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TRANSLATION

From: "M. of D.

Ref: 3374/R/3

To : See addressees
I.L.P.B. for info.

Date: 22 May 1947

Subject: 3rd series of addenda and corrigenda to circular
n. 8380/R/3 dated 25 December 1945 of SME on the
subject: "Training of Recruits for 1947".

Please make the following additions and
amendments to circular referred to above.

- I Part:

Page 2 - n. 3

After the last para "the ORs of pigeon section
etc....."
add the following:
"The drivers to be assigned to the permanent ^{establishment} ~~base~~ of the Inf,
Arty, Engineer and Signals schools should possess civilian
driving licences".

- II Part:

Page 12 - 1st para

After "jurisdiction" add: "excluded those for
the permanent establishment of the Infantry School".

letter b). Under the heading "trainees admin corporals",
insert: "drivers and motor-cyclists for the permanent
establishment of the Inf. School".

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Page 25 - 3rd para.

To the M.T. units of the Military Territorial Commands. After "Inf. Bde" add: "excluded those for the permanent establishment of the Arty School".

5th para.

To units. Under the heading "drivers" insert: "drivers and motor-cyclists for the permanent establishment of the Arty School".

Page 27 - 4th para.

To the M.T. units of the Military Territorial Commands. After "Inf. Bde", add: "excluded those for the permanent cadre of the Engineer School".

5th para:

Under the heading "engineers not specialised etc" insert drivers for the permanent establishment of the Engineers School".

Page 29 - 5th para:

To the M.T. units of the Military Territorial Commands:

- where it is said "Inf. Divisions" alter to "Inf. Divisions or Brigades".
- After "Inf. Bde" add: "excluded those for the permanent establishment of the Signals School".

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Under the heading "storomen" insert: "drivers and motor-cyclists for the permanent establishment of the Signals School".

- III Part - Table C.

Heading - second line:

After the words "advanced training" insert "and of specialisation".

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Date: 2.6.48

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Gen.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 2427/R/3.

TO: See addressees
I.L.F.B. for info.

DATE: 12 April 1947. (1)

SUBJECT:- Courses for machine-gunners and mortar crews at C.A.R.s.

Further to circular 8380/R/3/Add of 25 December 1946.

1. Beginning with the batch of recruits of the 1st four months of the 1926 class, the specialised training for machine-gunners and mortar crews will be carried out at the C.A.R.s instead of at the Infantry School.

For this purpose recruits selected for specialised training at the end of the preliminary training will be formed at each C.A.R. into one company.

2. Personnel to be given specialised training at each C.A.R. are shown in attachment 1.

In view of the non-availability of firing ranges, the training in question:

will not be carried out by 1st C.A.R.;
at 7th C.A.R. will be restricted to machine-gunners only.

In consequence - partially amending the instructions referred to in circular 8380/R/3 of 25 December 1946 - part II - table A - letter B and part III - table A - until instructions to the contrary are received, on the first day of advanced training the 1st and 7th C.A.R.s will send to the C.A.R.s shown in attachment 2 the number of personnel shown in same attachment.

In an accompanying letter, the 1st and 7th C.A.R.s will inform the receiving C.A.R.s of the corps and units to which the personnel of the squads will be sent at the end of specialised training.

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GSO 3 TRG	
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3. The training of machine-gunners and mortar crews at C.A.R.s will be carried out in 12 weeks consisting:

a first 4 weeks of advanced training;
a remaining 8 weeks of specialised training.

The last four weeks laid down for specialised training will include the period allotted for reorganisation and for the intake of the subsequent batch of recruits to the C.A.R.s.

In consequence, the reorganisation of material and teaching equipment needed for the courses in question will be arranged during the preliminary period.

4. Training programmes: in course of printing, to complete the pamphlet "Programmes for the training of recruits at C.A.R.s for 1947".
5. Instructors: will be drawn from the offrs. and N.C.O.s who have attended the courses for the machine-gunners and mortar crews at the Infantry School.
6. Arms and Ammunition: those assigned by the Artillery General Directorate in circulars 7900/1813 and 9615/4050 dated 20 February last, except that equal distribution is to be made by this S.M. in consequence of the greater number of recruits to be trained by some C.A.R.s.
7. We beg you to make the additions and amendments, shown in attachment 3, to a/m circular 8380, as a consequence of the instructions issued in this circular.

sgd LIUZZI
Gen.

R.A.G.

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Date:	16-5-47.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293613 / 23

Ref : BLU/352

16 November '46

Subject : Report on recruits ex CAR.

To : H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Ref. your TRG/27 of 10 Sept. '46.

1. Herewith reports received from HQ. 7 Territorial Command and from HQ. "POLCORE" Division on recruits received from CAR.
2. These reports have been translated from the Italian and are somewhat lengthy but have been left as near the original as possible in order not to change the meaning in any way.

TRG M.M.I.A.
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Date: 12.12.46

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H. V. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II
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REPORT BY 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND ON THE FIRST BATCH OF
RECRUITS FROM C.A.R.s. (2nd and 3rd Batches of 1924 class)

This report concerns the first batch of 1924 class recruits, who have arrived to Units from C.A.R.s to carry out their second period of training. These comments are made as a result of a summary examination of recruits received by Units under 7 Territorial Command. Final conclusions will be drawn at the end of their years training when it will be possible to ascertain the results of the new system of call up and training.

1. Numbers of recruits.

Full particulars of numbers of recruits arrived to Units in 7 Terr. comd. is given at Appendices 1 and 2. There is a deficiency of approx 25% between the numbers assigned by the S.M.E. and those actually arrived. This is caused by losses of recruits during their C.A.R training through various reasons, consequently the number arriving do not fill the expected 33% of the W.E. In addition, on the arrival of these recruits a number were allotted to Headquarter Staffs and Services which depleted the number available for field units which are under strength to function efficiently.

2. Quality of recruits.

Physical condition generally good. A small percentage with minor physical defects e.g. 1% of recruits of "FOLGORE" Div. have varicose veins in the testicles.

There is a high percentage of illiterates amongst these recruits, approx percentages are given below :-

From C.A.R - PALERMO	27 %	illiterates.
" C.A.R - BARI	20 %	"
" C.A.R - AVELLINO	15 %	"
" C.A.R - MODENA	5 %	"

This low intellectual level of recruits, especially those from the South, makes difficult the selection of specialist personnel and NCO cadets.

Discipline is generally good although there were a few cases of ^{32.5} ~~32.5~~ during transit.

Morale is fairly good.

3. Training standard reached with C.A.R.s.

Soldiers arriving at units have different standards of training depending on the C.A.R.s they come from. In general those arriving from Northern C.A.R.s are better than those from the South. To remedy this disparity in training it has been necessary for units to use periods allotted to higher training in order to reach a uniform standard of recruit training.

4. Uniform and equipment.

Generally in poor condition. The old type Italian Khaki uniform is made of poor material and is not wearing well.

A large number of boots is worn out. There is a remarkable difference in the types of clothing issued.

5. Comments.

The training of the first contingent of recruits at C.A.R.s met with

25% between the numbers assigned by the Government and those actually reported. This is caused by losses of recruits during their CAR training through various reasons, consequently the number arriving do not fill the expected 33% of the W.E. In addition, on the arrival of these recruits a number were allotted to Headquarters Staffs and Services which depleted the number available for field units which are under strength to function efficiently.

2. Quality of recruits.

Physical condition generally good. A small percentage with minor physical defects e.g. 1% of recruits of "POLONE" Div. have varicose veins in the testicles.

There is a high percentage of illiterates amongst these recruits, approx percentages are given below :-

From CAR - PIEMONTE	27 %	illiterates.
" CAR - BARI	20 %	"
" CAR - AVELLINO	15 %	"
" CAR - MODENA	5 %	"

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A large number of boots is worn out. There is a remarkable difference in the types of clothing issued.

5. Comments.

The training of the first contingent of recruits at CARs met with considerable difficulties owing to imperfect organization of the centres, inexperienced instructors, political events such as elections which diverted the attention of recruits from their normal training. As these causes have now been rectified it is considered that future training standards will be better.

Moreover the system of recruiting from all over the country adopted for the last calling up will permit of a more adequate distribution of the quality of recruits to the various units.

Appendix "1"

RECRUITS OF 1924 CLASS (2nd and 3rd lot)ARRIVED TO 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND
FLORENCE

7 Inf. Regt. - 7 C.A.R. - Engineers - Medical Unit - Services Unit.

Corp	Estimated arrivals	Actually arrived	Deficiencies		Remarks
			Number	Percentage	
Infantry	1240	946	294	24 %	
Artillery	20	17	3	15 %	
Engineers	87	57	30	35 %	
Medical	133	110	23	17 %	
Supply	43	43	-	-	
Vet. Branch	11	8	3	27 %	

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Appendix "2"

RECRUITS OF 1924 CLASS (2nd and 3rd lot)ARRIVED TO "FOLGORE" DIV. UP TO 15/8/46

Corp	Estimated arrivals	Actually arrived	Deficiencies		Remarks
			Number	Percentage	
Infantry	1766	1305	461	28 %	
Artillery	478	305 (1)	173		
Engineer	309	66 (1)	263		
M.T.	224	104 (1)	120		
Medical	130	129	1		
Supply	21	20	1	5 %	

(1) The number of recruits who are carrying out specialist courses at the Central Schools, is not yet known.

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"PERSONNEL DIVISION III"

Ref: 2005/3.1.1.1.1.1.1.

15 August 1946

Subject: Report on the first batch of recruits received from CARs

GENERAL

The arrival of the first batch of recruits from CARs, who had completed their first period of training, gives the chance to examine objectively the new system of enlistment and training, so that this system may be improved.

This system having to function quickly, will duly fulfill its purpose if the programme is strictly adhered to as regards time available and training periods to be carried out.

It is remarked that the standards reached are better than expected in spite of:

- low morale in which the new organization started to work.
- difficulties in organization, owing to the situation of the Nation and especially of the Military organization.
- the fact that the CARs had to start work with a new training system, incomplete equipment, accommodation, and ranges.

This is a clear demonstration of the vitality of the military organization.

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1. REMARKS CONCERNING THE FIRST BATCH OF RECRUITS

The batch of recruits must be examined separately in the various arms, as they have carried out different training.

c) - INFANTRY

(1) There is a marked difference of quality and training among the recruits of the various CARs. The batch of recruits can be classified as follows:

1st	CAR MADRID
2nd	CAR COCO
3rd	CAR AVILLES

There is not much difference between the recruits coming from MADRID (INFANTRY DISTRICTS) and those from COCO (LIGERIA, PENNSYLVANIA, LOUISIANA Districts)

There is a difference between the a/m and those received from CAR

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Subject: Report on the first batch of recruits

CARACAS

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1. PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FIRST BATCH OF RECRUITS

The batch of recruits must be examined separately in the various arms, as they have carried out different training.

a) - INFANTRY

- (1) There is a marked difference of quality and training among the recruits of the various CARs. The batch of recruits can be classified as follows:

1st	CAR MONTA
2nd	CAR COLO
3rd	CAR MONTA

There is not much difference between the recruits coming from MONTA (MONTA DISTRICTS) and those from COLO (COLO DISTRICTS).

The marked difference is between the 1st and those received from CAR MONTA.

The following counts ~~are~~ ^{are} to be made. Physical conditions were generally good but the following physical defects were noted.

- 1st with malaria,
- 1st with light varicose veins of the testicles,
- 1st recruits with heart diseases
- (2 were sent to the Hos ital)
- 2 with zitter,
- 1 with venereal diseases,
- 3 with flat feet

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This shows the necessity of a more careful selection in future call-ups. Previously the idea was to recruit as many men as possible within a class.

The rather high number of various veins of the testicles, arouses the suspicion that, during the training carried out at the QARs the physical efforts are made too quickly instead of progressively.

(ii) Cultural conditions.

The number of illiterates seem to be too high ^{Considering} the large choice in respect of the small numbers to be called up:

	illiterate	limited culture
QAR of AVILLINO	15	54
QAR of MONTEA	54	14
QAR of QARUC	0	14

This high percentage (which is repeated also among the recruits received by the Artillery), shows that the selection is based essentially on physical qualities, a factor in opposition to the new system of recruiting and training.

Owing to the large number of specialists needed and to the system of training, by short courses, we must give the greatest importance to the intellectual qualities.

Owing to the small numbers being called up, we must ensure that the selection is made honestly, both intellectual and physical qualities being taken into consideration.

The limited importance, given to this policy, is one of the more important reasons which are weakening the efficiency of the QARs and schools and will have noted repercussions on the efficiency of the units and Regts.

In the new organization, it would be really important to change the army regulations on the enlistment of the temporary Officers, in order to introduce - as before the world war 14-18 and also to-day in many studies - a lot of well educated people among QARs, so to increase the ⁵²³¹ the HQs and specialists.

(iii) Discipline and Morale

During these first days, there have not been many disciplinary offences. The disciplinary level is generally good but notably lower among the recruits received from the QAR of AVILLINO. We are receiving now from the QARs, some statements concerning absences without leave, and when the new soldiers become more accustomed to the military life, more disciplinary offences will appear. In spite of the environment in which the recruits lived before being called to the QARs, the results are very surprising satisfactory.

The morale is good. Everybody seems to be proud to be assigned to the "MOLLORE" Division and particularly to "MOLLO" and "GARIBOLDI" Regts. The political propaganda does not appear to have had much influence on these new soldiers, who have a good impression of the name of the "MOLLORE".

(iv) Absences without leave while moving from the QARs.

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The number of illiterate seems to be too high. The large choice in respect of the small numbers to be called up:

	illiterate	limited culture
CAR of AVELLINO	15%	2%
CAR of LECORNA	20%	1%
CAR of CUNEO	0%	1%

This high percentage (which is remained also among the recruits received by the AVELLINO), shows that the selection is based essentially on physical qualities, a factor in opposition to the new system of recruiting and training. Owing to the large number of specialists needed and to the system of training, by short courses, we must give the greatest importance to the intellectual qualities. Owing to the small numbers being called up, we must ensure that the selection is made honestly, both intellectual and physical qualities being taken into consideration. The limited importance, given to this policy, is one of the more important reasons which are weakening the efficiency of the CARs and schools and will have noted repercussions on the efficiency of the units and Hqs. In the new organization, it would be really important to change the regulations on the enlistment of the temporary officers, in order to introduce - as before the world war 14-18 and also to-day - 52% of the a lot of well educated people among CARs, so to increase the ROOs and specialists.

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(iv) Absences without leave while moving from the CARs.

A limited number among the recruits of the CARs of LECORNA and CUNEO, more among those of the CAR of AVELLINO.

(v) Clothing

The khaki uniform issued - old fashion - has been manufactured with very bad material, especially for the recruits arrived from CUNEO. No uniformity in issue and in number of equipment allotted. (CAR of CUNEO has not issued shorts).

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Boots are in very bad condition, and most of them had to be changed. This situation gives rise to the feeling that the men changed them while on leave (in future it will be necessary to mark boots in such a way as to make it impossible to sell them).

Distribution of clothing items and the care of keeping up to date personnel clothing lists (part of recruits were supplied with these lists, and other forms) must be of the strictest accuracy for the future in order to ensure uniformity and possibility of control on men who being subject to frequent postings, may very easily lose or sell their clothing.

On the other hand the possibility of substitution within corps will diminish gradually especially when the new uniforms are issued and the small reserves, the result of previous economy, are finished.

Up to date no military soldiers have reported with clothing of the new type. No recruit has been supplied with winter clothing.

(vi) Training.

Appendix 1 shows training actually performed in the various CDRs as it was possible to deduce from questions asked to recruits and from the standard of training shown by them during this short period of assignment to units. The differences among the results of various CDRs, are particularly noticeable as regards training: generally it can be said that whilst the CDR of JOMMIA and CDRMO reached - as far as programme - satisfactory results, the CDR of AVSTENNO remained at a notably lower level.

This caused recruits to recommence, for all recruits from the degree reached by the CDR which had the lowest level.

This difference in training standards - besides occupying the time necessary for carrying out the normal programme in order to reach the standard of having every recruit at the same training degree - caused some trouble in the re-appointment of NCOs and specialists owing to the fact that several recruits re-appointed by the CDR of AVSTENNO are at an inferior degree in comparison of those not re-appointed of CDRs of JOMMIA and CDRMO.

