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G/32(52 BLU)( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) TRAINING GENERAL

April 8, 1945 - Sept. 21, 1945

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132 (52 BLW) (2/3) TRAINING - GENERAL

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April 8, 1945 - Sept. 21, 1945

Subject :- TTY Increment

54 British Liaison Unit

C 5/2

G.I. *Am2*

To :- Main 5 Corps

Ref your 346/5/C of 9 Nov the following are my comments as required.

1. The present strength of No. 55 TTY Increment is 3 TTY Majors. The scale originally authorised was 4 C.M. (TTY) and 3 TTY Majors.
2. It is admitted that these officers are not used for TTY exclusively but for very necessary liaison duties while the Gruppo is in the line.
3. It is the practice in this unit for the TTY Majors to be distributed as follows while the Gruppo is in action :-

One Major at each TTY Regt II

One Major supervising TTY of reserve in or near.

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4. I consider it essential for a TTY officer to be at TTY Regt II at least if not both. In all respects they are the only contact that TTY units have with the Italian unit relieving them or who they are relieving. Also the TTY officer at Regt II is normally the only reliable source of information that the TTY has for onward transmission to Corps. This applies particularly to actively patrol clashes, etc.

5. During attacks - German Gruppo has now done two - the TTY Majors are fully extended ensuring some liaison between British armour and Italian infantry etc. It is difficult to imagine how any one involving up to 1000 men could be carried out without some TTY officers who know the Gruppo and its methods to establish liaison.

6. When the Gruppo comes out of the line the need for this skeleton TTY staff will be pressing. During the first month German Gruppo was in the line the infantry of the Gruppo absorbed approx 1200 recruits. These came direct from civil life and on the average received 5 days TTY before being put in the line. This desperate measure was necessary owing to the numerous desertions which occurred just before the Gruppo was committed. These men require urgently real basic TTY and it is my intention to initiate this when the Gruppo goes into rest.

The Generale Corradini expects that large numbers of men of the Gruppo will desert when their horses are liberated in the North and has already warned the Ministry of War that he will probably require up to 4000 reinforcements in the next few months. I consider that my present staff TTY Increment will be required to deal with this situation.

I consider, therefore, that it would be false economy to remove those three officers who are now experienced with Italian TTY if it is contemplated that the Gruppo will again be used in active ops.

The present situation is as follows:-

The scale of activity involved was 1 (G.I.) and 3 (Majors).

It is admitted that these officers are not used for the exclusively but for very necessary liaison duties while the Gruppo is in the line.

It is the practice in this unit for the two Majors to be distributed as follows while the Gruppo is in action:-

One Major at each Inf Regt Hq.

One for supervising the reserve in or out.

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I consider it essential for a Dr officer to be at least in the front line. In all respects they are the only contact that Dr units have with the Italian unit relieving them or who they are relieving. Also the Dr officer at Regt Hq is normally the only reliable source of information that the BLU has for onward transmission to Corps. This applies particularly to daily patrol clashes, etc.

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The Generale Commandante expects that large numbers of men of the Gruppo will desert when their horses are liberated in the North and has already warned the Ministry of War that he will probably require up to 4000 reinforcements in the next few months. I consider that my present small Tro Increment will be required to deal with this situation.

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Field  
10 Apr 45  
DWWC/PLH

Ident Col  
General Staff

Copies to :- 50 BLU  
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Subject : Reinforcements.

52 British Liaison Unit  
CMF

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.  
H.Q. M.M.I.A., Rome.

G/32

8 Apr 45.

Reference accompanying application from Legnano Group.

It is requested that high priority be given for the provision of these reinforcements, in order to complete establishments.

As it is traditional in the Italian Army for members of Alpini Regiments to be Alpini, and for members of Bersaglieri Regts to be Bersaglieri, it is requested and strongly recommended that the numbers asked for are supplied from the Reinforcement Depot if available.

*Lt. Col. Douglas*  
Lt. Col.  
GS.

