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TRG. COLLEGES - CADET ACADEMIES

Dec. 1945 - Jan. 1947

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TRANSLATION

(4)

From: Ministry of Defence
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 5712/H/4
Date: 23 August 1947

Subject: Removal of the Military Academy from Lecce to Modena.

Wef 15 October next the HQ of the Military Academy will
open at Modena.

sgd MONDINI
Col.

GM

TO SEE	
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File: 186/29
Date: 29/8/47

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 334

TRG/29

9 Aug 47

Ministry of Defence, - Army

SUBJECT : U.S. Military Academy Syllabus

Reference your letter 3839/H/5 Add dated 3 June 1947, Inclosed
herewith are 2 copies each of the Post War Curriculum at the U.S. Military
Academy and the Catalogue of Information. It is hoped that you will find
them helpful.

WFIJ/ml

Major General,
Director.

Incl 1 - 2 copies Post War Curriculum
Incl 2 - 2 copies Catalogue of Information.

TRG
File : TRG/ 29.
Date: 19.8.47.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
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Tel: 478421

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Ext: 337

7 July 47.

Commandant, U.S. Military Academy -
West Point, N.Y. U.S.A.

Subject: Syllabus, U.S. Military Academy.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defense has requested this headquarters to obtain a copy of the syllabus of courses in use at the U.S. Military Academy. The syllabus would be helpful to the Italian Army as a guide in setting up its own Academy for training future officers. The syllabus of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst has already been provided.

2. It is requested that one or two copies be sent to this headquarters for forwarding to the Ministry of Defense.

WJ
Norman E. Fluke,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Director.

WJ/oxg.

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of D.

REF: 3839/H/5 Add

TO : AFHQ. Land Forces Branch

DATE: 3/6/47

SUBJECT: Military Academy - Programmes.

See 4/3

In order to obtain more subject matter for the preparation of the syllabus for regular courses at the Military Academy, it would be appreciated, if a summary of syllabus in use in the U.S. Military Academy could be submitted as has already been done in the case of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Asst G3.

*Can you help?
Br. Side has supplied the
EG Sandhurst & Sykahi
Speak. M.*

TEG
File: TEG/29
Date: 11.6.47

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

TO SEE	
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Subject: ACCOMMODATION - ITALIAN

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/6/1
9th Nov. '46

To :
Land Forces Sub - Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

Military Academy, MODENA.

Further to your Trg/29 of 24 Jul '46, and this H.Q.

letter of even reference of 26 Jul '46.

For your information it has now been stated that
repairs to the above building will not be completed
before July '47.

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12/11/46

WHW/gr

Major. DAA & QMG.
6 BLU.

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Telephone
Rome 489084 ext 509

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA) GEF

TRC/29

2 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject:- Military Academy
- Officers Training

I consider that your proposals for the Training of Officer Cadets are sound.

I note with satisfaction your intention to give Cadets a period of three months at GEF prior to entering the Academy.

This in effect will increase the period of Training of Cadets prior to service as Officers with a Regiment of their own Arm to 3 years and 3 months.

It is my opinion that the art of Command and Leadership can only be satisfactorily learnt during the actual Command of Troops, and that no amount of preliminary theoretical or practical instruction can complete an Officers education in that respect.

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You consider that the necessary educational standard and sense of responsibility of the material from whom you propose to select the Cadet cannot be developed sufficiently in a lesser period of training.

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Major-General,
GOC, MTA.

S. H. G. G. G.

TRANSLATION

(29)

From: M. of A.
To : AMIA

Ref: 6416/F/12
Date: 04/10/46

Subject: Formation of Regular Army Officers.

Ref. letter TRC/39 dated 3/10/46.

Following previous agreements and further to the request made in the a/m letter, we state the opinion of this C.M. regarding the formation of regular army officers.

Said formations should be carried out through the following stages:

1) Admittance examinations (certificate of study required: classical or scientific matriculation).

2) A period of three months service at a CAR.

During this period the cadets will have the rank of "cadet officers"; they will ~~be~~ *be* - medically examined and will carry out the same duties as the recruits, attending also the cadet corporals course. At the end of the period the Commandant of the CAR will express his opinion on the military *capabilities* of the cadets. Admission to the Academy will depend upon this opinion.

3) Three years of Academy, of which the first two with the rank of "cadet" and the third with the rank of Lieutenant.

- The first year of training is identical ~~for~~ *for* all arms. At the end ~~of the first year~~ *of the first year* they will be assigned to the various arms according to the particular *capabilities* shown and the best pupils will be equally divided amongst the various arms. 5738

- 2nd and 3rd year: different training for each arm.

During the first two years more importance will be given to the practical training in order to put the cadets in a position to carry out the duties of a subaltern upon obtaining the rank of 2nd Lt. (at the end of the 2nd year). -

The cadets will be allowed to repeat only one of the first two years of study.

4) They will serve one year with a Regiment of their own arm in

- 2 -

order to familiarize themselves with all the aspects of life of the unit, the equipment, and administration.

5) One year refresher, with a theoretical practical character, at the school of application.

6) Promotion to the rank of regular army Lt. at the end of the application school.

We await for your final opinion.

sgt. Luzzi
Gen.

UR This requires - 3 months at CBR
- 2 years at Academy
- 1 year at unit
- 1 year advanced training

- 3 months
- 2 years
- 1 year
- 1 year

Tag 4-year training

SG M.M.L.A.
File: TAG/29
Date: 28-10-66

TO SEE
CSO 1 TSG <i>Ph</i>
CSO 2 TSG
CSO 3 TSG <i>CSO 2/10</i>
CSO 4 TSG <i>WMM</i>
CSO 5 TSG

SUBJECT: Training Cadet Academy.

LAND FORCES STAFF COL, AC(MIA)

(TEL EXT: 476)

TRG/29

3 Oct 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference your 6153/1 Add. dated Sept 28 1946.

1. I am directed to inform you that the GOC MIA agrees to your proposal that the period of training for Officer Cadets should be four years, divided between a preliminary (Academy period) and an advanced course at a finishing school.

2. I am to add that the GOC would like to hear your views on:

(a) whether prior to entry to the Academy the Cadet should be given a Groundwork of Military Training at the GAR living as a Recruit?

(b) Whether between the Academy Course and Advanced Course the young Cadet should be given his commission and posted to a Unit of his Arm of the Service with a view to familiarising himself with all aspects of Unit Administration, equipment and life?

(c) How long a period will be spent at Academy and at advanced Course?

M. W. Ho

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Major-General,
M. P. I. S.

WLM/vw

TRG M. M. I. S.
File : TRG/ 29
Date: 4. 10. 46

TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 6168/M/I Add
Date: 28/9/48

Subject: Training of regular Army Officers. -

Ref. conversation held on 11th inst.
between Lt.Col. Mediam and Lt.Col. Torsiello.

This SA has always been of the opinion
that it is essential, for the training of a regular army officer,
to carry out courses lasting not less than 4 years.

In fact, the lack of basic knowledge, above
all in scientific subjects, would render very difficult for the
officer, even if he is eager to learn, the task of developing his
culture during his army career and the carrying out with good
results of the superior courses of a technical nature.

Should your Mission agree, this S.A. will
prepare the programmes and the organisation of the schools for
the training of regular army officers, as stated above. -

sgd.

Muzzi
Gen.

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TRG M.M.I.
File : TCG/ 2.9
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by GGS.
(see folio 27)

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MIA

Ref: 222257/II
Date: 5/9/46

Subject: Military Academy. -

Reply to letter TRG/29 dated 24/8/46.

- 1 - The assignment of places at the Lecce Military Academy for Senior KCOs of the Carabinieri (cadet officers) is not limited for just one course but is on a permanent basis. The number can vary year by year around the figure of 50, as a consequence of the W/E requirements and the output of the Carabinieri Officers coming from Regular Army Officers of other Corps.
- 2 - The personnel to be added to the W/E in force of the Military Academy will be limited to one Carabinieri Captain instructor and two Carabinieri Lieutenants for admin. duties. -

IPG M. M. I.
File : IPG/29
Date :

Lombardi
Col.

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GSO III :	
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento
Sezione Addestramento

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N° 5534/H/7 di prot. Add. Roma, lì 1° settembre 1946
OGGETTO: Calendario campo d'armi dell'Accademia Militare.
Allegati: 1.

 AILA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE ROMA
A L G A B I N E T T O SEDE
ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA SEDE
ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO SEDE
ALLA DIREZ. GEN. ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE SEDE
- Div. Corpo Automobilistico - SEDE

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Si trasmette il calendario delle istruzioni che verranno svolte dagli allievi dell'Accademia Militare durante il campo d'armi, che si svolgerà nella zona di Rifreddo (circa 10 Km. a sud est di Potenza) dal 1° al 28 settembre p.v.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO - 5733  
fo:- G. Luzzi -

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



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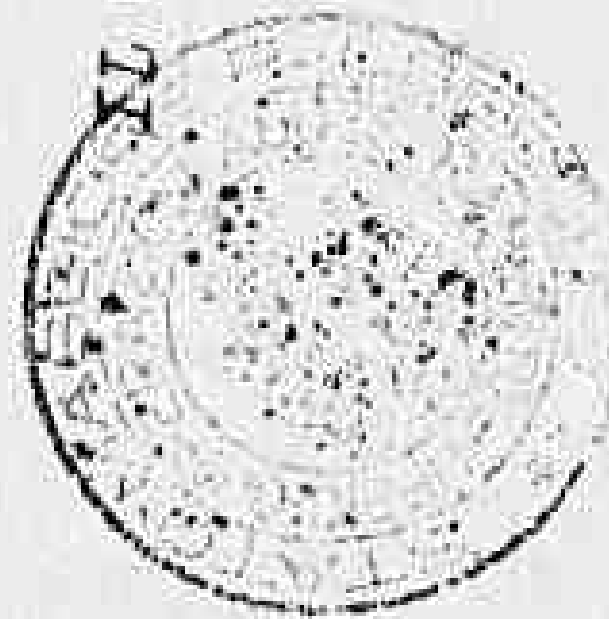
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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
f°:- G. Luzzi -

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



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SUBJECT: Military Academy.

