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TRG. COLLEGES - SENIOR OFFERS School

Jan. 1946 - Aug 1947

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 5655/E/8

Date: 15 August 1947.

Subject: 3rd regular course for senior officers at the School of
Cooperation Various Arms.

1. The a/m course for senior officers of all Services will begin on 29 September next at a/n School.
2. Duration: 12 weeks.
3. Participants:
 - 16 senior officers of the Inf Service (of whom 1 tankman)
 - 2 " " " " Cavalry Service.
 - 8 " " " " Arty Service (of whom 1 of A/T and
1 of A/A specialisations).
 - 4 " " " " Engineers Service.

Unit assigning students: as per attached return.

Students will be required to have:

- best service records both in wartime and peacetime.
- nor imminently to be put on the reserve (whether for age limit or on request).

Name of students shall be forwarded to this S.M. before 10 September next.

4. Students attending course will report at School of Cooperation Various Arms on 27 September next.

sgd LIUZZI
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Allegato al f. 5655/P/P in data 15/8/1947
dello S.M.E. - Uff. Op. e Add. - Sez. Add.

SPEDIZIONE INDICANTE LE DESIGNAZIONI DEGLI UFFICIALI SUPERIORI DA COMANDARE AL 3° CORSO NORMALE PRESSO LA S.C.V.A.

Enti che debbono designare gli ufficiali frequentatori	Fanteria		Caval- leria	Artiglieria			Genio
	Ufficiali	Carri- sta		da cam- pagna	contro carro	contro aerei	
Comiliter Torino	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
" Genova	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Milano	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
" Bologna	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
" Udine	3	1	1	2	-	-	-
" Bologna	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Firenze	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Roma	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Bari	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Napoli	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Palermo	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ispettorato dell'Al- ma di Fanteria	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ispettorato dell'Al- ma di Artiglieria	-	-	-	1 (2)	-	-	-
Ispettorato dell'Al- ma del Genio	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	15	1	2	5 (3)	1	1	4

(1) della Scuola di Fanteria

(2) della Scuola di Artiglieria

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Comitè Torino	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Genova	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Milano	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" Bolzano	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Udine	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Ispettorato dell'Alma di artiglieria	-	-	1 (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ispettorato dell'Alma del Genio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
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 (2) della Scuola di Artiglieria
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TRANSLATION

SMF *Tracy* (4)

From: M. of D.
To : HQ School of Cooperation Various Arms
I.L.F.B. for info.

Ref: 5520/F/8

Date: 5 August 1947

Subject: Entrance examinations to the 1st Staff College course.

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1. - Further to circular 3440/F/8 dated 21 May 1947, I order that:
 - a) - the preliminary course for the 1st Staff College course will end, as already laid down, on the 30th August next;
 - b) - officers attending the course will be granted leave on the same date. They will report to your School on the 14th September. Officers are authorised to remain at the School, if they wish, during the period of leave in order to complete their studies;
 - c) - the entrance examinations will be carried out at your School in Civitavecchia;
 - d) - for syllabus of the examinations: see appendix.
2. - Please inform students of the above instructions.

sgd. Marras
Gen.

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Intro Circular
Line you put in
copy of the syllabus to the
1st Staff College
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File : TRG/ 29/2
Date: 11.8.47

Apper : to letter 5520/F/8
dated 5 August 1947.

SYLLABUS FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS TO THE 1st STAFF COLLEGE COURSE.

- 14 September: report to the School of Cooperation Various Arms
 - 15 " : test of history (written)
 - 16 " : test of topography (written)
The students are dismissed and sent on leave
 - Within the 30 September the Sub commissions of history and topography will submit the results of the written examinations to the S.M. of Army - Training and Operations Office.
 - 2 October : the students concerned will be informed of the result of the written examinations:
 - . those suitable: will stay on leave
 - . those unsuitable: will be R.T.U.
 - 12 October : suitable students will report to the School of Cooperation Various Arms
 - From 13 to 16 October: verbal examinations.
The students will be divided into various groups by the S.M. of Army. Each group will carry out an examination per day. The examinations will commence simultaneously for the various subjects.
 - On completion of examinations:
 - . those suitable: will be granted leave for settling their family
 - . those unsuitable : will be R.T.U.
 - 1 November: suitable students will report to the School of Cooperation Various Arms.
 - 3 November: commencement of the 1st Staff College course.
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 4300/R/1.