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Subject: Demonstration of Armored  
Assault Bridging Unit.

52 Brit Liaison Unit,  
GMR.

6/32/77

23 Mar 45.

TO: LHMAR.

1. Information has been received from 91 Riv that there will be a demonstration of Armored assault bridging unit near PRATO on 30 Mar 45.
2. Demonstration begins at 1445 hrs. A guide to the site of the demonstration will be posted at G.666795.
3. Logans Group are invited to send spectators to this demonstration - any number of officers up to a maximum of 20 may attend - and it would be advisable for one or two English-speaking officers to be in the party.

TH/MS

Copy to: BOMB.

HL  
Major,  
US.

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Subject: Range Areas.

6 SA Armd Div Res Cg

82/170  
HQ 55 Area

400 G

15 Mar 45

Reference your GRC 19/11 dated 10 Mar 45.

There is no objection to the use of the under mentioned areas for 75 mm and SA firing practice, provided all precautions are taken to ensure the safety of civilian life and property.

Areas: (a) Ref maps ITALY 1:25,000 sheets 113 I NE and 113 I SE.

(b) Range N: From 875514 - Pt 614 (856509) - CORRI (862453) Pt 855 (883148) - 890490 - 873514.

(c) Range P: From 952505 - 934510 - 950513 - 925506.

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*K. D. Mason*

Major  
General Staff

Copy to:- FIFTH Army (for Brt Inc) (telephone conversation)

14 Mar 45 HQ 55 Area - DAQEE Rv INC  
FIFTH Army refers)

1 District - G  
52 BLU

NA

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CONFIDENTIALSubject: Ramona.52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.13 Mar 45.6/32/4736 3A Armd Div Res Co

Ref 55 Area letter 400-1G dated 11 Mar 45.

No objection to your Group using the area in question.

TFL/BB

Copy to: BQ 1 District.  
BQ 1 DistrictLieut-Col.  
CS.

Subject: Ranges

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 55 Area

400-1 G

11 Mar 45

52 BLU ✓

Reference this HQ 400 G dated 27 Jan 45.

1. 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp has requested permission to use the under mentioned area for 2" and 3" mortar, and .303 VMG firing:

Area:- 9314.77 - 9364.75 - ~~9344.77~~ 9384.82

2. The area mentioned above is within the training area allotted to LEGNANO Gp, but it is believed that the above mentioned mortar and VMG range may be used by the 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp without detriment to the training of the LEGNANO Gp.

3. Will you please inform 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp (copy to this HQ and 1 District) whether or not you have any objection to the South Africans using the range in question.

LCH/JT

*K. C. Davenport*  
Major  
General Staff

Copy to:- 1 District - G  
6 SA Armd Div Res Gp

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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n° 01/647 di prot.

P.M.155, 5 marzo 1945 (ore 1000)

OGGETTO : riassunto attività addestrativa svolta nella settimana scorsa.-

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a mano

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FANTERIA (68° rgt.ftr. e Rgt.ftr.Speciale)

- Il battaglione di fanteria :
- nell'avvicinamento e presa di contatto;
- nell'attacco;
- nella difensiva;
- nella sostituzione.

ARTIGLIERIA (11° rgt. artiglieria)

- Gruppi da 25 libbre, 17 libbre e 40 m/m. : esercitazioni a fuoco di ciascun gruppo indipendentemente.
- Gruppi da 25 libbre : due giornate di tiri reggimentali.

GENIO (11° btg.misto genio)

- Addestramento sui ponti "Bailey" ;
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d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col.F.Garofoli)

SUBJECT :- Attachments.

SECRET.

13 Corps.  
5731/G.

25 Feb 45.

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Herewith two copies of HQ 10 LND DIV letter 9/1/G  
dated 24 Feb 45.

*White*  
Brigadier,  
General Staff.

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Subject - Italian Groups.

