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SUBJECT: British H.C.C. Instructor for Italian R.E.C. Course.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)

SD/145

8 Apr 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (G (SD)) 3, GMF.

Ref copy of 12 BEW letter AG/40/1347 and associated correspondence att.

1. It is formally requested that Sgt SNEAD may be att vice L/Sgt REYNOLDS at the earliest possible date.

2. It is understood by this HQ that Major OWEN (RA, GHQ) in fact has the matter in hand.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : General Headquarters (RA)

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SUBJECT: British N.C.O. Instructor for Italian R.S.O. Course.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66318/9)

Ref: AQ/40/1347

5 April 46.

To: G-1 Training
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MMIA).

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SUBJECT : CENTRI DI ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE -
Nomination of Commanding Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

A 3005

11 Mar. 46.

TO : List 'B'
PA to GOC
Deputy Comd.
BGS
Col. A/Q
GOps & SD
G (Trg)
File

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Ref. this HQ letter A 3005 dated 15 Jan. 46.

The following amendments to the list given in our a/q letter have been received from the Ministry of War.

- Delete Col. LORENZOTTI Giuseppe : Substitute Col. Ftr. t.s.g. ZORZOLI Giuseppe.
- Delete Col. ADABBO Michele : Substitute Col. Ftr. t.s.g. GIORGETTI Lucio.
- Delete Col. GRAMEGNA Carmine : Substitute Col. Ftr. COLLIVA Carlo.

Col. GS
GSO I (D)
Dep. G3
GSO II (SD)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (W/E)
GSO III (a)
GSO III (Ordnance)
G (Trg)

J.A.C. PEARCE, Major,
For Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

MMIA - 'G'
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Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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PA to GOC
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Col A/Q
GOPS & SD
G (Trg)
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The following list of nominations made by the Ministry of War in respect of the a/m CAR's is forwarded for your information.

1	TURIN	CAR	Col.Ftr.	(a) r.c.-t.s.g.	~~[illegible]~~ ZOPPOLI	Giuseppe
2	GENOA	CAR	Col.Ftr.	(a) r.c.-t.s.g.	VIGLIERO	Remigio
3	MILAN	CAR	T.Col.Ftr.	r.c.-t,s.g.	MAYER CHERUBINI	Renato
4	BOLZANO	CAR	Col.Ftr.	r.c.-t.s.g.	NEGRONI	Giorgio
5	UDINE	CAR	Col.ftr.	- t.s.g.	RAVAJOLI	Quinto
6	BOLOGNA	CAR	Col.Ftr.	r.c.- t.s.g.	~~ADABBO~~ GIORGETTO	~~Michele~~ Lucio
7	FLORENCE	CAR	Col.Ftr.	r.c.	~~GUIDECCHI~~ COLLINA	~~Germine~~ Carlo.
8	ROME	CAR	Col.Ftr.	r.c.-t.s.g.	GATTA	Giovanni
9	BARI	CAR	Col.Ftr.	r.c.-t.s.g.	ROSSETTINI	Vespasiano
10	NAPLES	CAR	Col.Cav.	r.c.-t.s.g.	MAGLIARI GALANTE	Luigi
11	SICILY	CAR	Col.Ftr.	r.c.	LONGO	Francesco

J.A. Pearce, Maj.
for

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : NMLA

TO : 3 BDE - MILAN

Date 26 Time 1130A

UNCLASSIFIED

REF: G.TRG 137

MAJOR CHRISTIE "G" TRG M.M.I.A. ARRIVES BY AIR MILAN WEDNESDAY 28 NOV (.) REQUEST TRANSPORT MADE AVAILABLE FOR TOUR OF PROPOSED T.T.C. ESTABLISHMENT N. ITALY

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PRIORITY: ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

R/26/11

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (Int)

GSO 2 (Trg)

GSO 2 (Q)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Cdn)

GSO 3 (I)

Internal:

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A

Q (Two)

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMLA

TO : G.H.Q. FOR G3(TRG) BR

Date 26 Time 1020 A

UNCLASSIFIED

REF: G.TRG 136

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ACK IF AVAILABLE TO ATTEND

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GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (Int)

GSO 2 (T/E)

GSO 2 (I)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Ordt)

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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HQ MMIA
File RE/11/2
25 Oct 45

TO : G(Trg)

Copy to : G(SD)
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Reference the Minutes of the Conference held on 22 Oct (G/Trg/4 of 23 Oct).

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(c) At TERNI. (i) Caserma S.Theresa: damaged by air attack. Will hold about 200 men.
(ii) Caserma Brignone and Cas. V.Emmanuele II: unusable owing to war damage.
(iii) Cas. Piave. Now used as a civil hospital.

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GSO 2 (Ops) ———
GSO 2 (SD) ———
GSO 2 (WE) ———
GSO 2 (L) ———
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R.G.Clapham Maj
S.O.R.E.
M.M.I.A.

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MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT MMIA ON 22 OCTOBER, 1945.

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'F' BL & TU.

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ACTION

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File 80/145
Date 24/10

TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS.

1. Training state

(a) Under training:

130 officers and 360 ORs.

(b) To be trained at S.I.V.A.

40 officers of Bn Comd Rank
120 officers of Coy Comd Rank

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470 officers of Pl Comd Rank
890 Senior NCOs
1050 Junior NCOs

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All to be trained by 20 Dec 45. The anticipated wastage may be as high as 12%.

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(b) British Weapons. G TRG
'F' BL &TU
PIAT and 2" Mortar are needed now.
Maj. PRICE will furnish figures of future needs to MMLA, based on MMLA forecast of numbers to be trained.

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(c) Equipment

No great difficulty is likely to arise in the provision of equipment necessary. — G TRG, 'F' BL & TU

MMLA and 'F' BL & TU will supply a forecast of figures to A.F.H.Q.

(d) Transport at R.T.C. does not leave much free for collection of stores etc. at distances from CESANO. — 'Q' MMLA, 'F' BL & TU

MMLA to investigate possibility of delivery of all stores by rail (rather than collection by R.T.C.)

(e) Blackboards are in very short supply. MMLA will investigate sources and try to increase the issue. — 'Q' MMLA

(f) Sports Kit:

The need is undiminished, but kit is in very short supply. Some kit might be made available for purchase through British Welfare channels. — G TRG

MMLA will continue its efforts to produce this kit.

(g) British Pamphlets:

MMLA will supply copies of RASC training pamphlets. — G TRG

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(b) Signals. Pietrolato Bks, ROME to be investigated. — S.O.R.E. MMLA

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5. SERVICES TRAINING.

Mostly by apprenticeship method, but Automobilismo will require a Driving School separate from the R.T.C. They hope to find good accomodation at CERCIGNOLA. S & T 'Q' MMLA

D.A.D. S&T.

Major ANDREWS has left and his replacement urgently required. MMLA to act. S & T 'A' MMLA

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6. ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Commanders of P & M School and Mech School considered inefficient. 'F' BL & TU to report on these officers to MMA who will take action.

for Lt. Col.
G.S.

23 Oct 45.

DISTRIBUTION:

'F' BL & TU, CESANO
Lt.Col. BUNBURY (HQ)

INTERNAL:

MA to COC (1)
Col A/Q (1)
G OPS & SD (2)
G TRG (2)
A (1)
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PROGRESS REPORT No 6.

SECRET

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref BTU/A.1/429.