TO : Mil. Terr. Commands
I.L.F.B. for info.

DATE: 20 June 1947.

SUBJECT:- Training of senior cadres.

1. Various reasons have up to now hindered the improvement of the training of units and the possibility of extending it, in the 3rd cycle, also to units larger than a platoon, a company and corresponding units. In order to avoid that the training of senior officers be affected by this situation, it is necessary to intensify cadre exercises.

2. The winter season is certainly the most suitable for the running of cadre exercises, as it coincides with a slackening in the training of troops, but, since periods of maximum and minimum strength no longer exist, it seems necessary to run also summer exercises in order to benefit by the presence of units, thus permitting control of the most important actions in relation to the aims of each exercise.

3. Further to the instructions contained in circulars:

- 4446/R/4 of 1 May 1946 (n.13)
- 5546/R/4 of 22 November 1946
- 6646/R/4 of 20 December 1946
- 4447/R/1 of 1 March 1947

I therefore order:

- a) - to extend the running of cadre exercises for senior officers . also during summer exercises;
- b) - to always complete the cadre exercises with:
 - . the effective installation and functioning of signals;
 - . the employment of the available troops for marking HQs, and various units.
4. In carrying out these exercises it is necessary:
 - to avoid the tendency to establish too large frameworks, limiting as far as possible, the mention of the unit larger to that considered
 - to previously examine the methods of employment concerning each case.

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 - to previously examine the methods of employment concerning each case.
5. I request you to arrange for the carrying out of some exercises in order to complete the remaining activities laid down for the summer period, reporting on to me the cycle.

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28.6.47

[Signature] sgd MARRAS
Gen.

TRANSLATION

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FROM: M. of D.

REF: 3440/F/8/Add

TO : A.F.H.Q. - Land Forces Branch

DATE: 21 May 1947

SUBJECT: Instruction for preliminary course to the S.M.
course (Ref. para 3 of circular 1910/F/8 of 28 March
last).

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I) Purposes of the course:

- to put up to date and standardise the professional knowledge of candidates to the 1st S.M. course.
- To facilitate their preparation for admission examinations.

II) Duration: 12 weeks

Beginning: 9 June 1947

Ending : 30 August 1947

Reporting to the School: the morning of 7 June 1947.

III) - Teaching programmes:A) Tactics and logistics.1) The unchangeable principles of warfare.

Mainly aspects of the fighting in accordance with the pre-war and the present Italian method (for the part already issued) and British methods: reconnaissance, approaching, attack, completion and exploitation of the success, defence, withdrawal; fighting in houses, in the woods, night fighting, mountains warfare crossing of a river, guerilla and counter-guerilla, ambushes. General instruction on the cooperation among the Armed Forces and of the various arms with the Infantry.

2) General characteristics, tasks, means of action of the various arms (infantry, tankmen, cavalry, artillery, engineer) and of the combat and observation air force.

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W/Es of the minor units of the various arms included in the Infantry Division.

- 3) Tactical proceedings of the minor infantry units (attack, defence, patrolling, reconnaissance and safety) up to the reinforced company including; employ of the artillery group, engineer company, signal company, metallic bridge company.
- 4) Method for solving operative problems. Organisation of a firing exercise for a reinforced coy or group.
- 5) General instructions on the services.
Feeding, clothing and equipment of the soldier.
The functioning of services in the minor units up to the Infantry and Artillery regt.
Welfare of the soldier.
Admin. of personnel.

B) Arms, firing and technical means as issued to the Italian Army.