URGENT  
SECRET

HC 1st Ind Div  
10/G  
23 Feb 1945

10 Ind Inf Bde  
20 Ind Inf Bde  
RA  
RE  
Sigs  
AG  
Rear Div  
Camp

Copy to :- 25 Ind Inf Bde

1. A party of the recently re-formed Italian LFGM/NO Group will shortly be arriving for attachment - probably from 2nd Feb - 2 Mar 1945.

2.

Composition

Second in Comd  
2 Arty Offrs, 1 Hvy Comd, }  
1 BR Offr  
1 SIG Offr (Bde)  
1 Bde Comd  
5 Pln or Coy Comds  
2 Adm Offrs }  
1 RT Offr

For Attachment to

Main Div HC  
Under arrangement CRA  
" " CRG  
" " CRG  
20 Ind Inf Bde  
(7 10 Ind Inf Bde  
(3 20 Ind Inf Bde  
Rear Div HC

It is hoped that the offrs will speak either English or

French.

2. LFGM/NO Group is to be engaged in a defensive role only, stress being laid on the following points during trg :-

- (a) The making of the fire plan and co-ordination of it.
- (b) The organisation of immediate counter-attacks.
- (c) The organisation of observation in fwd posns.
- (d) Patrolling and sniping.
- (e) Mine warfare.
- (f) Big security.
- (g) Man management - organisation of food, hygiene, rest and relief.

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Copy to :- 25 Ind Inf 000

- A party of the recently re-formed Italian LFG/MLNG Group  
1. will shortly be arriving for attachment - probably from 20 Feb -  
2 Mar 1945.

FOR Attachment to

main 2711

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Under arrangement | CRA |
| "                 | CPI |
| "                 | CPS |

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24. fufi pufi (T 2)  
25. fufi pufi C3

--- we hoped that the officers will speak either English or

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2. The German Group is to be engaged in a defensive role only, being positioned at the following points during the --

(a) The making of the fire plan and consultation of Dr.

(b) The organisation of immediate counter-attacks.

(c) The organisation of observation in fire posts, patrolling and sniping.

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rest and relief.

d. It is appreciated that accommodation is a severe problem - possibly the period before the arrival of the party can be used to provide tented accommodation with improvised heating.

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Copy to :- P.S. Tal Tal Page

1. A party of the recently re-formed Italian L'ONNINO Group will shortly be arriving for attachment - probably from 27 Feb - 2 Mar 1945.

For Attachment to

Second in Command  
Sergeant, T. J.  
by Comd.

Can be

| Under appraisement | CRA  |
|--------------------|------|
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| "                  | 0.02 |

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It is hoped that the officers will speak either English or French.

2. MOQUAN Group is to be engaged in a defensive role only, stress being laid on the following points during trg :-

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(c) The organization of observation in bad pose.  
(d) Patrolling and sniping.  
(e) Mine warfare.  
(f) Big security.  
(g) Men management - organization of food, hygiene,  
rest and relaxation.

19. It is noted that accommodation is a severe problem in the area of the T-1000 and should be given priority in the future.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/548 di prot.

P.M.155,11 26 febbraio 1945 (1000)

OGGETTO: riassunto attività addestrativa della settimana.

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a mano

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PANTERIA (68° rgt. ftr. e rgt. ftr. speciale)

- Addestramento al combattimento della compagnia fucilieri rinforzata in :

- attacco
- difesa
- sostituzione

- Addestramento pattuglie diurne e notturne.

ARTIGLIERIA (11° rgt. art.)

- 20 febbraio : esercitazione a fuoco del I e IV gruppo;
- 21 febbraio : esercitazione esterna di tutto il reggimento;
- 22 febbraio : a)- esercitazione esterna del IV gruppo, della durata di due giorni, con presa di posizione notturna;  
b)- esercitazione a fuoco del I gruppo;
- 23 febbraio : esercitazione a fuoco del III gruppo;
- 24 febbraio : esercitazione a fuoco del II e III gruppo.

