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To : 'G' Training
H.C.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Herewith details of courses now being run at the various
Military Schools, for comparison with the courses indicated in the Training
Handbook. 40

2. Details of courses at the Signal School are not yet available,
but will be forwarded to you as soon as received from SO. R. Sigs. M.M.I.A.

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for Lt. Colonel
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School of Administration and Welfare.

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks.
W 1	Administration (Services)	30 junior offrs (5 from Schools, 25 from other units)	4 weeks	(a) Unit administration and accounts. (b) Care and maintenance of stores, ammunition etc. (c) Supplies in general. Composition of rations. Ration improvements. (d) Organisation & functions of cookhouses, messes etc. (e) Accommodation-Camp sites, permanent sites. (f) Hygiene, prophylaxis of infections and epidemic diseases. Unit infirmaries, medical orderlies, prophylactic stations. (g) Welfare of personnel, discipline, relations and duties between Army ranks. (h) Maintenance of vehicles.
W 2	Hygiene	30 subalterns (4 medical offrs and 2/3 all arms)	4 weeks	(a) Hygiene installations, permanent & occasional. (b) Prophylaxis of infections & epidemic diseases. (c) Precautions to be followed to safeguard soldiers' health (d) Composition of rations. Effects in various climates. (e) Welfare. Relations between medical & regimental offrs. Medical advice for Commanding Officer. (f) Organisation of infirmaries,

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			(e) Welfare. Relations between medical & regimental offrs. Medical advice for Commanding Officer.
			(f) Organisation of infirmaries, medical inspection room. First Aid.
			(g) P.T. sports & amusements.
			(h) Duties of a medical officer.
			(i) Training of medical assistants,
W 3 Care and Welfare of soldiers.		4 weeks	(a) Unit administration. Allowances & grants.
			30 (15 officers 15 NCOs.)

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks.
Cont. W 3.	Care and Welfare of soldiers.	30 (15 officers 15 NCOs.)	4 weeks	(b) Clothing, equipment, accomodation & maintenance. (c) Supplies, rations, composition cooking. (d) Hygiene. (e) Control of personnel, discipline, rewards, leave etc. (f) Welfare & assistance organisations. (g) Canteen administration. (h) Organisation of theatres, cinemas, clubs, libraries and Schools. (i) Price controls, families assistance organisations. (j) P.T., Games & Sports. (k) Religious assistance (Chaplains).
W 4.	Vocational Training for office personnel.	10 senior N.C.Os. and 20 junior N.C.Os. or soldiers for each course.	4 weeks duration for each course.	a) Typists b) Stenographers c) Storekeepers d) Accountants e) Relief draughtsmen f) Draughtsmen

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Cooks.

6 senior
N.C.Os.

6 junior
N.C.Os.

18 soldiers

4 weeks

Motor Repair Training Centre

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
M.R. 1	Meccanici di Sezione	412	4 months	Selection & Training of personnel with some knowledge of things Mechanical in Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs
" 2.	Special Course by T.I.A.T.	283	6 months	101 Fitters Vehicle 114 Engine Specialists 49 Chassis Specialists 18 Electricians 1 Ignition Pump Specialists
" 3.	Turners Blacksmiths Carpenters Welders	29 23 23 27	4 months	At Scuola Industriale "Duca d'Aosta"
" 4.	Type Repair Painters Coach Trimmers Sheet Metal Workers Radiator Repair Inspector Stampisti Idraulico Rettificatore	5 6 1 6 1 1 1 1 1	4 months	At Centro Studi

Artillery Repair Training Centre

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
A.R. 1	Armourers	63	7 weeks	Training in all types S.A. and manufacture of spares. Only seven qualified.
" 2	Inspection of Artillery Equipment	15	6 weeks	Civilian Candidates from various Arsenals, with knowledge of Italian Artillery
" 3	Inspection of British Instruments Fire Control	4	3 weeks	4 Civilian Employees of Laboratore Precisione, Rome
" 4	Gun Fitters	6	8 weeks	Training of personnel (with knowledge of Italian Artillery) in working on British types.
" 5	Instrument Mechanics	2	3 weeks	Training of hand picked personnel in Care & Preservation of British Instruments, Fire Control.
" 6	Instruments	4	5 weeks	Soldier students, Care & Preservation of Instruments, Fire Control. 36
" 7	Armourers	16	7 weeks	Soldier students in Care, Preservation & Repair of Small Arms.
" 8	Armourers	5	7 weeks	5 Personnel of B.M.C.A. in Care & Preservation of Arms for own unit Armoury.
" 9	Gun Fitters	16	7 weeks	Recruit students in Repair Maintenance of Artillery Finishing 2nd week Sept.
" 10	Instructors	8	7 weeks	8 Civilians training to be instructors at the School

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" 10	Instructors for Gun Fitters	8	7 weeks	8 Civilians training to be instructors at the School Finishing 1st Week Oct.