- 1) Classification of weapons: technical and tactical characteristics and specific duties of each category.
- 2) General firing instructions: the trajectory, the systematic and eventual variations; firing ranges, direct and indirect firing, fire over obstacles, fire at intervals, preparation and conduct of fire, observation.
A/tk fire - A/aircraft fire
Firing ranges
Construction of trajectories and of heights ruler.
Delimitation of the field of fire.
- 3) Characteristics and use of individual and collective weapons and of the artillery at present on issue to the units of the Army, tanks and armed cars including.
- 4) Main technical data and method of the use of mines.
- 5) Signals means: main characteristics and method of use.
- 6) General instruction on the principles of RADAR, its use and counter measures.

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- 7) Instructions on propulsion by reaction.
The atomic bomb.
- 8) Equipment for the crossing of a rivers: main characteristics and technical data.

IV) Training purposes of the course:

it has mainly practical character as regards:

- the knowledge of weapons, of means and various equipment on issue. The knowledge will be acquired by visiting the various Schools of the service;
- to the through knowledge of the tactical proceedings of the squad (riflemen, machinegunners, mortar-crew, scouts); of the platoon (riflemen, machinegunners, mortar-crew) and of the reinforced rifle coy.-

The teaching must be integrated with practical application with or without effective use of fire, at the Infantry School.

All the remaining subjects laid down in the syllabus will be carried out by making a wide use of the commentary method, trying to enliven the subject, and to maintain the interest of the officers attending, to clarify doubts, and to correct wrong points of view. Said method will be possibly supported by a wide issue of memoranda, synopses and instructional equipment in order to facilitate the assimilation of the subject.

V) Various instructions.

At the end of the course officers attending will be sent on leave till the 14 September to complete their preparation.

The examinations of admission will commence on 15 September 1947 in Rome, at the SME.

Beginning of 1st SM course: 1st November 1947.

A brief report will be forwarded to me not later than 6 September 1947 with attached a list of officers attending course showing the effective days of attendance to lessons and exercises and final order of students in groups of twenty relative to:

- the profit derived from the course
- the physical qualities shown.

VI) The detailed syllabus must be sent to me as soon as possible.

TRG. I.L.F.B.
Doc. 1 GI 29/2
Date: 4.6.47

TO SEE
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GSO II TRG
GSO III TRG
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GSO (USD)

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sgd. MARRAS
chief of S.M.

TRANSLATION

From: M. of D. Ref: 1910/F/8
To : Military Territorial Commands
Land Forces Branch (for info) Date: 28/3/47

Subject: First "S.M." course. -

1. - Until the School of War can be restarted, it is my intention that "S.M." courses should be carried out, in order to train officers, to be posted to G.U. (large units) HQs, in the functions of the S.M. -

The first course will take place at the Various Arms Cooperation School at Civitavecchia under the direct orders of the S.M.E., with a maximum of thirty attending. -

2. - The course will last a year, allotted as follows:

- 9 months of effective study at the School
- 1 month of field training in tactics and logistics
- 1 month of examinations at the end of the course
- 1 month allotted for various leaves.

The following subjects will be taught:

- tactics
- logistics
- organisation
- military History
- S.M. service
- intelligence service
- naval warfare
- air warfare
- MT: theory and practice.

Discussions on political and economic subjects will also be carried out. -

3. - The course is open to Regular Army Captains of the various arms, who will forward a formal application to the Ministry of Defence - S.M.E.

Applications must be sent with the recommendations of the higher authorities and received by S.M.E. not later than

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15 May 1947. -

Requirements for the candidates:

- not over 35 years of age;
- a minimum of two years as commander of a company or corresponding unit; with the rank of captain if in peace time; also with rank of subaltern if in war time. The two periods can be added; first class physical, intellectual and moral qualities.

The officers who, on the advice of this S.M.E., are admitted to the examinations, will previously attend a three months course at the S.C.V.A. during June and August next.