GENIO (II btg. misto genio)

- Addestramento sui ponti Bailey;
- Posa e rimozione campi minati;
- Istruzione sulle mine e sul detector.

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d'ordine  
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
 (Col. F. Garofoli)



Subject: Training Directive - LEBMANO Gruppo.

SECRET

British Increment, G (SD) Branch,  
HQ FIFTH ARMY.  
Tel No: LEBMANO 98.  
196/3/G(SD)  
25 Feb 45.

1 District.

Copy to :- 52 RMU.

1. With ref to the training directive issued by HQ EIGHTH ARMY to LEBMANO Gruppo, dated 27 Jan 45, the following amendments are made as a result of the decision to commit that Gruppe to the line under command FIFTH ARMY.

2. Para 1. Training is to be planned on the assumption that the Gruppe will not be committed to a sector before 15 Mar, and that when so committed it will be serving in a defensive role in mountainous country.

3. Para 2 (a):

Delete from "As far as types of Inf Bns....." to ".....coy basis", and substitute :-

"Exercises with troops should not go above the level of the bde gp, but in such exercises and in exercises without types the divisional staff and services should be required to take a practical part. In particular it is the wish of the Army Commander that one exercise should be held based on :-

- (a) the occupation of a def posn by one bde gp, and
- (b) its relief by the other."

4. Para 3:

Add at end of para. "The responsibilities of inf officers in these duties must also receive attention."

5. Para 7. The arrangements set out here have been amended.

6. The Army Commander feels that man management, staff procedure, reliefs and movement generally will be matters to which you will no doubt be directing attention.

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*Ralph S. Hines*  
Brigadier,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMANDAMENTO "LIVORNO"  
 -- Sezione Operazioni -- Informazioni --  
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N° 01/101 di prot.

P.M. 195, 17 febbraio 1945 (ore 0330)

OGGETTO : Direttive per il completamento dell'addestramento.

Allegati: 1

|                                    |            |   |      |
|------------------------------------|------------|---|------|
| AL COMANDO 13° REGIMENTO PAVIA     | "LEONARDO" | 1 | note |
| AL COMANDO REG. PAVIA SPECIALE     | "LEONARDO" | 1 |      |
| AL COMANDO 1° REG. ARTIGLIERIA     | "LEONARDO" | 1 |      |
| AL COMANDO 11° REG. MOTO D'ART.    | "LEONARDO" | 1 |      |
| AL COMANDO 51° COMPAGNIA TIRABUONO | "LEONARDO" | 1 |      |

A seguito comunicazioni verbali.

Direttive superiori stabiliscono di seguire i tempi di addestramento sviluppando solo gli argomenti più essenziali e relativi a compiti difensivi.

Dispongo:

I. -- TEMPI DI TIRATO PER COMPLETARE L'ADDESTRAMENTO.

|              |    |       |                               |
|--------------|----|-------|-------------------------------|
| Artiglieria. | 2  | marzo | : scuola di tiro              |
|              | 10 | marzo | : esercitazioni ftr. - art.   |
| Genio.       | 10 | marzo | : addestramento guerra di as- |
|              |    |       | petto e ponti Bailey.         |

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### III. - MODALITA'.

