2
GSO 3

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291200

TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War

Ref No: 3747/R/9
Date; 14 - 6 - 46To:- Addressee
MIA for informationPHONOGRAM

Further to letter 3469/R/9 dated 24th May 1946.

The Armoured Car Drivers Course to be carried out at Rome Tor di Quinto School, has been postponed.-

sgt. Quercia
Col.

U.E.

TRG M. M. I.
File : TRG/26/7
Date: 7/21/6.

TO : E
GSO I
GSO II (P)
GSO II (P)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.O.I. N.

TO : CORN G. HQ

and to MIA (for information)

26/7.
ref: 3469/R/9

Date: 24/5/46

SIGNAL

NT see 45.

Complying with proposal 196/28 dated 18th inst. made by R.R.C. G. HQ, the starting of the 2nd Course of Armoured Cars Drivers at Rome School, Tor di Quinto, is postponed to 24 June next.

Cadets will report to the course on 22nd June.

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G. 2	
GSO 11	

sgt. Quercia
Col.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/R6/7
Date : R/R8/5

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SUBJECT :- Armoured Car Course.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/2
Date: R/24/3.
TO : E
GSO I
GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Finn)

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

Ref : G/G. 23/1119

23 May 1946

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Comm AG (1041A)

Reference your letter TRG/26/7 dated 3 April '46.

1. Attached is translation of comments received from the Comando Scuole.
2. Delay in the submission of this report is regretted.

[Signature]

Major, N.Staffs.

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

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RECEIVED 24 MAY 1946

N. 04/3619 Add. Str.

Cesano 14 May 1946

Subject:- Armoured cars School

Ref.: C/23/1033 OF the 17 April 46.

With reference to the wrong procedure about the transmission of reports, explanations have been asked from the Commander of Arm. Cars School and Directions have been given so that such inconveniences should be avoided for the future. (see letter C/1023/Add. of the 29 April last).

As already verbally explained to Major Price of the 12 B.I.U., the various remarks referred to were due exclusively to personal impressions. Anyhow hereunder some points of the report forwarded by L.Col. Guzzinati will be taken into consideration.

- a) - Preliminary arrangements for the Course. Same were not within the competence of this H.Q. because the Comando Scuola Centrale was requested to arrange only for the accommodation and for the feeding of the Students while everything else had been arranged in advance by S.M.R.E. and by M.M.I.A. This H.Q. has done anyhow its best by supplying the Course the Course with interpreters and by giving any possible help.
- b) - Lack of materials and instructors. This also was not within the competence of this H.Q. but anyhow during the Course all the deficiencies have been pointed out and applications were made to the S.M.R.E. when one of the British Officers Instructors was removed by M.M.I.A. after a few days the Course was started. - It had been decided that the Armoured cars should be kept in the same Park as the Carriers of the Infantry School owing to the fact that it was impossible to form a special detachment for the services of the Armoured cars School because the above Infantry School was already meeting a lot of difficulties especially because she was running meanwhile the G.I.A.R Courses. Moreover it is due to this H.Q. if it has been possible to run the wireless course with the help of the Signal School.
- c) - With reference to the accommodation of the Students at Cesano, the Infantry School has done its best after having taken direct agreements with L.Col. Guzzinati. The conditions of the premises are well known to everybody but even if they are far from being satisfactory, the complaints made (owing to the present circumstances) must be considered excessive.

Most of the inconveniences - especially those referring to the training - could have been avoided or reduced if the Course had been run under the supervision of this H.Q. and if same would have been informed in advance about the organization. But as the S.M.R.E. and M.M.I.A. have directly organized the above Course, only the accommodation of the Students - within the limits offered by the local conditions - was done by this H.Q.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 3161/R/9.

TO: All addressees.

DATE: 9 May 1946.

SUBJECT:- Telegram.

Please send to "Armoured Car drivers for Divisional Reconnaissance Units" Course at Armoured Car Drivers School following O.R.s
first class disciplinary records and technically selected (.)
Eight drivers skilled in petrol driven vehicles four infantry
machine-gunners four engineers good wireless operators (.)
To report Tor di Quinto School Rome before 15 inst (.) On
completion of course all personnel will be returned to divisions
with respective armoured car (.) Acknowledge by signal (.)
Operations Office S.M.R.E.