4. - The exams for admission will take place from 15 September to 15 October at the S.C.V.A. and will consist of:

- a) - a written test of culture on questions on military-political history of the last fifty years (three parts);
- b) - an exercise of topography, in which a topographical drawing of an area represented only by contours and spot heights must be completed. In this test the interpretation of the topographical features is of importance and not the drawing ability;
- c) - the following oral tests, each lasting 40 minutes:
 - tactical and logical regulations (Italo-British)
 - arms, firing and technical equipment on issue to the Italian Army.

At the end of the examinations those who have obtained a minimum of 12/20 in each test will be accepted as suitable.

The available places at the course will be taken by the best; the others will return to their Corps.

5. - The preliminary selection of the officers (above all from the point of view of seriousness, character, intelligence and culture) must be very severe in order to reduce eventual eliminations during and at the end of the course to the minimum.

6. - On completion of the course the officers will undergo a year's trial in S.M. duties at the G.U. (large unit) HQ. Those deemed suitable at the end of the trial period, will be sent to a G.U. HQ for a further period of S.M. duties. -

7. - The Central Military Authorities will not assume any responsibility for the eventual granting of career advantages

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as a consequence of ~~the~~ attendance at the courses.

8. - Detailed syllabuses, executive regulations for the examinations, date of commencement of courses, etc. will form the subject of separate instructions.

Military Territorial Commands are requested to draw the attention to the above of all concerned. -

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MARRAS
Gen.

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File : 3/29/2
Date: 10/14/47

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.

To: Addressees

MMIA (for information)

Ref: 150/F/8

Date: 13/1/47

Subject: 2nd normal course at the Various Arms Cooperation School. -

1. - The 2nd normal course for Senior Officers of the various arms and services will commence on the 10/2/47 at the Various Arms Cooperation School of Civitavecchia.
Duration: 12 weeks

2. - 30 Senior officers (as under) will attend :

Infantry	14
Artillery	7
Engineers	3
Motorisation	2
Medical	2
Commissariat	2

Designation and dispatch will be carried out by the Inspectorates and by the above mentioned General Directorates.

3. - Policy to be carried out in the selection of the personnel to be sent to the course:

- to include Senior Officers with Staff College Certificate, at the rate of 1/3 for each arm of service, and some Senior Lt.Cols. who are about to be promoted.
- to include some Senior Officers of the Tank Corps. 5808
- to give preference to officers who took part in the war of Liberation or, on the other hand, those who have possibly attended guidance or refresher courses at the Arms School;
- To select, in other cases, those who give assurance of being able to carry out the course with good results.
- To exclude officers who have forwarded applications to be placed on the reserve.

It is essential to follow the above policy in order to ensure

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a regular and useful carrying out of the course.

4. - The first part of the course will include a period - not less than 7 days - of sojourn at the Infantry School for all the personnel attending the course, and a further period of 5 days at the other Arms School (Artillery, Signals, Pioneers). -

At said Schools the officers will examine the arms and equipment at present on issue, and also the procedure of tactical employment of small Infantry units, through appropriate practical demonstrations.

Direct agreements will be made between the Arm Inspectorates and the Various Arms Cooperation School HQ regarding the executive procedure of the above. -

5. - The personnel attending the course at the Various Arms Cooperation School of Civitavecchia will report on the morning of the 8th February 1947. -

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : T. C. 29/2
Date: 16.1.47

TRANSLATION

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FROM: M. of W.

REF: 7601/F/8/Add

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 26/11/46

SUBJECT: Directives for the carrying out of refresher
courses for Bn. and Group commanders.

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 We forward, for your information, copy
 of letter N° 7370/F/8 Add dated 21st inst. subject as
 above, sent by this SM. to HQ School of cooperation
 of Various Arms .

Sgd. LIUZZI
 Gen.

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GSO III TRG	
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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : 1 G/29/2
Date: 3/12/46

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : M. of W.

REF: 7370/F/8 Add

TO : HQ School of cooperation of
various arms.

DATE: 21/11/46

SUBJECT: Directives for the carrying out of
refresher courses for Bn. and Group
commanders.

Ref. your letters No 864 and 965 dated 8 October
and 30 Oct. respectively.