- 1o) - L'addestramento di battaglione e di reggimento deve essere completato al più presto possibile in modo da lasciare il maggiore tempo ~~per~~ di quello disponibile alla cooperazione fanteria - artiglieria.
  - 2o) - La cooperazione fanteria - artiglieria, di preminente importanza, sarà così regolata tenuto conto della impossibilità di ottenere poligoni di tiro di artiglieria vicini ai battaglioni di fanteria, delle notevoli distanze tra le sedi dei battaglioni e dei gruppi, del calendario della scuola di tiro dell' 11° Reggimento artiglieria.
  - a) - Partecipazione di ufficiali di fanteria alla scuola di tiro di artiglieria allo scopo di conoscere il funzionamento.
  - b) - Partecipazione di ufficiali di artiglieria alle esercitazioni di battaglione e di reggimento di fanteria allo scopo di addestrarli alla preparazione del piano di fuoco e coordinamento del fuoco almeno nelle difensive e nel contrattacco e alle inscoe e richieste di fuoco.
  - c) - Partecipazione dei quadri al completo delle unità di fanteria con relativi collegamenti ad esercitazioni a fuoco fanteria (supposta) - artiglieria allo scopo di realizzare praticamente sul terreno la cooperazione in cui, dopo di aver delimitate una certa posizione nostra e nemica, i quadri di fanteria, in un supposto tattico, richiederanno l'intervento delle artiglierie per finalizzarlo nelle modaltà e negli effetti degli interventi.
- Per quest'ultima forma di addestramento, si conoscono il battaglione "L'Aquila" che invece partecipa con le truppe per essere costituito nella totalità di personale recentemente reclutato.

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Alcune disposizioni di dettaglio per la realizzazione di questo programma sono riportate nello specchio allegato.

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Allegato al f.m. 1461 in data  
17 febbraio 1945

CALENDARIO ED INDICAZIONI VANIN PER LO SVILUPPO DELLA COOPERAZIONE  
FANTERIA - ARTIGLIERIA

a) - Partecipazione di ufficiali di fanteria alla scuola di tiro  
di artiglieria.

| Ciervo | Reparti di artiglieria<br>che eseguono la<br>scuola di tiro | Reparti di fanteria che vi<br>assistono (1) |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 20/2   | I Gruppo                                                    | un battaglione del 68° ftr.                 |
|        | IV Gruppo                                                   | un battaglione dello speciale               |
| 22/2   | I Gruppo                                                    | altre battaglie del 68°                     |
| 23/2   | III Gruppo                                                  | altre battaglie dello speciale              |
| 24/2   | III Gruppo                                                  | rimanente bte. dello speciale               |
| 27/2   | II Gruppo                                                   | rimanente bte. del 68°                      |
| 28/2   | tiri di assieme di ret.                                     | 68° reggimento fanteria                     |
| 2/3    | tiri di assieme di ret.                                     | Reggimento speciale                         |

| Ciarno | Reperti di artiglieria<br>che eseguono la<br>scuola di tiro | Reperti di fanteria che vi<br>assistono (1) |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 20/2   | I Gruppo                                                    | un battaglione del 68° ftr.                 |
| 22/2   | IV Gruppo                                                   | un battaglione delle speciale               |
| 23/2   | I Gruppo                                                    | altre battaglione del 68°                   |
| 24/2   | III Gruppo                                                  | altre battaglione delle speciale            |
| 27/2   | III Gruppo                                                  | rimanente btg. delle speciale               |
| 28/2   | II Gruppo                                                   | rimanente btg. del 68°                      |
| 2/3    | tiri di assieme di regt.                                    | 68° reggimento fanteria                     |
|        | tiri di assieme di regt.                                    | Reggimento speciale                         |

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(1) - Per ogni btg. : il comandante di btg. e possibilmente tutti e tre i comandanti di compagnia fucilieri.

- Per ogni regt. di fanteria : il comandante di reggimento e possibilmente tutti i comandanti di btg., alcuni comandanti di compagnia fucilieri.



Alligato al foglio n° 01/461  
in data 17 febbraio 1945

b) - Partecipazione di ufficiali di artiglieria alle esercitazioni di battaglione e di reggimento di fanteria.

| Giorno | Reparti di fanteria che esse ricevono esercitazioni | Reparti di artiglieria che vi partecipano (1) |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 23/2   | un battaglione del 68°                              | I gruppo                                      |
| 24/2   | un btg. del mt. speciale                            | IV gruppo                                     |
| 26/2   | altre battaglioni del 68°                           | I gruppo                                      |
|        | altre btg. delle speciali                           | III gruppo                                    |
| 3/3    | rimanente btg. 68°                                  | II gruppo                                     |
| 5      | rimanente btg. reg. speciale                        | IV gruppo                                     |
| 5/3    | 68° reggimento fanteria                             | III° artiglieria                              |
| 6/3    | Reggimento speciale                                 | II° artiglieria                               |

(1) - Per ogni gruppo : il comandante di gruppo ed i due comandanti di battaglione, altri ufficiali e sottufficiali ritenuti necessari.