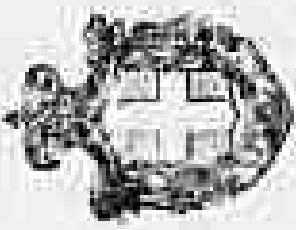
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TRG M.M.I.A.
File - T G/2.6/7
Date - 2/24/5.

TO SEE
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GSO 2
GSO 3

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

Roma, 11 Maggio 1946

TELEGRAMMA

COMITTEE TOGLIANO - GENOVA - MILANO - BOLZANO - ROMA - BOLOGNA -
FIRMANZA - ROMA - BARI - NAPOLI - PALERMO

et per conoscenza:

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION-A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
GUERRA GABINETTO
SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
GUERRA UFFICIALI
GUERRA LEVA

ROMA (a mano)
SEDE (a mano)
CESANO (a mano)
SEDE (a mano)
SEDE (a mano)

STAMAGGIORE OPERAZIONI N° 3163/R/9 ALT EST DIRETTO COMITTEE
ONIA M.M.I.A. for info.

Addressed all Comittee
TUTTI SA PER CONOSCENZA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.G. (M.M.I.A.)

RE GUERRA GABINETTO RE SCUOLE CENTRALI CESANO ET GUERRA UFFICIALI
RE GUERRA LEVA ALT STAGGIORE OPERAZIONI N° 3163/R/9 ALT EST DIRETTO COMITTEE
Further to telegram 3088/R/9 of 4.2.46. incc 6
Reporting of officers to second announced can drivers course no deferred
PRESENTATION OFFICIALI SECONDO CORSO AUTOREGOLANTI TEST ELIMINARE
to date yet to be specified 67 No change in reporting of NCOs
P.M.A. 18.2.46. incc. 67 Operations Office, M.M.I.A.
P.M.A. 18.2.46. incc. 67 Operations Office, M.M.I.A.
P.M.A. 18.2.46. incc. 67 Operations Office, M.M.I.A.

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(A. quercia)

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vato 10/5
Time 215'

TO SEE

MSD

TEG M.M.I.A.

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO
SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

Roma, 11 maggio 1946

TELEGRAMMA

COMITTEE MILANO - GENOVA - MILANO - BOLZANO - UDINE - ROLOGNA -
FIRENZE - ROMA - PARI - NAPOLI - PALERMO

et per conoscenza:

LAND FORCES SUR COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA (a mano)
GUERRA CABINETTO SEDE (a mano)
SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI CESARIO
GUERRA UFFICIALI SEDE (a mano)
GUERRA LEVA SEDE (a mano)

Addressed all Comiliter
STAGIONE OPERAZIONI N° 3163/R/9 ALT EST DIRETTO COMITTEE
una MMIA for info.

GUERRA CABINETTO IN SCUOLE CENTRALI CESARIO GUERRA UFFICIALI
GUERRA LEVA ALT STAGIONE 3059/R/9 ALT CORRENTE ALT
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to date yet to be specified. 67 No change in reporting of NCOs
fixed for 18d. inst. 67 Operations Office S.M.R.E
PUBBLICAZIONE TIRATA PER 18 CORRENTE ALT STAGIONE OPERAZIONI

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(A. quercia)

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TO SEE
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GSO II (Fmr)

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/20/11
Date: 2/14/5.

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From H. of W.
To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 3093/R/9
Date 6/5/46.

Subject Driving Courses for "Staghound" Armoured Cars.

Reference your letter TRG/26/7 dated 19 inst.

Further to letter 2042/R/9 dated 27 March 1946.

1 - The 4 "Staghound" driving courses for the CC.RR. with the participation of 160 elements (40 for each weekly course) ended on the 27 April last

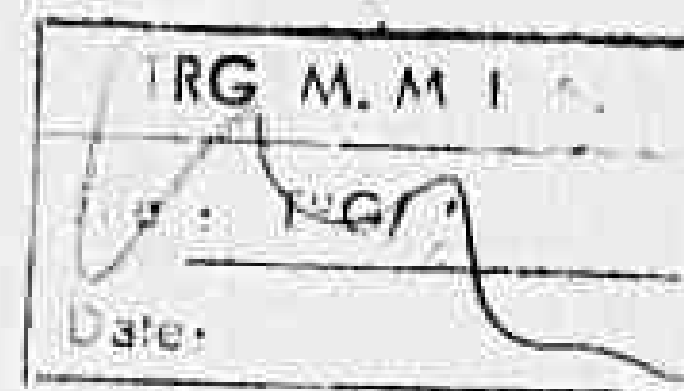
2 - Results of the Course:

1^o Course : 1^o - 6^o April
40 suitable

2^o Course : 8 - 13 April
40 suitable

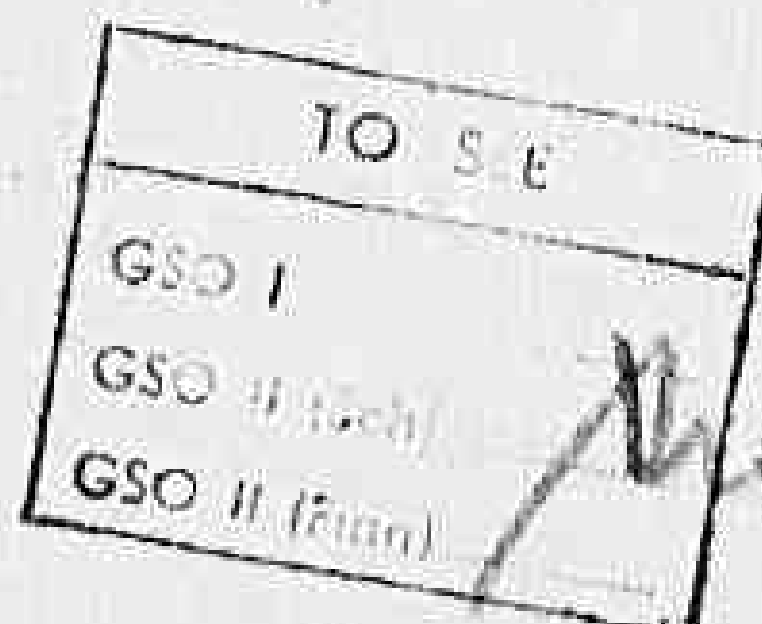
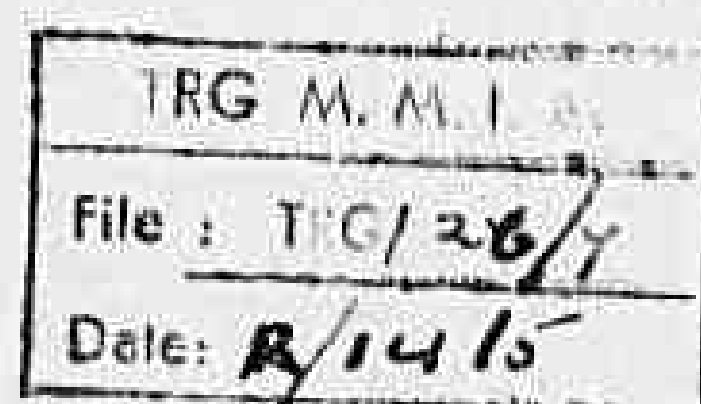
3^o Course : 15 - 20 April
38 suitable - 2 unsuitable

4^o Course : 22 - 27 April
31 suitable - 9 unsuitable.



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G. Liuzzi.



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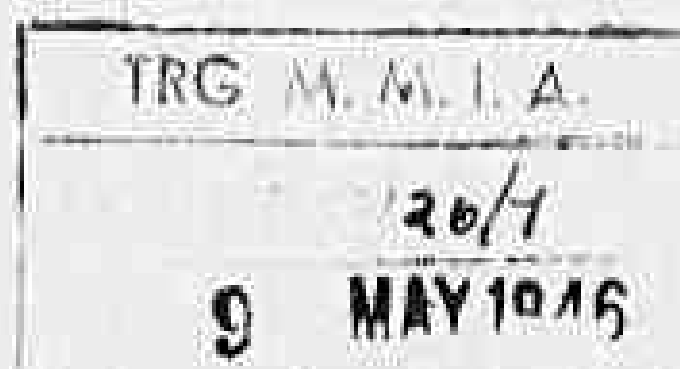
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To CC.RR.Gen HQ

Ref. 3057/R/9
Date 4/5/46.

FURTHER TO LETTER 2520/R/9 DATED 12 APRIL 1946(.)
COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE 2° ARMoured CAR COURSE AT THE ROME
TOR DI QUINTO SCHOOL IS DEFERRED TO THE 8° JUNE 1946X(.) S.M.OPS.