Artillery School.

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks.
A 1	25 Pr.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train officers for newly raised Rd. Arty units.
A 2	25 Pr.	50-60 NCOs.	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised Rd. Arty units.
A 3	17 Pr.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train offr for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 4	17 Pr.	50-60 NCOs	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 5	6 Pr.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train offr for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 6	6 Pr.	50-60 NCOs	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 7	40 mm.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train offr for newly raised LAA Arty units.
A 8	40 mm.	50-60 NCOs	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised LAA Arty units.
A 9	Elementary Survey	20 NCOs	3 weeks	A course in the Mathematics required for Survey work for potential Regtl. Surveyors.
A 10	Regtl. Survey	30 offr & NCOs.	5 weeks	To train Regtl Survey Parties.
A 11	Regtl. Commanders	40 C. Os. & 2 i/o.	1 week	Tactical aspect of R.H.Q. and Div. H.Q.R.A. work.
A 12	G. P. Os & C. P. Os.	20-30 offr	4 weeks	The technical & tactical aspect of the G.P.Os. & C.P.Os. work.

A 3	17 Pr.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train offr for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 4	17 Pr.	50-60 NCOs	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 5	6 Pr.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train offr for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 6	6 Pr.	50-60 NCOs	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised A/tk Arty units.
A 7	40 mm.	20 offr	5 weeks	To train offr for newly raised LAA Arty units.
A 8	40 mm.	50-60 NCOs	5 weeks	To train NCOs for newly raised LAA Arty units. 35
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A 12	G. P. Os & C. P. Os.	20-30 offr	4 weeks	The technical & tactical aspect of the G.P.Os. & C.P.Os. work.
A 13	25 Pr.	1500	8 weeks	R. T. C.
A 14	17 Pr.	150	8 weeks	R. T. C.
A 15	6 Pr.	300	8 weeks	R. T. C.
A 16	40 mm.	300	8 weeks	R. T. C.

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Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks.
A 17	25 Pr. Pot. Specialists	200	8 weeks	To produce specialists from selected recruits.
A 18	Med. Arty.	?	?	Dependent upon release of equipment availability of British instructors and future establishment of Italian Army.
A 19	H. A. A.	?	?	
A 20	RADAR	?	?	
A 21	Survey Bty R.A.	?	?	

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ENGINEER SCHOOL

Serial No. Course Name Attended by Duration Remarks

E. 1 Recruits Basic & Advanced Trg. 2000 8 weeks Basic Training in, Fieldworks, Water Supply, Demolitions, Bridging, Roads etc. End of C course, 1000 men sent to Divs etc and 1000 retained for Specialist Course.

E. 2 Specialists Course 1000 8 weeks All Subjects as above with more detail. Theory of Demolitions and Bridging, with simple Formulae.

E. 3 Infantry Pioneers Course 100 8 weeks Basic training for the Infantryman. Mines; Simple Dams; Camouflage; and Light Improvised Bridges.

E. 4 Reserve Officer Cadets Course. 40 16 weeks All Subjects as in Serial 1. Greater attention being paid to theory, calculations organization of work, and management of all labour. Workings of Engineer Org. in an Army.

E. 5 N.C.O. Cadets Course 70 16 weeks As in Serial 4. More stress being laid on the practical side of Engineer Work, Man management, and the duties of an Engineer N.C.O.

E. 6 Finishing Course for Officers on Active List: Instructor Students 50 16 weeks As in serial 4. Officers likely to make Instructors specialising in their Subjects. Methods of Instructing.

Military Police School

Serial	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
P.1	Military Police	15 Offrs 25 N.C.O. 75 CC	4 weeks	Object to teach work of Div. Provost. Training in the traffic control, Road Moves, Traffic Accidents, Handling of P.O.W. Arrest, & Military law.

SCHOOL OF MOTORISATION

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	REMARKS
M 1	Officers MT Course	50	6 months	Practical driving - mechanical theory - vehicle maintenance - task systems - administration and organisation of MT Coys, stores and workshops. Fuels and lubricants.
M 2	MT Potential Platoon NCOs Course	50	6 months	Practical driving - mechanical theory - task systems - vehicle maintenance - MT discipline duties and responsibilities of MT NCO - organisation of MT and workshops coys. Stores fuels and lubricants.
M 3	Driving and maintenance Course	1600	12 weeks	Instruction on practical driving - mechanical theory - vehicle maintenance - task systems, regulations and vehicle documentation- weapon training and PT.