- 1) From the examination of the programmes received with
the letters referred to above and from the inspections made at
the school, I have the impression that no special importance
has been given to the cooperation in the tactical field between
the various arms and the services which is the aim of the school.

Nor it has been fully considered that the school will
have as pupils senior officers who have a certain degree in
military culture and a war experience for which the tone of the
teaching must be much more ^{HIGHER} increased than the present one.
Furthermore, they must be put in a position to take part in the
various discussions so as to bring their own contribute in the
elaboration of the new doctrine.

- 2) The programme compiled for the present course is very
ample and hence rigid. It contains subjects which are not of the
real and true cooperation and at times repeats subjects which
must be known by the officers attending the course: i.e. formation
and employment of the squad, the platoon, the company.-

- 3) The functioning of the school must be based on ⁵⁸⁰⁵the
following principles:-

a) Instructors -

Instructors must be guided and prepared in advance on
the subject to be taught in accordance with the aptitudes and
capacity of each officer; i.e. patrolling cannot be dealt with by
an artillery officer who cannot be experienced in such subject.-

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The action of the instructor, after guidance directives, must be that of placing and directing the discussions to which the officers must be encouraged to participate.-

The instructor must not, however, express personal ideas and opinions but ~~must~~ give the tactical method laid down in the British and Italian regulations pointing out the most important differences between the two doctrines.-

The instructor, while explaining the reason of such differences, will encourage discussions, debates, arguments which will form the contribute for the laying down of the tactical procedure most suitable to the Italian character.

The terminology to be used must be the Italian one, abolishing the present nomenclature which derived from the literal translation of the British Regulations and which is a source of misguidance, confusion and deviation. Each British term has its corresponding one in the Italian nomenclature without having to use new terms not laid down officially.

The officers attending the course can usefully collaborate in reaching also this aim.-

Any difficulty ~~met~~ should be pointed out to this SM who will fix denominations not agreed upon. It is reminded that uniformity and clearness of language ^{are} fundamental factors of the cooperation between the various arms and services.

b) Officers attending the course.

The officers must not only attend to the lessons but also liven up the course by pointing out the results obtained from their observations.-

c) Programmes.

I enclose herewith a draft programme to be used for the courses of Lt. Col. and Majors.

Said programme will have to be used during the forthcoming courses.

Not all the subjects shown on the programme should be dealt with in each course but subjects on which the instructors have been prepared should be fully dealt with in accordance ⁵⁸⁰ and the availability of time. It is better to deal thoroughly few subjects than many superficially.-

A rational succession of subjects between the various courses would permit not only an adequate preparation of the training staff but also raise the prestige of said school in the army.

d) Method.

During the course, it is essential to answer to the

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following question:-

"Since an Inf. Bn must attack or defend a position, how is he to get help from the other arms, the air force and the services units? -

a) In theory -

- outline on anything new in the tactical procedure of the British doctrine.
- Substantial novelty in the employment of the various arms and services.
- notions on the employment of new weapons or new means of action.

b) In practice .examination of concrete cases on the ground completed by the use of plastic .

During practical exercises, it is constantly necessary to bear in mind the following question: "How, practically, in this case, can we realise cooperation? -"

Dispositions laid down in the Italian doctrine will be examined and then compared with the corresponding British procedure.

The reasons for the differences which will arise will be explained. The officer attending the course will put forward views on their personal experience which I think must be abundant as the recent war has been fought in most various circumstances. If they will be in a position to illustrate on paper or on plastic, war episodes and to furnish useful subjects for discussion, their collaboration will be encouraged.

Thus we shall succeed to identify the most rational solution.

The director of training will encourage it with numerous surprises. He will provoke discussions and encourage the initiative of the trainees.

The aim is that of not giving any solution but convince the trainees that the solutions adopted are the most rational.

c) Contribute to the studies in progress.

At the end of each course, a very short report on each subject dealt, conclusion drawn, precepts obtained from the course and any proposal on perfecting said courses, should be forwarded to this SM. When during a course it has not been possible to solve special questions or study deeply various points of a problem or when convincing results have not been obtained, a more accurate examination should be done during the course or during successive courses. In other words, no urgency must be taken into account but we must study and examine deeply with the maximum serious intentions.