DAK

A. Quercia.



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Translation

From M. of W.
To See Addresses
for info E.M.I.A.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TFC/24/4.
Date: 9 MAY 1946

TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (Sch) <i>R</i>
GSO II (Fmn)
Ref 3058/R/9
Date 4/5/46.

FURTHER TO 2520/R/9 DATED 12 APRIL 1946(.) COMMENCEMENT OF 2°
ARMORED CAR COURSE AT THE TOR DI QUINTO SCHOOL IS LAID DOWN AS
FOLLOWS(.) OFFICERS REPORT 8° JUNE 1946(.) N.C.Os REPORT 18 MAY 1946(.)
S.M.OFS

DAK

091700

A. Quercia.

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SUBJECT: Armoured Car Course.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (LONIA)

TRG/26/7

13 Apr 46

TO : 12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref letter 03/8 of 21 Mar 46, added this HQ and SMC.

1. It is noticed that this letter is not a Cdo Scuole Centrali letter but has been sent to them by the Scuola Autoblindo.
2. Will you please ask Cdo Scuole for their comments on this letter, with particular reference to British material and help.
3. It is felt that in view of the sharp criticism expressed it would be well to establish whether or not such criticism is justified.
4. Your additional comments on the Scuole Militari comments will be appreciated.

TO SEE	
GSO I	
GSO (Ich)	
GSO II (Finn)	

TRG M. M. I. e.	
File :	TRG/ 26/7
Date:	13/4/46

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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FROM: M. of W.
TO : Addresses
and to MMIA (for information)

REF: 2520/R/9

DATE: 12/4/46

SUBJECT: 2nd Armoured Car-Drivers Courses.

- See F 35 & 36 & 39
- 1 - On 20 May next the 2nd course for Armoured car Drivers will commence at the Armoured Car School of Tor di Quinto.
Length of the course: 8 weeks.
Date of reporting: 18 May 1946.
 - 2 - The course will be attended by the u/m personnel:
1 Senior Officer - 10 Junior Officers - 20 CCRH NCOs
1 Senior Officer - 11 Junior Officers - 20 Cavalry NCOs,
shown in the enclosed list.
 - 3 - Movements: will be carried out care of Military Commands concerned or of G. H.Q. CCRH.
 - 4 - All personnel due to attend the course, must be medically examined in order to ascertain their complete physical fitness.

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GSO I
GSO II (CCH)
GSO II (Fmh)

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen. 5126

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 26/7
Date: 10/4/46

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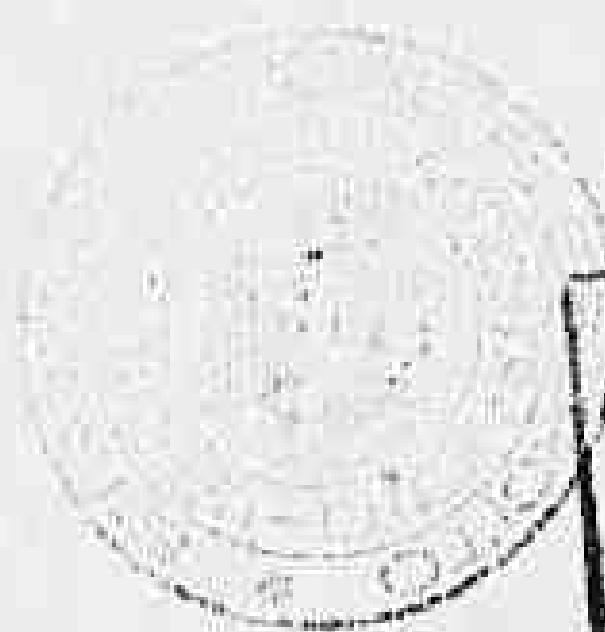
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LIST OF OFFICERS AND N.C.O.s OF CAVALRY WHO WILL ATTEND TO 2nd ARMOURD CARB DRIVERS