ARMoured CAR SCHOOL

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
C: 1	Regt. Instr.	25-30 Off. 40-45 NCO	2 months	Instruction in Tactics, Gunnery, W.T. Map - Reading, Driving, Mechanics and Maintenance of Staghound

PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Serial No.	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
P.T. 1	Regt. Distr. Course	100 Offrs. N.C.Os.	3 months	Trg in Basic Tables, Rifle & Log Exercises, Endurance Trg. Leadership, Athletics, Coaching & Org. of Meetings, Swimming, Boxing, Agility, Refereeing, Wrestling, Unarmed Combat & Athletic Physiology.

INFANTRY SCHOOL

Serial	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
I 1	Coy Comdrs	50-60 Offrs	6 weeks	Teaches practically the handling of the Company in the principle operations of war. Lectures and T.E.W.T.S. involving battalion & supporting arms. In addition other subjects as Interpretation Air photographs, Organisation & Methods of Training, Camouflage etc. are included.
I 2	Pl. Comdrs	50-60 Offrs & N.C.Os	6 weeks	Teaches the Junior Officers and Senior N.C.Os. Advanced fieldcraft and Battle Drill. A outline of Company Training & Tactics is also given. In addition to subject contained in I.T. vol.VIII which forms the basis of the course, Mine Warfare & Use of explosives, Control of Artillery fire by Infantry, W.T. procedure and Map & Airphotograph reading are also taught.
I 3	Sec. Comdrs	50-60 N.C.Os	6 weeks	Follows the general lines of Serial 2 but concentrates on fieldcraft section leading. The Platoon is the highest formation involved.
I 4	Pl. Weapons	30 Offrs 90 N.C.Os	4 weeks	To produce instructors in Platoon Weapons. In addition to normal & mutual instruction in L.M.G. Rifle, Grenade, T.M.C., Bayonet, 2" Mortar & P.I.A.T. Lectures and demonstrations and practical periods are given on:- Application of Fire, Coaching, Conduct of Range Practises, Elementary Theory, Duties of W.T.O. & S.M.I.
I 5	3" Mortar	36 Offrs 36 N.C.Os	5 weeks	Subjects taught include (1) Elementary & Advanced Mortar handling. (II) Wireless procedure. (III) Fire Control & Observation of fire. (IV) Detachment Section & Platoon Battle Drill. (V) Predicted Shooting. (VI) Maintenance of Equipment & Ammunition. (VII) Outline of the Carriers & Track repairs.
I 6	Sniper	10 Offrs 20 N.C.Os	4 weeks	To produce Unit instructors, Teaches: Use of Sniper Rifles & Telescope. Zeroing. Camouflage & Fieldcraft. Use of telescope. Observation & Report. Construction of Sniper Posts. Range Practises day & night.

Serial	Course	Attended by	Duration	Remarks
I 7	M.M.G.	36 Offrs 36 N.C.Os	?	Course not yet stabilised owing to change from Vickers to Breda M.M.G.
I 8	Carriers Pl. Comdrs	10 Offrs 20 N.C.Os	4 weeks	To teach driving and Maintenance of Carrier. Syllabus includes Maintenance task System. Mechanical subjects & unit repairs. Documentation & 406 inspections Convoy & Cross Country driving. Recovery of vehicles.
I 9	Cadet Officer	200	4 months ?	The programme & policy as regards these two serials has not yet been decided by the Ministry of War.
I 10	Cadet N.C.Os	400	2 months	British O.C.T.U. programmes have been submitted but not yet approved. At present these serials used for C.A.R. course instruction.
I 11	Recruit M.M.G.	400	8 ? weeks	Until the Pamphlet is divided into lessons, it is difficult to accurately estimate the time of training.
I 12	Recruit 3" Mortar	390	5 weeks	Elementary and advanced handling of 3" Mortar, Maintenance of Equipment & Ammunition. Use of W.T.
I 13	Recruit Sniper	60	4 weeks	A more elementary version of instructors Course.
I 14	Carrier	50	4 weeks	To provide drivers for tracked vehicles of specialist platoons. Students will normally do this course in addition to specialist training.
I 15	Range Finder	50	4 weeks	At the moment not formed owing to shortage of equipment. Selected personnel to be selected from M.M.G. & 3" Mortar Student.

SCHOOL OF TACTICS

When the School of Tactics is working with 100% efficiency, there will be no alteration to the details of courses as found on pages 130/131, para 4 of the Training Handbook.

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