1 June 45.

GSO 1
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GSO 2 (SD)
GSO 2 (A)
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GSO 3 (Ops)
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DMT (2)

LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) MMLA Trg Branch. (3)
'F' BDU IRTC ICF. (7)

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(e) Infantry Specialist Training School.

The arrangements made for Specialist Training are now producing good results. All types of training have made good progress and re inforcements of all are available.

3-in Mortar Training. The previous weaknesses have been improved by a change of instructors, and training is satisfactory.

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1. (e) Continued.

Carriers. Now working well. Out of 69 men under training 67 were found to be satisfactory. Maintenance difficulties have been partly overcome by obtaining a further small supply of tools and the workshop is beginning to function well.

Anti Tank Gun. Proceeding satisfactorily and the students keen. A miniature range for scale shooting at present being constructed. Results from recent firing live ammunition were excellent.

Mines Course. Considerable interest being shown and a good standard of instruction. Recently a larger selection of mines have been obtained.

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There is more accommodation than students available!

This School is well organised and efficiently run, progress has been maintained and a lot has been done to obtain punctuality and the maximum use of lesson time. In this respect officers have set a good example. A system of testing all intakes of recruits to the Centre has produced a number of suitable students for the School and although still not working to maximum capacity of 500, this can be adjusted as soon as accommodation becomes available. Workmen are still in one half of the Signal buildings.

(ii) Engineer Training.

The idea of the training is now being accepted by the Indian Staff though the standard of their instruction is not good. Practical Mine Training especially in the Specialist School is improving but does not instil

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This School is well organised and efficiently run, progress has been maintained and a lot has been done to obtain punctuality and the maximum use of lesson time. In this respect Officers have set a good example. A system of training all Italian of recruits to the Centre has produced a number of suitable students for the School and although still not working to maximum capacity of 500, this can be achieved as soon as accommodation becomes available. Women are still in one half of the Signal buildings.

There is no accommodation for students available!

(ii) Engineer Training.

Far more of the training is now being accepted by the Italian Staff though the standard of their instruction is not good. Practical Mine Training especially in the Specialist School is improving but does not instil confidence in the students who are allowed to ignore safety precautions and will run away from a lighted charge. Lack of basic discipline accounts for the major criticism. A policy of giving preference to training an Articri first as a soldier, and secondly as an Engineer has been instituted as opposed to the reverse which was necessary previously due to the urgent need for Sappers. Drill and PT are receiving more attention and special lectures and schemes for Officers have been introduced.

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2. Continued.

(g) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General progress continues. The main problem is the difficulty of obtaining students at the right time, this is largely due to the Gruppi not releasing their students as we require them, but a pool of 50 Carabinieri has been formed fully equipped and trained and in future any group sending in Carabinieri for training can if necessary obtain replacements at once.

The Italian Provost Section are now fully trained and up to strength, carrying out their work at the Centre most efficiently. Lack of transport, with over 90% of the vehicles requiring attention makes both work and training difficult.

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Training continues to progress but has been greatly hampered by the acute shortage of vehicles and equipment. Fifteen 3 Ton vehicles have been certified BER and are being evacuated. Of the remaining 86 vehicles 40 are VOR in workshops awaiting workshops attention. The balance of 46 vehicles is inadequate for the thorough training of the designed target of 400 pupils. Twenty five class V vehicles have now arrived from TRIESTE which will greatly alleviate the situation and will show a general improvement over the first course where an average of 20 vehicles a day only were available for road training. The question of a workshop for the Centre has

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The second course finishes this week end. Results are good and progress continues in every respect. The standard of instruction has improved including use of "The New Methods" and generally discussion and instruction are developing well.

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1. (h) Continued.

(ii) The Tactical School moved into its new premises for this Course and is now getting that exchange of ideas and experience so valued at CMTC. The standard of instruction is improving with experience and students are most enthusiastic in their interest. A number of Senior Italian Officers have visited the School.

(iii) The Weapon Training School, having overcome its teething troubles has developed well and the standard of instruction continues to make progress. The School is being supervised by Sgt BARNES, who was at CMTC.

(iv) The School of Administration is running two courses, one for Officers and one for Senior NCOs and an interesting syllabus has included visits to British Establishments in RCME. The third week of the course is spent on Hygiene as the School of Hygiene is still only partly functioning but it is hoped will start the full course next session.

(v) The School of Hygiene is being planned to take courses in General Hygiene also Water Duties. The Model Ground from CMTC has been installed and for the next session it is hoped to run at least three courses. The Instructors have all been trained at CMTC and are keen and enthusiastic.

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2. (a) Continued.

(iii) Engineer Training.

Due to the end of the war the course planned for Engineer Specialist Training with an intake from the Gruppi did not take place and is temporarily with-held. This course could be laid on if students are forth-coming.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 2 Provost Training Course did not commence until 28 May due to the delay in obtaining students. It is proceeding satisfactorily.

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The following students commenced on 20 May - the delay in starting was due to the delay in students arriving.

	Capacity of School	At Present Attending.
Driver Mechanics	144	106
Armourers	8	NIL
Vehicle Mechanics	90	NIL
Gun Fitters	28	11

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Of the 270 students who were ordered for these courses 167 duly arrived, 50 were returned to Unit after testing and a further 50 after 7 days working as unsuitable.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course due to finish on 5 May was extended for a further two weeks - due to students not having reached the required standard through lack of training vehicles. Of the 249 students attending, the final results were as follows :-

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The second course commenced on 19 May with a total of 200 students - this will be a five weeks course.

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2. (a) Continued.

(vii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

	Col/Maj	Capt/Lt	NCOs.
Tactical Wing.			
Senior Officers and Coy Comds	6	23	
Junior Leaders		18	
Weapon Training Wing.			
Platoon Weapons		18	21
3-in Mortar		9	9
6pr A Tk		9	8
Snipers		5	7
Administration Wing.			
Senior	1	8	
Junior		15	12
	7	105	57

Returned to Unit - 4 Officers, 5 NCOs.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

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The Infantry School has been closed for a break of 14 days in order to carry out structurial improvements and to re-organise. Commencing in the middle of the month the following will continue :-

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Existing arrangements to continue.
3-in Mortar, 6 pr, Signals, Carriers and Mines.

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(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

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2. (b) Continued.

(viii) SIVE All Arms Instructors School.

In order to give the Instructional Staff leave in the North of Italy, as the majority came from that area, SIVA will not re-open until 18 June. Also it has been found necessary to increase the duration of all courses to four weeks, so few students arrive with any real knowledge of British equipment or methods and extra time is required to start on a slightly lower level. Also, the extra time will give more instruction in administration, and improvement of general training.
See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending courses during May.

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10 Officers, 50 ORs.

(ii) Mechanics School.

167 ORs arrived.
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99 Officers and NCOs.

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(c) Number of Personnel from RTC attending Courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Hygiene Course.	6 Offrs		BENEVENTO
(ii)	Technical Storeman MT	2 Offrs	16 ORs	PONTECAGNANO
(iii)	Photo Intelligence.	8 Offrs		S.SEVERO.
(iv)	Gun Fitters		12 ORs	SCAFATI

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake.

Week ending 5 May	-	161
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(b) Reinforcements Despatched.

Arm	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Infantry	18	196	150	543
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4. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)

(a) No 1 and 2 Regts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

The process of improving Instructors continues. Numbers on establishment are filled.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and Improving.