N° d'ord.	Grado RANK	Cognome e Nome NAME	Comiliter incaricato dell'avviamento Militare Territoriale Command i/c of Territorial Movement	Enti cui sono in forza UNIT on strength
1	Maggiore	PERELLI Vittorio	Roma	Distretto Roma I°
2	Capitano	FORTUNATO Luciano	Bologna	6° Fanteria - Modena
3	"	TOMMSONI Gabriello	Bolzano	IV° Centro Racc. quadr. - Merano
4	"	LANDI Domenico	Firenze	Div. Folgore Rgt. Garibaldi
5	"	LANCIERI Pasquale	Udine	Residente a Poggio Strin-gher Matignacco (Udine)
6	"	MONTESORO Eugenio	Torino	Distr. Milit. Tortona
7	"	RAGIONI Paolo	Roma	" " Roma
8	S. Ten.	GHINI Cursio	Roma	Scuola autoblindisti
9	" "	GALENO Angelo	Roma	" "
10	" "	TUFARELLI Fabrizio	Roma	" "
11	" "	NERI Giorgio	Roma	Scuola di fanteria
12	" "	GATTINI Marcello	Genova	2° fanteria - Genova
1	maresc.	MUSUMECI Angelo	Bologna	Distretto Ferrara
2	"	BEMBO Pietro	Milano	Comiliter Milano
3	"	CUREDDU Bachisto	Roma	Scuola fanteria
4	"	BARBUSCIA Benedetto	Palermo	Comiliter Palermo
5	serg. magg.	DAVOLI Callosto	Roma	Scuola fanteria 5125
6	" "	BONAUD Cesare	Torino	Distretto Torino
7	" "	CHIRICO Salvatore	Roma	Scuola fanteria
8	" "	AVANZINI Turno	Roma	Scuola fanteria
9	" "	VINCI Luigi	Napoli	Comiliter Napoli
10	" "	SELVAGGI Vincenzo	Roma	Scuole Centrali Militari
11	" "	ULLUCCI Valerio	Napoli	Comiliter Napoli
12	" "	MAIORANO Vittorio	Napoli	" "

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N° d'ord.	Grado	Cognome e Nome	Comiliter incaricato dell'avvigi- mento	Enti cui sono in forza
13	serg. magg.	MACCARI Novello	Napoli	Comiliter Napoli
14	" "	NICASTRO Pietro	Bolzano	Comiliter Bolzano
15	" "	FRATTINI Arturo	Bologna	Distretto Parma
16	" "	SERAFINI Antonio	Roma	Scuole Centrali Milit.
17	" "	MOSSINI Mario	Roma	" " "
18	" "	SPELTINI Francesco	Milano	Comiliter Milano
19	" "	VISCONTI Carmine	Napoli	Comiliter Napoli
20	" "	GRASSI Orfeo	Milano	Viale Monza 730 - Sesto S. Giovanni
21	" "	BELLIGOLI Luigi	Torino	Comiliter Torino
22	" "	MASSAVELLI Guido	Torino	Comiliter Torino



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RELATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

TO: MEMIA

REF: 2488/R/1

DATE: 8 Apr 46.

SUBJECT:- Activities of the
Armoured Car Drivers School.

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On the verbal request of Lt Col MEDLAM and further to letter 1001/R/9 of 9 March last.

1. - This S.M. considers that the activities of the Armoured Car Drivers School should be carried out in relation to the expected formation of the divisional reconnaissance battalions and to the requirements of CC.RR. armoured car units.

2. - It follows, therefore, that the objects of the school are as follows -

a) - CC.RR.; Training of instructors and familiarizing the CC.RR. with the driving of armoured cars;

- In particular :

- For Officers and NCOs of the CC.RR. : instruction of a tactical nature relative to the employment of armoured car units (limited to police duties); general instruction of a technical nature on the functioning of the armoured cars on issue;
- For the CC.RR.; instructional courses on the driving and practical employment of individual armoured cars, including instruction on the armament and signals apparatus which make up standard installation on the said armoured cars.

b) - Personnel for the reconnaissance battalions:

a) - Battalion commanders and all company commanders:

General technical instruction on the constitution of armoured car units, on their functioning and employment. Tactical instruction on the employment of recon battalions and on the co-ordination of the various elements of which there are composed (armoured car companies, tracked vehicle companies, carrier companies, supporting arms companies).

b) - Officers for the armoured car companies:

Technical instruction on the functioning, driving and employment of armoured cars, including instruction on armament and signals apparatus. Tactical instruction on the employment of the individual armoured car company and in co-operation with the other formations comprising the recon battalion.