This inconvenience is easily arranged by units as far as NCOs are concerned, but there will be no arrangement possible for specialists who were sent to the courses directly by CDRs.

(b) ARTILLERY.

(i) Artillery recruits show no difference from those of the Infantry owing to the fact that after the short period to the CDRs they were sent to schools.

(ii) Physical condition, discipline and morale

Generally similar to infantry recruits.

A notable number of military illiterate who are affecting the artillery much more than the infantry owing to the larger number of specialists required (about 50% of W.B.).

(iii) Clothing.

Recruits were supplied with:

CDR of CDRMO: K.D. and one wool grey green uniform
" " JOMMIA: 1 uniform wool grey green, one wool dark green uniform
" " AVSTENNO: 1 uniform wool grey green, one wool dark green uniform

Up to date no military soldiers have reported with clothing of the new type. No recruit has been supplied with winter clothing.

(vi) Training.

Appendix 1 shows training actually performed in the various GARs as it was possible to deduce from questions asked to recruits and from the standard of training shown by them during this short period of assignment to units. The differences among the results of various GARs, are particularly noticeable as regards training; generally it can be said that whilst the GAR of AVAILING and CHINDO reached - as far as programme - satisfactory results, the GAR of AVAILING remained at a notably lower level. This caused recruits to recommence ^{training} at all recruits from the degree reached by the GAR which had the lowest level. This difference in training standards - besides occupying the time necessary for carrying out the normal programme in order to reach the standard of having every recruit at the same training degree - caused some trouble in the unappointed of MOOs and specialists owing to the fact that several recruits pre-appointed by the GAR of AVAILING are at an inferior degree in comparison of those not pre-appointed of GARs of MODRA and CHINDO. This inconvenience is easily arranged by units as far as MOOs are concerned, but there will be no arrangement possible for specialists who were sent to the courses directly by GARs.

(v) ARTILLERY.

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(ii) Physical condition, discipline and morale

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(iii) Clothing.

Recruits were supplied with:

- GAR of CHINDO: I.D. and one wool grey given uniform
- " " MODRA: 1 uniform wool grey given, one wool dark green uniform
- " " AVAILING: 1 I.D. one wool grey given, one wool dark green uniform

The difference of recruits other than Infantry is due to their short period at GARs and to the fact that GARs did not forward to Central Schools khaki uniforms supplied to them from time to time.

For the same reason the following issues were not made: -

- shorts
- socks
- undershirts
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- Boots, in bad condition.

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(iv) Training.

Gun crew. A good standard reached on gun drill particularly gun crews of 82mm. Training level of anti aircraft and anti tank crews was slightly in arrears, and is to be attributed to the more difficult training of these gun crews.

Individual training standard was lower than that reached by Infantry recruits. Good training in all arms, less satisfactory that with out arms. No training had been carried out on T.S.E.

(v) Specialists.

Signals. 27 recruits were allotted on paper but only 8 actually arrived. It is not possible therefore at the moment to pass any comment.

Artificers

Only 7 out of 12 allotted on paper actually arrived because the rest were sent to Army Directorate of M.C. RCM and to other organisations of the Min. of War.

Only part of them had reached the standard fit for the course and so the artillery requirements of 8 will not be satisfied.

(c) ENGINEERS.

- (i) Only 85 recruits out of 200 arrived. It is not therefore possible to make any comment. The arrival of the remainder is foreseen when courses at Specialists Schools finish. These irregular arrivals, some notified and some not, make a continuous planned training programme within the bn. very difficult.

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2. SYSTEM OF RECRUITING AND GENERAL TRAINING.

- (a) The following imperfections were found in the new recruiting system 5289

- These were inevitable at the start and will remedy themselves others are due to the system itself.
- Instructors are without teaching experience necessary to teach the new regulations.
- Training material was not complete or arrived to GAs with delay.
- Training stores (ammunition, targets and firing ranges etc), not complete. Some GAs are located in areas not fit for tactical exercises.
- The delay of the enlistment and loss of time due to the elections will be eliminated improving the organization and with the strict enforcement of keeping exactly the programme the indispensable uniformity of training will be reached.
- A serious disadvantage of the present system is the lack of volunteers signing on for periods longer than compulsory. This applies particularly to GAs and Schools.

The principal imperfections of the system are: -

- (i) The main

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recruits. Good training was carried out on T.M.

(v) Specialists.

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(c) REMARKS.

- (i) Only 35 recruits out of 204 arrived. It is not therefore possible to make any comment. The arrival of the remainder is foreseen when courses at Specialist Schools finish. These irregular arrivals, some notified and some not, make a continuous planned training programme within the M. very difficult.

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2. SYSTEM OF RECRUITING AND INITIAL TRAINING.

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- Instructors are without training experience necessary to teach the new regulations.
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 - Training stores (ammunition, targets and firing ranges etc), not complete.
 - Some GIs are located in areas not fit for tactical exercises.
- The delay of the enlistment and loss of time due to the elections will be eliminated improving the organization and with the strict enforcement of keeping exactly the programme the indispensable uniformity of training will be reached.
- A serious disadvantage of the present system is the lack of volunteers signing on for periods longer than compulsory. This applies particularly to GIs and Schools.
- The principal imperfections of the system are:
- (i) The small number of men under training is not sufficient to fill the vacancies on the W/Ms of Units. In fact the recruits received only fill 1/3 of the W.M. and in some cases even less when recruits are posted to permanent staff of GCR and services.
- (ii) The periods allotted to training are not fully used owing to leave, postings etc.
- (iii) The deficiencies in instructors and permanent staff is jeopardising the situation. It is suggested that the following points should be taken into consideration to rectify the situation.

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(b) The number of soldiers received by units is insufficient to cover the "minimum" needs of the Units, and a permanent "minimum" of operational efficiency is not guaranteed. This was indeed one of the aims of J.A.I.s and schools. There is a noticeable difference (about 25%) between the number of recruits allotted by the S.I.I. and the number of recruits received by the Units, for instance 1766 infantry recruits were allotted by S.I.I., instead of which only 1400 actually arrived.

The training of WOCs, drivers and specialists within the Units, and specialists sent to the Schools, reduces, by 1/6 the number of soldiers available for the recruit's Bns., during the 2nd period of their training. For instance the recruit Bn. of the 1st Bn. Regt., must select about 500 men (WOCs, drivers and specialists) from a strength of about 640 men. The details of men selected are as follows: -

(i) In WOC cadre of 150 who will be trained in class for the 2nd period of Bn. training and to train the next batch of recruits.

(ii) 150 drivers (One Inf. Regt. has on charge 35 vehicles)

(iii) 76 men to be sent from the Regt. ~~to the~~ to the Schools for advanced training.

(iv) 50 assigned to the mortar Coy.

(v) 50 signallers carrying out the regimental Signal Course

After these commitments have been fulfilled only about 150 men are left available to carry out the programme of the second period of training. Therefore the problem, in practice is different from the theory, not only from the question of numbers but also from the point of view of the quality of recruits.

In fact, the Bns. who must choose 5/6 of the whole, cannot select the best men for WOCs and specialists but rather have to carry out the principle of eliminating the worst.

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(iii) solve the problem of the personnel necessary for the functioning of the Offices (typists, clerks, etc.) by a system which does not take away men who have just completed their training at OAR.

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- (ii) 150 Drivers (One Inf. Regt. has on charge 15 vehicles)
- (iii) 76 men to be sent from the Regt. to the Schools for advanced training.
- (iv) 60 assigned to the mortar Coy.
- (v) 50 signallers carrying out the regimental Signal Course

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Besides these temporary causes, leave periods have reduced the time for training. It is suggested that leave should be kept to an absolute minimum especially during the first training period.

(c) The shortages in the permanent cadres of CAs, Schools, and Units is due to the lack of volunteers signing on for a period longer than that compulsory. Such shortages oblige the units to take away from the normal training some recruits to be trained as MOOs, Clerks, Typists, etc. : this is due to the fact that having no specialisation available, they must train them during the second period, so as to enable the Units to function for a minimum of four months.

3. CONCLUSION.

The present system of the Italian Army, will not, presumably, be very much modified after the peace treaty is signed. It is therefore necessary, for the good of the country, to accept it as it stands. But while nothing or very little can be done to increase the numbers and the war efficiency of Units, very much can be done to obtain the best results from a training system exploited with Latin intelligence.

The preceding pages are a confirmation of collaboration in the common work for the reorganization of our Army, and can be briefly contained in the following conclusions :-

- 1) - The compulsory service of 12 months is sufficient only if the time is completely exploited and the programmes are strictly adhered to, especially during the second period.
- 2) - It is necessary to select the recruits not only regarding their physical qualities, but also regarding their intellectual qualities, which have a great importance in the modern methods and means of fighting.
- 3) - It is necessary to adopt a system of volunteer enlistment for a longer time than the compulsory, for the specialists and for all the who need a special training (typists, stenographers etc).
- 4) - Make plans for a gradual numerical increase for the improving of the Units of the Army (formation of motorised Unit - increase of Artillery - increase of Signal Units etc).
- 5) - Necessity of standardising the training system in all the CAs, wherever they are located by adopting a method which by keeping to the British training doctrine and argument is in keeping with the Italian temperament.

Sgt. GUIDO FALCIST
Gen. Commanding
"POLARIS" Div.

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Appendix to 1st

Type of Training	C.A.R. of CUNEO	C.A.R. of MODENA	C.A.R.
1. <u>P.T. AND SPORT</u> Exercises on wooden horse (jumps, vaults, races) Field P.T. If progressive? Sporting competitions	P.T. and bayonet training Jumps and races. NIL Body exercises progressive - The others not. Football on coy, Bn, & Regt. level	Same as CUENO " " " NIL Same as CUENO Volley ball, company competitions	Same as CUNEO Same as CUNEO NIL Same as CUNEO platoons foot
2. <u>DRILL</u> 3. <u>RIFLE FIRING</u> TENG FIAT EREN HAND GRENADES 36 2" MORTAR	As per programme 3 practices in closed range NIL. (2 practices with STEN. single rounds and automatic. 1 practice with 1 Bomb. 1 practice. Single shots: 2 prac- tices automatic at 200 yds. 1 - 2 lessons None	As per programme. Also Coy and Bn. drill 4 practices in closed range NIL. 4 practices with STEN. 1 practice (20 recruits per coy) needed 1 practice 30 yds 2 practices at 100 yds 1 practice with 1 grenade each 1 practice with smoke bomb	Same as MODENA 5 - 6 practice NIL. 2 practice NIL 1 practice 30 NIL Nil
4. <u>COMBAT THEORY Training</u> In various grounds? With tactical task? Have they learned the lesson well?	Only squad training, movement, attack, assault. Yes. Range prepared with enemy targets. Yes. Camouflage, taking cover, estimating distance. Yes. Lessons were well prepared	Only squad training. No. On parade ground On parade ground Not well learned.	Only squad t Same as CUNEO Same as CUNEO Have worked
5. <u>PUBLIC SECURITY TRAINING</u> a) what employment? b) alarm drill c) loading & unloading transport	Theory and 13 days of practice during elections. No No	Theory and 15 days of practice during elections. Some coys. No No	Theory and 18/ Fired at NAF No No
6. <u>REGULATIONS</u>	Barracks & discipline regulations complete	Same as CUNEO	Same as CUNEO
7. <u>MORALE</u>	As per programme	Same as CUNEO	Same as CUNEO
8. <u>HYGIENE</u>	As per programme	Same as CUNEO	Same as CUNEO
9. <u>FIELD WORKS</u> position for men & weapons	Only theory	Only theory	Theory : as
10. <u>WEAPON TRAINING</u>	as per programme	as per programme	same as CUNEO

Appendix to Lett 1793/S.M.

C.A.R. of CUNEO	C.A.R. of MODENA	C.A.R. of VVELINO
P.T. and bayonet training Jumps and races.	Same as CUNEO " " "	Same as CUNEO Same as CUNEO but with an assault course
NIL	NIL	NIL
Body exercises progressive - The others not.	Same as CUNEO	Same as CUNEO
Football on coy, Bn, + Regt. level	Volley ball, company competitions	Platoons football competitions
As per programme	As per programme. Also Coy and Bn. drill	Same as MODENA.
3 practices in closed range	4 practices in closed range	5 - 6 practices in closed range
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1 practice with 1 Bomb.	1 practice (20 recruits per coy) Modena	NIL
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1 - 2 lessons	1 practice with 1 grenade each	NIL
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Yes. Range prepared with enemy targets.	No. On parade ground	Same as CUNEO.
Yes. Camouflage, taking cover, estimating distance.	On parade ground	Same as CUNEO
Yes. Lessons were well prepared	Not well learned.	Have worked hard but learnt little.
Theory and 15 days of practice during elections.	Theory and 15 days of practice during elections. Some coys.	Theory and 18/20 days practice for elections.
No	No	Fired at NAPLES.
t No	No	No
Barracks & discipline regulations complete	Same as CUNEO	Same as CUNEO
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Only theory	Only theory	Theory : as for CUNEO
as per programme	as per programme	same as CUNEO

Subject:- Report on Recruits Ex-CAR

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575
G 5/4

28 Nov 46

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5 DEC 1946

To:- HQ, MMIA

Ref your TRG/27 dated 12 Nov.

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Major.
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TRANSLATION

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI PIAZZA "MANTOVA"
Ufficio Op. Inf.e Coll.

Ref. 01/4436

Varazze, 24 Oct 46

Subject:- Report on Recruits Ex-CARs (2nd & 3rd quarters - 1924)

To:- 2 B.L.U., GENOVA

Herebelow infm requested by your HQ with letter dated 4 Oct 46.

(a) Recruits in question have come from the following CARs:-

4 CAR	-	VERONA
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6 CAR	-	FESARO
10 CAR	-	AVELLINO

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Recruits definitely allotted are about 30% less than the number originally allotted, e.g. of an overall intake of 3,000 men only 2,100 have arrived.

(b) The average physical standard is satisfactory. The speedy recruitment process in some Military Districts has caused inconvenience, because men already put on training, due to the intense activity, have been found unsuitable. This is one of the causes by which recruits actually posted to the units, have not reached the number previously foreseen.

Recruits from the Northern Provinces have a satisfactory average culture, on the other hand the average for recruits coming from the South and the Islands is rather low with a certain percentage of illiterates.

In general, it will be rather difficult to choose from these recruits elements suitable for training as specialists.

It is thought that the selection policy when recruiting, at present based only on physical qualities, should, in the future, be broadened to include intellectual qualities too, in order to have more elements with a fair instruction (low school degree) for training as specialists and junior NCOs, in order to comply with the real exigencies and needs of a technical Army operating on a short service basis.

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Individual training has, on the whole, been good.

Squad training incomplete and different among the various CARs.

Knowledge of weapons is good.

Range training has not been completed by all CARs. This is mainly due to lack of time and amm. Range training has been undertaken again when the men have arrived at their regts.

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Theoretical instruction on rules and regulations have been completed in a hurry, and for this reason it has given poor results.

During training performed at the CARs certain conditions, which are very difficult to avoid, have influenced the training in an unfavourable manner. The principal causes are shown below:-

The incomplete organisation of the CARs being thrown out of joint by the first intake.

Deficiencies in WE of instructors at CARs.

The Regional recruiting system for the period to be trained at CAR. This encourages absence.

Low morale of recruits on call-up for military service.

Slackness and deficiencies in transport, which have substracted many days from the training.

(d) DISCIPLINE & TURNOVER

Generally discipline is satisfactory, also, in the initial phase of posting recruits ex-CARs to units, disciplinary acts have been noticed, this being mainly due to the big difference in comforts existing in CARs in relation to the very poor ones existing in units.

In consequence of a hurried training turn-out is not too good.

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Recruits reach regts clothed in various uniforms. Quality, shape, colour and degree of usage leave much to be desired.

The greater part of boots issued needed repairs and many of them were already worn out.

(f) Same considerations may be done upon the specialists coming from the various Schools, pointing out that, being the organisation of said Schools only on the very beginning, the training, on the whole, has given, poor results.

