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TRG MONTHLY REPORTS

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SUBJECT: Training Monthly Report September.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)

(TEL EXT: 476)

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3 Oct 46

TO : G(INT)

Herewith G(Trg) Notes for Month of September 1946.

1. Visits and Inspections.

The G.O.C. and G I Training visited BARI Area and carried out inspections of a Bn. exercise at the Cadet Academy POTENZA and training in progress at the CAR.

G I Training together with Wing Commander GRECE of the Air Force Sub Commission inspected the Air Force recruits undergoing basic instruction at the CAR Bari.

G I Training flew to SICILY accompanied to the American Military Attache Col WILLEMS and inspected Regimental training at CATANIA and MESSINA and Recruit training at the CAR PALERMO. A visit was also made to the Territorial Command HQ at PALERMO.

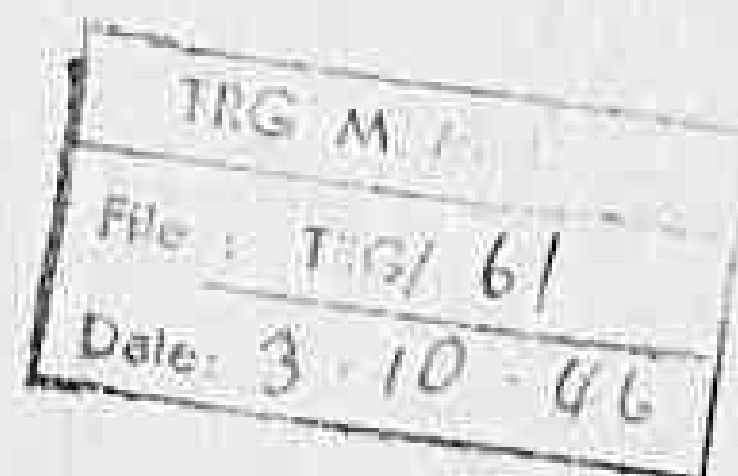
2. Training Majors.

During the month 4 Training Majors have undergone a period of attachment to M.M.T.A. HQ prior to their posting to B.L.U's.

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Lt Col,
G.S.

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TRAINING Notes for Monthly ReportFOR THE MONTH
OF AUGUST.

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General

An Italian Mobile Training Team has been formed to carry out inspection of training methods employed at C&As, Schools and Centres with the object of improving and standardising instruction and employment of time. This team was trained by 13 Corps, on the lines of British Mobile Teams.

C&As

The training of the second intake of recruits is now in progress. The "pull-up" was satisfactory.

330 I Trg visited the GAR at G&M and reported that the training and administration were satisfactory.

Schools

Progress continues to be made at all schools.

Recent releases of training equipment and technical stores have added considerably to the standard of instruction.

Divisional Training

330 I Trg inspected the training being carried out by the 6th and 8th Alpini Regts in Nos 4 and 5 Territorial Command.

Unit were seen on platoon exercises and on individual training in rock climbing and specialised Alpini training. The standard of morale was exceedingly high, and reflected on the extreme keenness shown by all ranks at work under most arduous mountain conditions. British arms were in process of being distributed down to Bn level, and all ranks evinced an enthusiastic interest in their new weapons.

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SUBJECT: Training Monthly Report - July

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TO : SECRET

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/61
Date: 8/1/46

Herewith G (Reg) notes for the month of July 46.

1. CAME

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An examination is being made of the possibility of training Infantry Specialists i.e. Mortar men, Machine Gunners, etc, at the C.I. This would have the advantage of considerably reducing the commitments of the Infantry School at BSAFO.

2. SCHOOLS

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- (b) Refresher courses for the School Instructors and courses for Regimental Instructors and Personnel are at present in progress.
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- (d) Preparations are almost complete for the arrival of the students for the tactics course at the Armoured Car School. A great deal of excellent work has been put into the preparation of Lecture Notes and Model Boats at this School.

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Revised 6 (TRG) notes for the month of July 61.

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(e) Trade courses in all branches of IT are being run at the C.R. Studio in Rome. This very large and well equipped establishment offer excellent facilities and good progress is being made.

3. INFANTRY DIVISION

Inspections of Collective Training by Field Units will be carried out during the forthcoming two months by Staff Officers of M.M.I.A.

[Signature]
G.S.O. (11) School

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - May 46.