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c) - Other Ranks of the armoured car companies:

NCOs:

Technical instruction on the functioning and driving of armoured cars and the armament and signals equipment. Tactical instruction on the employment of armoured car squadrons and platoons.

Other Ranks:

Instruction of armoured car drivers, armourers and W/Ops.

3. } As a result of such programme, the whole recruit contingent intended for armoured car units would have to be drafted to the Armoured Car Drivers School of Tordei Quinto, for their advanced training of eight weeks duration. The advanced training of the NCOs and Other Ranks comprising tracked vehicle units, carrier companies, and supporting arms companies would have to be carried out as follows:
- Platoon and Squadron Commanders: at the Infantry School (Tactics Section and Weapons Sections):
 - Specialists for the driving of tracked vehicles and for supporting arms technique: at the School of Infantry (Tracked Vehicle Section and Vehicle Section):
 - Other Ranks: At the CARs (whole of advanced training programme laid down for the infantry).
4. - With regard to the works programme for the fitting out of the Tor di Quinto school, it can be taken that the school will be in a position to function at the beginning of next June. Therefore, the draft of recruits intended for armoured car units can be sent there at such period, i.e. after also completed a month of advanced training (basic infantry) at the CARs.
- 5.- We await the opinions of your Mission before issuing the necessary instructions.

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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SUBJECT: Armoured Car School.

Land Forces Sub Comm AG
(R.M.I.A.)
RMS
TRG/26/7

6 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your 2488/R/1 of 8 April 46.

1. With regard to training of O.C.R. personnel this HQ is in agreement with your para 2 (a).
2. With regard to your para 2a(a) and (b) we are in agreement with the proposals for instruction to Bn and Coy Comds.
3. With regard to your para 2 (c) Other ranks.
It appears that the technical side of signalling procedure will be taught. This departs from the procedure adopted viz a viz signallers from other Arms, all of whom receive their elementary instruction at the Signal School.
4. Your para 3. All agreed.
But it may be necessary to organise a short course for personnel destined for carrier and lorried Companies. This will be especially important if equipment is short in the actual recon regts.
5. We would draw your attention to the absolute necessity for all ranks up to and including the Bn Comds, having a working knowledge of wireless procedure. It will also be necessary to have a number of very highly trained signal officers and HQs in each Bn.
6. This HQ is therefore of the opinion that the technical side of signal trg should be done at the Signal School and that at the Arm'd Car School there should be a Signal Section with the task of instructing all students, including officers, in wireless procedure, and familiarising them with Bn wireless equipment.
7. May we please have your views on this suggestion.

TRG M.M.I.
File: T G/26/7.
Date: 2/6/5.

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Major General,
R. M. I. A.

SUBJECT: ARMED CAR COURSE.

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC(MIA)

→ TRG/26/7

3 April 46

TO : 12 BLU.

Ref our TRG/26/7. dated 12 April 46.

Can your reply to this letter now be expedited.

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

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TRG M. M. I.
File : TRG/20/1
Date: 2/3/5

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Translation

From M. of W.
To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 2042/R/9

Date 27/3/46.

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Subject Carrier Driver Courses.

Reply to TRG/26/7 dated 19/3/46. *See F 31*

I - We agree with the opinion expressed by your mission for the carrying out of 4 Staghound carrier driving courses for 160 CC.RR. pupils, subdivided in batches each of 40 pupils.

Commencement of the courses: respectively the 1^o - 8 - 15
22 of April 1946.

Locality: Tor di Quinto Alta.

Duration of each course : 1 week.

2 - Executive orders will be issued immediately, warning that personnel detailed to attend the courses will be chosen from carabinieri pupils already in possession of a truck driving licence.

Due to the short space of time allotted to the program of the course it will be limited to driving and carrier maintenance only.

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See F. 18
G. Liuzzi.

TO SEE
GSO I <i>He</i>
GSO II (Sch) <i>He</i>
GSO III (Sch) <i>He</i>

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/7
Date: <i>2/4</i>

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Armoured Car School
TO : M.M.I.A. (Col. Mediam)

REF: 03/8
DATE: 21/3/46

SUBJECT: Report on conclusion of course.

We forward herewith the enclosed report and classification of the pupils of the Armoured Car Course.

sgd. Guzzinati
Lt. Col.