(b) Signals School.

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WE complete.

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Good, showing much improvement with experience and teaching new methods.

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Gun Fitters	3
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Five (5) only are left now that the over age 30's group have been demobilised, but as stated earlier in this report it is hoped to find some Instructors from the School at TRANI.

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4. (e) Continued.

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A general improvement over the last course as experience increases. Any tendency to lay the Law down too rigidly has been checked by the presence of the more experienced Officers from the Gruppi.

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(a) The situation of training equipment remains very satisfactory. The Italian Training HQ now keep all records and demand for Stores to this office. Although the Italian Officers were carefully trained and helped by Captain SMETHURST (GSO III) before he left to take up his new appointment, they still have great difficulty in identifting stores and are rather confused in their ideas of keeping records.

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6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regiments.

Some improvements are still required to buildings, particularly to No 2 Regiment. After five months not one barrack room has a proper door or window.

(ii) No 3 Regiment.

(a) Signals School.

After again taking up the building problem thoroughly with the Italian HQ the Main School Block is almost finished and the accomodation building is going well. The whole place is still littered with sleeping Italian workmen and building materials.

(b) Engineer Training.

Accomodation improved.

(iii) Provost School.

The new block added has improved the previously cramped quarters.

(iv) Mechanics School.

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(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SEAC Ill Arms Instructors School.

A considerable improvement over the first course. The huts originally intended for the WT Wing were not completed in time to commence the course but will now be used for the Administration Company. WT Wing is well accomodated.

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(c) Welfare.

A system of investigation of the conditions of the families of soldiers in newly occupied territory was organised before the present leave policy was put into force. This gave relatively quick news of families and helped to keep morale up.

Once again, welfare education is still in the kindergarten stage in the Italian Army - no one realy sees the necessity of Welfare except in as far as it affects the soldiers stomach (miglioramento rancio) or his genitals.

(d) Morale.

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With the war in Europe over, the position of Training has of necessity been adjusted to lay more stress on the production of a well disciplined soldier even at the expence of spending less time on his Field Training. This would not be a difficult undertaking if the general constitution of the average Italian man called up had any bearing on either his will to be trained as a soldier, or his general interest in the New Italian Army. Unfortunately the average Italian man who comes to this Centre is not very interested in either nor can he be made to be.

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HEATHER SIGNALS SCHOOL, MEC EXF.

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabu
(a) Operators Wireless Course +	60	59	17 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wirele instruments, 9, 19, 22, sets, fau batteries and charging. Exercises
(b) Operators Line Course +	40	28	13 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elemen Instruments - Testing, practical Exercises.
" " " (Inf)+	40	11		
" " " (Arty)+	20	19		
(c) Switchboard Operators Course +	20	10	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators an Instruments. Telephones DV and UC 10 Line. F and F. Procedur Operating - Schemes and phonogram
" " " (Inf)	10	7		
" " " (Arty)	10	5		
(d) Short course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	5	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Fullerphones, switchboard. Test Units, cable laying drill. Line
(e) Instrument Mechanics Course +	20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E testing - wireless and line. P tools.
(f) Electrician Signal Course +	5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable E & M. Electrical testing and Telephones. Manipulative work. Map reading.

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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TALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, ERC INF.

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x of udents	At present under Training.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
60	59	17 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, wireless instruments, 9, 19, 22, sets, Fault finding and maintenance, batteries and charging. Exercises Periodical Testing.
40 40 20	28 11 19	13 Weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Exercises. Periodical Testing.
20 10 10	10 7 5	4 Weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones DV and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. F and F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Schemes and phonograms.
10 - 40	5	4 Weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - telephones Fullerphones, switchboard. Test set. Superimposing Units, cable laying drill. Line testing and maintenance.
20	16	17 Weeks	Knowledge of Training Manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
5 - 10	5	8 Weeks	Knowledge of Manuals applicable to Manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, MTC ICF (Continued)

Name of Course	Max No of Students	At Present under Training	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
(g) Regimental Operators+ Course (Arty)	40	21	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T an Security. Instruments - setting u and maintenance. Telephones and Full and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 2 Wavemeters. Charging and maintenan laying.
(h) Regimental Operators + Course (Inf)	40	16	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T an Sigs security. Instruments L/T and Fullerphones. 10 Line and superpos 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying
(i) DRs Course +	25	10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of MC. Ma Linesman duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous for this course).

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, HQ ICF (Continued)

Max No of Students	At Present under Training	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
40	21	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal Security. Instruments - setting up and operating, tests and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
40	16	13 Weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and Signal Office duties. Sigs security. Instruments R/T and W/T, telephones and Fullerphones. 10 Line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Exercises.
25	10	4 Weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of MC. Map reading. Lineman duties. Telephones. (men who claim to have had previous MC experience are selected for this course).

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ENGINEER TRAINING.

Subject	Duration of Course	Outline Syllabus.
(a) Fieldworks	3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, Bi Geometry, constructing trenches and tackles, anchorages, derricks Sauerfield Tracking, construction timber for tracks, Water supply
(b) Bridging.	3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night use of br cribs, construction of
(c) Mine Warfare.	2 Weeks This course also for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.	Course on Brit explosives, method Beehives, mine charges, unexplode Enemy, laying mines and recording and detectors, gap marking equipm and recce, road clearing drill, b

So far, no Engineers have left the Centre as reinforcements (the Gruppi do not need them). The intake of recru

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ENGINEER TRAINING.

Duration of Course	Outline Syllabus.
3 Weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, scrubbing walling, IM Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Sanerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
3 Weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RSJ improvised br use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
2 Weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and Enemy, laying mines and recording discarded mines, use of prodders and detectors, Gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

c for Infantry Pioneer Instructors.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Number on Course		Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and
	Offrs	ORs		
Pre course for CC, RR of pre sections Italian Combat Groups.	5	50	5 Weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, Unpreading, pre duties in the fd, MT and practice) veh classifications, method of tf, parking, rd discipline and org, and control of of CC.RR. within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on treatment com and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC IOF.

Number on Course		Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
Offrs	ORs		
5	50	5 Weeks	For CC.RR. Drill, PT, Map reading, pro duties in the fd, MT training, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, rd discipline and org, and control of move during br, the functions of CC.RR. within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instr on treatment, duties and control of PW, com and parking of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ITALIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Duration of Course.	Brief Syllabus of course, and st
(a) Vehicle Mechanics.	6 Weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engi to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, and execute simple improvised repairs, care and Class III
(b) Driver Mechanics.	4 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theo practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, and execute running repairs. Class II
(c) Gun Fitters	6 Weeks	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Test simple sketches, mark accurately, correct metho tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks) Must have working knowledge of 6, 17, or 25 pr repairs to breach mechanisms, buffer and recup elevating and traversing gears and associated s Class III.
(d) Armourers.	2 Weeks	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, P Class III
(e) Maintenance of Universal and Lloyd Carriers.	1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD ca

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LIAN MECHANICS SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Brief Syllabus of course, and standard.

ion of Course.	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, repairs and adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III
6 Weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC and CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential practical faultfinding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
4 Weeks	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002 - in read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
6 Weeks	Must have working knowledge of 6, 17, or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breach mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks). Class III.
2 Weeks	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 pistols, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT, and Thompson Gun. Class III
1 Week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD carriers.