MRD POND'S SHD OCE, AG(MIA)

(TEL. EXT: 218)

TRG/29

24 Aug 46

TO: Ministry of War.

Referred your 220837/II dated 9 August 46.

1. This HQ agrees to your proposal to raise the number of cadets at the Military Academy from 400 to 450.
2. You are requested to state whether or not this increase will apply to more than one course at the Academy.
3. Additional instructors and administrative personnel will be needed. Your proposals for amendment to existing S.A. are invited.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/29
Date: 26/8.

Major-General
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION.

From: M of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 220889/11
Date: 9/8/46.

Subject: Courses at the Lecce Mil Academy.

1. In letter SD/30/2 dated 19th October 1945, Your Mission authorised this Ministry to bring the number of cadets at the Military Academy up to 400, w.e.f. 1st November 1945.

2. The Carabinieri Gen HQ in view of the fact that :

(a) The special recruitment referred to in art 7 of decree 585 dated 12 April 1946 (G.U. 156 dated 15 July) only just permits the vacancies of Reg Junior Officers of the Carabinieri Corp to be filled;

(b) It will be necessary to make maximum use of the normal sources of recruitment laid down in art 1 of the a/m decree, also for the purpose of being able to meet the numerous applications for discharge submitted by Reserve Junior Officers. Requests that at least 50 places be reserved for Carabinieri NCO's who fulfill the conditions laid down in para 2 of said art for the forthcoming scholastic year 1946-7, at the Lecce Mil Academy.

3. This Ministry would be quite willing to accept the proposal, however the 400 places permitted by your Mission, are strictly essential for W/E requirements of the present strength allowed for the Army. In order to meet this request a further increase of 50 would be necessary, bringing the number of cadets at the Military Academy up to a total of 450.

4. This pointed out, I beg your Mission to kindly favourably examine the possibility of authorising the increase to the 450 cadets in order to meet Carabinieri Corps requirements.

Awaiting your kind reply.

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Sgd. The Minister
(Illegible)

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Subject : Accommodation - ITALIAN

to British Liaison Unit
Tel : 217 Area 119
Ref : Q/6/1
26 July 46

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC
(M M I A) ROME

29 JUL 1946

Military Academy, MODENA

Repairs to these buildings are already in progress: the roofs are almost finished, but rebuilding of demolished sections, is not expected to be completed before 15 Nov 46.

Plans for the installation of electric light, water, sanitation and drainage, have been submitted to the Ministry of War, but not yet approved. These installations are estimated to take from 3 to 4 months time, after the order has been received.

Your TRG/29 of 24 July 46, refers.

TRG M.M.I.A.
TRG/29
Date: 2/29/46

WHW/am
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TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (Gen)
GSO II (Fin)

[Signature]
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 4605/R/I
Date: 26/7/46

Subject: Officers training.

*Awalt reply to my letter
dated 14 Aug 46*

Ref. letter TRG/I dated 12/7/46.

1. The problem of completing the military - professional culture of Junior Officers who were admitted in the regular Army during the war with uncomplete preparation, has been made quite complex:

- by the large number of the above Officers and by the variety of the corps from which they originate;
- by the organisation difficulties to be overcome in order to establish efficient courses, specially in consideration of the schools already heavy burden.

2. It has been necessary to split the above training in two parts, giving priority for Officers whose basic military training needs improving, i.e. officers admitted to the regular Army:

- from reserve officers
- from NCOs
- for war valour

Subsequently it will be arranged to complete, through "Advanced training courses", the training of officers who have attended the Academy and partially the advanced training school, or only the Academy.

3. Course for officers who have ^{Not} attended the Academy ⁵¹⁹⁷⁹ will be denominated "refresher", they will have a duration of about six months each, following on as close as possible.

The drawing up of the relative programmes has reached an advanced stage at the same time bearing in mind:

- that it is a question of standardizing as far as possible the theoretical-practical preparation of these officers with that of officers passed out from normal Academy courses;
- that courses must be essentially based on British transport, teaching, methods and regulations;

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- that the theoretical-practical part concerning Italian transport and regulations, which it is considered constitutes a useful basis for the British part, must not be neglected;
- that officers have already acquired, in the Army, a preparation, mainly of a practical nature;
- that in time, these officers will attend the "advanced training course" together with officers who have only attended the Academy.

4. Among the major difficulties to be overcome for the organising of the above courses, are:

- the appointment and preparation of teachers, who will have to have afterwards the time necessary for the preparation of the syllabus to be dealt with;
- preparation of the premises required, with particular attention to officers' billets.

It is therefore necessary to realise that some time will elapse, before the courses can commence.

5. Nothing will be neglected which may help the courses to commence as soon as possible and with the best possible organisation.

6. Newly appointed officers who ~~are~~ are passed out this year and in the future by the Academy, will also attend the "advanced training courses", which will be carried out after the "refresher courses" have terminated.

7. The Modena Academy buildings have been cleared of evacuees and returned to Military Administration. Heavy repairs have already commenced and the Military Academy will be transferred there during 1947.

8. Cadets who are at present at Lecce will attend a Summer camp this year, which will last the whole September 1946 in the Potenza area.

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DAK

TO	E
GSO I	<i>lv</i>
GSO II (Sch)	
GSO II (Fmn)	

TRG M. A.
File : T G 29
Date: 11/2/8.

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 4891/S/6
Date: 1/8/46

Subject: Military Academy.

Ref. your letter TRG/29 dated 24/7/46.

It is estimated that repairs to the Modena Academy buildings, started during this month, will take at least six months.

The second Academy year will commence at Lecce on the 1st November 1946, whilst the commencement of the first year has still not been settled.

Transfer of the Academy from Lecce to Modena will therefore certainly take place during 1947, but for the time being we are unable to state the date, this being governed by the advisability of splitting the courses in order to carry out this transfer, which will take some time.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/29
Date: 1/2/8

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Liuzzi
Gen.

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

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 4840/H/7
Date: 29/7/46

Subject: Military Academy training Camp.

1. Military Academy will carry out training from the 30th of August 1946 to the 29th September, including transfer.
2. Area: the same as last year, i.e. triangol Pignola-Abriola - Groppa d'Anzi, about 8 kilometres to the south south east of Potenza.
3. Organisation:
 - a)- Camp: Riofreddo (7 kilometres to the south of Potenza)
 - b)- range: in the immediate vicinity of the Camp, i.e. at Serra del Bosco (North east of Abriola)
 - c)- Animal accomodation: (about 20 horses and 4 mules) at Pignola about 12 kilometres on the road from Potenza.
4. Personnel who will presumably attend the Camp:

n° 162 Cadets of the first course
" 50 " " " second "
over and above staff personnel.
5. Transfer: by rail.
6. Detailed dates will follow.

DAK

TRG M. M. I. C.
File : T-G/29
Date: 8/2/8

TO	sgd.
GSO 1	
GSO II (Gen)	
GSO II (Gen)	

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen. - 5726

BGS See

we must send a
visitor I think. 184

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SUBJECT: Military Academy Modena

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MIA)

(TEL EXT: 339)

TRG/29

24 Jul 46

TO : 6 British Liaison Unit

1. Information is required here as to the state of repair of the Military Academy at MODENA.
2. Will you please inform us whether work is in progress and the estimated date of completion of works.

see p 18

*see 31
for reply*

MR

MR

WLM/ren

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Cadet Academy

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MHIA)

(TEL EXT: 399)

TRG/29

W Jul 46

TO : Ministry of War

Ref 16

Ref TRG/29 of 8 Feb and your 911/5/6 of 15 Feb

May we please be informed of the progress made to date with regard to the reoccupation of the Modena Bldgs by the students of the Military Academy.

Ltr Ltr

WIM/WH

Major General
M. H. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

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

REF: 4/957/Serv
DATE: 20/4/46

SUBJECT: British weapons for R. Military Academy.

TRG M M I A.
File - TRG/29
Date: 15/29/4.

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GSO I
GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Fin)

In reply to letter TRG/29 dated 14/3/46.

- 1 - On reception of the a/m letter we ordered that the weapons shown in enclosure 1 (supplied by Military Central School HQ. for 2 months) and the individual equipment items shown in list 2 , be immediatly released to R. Academy of Lecce and drawn from those recently issued at Naples.
- 2 - Release of weapons and individual equipment items mentioned in previous para has been already carried out.

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Sgd MELONI
Col.

Allegato n.2 al rl.4/957/Sv.
in data 19/4/46.