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By Order
The Chief of Staff
(A. FIGA, Major)

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : Addressees
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 7390/R/O

Date: 18/11/46

Subject: Calendar - programme for the training of
the batches recruits called up during 1947.

We forward herewith for your information and guidance
the calendar-programme for the training of the batches of recruits
called-up during 1947:

Operations	1st batch	2nd batch	3rd batch
Call-up	8-21 Jan.	5-24 May	1-19 Sept.
Commencement of preliminary training	27 January	26 May	22 September
End of preliminary training	1st March	28 June	25 October
Commencement of advanced training	3rd March	30 June	27 October
End of advanced training	26 April	23 August	20 December
Reorganisation at CARs	27/4 - 3/5	24 - 30/8	21 - 27/12

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Liuzzi
Gen. 5282

TO SEE
GSO I TRG
GSO II TRG
GSO III TRG
BGS
GSO I (SD)

TRG AM. AM. 1. 2.
File : TRG/ 27
Date: 25/11/46

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13/12/46

Branch To

See 4 take a copy of requirements

SUBJECT :- Recruits (1st call up) ex 9 C.A.R.

9 British Liaison Unit
BAPU

Ref :- 5/5/1.

13th Nov 1946

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(L.F.S.A.)

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I have investigated the points raised in the report as shown in annex attached.

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Julian

(JULIAN) Major,
Comd 9 BLU. 5281

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 27
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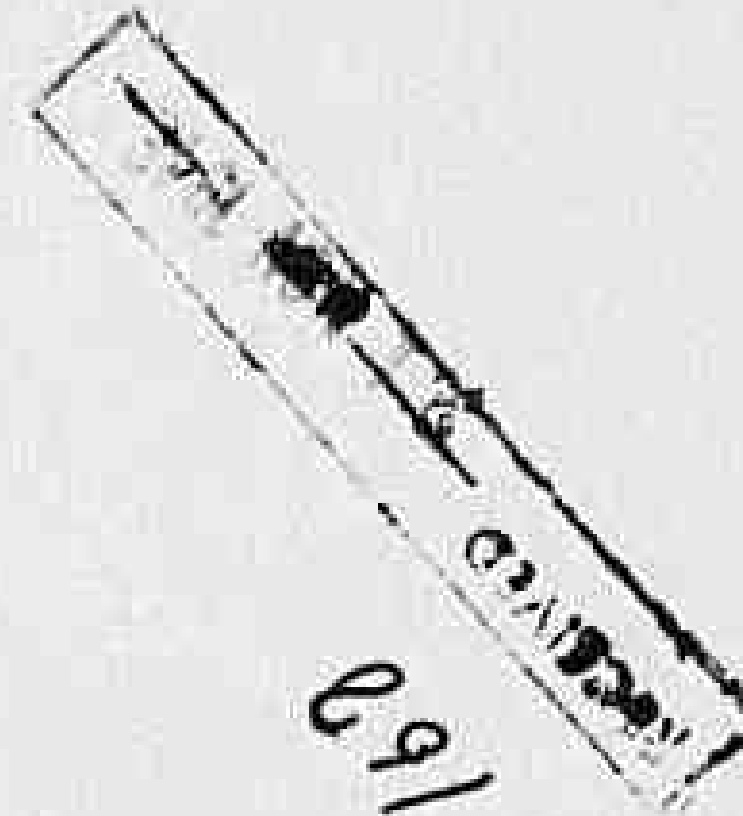
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ATTN to 9 DIV letter
dated 15 Nov 1946

All references relate to Lerrano Div report.

1. Part A

(a) Para 3

30% deficiency in number of recruits
joining Div is attributed to :-

- (a) 12% by wastage on account of medical rejects.
- (b) 18% by absence from end-of-course leave of whom the majority eventually reached the Division. The position was aggravated by the fact that the majority of recruits came from local areas.

This high rate of absence should not occur as recruits of second call up come from distant ports, and end-of-course leave is not being granted.

(b) Para 4(b)
and 5 (a)

The low physical and intelligence level is stated to have been partly due to bad selection by district recruiting offices, which is being remedied; and partly to the general lower standards found in this part of Italy, from which recruits of the first call up were drawn.

(c) Para 5(b)

The following remarks relate to trg :- **5280**

- (a) Inexperience of instructors which has shown improvement.
- (b) Lower standard of recruits already mentioned.
- (c) Loss of trg time during the period of the June referendum when recruits were used for I.S. duties.

(d) Para 7

Deficiencies in clothing and eqpt of recruits is stated to have been due to causes beyond local control.

The present position is better.

(e) Para 8

The system for selection of recruits for trg as

1. Part A

(a) Para 3

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(e) ~~6~~ Para 8

The present position is better.
The system for selection of recruits for trg as specialists has been improved. In addition the better type of recruits coming from the North should improve the position so far as this C.A.R. is affected.

2. Parts B and C

Owing to the short period spent at the C.A.R. by engr and arty recruits it is felt that the remedy lies in the period of their trg at the central schools.

TRANSLATION

(71)

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 7255/R/4/Add

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 13/11/46

SUBJECT: Specialised weapon training for Infantry recruits.

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Reply to letter TRG/27 dated 6/8/46.-

This SM agrees with the advisability of entrusting to CARs, the specialised weapon training for Infantry recruits.

The new organisation proposed, cannot however be acted upon until the following ~~personnel~~ becomes available:

- more instructors ^{for} ~~requested by~~ the new type of training ~~for~~ in CARs;
- suitable ranges;
- ^{the necessary} - training equipment ~~required~~.

^{required} It is to be foreseen that the ~~essential~~ conditions, for ~~the~~ carrying out ~~at CARs~~, the training of Infantry recruits as snipers, MGunners, and Mortar teams, can be obtained during 1947.

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Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

G.F.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File: TRG 27
Date: 18/11/46

TO: SEC	
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento
Sezione Addestramento

N° 7255/R/4 di prot. Add.

Roma, 13 novembre 1946

OGGETTO: Addestramento di specializzazione armi per le reclute di fanteria.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(risp. f. TRG/27 del 6 agosto c.a.)

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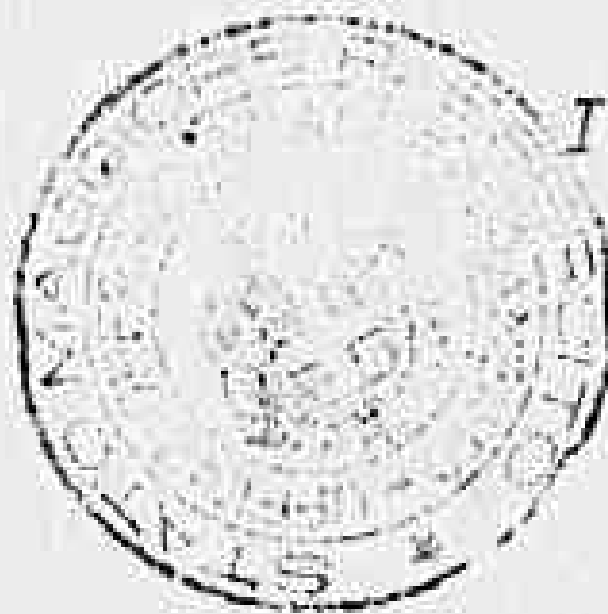
Questo Stato Maggiore concorda circa l'opportunità di deman-
dare al C.A.R. l'addestramento di specializzazione armi per le re-
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la nuova organizzazione proposta non potrà però essere rea-
lizzata prima che sia stata raggiunta la disponibilità:

- del maggior numero d'istruttori richiesto presso il C.A.R. dalle nuove esigenze addestrative;
- di poligoni di tiro adatti;
- della necessaria attrezzatura didattica.

E' prevedibile che le condizioni indispensabili per svolgere presso il C.A.R. l'addestramento di specializzazione delle reclute di fanteria per tiratori scelti, mitraglieri e mortaristi potranno essere realizzate entro il prossimo 1947.

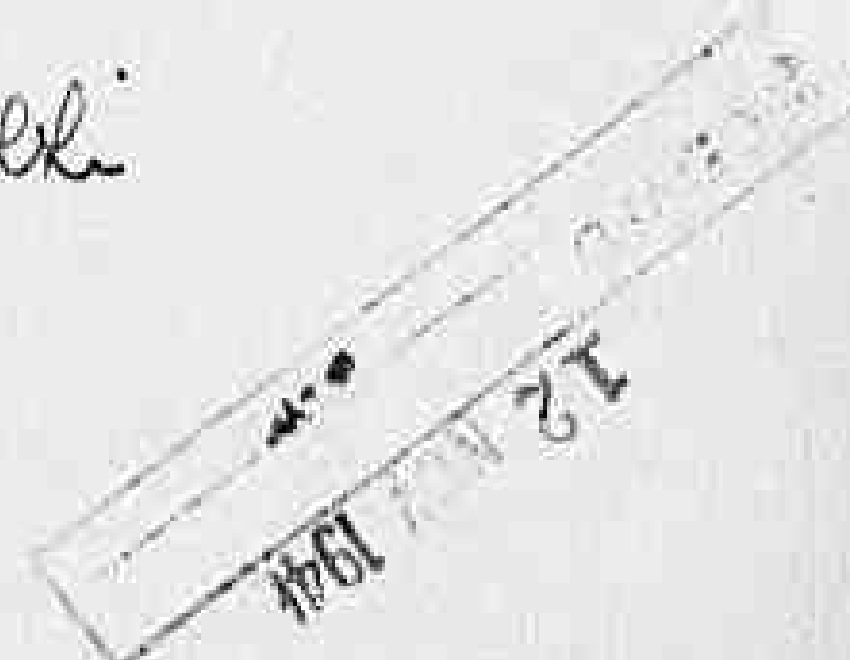
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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MILIA) CAMP

THC/27

12 Nov 46

2 British Liaison Unit.

Subject: Reports on Recruits ex CAR.

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Reference your G 5/4 of 31 Oct 46.

1. May further information please be given on the following points.

- (a) Para 3. In what way were the recruits from AVELLINO Car inferior? Was it in discipline, training, turn out, intelligence etc?
- (b) Para 5 (b). What is meant by squad training incomplete? What squad training is referred to and in what way was it incomplete. Please state what the noticeable differences in methods used by the various CARs were.

THC/THC

CH. Lt-Col,
GE, MILIA.
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Subject :- Report on recruits at C.A.R.

1 British Liaison Unit
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6 Nov 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AG
(M.M.I.A.) ROOM

RECEIVED
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Ref your letter Trp/27 dated 19 Sep 46.

Herewith the Report of 1 Territorial HQ on the recruits received from the 1st course at C.A.R.

The Report is not considered satisfactory and a more detailed one has been asked for.

HP/cm

ING AL ALI A
File: 1150/27
Date: 12 Nov

H. Perry Major
CSC II

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Subject :- Report on First Batch of Recruits received from the C.A.R.

1. TRAINING

Recruits were received from Casale, Cuneo, Modena, Siena, Civiteto, Vellino, Palermo C.A.R.s.

They showed the following :-

- (a) They have an excellent basic trg in physical trg and sports.
- (b) They were well trained in individual and unit drill.
- (c) They were well trained individually in tactics.
- (d) They have an excellent knowledge of individual arms and of the 'Bren'.
- (e) Shooting records are incomplete.

On the whole their standard of trg is satisfactory.

2. PHYSICAL CONDITION

Practically all the Recruits turned out to be suitable for the employment they had been allotted. The selection made at C.A.R.s has proved effective, except in a few cases.

The percentage reporting sick is normal.

3. EDUCATION

The general standard is good.

4. DISCIPLINE

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5. GENERAL

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(Signed) G. NERU

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1 Comando Mil. Terr. di Torino.

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Subject: Report on Recruits ex CAR.

2 BLU
Tel: 52278
G 5/4
11 Oct 46

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M M I A) ROME

Ref your Trg/27 dated 19th Sep 46.

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6 " PESARO
10 " AVIGNONE

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Generally satisfactory, but appearance is poor owing to the hurried trg.

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REG. M. A. I. A.
File: 310 27
Date: 13/12/11/46.

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Subject :- 1.3. Specialists

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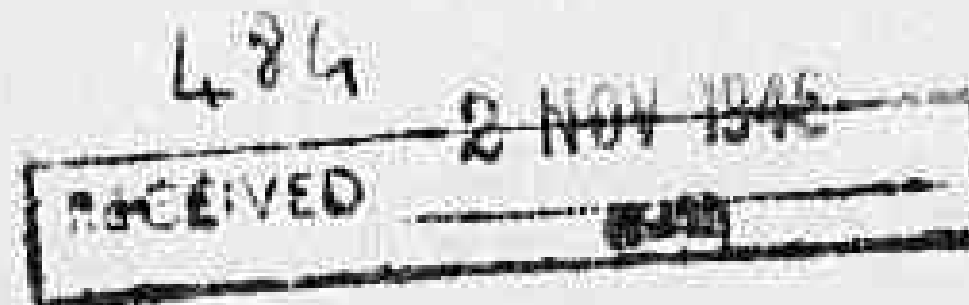
To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm C
(R.M.I.A.) RMB

29 Oct 46

Ref your letter Trg/27 dated 12 Oct 46.

The drivers mentioned in Progress Report No.15 para 4, referred only to specialists for Arty and Engineer units.

It is regretted that this para was misleading.



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GSO II TRG	<i>[initials]</i>
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[Signature]
(H. MERRO) Major
GSO II -

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TRG No. 12.1.46.	
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SUBJECT: Report on Recruits ex OAR

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MILA)

(459084 Ext. 400) TRG/27

Nov 46

TO : List 'B' (less 5 BUE)

Reference our LRG/27 dated 19 Sep 46 (para 5).

Attached is a translation of report submitted by O.C.
8 Alpini Regt.

BILL/sb

Copy to: 5 British Liaison Unit (less report)

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SUBJECT :- Report on Recruits ex GAR

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 27
Date: 29.10.46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC
(MILA) ROME

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1547
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23 Oct 46.

TO SEE
GSO 1 TRG <i>Edm.</i>
GSO 3 TRG <i>30/10</i>
GSO 4 TRG <i>Th</i>
GSO 1 TRG
GSO 1 TRG

Ref your letter TRG/27 dated 10 Sep 46.

Herewith 14 copies, as requested, of the comments of Regtl
Comd 8 Alpini Regt on the Recruits received by units of his Regt from
the 1st Course at the GAR.

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Lt. Col.
G.S.

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No. 992

21/8/46

HQ ALPINI REGT.

W.M.

SUBJECT:- Training of Recruits called up from 15 and 31 March 1946.

TO :- HQ, Infantry of TTC UDINE.

Ref letter No. 731/3/ADD/4/2 dated 3/7/46.

There is no distinct difference in the quality and training of the recruits supplied by CARs/SACILE, MONTEBIO-VERONESE, and ORVIEITO/ and allotted to this Regt.

1. Formal Training.

The individual and squad drill training is insufficient.

Generally speaking the soldiers have not a soldierly appearance and they are embarrassed.

There is, of course, a considerable difference in method especially in arms drill which are not as stated in volume I of "Manuale della Fanteria" (M of W 900 dated 15 Apr 46).

The soldiers do not know how to salute their Officers, (with or without cap). They do not know how to approach an Officer.

May be it is due to the lack of detailed training.

2. PT Training.

As reported from the Battalion Commanders and, as I myself have seen, there is not much care in mass training, whilst a remarkable importance appears to have been given to the training of small part of selected soldiers, already with a good athletic preparation.

Also in this matter almost all the recruits show themselves lazy and not well trained.

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It is as yet impossible to express judgement on this matter, because the British weapons have just arrived and are going to be distributed.

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DISCIPLINE AND MORAL STANDARDS.

There is not much care in moral preparation of Recruits of all CARs. Generally speaking all the recruits allotted have good knowledge of their rights, but little knowledge of their duty; they have a rather elastic opinion about military discipline, but as reported in monthly reports, I have the impression that the majority of recruits are not bad and that they are amenable. As well disciplined and willing recruits say: "at the CARs the discipline is mild and sometimes weak and imperfect". As reported by Bn Commanders and as I myself have seen at every detachment the standard of training reached in 3 months of the first period is rather modest. It is my opinion that the deficiencies of this first experiment are not due to the system or to the men but to the difficulties of the present moment.

