

10 4 3 8

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO.

785020

acc

10000/120/5403

CCRR / C

10 2 3 9

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NHDC NO.

725020

10000/120/5403

CCRR/G/4

TRAINING MOBILE BN'S POLICY

MARCH 1946

5739
5740

①
SUBJECT: Training of Carabinieri - Mobile Battalion Personnel.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AG.
M. E. I. A.
ROME.

OCER/G/4.

8 March 1946

Lt. Col. N. MICHALI.

1. On Thursday 7th March, 1946, I visited the Italian Army Training School at Cesano and saw Major Price and Capt. Strazzer of 12 RLU.

2. 45 Carabinieri (Officers and N.C.O.'s) are at present at the school undergoing training in:

- (a) Driving armoured cars;
- (b) Gunners (both the machine guns and the 37 mm. guns);
- (c) Wireless;
- (d) Technical training.

The Course commenced on 8th February 1946, and will terminate on 21st March 1946.

3. This is the first course for the Mobile Battalions and at the conclusion about 15 Carabinieri Officers and N.C.O.'s will be retained as Instructors and the remainder will be returned to the various Mobile Battalions.

4. After the end of this Instructions Course the armoured car part of the School will transfer to the Italian Army School at Tor di Quinto, which is just outside Rome.

5. It is hoped that the courses will be resumed at this new school early in April 1946, when the 15 Officers and NCOs now undergoing training will be the instructors. It is proposed that courses will last one month and will consist of 30 Carabinieri Officers, NCOs, and men.

6. 720 men are required as crew to operate 144 Staghound armoured cars, 5740 will take 2 years for all to pass through this course of instruction, 30 at a time.

7. However, the thirty now undergoing training, who will not be kept at the school as instructors, and the first thirty to be trained in April, will all return to their Mobile Battalions and become local instructors. This will give five instructors for Mobile Battalions by the beginning of May 1946.

8. I have asked for this Section to be supplied with a list of the names of those being returned to Mobile Battalions, specifying the Battalion to which they are being returned.

9. It might be considered advisable to keep these 30 Officers and Men in Rome after they have completed their course and not let them become scattered all over

2. 45 Carabinieri (Officers and N.C.O.'s) are at present at the school undergoing training in:

- (a) Driving armoured cars;
- (b) Gunners (Both the machine guns and the 37 mm. guns);
- (c) Wireless;
- (d) Tactical training.

The Course commenced on 8th February 1946, and will terminate on 21st March 1946.

3. This is the first course for the Mobile Battalions and at the conclusion about 15 Carabinieri Officers and N.C.O.'s will be retained as instructors and the remainder will be returned to the various Mobile Battalions.

4. After the end of this Instructions Course the armoured car part of the School will transfer to the Italian Army School at For di Quind, which is just outside Rome.

5. It is hoped that the courses will be resumed at this new school early in April 1946, when the 15 Officers and NCOs now undergoing training will be the instructors. It is proposed that courses will last one month and will consist of 30 Carabinieri Officers, NCOs, and men.

6. 720 men are required as crew to operate 144 Staghound armoured cars. ⁵⁰⁰ will take 2 years for all to pass through this course of instruction, 30 at a time.

7. However, the thirty now undergoing training, who will NOT be kept at the school as instructors, and the first thirty to be trained in April, will all return to their Mobile Battalions and become local instructors. This will give five instructors for Mobile Battalions by the beginning of May 1946.

8. I have asked for this Section to be supplied with a list of the names of those being returned to Mobile Battalions, specifying the Battalion to which they are being returned.

9. It might be considered advisable to keep these 30 Officers and Men in Rome after they have completed their course and NOT let them become scattered all over Italy. Eventually we shall have to fetch 99 Staghounds from a vehicle Park near Bologna and distribute them to Mobile Battalions in Bologna, Florence, Rome (2), Bari, Cagliari, Naples and Palermo. These 30 Officers and Men will be the only men available, who are capable of driving Staghounds.

10. Nine Staghounds are now at Cesmo and a further fifteen more will soon arrive. The nine received so far are in very poor condition, and have no spare parts. They have ammunition for the 37 mm. and machine guns. This is apparently the 1st Line Ammunition, which is carried in the vehicle.

...../2..

11. Major Price and Capt. Strawn both pointed out the urgent necessity for proper instruction for Carabinieri mechanics for these Staghounds. They are unable to do anything about this at the School and have in fact, today, sent one Staghound into the 638 British Workshop, R.E.M.E. in Rome to get some repairs done.

12. I would suggest that every possible effort be made to get a few good Carabinieri mechanics trained at 638 British Workshop or some other R.E.M.E. Establishment, otherwise these Staghounds will go out to the Mobile Battalions and no one will be able to repair them. Very soon many will be off the road. The provision of an efficient workshop is essential in each Mobile Battalion.

13. The Carabinieri attached to the Italian Army Divisions for Military Police duties also attend the School at Cesano. At the present time there is no Officer in No 12 B.L.U. with Provost Marshal experience, so that their training is rather left to the Italians.

Richard Fielders
R. FIELDERS,
Major, G.O. II,
CC. RR. Branch
M. M. I. A.

SEEN	DATE
G301	11/3
G302	11/3
G303	11/3
G304	11/3

RS/AM

5739

0 4 4 3