ELENCO degli oggetti di equipaggiamento individua-
li cedute alla R.Accademia di Lecce:

- cinturini.....	<i>BELTS</i>	n.	6
- bretelle sinistre.....	<i>BRACES L.</i>	"	6
- bretelle destre.....	<i>R.</i>	"	6
- tascapani.....	<i>HANDSACHS</i>	"	6
- cinghie destre per tascapani..		"	6
- " sinistre " " "		"	6
- fodere di borraccia.....	<i>WATER BOTTLES</i>	"	6
- borracce.....	<i>WATER BOTTLES</i>	"	6
- giberne.....	<i>POUCHES</i>	"	6

Straps R. for Hand
L. " " "
CARRIERS



Allegato n.1 a fl.4/957/sv.in data
19/4/46.-

E L E N C O delle armi e munizioni cedute temporaneamente alla R.Ac
cademia di Lecce:

-fucili inglesi cal.0,303".....	RIFLES CAL 0303 (BR)	n. 8
-fucili per tiratori scelti.....	RIFLES FOR SNIPERS	" 2
-saionette con foderi per fucili inglesi cal.0,303".....		" 8
-fucili mitragliatori Bren.....	L.A.B. BRENN	" 4
-moschetti automatici Thompson.....	THOMPSON	" 3
-mortai da 2".....	2-INCH MORTARS	" 2
-mortai da 3" con accessori ed esemplari muniz.....		" 2
-lanciabombe PIAT.....	PIAT	" 2
-pistole a rotazione cal.0,38.....	REVOLVERS CAL 0.38	" 2
-pistole da segnalazione inglesi.....	SIG. PISTOLS	" 6
-lastrine per fucile.....	RIFLES MAGAZINES	" 8
-caricatori per Thompson.....	MAGAZINES FOR THOMPSON	" 6
-caricatori per Bren.....	" BRENN	" 8
-bombe per mortaio da 2": illuminanti con paracadute.....	ILLUMINANT PARACHUTE	" 2
<i>Rounds for 2" MORTARS</i> : da segnalazione rosse.....	SIG. RED	" 2
: da segnalazione verdi.....	SIG. GREEN	" 2
: fumogene.....	S.MOKE	" 2
: H.E.....	H.E.	" 2
-bombe per PIAT : H.E.....	H.E.	" 2
<i>Rounds for PIAT</i> : drill.....	DRILL	" 2
: proietto da esercitazione.....	EXERCISE	" 2
: cariche di lancio.....	LAUNCHING CHARGES	" 2
: anelli guida.....	RINGS	" 2
-cartucce per pistole da segnalazione: verdi.....	GREEN	" 6
<i>Rounds for Sig. Pistols</i> : bianche.....	WHITE	" 6
: rosse.....	RED	" 6
-cartucce per pistola cal.0,38.....		" 10
<i>Rounds for pistol cal 0.38</i>		



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Subject:- Training of Officers.

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Minister of War.

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

G/Trg/1

30 March 1946.

1. GENERAL

As you know, my staff and yours have been discussing for some time the matter of officer training for the new Italian Army. The implementing of plans to this end must inevitably take time, but I think the moment is opportune for me to set out our considered views. These have been arrived at after due consideration of all the factors involved and the experience gained in this respect during the late war. I think we must decide on the policy at an early date, so that detailed plans may be worked out without undue delay.

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PHASE 2. Practical experience as an officer in a unit. Here the practical realities of army service will be discovered and the theoretical and technical knowledge learnt in PHASE 1 applied.

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PHASE 3. A period of more advanced "application" training, the duration depending on the arm of the service.

with the above system, theory and practice are balanced, and there is no great time lag before a cadet gets to a unit or use can be made of him as an officer.

4. ADVANCED (OR "APPLICATION") TRAINING FOR YOUNG OFFICERS (PHASE 3)

- (a) The main discussion has been on this PHASE.
- (b) Infantry and non-technical officers

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6. TRAINING OF SEMI-TRAINED OFFICERS

(a) There are, I understand, some 1000 young officers in the Army whose training was hurried and incomplete under the stress of war. Your staff, I gather, are anxious to complete their training as a separate problem to the policy outlined above.

(b) I am not quite clear what exactly is considered necessary, though I understand it is proposed to spread the training of the whole 1000 over 3 years.

(c) Technical training should and can be done at the Central Military Schools in accordance with General policy, as necessary.

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(c)(Cont'd) I cannot accept that it is necessary or sound to set up special separate technical schools to train these 1000 officers. In any event there would be the anomaly of the last of the 1000 attending a technical course(say) 2 years hence when for those 2 years they had been learning their technical duties with their unit!

(d) I imagine that general basic training is proposed. If so, it should be for a comparatively limited period, preferably held at MCDERMA and not too academic. I think however that a great deal of this general basic training can and should be done in the unit, if the C.O.'s concerned fulfill their normal responsibility to train all officers under their command.

7. I should be grateful if you would give the above your early consideration and notify me as soon as possible of your concurrence.

LB/c

L. Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Regia Academia Militare

LAND FORCES SUB GCM, AC (MILIA)

TRG/29

14 Mar 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The Cadet Academy has been visited by a Staff Officer of 10 BLU.
2. The Commandant requested that certain items of British Equipment be made available now to the Academy in order that all Cadets should have some knowledge of the weapons with which the Italian Army is to be equipped.
3. This is a very sensible request and this HQ agrees that a good purpose would be served were some British Weapons issued to the Academy.
4. A scale of British Equipment has been asked for in respect of the Academy but it is anticipated that some time may elapse before actual issue could be made.
5. Will you please consider the possibility of making a small token loan to the Academy from stocks of British material already drawn.
6. We would like to know your decisions in this matter.

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R. G. A.
Ch. WLS
Major-General,
MILIA.

Translation.

From:- M. of W.

To:- MILIA.

Ref:-964/S/6. Add.

Date:- 27th. Feb. 46

Subject:- Military Academy.

Reply to your letter No. MKG/29/1 dated 7th. inst.

Hereunder are summary informations dealing with the organisation of studies of the Military Academy prior to the armistice.

1) Aim:

- a) train officers of combat arms of service, in organising and commanding functions which are of central and provincial HQs and of large formation HQs (prepare officers for SM services).
- b) supply these officers with the complete teaching, technical and organisation knowledge required by commanders of higher ranks, for the study and methodic solution of any problem dealing with operations and the use (in war) of various weapon and services in co operation (employment of large formations).

2) Teaching subjects and practical instructions.

Tactic.

Logistic

Technical use of weapon..

Technical use of engineering equipment.

Technique of HQs of large formations.

Sea military art.

Air military art.

Military History

Draught of operations

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Sheet 2.3) Length of courses:- 3 years.

Each scholastic year ended with one month tactic-logistic campaign on the Alps or on the Mediterranean area.

At the end of said campaign, the officers were sent to an arm of service different to that to which they belonged for a period of 6-7 weeks, period which coincided with camps or summer exercises of the Corps.

^{3. subsequently} Consequently, they had to carry out, individually, a frontier reconnaissance (10 days) and compile a monography of the recognised sector.

4) Number of officers attending the courses:- 60 to 70 per course.

During the first year, approx. 90 officers were admitted to the courses held during the period immediately preceeding the war. That figure was then reduced to less than 70 on completion of the selection made at the end of the first year.

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Among the candidates of the competition, a first selection was done. This was based mainly on considering the past history of the officers according to their personal record card. Candidates passed as "suitable" were then admitted to the competition which comprised of:-

- a) Written examinations: (2 tests)
- one on Military- Political history
 - one exercise on topography.

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b) oral examinations: (3 tests)

- tactic-logistic regulations
- organisation of the army, formation of units, weapons, technical equipment.
- topography and geography
- public rights and political economy
- french

Summarising, the examinations of the competition, requested of the candidates a general culture and professional knowledge similar to that of officers coming from courses held at the Academy and Advanced Schools, up to date, deepened and revived by experience, observation and meditation on good lectures:

For more detailed informations on the matter, see the enclosed Summary-Guide dealing with the preparation to examinations for admission.

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6) Sorting out the pupils

Over and above the selections done at the competition, there was a sort of permanent sorting out. In fact, officers who at the end of one year course did not obtain the "sufficient" classification in all the subjects, were not admitted to the following course and were sent back to their parent unit.

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At the end of the 3rd. year, moreover, the officer, although in possession of the Military Academy Certificate, could be declared "unsuitable to carry out in practice, the duties of SM). That was also another form of selection.

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(c) Assignment of officers who completed the course at the school.

Officers judged to be "suitable" (classed as "excellent", "very good", "good" or "fair") were transferred to Large Formation HQs (Divisions; Army Corps, Armies and at times, also to Central SM) to complete one year service as SM officers.

At the end of said service, the commandant of Large Formation gave their opinion as to the suitability of the officer serving in SM duties and since said opinion could have also been classed as "unsuitable", there was in such a way another form of selection.

Sgt. Fabre.

Sgt. Liuzzi.

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1. I take it that this applies to the Sapper and in a lesser degree to the Gunner. For the other branches surely the normal School Boy Mathematics are sufficient.
2. Here they show the great weakness of their system. They want to teach it all at once, and before the youngster is in a position to absorb it all. Why do they insist on this cramming. The result is inevitable. The Students head is filled with cliches and expressions he does not fully understand, and probably never will understand.