HEAD FORCES SUB COM A.C. (1911A)

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5 June 46

TRG M. M. L. S.
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TO : G. (IHM)

Ref your letter IHM/107 of 4 Jan 46, the following notes are forwarded for inclusion in the monthly report :-

CAR's

During the month Nos 1, 2, 5, and 10 CAR's were visited by Staff Officers of this Brach. Training was found to be generally satisfactory.

The Primary Training at all CARs was completed at the end of April, and a proportion of the recruits were then sent to the various Schools for their Advanced training. The recruits for Infantry remained at the CARs to carry out the first month of their advanced Infantry Recruit Training in May. This training is proceeding satisfactorily.

Infantry Divs.

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Schools

General Repair work progresses aurally but instruction is definitely hampered by the lack of equipment.

Recruits arrived during the early stage of the month in most cases programmes had to be modified to suit the equipment available.

During the latter part of the month training was stopped on account of the elections as it was found necessary to use the Recruits for security duties.

Infantry School

Classes for Instructors in Infantry Weapons are well in hand but again owing to the non-arrival of certain items of equipment it is unlikely that preparation will be complete before mid July. It is not likely however that recruits will arrive before this.

Artillery School

Good progress is being made at this school. Equipment released by (SB) GIN have greatly helped the carrying out of courses.

Accommodation stores are in very short supply, and this has been taken up with M. P. W.

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The bulk of the recruits have arrived from the various CAR's. A certain amount of trouble was experienced over the accommodation and food supply at the beginning of the month but since then the courses have progressed favourably. Morale is low however and it has been found necessary to change the Commandant of the School. As in the other Schools there is an urgent need of equipment.

Signal School

Generally the progress of the structural works is satisfactory although because of the tardiness in commencing work much in re-education

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Signal School (Contd)

had to be resorted to enable the school to cope with the first influx of recruits.

Training was commenced on 15th May. No courses other than recruit courses are at present in progress.

Four factors impeded the progress of instruction during the month:-

- (a) Incomplete accommodation
- (b) Lack of equipment
- (c) The elections
- (d) The unusually wet weather which hindered outdoor instruction considerably.

Factor (b) has now been dealt with as considerable quantities of equipment arrived during the last week of May.

Welfare and Admin School

Constructional works are well advanced although a request has been submitted for a further 4,000,000 lire to complete the plumbing arrangements.

It is expected that all will be in readiness for the arrival of the first recruits on 1 July.

The courses during the month were not satisfactory owing to the poor standard of student particularly on the Medical course.

School of Motorisation

This school is well advanced as far as accommodation is concerned but improvement is essential in the Canteen.

A letter on hygiene has been forwarded to the M of W.

Over 2,000 recruits arrived which was considerably in excess of expected numbers. About 10% were found to be efficient drivers however and this helped the course to proceed smoothly.

Training equipment is satisfactory and two rooms of sectional models have been prepared.

It is considered that a few more regimental officers are necessary to cope with the large number of students and a recommendation to this effect has been submitted to the M of W.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Training notes for
Month of April 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm AG.
(L.F.I.A.)
ROME
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6 May 46

TO C (INT)

CARE

1.

All CARs have been visited by Staff Officers of this HQ during April, and generally were found to be functioning satisfactorily.

The call-up was completely successful, the full number of recruits (40,000) was obtained, and there were few incidents.

A great deal of work was necessary to get the accommodation at each CAR ready in time for the arrival of the recruits, and though in some instances there is slight over-crowding still, the accommodation generally is satisfactory.

The discipline of the recruits seemed quite good and they appeared to be cheerful and contented. Much work had been done by the Recruitment and Instructional Staff to make the best possible arrangements for the recruits in the short time available, and in this respect much interest and keenness had obviously been shown.

The main difficulties are:-

- (a) shortage of NCO instructors, and the poor standard of the junior NCO instructors.
- (b) shortage of armoured trained in British weapons.
- (c) shortage of transport, and the poor quality of the vehicles that are available at the CARs.

SCHOOLS

2.

The main activities during the month have been directed to completing arrangements for the arrival of the Recruit Specialists from CARs. The Schools have been passed by the WE Committee at Ministry of War and detailed syllabi and programmes are nearing completion. Certain of the courses due to start on May 1st have had to be postponed for 2 weeks as the repair work on barracks has not been completed to schedule.

EQUIPMENT

3.

Discussions with GHQ have taken place over the supply of British equipment to the Italian Army. A consolidated Equipment Staff Table of all items required is at present in preparation.