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Course	Number attending Course	Duration.	Outline of Syllabus.
(a) D & M Students	300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving instruction.
(b) D & M Students	300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving instructi
(c) D & M Students.	300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, spec vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicle from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of p of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, conv discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, driver air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding means, precautions to be taken when temperature is below ze load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explo of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of v day and night convoy exercises.

The programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the task in detail and finally supervi carrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work and the o explanation. The organisation of the School allows four to five pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor. class V and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle.

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

ttending rse	Duration.	Outline of Syllabus.
300	1st Week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 to 7. Driving instruction.
300	2nd Week	Details of task 8 to 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.
300	3rd Week 4th Week	Tasks 1 to 8. Tasks 9 to 16. Faultfinding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Work Tickets, AB 412, discipline on the road, movement rules, special instrs for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding means, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosives and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

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ITALIAN ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Name of Course	Capacity. Offrs	Capacity. NCOs	Duration.	Brief Syllabus and standard.
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Comma training of a Battalion.
(b) Company Commanders	20		3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an In supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders.	36		3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling o of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons.	20	20	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical
(c) 6 pr Anti Tank Gun.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to snipers in their own unit.
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration.	20	30	3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all
(b) Hygiene	10	10	3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipline.

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N ALL ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

Duration.	Brief Syllabus and standard.
3 Weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a Battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Company with supporting arms.
3 Weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a platoon under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6pr A Tk Gun.
3 Weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training snipers in their own unit.
3 Weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including
3 Weeks	Unit hygiene and discipline.

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Subject: Weekly Report period ending 17 May 1945

M.M.I.A. IO
56 BTD.

17 May 1945.

To: Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A)

1) Training activities are continuing in order to complete the training programme laid down. It is felt that whatever the future role of the Group may be it will be definitely to its advantage to have carried out its full training.

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3) General standard of morale is good but all ranks are anxious about their future role. Any prolonged inactivity after completion of their training would have an adverse effect on the general morale of tps.

A seperate Security Report will follow in a day or two.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) MMIA Trg Branch (3)
'F' BEU MTO HQ (7)

Herewith report for the month of April 45.

1. GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The general progress of training continues to be satisfactory and shows marked improvement over last month. Although the standard of instruction is not yet of first quality, improvement continues, particularly as all Schools have now produced at least one output from which to select a better standard of instructor. It is also noticeable that now the Centre is more settled and organised, far more attention is being paid to the selection of the right individuals for the various courses.

(b) No 1 Regt.

This regiment continues to make steady progress. A lot has been done by the Reddit staff to improve general routine and administration, which in turn has resulted in a considerable improvement in turnout and discipline. There is still difficulty in raising training qualified or ambitious, but this should improve now Instructors are coming in from SMA. However, the attendance on parade is satisfactory, and new items of instruction include mines, killer, and a start in preparation of firing all arms. Recently this Regiment commenced Battalion Drill Parades, which are orthodox well done, with the Regimental Band playing, and a good degree of smartness in drill.

(c) No 2 Regt.

Now has a new Regimental Commander, who we hope will produce results. There is a welcome change in the type of man under training, as there are now a fair number of Marines, Paratrooperi etc, as opposed to Russian Partisans. The officers, however, are still weak, and far too many of them. Training has made difficult progress, largely due to bad administration within the Regiment, but there is definite progress indicated, particularly now the new Regimental Commander has taken over, and a considerable improvement in discipline since last month. As this Regiment is at present short in numbers for training this should enable the necessary reorganisation to be improved

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This Regiment continues to make steady progress. A lot has been done by the British Staff to improve general routine and administration, which in turn has resulted in a considerable improvement in turnout and discipline. There is still difficulty in making training realistic or ambitious, but this should improve now Instructors are coming in from SEAC. However, the attendance on parade is satisfactory, and now items of instruction include Mines, Bikes, and a fair proportion of firing all arms. Recently this Regiment commenced Battalion Drill Parades, which are extremely well done, with the Regimental Band playing, and a good degree of smartness in drill.

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(d) Infantry School.

The Infantry School functions well. Accomodation is good, and good improvisation has produced suitable cloth model, wall charts etc, so that in every way the efficiency of the School has improved. Courses are well run and organised, and although suffering from the general complaint of lack of transport, follow a lively and interesting syllabus. The Italian Staff have been asked to give more attention to the selection of students, as it has been found that instruction of this type is often wasted on the type of student they are inclined to send in. The buildings of the School are particularly well laid out. The standard of instruction is improving.

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(c) Infantry Specialist Training School.

Under suitably organised arrangements, Specialist Training in Anti Tank gun, 3-in Mortar and Carriers is proceeding well. The 6 pr and 3-in Mortar Course first completed produced approximately only 60% of the students who completed the course owing to postings and non-suitability, however the standard produced was satisfactory and the shooting good. The Italian is very keen on this type of work, and shooting is well up to British standards.

Carrier Instruction is now on a firm footing. The arrival of the British Officer Instructor and two Sergeants has overcome the main problem, but there are now not enough drivers trained for proper instruction to be carried out both in the battle of Italy, and also for the Schools of Mark to have their own vehicles. The main difficulty now is the repair and maintenance of the vehicles, as all the Carriers arrived in a poor state of repair, and the establishment allows no organisation for repairs, also at present there is a shortage of tools and batteries. The promised improvement in establishment now being submitted will overcome a lot of these troubles.

Instruction in Signals to some 20 students is proceeding - eventually these students will be sent to Signals School, unless they are required as reinforcements in the meantime.

A Physical Training Instructors course was recently run with 25 students, under the British Army.

The Hygiene School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in about 7 days time.

(d) No 5 Depot.

In the past, due to thoroughly administrative, training has often been seriously delayed, the regimental Commander has charge of only 1/4 all, but with little improvement in general conditions. It has again been recommended that this Commander be allotted in addition, a training officer who may be allotted to advise and supervise the administration, which at present is far below standard.

(e) Signals School.

The School moved up from FOGGIA on April 20, and is now in new premises in the Depot School at IRACOMIRO. It was hoped to fill the School to capacity, i.e. (200 students), but due to some administrative difficulties, only 150 are undergoing training at present, however, it is still hoped to reach the required number in a few weeks time. The end of the work. Progress has been made but the general complaint of the shortsightedness of officers which affects practically all of the school staff. Level of

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A Physical Training Instructors course was recently run with 25 students, under the Italian AMGG.

The Hygiene School will be ready to take the first course of 30 students in about 7 days time.

(f) No 5 Regt.

In the past, due to thorough, good administration, training has often been seriously delayed. The Regimental Commander was changed early in April, but with little improvement in general conditions. It has again been recommended that this Commander be changed in addition, a British Officer will now be allotted to assist and supervise the administration, which at present is far below standard.

(g) Schools School.

The School moved up from [illegible] on April 24, and training is now proceeding in the [illegible] School at [illegible]. It was hoped to fill the School to capacity, i.e. 150 students, but due to recent [illegible] difficulties, only 90 are attending training at present. However, it is still hoped to open the position soon in order to have [illegible] the end of the month. Progress has been made but the general complaint of the inadequacy of officers also exists, mainly of the [illegible]. Travel of certain officers up to Montelupo has been recommended.

(h) Engineer Training.

Much headway has been made during the past month. The Italian Staff are doing much more themselves, and a concerted effort is started to the training ground, and produce more interesting training is proceeding well. The general complaint of a bad percentage of attendance on training prevails, also the usual complaint against the young officers and NCOs, that little effort is made to enforce discipline. However, there is a noticeable improvement in training, and Training Reinforcements are now available.