6) In conclusion:

- raise the tone of the school to its purposes.
- Exploit the capacity, the reasoning and the experience of the

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trainees.-

- not to teach purely and simply the British doctrine but to be able to draw from said doctrine and from the precepts of the war, elements and data experienced which are necessary for the formation of the new doctrine.

L.F.
Sgd. CADORNA

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DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR REFRESHER COURSES FOR Lt. COL. AND
MAJORS OF THE VARIOUS ARMS OF SERVICE.

Premise.

The following points should be considered as unquestionable:-

- knowledge of weapons and equipment at present on issue.
- knowledge of the WEs in force.

However, for the purpose of filling up any gaps and to get the trainees to the same level, the following should be done at the beginning of the course:-

- a visit to the Mil. Schools (Inf. Art. Eng. Signal Amd. cars)
- the school should issue to the trainees a small pamphlet containing summary WE of Inf. Art. Eng. and services units.

The course includes:-

1st Part: (General outline).

Purpose of the course and rules on internal service of the school.

Method of training.

Visits to the Mil. Schools.

2nd Part: (Introduction).

- Most noted differences between the Italian and the British doctrines and on the most important precepts drawn from the recent conflict and regarding the tactical logistic field.-

Notions on possibilities for the Infantry by tanks, Art. Eng. smoke, parachutists, air force and services units during the tactical action which will be examined in concrete cases.-

3rd Part : (effective development of the course)

Concrete cases relative to several of the following ⁵ subjects will be developed:-

- The Bn. in the attack on free and organised ground.-
- The Bn. in the defence on free and organised ground.-
- The Bn. and the rifle coy reinforced during the execution of a "coup de main".
- The Bn. in the following particular cases:-
- forcing and defence of a water course.
- fighting in houses

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- night fighting
- delay combat.

4th Part: (completing)-

Notions on the following subjects:-

- the services in the division;
- organisation of the M.T. of a Bn.;
- scientific progress and the new weapons and several of the following subjects:-
- recon and security;
- patrol;
- (- amphibious operations;
- guerrilla and counter guerrilla warfare.

5th Part (conclusion)

Precepts drawn from the course.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : T.G/29/2
Date 3/12/46

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

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SUBJECT : School of Cooperation.

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C. M. F.

(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext : 545)

G. 20.

12 November 1946.

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

Reference attached copy of letter from Major Cousens.

1. It is recommended that the proposals in paras 2 and 4 of the above quoted letter be put into effect.

2. It is understood that Gen. Mattioli is making a similar recommendation to the Ministry of War. A copy of his letter has been asked for. When it is received, it is suggested that M.M.I.A. might, if they agree with it, back it with a further letter to the Ministry.

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

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File: T.G. 29/2
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Subject : Second Students' Course.

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School of Tactics,

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7 Nov 46.

Ref Progress Report Oct 46 Part 1, Para 2.

1. This matter has been considered very carefully by Gen. MATTIOLI, Col GUIDA, Col ROSSI and myself and we have come to the following conclusions:-

- (a) A Generals' Discussion Week is not the best answer at this stage.
 - (b) It is improbable that a sufficient number of Colonels could be made available to attend a course to justify postponing the second normal course for Lt Cols and Majors, large numbers of whom are also badly in need of a course.
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 - (b) That the numbers attending be approximately the same.
 - (c) That a certain number of vacancies - say five or six - be allotted to full colonels.
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 - (e) That selection of the officers to attend should commence forthwith.
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4. It is further suggested that the generals assemble in ROMEE the week prior to the course and that two or three demonstrations are laid on at the School of Infantry for their benefit. This would make an excellent 'antipasto', as the vital importance of minor training is one of the key-stones of the teaching at this School.

5. It is requested that this proposal be given consideration and if approved, put up to higher authority for implementation.