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The main difficulties are:-

- (a) shortage of 1850 instructors, and the poor standard of the junior 1850 instructors.
- (b) shortage of armours trained in British weapons.
- (c) shortage of transport, and the poor quality of the vehicles that are available at the CARs.

SCHOOLS

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Lt Col,
GSO I (ATG)

SUBJECT : Monthly Report

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

TRM/61.

9 April 46.

TO : G (VM)

Ref your letter TRM/107 of 4 Jan 46.

Nil report for the month of March 46.

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Lt-Col
GSO I (TRY)

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SUBJECT :- Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C. (MMA)

- TRG/61 -

5 Mar 46

G(INT)

Ref your letter INT/107 of 4 Jan 46.

Nil report for the month of Feb 46.

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Lt-Col
GSO I (TRG)

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J. M. C.

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(SUBJECT: Jan Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMIA)

INT/207

2 Feb 46

TO : List 'A'
less serials 1,2,3,4,
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Ref this branch letter INT/207 of 4 Jan 46.

Branches are reminded that summaries of activities for the month of Jan for inclusion in the Monthly Report are required in INT office as soon as possible.

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R. B. A. Brown - Review Maj.
for Lt-Col,
GS.

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SUBJECT :-

Monthly Report - Training Notes for
Month of January 1946

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
TRC/61

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2 Feb 46

Ref your letter INT/107 of 4 Jan 46, the following notes
are forwarded for inclusion in the Monthly Report:-

CARS (Recruit Training Centre)

1. (a) General

The proposed Training Directive and Training Syllabus
has been received from Ministry of War and with one
minor adjustment to the latter have been approved.

(b) Report

Infm has been received that the Italian Army will
be equipped with Brit weapons. There will be an
initial shortage in a few items but it is the
intention that priority will be given to equipping
the CARS completely. *not yet received*

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Accon

Work is progressing favourably and despite difficulties
in the following areas it is anticipated that all CARS
will be ready for the first intake :-

(i) BOLZANO

There is no definite word of the release of
MONTICHO VERONESE Barracks. This matter is
still under consideration by ANIC.

(ii)

PORT

PASQUALE Barracks is required in addition to
each already secured. Application has been
made for an early release.

(iii)

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(iii) UDINE

Although arrangements for the CAR are going ahead at SACILE and MODENA it may now be possible to dispose with the latter as more suitable accn (PORDENONE) seems now likely to be made available to the Italian Army.

SCHOOLS

2. Considerable difficulty has been experienced with reconciling the proposed Nos of Schools with the estimated number of students to be trained annually. Consequently each Establishment is now being reconsidered in detail by a mixed Brit Italian Committee and it is hoped that by early Feb all establishments will have been passed by the WE Committee.

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Lt-Col
CFO I (TRC)

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SUBJECT :- Monthly Report - Trg Notes for the Month
of December

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
ROME
TRG/61

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8 Jan 46

Ref your letter INT/207 of 4 Jan 46 the following
notes are forwarded for the Monthly Report.

C.A.Rs. (Territorial Training Centres)

1. There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the C.A.Rs. This applies particularly to NORTH ITALY where the most suitable area is still occupied by ALLIED tps. The position at the end of the month was that two Territories have still to be finally settled, UDINE and BOLZANO :-

UDINE - It has been proposed by Ministry of War that the C.A.R. be divided between SAGGIO and MODENA. This division is against the principles as laid down by this HQ but offers the only solution until more area is released.

BOLZANO - MONTORIO VERONESE Barracks (near VERONA) is the ideal site for this C.A.R. It is still hoped that these barracks will be released in time for the first intake.

SCHOOLS

2. The org and siting of Schools has progressed favourably during the month and much headway has been made in preparing for the arrival of the selected recruits for Specialist Training.

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G/TRG NOTES FOR MONTHLY REPORT
NOVEMBER 45TO G III ('I')

Reference INT/107 of 1 Dec 45.

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(sgd) Lt-Col GS
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THE NOTES FOR MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
NOVEMBER 1945

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TO C III ('I')

Reference RNS/107 of 1 Dec 45.

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2. Difficulties with regard to T.T.C locations in certain Northern Areas are still very great. The Italians have wavered between one solution and another. Action by RLUs in response to our letter C/Trg/8 of 27 Nov 45 is producing a clearer picture in our minds.
3. After much discussion M of W ideas have crystallised with regard to Central Schools. Little further difficulty is anticipated on this subject.

(s/d) Lt-Col GS
GSO I(Trg)

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