TRANSLATION (contd.)

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1. The equipment of the CARs at the beginning of the courses was not complete because of the lack of training manuals, arrangement of the barracks, etc., and by this the initial start of the training was delayed.
2. Officers and NCOs just arrived and on the way to the CARs were not completely accustomed with new methods of tactical and technical training.
3. The particular political situation of the moment when the Party Debates were still strong and when the central authority had heavily doubted as to the success of this first call up, have perhaps imposed the Commanders and Officers of CARs to follow a disciplinary method aiming at avoiding dissensions amongst Officers and soldiers. It is my opinion that only at the end of courses now on at the CARs, will it be possible to give a concrete judgement if it is convenient to follow the present system or the one previously adopted in Italy.

But above all, it is absolutely necessary that the recruits arriving at the CARs find, besides a comfortable place, also a firm discipline, and a place where the meaning of authority, subordination, and obedience, are taught vigorously from the beginning and with affectionate educational action necessary to form a soldier.

Signed: (GALLINO SCARPA)
Col. Commanding,
8 Alpini Regt.

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SUBJECT: M.T. Specialists.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, LG(MCA)

(TEL EXT: 476)

THQ/27

12 Oct 46TO : BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

INFO ONLY

Ref Progress Report No 15 Para 4.

The situation outlined is contrary to the Regulations for C.A.R.'s if the Drivers you referred to are drivers in Infantry Battalions.

Would you therefore confirm that this is the case and the matter will then be taken up with the Ministry of War.

THQ/cmb

R. H.
Major-General
M. H. L. A.

Internal: THQ/26/11

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THQ M. H. L. A.
File: 27
Date: 2.10.46

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SUBJECT: Insurrection at C.A.B.'s

DATE: 12 OCT 46, AC (MIA)

(ACCORD No. 476)

12 OCT 46

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TO : 1. JEWELL 11-11-46

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Ref Program Report No 75 Item 4.

1. The training of Divisional personnel at C.A.B.'s is not in accordance with the training directives laid down for C.A.B.'s. The present shortage of instructors applies equally to the C.A.B.'s where this problem makes it difficult enough for the training staff to cope with the large numbers of recruits without catering for outside personnel.

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2. It is further explained that the training of N.C.O.'s of the Division is the responsibility of the Platoon Commanders who must be advised to commence their training just as it is done in British units.

3. It is appreciated that the shortage of instructors throughout the Army is acute and is a situation which must be remedied until such time as a regular flow from Central Military Schools is possible. In the meantime Divisional Commanders must be advised to take the action outlined in para 2 above.

FILE NO.	27
DATE	12.10.46.

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Major General,
H. H. I. A.

Referral: MIA/CO

SUBJECT: Report on recruits ex CAR

1.1.39 FORM 13 SUB COM AG (MILIA)

(409051 EXT 400) TRG/27

19 Sep 46

TO : LIST 'B' (Less 12 BLUs)

1. Attached is translation of report by GOC LINGANG Div on the recruits received by his division after the first CAR Course from Nos 7, 8, 9, 10 CARs.

2. It should be borne in mind that this report was written in order to bring out the various weaknesses noticed and should not be taken as a condemnation of the CAR system or as an accusation of inefficiency against any particular CARs.

It is also the report of one formation only who may have been lucky or unlucky in the particular batches of recruits that they received.

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4. BLUs are therefore asked to forward to this Headquarters any notes of a similar nature, however brief, they may be able to obtain from their Territorial or Formation commanders or which they may be able to prepare themselves as a result of their observations or discussions within their Territorial Command.

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Copy to: 12 British Liaison Unit (Less report)

M. W. Hope.

B.G.S.
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Copy to: 12 British Liaison Unit (Last report)

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/221
Date: 20/9/46.

REPORT ON THE FIRST BRANCH OF RECRUITS
RECEIVED FROM THE C. A. R.

REMARKS:

4. Infantry

1. The two Regts of the Div received recruits from four C.A.R.'s i.e.

67 Inf Regt from 7 C.A.R. (Siena) and 9 C.A.R. (Bari)
68 Inf Regt from 8 C.A.R. (Orvieto) and 10 C.A.R. (Vallino).

Primarily, it should be noted that:

- (a) There is a distinct difference in the quality and training of the recruits supplied by different C.A.R.s.
(b) The difference between the number of recruits allotted to the Div under S.M. letter 699/R and the number that actually arrived was considerable.
2. Although a certain reduction in numbers from natural causes during the first cycle could logically be foreseen, it was never envisaged that the figure would amount to almost 25%.
3. In actual fact, of the 1766 recruits allotted to the Div, only 1465 arrived.

In some cases, as for instance the 7th C.A.R., the reduction amounted to 30%; of 428 recruits allotted, only 300 arrived.

4. Physical Standard

- (a) Generally speaking good. Recruits from South Italy are mostly of low stature.
It is obvious that the rules laid down as regards the high standard required when selecting recruits have not in some cases been applied.

- (b) Several ailments have been brought to light, e.g.

Some cases of insufficient chest expansion.

Numerous cases of inferior physique.

About 20 cases of flat feet.

Several cases of enlarged tonsils.

Several cases of after-effects of pleurisy.

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One man mentally deficient

One epileptic.

- (c) Not a few recruits have already been discovered suffering from various complaints including VD, in several cases chronic.
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- (c) Not a few recruits have already been discovered suffering from various complaints including VD, in several cases chronic.
A considerable percentage are ignorant of the most elementary rules of hygiene.

(d) Numbers reporting sick daily average 6 - 8 per Bn (about 3%)

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5. Training

(a) Standard of intelligence.

The percentage of illiterates, when one considers the wide opportunity of selection, is really considerable, particularly in the contingents from the GARs of AVELLINO and IRIPI; for the latter the percentage amounts to 20% illiterates and 10% limited intelligence (below 3rd elementary school standard).

This signifies that about a third of the recruits coming from that particular GAR can be considered unsuitable to carry out proper training in units in which specialists predominate.

In the batches received from other GARs, the percentage of illiterates varies between $\frac{1}{4}$ and 14%.

(b) Drill, arms and weapon training

It is as yet impossible to express judgement on account of the late arrival of the recruits; the last batches only arrived during the last 10 days of the month and are still continuing to arrive in dribble, leave and absence.

However, the following points can be mentioned:-

- (i) Formal drill: Fair, but there is considerable difference in motivation amongst the various GARs.
- (ii) Individual training: generally speaking satisfactory.
The standard however of the contingent from IRIPI leaves something to be desired.
- (iii) Squad drill: Poor in all contingents, particularly those from AVELLINO and IRIPI.
- (iv) Knowledge of weapons: On the whole good, except for the TSIG and various types of grenades.
- (v) Firing: Poor on the whole, due to none of the GAR's having completed the lessons laid down in the programme.
- (vi) Instructions in "Regolamento": On the whole superficial and insufficient.
- (c) Several parts of the GAR programme have not been completed. As a result a large portion of the second cycle of training will have to be devoted to finishing off the lessons on the programme which should have been carried out at the GAR's.

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6. Discipline

Satisfactory. In general, one notices a certain aversion to saluting, superiors, attributable more to laziness and insufficient education than to deliberate refusal. The recruits have fallen in line with the tone of discipline in their new units of the Division and are showing confidence in their officers, appreciating what the latter are doing to improve their conditions. I must however state that even in this respect there is a notable difference between the batches from the different GAR's. The most unfavourable impression is given by the recruits from the Orvieto GAR, who during the journey from Orvieto to Bergamo gave a bad exhibition of bad discipline, especially at the moment of leaving Orvieto station. There were cat-calls, whistles and disorders of all kinds; an armed lorry was raided and several boxes of tinned milk removed; there were furthermore incidents of all kinds at all the intermediate stations. Only through the energy shown by the Officers escorting the party were more serious incidents avoided.

7. Clothing and Equipment

Leaves much to be desired, especially as regards coats and socks, of which about 70% are u/s. This deficiency, particularly serious in the case of the RARI detachment, considerably limits training possibilities. 67 Inf Regt has had to give orders lately that several units are not to leave barracks. The uniforms are of various colours and types, i.e. green, grey-green and khaki, and the stuff they are made of is mediocre in quality. The fitting is even worse; many of the paratroop trousers are excessively short. Field service caps are of different patterns and in bad condition. Summer vests are of salvaged material made from Allied mosquito nets or woollen oddments. Fatigue shorts are very wornout and very short. At the ORVIETO GAR, black P.T. shorts were issued in lieu of fatigue shorts; these are reminiscent of the type worn at the Female Academy of Physical Education. There is practically no similarity between the articles of equipment which should have been issued to the recruits and that of which they are actually in possession. The most motley selection was in the batch from ORVIETO GAR.

8. Specialist employments

(a) It is premature to give a definite judgement but it can be said that those earmarked for the various employments will be considerably below the number foreseen; for example, the numbers earmarked as drivers I.C. and mechanics as regards the GAR's of SLMA and RARI are in the proportion of 9% and 7% respectively, against the 14% laid down by the Ministry of War.

(b) The relative assignment of specialists according to their aptitude, as seen from their personal booklets, is in most cases incorrect; for example there are recruits earmarked as wireless operators, who not only know nothing about wireless, but are not even the most educated or intelligent.

(c) In view of the poor standard of instruction of the majority, it will be difficult to select the required number of specialists from amongst them. It is easy to predict that the results of the various courses will be very poor.

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2. 50% of the recruits from BRACCLANO possess a good standard of training as regards gun drill, and knowledge of artillery arm and material. Formal Drill and P.M. are good.
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6. Finally, as regards the Arty Regt, the problem of strength assumes a particularly grave aspect, as against the soldiers released in the 1922 - 23 - 24 classes, the Regt has received up to date:-

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75 " " " M.T. School.	

making a total of 298 men, which brings the effective strength of the Regt up to 35% of its W.E.

Only when the remaining men on the course at the Central Schools arrive will the Regt be able to approach, but not definitely reach, the 67% of WE as laid down.

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7. As several courses finish on 31 Oct, it follows that the training programme laid down for the second cycle will have to undergo certain inevitable cuts, because when the strength of units falls below certain limits it is useless to pretend that one can carry out a really profitable unit training.

8. As regards P.T. discipline, clothing and equipment, the remarks applicable to the Infantry are equally applicable to the Art.

C. Engineers

1. Of the 362 recruits which the Bn should have received from the various schools, only 80 have arrived up to date, and of these only 54 sappers show that they possess just sufficient basic training; technical training NIL. It is therefore impossible to give a proper report on them at present.

2. It is certain that, as in the case of the Artillery, the disadvantage of numerical deficiencies is even more pronounced in the case of the Engineers, and the situation is that with such a reduced strength, training must be limited to individual training only.

Unit training will only be possible when the balance of the men arrive from the schools, that is, towards the end of the second cycle of training and during the third.

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SUBJECT: Support Weapon Training - Infantry Recruits.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MBIA)

(TEL EXT: 389)

TEL/27 ←

6 Aug 46

TO : Ministry of War

TRG M. 101
File: 16/27
Date: 8/7/46

1. Recruit Training in 3" Mortar - Medium Machine Gun and Sniping is, under present arrangements, scheduled to be carried out at the Infantry School CESARO.
2. The present system is that recruits, having completed 3 months at CAS, and a period at Regiment, are sent to CESARO for further training.
3. This system is in itself excellent but has none the less certain drawbacks - namely :-
 - (a) The recruits spend a longer period away from Regiments than recruits for any other branch of the Service.
 - (b) A very heavy additional load has to be faced at the already overloaded Infantry School.
 - (c) The heavy overloading of the CESARO premises is, at present impeding the work of reconstruction.
4. In view of these factors this HQ, after consultation with 12 S.I.U. has arrived at the conclusion that the interests of the Army would be better served if the Recruit Training in support weapons were done at CAS.
5. This is not in any way departing from the policy of centralized Training.
6. According to our calculations approximately 1100 Recruits are involved at each intake viz:-

- Machine Gun 600

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- Mortar 3" 440
- Sniper 60

This would mean if distributed equally amongst the GAR that each one would enter for :-

- Machine Gun 54
- Mortar 3" 40
- Sniper 6

a total of - 100

7. We would suggest therefore that one of two alternatives be adopted for their training:-

- (a) That they remain at GAR after the general efflux of recruits.
- (b) That they do an abnormal course slightly shorter than the full three months period, using the remainder of the three months for their specialist Training.

8. Will you please communicate your views on these proposals.

WJL/pt

[Signature]
Major-General
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 4685/T/2
Date: 27/7/46

Subject: Physical training.

TBG M. A. I. A.	
File	TBG 27
Date	7/1/8

1. Each CAR P.T. instructor, passed out by the P.T. School, possess synopses of the P.T. courses.

2. Each CAR has another 8 copies of these synopses, which were issued by this S.M. in letter 2400/T/2 dated 7/4/46.

3. As laid down in the programmes for recruits training at CARs, the succession and programme of P.T. lessons are laid down on the basis of the principles contained in the elementary "P.T. and Combat training pamphlets".

In particular:

- "instruction methods" are dealt with in part I;
- physical training exercises are obtained from the tables contained in part II;
- instructions contained in part IV are followed for marching drill periods.

4. Each CAR HQ has 8 copies of each of the parts I - II - IV - IX - X of said pamphlets.

5. On the 30th of June 1946 this S.M. ordered reprinting of another 1,000 copies of the elementary physical and Combat training pamphlets.

6. We consider that after the further issue of a small number of these copies to CARs, which will be carried out as soon as they have been printed, no CAR will have reason to complain about the shortage of P.T. pamphlets.

DAK

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

TBG M. A. I. A.	
File	TBG 27
Date	7/1/8

02-12-46

(59)

SUBJECT : Training at CAR.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)

(TEL EXT. 389)

TRG/27

19 Jun 46.TO : Ministry of War.

The following observations on the Existing Trg Programme for Recruits at CAR are made in the hope that they will be of value when considering a new and better Syllabus of Trg.

Syllabus Scope.

1. The present Syllabus is designed to take the recruit right through to completion of Platoon Training.

2. It is considered that the Syllabus should be designed to complete the Individual Training of the recruit, and should therefore be based on a very high Standard of weapon Training and Tactical action at the Section level only, with the merest introduction to platoon schemes.

By deleting a great deal of the platoon Training (which being team Training should be done in the platoon in which the Soldier will ultimately serve) more time is available for weapon Training which is, after all, the basis of all Military Training.

3. We would suggest therefore that
- (a) the new Syllabus be written round the weapon Training of the recruit,
 - (b) Weapon Training should be gradual and continuous throughout the 3 months.
 - (c) The recruit should fire frequently and continuously throughout his Training, but fire only one, or at most two practices at any visit to the range.
 - (d) Ample time should be allowed for revision - both of instruction and on the range.

4. On this basis we suggest a Syllabus based on the following.

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File : TRG/27
Date: 2/19/6

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It will be noted that the weapon Training assumes an even distribution tending to be slightly heavier at the outset.

Range firing is constant after the 1st fourteen days.

5. This HQ would be glad of an opportunity to discuss this Syllabus at an early date since it must be the basis on which all future discussion (even of war establishments) can take place.

WLM/mm

[Signature]
Major-General
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 3861/R/4
Date: 15/6/46

Subject: Organisation of CMRs.

- 1 - I have learned with satisfaction that British Officers, who have recently visited the CMRs, have noted the keen interest that all concerned have taken in order to give the new organisation a solid and efficient structure, and I am very pleased to thank your M.M.I.A. for your praise and collaboration.
- 2 - The proposal to adopt the monthly call-up system is being considered under the various aspects of the problem.
I will therefore inform you - as soon as possible - of this SM's opinion on the matter.

*The adoption of monthly intake as the
basis of my new scheme for CMRs.*

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Gen.
Chief Staff

Q.9.16

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/1
Date: 15/24/6

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SUBJECT : Daily Trg. CAR.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG(MMIA)

(TEL EXT. 389)

TRG/27

11 Jun 46.

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 3654/2/4 of 3 June 46.

1. 42 periods of instruction a week is imposing a severe strain at CAR. This HQ is entirely in agreement with your proposal to reduce the weekly total to 36 Periods.
2. Further, we are of the opinion that certain other changes in programme times might advantageously be made and seek very shortly to confer with your HQ on this matter.