(Signed) P.G.L. Cousens

Major, DWR.
GSO II Tactics 12 BLU.

SUBJECT: Various arms cooperation school.

LAND FORCES SUP OCM, AC(MIL)

(TEL EXT. 476, TEL/26/1)

9 Jul 46.

TO : 12 BLS to C.M.S. (for Major GRANGER)

Herewith for your information and retention copy of War Ministry letter under reference 4054/S/6 dated 2 July 46.

Major-General
H. M. I. A.

TRG M. M.
File : 26/1
Date: R/4/1

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.

Ref: 4064/S/6

To : MMIA

Date: 2/7/46

Subject; Various arms cooperation school. -

Reply to letter n° TRG/26/7 dated 20/6/46.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
26/7
2/8/46

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TO SEE
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SUBJECT : School of Cooperation

TRG M. A. L. A.
File : TRG/16/1
Date : 2/20/6.

LAND-POWER SUB COM, AC(EMIA)

(TEL EXT. 100)

TWC/26/1-

20 Jun 16

TO : Ministry of War

1. As a result of a visit to this school on 19th June 16 it has been learned that student courses are not scheduled to commence till October 1st at the earliest.
2. This means that nearly 3 months will have elapsed between the last tactical course at S.I.V.A. and the 1st tactical course at Escola Co-operativa.
3. In view of the present standard of knowledge common in the Army this seems to be an unnecessarily long, and perhaps dangerous break.
4. Gen. MATTEOLI explained the delay, and gave as principal causes
 - (a) Slowness of rebuilding programme and inadequate size of contractors staff employed.
 - (b) Need to train instructors before student courses can commence.
 - (c) Inability to obtain the right type of potential Instructor.
5. He further stated that the Instructors course would commence on July 20.
6. This HQ is of the opinion that energetic steps should be taken immediately to ensure an earlier start to student courses.
7. It would appear that action on the part of S.M. HQ should be
 - (a) Give a very much higher priority to work and necessary finances connected with the School.
 - (b) Give immediate aid to Gen. MATTEOLI in selecting the Instructors required, with due attention to the prescribed qualifications as Instructors.
 - (c) Initiate the Instructors course with all speed, housing the student Instructors if need be in the incomplete Barracks.
 - (d) Instruct Gen. MATTEOLI that it is necessary that student courses should commence not later than September 1.
 - (e) By personal inspection satisfy themselves that all schemes and plans are prepared and that all possible is being done to get the School restarted.

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B. In any event, the long period since the closure of S.I.V.A. has been more than enough to have prepared already all the necessary schemes exercises and précis

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

Copy to : 12 BIA for Major Chance

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Subject:- War Establishments - Italian.

12, BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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To:- 'G' Training

ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

H.Q. Land Forces

(Tel : ROME 478808)

Sub Comm A.C.

Ref : AQ/6B/1660.

M.M.I.A.

Date : 3rd June 1946.

Herewith please find comments on the War Establishment of the School of Co-operation (various arms).

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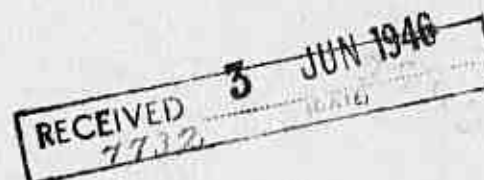
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File : TRG/16/7
Date: R/46

TO SEE
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Comments passed to SO(Gr).

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Translation

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

Ref. I456/S/6
Date 7/3/46.

Subject Various Arms Co-operation School.

Reference your letter Trg/26/7 dated 15/I/46.

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

Further to verbal agreements.

1 - This S.M. agrees, generally, with your missions ideas concerning the above school.