They want to train the 2/lts to be generals in one long course instead of contenting themselves with training each rank just one or two jumps ahead. I do not think a newly commissioned 2/lt is capable of learning from Lecturers how to handle a Battalion. To start with he barely knows what a Battalion looks like. Professorship versus Leadership! The theoretical part can be taught on a course after he has experience in his unit with the practical part.
3. A good course at a Junior Leaders School would be infinitely better.
4. This I take it means the regulations for the employment and call-up of Reserves, since handling them can be no different from handling regular soldiers. 4 Years for this is just ridiculous.
5. I don't understand. They appear to advocate a system which will enable them to perfect the Training of Officers against their will, and inspite of incapability, or are they suggesting running the course for 2 extra years just to deal with this category? It seems awful waste of the good'uns.
7. Significant.

The essence of all this is their belief that the only way to learn is in a class room. That is why their officers are such damned bad leaders, and probably accounts for the Italian Officers inability to win a battle.

28 Feb 46

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SECRETG.O.C.Brief on CADET and Y.O. Training for discussion withMinister of WarSecn Col. M.
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1. The Minister's proposals, put forward on 31 December are at Folio 7

para 2. Your reply dated 11 Jan is at folio 8. The Minister's answer is at Folio 21, in which he has not moved an inch from his previous proposals.

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5. I don't think it is worth while trying to pick holes in the War Ministers arrangements, but I think you might ask him if he is sure that he is being advised on this most vital question by those best qualified to give an answer based on knowledge of the conditions existing in the ranks of Italian Army of to-day, and suggest to him that the real people to consult in this matter are not the theorist's of SETE but the Officers who are in daily contact with the Young Officers of the Army and can see their strengths and failings.

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You might recommend to him that he form a committee composed of selected Division Regt and Bn Commanders plus representatives of SIRE, Academy staff and Central Schools who could be asked to consider the whole problem and submit recommendations.

Brigadier GS

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FROM : W. of W.

Ref :- 204124/II

TO : MEMO

Date:- 23rd. Feb. 45.

Translation.

SUBJECT : - Organisation of the Italian Army - Length of advanced courses.

Reply to your G/S dated the 11th Jan. 45.

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 - set aside a large part of the theoretical procedures which are not primarily military.
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- ① (a) complete the programmes of several subjects, such as mathematics;
- ② (b) develop the theoretical knowledge side beyond the modest limit required for the platoon, since the educational standard of a regular army officer must permit of his having an understanding of the whole of the great framework of battle and war;
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- 3.) It is today more necessary than ever that the army has first class officers, well trained from all points of view, fit to constitute the prestige of the army, and belying the derogatory attacks of the press.

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In order to complete their preparation and also to make the officers attend a cycle of studies comparable, from the point of view of the difficulty of the subject matter and the seriousness with which it is treated, to those held at universities, it is necessary that the recruiting courses for officers be of not less than four years duration.

4.)

The youths at present recruited are not, for any reasons, qualitatively speaking, first class. They therefore require a longer preparation; moreover the youths of the courses recently completed at Liege Academy and those who attended the last courses at Modena and Turin Academies could be brought up to scratch and remedied only by an adequate period of advanced training. Hence, again, the necessity of not delaying for a long period the settling of the question.

In view of the above considerations and the prevailing situation which will make its repercussion felt for some years yet, I am firmly convinced that advanced courses cannot be of less than two years duration.

sgd.

BROSIO.

Translated : Sgt Fabre.

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TRANSLATION

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

Subject: Lecce Royal Military Academy

G (IRG) - MMIA	
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GSD.H (E.S.)	
G.S.P.G.M.I.	
Chief Clerk C. T.S.	
File	Case
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Ref: 1193/H/3
 Date: 21/2/46

Hereunder find Lecce Royal Military Academy cadets return as at the 14th inst.,

1st year:

- Advance battle course:
 - Combat troops:
 - with school certificate10
 - without certificates 2
 - patriots
 - with school certificates24
 - without certificates3

Total: 39

Regular course163.

2nd Year: (coming from Modena and Torino Royal Military Academies):

- Infantry 89
- Cavalry 11
- Artillery..... 22
- Engineers 6
- M.T. Corps 6
- Subsistence 9
- Administration 5

Total: 148

-Total 1st and 2nd Year: 39 + 163 + 148 = 350 .

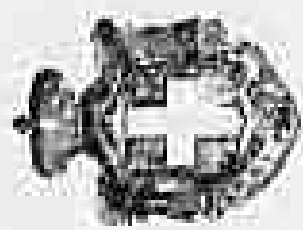
Numerous cadets of the Advance battle course have been dismissed from said course, previous to the 14th inst, not having qualified as patriot. Some of them, however, have done the regular examination and have been admitted.

A further reduction of the number of 2nd year cadets is foreseen in relation to the result of the screenings which are at present being carried out.- 570

R.E.Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. G. Liuzzi.

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

N° 911/3/6 di prot. Add.

Roma, 14 15 febbraio 1946

OGGETTO: Regia Accademia Militare.

G. hq.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION - A.C. (L.M.I.A.) ROMA
(risp. fg. TRG/29 dell'8 corrente)

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

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per Bas 23/2

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2) Questo Stato Maggiore concorda pienamente con codesta L.F.S.C. sul progetto fissato a grandi linee nel foglio cui si risponde, circa epoca e procedura per il trasferimento dell'Istituto da Lecce a Modena.

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

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2) Questo Stato Maggiore concorda pienamente con odesta I.F.S.C. sul progetto fissato a grandi linee nel foglio cui si risponde, circa epoca e procedura per il trasferimento dell'Istituto da Lecce a Modena.

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As a result, and taking everything into account, I agree that there is still a long way to go before the last all-round accommodation, particularly having regard to the historical past.

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Daniel Wallace and Marie Caspell served over 40 "thousand" of our country with compassion.

(b) Est to 15th July 45

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(c) 150 by 15th August 2001

Guidelines for Certification of Engineers: January 1991 to 1995. January 1995.

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1. reorganization of station and other units has recently been completed. The subject of unavailability which is the least likely for the military.

2. As a result, and taking everything into account, it is suggested that the officers the best all-around communication, particularly having regard to the financial point.

3. I consider that the situation should move from being to station, not later than October of this year, and that the programme for re-organization of the station should follow the lines given below:-

4. (a) 1 May 1966

Until Palace and Centre should remain under the control of the Royal Air Force.

(b) 1st to 15th July 1966

Station at London moves to Central Group, equipment moves from 1st to 2nd.

(c) 1st to 15th August 1966

Station on termination of station (any move direct to new station at 1st).

5. This would allow:-

(a) At least three months before the arrival of station.

(b) Move of station equipment over during an idle period.

(c) Move of station without a break in transmission.

6. Will you please say if such a programme would be acceptable to you.

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Intercom: 12/3/66

Major General,  
H. H. L. S.

Signed: L. H. H. S.

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Translation.

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From:- M. of W.

Ref:-4090/H/3 Add.

To:- Personnel Branch, M. of W.

Date:- 11th. Dec. 45

Subject:- Training for the commissioning of regular army officers.

Ref. your 26245/ mob/I dated 7th. inst.

1) It is the opinion of this office that a complete period for study, not inferior to 4 years, is required for the training for the commissioning of regular army officers. This is the minimum ~~essential~~ period during which cadets may acquire the necessary notions and become specialised in the various arms of service.

2) Such period must be sub-divided as follows:-

Period of stay at the Royal Academy:-

18 months for effective study in theory and

advanced training.

4 months for field training.

2 months ~~xxx~~ leave.

Total:- 2 years, of which:-

the 1st. year, for group training without distinction of arms of services;

the 2nd. year, for training with separate programmes for each arm of service.

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After said period (at least a year) the regular army 2/Lts. are sent to the Schools of Arms of Service Advance Training for a period of stay of 2 years so that they may complete their preparation and specialist training.

3) This office agrees with the advisability of incorporating these cadets as Ptes in units of the army, for a period of 3 months, prior to their admission at the Royal Academy, so as to put them quickly in contact with army surroundings, revive their aptitudes, examine their responsibility, control their characters, tendencies, minds and reactions.

However, said period of training is essential for the first impressions created in their mind and, therefore, requires good and complete moral surroundings which prevent delusions or moral depressions instead of reviving the mind of the pupils.

The present conditions of the army does not consent (at least for the time being) the adoption of such system and, therefore, we are of the opinion that such experiment should be <sup>carried out</sup> ~~made~~ in future when the army will have a normal and complete discipline standard.

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Sgt. Fabre.

Sgd. Quercia

Translation

from: M of W

to: MMIA ( for information)

ref. 7314

20 November 1945

Subject: Competitive examination for 250 students to be admitted to the ordinary courses at the Military Academy.

In order to ensure the necessary inflow of regular Army officers in the Italian Army, this Ministry has decided that regular courses at the Military Academy should be opened as soon as possible.

While waiting to publish the competitive examination notice, for students to be admitted to the courses, on the Military Journal, we hereby issue the following instructions tending to speed operations concerning a/m competitive exam.

1- We hereby notify a competitive exam. based on personal qualifications for 250 young men aspiring to a ~~commission~~ regular Army commission, who will be admitted to the Military Academy, following the rules and instructions contained in this circular.

Commissions will be granted exclusively for the Arms of Infantry, Artillery, Engineering, and MT Corps.

2) Military District HQs will post proclamations accordingly in the most important Communes, (on receipt of a sufficient number of copies of a/m proclamation with a copy of this circular).

This Ministry will also send copies of the proclamation to the controllers of non-universitarian institutes, Universities and High-Schools of the Realm.

3- Terr. Commands will see that this competitive exam. <sup>5704</sup> ~~is~~ brought to the knowledge of everybody, through radio and the local Press.