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(c) Schools.

(i) Provost School.

General Progress in training is satisfactory and proceeding well. The Provost Training Course duly commenced on 9 April and the course for Regimental Police on 16 April, so that shortly, reinforcements will be ready for posting. The general tone of the School is good and a high standard of discipline and turnout most noticeable. Among recent improvements, an out door gymnasium has been completed.

The Italian Provost Sections employed at the Centre are almost up to strength, and doing useful work.

(ii) Mechanics School.

The training of 85 Driver Mechanics duly commenced on 11 April, and the other courses of the School are now proceeding. All sections of the School are completed after much good improvisation, and the larger part of the Controlled Stores have been received. The buildings have been really well equipped, mostly by improvisation, and good accommodation for the School completed.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding students for the first course from this Centre, particularly as most of the common most students with small trade knowledge in their subject, and the School then merely needs to teach conversion to the new British methods and types of vehicles. However, it is hoped the intake from the Drivers certificate on 5 May will produce suitable material. Another difficulty is the fact that there is no Corps of Mechanics or EMES in the Italian Army. Also the age limit of 30 years for posting to formed units rather narrows down possibilities.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 200 students duly commenced on 8 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V vehicles received, the following gives the present state :-

Vehicles in Workshops (Great 20% sent back here)	37
Vehicles awaiting Workshop Repair	20
Vehicles available for training	18
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The proposed War Establishment provides for an increased number of 75 vehicles, also front axle and tyre, so at present this shortage renders impossible any supervision of convoy training. Also at present, as there is no GT Garage at this Centre, vehicles for second echelon [illegible] have to be taken from the [illegible]

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(ii) Mechanics School.

The training of 60 Driver Mechanics duly commenced on 11 April, and the other courses of the School are now proceeding. All sections of the School are completed after much good improvisation, and the larger part of the Controlled Stores have been received. The buildings have been really well equipped, mostly by improvisation, and good accommodation for the School completed.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding students for the first course from this Centre, particularly as most of the courses need students with some trade background in their subject, and the School then merely needs to teach conversion to the new British methods and types of vehicles, however, it is hoped the intake from the Brigade arriving on 5 May will produce suitable material. Another difficulty is the fact that there is no Corps of Mechanics or REME in the Italian Army. Also the age limit of 30 years for posting to formed units rather narrows down possibilities.

(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first course of 200 students duly commenced on 8 April, and continues to make good progress. Of 75 class V vehicles received, the following gives the present state :-

Vehicles in Workshops (part RHA and part here)	37
Vehicles awaiting Workshop Repair	20
Vehicles available for training	18
	12

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The proposed New Establishment provides for an increased number of Plan Bandin, also 15cwt cars and 15cs, as at present this Centre is unable any supervision of convoy training. Also at present, as there is no GT Company at this Centre, vehicles for School Administration have to be taken from the already depleted numbers of training vehicles.

If the second course, due to commence on 6 May and taking 400 people, is to be any success, either better quality vehicles will have to be made available, or an increased number of class V vehicles allotted.

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The School has now completed one course in each Wing and the results are well up to expectations, in fact better than we expected for a first course.

A considerable amount of energy and enthusiasm on the part of all Instructors has helped to launch this Centre successfully against most difficult conditions. Lack of transport - the whole School has been run on never more than four 3Ton trucks and four 15cwt trucks. Accommodation difficulties - none of the Schools or accommodation for students are in their originally allotted buildings, and considerable improvisation was needed at short notice, due to Contractors not finishing their work to time.

(ii) During this break between courses a regrouping is taking place in order to centralise the Wings. This arrangement will make use of the buildings now completed which together with certain alterations to WE will make the whole set-up more workable and easier to administer.

(iii) The School of Administration planned to open for the next course has been designed to follow the equivalent at GMC, but only two courses within the School, one for officers and one for Senior NCOs.

(iv) The School of Hygiene also planned should commence during the month of May but has been somewhat delayed due to the British MO from this Centre who was assisting in the Planning, being posted away - however, at least a Unit Hygiene course will be arranged. It is hoped to send someone down to MERKVARNO to discuss possibilities with CM Hygiene School at GMC as it is felt a complete School of Hygiene must be properly planned by the Medical Staff.

(v) Generally SIVA is a successful undertaking, lacking transport and the right accommodation, the latter is being corrected.

2. COURSES.

(a) Courses run during the Month.

(i) Infantry School.

(a) Tactical and Platoon Weapons Course. The young officers course made good progress, and a further course of 80 students, 56 from the GARIBALDI Division, is now proceeding.

(b) 3-in Mortar Course. 50 students commenced the course, but owing to postings and unsuitability, only 60% completed. A fair standard was reached.

(c) [illegible] 30 students commenced, 60%

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(c) 6pr Anti Tank Course. 50 students commenced, 60% finished. Good standard, and results of firing very good.

(d) Mines Course. Instructors were trained at the Engineers Training Battalion, and have just completed their first course of 20 students, with good results.

(e) Snipers. Owing to shortage of equipment, now received, did not start well, but 8 students have been trained so far.

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2. (a) (i) (Continued)

(f) Physical Training Course. A Physical Training Instructors course of 25 young officer students under the British APTC Instructors has produced good results and a pool of Instructors made available.

(ii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(iii) Engineer Training.

No courses outside normal routine training, but it is planned to start the first intake from Karuppi towards the end of May, when Instructors will be available.

(iv) Provost School.

Course No 1 (Provost Training Course) commenced 9 April, and students are now in their third week of training.
Course No 1 (Regimental Police) commenced 16 April, and students are now in their second week of training.

(v) Mechanics School.

The Driver Mechanics Course commenced on 11 April with 80 students.
All potential Instructors for the other courses have been under test and instruction, ready for the complete course starting 6 May.

(vi) Driving and Maintenance School.

The first four weeks course of 200 pupils commenced on 8 April.
During the week 22 - 28 April, a subsidiary course for 25 Carabinieri was run for instruction in the maintenance and driving of motor cycles.

(vii) SITA All Arms Instructors School.

The following courses of 3 weeks have been completed.

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April 8 - 29.			
Weapon Training Wing	Platoon Weapons	39	students.
	3-in Mortar	15	"
	6 pr	17	"
Tactical School	Junior Leaders	26	"
April 16 - May 4.			
Tactical School	Senior Officers	20	"
	Company Commanders	25	"

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

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	3-in Mortar	13	"
	6 pr	17	"
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	Company Commanders	25	"

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

(i) Infantry School.

At present restricted by the number of men available in the Centre for courses, but it is proposed to run the courses at full numbers.

Minor Tactical Course	80	students	3	weeks.
A Tk 6pr	40	"	3	"
3-in Mortar	40	"	3	"
Mines Course	20	"	3	"
Snipers Course	10	"	3	"

These courses will continue.

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2. (b) (Continued).

(ii) Infantry Specialist Training.

The existing arrangements will continue, producing trained reinforcements every three weeks. Depending on suitable men being available for training.

3-in Mortar.
6pr A Tk
Carriers.

(iii) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.
It is hoped to increase the number as accommodation becomes available.

(iv) Engineer Training.

The following courses for the Gruppi are projected to commence 28 May. Duration 2 weeks.