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



see F.308 349 41

TRG M. M. I. A.	
File	26/7
Date	R/1/4

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TRANSLATION1st Armoured Car CourseReport on conclusion of course

Cesano 21/3/46

81 men attended the course

17 were eliminated as unsuitable.

The following completed the course:

	Senior Os	2
Cavalry	Junior Os	27
	N.C.Os	2
R.R.C.C.	Junior Os	12
	N.C.Os	21
	Total	64

List of the classifications gained by the underlisted Cavalry personnel:

N°	Rank	Name	Classification	N°
				517

For N° 1 to 28 please refer to original letter.

Nº	Rank	Name	Classification	Notes
29	2nd Lt.	Giacobelli Sergio		
30	"	Marotta Alfonso		
31	"	Silesu Fausto		Did not qualify for a first class licence because - in view of the brevity of the course and lack of vehicles - were unable to take driving instruction on vehicles with normal gear change. Good drivers of Staghounds (which have automatic gear change) but were unable to qualify for 2nd class licence not being in possession of 1st class licence.

N.B. It would be advisable if the Os, on the completion of the Course were posted to the M.T. Section of their respective Divisions for practical completion of training.

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sgd. Guzzinati

Director of the Course

TRANSLATIONREPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 1st CAR COURSE

The Course only partly attained the objects which were planned, because of various reasons - certainly not for lack of good will on the part of the pupils.
The reasons are as follows:

1) Nothing had been ordered in advance or organised in any way for the commencement of the Course and very little has been done during its development, to remedy the initial deficiencies.

2) Deficiencies of stores and instructors

a) At 2 intervals, during the Course, a considerable quota of pupils were taken away to withdraw armoured cars from Bologna, thus being absent for several days.

On their return the pupils themselves had to see all the works of maintenance, washing down and supplies - fetching and returning the vehicles to a distant garage.

This is Work which should have been carried out by appropriate personnel, both for morale reasons and in order to be able to devote the short time to more useful employment.

b) The vehicles arrived half-way through the course in a deplorable condition (maintenance had obviously not been carried out for months); batteries run down, starter motors unserviceable, wireless unserviceable, engines out of order - due to neglect of an English N.C.O. one Dingo arrived unserviceable.
Consequently it was only possible to use a part of the vehicles during the Course.

The efforts made by the pupils to maintain in a serviceable condition vehicles which were difficult and entirely new to them, were laudable - effecting maintenance personally and feeling their way forward in view of the lack of specialised instructors and illustrated hand-books.

The fact that ~~had~~ not the slightest incident occurred during the

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Course is testimony ~~to~~ the good will and care taken of the stores. The vehicles at Cesano were parked in a courtyard, in the open and without even one man of the staff to whom they could be handed over.

c) The lack of a sectionalised vehicle or even a chart meant ~~that~~ the Course was completed without that complete technical knowledge being gained - necessary at least for those pupils who will have to be instructors.

These deficiencies can be avoided at Tor di Quinto as soon as we have the translated hand-books.

The five English NCOs assigned to the Course by M.M.I.A. were not specialists, therefore not in a position to act as instructors.

The English hand-books, regarding the technical characteristics of the armoured cars arrived at the end of the Course, still in the original English version; therefore they were of little use.

d) The radios commenced to function efficiently only in the last week of the Course, after the arrival of an Italian wireless mechanic N.C.O. who knew how to make them serviceable. Despite this, the intense training carried out in the last few days resulted in satisfactory tests in the exercise of radio command.

3) Weapons and fire -

Two firing lessons have been carried out.

One on fixed firing rests, one on mobile rests. The ammo. at our disposal permitted of the firing of 6 shots of 37mm per pupil, and 650 on the various machine guns.

The results (in view of the intense preliminary training and the sound technical preparation) were really good.

On the whole the pupils have gained ~~the~~^a satisfactory knowledge and practical experience of the new weapons (which, actually, are very simple).

4) Tactics - The Cavalry pupils, in particular, have shown themselves to be sufficiently trained.

It would have been desirable if, over and above the large amount of theory which had to be taught due to lack of vehicles ⁵¹¹ had been possible to carry out more tactical exercises in order to perfect the details of employment.

It is considered however that the pupils (engine technical side ~~was~~ apart) have reached the standard of being able to lead the personnel of the new reconnaissance units in a satisfactory manner.