4- The courses will be opened w.e.f. 20 January 1946 at the Military Academy-Lecce and will have a duration of two years.

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At the end of the second year the students who have been approved will get a ~~commission~~ regular Army commission with the rank of 2nd Lt., in the Arm or Corps to which they have been assigned.

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5- The Italian citizens who possess the following qualifications can be admitted to a / m competitive exam. :

- a) over 17 and not yet 22 years old, as on 20 Nov. 1945
- b) Physically fit and not inferior to m.1,65 in height
- c) Single or widower without sons
- d) Possessing ( if under age and not yet enlisted) the permission of their family to enlist voluntarily in the Army
- e) Not expelled from State educational Institutes for bad conduct
- f) Regular civil, moral and political conduct, to be ascertained by the Ministry of War, in accordance with Law Decree n.159 dated 27 July 1944 and following instructions;
- g) Possessing a High School ( classic or scientific Lyceum ) degree.

6) Admission applications will be made out on L.8 stamped paper and will be signed by the representative of the family, if the person concerned is under age, not yet enlisted or incorporated in the Army. These applications will be sent addressed to the Military Academy HQ and should be handed in or forwarded to the Military District HQ concerned not later than 31 December 1945.

7- The applications will contain the name, name of the father and address of the person concerned; ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> school degree, the list of documents attached and a statement confirming that said person is aware of the conditions pointed out in the proclamation.

8- Each person concerned will attach the following documents to his application:

- a) School degree ( original or copy of it made out by the notary). <sup>520:</sup>  
If the original document is not available it can be replaced by a certificate released by the Director of the Lyceum, ~~provided~~  
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b) Birth certificate ~~xxxxxx~~ with the visa of the tribunal.

c) Certificate proving that the person concerned is single.

d) Penal certificate

e) Good conduct certificate

f) Italian citizenship certificate

g) Statement of the father or representative of the family allowing the person concerned to enlist voluntarily in the Army.

h) ~~Gaxxxxxx~~ Written statement of the persons concerned who

held the rank of emergency officer or NCO with which they certify that they will revert to the rank of cadet for the duration of the course .

i) Photograph of the person concerned duly signed.

IO) Certificates as at para d,e,f,g, will <sup>not</sup> bear a date later than 20 Aug.

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All the candidates, including war orphans, will produce documents and certificates on stamped paper.

No reference can be made to documents submitted to other Administrations for other competitive exams.

Wherever necessary this Ministry will eventually admit other documents or allow some of the documents to be replaced by notary certificates.

II) All the documents submitted by the applicants will be entered into the file of this Ministry and not returned. The original School degrees will, if requested, be given back to the persons concerned after they have left the Academy.

The documents of those young men who ~~wish~~ do not wish to stand the exams or are not admitted, will be returned to the persons concerned.

I2) Applications submitted after 31 December 1945 or not completed with all the documents required will be turned down.

I3 - District HQs, on receiving a/m applications will make sure that they are in accordance with this circular and will sign on them the time of arrival.

Same HQs will also collect the following documents:

a) report on the civil, moral and political conduct; on the ~~honour~~ <sup>honor</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>of</sup> the family and eventual hereditary ~~diseases~~ <sup>diseases</sup>.

b) Statement mod.44 to be filled and signed by the Attorney of the

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I5) District HQs will forward applications and documents attached to same directly to Lecce Military Academy, not later than the third day on which said applications have been handed in.

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I6) A/m H's will send to the Terr. Commands concerned and to the Academy HQ the lists of candidates who must undergo a medical exam as specified at para I8. and according to App.I).

I7) Terr.Commands in their turn will ~~xxx~~ notify ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>the time of med.exam</sup> the persons concerned and <sup>to</sup> the Military hospital

I8- Candidates will undergo the following medical exams :

a) Preliminary med.exam. at the Milit.Hospt of the Terr.Command where the District is located, at the time appointed by the Terr. Command.

b) Med.Examination at the Academy- Lecce.

Any of the applicants found physically unfit by a/m med commissions will be excluded from the competitive exam.

The military Academy will notify to the persons concerned the time when med.exam as at para b) will be carried out.

I9- Candidates will produce identity documents ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>either</sup> when reporting for med.exam.

20- Commissions for the preliminary med.exam. will be composed by the Director Med.Corps of the Terr.Command (president), by the Director of the Hospital and by an M.O. of the Hospt holding a rank not inferior to Captain.

Candidates resident in Sardinia will undergo their med.exam. at Cagliari Military Hospt.

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22- Commi sions will ascertain if candidates are physically fit and have a sufficient muscular development, are not suffering <sup>5/6</sup> ~~from~~ diseases and are in condition to carry out their service both in peacetime and in war.

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Candidates will be informed at once of the result of the med. exam.

23- Commissions for the preliminary med. exam. and the Presidents of each Commission will forward without delay to the Academy -Lecce:

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a) The results of the med.exam., completing a separate report for each candidate. Reports of candidates who have not been approved will state the reasons of non-approval.

b) a list ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ showing fit, unfit ~~xxxx~~ candidates and those candidates who have not reported for med.exam.

25-Candidates will not undergo special examinations.

Candidates will be admitted to the Academy in accordance with places available AND ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF precedence to be ascertained on the basis of the marks shown on the School certificate.

26- Candidates who passed the Lyceum exams. during the first session will have priority on those who passed during the second session.

27- If marks and session exams are the same war orphans,, candidates decorated with medal for valour, candidates wounded during the war and combatant partisans will have a priority on the others.

28- Candidates who obtained their School degree at <sup>the</sup> Military Schools of Rome, Naples and Milano during the years 1943-44-45 will have priority on all the other candidates and will be selected according to a/m order of precedence.

29-The order of precedence will be effective after the M of W has granted its approval.

30- Whenever, owing to physical unfitness or for any other cause a candidate is not admitted to the Academy the candidate immediately after him in the order of precedence will take his place.

31- The families of the cadets will pay 15000 lire a year to meet clothing, mess, equipment expenses. Teaching materials are included in a/m sum.

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This sum will be paid by instalments as follows:

-first instalment 4500 lire; will be paid on admission to the Academy

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32- ~~For the information~~ For the guidance of whom it may concern we point out that purses are granted by the following Branches:

Ente Previdenza dei Personali Civile e Militare dello Stato (51 Via Lima- Rome) Fondazione Vittorio Emanuele II (administered by the

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Cassa di Risparmio-Milano) Opera Pia aParma( Prefettura-Parma)  
Fondazione Conte Scipioni Duri( Prefettura-Verona)

Those candidates who wish to obtain these nurseries should apply directly to a/m Branches and not through the M of W.  
33-Candidates can avail themselves of military travelling facilities on their journey to Lecce , provided they request rly tickets at District HQs or at CCRH HQs.

Said travelling facilities will be granted to those candidates who have not been admitted to the Academy, for their journey back.  
No travelling facility is granted for the journey to Terr.Commande to undergo the med.exam.

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39) The Minister, in view of the results of enquiries as at para I4 or for other serious reasons, can deny the admission to the competitive exams. to any candidates, and is not held to ~~xxxx~~ state the reason of this decision.

40) This Ministry can change the number of place available.

41) Conditions and qualifications required and specified in this circular are compulsory.

Therefore delays ~~willxxxxbeadmitted~~ or incomplete documents referring to age limits, School degrees, boarding expenses will not be admitted no matter what family conditions or merits are.

C/u

Jacini

1. On the attached Syllabi it seems to me that the career is being generously treated from the purely military point of view. I believe a civilian could, with the hours of instruction shown, be turned into a good Inf. Pl. Comd. & probably also a good equivalent in any form of the Service.
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6. In para 3 I refer to wasted youth - I feel very strongly that the great need of the Italian Army is young officers without an undue sense of dignity. Boys who will learn to play with the men as a prelude to fighting beside them - I do not think it possible to learn this side of an officer's life if one starts aged about 25 & with a thoroughly professional ~~attitude~~ <sup>preference</sup>.

(as opposed to Shind's) outlook.

We do not need an Army of professors.  
We need an Army of properly trained leaders  
who will be followed by men who trust them  
and know them.

7. Who will be responsible for making a case  
to use in our reply to M.O.W. I would  
like a conference if it can be arranged.