Officers Refresher (Man Management organisation of work, Recce's etc).

Officers and NCOs Bailey elementary.

Officers and Senior NCOs Mine Warfare.

(v) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Numbers from Combat Groups attending Courses during April.

NIL.

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

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(iii) Signals School.

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(iv) Engineer Training.

The following courses for the Gruppi are projected to commence 26 May. Duration 2 weeks.

Officers Refresher (Man Management organisation of work, Rocco's etc).
Officers and NCOs Bailey elementary.

Officers and Senior NCOs Mine Warfare.

(v) Provost School.

Provost Training Course No 2. See Appendix "D".
Regimental Police Course No 2. " " "D".

(vi) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(vii) Driving and Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

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NIL.

(d) Syllabus and programmes of projected courses.

(i) Signals School.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(ii) Engineer Training.

See Appendix "C" attached.

(iii) Provost School.

See Appendix "D" attached.

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2. (d) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

See Appendix "E" attached.

(v) Driving Maintenance School.

See Appendix "F" attached.

(vi) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

See Appendix "G" attached.

(e) Number of Personnel from RTO attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i)	Vehicle Mechanics		10 ORs	SCAFATI
(ii)	Water Duties	10 Offrs	5 ORs	CMTC
(iii)	Gun Fitters		24 ORs	SCAFATI
(iv)	Photo Intelligence	8 Offrs		S.SEVARO.

3. NUMBERS HELD.

(a) Weekly Intake

Week ending: 7 April	-	105
14 April	-	561
21 April	-	182
28 April	-	401

(b) Rate Despatched.

Arm	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Inf	247	608	206	795
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	46	7	15	23
Other Arms	43	20	22	101
Total	346	642	245	921

(c) Rate held at 28 Apr 45.

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(vi) CIVil All Arms Instructors

See Appendix "G" attached.

(c) Number of Personnel from MMC attending courses at British or Italian Establishments and the nature of the course.

(i) Vehicle Mechanics		10 ORs	SCAFANI
(ii) Water Duties	10 offrs	5 ORs	CMMC
(iii) Gun Fitters		24 ORs	SCAFANI
(iv) Photo Intelligence	3 offrs		S.SEVMIO.

3. NUMBERS NEED.

(a) Weekly Intake

Week ending 7 April	-	105
14 April	-	561
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28 April	-	461

(b) Mfts Dischatched.

Arm	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
Inf	247	608	206	795
Arty	10	7	2	4
Engrs	46	7	15	23
Other Arms	45	20	22	101
Total	348	642	245	921

(c) Mfts held at 28 Apr 45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength
Inf	4975	3383
Arty	977	787
Engrs (incl Sigs)	898	700
Other Arms	2185	1028
Total	9035	5898

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4. **INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF (Italian)**

An amended War Establishment is at present in course of preparation, and this includes slight increases in Instructional Staff. In most cases, where these are recommended, it is understood there should be no difficulty in filling them.

(a) No 1 and 2 Depts.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Although a shortage of first class Instructors, numbers on establishment are filled and the worst Instructors gradually replaced as courses proceed.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Satisfactory and progressively improving.

(b) Signals School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

W.E. almost complete.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

A study of daily activity has shown that most Instructors fail due to ignorance of the basic principles of teaching methods - this is being corrected and a system of Teaching Memoranda introduced to give a weekly Summary of technical instruction and faults to be corrected.

Generally speaking instruction is satisfactory and improving.

(c) Engineer Training.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

No deficiencies but Officer Instructors have a habit of changing, which makes progress difficult.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The standard of instruction is improving but men and Officers still lack any showing of effort.

It is interesting to note that the British Instructor now make a point of saying that they are interested in their training, whereas Officers and NCOs take all opportunities to avoid learning. The standard of instruction however continues to improve slowly.

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(d) Provost School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

NIL.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Well up to standard.

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4. (Continued)

(c) Mechanics School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

(a) Twenty six Instructors, who are at present being trained and are eventually to travel.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good and improving with experience.

(f) Driving and Maintenance School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Medical Officer	1	(Posted but not yet arrived).
Platoon Sergts	1	
L Sgt Instructors	4	
Drivers 1/c	8	
Motor Cycliste	1	
Driver Instructors	38	

The deficiency of 38 Driver Instructors will be made up from pupils who pass as suitable at the end of the current course.

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Good, though handicapped on the practical side by the shortage of vehicles, tools and equipment for maintenance. All unsatisfactory Instructors are being replaced.

(g) SEAC All Arms Instructors School.

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

WO Officers MDL	NCOs	10
Tpt School " 4	"	MDL
Adm " " 2	"	WDL

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The training, both practical and theoretical has closely followed the British methods used at OCTU and for the first course the standard of Instruction has been good. In the course the standard of Instruction has been good. In the [illegible] arrangements have been well organised and

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(c) [illegible]
Good and deserving [illegible]

(d) Driver and Instructors School.

(i) Establishment Wise.

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(i) Establishment Wise.

Mus Officers MIL		NCOs 10
Tac School "	1/4	" 10
Adm " "	2	" 10

(ii) Standard of Instruction.

The training, both practical and theoretical has closely followed the British methods used at OTC and for the first course the standard of Instruction has been good. In the Tactical School discussions have been well organised and run, and the standard is high. Any Instructors who have not made the grade on this course will be changed.

The Demonstration Company have done some very good work and are been and usually smart troops.

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5. TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

(a) The situation with regard to training equipment during the month of April was satisfactory. All major items indented for on DMT/80/4/III.1 of 2 Feb have now been received with the exception of items 115 and 116 - Welding Plants. These plants are needed urgently in order to facilitate the training of men in their use, although the welders tools have been received.

The majority of the Fitters Tools and Tools and spare parts mentioned in the last report have now been received.

(b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the month.

See Appendix "H" attached.
Included in the Appendix are many items not necessarily originally received during April, handed over by 10 Training Tools Bn. Most of the items appearing under column (n) Artillery School are from this source.

(c) Details of Deficiencies ofoutstanding urgency.

See Appendix "I" attached.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No 1 and 2 Regts.

Nothing to report since last month.

(ii) No 3 Regt.

(a) Signals School.

Three Barrack Blocks have been taken over at MACOUNDO all of which are still being renovated and will not be completed for a few weeks.

Eventually when the main School Block is finished, the whole School will be centralised in one Block. At present there is sufficient accommodation for the number on courses (350) but the ceiling of 500 students cannot be reached until the main block is completed, thus releasing more for accommodation.

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(b) Engineer Training.

With the slightly decreased numbers, overcrowding is not so bad as last month, and there is a definite improvement.

(iii) Provost School.

The Provost School now has a complete block of buildings with a central parade ground and is well accommodated.

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6. (a) (Continued)

(iv) Mechanics School.

No difficulties. School well laid out and accommodation for students in tents.

(v) Driver Mechanics School.

Good accommodation.

(vi) SEVA All Arms Instructors School.

The Contractors are slow but have again given a definite promise to have all buildings ready for the course assembling. Once the Schools are in the right buildings, accommodation will be good.

NOTE :- During the month there was a complete review of Civilian Contracts by the Italian Ministry of War. There is an acute shortage of glass for windows, wool and the usual electric light fittings.

(b) Hygiene.

There is a considerable improvement in hygiene. Water supply is now almost adequate at the Centre.