WLM/mm

[Signature]
Major-General
M. M. I. A.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/27
Date: 11/12/46

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From M.O.F W.
To M.M.I.A.

Trans. tion

Ref. 3654/E/4
Date 3 June 1946.

Subject Daily Training Period During Preliminary and
Advanced Training.

1. - The present programmes laid down for preliminary and advanced training at C.A.Rs and Central Schools plan in the 24 hrs the carrying out of 7 training periods of 45 minutes each.

In all, calculating the intervals between one period and the next (15 minutes before), 7 hours of training are laid down during the day, equal to 42 hrs a week.

2. - The experience acquired during the present training cycle has shown that the programmes laid down prove in practice to be too heavy: they, above all, do not allow time for all the other unavoidable administrative operations which are necessarily carried out at present prolonging the days working hours and tiring the troops.

Since due to the incompleteness of the organisation (limited availability of school equipment, insufficiency or distance of the ranges) it has already been made necessary to increase the daily work of the troops, the added total appears excessive.

3. - This pointed out, and taking into consideration the above, this S.M. considers it advisable to reduce the recruit's training by one period per day. The reduction will be made in the syllabus for the preliminary and advanced training to be carried out by the next four-monthly call-up.

4. - We would like to have the opinion of your M.M.I.A. on the matter, pointing out - should it not be agreed upon - that in each case it seems advisable to make the proposed reduction of the programmes, at least until such time as the full and complete efficiency of C.A.R. organisation permits us to reduce some unavoidable loss of time which exist at pr sent.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/27
Date: 2/7/64

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GSO II (Sch)
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Translation

From M.O.F W.
To All Mil. Terr. Hqs
for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. 3613/R/4
Date 31/5/1946.

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Subject End of Advanced Training.

Having taken into consideration that due to Public Order requirements during the next elections recruits in training at C.A.Re will be away from their normal training activities for about a week, this S.M., in order not to permit that the training programmes already laid down suffer, orders that advanced training, the completion of which had been fixed for the 22 June 1946, be extended to the 29 June 1946.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File - TRG/27
Date - 2/5/6

TO
GSO I
GSO II (Inf)
GSO II (Arm)

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(489081 Ext. 476)

TRG/27

44 June 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference :- Small Arms Training Vol I - Pamphlet No 1
 "
 Programme for the Training of Recruits at
 GAR's for 1946.

1. While admitting that the lateness in arrival of the weapons and ammunition at the CAR's caused difficulty in adhering strictly to the Programmes laid down by your Ministry for the Primary Training period, it has become apparent from recent visits by Staff Officers of this HQ that CAR Comds require further guidance on the subject of Range firing and Weapon Training.
2. Uniformity of instruction at all CAR's is one of the main essentials, and the following points are brought to your notice in order that you can advise CAR Comds.
3. It may be thought that some of these points are at variance with the Programmes published by you, but it is suggested that they should be considered in conjunction with the reports which you will no doubt be calling for from Territorial Comds on the working of the Programme for the Primary Training period. As a result of your study of this matter, amendment of the Programme in certain details may well be found to be necessary.
This HQ will be pleased to give any advice should you require it.

4. RANGE FIRING

(a) Miniature Range Course

Until Miniature range equipment is available and miniature ranges are constructed, these 4 practices should be fired on the 30 yds range by all recruits during the 1st month (Primary Training). If time and ammunition are available, further practices can be fired.

(b) 50 yds Range

- (i) The targets in use at present on 30 yds ranges are 5251 large.
Ref (a) above. The miniature range course requires 3 different types of target as follows:-

Practices 1 and 2 - target representing the 4ft target at 200 yds.

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Practice 4 - target representing the snap-shooting target at 100 yds.

Specimens of these targets are attached herewith, and it is suggested that copies should be printed and ample quantities issued to all CAR's.

- (ii) Large coloured figures to indicate the number of the target should be permanently fixed on each range, to assist the recruit in identifying his own target while firing.

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(c) Rifle and Bren Courses

These courses should be fired as follows:-

- (i) By Infantry Recruits - at C.R.'s during the Advanced Infantry Recruit Training period.
- (ii) By other recruits - either at the Recruit Wings of the various Schools, or in their Units after posting.

(d) PIAT and 2" Mortar Firing

This firing, with both drill and live ammunition, should be carried out as for Rifle and Bren Courses (see (b) above).

(e) Grenade Throwing

It is considered that all recruits should throw grenades during the Primary Training period as part of their basic training, including if possible at least one live grenade per recruit.

(f) Sten Firing

It is considered that all recruits should fire the Sten during Primary Training period as part of their basic training, though it is doubtful whether time will permit of the complete Sten course being fired. Figure targets should be used, and the firing can be either on a 50 yd range, in a quarry or river-bed, or other place where reasonable safety precautions can be exercised.

(g) Coaching

It is evident that the system and importance of coaching on the firing point is not well understood at C.R.'s. During a recent visit to one of them, when recruits were firing a rifle grouping practice on the 50 yd range, two faults were noticed:-

- (i) No Coaches at all were present on the firing point.
- (ii) Insufficient "Cover" (filled sandbags) had been provided. Some recruits were not using it at all, while others were trying to use the inadequate cover unsuccessfully, and in consequence the results were very poor. The Officer in Charge did not appear to realize that anything was wrong.

Sufficient sandbags (filled) must be provided on the firing point, so that the recruit can rest his rifle properly and can self adopt the correct firing position. Furthermore, coaches must be present to ensure that these elementary details are attended to before the recruit actually fires the practice.

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- (i) Train the recruit to become an efficient shot.
- (ii) Obtain the fullest value from the ammunition allotted.
- (iii) Assist those recruits who are backward or nervous.

Recruits should be engaged in all practices, so that they may observe good results and improve their shooting through confidence. Coaches should be provided for the best instructors, on the minimum scale of 1 Coach per 2 platoons. They must have patience, and must understand that grouping (i.e., a man's capacity to group his shots round a mark) is the foundation of all shooting.

5. WEAPON TRAINING

(a) Weapons

Where the number of weapons held at a CAR is short, for example 2" mortars, it is quite useless to make a permanent division of the weapons equally among the Bns, because this merely means that too many recruits are being instructed on too few weapons, with obviously unsatisfactory results.

In such a case, it is far better to allocate all of the weapons to one Recruit Bn (or Coy) for, say, a whole day or half-day, to another Bn (or Coy) for the next day, and so on. This can quite easily be done by a readjustment of the Training programme by the CAR Comd in order to "stagger" the periods of instruction.

(b) TOOTS (Tests of Elementary Training)

SAT. Vol. I Pamphlet No 1, Chapter 1, Section 5 lays down that TOOTS should be carried out before any firing takes place, to ensure that recruits have reached the necessary standard of efficiency.

These are important, and should be carried out systematically and conscientiously. The results obtained by each recruit should be recorded by the instructors, and those recruits who fail must be given extra instruction.

They are in themselves a clear indication of the standard of efficiency in handling weapons which has been reached by the recruits, and a guide therefore as to what further instruction is necessary.

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(ii) Questioning

The instructors tend to be far too slow and deliberate in asking questions. Also, the art of correcting faults by questioning is not fully appreciated.

For example, if an instructor sees a recruit making a mistake (while loading practice is taking place, for example) he should try to correct the mistake, not by going to the recruit and physically altering his position, but by a question the answer to which will correct the mistake. In the majority of cases, not only the recruit in question but also any other offenders in the Squad will have realised and corrected the mistake before the question is answered.

The best way to ensure that instructors question the recruits properly is to make them write down about 50 questions from the lesson, and then at least 10 of them will come to mind during the lesson.

(iii) Training Stores

Instructors are apt to be too casual about ensuring that they have all the correct stores, which are required for the lesson, ready before the lesson begins.

(iv) General presentation of the lesson.

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Many instructors try to cover lack of knowledge of the lesson by too much talk and in some cases by introduction of material outside the lesson.

(a) Weapon History Sheets.

It is suggested that History Sheets should be provided for each weapon held. They should be kept in the Coy HQs so that they can be referred to easily, and must be kept carefully up-to-date. The following gives some of the data which could be recorded on them:-

- (i) Type of weapon, and maker's name and number.
- (ii) Name of Soldier to whom issued, (to be written in pencil)
- (iii) Particulars regarding zeroing, and sight-setting necessary at various distances. 5248
- (iv) Dates on which inspected by Unit Armourer, and details of repairs or alterations carried out. (When a weapon is inspected by the Armourer, the History Sheet should accompany it, so that the Armourer can insert the necessary particulars).
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- (v) Dates on which sent to Workshops for repair.
- (vi) Classification of the weapon (see this HQ Letter TRG/42 dated 14 May 46).
- (vii) A month by month record of the number of rounds fired.

6. Many of the points mentioned above will also be applicable to the various Schools.

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Copy to : List 'B'

Richard
Major General,
M. M. I. I.

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SUBJECT : Visits to CARs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)
TEL. 489084 Ex. 476

TRG/27

31 May 46.

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 3249/R/4 dated 24 May 46.

It was not intended in this HQ letter TRG/27 dated 7 May 46 that Senior Officers of CARs should be absent from their units for long periods. Short visits of, say, 2 - 3 days each to near-by CARs should be sufficient.

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Major-General
M. M. I. A.

TRG M. M. I.
File : TRG/27
Date : R/31/5

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 3249/R/4
DATE: 24/5/46

SUBJECT : Inspections of CARs.

F 46
In reply to your letter TRG/27 dated 7th inst.

- 1 - We agree with your M.M.I.A. on the advisability of Senior Officers of CARs. making note of, through the carrying out ~~note~~ of personal inspections, the internal organisation and functioning of the other CARs. with the object of obtaining suggestions and advice.-
- 2 - However, as at present it would not be advisable to move officers away from their units for a long period, it has been ordered for the time being that the inspections be carried out by the O.C., or by the 2 i/c of the CAR., and limited to the near-by CARs, during the 2nd fortnight of June next.

TRG M.M.I.
File : TRG/27
Date: 28/29/5.

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Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

Subject:- Instruction at C.A.R.'s.

TRG M. M. I. A.
TRG/24
Date: 2/24/51

TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (2nd)
GSO II (5th)

To:- 'G' Training

M.M.I.A.

ROME.

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

Ref : G/A1/1124
24 May 1946

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21 MAY 1946

As a result of poor reports of the standard of Instruction by N.C.O.'s at C.A.R.'s, particularly in respect of Weapon Training, I have paid particular attention to this matter in the last few weeks. The mistakes of instructors at the old S.I.V.A. and CESANO will naturally be passed on to the recruits and it is thought that these are the same mistakes observed and unfavourably commented on.

1. Sequence of the lesson.

The directives given in the pamphlets are not being followed faithfully. A bad part of the instruction being when the instructor should demonstrate with squad imitating. The instructor usually gives a demonstration and then exercises squad.

Again, when the book says the instructor should test each man i.e. for aiming or trigger pressing, the instructor calls out the man individually while the remainder of the squad does nothing, as opposed to practising in their own time.

Worst in the lesson is the final practise of the complete lesson, and the strengthening and quickening exercise which should always be introduced. This becomes dull repetition as opposed to the lively competitive exercise it should be.

2. Questioning.

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Again the British fault of "Now we are going on with lesson 7 pamphlet 8" is only too evident. Often the best introduction to a lesson may be a question.

Instruction by M.C.O. has attracted attention to this matter in the past. Training, I have paid particular attention to this matter in the past. The mistakes of instructors at the old S.I.V.A. and CESANO will naturally be passed on to the recruits and it is thought that these are the same mistakes observed and unfavourably commented on.

1. Sequence of the lesson.

The directives given in the pamphlets are not being followed faithfully. A bad part of the instruction being when the instructor should demonstrate with squad imitating. The instructor usually gives a demonstration and then exercises squad.

Again, when the book says the instructor should test each man i.e. for aiming or trigger pressing, the instructor calls out the man individually while the remainder of the squad does nothing, as opposed to practising in their own time.

Worst in the lesson is the final practise of the complete lesson, and the strengthening and quickening exercises which should always be introduced. This becomes dull repetition as opposed to the lively competitive exercise it should be.

2. Questioning.

The Italian Instructor tends to be far too slow and deliberate when asking questions. Also the art of correcting faults by question is not fully appreciated. If an instructor sees a man make a mistake, while for example loading practise is on, he should attempt to correct the mistake not by going up to the man and physically altering the position of the man, but by a question, the answer to which will correct the mistake; and in 90% of cases not only the recruit in error but also any other offenders in the squad will have realised and corrected their mistake before the question is answered.

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3. Drill Cartridges.

Instructors read "When the aiming disc is used drill cartridges will not be used". This develops into "for this lesson Drill Cartridges will not be used" and soon the use of drill cartridges becomes the exception rather than the rule. It must be a rule that drill cartridges are brought on parade for every musketry lesson.

4. Stores.

Instructors are far too casual about ensuring they have all stores, and even more so that the stores are the correct ones.

If the lesson says a figure 5 target the Italians appear to think ant bit of paper will do.

5. General Presentation of the Lesson.

The Italian Instructor talks too much and does not make the men work. I.M.G. instruction is far better than the rifle, because normally only one man is working at once. This type of instruction tends to be introduced into Rifle Instruction. It must be pointed out that if 10 Brens were available for a squad the sequence of training would be that of the rifle which is infinitely superior. Again many instructors try to cover lack of knowledge of the lessons by too much talk and in some cases introduction of material outside the lesson.

Conclusion.

Faults observed are of course not universal but are widespread and are being corrected. It is felt that Senior Officers at C.A.R.'s would do well to check against the pamphlet the rifle instruction in particular.

If however the Italians wish good weapon Training they must pay more attention to the weapon Training wing of the Infantry School.

This at the moment is commanded by a Lt, though a Senior Officer is promised, and is still without proper ranges and facilities as so often requested.

WLP/vg
Internal.

File.
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W. L. Price
Major N. Staffs
Comd 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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Translation

TRC/27

From L.of W.

To All Mil.Terr.HQs

Ref. 3083/R/4

Date 10/5/46.

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IO S E
GSO I
GSO II
GSO III

Subject Recruit Training: Continuance Between the End
Of C.A.R. Training and the Commencement of
Corp Training.

TRG M. 10
File : TRG/27
Date: 12/14/46

- 1 - By the end of the month of June, the advanced training of recruits (excluded the elements to be trained as tradesmen later on) who are to be posted to Corps in accordance with instructions laid down in circular OI/619 Mob. dated 28 Feb. 1946 from this S.M. will have ended at C.A.Rs and Central Schools.
- 2 - It is necessary to ensure the continuance between the end of training carried out at C.A.Rs and Central Schools and the commencement of unit training at Corps, with the intention of having no discontinuance in the training of new recruits, or disparity in training programs and in order to build up a bond of mutual faith between the new organisations and units.
- 3 - For this purpose this S.M. orders that, during the last week of advanced training (from the 17 to the 22 June 1946), each Mil.Terr.HQ and division HQ will send 1 officer to each of the C.A.Rs or Schools from which the units under their command will receive the trained drafts in order to:
 - take part in the last week of the application of programs of 5243
 - make note of the standard of training reached;
 - have a basis for the continuance of the training.

Reporting to CAR and Schools on the morning of the 17 June 1946.

DAK

G.Luzzi.

SUBJECT : Visits to C.A.

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

TRC/27

7 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

As a result of recent visits to CAR by Officers of the M.E.I.A. this HQ is of the opinion that a vast amount of good would result from visits paid by Senior Officers of CAR to other CAR during May and June.

It is thought that the standards of CAR's would tend to be raised if Officers of CAR's were enabled to see the standards appertaining at others, and gathered from them tips and hints on the handling of domestic and welfare matters. Undoubtedly also visiting Officers would pick up hints on training aids and equipment.

TRC M.E.I.A.
File : T.G. 27
Date : 7/7/5'

M.W. Hope.

B.G.S.

Major-General
M. E. I. A.

Wm/pt.

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SUBJECT : Inspections of CAR's.