WLL.

| <u>1st Year</u> | <u>units</u> | <u>from distribution</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Year        |              |                          |
| Math            |              |                          |
| Calculus        | 60           |                          |
| Phy             | 160          |                          |
| Chem            | 90           |                          |
| Physics         | 70           |                          |
| Algebra         | 60           |                          |
| Trig            |              |                          |
| Social Science  | 20           |                          |
| History         | 20           |                          |
| Geog            | 20           |                          |
| Security        | 10           |                          |
|                 | 1120         | 190                      |

1310

| <u>2nd Year</u> | <u>units</u> | <u>from distribution</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2nd Year        |              |                          |
| Math            |              |                          |
| Calculus        | 160          |                          |
| Physics         | 140          |                          |
| Chem            | 140          |                          |
| Trig            |              |                          |
| Social Science  | 450          |                          |
| History         | 30           |                          |
| Geog            | 100          |                          |
| Security        | 160          |                          |
| Admin           | 10           |                          |
| Security        | 20           |                          |
|                 |              | 5697                     |

|           |      |                |             |
|-----------|------|----------------|-------------|
| D'Ship.   | 20   | Social Science | 20          |
| History   | 20   |                |             |
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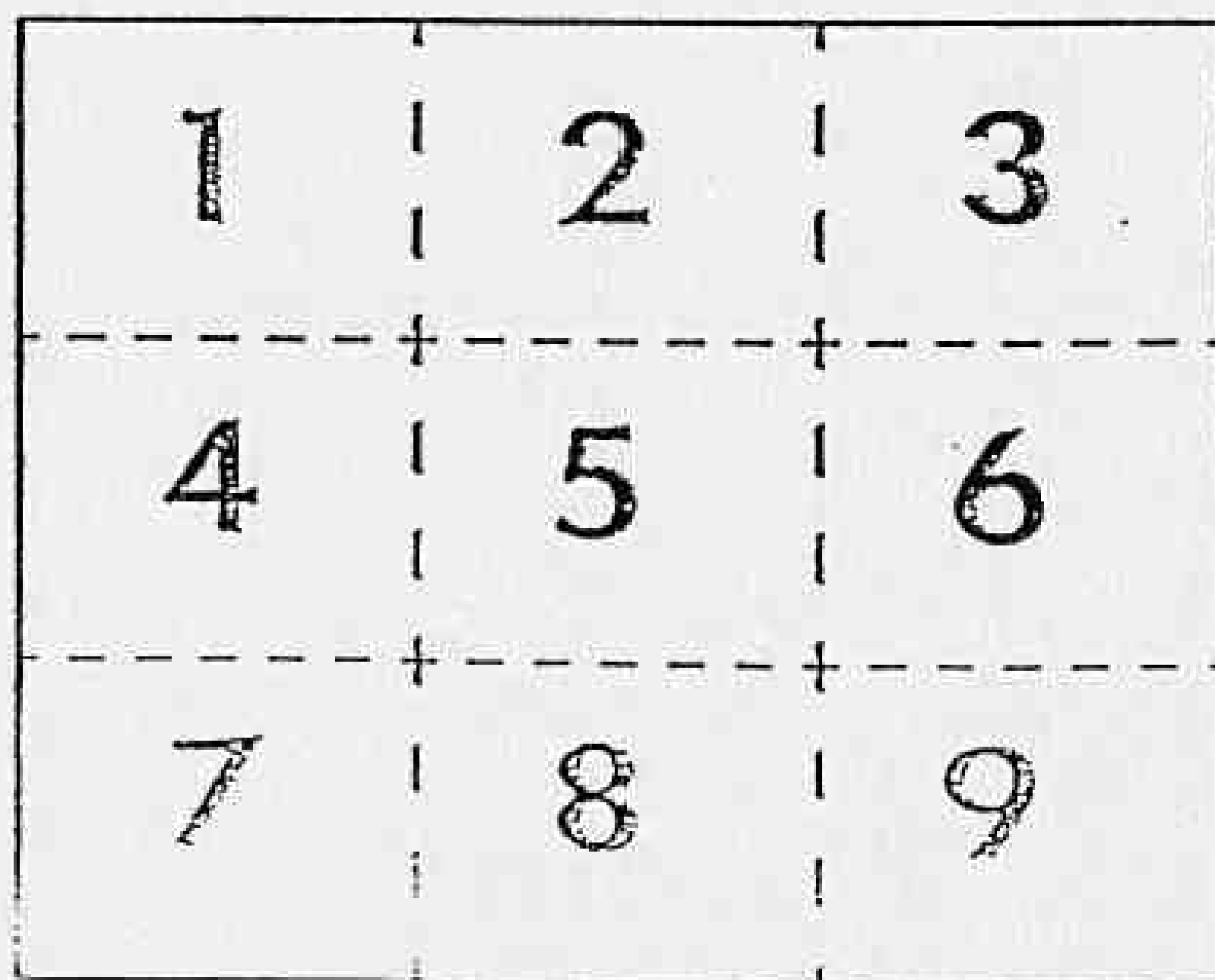
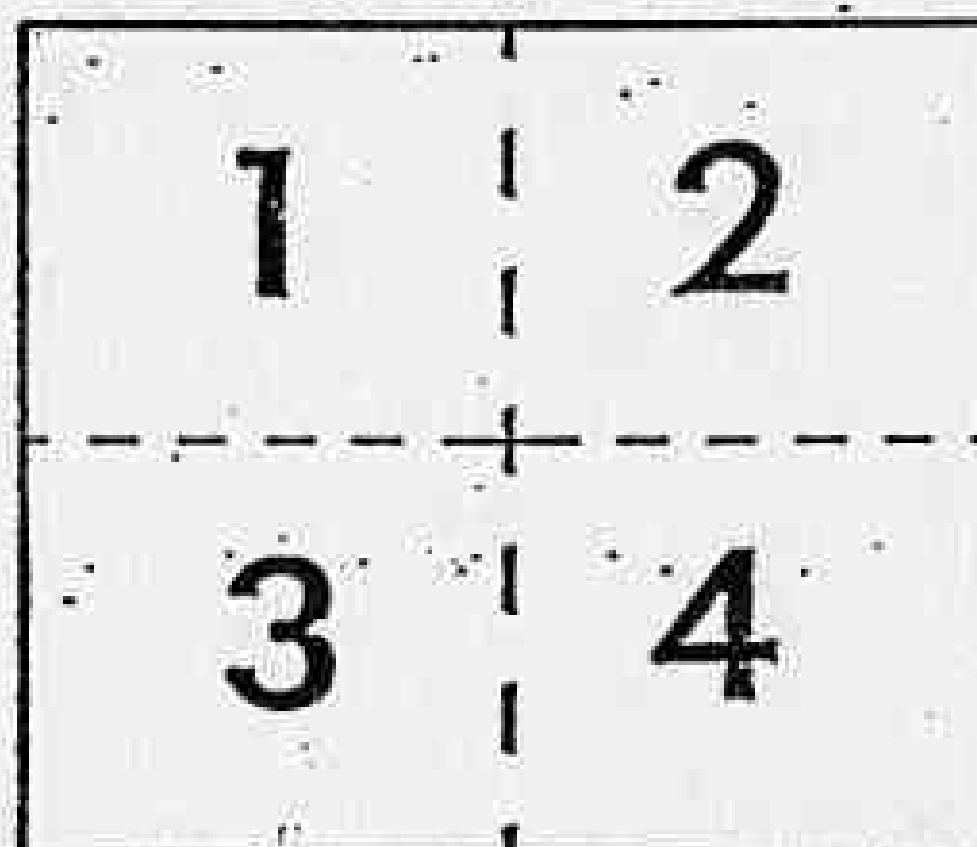
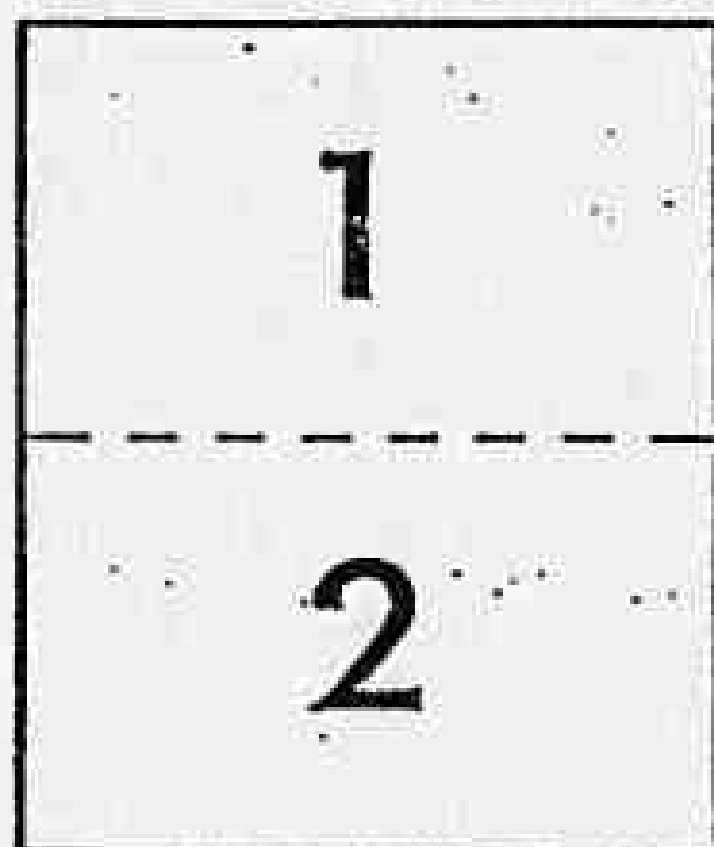
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|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| PT.         | 1600 | Health      |      |
| Replacement |      | Chem        |      |
| Demolition  | 40   | Physics     | 120  |
| WT          | 140  | Engineering |      |
| Reporters   | 450  | etc         |      |
| D'Ship      | 30   | Technology  | 20   |
| Sigs        | 1000 |             | 5697 |
| Supplies    | 1600 |             |      |
| Security    | 10   |             |      |
| Alco        | 20   |             |      |
| Animal      | 20   |             |      |
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MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM  
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE  
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,  
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



1<sup>st</sup> Year

MINISTRY OF WAR - Italian Army General Staff, Operations & Training Office, Training Section

Programmes of extra courses held for combatants at the Royal Military Academy for the Biennius 1945/46 & 1946/47

PROGRAMME AND SYLLABUS.