- Per il reggimento di artiglieria : il comandante di mt. e possibilmente tutti i comandanti di gruppo e di battaglione, altri ufficiali e sottufficiali ritenuti necessari.

| Giorno | Reporti di fanteria che eseguono esercitazioni | Reporti di artiglieria che vi partecipano (1) |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 23/2   | un battaglione del 63°                         | I gruppo                                      |
| 24/2   | un bte. del rgt. speciale                      | IV gruppo                                     |
| 26/2   | altro battaglione del 62°                      | I gruppo                                      |
|        | altro bte. della speciale                      | III gruppo                                    |
| 1/3    | rimanente bte. 62°                             | II gruppo                                     |
| 5      | rimanente bte. rgt. speciale                   | IV gruppo                                     |
| 5/3    | 68° reggimento fanteria                        | II° artiglieria                               |
| 6/3    | Reggimento o speciale                          | II° artiglieria                               |

(1) - Per ogni gruppo : il comandante di gruppo ed i due comandanti di batteria, altri ufficiali e sottufficiali ritenuti necessari.

- Per il reggimento di artiglieria : il comandante di rgt. e possibilmente tutti i comandanti di gruppo o di batteria, altri ufficiali e sottufficiali ritenuti necessari.



Allegato al f.n. 1/461 in data  
17 febbraio 1945

e) - Iscrizione a nuovo fanteria (supplente - artiglieria).

| Giorno | Reparti di artiglieria<br>a disposizione | Quanti dei reparti di fanteria<br>interessati (1) |
|--------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1/3    | I Gruppo                                 | un btg. del 68° ftr.                              |
|        | III Gruppo                               | un btg. delle speciale                            |
| 7/3    | II Gruppo                                | altre btg. del 68° ftr.                           |
|        | IV Gruppo                                | altre btg. delle speciale                         |
| 8/3    | I Gruppo                                 | rimanente btg. 68° ftr.                           |
|        | III Gruppo                               | btg. "L'Aquila" (2)                               |
| 9/3    | 11° art. (4 gruppi)                      | 68° r/te. fanteria                                |
| 10/3   | 11° art. (4 gruppi)                      | reg. ftr. speciale                                |

(1) - Quanti al completo con tutti i collegamenti.

(2) - Il battaglione "L'Aquila" parteciperà al completo con  
tutte le truppe.

|      |                     |                           |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 3/3  | I Gruppo            | un btg. del 68° ftr.      |
|      | XII Gruppo          | un btg. delle speciale    |
| 7/3  | II Gruppo           | altre btg. del 68° ftr.   |
|      | IV Gruppo           | altre btg. delle speciale |
| 8/3  | I Gruppo            | rimanente btg. 68° ftr.   |
|      | XII Gruppo          | btg. "L' Aquila" (2)      |
| 9/3  | 14° Art. (4 Gruppi) | 68° regt. fanteria        |
| 10/3 | 11° Art. (4 Gruppi) | regt. ftr. speciale       |

(1) - quadri al completo con tutti i collegamenti.

(2) - II battaglione "L' Aquila" parteciperà al completo con tutte le truppe.

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Allegat al f.n.01/565 del 28/2/45.