LAND FORCES SUB-NO. A.C. (MIA)

TRG/27

24 April 46

TO : 1 BLU
2 BLU
3 BLU

Ref this HQ letter TRG/27 dated 26 Mar 46, and signals TRG 158 of 15 April and TRG 163 of 23 April 46.

1. Tour by GSO II (TRG) - Maj LUCKOCK - will now take place in accordance with the following programme :-

Friday	26 April	- dep ROME (by air) arr MILAN 1200 hrs.
Saturday	27 "	- at 3 CAR - COLO
Monday	29 "	- at 3 CAR - BRESILIA
Tuesday	30 "	- at 1 CAR - CASALE MONFERRATO (arr 1030 hrs from MILAN)
Wednesday	1 May	- at 1 CAR - CASALE MONFERRATO
Thursday	2 "	- at 2 CAR - CUNEO
Friday	3 "	- at 2 CAR - FOSSANO
Saturday	4 "	- dep TURIN (by air), arr ROME.

2. 3 BLU will arrange transport for period 26 April until 30 April (arrival at 1 CAR).
1 BLU will arrange transport for period 30 April (departure from 1 CAR) until 4 May.

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TRG M.M.I. A.
File : TRG/27
Date : 12/2/46

Major-General
M. I. A.

TO : 1 BLU
2 BLU
3 BLU

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Tuesday	30 "	- at 1 CAR - CASALE MONFERRATO (arr. 1030 hrs from MILAN)
Wednesday	1 May	- at 1 CAR - CASALE MONFERRATO
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Friday	3 "	- at 2 CAR - POSSANO
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TRG M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/27
Date : 12/24/46

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Major-General
H. . . I. A.

Copy to : Pl. to CO.D.

BGS.

G (SL)

File TRG/62.

Dep Comd.

Col A/q.

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SUBJECT: Inspections of CARs

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LAND FORCE HQ CB CAN, A.C. (NMIA)

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17 APR 66

TO : MINISTER OF WAR

1. Now that the CARs are already functioning, it is suggested that much useful information could be obtained by you if a small team of officers of the Ministry of War carried out a tour of inspection of all CARs within the next 6 weeks, with a view to finding out at first hand any difficulties which have been encountered.
2. The team would be able to compare the facilities and arrangements made at each CAR, and if given a carefully prepared questionnaire, the subsequent reports and recommendations of the team would enable you to consider and authorize measures for improvement, alterations to the W.S. etc, prior to the 2nd intake of recruits and without loss of time.
3. It is recommended that officers from the Administrative and Service Sections should be included in the team.
4. Alternatively, two teams might be formed - one to inspect the CARs in the North, and the other to inspect those in the Centre and South Italy.

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Copy to: List 'B'

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GSC II (Fm)	_____

Proposed by Major General
NMIA

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TRG M. M. I.
File : TRG/
Date: 17 APR 66

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REF PARA 4 OF TRG/27 DATED 28 MARCH. (.)

TOUR OF MAJ LUCKOCK POSTPONED FOR AT
LEAST 15 DAYS.

2/24

TRG M.M.I.
File : TRG/ 27
Date: 15/04/66

TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (Tech)
GSO II (Fin)

PA to COMDR.
BGS
G. SE.
DEP COMDR
COL A/Q
'A'
'Q'

FOR 1 & 2 BLU's
IMMEDIATE 3 BLU ROUTINE.

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FILE TRG/27 ←

W.L. NEEDHAM.

TRANSLATION

FROM: M.OI W.
TO: MMIA

REF: 2507/R/4
DATE: 11/4/46

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SUBJECT: Courses for storemen.

We have received the following info., further to enquiries carried out by Naples Military Territorial H.Q. :

- 1 - Course for General Services CAR Storemen (2nd Subdepot 550 BAD) at S.Giorgio (Naples) have been regularly carried out.
- 2 - Course for "CAR" MT materials Storemen (1st Sub-depot 557 BAD) at Pontecagnano (Salerno):
 - a) has not been interrupted ~~even~~.
 - b) 3 soldiers were dismissed from the course, for bad conduct and lack of interest.
 - c) A NCO has been punished for having broken^a driving mirror.
 - d) An Officer has been appointed to superintending the cadets.
 - e) The course has been ~~prolonged~~ ^{prolonged} till 15th inst., upon a request of 1st sub-depot.
- 3 - We take this opportunity ~~for~~ informing you that we have ordered that be taken ~~provisions~~ ^{provisions} against the Unit Commanders who proposed and sent to the courses personnel of doubtful ability and poor disciplinary qualities.

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File - TRG/ RY
R/23/4

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G-2	
GSO II (Fina)	

This is in
reply to F. 40
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SUBJECT: Training of Storemen for C.A.R.'s

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (181A)

TRG/27

5 Apr 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference this HQ letter TRG/27 dated 19 Feb 46.

1. The following report on the storemen attached to 557 BOD for training in storemen's duties has been received from Chief Ordnance Officer 557 BOD :-

" Generally the men were dirty, undisciplined and showed no interest. Those sent to 2 Sub Depot seemed to be better types than those sent to 1 Sub Depot, they took more interest possibly because the stores concerned were more simple, and the instruction perforce was likewise more simple. In 1 Sub Depot they did not obey orders, and were a bad influence on the Italian civilian employees (particularly females).

The under mentioned were reported to :-

OC 10 Reggimento Panteria,
Comando III Battaglioni,
Salerno.

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(b) Soldato Venditti Giovanni } showed no
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2. Forwarded for your information and any action you consider necessary.

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TFL/ell

Major-General,
MIA.

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13 (.) PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION AND PROGRAMS (.) YOUR

ATTENTION INFORMATION OF C A R IDENTIFIED IN DEC/67 OF 12 MAR

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/27
Date: 5/2

TO SEE
GSO 1
GSO 2 (M)
GSO 3 (M)

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(8)
(41)SUBJECT: C.A.R. TRG Programme

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

TRG/27

23 Apr 46

TO : List 'B'

1. It is our policy (and that of the Ministry of War) that only the Ministry of War may alter the C.A.R. syllabi.

This makes good sense when it is realised that the object of C.A.Rs was to ensure uniformity and that if all Territorial Comds altered their programmes the policy of a uniform training would go by the board.

2. It is however our intention to review the programmes in June in the light of experience during the first period of training and this HQ will ask BLUs to make their criticism and suggestion.

3. BLUs are therefore requested to watch C.A.Rs from the point of view of a conference in June to discuss programmes etc.

WLM/ra

Internal: G

for Major-General, MMIA.

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RECEIVED 1 - APR 1946
SUBJECT :- NCOs Sent to C.A.R.'s.

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

Ref : G/G.7/1070

30 March 1946.

To: G (TRG),
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MILA).

1. Herewith, for information, a list of the number of NCOs sent to CARs. It will be seen that the distribution of Instructors has by no means been equal and this is caused by the desire of SMRE to send Instructors as near to their homes as possible.

Centre,	Sottufficiale.		Graduati		Total Balance
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GENOVA.	115	+ 18	49	-143	-125
MILAN.	76	- 21	51	-141	-162
BOLZANO	119	+ 22	33	- 159	-137
UDINE	213	+116	86	-106	- 10
BOLOGNA	112	+ 15	139	- 53	- 38
FLORENCE	97	-	116	- 76	- 76
ROME	86	- 11	166	- 26	- 37
BARI	110	+ 13	109	- 83	- 70
NAPLES	148	+ 51	155	- 37	+ 14
PALERMO	156	+ 59	199	+ 7	+ 66
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2. The above statement of course is no guarantee that all arrived as such at CARs.

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TO SEE

GSO I

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TO SEE	
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GSO II (Sch)	✓
GSO II (Fmn)	✓

W.L.P.

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

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RG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/ 27
Date: 8/2/4

SUBJECT: Inspections of C.A.R.s

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (SEAL)

TRG/27

24 Mar 46

TO : Lint B'

PA to GSO Dep Comd
 RGS Col A/Q
 G(SD) 'A' 'Q'

Ref TRG/27 dated 12 Mar 46.

Dates of tours are as under:-

1. B.G.S. - Brig W.W. ROPE ISO

Details will be notified later.

2. GSO 2(Trg) - Major R.F. CHASTIE (By car)

Mon	8 Apr	- dep ROME - arr ORVITO (8 CAR)
Night	8/9 Apr	- at PERUGIA
Tues	9 Apr	- at ORVITO (8 CAR)
Night	9/10 Apr	- at PERUGIA
Wed	10 Apr	- dep PERUGIA - arr PESARO
Thu	11 Apr	- at PESARO (6 CAR)
Fri	12 Apr	- " " "
Sat	13 Apr	- dep PESARO - arr ROME

3. GSO 1(Trg) - Lt-Col W.L. MEDLAM (By car)

Tues	16 Apr	- dep ROME - arr FLORENCE
Wed	17 Apr	- at SIENA (7 CAR)
Thu	18 Apr	- dep FLORENCE - arr BOLOGNA
Fri	19 Apr	- at MODENA (5 CAR)
Sat	20 Apr	- dep BOLOGNA - arr V. NICE
Sun	21 Apr	- at SACILE (5 CAR)
Tues	23 Apr	- at VERONA
Night	23/24 Apr	- at MONTORIO VERGINESE (4 CAR)
Wed	24 Apr	- at VENICE
Thur	25 Apr	- dep VENICE - arr FLORENCE
Night	25/26 Apr	- at FLORENCE - arr ROME
Fri	26 Apr	- at FLORENCE - arr ROME
Sat	27 Apr	- at FLORENCE - arr ROME

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See F42

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Subject:- COURSES FOR ITALIAN ARMY.

Headquarters,
557 B.O.D., C.M.F.
Tel:- Naples Auto 55473/5
HQ/94/4
25th March, 1946

H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Com, (M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F.

RECEIVED 27 MAR 1946
3466

Reference your TRG/27 of 18/3/46 addressed O.C. 1 and 2 Sub Depots.

1. Your para 3. I can only generalise on this matter.
Generally the men were dirty, undisciplined and shewed no interest.
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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/27
Date: R/26/3

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

Brigadier,
C.O.C. 557 B.O.D.

5231

Subject:- Courses for Italian Military

Land Forces Sub Com.AC (MMIA)

RECEIVED 25 MAR 1946
2311

2 Sub Depot,
557 B.O.D., CMF.

Ref:- 2/JOE/43/112
21st March 1946

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1. Receipt is acknowledged of your TRG/27 dated 18th March 46 but the contents are not understood.
2. As far as this Sub Depot is concerned the results attained so far by the Italian Military have been extremely gratifying.
3. The matter has therefore been forwarded to the C.O.O. (HQ 557 B.O.D.) for necessary action.

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

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/27
Date: R 25/3

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O.O. 2 Sub Depot.

See F 36

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SUBJECT: Courses for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (LMA)

TRG/27

8 Mar 46

CG No 1 Sub Depot 557 BOD (Lt-Col CLARKE)
CG No 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD (Lt-Col LITTLE)

See F. 35736

1. Information has been received through GHO that the Italian soldiers attached to your Sub-Depot for training as storemen are giving cause for dissatisfaction inasmuch as they are showing no interest in their work and are furthermore a bad influence on the civilian employees.
2. It is further stated that in view of the above you wish to terminate the attachment of these personnel.
3. It is much regretted that these soldiers have acted as they did, and this HQ wishes to take the matter up with the Ministry of War.
4. It would be appreciated therefore if you would submit a report in order that we may recommend to the Italian Ministry of War the appropriate action to be taken by them.

WJN/cil

Major-General,
LMA.

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[Signature]

SUBJECT: Inspections of C.A.Rs.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AS (MILIA)

-TRC/27 -

5 Mar 46

TO : List 'B'

PA to GOC Dep Comd
HQS Col A/R
G(SD) 'A' 'Q'

1. It is proposed to visit all C.A.Rs during their first fortnight of training.

Inspections as under will be made by officers of this HQ:-

2. B.C.S. (By air to main centres)

Avellino
Fari
Palermo

G.S.O. I (Trg) (By car)

Siena
Modena
Saville
Montorio Veronese

G.S.O. II(Trg) (1) (By car)

Orvieto
Pesaro

G.S.O. II(Trg) (2) (By air to main centres)

Como
Brescia
Cunso
Casale Monferrato

3. B.L.Us will provide transport for officers travelling by air.
4. Full details and dates will be circulated in due course.
5. This information will not yet be passed to the Italian HQ concerned.

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Major-General,
MIA.

S.M. organisation office NII09/Ord/I stop This is addressed to
Genoa Comiliter Milan Comiliter and Udine Comiliter stop.

Number planned for model platoons cannot be increased stop Recruit
Training Centres split up in two seats model unit will be arranged
detaching a complete squad of the platoon allotted stop the more
used platoons and squads detached for special demonstration purposes
will be excused guard duty stop.

DAK

Col. GS
GSO I (D)
Dep. G3
GSO II (S)
GSO II (T)
GSO II (V)
GSO III (S)
GSO III (S&S)
G (log)

S.M. Organisation Office T40028.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <i>SP. 1</i>
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Chief Clerk B Tq.
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SUBJECT : C.A.R. Circular.

LAND FORCES HQ, COMD., A.C.
MILA.

TRG/27

March 46.

TO : List 'B' (Lass 12 BLU.)

Ref TRG/27 dated the 7 Feb 46.

1. Herewith for information are :-

Appx 'A' - 9 BLU letter 5/39 dated 28 Feb 46.

Appx 'B' - Instructions for the reception of recruits
as laid down by Comd 10 C.A.R.
(forwarded by 10 BLU)

It is hoped that they will be of use to other BLU's.

Major-General
M. W. I. L.

2 BLU letter Ref 5/39 dated 28 Feb.

Ref TRG/27 dated 7 Feb 46.

1. A rehearsal for the arrival of recruits was held at 9 Terr Cdr on the 28 Feb. Two weaknesses were apparent.

2. Firstly, the time for documentation had been under estimated. One set of 3 clerks (one for each document) dealt with 20 men in one hour. The rate of the whole procedure was retarded accordingly.

It was estimated that six sets of clerks are required, with others available if the influx of recruits should exceed 720 in one day.

3. Secondly, no-one had thought of the most important signpost. It is now being manufactured in large numbers and marked "C-BINETO".

The reason for the inclusion of Major Clark in the batch of "recruits" is that he had been asked questions about

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Major-General
M. M. I. I.

Appx 'A' to MIA letter
TRG/27 dated 9 March 46.

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9 BLU letter Ref 5/39 dated 28 Feb.

Ref TRG/27 dated 7 Feb 46.

1. A rehearsal for the arrival of recruits was held at 9 Para C&R on the 28 Feb. Two weaknesses were apparent.
2. Firstly, the time for documentation had been under estimated. One set of 3 clerks (one for each document) dealt with 20 men in one hour. The rate of the whole procedure was retarded accordingly.
3. It was estimated that six sets of clerks are required, with others available if the influx of recruits should exceed 720 in one day.
4. Secondly, no-one had thought of the most important signpost. It is now being manufactured in large numbers and marked "GABINETTO".
5. The reason for the inclusion of Major Clark in the batch of "recruits" was not fully appreciated, except by his unit sergeant, who asked questions about his family and about his journey to the C&R. Each time a B.P. question was asked there was a tendency among the officers to rush up and explain to the "Signor Maggiore".

(H. Ferro) Major
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Apex 'B' to MIA letter
TR 27 dated 9 March 46.

S U M M A R Y

SUBJECT :- Instructions for the Reception of Recruits.

HQ. 10 C.A.R.
2/155

26 Feb 46.

Recruits Bn HQ's.
Recruits Coy HQ's
2nd in Command.
C of Training.
etc..

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(b) By rail.

Recruits by road will arrive at the barracks.

Recruits by rail will arrive at the railway station.

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2 Junior officers.