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5) C.C.R.K. - It is essential that CCRK personnel who are appointed to attend the course have at least a theoretical preparation on M.T. Subjects - otherwise too much time is necessary to instruct them in the engine of the Staghound in addition to creating difficulties in the practical development of the Course.

6) Accommodation of the Os Cadets at Cesano was unsuitable and not always hygienic - water was sometimes off 3 or even 5 days. Meals, in quantity and cooking, - but above all in preparation - were uncomfortably served and, consequently, source of arguments, criticism and bad feeling. ~~And~~ these living conditions the officers and N.C. Os were more than ever encouraged to give way to natural negligence.

Conclusions

In order not to repeat the same mistakes, it would be advisable if the second Course were not commenced until there is a possibility of organising living conditions, premises, vehicles and personnel in such a way as to permit of a proper development of said course. I would propose a duration of 8 weeks in order to give possibilities of ~~the~~ effecting a better development of practical tactical exercises, something which is not possible without having first gained a minimum knowledge of the possibilities of the vehicles.

sgd. Guzzinati

Lt. Col.

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SUBJECT: Courses - Armoured Car School

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

TRG/26/7

22 Mar 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to our letter TRG/26/7 of 19 Mar 46.

1. It has been suggested that the recruits at present nearing completion of their course in ROME are perhaps too young for training as drivers of Armoured Cars.
2. It is therefore requested that reference to them in paragraph 2 of the above quoted letter be considered cancelled and that selection of suitable personnel at the rate of 40 per week be made from Local Legions.
3. The first 40 trainees should be ready to begin their training on Apr 1st.

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Internal
CC.RR Sec

File TRG/28/3

Major-General,
MMIA.

SUBJECT: Courses - Armoured Car School

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MHA)

TRG/26/7

19 Mar 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 1601/R/9 Add of 9 Mar 46.

1. This HQ is in agreement with the contents of your letter. On completion of the 1st course at CIESANO the students will be required to proceed to BOLOGNA to take over and drive back to CIESANO a further consignment of Armoured Cars at present awaiting collection at OARE Italian Workshops BOLOGNA.
2. In view of the likely issue of Staghound Armoured Cars to the CC.RR in the near future it will be necessary to run courses for drivers during the month of April.
It is therefore recommended that commencing 1st April 46 four courses of 1 weeks duration be run for 40 CC.RR recruits each course selected from the 1,200 recruits nearing the completion of their course in ROME. It is of course essential that personnel selected are experienced in driving heavy vehicles. Should it be found impossible to select 160 recruits with this qualification it is recommended that the balance be found from CC.RR units.
3. May we please have your views on the contents of paragraph 2 at an early date.

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Internal

CC.RR Sec (Ref conversation Maj SYMES - Maj CHRISTIE).

Copy to :- File TRG/26/3

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 1601/R/9 Add.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 9.3.46

SUBJECT: Armoured car drivers course.

In response to verbal request from Major Bauman.

1. - The 1st. armoured car drivers course will finish at Cesano di Roma on the 20th. inst. The personnel who are found to be suitable as instructors will be posted to the permanent staff of the Armoured Car Drivers School which is being formed. Excess personnel will be held pending for the staffing of the divisional reconnaissance battalions.
2. - This S.M. proposes to carry out the subsequent courses with following procedure:
 - a) - subdivide the personnel attending the course into two sections:
 - 1st.: personnel required for the training and staffing of the armoured car companies which are being formed for the recce. battalions;
 - 2nd.: CC.RR personnel required for training on armoured cars.
 - b) - Personnel attending each course:
 - Cavalry:
 - 1 Senior officer - 5 Captains - 5 subalterns - 20 NCOs.
 - CC.RR:
 - 1 Senior officer - 10 Junior officers - 20 NCOs.
 - c) - Duration of each course:
 - 7 - 8 weeks, according to the degree of preparation of the attending personnel.
 - d) - Commencement of the 2nd. course: as far as can be seen, the last third of April next, i.e., in relation to the progress of the works shortly to be commenced at Tor di Quinto.
3. - Programme of the courses:
 - style and technique of the armoured cars on issue;
 - theoretical and practical instruction in the employment of the armoured car units in the battle drill of the divisional reconnaissance battalions;
 - practice with the communications and armament of the armoured car;

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- practical instruction on ground and the use of maps.
- 4. - We await your Mission's decisions for the issuing of the orders relative to the commencement of the 2nd.course.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

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