CALENDARIO D'ISTRUZIONE DEL CAMPIONARIO DI MINE

| GIORNO            | REPARTO                  | NOTE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                 | LI btg. misto genio      | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2                 |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3                 |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4 (ore 9 - 11)    | artiglieria (Tavernelle) | La mostra delle mine avverrà per battaglio ne nella sede di questi, e presso il comando dell'11° reggimento artiglieria.<br><br>Vi parteciperanno :<br>- per i btg. di ftr. ufficiali e sottufficiali.<br>- per l'artiglieria: ufficiali e sottufficiali del gruppo controcarro, eventualmente altro personale. |
| 5 (ore 7.30-9.30) | II btg. del 68°          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (ore 16-18)       | battaglione bersaglieri  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6 (ore 7.30-9.30) | battaglione "L'Aquila"   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (ore 16-18)       | I btg. del 68°           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7 (ore 7.30-9.30) | IX Reparto d'Assalto     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (ore 16 - 18)     | battaglione "Piemonte"   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## NOTE

## REPARTO

## GIORNO

LI bte. misto genio

artiglieria (Tavernelle)

II bte. del 68°

battaglione bersaglieri

battaglione "L'Aquila"

I bte. del 68°

IX Reparto d'Assalto

battaglione "Piemonte"

La mostra delle mine  
avverrà per battaglio-  
ne nella sede di que-  
sti, e presso il coman-  
do dell'11° reggimento  
artiglieria.

Vi parteciperanno :

- per i bte. di ftr.:  
ufficiali e sottuf-  
ficiali.

- per l'artiglieria:  
ufficiali e sottuf-  
ficiali del gruppo  
controcarro, even-  
tualmente altro  
personale.



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Subject: Mine Warfare Training.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMT.  
25 Feb 55.

G/32/162

HQ Legation.

1. A Mobile Mine Museum from 17 HQ Coy will be attached to 52 BLM for the period 1 - 7 March inclusive.
2. The Museum will be attached to 51 Engineer Bn for the period 1 - 3 March inclusive.
3. Will you please prepare a programme for the Museum for the introduction of Infantry units during the period 4 - 7 March inclusive, and forward a copy to this HQ?

113/213

*all*  
Major,  
CMT.

Copy to: 3023  
'C' Brg Increment.

Trans. D.C.M. 24/2/45  
 COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
 - Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/525 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 24 febbraio 1945 (0830)

OGGETTO: tiro controcarro con cannoni da 6 libbre e 17 libbre.

ALLA " 52^ " B. L. U. = (a mano)

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Rif. f.n. G/32/153 del 21 febbraio e precedenti.

- 1.- Nessuno dei poligoni finora riconosciuti nel retroterra, sia da ufficiali di codesto BLU sia da nostri ufficiali, è risultato praticamente idoneo a tiri contro bersagli mobili.
- 2.- Il comandante del V gruppo controcarro sta ritentando ricognizioni verso litorale per cercare poligono idoneo a mare; si prega codesto BLU di voler cortesemente interessarsi per la soluzione di questo problema che riveste grande importanza poichè si rischia di entrare in linea senza che i pezzi controcarro siano addestrati al loro compito specifico.
- 3.- Poichè esiste la proibizione di usare proiettili scoppianti e poichè nei quantitativi ultimamente concessi vi è una forte percentuale di essi, così si renderebbe necessario di provvedere una certa aliquota di perforanti per poter efficacemente portare a termine l'addestramento in questione.  
 Si ritiene che possano essere sufficienti ancora una ventina di colpi per pezzo e cioè :
 

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| - colpi perforanti da 6 libbre (36 pezzi)  | N. 720    |
| - colpi perforanti da 17 libbre ( 8 pezzi) | N. 160 .- |

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d'ordine  
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
 (Col. F. Garofoli)

ALLA " 52^ " B. L. U. = (a mano)

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  - colpi perforanti da 6 libbre (36 pezzi) N. 720
  - colpi perforanti da 17 libbre ( 8 pezzi) N. 160 .-



Subject: A.M. Range.

52 British Division Unit,  
Inf.

24 Feb 45

4/28/45

Inf. Letter.