8 NCO's

8 Ptes.

3 Lorries.

A 12 hour roster will be fixed. Recruits will immediately be forwarded to the barracks on the lorries. **5225**

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- (b) The other (arrival office) will :-

Take the recruits on strength.
Allot them to units.
Take them to the bath, to medical examination and to companies to be dressed.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M;of.W
To: All Comiliter

Ref: 1130/R/4
Date: 18/2/46

The following courses will start on the 27th February:
 Storemen General Duties men RTC at the 2nd Sub depot 557 BOD at
 S.GIORGIO (Naples). Storemen M.T. material R.T.C. at the 1st Sub-
 Depot 557 BOD at Pontecagnano (Salerno). Storemen Ammunitions RTC
 at the 551 BOD at Bitono (Bari). A/m courses will be attended by
 a Junior or Senior NCO of each R.T.C.'s with only 1 H.Q., and 2 Junior
 or Senior NCO's for each RTC's split up into 2 H.Q.'s. The military
 personnel will be respectively taken on strength of the 2nd Battalion
 10th Infantry -Naples, 3rd Battalion 10th Infantry -Salerno, and
 2nd battalion 9th Infantry -Bari. Probable duration of the course
 4 weeks. Naples and Bari Comiliters will arrange a daily transport
 service fro the a/m NCO's from the accomodation billets to the
 courses H.Q. and vice versa. Immediat forwarding. To be present at
 the Courses H.Q. on the morning of the 27th February. Please
 Acknowledge.-

R.E.Cpl

(Sgd)

Ref: 1130/R/4

Date: 19/2/46

To M.M.I.A. Ref your letter Trg/27 dated 14/2/46

.....For information

R.E.Cpl

(Sgd) G.Liuzzi

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Inform t on from M of W
letter 7826/M/COL dated 21 Dec 45

TTCh - Italian Comds

TURIN	- Col LORENZOTTI Giuseppe
GENOVA	- Col VIGILIERO Remigio
MILAN	- Ten-Col MAYER CHELLINI Renato
BOLZANO	- Col NEGRONI Giorgio
BOLZANO	- Col ADAMO Michele
FIRENZE	- Col GRAMIGNA Carmine
ROMA	- Col CATTA Giovanni
BARI	- Col ROSSOTTINI Vespasiano
NAPLES	- Col MAGLIARI XX GALANTE Luigi
PALERMO	- Col LONGO Francesco
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Distn :-

GSO I (Trz)
GSO II (Schol)
Chief Clerk G/Trz
T.I.C. Map

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Chief Clerk G/Trz

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SUBJECT :- Demonstration Platoons for CARs

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

TRG/27

26 Feb 46

LIST 'B' (Less 12 BLU)

1. War Ministry letter 604/Crd/1 of 2 Feb 46 and our letters TRG/27 of 8 Feb and SD/57/2 of 20 Feb are att as appendices to this letter.
2. It will be noted that Ministry of War has given orders regarding the attachment of pls to CARs. Territorial Commands are not therefore entitled to nominate Sub Units at their own volition.
3. Apart from the fact that orders have already been given it is obviously impracticable to use tps not already fully equipped with Brit Eqpt.
4. The only exception in para 3 above is the pl for 11 CAR, which will draw it's eqpt from the issue made to the CAR.

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Copy to :- TRG/27/7

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

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COPY

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

ufficio ordinamento e mobilitazione

Appx 'A' to MMIA
letter TRG/27
Dated 26 Feb 46

Roma, li 2 febbraio 1946

n. 604/ORL/I di prot.

OGGETTO : Plotone modello per i C.A.R.

Allegato : 1

AI COMANDI REGIONALI TERRITORIALI
e per conoscenza :
ALTA LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION I.C. (LPIA)
AL C.A.E.I.N.E.T.T.
ALL'ISPEZIONE AREA DEL CENIO
ALL'ISPEZIONE AREA DI ARACCHERIA
ALLE DIREZIONI GENERALI DEL M.G.
ALLE UFFICI DELLO S.M.R.E.

LORO SELE

ROMA
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D'intesa con M.M.I.A. si dispone che, presso ogni C.A.R. (escluso Palermo), sia formato un plotone faciliere organico da trarsi in ragione di due per ciascuna divisione di ftr. e secondo lo specchio allegato.-

Tale plotone avrà la funzione di "modello" sia per quanto riguarda l'addestramento individuale che per quello di squadra e di plotone. Pertanto gli elementi dovranno essere scelti con particolare cura.

Anche in rapporto ai suddetti compiti particolari il plotone concorrerà ai servizi di guardia.

I plotoni dovranno giungere ai rispettivi C.A.R. tra il 1° e il 5 marzo pv. e l'assegnazione di essi ha carattere temporaneo e vale per il solo 1° corso di addestramento che sarà svolto presso i C.A.R.

Per i corsi successivi il plotone "modello" sarà tratto dalle reclute.

Assicurare a movimenti effettuati.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
Giorgio Luzzi

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F. G. C.
IN COMANDO CENTRO UFFICIO
(F. Piacentini)

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Allegato al foglio n. 604 ORD.I del 2/2/46 Contd.

SEGNALAZIONE DI ASSERZIONE DEI PLOTONI MODELLO AL C.A.R.

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"	"	BERGAMO	" " " "PRIULI"	(Montorio Veronese)Pesaro	
"	"	PIRELLA	" " " "FOLGORE"	(Siena)Bari	

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Allegato al foglio n. 604 ORD.I del 2/2/46

Conto Appx 'A' to LAMIA
letter TAC/27
Dated 25 Feb 46SPEDIZIONE DI ASSEGNAZIONE DEI PLOTONI MODELLO AL C.A.R.

		Sede del C.A.R. al quale devono essere inviati i plotoni
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- GENOVA	" " " "MANTOVA"	(Piacenza)Avellino
- MILANO	" " " "LEGNANO"	(Como)Orvieto
- BOZZANO	" " " "TRIULI"	(Montorio Veronese)Pesaro
- FIRENZE	" " " "VOLGARE"	(Siena)Bari

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Appx 'B' to MELA
Letter TRG/27
Dated 26 Feb 46

SUBJECT :- Use of Trained Troops at CARs

Land Forces Sub Comm A.O.
(a.k.a. I.A.)
ROME
TRG/27

8 Feb 46

Ministry of War

Reference conversation Lt-Col MEDLAM - Majors CALO and

MEMOR.

1. Approval was sought by Ministry of War to the use of a company from a Territorial Regiment at each CAR. It was stated that this company would be used for such duties as Range Foreman, Orderlies, Guards, Storemen and on certain essential routine fatigues at the Centre.

2. It was further stated that the revised WE of CAR (now 874) could be reduced man for man if such a company were employed.

3. In view of the need to reduce where possible the WE of CAR this use of troops is approved with the following strict provisos :-

- (a) Companies so used would be regularly turned round, no company serving as depot company for a longer period than four months.
- (b) Adequate time is available to the employed company for full military duties and practices (incl TRG?) during it's term as depot company.
- (c) The period served at CAR by any company should also be considered as a period of concentration for training with the result that standards do not drop during employment.
- (d) The demonstration platoon be used solely as a demonstration platoon and not for guard duties (your letter 604/Grd/1 of 2 Feb 46 refers).

4. Will you please confirm that you are in agreement with paragraph 3 of this letter.

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4. Will you please confirm that you are in agreement with paragraph 3 of this letter.

(sgd) W.L. MEDLAM
Lt-Col
for Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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Ap x 'C' to MMIA
Letter TRG/27
Dated 26 Feb 46

SUBJECT :- Demonstration Platoons for CARs

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A) SD/57/2

20 Feb 46

To : Ministry of War

With reference to this HQ letter SD/57/2 dated 12 Feb and the conversation Col PLACENTINI - Maj BAUMANN 19 Feb.

1. It is agreed that instead of providing one demonstration platoon for each half of a "split" CAR it is necessary only to provide a demonstration squad for each half of the CAR. One demonstration platoon should be split to form these squads in the same proportion as the CAR is split between its two locations.

2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Headquarter's letter under reference are therefore cancelled.

(sgd) A.A. BINNINGTON
Major
for Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to :- 3 BLU

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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MINISTRY OF WAR

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Originator's No. 280/148

REFERENCE OUR LETTER 280/27 DATED 19 FEB (.)

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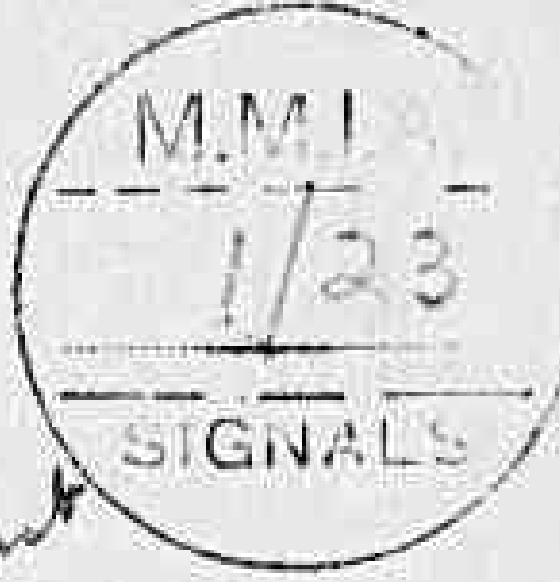
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SUBJECT : Training of Italian Personnel.

REC-2026 23 FEB 1946

G (Training)
GHQ GEF

Tel : FRAMES 551

ARG/87

21 Feb 46

Ord GEF

Copy to : Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MSEA)

Re: your DOS/7504, dated 15 Feb 46 and conversation Lt Col
CORRETT - Major HARRIS.

It is confirmed that the Italian Military personnel will
report to Ord Depots on 27 Feb 46. They will be attached for all
purposes to Italian units as under, and transport to and from the
Depots is being provided from Italian sources :-

15 Gen Storemen at 2 Sub Dep 557 BAD
attached to 2 Bn 10 Inf Regt, NAPLES.

15 MT Storemen at 1 Sub Dep 557 BAD
attached to 3 Bn 10 Inf Regt, SALERNO.

15 Ann Storemen at 501 BAD
attached to 2 Bn 9 Inf Regt, BARI.

see folio 13
for annex
see also folio 29
for our letter to Major
on this.

[Signature]

Brigadier,
G (Training).

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Translation.

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From:- M. of W.

Ref:-4/281/Serv.

To:- MMIA.

Date:- 16th. Feb. 46.

Subject:- Reduced range firing with rifle cal. 0.22.

In reply to letter No. TRG/27 dated 7th. inst., and with reference to verbal agreement made between Lt.Col. OLIVETTI and Lt.Col. MEDLAM.

We estimate to adhere to the system of training mentioned in above named letter and the following request is forwarded:-

8 Rifles cal. 0.22 for each ~~REC~~ ^{CAR.} - Total 88 rifles cal. 0.22
 20 rounds for each recruit to be trained at
^{CAR.} ~~REC.~~ during the period of one year - Total 2,400,000 rounds 0.22

Sgt. Fabre.

Sgd. Liuzzi.

G (TRG) - MMIA	
G.S.O. I	
G.S.O. II (Schools)	
G.S.O. II (Units)	
Chief Clerk & Trg.	
File	Date
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G-50 ^{yes}
 Any comment this
 is on my advice. Can
 be put in a Regt 5213.
 They may have to cover
 all the way from V. H.

23 Feb
 This should be put up to
 G.H.Q. on 'G' side when if available
 'G' will be told to arrange. RAC

SUBJECT :- Training of storamen for GAR's

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.A.F.A.)

TRC/27

Ministry of War

Further to our TRC/27 of 14 Feb 46 and confirming telephone conversation 18 Feb 46 Major CHRISTIE - Maggiore MERU.

1. It is requested with GMC (ordnance) that the following attachments will take place :-

- (a) 15 General storamen to be attached to No 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD S. GEORGIO (near HANES) for one month. To report to Lt-Col LITTON on the 27 Feb 46.
- (b) 15 MI storamen to be attached to No 1 Sub Depot 557 BOD PORTOFINO (near HANES) for one month. To report to Lt-Col CLARKE on the 27 Feb 46.
- (c) 15 Ammunition storamen to be attached to 501 BOD BIFFERIO (near BARI) for one month. To report to Officer commanding 501 BOD on 27 Feb 46.

2. It is requested that arrangements are made for the accommodation, rationing and paying of these personnel with Italian units in the vicinity of the Depots and that, should it prove necessary, transport is made available for conveying them to and from the Depots.

TRC/ell

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

Subject :- Personnel Selection Board.

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC.
MILA.

Copy to :- GSO I (TRG) MILA.

10 British Liaison Unit.
Tel. 157M4 HALLS
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12 Feb 46

G-79.

My GSO II visited BENEVENTO on Friday 6 Feb 46 and spoke to Major PIKE of the P.S. Board. The following points discussed at the meeting are forwarded for information :-

1. No course for Italians was envisaged but a form of question and answer conference was considered best.
2. No names or dates for this conference have yet been forwarded from MILA.
3. At present no tests may be handed over to the Italian Army. This was discussed in the light of the Greek Army being allowed to use the tests. Major Pike agreed to send the War Office a teletype asking for a ruling. It is felt that this would bear more weight if MILA sponsored this.
4. Should permission be granted it will take some considerable time to translate and print the tests, some of which are books.
5. The standard required for British personnel will not obviously be the same for the Italians. Adjustments can only be made by trial and error.
6. Some pamphlets will have to be entirely re-written, i.e. those dealing with rhyming and words meaning the same thing. This cannot be done without time and forethought.
7. It is felt that an Italian qualified in Personnel Selection should visit BENEVENTO immediately permission is granted for handing over the tests so that he can decide which ones apply to the Italian Army and discuss modifications with the P.S. Board. This Italian officer might perhaps be earmarked by STRE immediately.
8. In view of the fact that nothing has been done up to the moment it is not considered that the Italian P.S. Boards for GAR's will be trained and equipped for the first intake.

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Lt-Col.
GS.

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Date 14
Feb 46

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SUBJECT :- Italian Personnel as Storemen - CANS

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
REG/27

14 Feb 46

Ministry of War

1. Application was made to G.H.Q. for a course on storemen's duties for the following personnel :-

- 15 General Storemen
- 15 Arm Storemen
- 15 M Storemen

2. Information has been received that in the event of approval being given by G.H.Q. these personnel will be attached to an Ordnance Depot for 1 month and will be employed on normal duties. No special course will be run.

3. As soon as further information is received as to dates of attachment and locality of depot, joining instruction will be issued to you.

4. It is however recommended that consideration be given now to the selection of suitable personnel.

REC/c11

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

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See T. 27.

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15 Arm Storemen
15 MT Storemen

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RFC/ell

W. H. L. A.
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Major-General.
W. H. L. A.

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See P. 27.

Brigadier,
G (TrE). - 5208

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Subject :- Demonstration Platoon for C.A.R.

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
20 G

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC.,
MMIA, ROME.

11 Feb 46

G Lg.

Reference attached copy letter from Territorial H.Q.

1. I strongly recommend that a platoon from one of the inf. divs. should be allotted to the NAPLES (AVENTINO) C.A.R.
2. Information is requested as to which Division is detailed to provide this platoon. This information is required to enable this BLU to liaise with the BLU from whose district the platoon is to come regarding equipment, preliminary training and date of move.

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Lt-Col.
GS.

C. GREGG - M. G.	

Order Book G	Reg.
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COPY

Subject :- Demonstration Platoon for the C.A.R.

10 BLU

Please find attached, for information, copy of the letter sent by the
GOC to War Department reference the demonstration pl for the C.A.R.

Sgd. V. DONATO Lt. Col.
Vice Chief of Staff.

Subject :- Demonstration Platoon for C.A.R.

MINISTRY OF WAR (Cabinet)
MINISTRY OF WAR. S.M.R.E.

1. 10 BLU has advised to allot to the C.A.R. a coy or at least a platoon of
infantry from the Inf. Divs. (previous Combat Groups) to be used as "Demonstration
Unit".

2. The BLU is very keen on the suggestion being considered as it would have
remarkable effect on efficiency of training.

3. As I agree, I ask the allotment of the platoon.

4. It is pointed out that this should be in perfect condition of training and
equipment to give the results required.

Sgd. GIUSEPPE ROMANO G.O.C.

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Territorial Hq. NAPLES
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MINISTRY OF WAR (Cabinet) S.M.R.E.
MINISTRY OF WAR.

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Sgd. GIUSEPPE ROMANO G. O. C.

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SUBJECT :- Use of Trained Troops at CAR's

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

ROME

TRG/27

13 Feb 46

LIST 'B'

1. Owing to the great demands of the Central Military Schools for the ITALIAN Army the War Ministry are finding great difficulty in providing personnel within the ceiling allowed for trg.