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| <u>Syllabus of Training</u>          |                                  |                    | Hours<br>of<br>Instruction | Coefficient | Number<br>of<br>Lesson |      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------|
| 'A' Section only                     | Applicable to Sections 'A' & 'B' | 'B' Section only   |                            |             |                        |      |
| -                                    | Military Tactics (General)       | -                  | (1) 140                    | 3           | 1                      |      |
| -                                    | Small Arms & Artillery           | -                  | 130                        | 2           | 2                      | 'A'  |
| Math. Analysis (Part I)              | -                                | -                  | 50                         | 1           | 3                      |      |
| Projectional Analysis of<br>Geometry | -                                | -                  | 40                         | 1           | 4                      | Int  |
| General Chemistry                    | -                                | -                  | 40                         | 1           | 5                      |      |
| Physics (Part I)                     | -                                | -                  | 40                         | 1           | 6                      |      |
| -                                    | -                                | Algebra & Geometry | 50                         | 1           | 7                      | The  |
| -                                    | -                                | Trigonometry       | 40                         | 1           | 8                      | app  |
| -                                    | -                                | General Chemistry  | 40                         | 1           | 9                      |      |
| -                                    | -                                | Physics (Part I)   | 40                         | 1           | 10                     | P.T. |
|                                      |                                  |                    | 20                         | 1           | 11                     |      |

Year

Table 2

Table 1

R - Italian Army General Staff, Operations & Training Office, Training Section -  
for combatants at the Royal Military Academy for the Biennium 1945/46 & 1946/47.

PROGRAMME AND SYLLABUS.

day for 5 days for lessons and internal instruction = '35' + 1 day a week for external exercises '7'; total '42'.  
for the period of 32 weeks: for lessons and internal instruction = '1120' = for external exercises '224'; total '1344' (2)

| Subject                                 | Hours of Instruction | Coefficient | Number of Lessons | Hours of Instruction                                               |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Instruction for both Sections 'A' & 'B' | (1) 140              | 3           | 1                 |                                                                    |
| Tactics (General)                       | 130                  | 2           | 2                 |                                                                    |
| "                                       | 50                   | 1           | 3                 |                                                                    |
| "                                       | 40                   | 1           | 4                 |                                                                    |
| "                                       | 40                   | 1           | 5                 |                                                                    |
| "                                       | 40                   | 1           | 6                 |                                                                    |
| Algebra & Geometry                      | 50                   | 1           | 7                 |                                                                    |
| Trigonometry                            | 40                   | 1           | 8                 |                                                                    |
| General Chemistry                       | 40                   | 1           | 9                 |                                                                    |
| Physics (Part I)                        | 40                   | 1           | 10                |                                                                    |
| "                                       | 20                   | 1           | 11                |                                                                    |
|                                         |                      |             |                   | 'A' Section                                                        |
|                                         |                      |             |                   | Hours                                                              |
|                                         |                      |             |                   | Instructions for both Sections 400                                 |
|                                         |                      |             |                   | " for 'A' Section only 170                                         |
|                                         |                      |             |                   | Theoretical & Practical Instruc. } applicable to both Sections 580 |
|                                         |                      |             |                   | P.T. Courses 160                                                   |

| SYLLABUS OF TRAINING            |                                  |                    | Hours of Instruction | Coefficient | Hours of Lesson |     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----|
| 'A' Section only                | Applicable to Sections 'A' & 'B' | 'B' Section only   |                      |             |                 |     |
| -                               | Military Tactics (Infantry)      | -                  | (1) 140              | 3           | 1               |     |
| -                               | Small Arms & Artillery           | -                  | 130                  | 2           | 2               |     |
| Math. Analysis (Part I)         | -                                | -                  | 50                   | 1           | 3               |     |
| Projective Analysis of Geometry | -                                | -                  | 40                   | 1           | 4               |     |
| General Chemistry               | -                                | -                  | 40                   | 1           | 5               |     |
| Physics (Part I)                | -                                | -                  | 40                   | 1           | 6               |     |
| -                               | -                                | Algebra & Geometry | 50                   | 1           | 7               | Th  |
| -                               | -                                | Trigonometry       | 40                   | 1           | 8               | ap  |
| -                               | -                                | General Chemistry  | 40                   | 1           | 9               |     |
| -                               | -                                | Physics (Part I)   | 40                   | 1           | 10              | P.  |
| -                               | Military Geography               | -                  | 20                   | 1           | 11              |     |
| -                               | Military History                 | -                  | 20                   | 1           | 12              |     |
| -                               | Map Reading                      | -                  | 60                   | 1           | 13              |     |
| -                               | Social Science                   | -                  | 20                   | 1           | 14              |     |
| -                               | Military Security                | -                  | 10                   | 1           | 15              | 'B' |
| -                               | Theoretical & Practical Instruc. | -                  |                      |             |                 | I   |
| -                               | Small Arms-Infantry Leadership   | -                  | 400                  | 3           | 16              |     |
| -                               | M.T. and Armoured Vehs           | -                  | 70                   | 1           | 17              |     |
| -                               | Field Fortifications & Pioneers  | -                  | 90                   | 1           | 18              | T   |
| -                               | Draughts Leadership              | -                  | 20                   | 1           | 19              | a   |
| -                               | P.T. (Gymnastics-Fencing-Riding) | -                  | 160                  | 1           | 20              | P   |

- (1) Instructional hours devoted to Theory and Practice (all Arms), and weekly external exercises are not included in the syllabus.
- (2) The difference between hours available and specified hours of instruction will vary according to instructions.

| to Sections 'A' & 'B' | 'B' Section only   | Hours<br>of<br>Instruction | Coefficient | Number<br>of<br>Lesson | Hours of Instruction               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| actics (batical)      | -                  | 140                        | 3           | 1                      |                                    |
| & Arty                | -                  | 130                        | 2           | 2                      | 'A' Section Hours                  |
| -                     | -                  | 50                         | 1           | 3                      |                                    |
| -                     | -                  | 40                         | 1           | 4                      | Instructions for both Sections 400 |
| -                     | -                  | 40                         | 1           | 5                      | " for 'A' Section only 170         |
| -                     | -                  | 40                         | 1           | 6                      |                                    |
| -                     | Algebra & Geometry | 50                         | 1           | 7                      | Theoretical & Practical Instruc. } |
| -                     | Trigonometry       | 40                         | 1           | 8                      | applicable to both Sections } 580  |
| -                     | General Chemistry  | 40                         | 1           | 9                      |                                    |
| -                     | Physics (Part I)   | 40                         | 1           | 10                     | P.T. Courses 160                   |
| ography               | -                  | 20                         | 1           | 11                     |                                    |
| History               | -                  | 20                         | 1           | 12                     | Total(2) Hrs. 1310                 |
| g                     | -                  | 60                         | 1           | 13                     |                                    |
| ence                  | -                  | 20                         | 1           | 14                     |                                    |
| ecurity               | -                  | 10                         | 1           | 15                     | 'B' Section                        |
|                       |                    |                            |             |                        | Instructions for both Sect. 400    |
| & Practical Instruc.  | -                  | 400                        | 3           | 16                     |                                    |
| Tact. Trg-Leadership  | -                  | 70                         | 1           | 17                     | " for 'B' Sect. only 170           |
| Armoured Vehs         | -                  | 90                         | 1           | 18                     | Theoretical & Practical Instruc. } |
| ifications & Pioneers | -                  |                            |             |                        | applicable to both Sections } 580  |
| anship                | -                  | 20                         | 1           | 19                     |                                    |
| stics-Fencing(Riding) | -                  | 160                        | 1           | 20                     | P.T. Courses 160                   |
|                       |                    |                            |             |                        | Total(2) Hrs. 1310                 |

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2nd Year

# PROGRAMME AND SYLLABUS

Hours of Study: Weekly 7 hours a day for 5 days for lessons and internal instruction = '35' + 1 day a week for external examination  
 Weeks of Study: Hours available over the period of 32 weeks: for lessons and internal instruction = '1120' + for external examination

## Syllabus of Training

| 'A' Section only         | Applicable to Sections 'A' & 'B' | 'B' Section only    | Hours of Instruction | Coefficient | Number of Lesson |     |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----|
| -                        | Military Tactics (logistic)      | -                   | (1) 160              | 3           | 21               |     |
| Math. Analysis (Part II) | -                                | -                   | 50                   | 1           | 22               |     |
| Descriptive Geometry     | -                                | -                   | 30                   | 1           | 23               |     |
| Physics (Part II)        | -                                | -                   | 40                   | 1           | 24               | Ins |
| -                        |                                  | Geom. Calculation & |                      |             |                  |     |

## PROGRAMME AND SYLLABUS

Table 2

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 er the period of 32 weeks: for lessons and internal instruction = '1120' + for external exercises '224'; total '1344'.