RG M. M. I. A.
File: Trg/26/7
Date: 2/13/46

2 - Object of the Courses

- Professional bringing up to date of senior officers and generals, regarding vehicles and the present procedure for their employment (refresher courses)
- Training for battalion, group, regiment commanders (Command Habilitation Course)

3 - The school will include:

- Commander (general officers)
- HQ with training office and section, personnel, administration, stores;
- M.T. unit
- Tactical section
- Logistic section
- Infantry weapons section

4 - In particular, training completed, the u/m instructor personnel will be available:

- Tactical and logistic section
- I chief tactical instructor

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- I chief logistic instructor
- I assistant tactical instructor
- I assistant logistic instructor;
- 12 section instructors (2 for each section of 25/30 officer students, for the requirement of 6 sections)
- 7 officer instructors specialised in arm of service (infantry, artillery, engineers, engineer signals, medical, commissariat, M.T.). Air force instructor officers are not taken into consideration since the signal officer between the S.M.R.A. and this S.M. will be employed for this purpose.

It is better to consider the tactical and logistic instructors separately due to the importance that the latter syllabus assumes in the cooperation program, this requiring specialised and well prepared instructors.

- Weapons section
 - I chief instructor
 - 2 assistant instructors.

We agree, moreover, on the advisability of arranging the allotment of the following specialised personnel:

- I armourer, 3 N.C.O.s and 10 Ptes experienced in infantry weapons: to the weapons section;
- I officer with draughtsman and plastic experience; 1 O.R. draughtsman: to the training office;
- Pioneer section of 4 men for various jobs: to the ⁵⁷⁹²unit.

5 - Procedure for carrying out the courses

- exercises on the ground and on *Sand table* in respect of of the various arms units in cooperation in the tactical field, with the development of ~~determined~~ the syllabus forming object of separate arms and services;

- practical demonstrations to be carried out with infantry divisions or, in special cases, by units of the various arms sent to the area for the development of determined cases laid down.
- Instructor personnel will, moreover, study the new procedures to be introduced in regulations;
The infantry weapons section will be concerned with general ideas, experiences, innovations and ^{problems} relating to these;

6 - Personnel attending the courses

Considered:

- the necessity to form some instructor staffs, which will require a careful selection and choice of personnel, taking into consideration that at present the number of instructors available at the S.I.V.A. is not sufficient.
- the present situation which does not permit, at least for the time being, any promotions in the various ranks.
- the financial situation of the country, which does not permit the transfer of a large number of officers to Civitavecchia whose families would ^{not} find accommodation; this S.M. is of the opinion to gradually ~~go~~ form the school ~~with~~ for the purpose and with the instructor W/E planned in the previous para. 2. and 4, governing the development of the courses ⁵²⁹¹ and the number of students in relation to the actual present army necessities and to the present availability of instructors already formed.

Consequently the following courses will be carried out

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Refresher Courses

- a) Courses for ~~group~~ and battalion commanders 1: majors and Lt. Cols. Old capts will attend who have already attended

the tactical ,weapons and vehicle courses at the respective arm school.

b) courses for regiment commanders Older Lt.Cols will attend who have already attended the group or battalion commanders course;

c) Courses for general officers

All senior officers of the services will also attend the courses,who will take part in the various lessons and excercises.

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Command Habilitation Courses

- for officers due to promotion.

7 - Formation of the School

At first the the school will be formed with a small party of Instructors composed as follows:

tactical section

I chief instructor
6 instructors

logistic section

I chief instructor
I instructor

weapons section

I chief instructor
2 instructors.

8 - The sending of Gen.Mattioli to Civitavecchia has already been ordered - commander of the school - with a small part of the HQ, and will be transferred next to the Infantry school capt's training section,subalterns training,weapons training,while the service and supplies school is being accommodated at Rieti.

DAK

G.Liuzzi.

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SUBJECT :- Schools

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*TRG/26*Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
TRG/26/7

15 Jan 46

Ministry of War*folio 52*

Further to our letter G/TRG/13/5 of 3 Jan 46.

1. The substance of this letter was to the effect that I do not approve the employment of large numbers of troops for demonstration problems at the Scuola Cooperazione.
2. I did not intend that you should understand this disapproval to apply to the establishment of the Scuola Cooperazione.

H. Browning

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Maj-General.
M. M. I. A.Copy to :- TRG/1
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