It is hoped that the number of Instructors already trained at CMRO and the courses about to commence at the Centre will do a lot to improve the Italian complete disregard of prevention of disease. The urgency of this matter is kept continually in front of Italian Staff, who are beginning to take notice to some effect.

Billets are on the whole much cleaner, and with the warmer weather are being better ventilated. The general cleanliness in the whole Centre presents a cleaner picture than previously, and much has been done to clean the place up.

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(c) Welfare.

Little to report since last months report. The same arrangements exist and continue and this problem is receiving due consideration. A Gymkhana held on 1 May for all ranks of the Centre was most successful, and prizes to the value of £10,000 were given by the Italian Welfare Funds.

(d) Morale.

There has been a notable improvement during the month in the Military bearing of all ranks of the Centre. This will be increased by the addition of 63 personally selected officers derived from ex POW sources in EGYPT. Some Officers and the majority of the NCOs are still too efficient and often through

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Much remains to be done, but given sufficient time it is confidently hoped that the Centre will become a sound Military organisation.

There has been no political incident during the month, due perhaps to the reduction of partisans in the Centre.

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7. GENERAL.

The past month has again shown progress and improvement in every respect. The general tone of training at the whole Centre improves week by week and it can be safely said that the present standard is a fair one and far better than was anticipated.

The general bearing of the Italian Soldiers and their discipline have in turn improved a lot, this is particularly noticeable when moving round the Centre as a good state of orderliness prevails, there is far more saluting and work is better organised.

The weak link is still the inefficiency of a large number of their Officers and the general desire on their part to take the minimum amount of command, this is made very apparent by a few Officers of outstanding ability. However they continue to learn our ways and methods and the present excellent feeling between the British and Italian Staff is a sure way of removing these difficulties.

We have recently reviewed the War Establishment for the whole Centre and at present a Committee of British and Italian Senior Officers are preparing the recommended establishment considering both sides, and when adopted this will do much to produce better administration and the smoother working of training.

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Appendix "
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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTO IGF.

ame of Course	Max No of Students	Duration of Course	Brief Syl
a) Operators Wireless Course	40	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wirel Instruments, -9, 19,22 set, fault Batteries and charging. Excercises.
b) Operators Line Course " " " (Inf) " " " (Arty)	40 40 20	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M clam Instruments - Testing, practical Excercises
c) Switchboard Operators Course + " " "(Inf) " " "(Arty)	20 10 10	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators a Instruments. Telephones D5 and UC 10 Line. F & F. Procedure Operating - Schemes and phonogra
d) Short Course for Linesmen +	30 - 40	4 weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Fullerphones, Switchboard. Tes Units, Cable Laying Drill. Lin
e) Instrument Mechanics Course.	20	17 weeks	Knowledge of training manuals, testing - wireless and line. tools.
f) Electrician Signal + Course	5 - 10	8 weeks	Knowledge of manuals applicable E & M. Electrical testing and Telephones. Manipulative work Map reading.

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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ITALIAN SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC ICE.

	Max No of Students	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
s	40	17 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M wireless theory, Wireless Instruments, -9, 19,22 set, fault finding and maintenance, Batteries and charging. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
se (Inf) (Arty)	40 40 20	13 weeks	Operating, procedure, E & M elementary principles. Instruments - Testing, practical testing and maintenance. Excercises. Periodical Testing.
rs Course + "(Inf) "(Arty)	20 10 10	4 weeks	E & M - Telephones, indicators and switchboards. Instruments. Telephones D5 and F and line. Switchboard UC 10 Line. F & F. Procedure. Signal Security. Operating - Sounders and phonograms.
+	30 - 40	4 weeks	E & M - elementary principles. Instruments - Telephones Fullerphones, Switchboard. Test Set. Superimposing Units, Cable Laying Drill. Line testing and maintenance.
s	20	17 weeks	Knowledge of training manuals, E & M. Instruments and testing - wireless and line. Practical bench work with tools.
+	5 - 10	8 weeks	Knowledge of manuals applicable to manuals in use. E & M. Electrical testing and measuring instruments. Telephones. Manipulative work. Charging engines. Map reading.

+ = A number already trained.

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ame of Course	Max No Of Students	Duration of Course	Br
g) Regimental Operators Course (Arty)	40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedu security. Instruments - s and maintenance. Telephon and test set, port. W/T s Wavemeters. Charging and laying.
h) Regimental Operators Course (Inf)	40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedu Sigs security. Instrument Fullerphones. 10 line and 18 and 48. Test set. Ma
i) DRs Course. +	25	4 weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of Linesman duties. Telephon (Men who claim to have had selected for this course).

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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MILITARY SIGNALS SCHOOL, RTC ICF (Continued)

	Max No Of Students	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus.
s	40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and W/T. Signal security. Instruments - setting up and operating, test and maintenance. Telephones and Fullerphones. Lamp and test set, port. W/T sets 19, 22, 11 and 21. Wavemeters. Charging and maintenance of batteries, line laying.
s	40	13 weeks	E & M. Operating, procedure R/T and Sigs Office duties. Sigs security. Instruments L/T and V/T, Telephones and Fullerphones. 10 line and superposing units. W/T set 18 and 48. Test set. Line laying. Excercises.
+	25	4 weeks	DR duties. Maintenance of HC. Map-reading. Linesman duties. Telephones. (Men who claim to have had previous HC experience are selected for this course).

NOTE :- + = A number already trained.

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ENGINEER TRAINING

Subject	Duration of Course	Outline Syllab
a) Fieldworks	3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Superfield Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, of compressor.
b) Bridging	3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span br cribs, construction of timber trestles.
c) Mine Warfare This course also for Infantry Pioneers Instructors.	2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiat charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and o discarding mines, use of prodders and detecto minefield gapping drill and recce, road clear

The first three parties will have completed training on 30 April, and produced 100 trained Sappers.

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ENGINEER TRAINING

Appendix "C" to ETU letter
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Duration of Course	Outline Syllabus.
3 weeks	Care of tools, knots and lashings, levelling, sandbag walling, Fd Geometry, constructing trenches, drainage, revetment, blocks and tackles, anchorages, derricks and sheers, wire fencing, Somerfield Tracking, construction of Jeep Tracks, use of local timber for tracks, Water supply equipment, use of compressor.
3 weeks	Elementary Bailey - day and night, short span RSJ improvised br, use of br cribs, construction of timber trestles,
2 weeks	Course on Brit explosives, methods of initiating charges, Beehives, mine charges, unexploded bombs, mines Allied and enemy, laying mines and recording discarding mines, use of prodders and detectors, gap marking equipment, minefield gapping drill and recce, road clearing drill, booby traps.

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PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Name of Course	Vacancies		Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and
	Offrs	CRs		
Pro course for CC,NR of pro secs Italian Combat Gps.	5	50	5 weeks	For CC.NR. Drill, PT, engineering, pro dutie (eqpt, use and practice) veh cla tfc circuits, veh staging and pa crg, and control of mov during t within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv in and control of PT, and mat purch mov, adv notes on discipline.

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Appendix "D" to DTU letter
DTU/4/D9/355 Dated 1 May 45.

PROVOST SCHOOL, RTC ICF.

Vacancies		Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
Os	Cfs		
	50	5 weeks	For SC.NR. Drill, PT, map reading, pro duties in the fd, MT trg, TC, (eqpt, use and practice) veh classifications, method of tfc circuits, veh staging and parking, mil discipline and org, and control of mov during hr, the functions of SC.NR within the Gp. For Full Ranks and Officers. The above, together with adv instrs on treatment, duties and control of PW, ceremonial parading of vehs in the fd, div mov, adv notes on discipline.