Although the instructional side has been fairly well covered it has become increasingly difficult to provide men for other duties.

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8. ELUs are asked to report to this HQ when such a time arrives.

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R/24/1310
Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Training of Italian Personnel Selected in Rome.

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for B. Wilcox Capt.

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SUBJECT: Demonstration Platoons for CARs.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON
UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext-107)

HQ M.M.I.A.

G/36/5

5 Feb 46

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G. Lg.

1. The question of demonstration platoons for CARs has been discussed with Territorial HQ, who are in agreement with the project.
2. Gen. UTILI, Comd Legnano Inf Div states that he has no objection to providing the platoons, but that in view of the fact that he is losing two good Alpini Bns who are being replaced by untrained Guard Bns, he would like to supply as few demonstration pls as possible.
3. As the CAR for Lombardy is split between COMO and BRESCIA, it would seem that one platoon for each locality will have to be supplied by Legnano. (Alternative: Platoon for BRESCIA to be supplied by 3rd Bn 3rd Indep Regt.)
4. At all events, it is requested that Legnano are not called upon to supply a demonstration platoon for a CAR in South Italy if it can be avoided.

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SUBJECT :- Use of Trained Troops at CARs

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
RCE
TRG/27

4 Feb 46

Ministry of War

Reference conversation Lt-Col MIDDLETON - Major GARDNER and

MEMO.

1. Approval was sought by Ministry of War to the use of a company from a Territorial Regiment at each CAR. It was stated that this company would be used for such duties as Range Foremen Orderlies, Guards, Storemen and on certain essential routine fatigues at the Centre.
2. It was further stated that the revised MR of CAR (now 871) could be reduced man for man if such a company were employed.
3. In view of the need to reduce where possible the MR of CAR this use of troops is approved with the following strict provisos :-
 - (a) Companies so used would be regularly turned round, no company serving as depot company for a longer period than four months.
 - (b) Adequate time is available to the employed company for full Military duties and practices (incl TRG) during its term as depot company.
 - (c) The period served at CAR by any company should also be considered as a period of concentration for training with the result that standards do not drop during employment.
 - (d) The demonstration platoon be used solely as a demonstration platoon and not for guard duties (your letter 604/Grd/1 of 2 Feb 46 refers).
4. Will you please confirm that you are in agreement with paragraph 3 of this letter.

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Major-General.

1. Approval was sought of a company from a Territorial Regiment at each GAR. It was stated that this company would be used for such duties as Range Foremen (orderlies, Guards, Storeroom and on certain essential routine fatigues at the Centre.

2. It was further stated that the revised No. of GAR (now 874) could be reduced again for men if such a company were employed.

3. In view of the need to reduce where possible the No. of GAR this use of troops is approved with the following strict provisos:-

- (a) Companies so used would be regularly turned round, no company serving as depot company for a longer period than four months.
- (b) Adequate time is available to the employed company for full military duties and practices (incl Trg) during its term as depot company.
- (c) The period served at GAR by any company should also be considered as a period of concentration for training with the result that standards do not drop during employment.
- (d) The demonstration platoon be used solely as a demonstration platoon and not for guard duties (your letter 604/crd/1 of 2 Feb 46 refers).

4. Will you please confirm that you are in agreement with paragraph 3 of this letter.

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

A 8/2/46 pm.

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SUBJECT :- Opening of CAR

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
ROME
TRG/27

LIST 'B' (less serial 12)

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

1. In order to ensure that no hitch occurs on D Day each CAR should hold a rehearsal for the arrival of the first recruit intake.
2. This rehearsal should be supervised directly by the BLU.
3. Members of the instructional staff (and if possible of the BLU, acting as the 'B.P.' of the Squad) should simulate a complete squad of say 50 recruits and should go right through the process of arrival; clothing, documentation, squadding, bathing, feeding and allotment to quarters etc.
4. Any weaknesses of the system at each CAR will then become apparent, and steps can be taken to eradicate all snags.
5. BLU should insist on lavish and clear signposting of important routes and locations. No recruit should need to wander around wondering what he should next do.
6. The rehearsal should be held before War if possible.
7. Any helpful notes (or examples of any part of the proceedings where extra care is needed) will be appreciated at this HQ if they arrive in time for circulation to other BLUs and action by them.
8. Syllabi, Regulations and WE of CAR will shortly be issued to all concerned.

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MA to GOC
Deputy Comd
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9. Ben. Report: du P. 3. TRG/27/19.

for Major-General,
M. E. I. A.

14 Dec 46

See F. 29 - 5201

SUBJECT :- Recruits Courses - CAR

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

TRG/27

7 Feb 46

Ministry of War

1. Experience has taught that great use can be made of very small calibre weapons when dealing with recruits.
2. The loud explosion and considerable 'kick' of the British .303 Service Rifle may well in certain cases make the recruit user permanently gun shy.
3. It is current practice in the British Army to teach elementary aiming and firing on the miniature range, using in place of the Service .303 Rifle an exact replica of .22 calibre.
4. Will you please say if such a system is envisaged for the recruits at CAR. If so it will be necessary to indent on British sources for .22 Rifles and ammunition.

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Copy to File TRG/42/1

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

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of.W.

Ref: 604/Ord./I

To: Military Territorial Commands Date: 2/2/46

Subject: Model platoon forx the Recruits Training Coy. (AR)

For information to M.M.I.A.

In agreement with M.M.I.A., we order that, with each ~~R.T.C.~~ ^{CAR} (excluding Palermo), be ordered a rifle platoon w/e to be taken at the rate of 2 from each Infantry divisions and according to the attached list.

Said platoon will have the functions of a "model", both in respect of the individual training and platoon and section training. Therefore the men of this model squad will have to be chosen with particular attention.

Besides the a/m duties the platoon will carry out guard duties. The platoons must reach their respective ~~R.T.C.'s~~ ^{CARs} between the 1st and 5th Marc 1946, and this assignment is only temporary and for the 1st Training Course which will be carried out at the ~~R.T.C.'s~~ ^{CARs}.

For the following courses the "model" platoon will be drawn from the Recruits.

Inform us at completion of movements.

R.E.Cpl

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(Sgd) Col. Piacentini

Copy made
& passed to
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with Col. Piacentini
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Translation

M.of W.
To the Addresses
for info.M.M.I.A.

62.
Ref.370/R/4/
Date 18/I/46.

Subject Telegram.

CHIEF OF STAFF ORDER N°370/R/4 STOP ADDRESSED ALL COMILITERS
WAR COMMISSISARIAT AND COMMISSARIAT TERRITORIAL DIRECTORATE
ROME STOP WAR COMMISARIAT IS ASKET TO ARRANGE A COOKS COURSE
IN ROME FOR ^{CAR} R.T.C. DURATION THREE MONTHS BEGIN 15 FEB. STOP
EACH COMILITER WILL SEND FOUR ORS OF THE 1924 AND 1925 CLASS
ON THE COURSE STOP REPORT 13 FEB.TO THE 8° SUPPLY CENTRE
VIA LABICANA 15 STOP ACKNOWLEDGESTOP CHIEF OF STAFF ORDER.

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Translation

From H. of W.

To Mil. Terr. Hqs

Ref. 90/R/4/

Date 13/I/46.

Subject Training of Units and Cadres.

1) In cir. 2408/R/4 dated 28/8/45, I issued to the Terr. Mil. Hqs concerned directives for the training of Guard Batta.

Subsequently, in cir. 2876/R/4 dated 25/9/45, I issued other directives for the training of units and cadres belonging to Combat Groups.

2) These training activities would have terminated within the present year. Due to various requirements (splitting up of units in a vast area discharging the older classes, changing about of cadres, posting of reserves from different sources) it had not been possible to carry out the full program with all units.

3) Bearing this in mind, I order that during the developement of the training during the current winter season that the programs laid down in the above directive be brought to an end and subsequently the instructions contained in the general directives attached be completed and improved.

a) Collective and Individual Training - Close Order.

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It will have to be improved, taking care to bring it to the highest possible level for the men of each unit. Military personnel will have to acquire a pure knowledge of the procedure and weapons, materials and xxxx vehicles that they have to employ in respect of their specific functions. Platoon and Coy. marching drill, to be taken as collective training and discipline school, at least 30 minutes of the time available each day must be given up to this.

b) Target Practice.

When training practice has terminated classification practice will have to be carried out; cadres and military who have already carried out classification will have to carry out target practice.

Bearing in mind that the purpose of training is to produce marksmen capable of effecting an efficient shot at short range and against similar targets to those on the battlefield.

Even during target practice you will have to attempt to reach a standard of capability for the entire unit: leaving however the power to sub-divide the soldiers into groups of different capabilities in order to give more appropriate lessons for each group to obtain the desired level. Consequently the lessons which it is thought necessary to stress before proceeding to subsequent lessons could be repeated - more than once & for separate groups.

Some combat target practice will have to be carried out by platoons and coys. in accordance with the instructions and directions as per pamphlet 18-Small Arms Training-Volume I-Target Practice on Range Lessons (war) pages 20-21-22.

No fixed scheme is laid down for this training. The capabilities and attitudes differ greatly from individual to individual. The careful choice of lessons and exercises to be carried out is translated in the saving of time, results gained, economy with ammunition.

c) Training for Internal Safety Duties

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This item of instruction will have to be stressed in order to maintain the standard of training already reached by units. It is important that above all the troops are well informed of the tasks which in case of ~~an~~ ^{DISTURBANCE} public ~~one~~ they may be called upon to carry out. Because for any intervention to be efficient it is necessary that it be quick and decisive, and therefore all - cadres and personnel - must know perfectly and with sureness what they have to do.

Sureness in action is derived, besides from the knowledge of the specified task, also from the ingrown conviction of each one of working in the interests of the people, namely in the interests of the nation. It is therefore necessary to include moral preparation in the training.

This basis fixed, you will have to carry on with periodic trials; also in order to check the practicability of the particular plans laid down for the maintenance of public order.

During the course of training lorry-borne troop exercises (specially loading and unloading) would be very useful.

d) P.F. and Sports Training.

It will have to be changed to other instructions.

Purpose: to keep everyone - including officers - at a high physical standard, agile and tough.

During physical training route marches could be carried out, even for platoons or squadrons, by order of the respective commanders, on a free plan, with appointment in a determined locality.

e) M.T. Training.

Driving, vehicle maintenance, movement discipline, small repairs, measures to be taken when the temperature is below zero, these ⁵¹⁹⁵ be the subject for theoretical-practical instruction of a continuous nature.

In this field of activity no limit of improvement exists. There is still a lot to learn.

f) Specialised and Junior N.C.O. Training.

Tradesmen will have to attend to the end, improving and bringing theoretical and practical capabilities up to date.

Formation and technical-professional standard of junior N.C.Os will have to be taken into consideration.

g) Instruction on Regulations - ~~XXXX~~ Moral - Discipline.

Comrades will have to study the contents of the publications translated from English - Moral and the Officer - Comrades in Arms - Soldiers Welfare.

h) Officers and N.C.Os Tactical Training.

Since this training has not been carried out, or has up to date hardly started, I am repeating the directives already issued to some HCs in the a/m cir. 2673.

"Concerning the tactical employment of units, the capabilities of commanders of all ranks will have to be improved and brought up to date in order to give a better rendering of collective training.

It will have to be carried out through exercise both outside and inside, on sand or ~~paper~~ models, and by a speech and deep discussion of the objects under examination, in such a way as to get all those taking part used to the method of reasoning the decision taken.

The value and necessity of organisation in all branches of modern warfare must be put in evidence.

Particular developement will have to be given to the following subjects:

- Infantry Art. Co-operation and pointing out the tactical employment of Art. Groups.
- Infantry - Tank Co-operation
- Air-Force - Tank Co-operation
- Air-Force - Infantry Co-operation
- Air-Force Art. Co-operation;
- Designation of points on squared paper on a squared kilometre map (cir. 2000 dated 15/8/45)

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4) Please let me know by the 31/3/45 the results reached in the training of units under our command.

DAK

R. Cadorna.

SUBJECT :- Instructors - Territorial Training Centres

Land Forces Sub Com A
(M.M.I.A.)

G/TG/17

Dec 45

Ministry of War

Reference your letter 4215/8/4 of 16 Dec 45.

1. This HQ agrees with the Training of the additional Instructors as suggested by you which will create a useful reserve.

2. It is assumed that this plan will not interfere with the original plan for Instructors to report early to Territorial Training Centre in order to prepare the Lecture Rooms and Instructional Areas (our letter G/TG/17 of 12 Dec 45 paragraph 2 refers).

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Copy to :- 12 BM Central Military Schools

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

TRANSLATION

From : L of War

To : *adl*

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: *Trg/17*DATE: *21/12*

Ref : 4214/44

Dtd : 18 Dec 45

Subject : Let Course for Instructors in the Training of Recruits.

In reply to your G/Trg/17 dtd 12 Dec 45.

1. This S... has already instructed that:

- = the present courses will finish on the 22 Dec 45;
- = those attending will be sent on leave;
- if ex-POW's or internees, until the 15 January 1946;
- if coming from Corps or units, until the 2 January 1946;
- = upon the termination of their leaves, all personnel will report back to the Corps under which they are administered; this is in order that pending administrative matters, and various questions of duty may be decided (such as handing-over of orders, and the drawing of personal effects and various documents etc.);

= date on which personnel must report to the Training Centres:

1st February 1946.

2. With reference to the above, and even bearing in mind the difficulties which may be encountered by personnel seeking to reach their destinations by road and rail transport, this S... is of the opinion that the 1st of February may be confirmed as the date on which personnel will report to the Training Centres.

Sgd. General G. Liuzzi.

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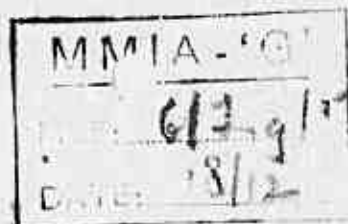
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from: M of W
to: MMIA



Translation

ref. 4215/R/4
16 December 1945

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Subject: Training of instructors for Recruit Training Centres.

1) In order to complete the requirement of instructors for Recruit Training Centres, and also in view of the actual progress in the courses, this SMRE advises the opening of a 2nd Course at the Central Schools to be attended by:

- 22 senior officers (2 for each Terr. HQ, - these ~~XXXXXX~~ senior officers will be available as laid down in W/E):
- 22 Infantry Captains
- 99 Infantry Subalterns
- 715 ORs - Infantry.

2) Courses would begin at the Central Schools on 10 January 1946 and end on 28 February 1946, in time for the opening of the Recruit Training Centre

C/u

Liuzzi

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TO/fr.



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

N.4215/R/4 di prot. Add.

Roma, 16 dicembre 1945.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

= R O M A =

OGGETTO : Formazione istruttori per centri addestramento reclute.

1.= Per completare il fabbisogno istruttori per centri addestramento reclute, anche in relazione al rendimento dei corsi in atto, questo Stato Maggiore ritiene necessario svolgere presso le Scuole Centrali un 2° corso con la partecipazione di :

- 22 ufficiali superiori (2 per ogni comiliter, corrispondenti ai due ufficiali superiori a disposizione previsti dagli organici) ;
- 22 capitani di fanteria ;
- 99 subalterni di fanteria ;
- 715 sottufficiali e graduati di fanteria.

2.= I corsi potranno avere inizio presso le Scuole Centrali 15150
10 gennaio 1946 e terminare il 28 febbraio, cioè in tempo utile per l'inizio del funzionamento del C.A.R.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(G. Liuzzi)

Liuzzi

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SUBJECT :- Instructors - Territorial Training Centres

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Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
G/Tre/17

12 Dec 45

Ministry of War

1. The present courses for Instructors for T.T.C. will terminate at CESANO about the 22 Dec 45.
2. They should report to their Centres for duty not later than 22 Jan 46. This gives them 4 weeks in which to prepare their Centres before the 1st intake of recruits arrives.
3. It is suggested that during the period 23 Dec 45 to 22 Jan 46 the Instructors be granted leave.
4. Will you please say if you agree to this plan and dates.

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Copy to :- List B

Major General.
H. M. I. A.

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