Training

| able to Sections 'A' & 'B' | 'B' Section only    | Hours<br>of<br>Instruction | Coefficient | Number<br>of<br>Lesson | Hours of Instruction        |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tactics (logistic)         | -                   | (1) 160                    | 3           | 21                     |                             |
| -                          | -                   | 50                         | 1           | 22                     |                             |
| -                          | -                   | 30                         | 1           | 23                     |                             |
| -                          | -                   | 40                         | 1           | 24                     |                             |
|                            | Geom. Calculation & |                            |             |                        |                             |
|                            |                     |                            |             |                        | 'A' Section Hours           |
|                            |                     |                            |             |                        | Instruc. for both Sect. 380 |

## PROGRAMME AND SYLLABUS

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| Syllabus of Training     |                                       |                         | Hours<br>of<br>Instruction | Coefficient | Number<br>of<br>Lesson |      |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------|
| 'A' Section only         | Applicable to Sections 'A' & 'B'      | 'B' Section only        |                            |             |                        |      |
| -                        | Military Tactics (logistic)           | -                       | (1) 160                    | 3           | 21                     |      |
| Math. Analysis (Part II) | -                                     | -                       | 50                         | 1           | 22                     |      |
| Descriptive Geometry     | -                                     | -                       | 30                         | 1           | 23                     |      |
| Physics (Part II)        | -                                     | -                       | 40                         | 1           | 24                     | In   |
| -                        | -                                     | Geom. Calculation &     |                            |             |                        |      |
| -                        | -                                     | Analystic Projec. Geom. | 50                         | 1           | 25                     |      |
| -                        | -                                     | Descriptive Geometry    | 30                         | 1           | 26                     | The  |
| -                        | -                                     | Physics (Part II)       | 40                         | 1           | 27                     | app  |
| -                        | Explosive & Chemical Warfare          | -                       | 40                         | 1           | 28                     | Wes  |
| -                        | Technology                            | -                       | 20                         | 1           | 29                     | to   |
| -                        | Theory of fire (Infantry)             | -                       | 150                        | 3           | 30                     | P.T. |
| -                        | " " " (Artillery)                     | -                       | 150                        | 3           | 30                     |      |
| -                        | " " " (Engineers)                     | -                       | 150                        | 2           | 30                     |      |
| -                        | Military Security                     | -                       | 10                         | 1           | 31                     | In   |
| -                        | Theoretical & Practical Instruction   |                         |                            |             |                        |      |
| -                        | Administration & Accounts             | -                       | 20                         | 1           | 32                     | The  |
| -                        | MT and Armoured Vehs                  | -                       | 140                        | 1           | 33                     | app  |
| -                        | Sigs and Procedure                    | -                       | 100                        | 1           | 34                     | Wes  |
| -                        | Care of Horses and Mules              | -                       | 20                         | 1           | 35                     | bot  |
| -                        | Draughtsmanship                       | -                       | 30                         | 1           | 36                     | P.T. |
| -                        | Instructions by Arms                  |                         |                            |             |                        |      |
| -                        | Infantry Tactics and Training         | -                       | 300                        | 3           | 37                     |      |
| -                        | Arty Units " " "                      | -                       | 300                        | 3           | 38                     |      |
| -                        | Artillery Weapon Instruction          | -                       |                            |             |                        |      |
| -                        | Techn. empl. of Eng. Arms & Equipment | -                       | 300                        | 3           | 39                     |      |
| -                        | P.T. (Gymnastics-Fencing-Riding)      | -                       | 160                        | 1           | -                      |      |

(1) This is General Training and is in addition to all hours devoted to specialised Trg.

(2) Additional hours over and above phase specially allotted for study have been included in order that further time may according to instructional needs as the programme progresses.

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| Training                   | Hours of Instruction                       | Coefficient | Number of Lesson | Hours of Instruction                                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| able to Sections 'A' & 'B' |                                            |             |                  |                                                        |
| Tactics (logistic)         | (1) 160                                    | 3           | 21               |                                                        |
| -                          | 50                                         | 1           | 22               | 'A' Section Hours                                      |
| -                          | 30                                         | 1           | 23               |                                                        |
| -                          | 40                                         | 1           | 24               | Instruc. for both Sect. 380                            |
| -                          | Geom. Calculation & Analytic Projec. Geom. | 1           | 25               | " for 'A' Sect. only 120                               |
| -                          | Descriptive Geometry                       | 1           | 26               | Theoret. & Prat. Instr. applicable to both Sect. } 310 |
| -                          | Physics (Part II)                          | 1           | 27               | Weapons Instr. applic. to both Sections } 300          |
| Chemical Warfare           | 40                                         | 1           | 28               | P.T. Courses 160                                       |
| -                          | 20                                         | 1           | 29               |                                                        |
|                            |                                            |             |                  | Total (2) Hrs. 1270                                    |
| are (Infantry)             | 150                                        | 3           | 30               |                                                        |
| " (Artillery)              | 150                                        | 3           | 30               | 'B' Section                                            |
| " (Engineers)              | 150                                        | 2           | 30               |                                                        |
| Security                   | 10                                         | 1           | 31               | Instr. for both Sect. 380                              |
|                            |                                            |             |                  | " " 'B' Sect. only 120                                 |
| & Practical Instruction    |                                            |             |                  |                                                        |
| tion & Accounts            | 20                                         | 1           | 32               | Theor. & Pract. Instr. } applic. to both Sect. } 310   |
| ured Vehs                  | 140                                        | 1           | 33               |                                                        |
| cedure                     | 100                                        | 1           | 34               | Weapon Instr. applic. to both Sections } 300           |
| ses and Rules              | 20                                         | 1           | 35               | P.T. Courses 160                                       |
| anship                     | 30                                         | 1           | 36               |                                                        |
|                            |                                            |             |                  | Total (2) Hrs. 1270                                    |
| by Arms                    |                                            |             |                  |                                                        |
| otics and Training         | 300                                        | 3           | 37               |                                                        |
| " " "                      | 300                                        | 3           | 38               |                                                        |
| eaon Instruction           |                                            |             |                  |                                                        |
| of Eng. Arms & Equipment   | 300                                        | 3           | 39               |                                                        |
| otics-Fencing-Riding)      | 160                                        | 1           | -                |                                                        |

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phase specially allotted for study have been included in order that further time may be available to any subject as the programme progresses.

G.C.C.

folio 10, 9A, 9i  
refer.

15

On the question of Madena.

The Station paper is based on tradition.

I fully agree with them on this, no matter how faulty that tradition seems in our eyes.

Our West Point is based on tradition - there is nothing in the geographical location to recommend it.

I don't think we can adequately counter the tradition angle in this case.

But the more important consideration is accommodation. Accommodation for the Cadets is only part of the requirement. We must have available suitable and satisfactory accommodation for the instructors and their families. And if Madena, as I assume it does, is the most suitable both for the cadets and the instructors and their families, as against any other site, then Madena should be the place. So we must cover all accommodation aspects.

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(4)

Through Dep. Under Sec also June 11 1944

J.O.C.

Ref 9T & 4A below.

1. Gen. Luigi's unimpaired plea for

MODENA is based on 2 grounds.

#### A TRADITIONAL

B The Suitability of the Accommodation

& MODENA & lack of such accommodation elsewhere.

He claims that <sup>outdoor</sup> Training facilities at MODENA are adequate.

2. I think you will agree that "A" above need not be allowed to cut any ice at all

I do think however that the accommodation side does need consideration & that

The case to SPOLETO is very important from a point of view of deciding 56.

(1) To what extent accommodation at SPOLETO is inferior to MODENA

(2) To what extent training facilities at

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3. I do not remember, as a cadet at the AQA, ever visiting an Army School

& I wonder if the proximity of SPOLETO to CESANO is as advantageous as it

sounds

M. W. H.

16 Jan.

## NOTES

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Jan 46

1/2 Traditional  
1/2 Accommodation

1. This report is based almost entirely on the Traditional Aspect of the MODENA site.

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*W. H. Christie*

Lt-Col GS  
GSO I (TRG)

From:- M. of W.

To:- MMIA.

Ref:-154/S/6 Add.

Date:- 11th. Jan. 46

Translation.

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It is clear that in such circumstances, the abandonment of the seat of Modena, would mean the loss of a glorious and precious moral inheritance and would only mean an unjustified <sup>fact</sup> tendency for the new.

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In view of that, it is to be born in mind that the academy has, not far away, in Scandiano, (west of Modena) an old castle adequately equipped to accommodate cadets. It is the Rocca dei Boiardi castle which is situated at the foot of the Apennine, in a zone of <sup>old terrain</sup> ~~various plastic~~, perfectly suitable for the carrying out of any shooting or tactical training. Moreover, ~~at~~ 16 kms away, in Sassuolo area (south-west of Modena), there are grounds suitable for the carrying out of tactical <sup>field firing</sup> ~~shooting~~.

In fact, the Academy in its old organisation, has always foreseen several periods of sojourn in such areas, for the carrying out of certain phases of the training cycle.

d) Finally, it is to be considered that, no other seat would give such an adequate and comfortable accommodation, not even with an expense many a time superior. The seat at Modena is, in fact, also the most economic: and this fact cannot be set aside in the present financial position of the State and the reconstruction of the country which has been badly damaged during the recent war.

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Sgt. Fabre.

Sgd. Liuzzi.

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SUBJECT: Reorganisation of Interim Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM., AC. (LMMIA)

3/6

11 Jan 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Royal Military College of Sandhurst convinces me that this  
*can be done.*

Subject :- Italian War Ministry - Circular.

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Please find attached copy letter 3/3818/OP dated 7 Dec 45 from Territorial HQ. NAPLES and the War Ministry Circular referred to therein, forwarded for your information.

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Subject :- Competition For the Admission to Regular Courses in the Royal Cadet School.

Territorial  
NAPLES  
3/3818/OP

7 Dec 45

All Military Districts.

Copy to :- 10 BLU.

- folio 28*
1. Please find attached a copy of the circular letter 7314 dated 20 Nov 45 from the War Department.
  2. Military District HQ's will put notices in the more important communes, and will carry out all orders given in the circular.
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