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ITALIAN REPLACEMENTS SCHOOL RRC ICF.

me of Course	Vacancies Offrs	Vacancies Ors	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus o
a) VEHICLE MECHANICS		90	6 weeks	Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & adjustments to eqpt of his unit, test electrical faults and execute simple i maint of accumulators. Class III.
b) DRIVER MECHANICS		144	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptit practical knowledge of gear box, trans practical fault finding, road mech dri execute running repairs. Class II
c) GUN FITTERS		28	6 weeks	Must have previous engr wksp experienc read simple sketches, mark accurately, sharpening tools, simple soldering oper Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buf sighting, elevating and traversing gear Class III.
d) ARMOURERS		8	2 weeks	Must have a good wksp experience. Pri rifles, .38 Pistol, Bren, 2-in Mortar, gun. Class III.
(e) MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSAL AND BLOYD CARRIERS		6	1 week	Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and B

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ITALIAN TRANSLATORS SCHOOL RAC ICF.

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No.	Duration of Course	Brief Syllabus of Course, and Standard.
90	6 weeks	Test of Mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, repairs and adjustments to cept of his unit, test and adjust alignment, diagnose electrical faults and execute simple improvised repairs, care and maint of accumulators. Class III.
44	4 weeks	Must be a driver. Test of mech aptitude, theory of IC & CI engines, practical knowledge of gear box, transfer box, steering and differential, practical fault finding, read mech drawings, maint electrical system, execute running repairs. Class II
28	6 weeks	Must have previous engr wksp experience. Tested to work to .002 -in, read simple sketches, mark accurately, correct method of using and sharpening tools, simple soldering operations. (2 weeks).
		Must have a working knowledge of 6, 17 or 25 pr or 40 mm guns. Do minor repairs to breech mechanisms, buffer and recuperator systems, sighting, elevating and traversing gears and associated stores. (4 weeks) Class III.
8	2 weeks	Must have a good wksp experience. Principles of and repairs to .303 rifles, .38 Pistol, Bren, 2-in Mortar, 3-in Mortar, PIAT and Thompson gun. Class III.
		Maint and adjustment of UNIVERSAL and LLOYD carriers.
6	1 week	

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DRIVING AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

	Course	Number attending Course	Duration	Outline of Syllabus
(a)	D & M Students	300	1st week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation engine, detail of tasks 1 - 7. Drivi
(b)	D & M Students	300	2nd week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AB 406. Dri
(c)	D & M Students	300	3rd week 4th week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Fault finding, running repairs, repair Tickets, AB 442, discipline on the ro for military vehicles, road accidents, recovery of vehicles from ditches, s of petrol and oil, preparation of veh camouflage, convoy control and convoy commanders duties, drivers duties, c gas defence, anti skid ing mens, fit precautions to be taken when tempera carrying and load carrying convoys, c and inflammables, use of fire extingui of vehicle repair service, dry and ni

he programme is based on the British task system of maintenance, explaining the task in detail and finally supe arrying out the task. The course is divided up into four platoons, two of the platoons doing practical work a xplanation. The organisation of the School allows 4 - 5 pupils to each training vehicle and driver instructor and in poor mechanical condition, which may in time mean additional pupils on each vehicle. At 31 March, of orkshops undergoing repairs. 15 VOR awaiting small workshop repairs and 20 awaiting longer workshop repairs.

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DRIVERS AND MECHANICS SCHOOL.

Appendix "B" to BTU letter BTU/A/D9/335 dated 1 Nov 45.

Outline of Syllabus.

Attending Class	Duration	
	1st week	Drivers responsibilities, explanation of task system, four stroke engine, detail of tasks 1 - 7. Driving instruction.
	2nd week	Details of tasks 8 - 16, AB 406. Driving instruction.
	3rd week 4th week	Tasks 1 - 8 Tasks 9 - 16 Fault finding, running repairs, repairs a driver must not effect, Road Tickets, AB 442, discipline on the road, movement orders, special instr. for military vehicles, road accidents, breakdowns, towing vehicles, recovery of vehicles from ditches, soft ground etc, system of supply of petrol and oil, preparation of vehicle for complete inspection, camouflage, convoy control and convoy discipline, convoy platoon commanders duties, drivers duties, convoy signals - air attacks, anti gas defence, anti skidding norms, fitting of anti skid chains, precautions to be taken when temperature is below zero, troop carrying and load carrying convoys, carrying of ammunition, explosive and inflammables, use of fire extinguishers, fire precautions, system of vehicle repair service, day and night convoy exercises.

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TRAINING ARMS INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.

me of Course	Vacancies Offrs	Vacancies PCOs	Duration	Brief Syllabus and
Tactical Wing.				
(a) Senior Officers	15		3 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the t battalion with supporting arms an of a Brigade Commander and to com Battalion.
(b) Coy Commanders	20		3 weeks	To train Officers in the tactical with supporting arms.
(c) Junior Leaders	36		3 weeks	To train Junior Officers in the t under conditions of battle. To which to train their own platoons
Weapon Training Wing.				
(a) Platoon Weapons	20	20	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the techn of the platoon weapons.
(b) 3-in Mortar	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the techn 3-in Mortar.
(c) 6pr A Tk Gun	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the techn the 6pr A Tk gun.
(d) Snipers.	10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the art of of training Snipers in their own
Administration Wing.				
(a) General Administration			3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit admini of war including Unit hygiene and
(b) Hygiene			3 weeks	

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TERRITORIAL ARMY INSTRUCTION SCHOOL.

Appendix "G" to ETU letter ETU/1/DD/333 Dated 1 May [illegible].

Vacancies Offrs	NCOs	Duration	Brief Syllabus and Standard.
15		3 weeks	To train Senior Officers in the tactical handling of a battalion with supporting arms and to consider the problems of a Brigade Commander and to consider the training of a Battalion.
20		3 weeks	To train Officers in the tactical handling of an Infantry Coy with supporting arms.
36		3 weeks	To train Junior Officers in the tactical handling of a Pln under conditions of battle. To give them a sound basis on which to train their own platoons.
20	20	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the platoon weapons.
10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of 3-in Mortar.
10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the technical and tactical handling of the 6 pr A Tk gun.
10	10	3 weeks	To train Instructors in the art of Sniping and to be capable of training Snipers in their own Unit.
		3 weeks	To train Officers in Unit administration under all conditions of war including Unit hygiene and discipline.
		3 weeks	

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Appendix "I" to BTU letter
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DEMANDS OF DEPLOYMENTS OF OUTSTANDING URGENCY.

DMT/68/4/MT.1 2 Feb Ref	Description	Quantity.
46	Fitters HE Tools	1
47	Electricians Tools	1
50	Anvils (2 cwt)	1
51	Fd Forge Hvy	3
56	"S" Tanks	1
57	Tarpaulin 30-ft x 30-ft	1
98	No 4 Pumping Set Complete	1
99	No 5 Pumping Set Complete	1
115	Plant Welding and cutting HP	1
116	Plant welding electric	5
122	Cable electric D VIII twisted miles	2
133	Ladders HI	15
143	Wireless Sets No 11	1
150	Charging Sets 4KV or substitute	2
154	Avermoze	

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