This Inf Letter 6/32/45 dated 20 Feb 45 is cancelled, and the following substituted:-

1. In addition to the 6 pr A.M. range at 256272 referred to in this Inf Letter 6/32/44 dated 16 Feb, another A.M. range (for both 6 pr and 17 pr) has been found:-

Location - 90822 (Map 1/50,000 sheet 113/II)  
Direction of fire - N.W. (into a steep cliff)

This range has not yet been approved by HQ V District, but pending their approval authority is given to fire 6 pr and 17 pr.

2. 60 6-pr A.M. Coy of 68 Inf Regt has been shown the area and nearby limits and he will then show today to Major VIANA (G.V. Group).

3. The A.M. ranges will be used as under:-

Range at 908272 - by A.M. Fla of Inf Bns of Specialized Inf Regt  
Range at 90822 - by 17 pr Coy of Artillery Regt  
by 6 pr A.M. Coy of both 68 Inf Regt and Specialized Inf Regt  
by A.M. Fla of Inf Bns of 68 Inf Regt.

4. All shells only will be used. No shells will not be fired on the above-mentioned ranges from either 6 pr or 17 pr guns. This is well understood to obtain more AP shells.

5. Practices should be at distances varying from 200 yards to 400 yards only. Firing at extreme ranges, ie. 500 yards for 6 pr or 600 yards in the case of 17 pr, teaches false lessons.

6. In all exercises, great care will be taken by officers concerned to ensure that the areas are clear of civilians and livestock before and during all exercises with live ammunition, and that no damage is done to civilian property.

7. Please notify this HQ immediately the proposed dates for firing 6 pr and 17 pr.

1. In addition to the 6 pr A. The range at 800272 referred to in the 10 Letter 6/32/144 dated 16 Feb, another A. The range (for both 6 pr and 17 pr) has been found.

Location - 900202 (map 1/30,000 sheet 143/11)  
Direction of fire - East (into a steep cliff)

This range has not yet been approved by the 1st Division, but pending their approval authority is given to fire 6 pr and 17 pr.

2. 00 6-pr A. The Coy of 60 Inf Regt has been shown the area and safety limits and he will show them today to Major Tamm (of V Group).

3. The A. The ranges will be used as under:-

Range at 800272 - by A. The file of Inf Regt of Specials Inf Regt

Range at 900202 - by 17 pr Coy of Artillery Regt  
by 6 pr A. The Coy of both 60 Inf Regt and Specials Inf Regt  
by A. The file of Inf Regt of 60 Inf Regt.

4. AP shells only will be used. AP shells will 300 be fired on the above mentioned ranges from either 6 pr or 17 pr guns. This will commence to obtain more AP shells.

5. Practices should be at distances varying from 200 yards to 400 yards only. Firing at extreme ranges, i.e. 300 yards for 6 pr or 500 yards in the case of 17 pr, teaches false lessons.

6. On all occasions, great care will be taken by officers concerned to ensure that the areas are clear of civilians and livestock before and during all exercises with live ammunition, and that no damage is done to civilian property.

7. Please notify this HQ immediately the proposed dates for firing 6 pr and 17 pr.

EA/MS

Copy to: DSA

10' The Incident (2 copies)

LL  
Liberator  
-01.

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SUBJECT: - Legnano Gruppo.

SECRET.

1546/G(GPS).

18 Feb 45.

To: - Fifth Army.

G. I. *by [signature]*  
dl

The directive for the Legnano Gruppo which was issued by Eighth Army limits the unit training to that of Companies.

I am in agreement with this but propose to make one exception for which your approval is requested. I am convinced that this Gruppo will not get a fair start in the line unless once during training they see a complete static lay-out. What I propose is to set one regt to prepare a position with the necessary digging, laying of cable, siting of weapons and so on. When this is complete, the other regt will take over by night in order to practice a full scale operational relief. Without such an exercise I feel that their first few days in the line may be costly while they learn from experience and that early casualties may have a depressing effect on all.

15th Army Group have no objection to such an exercise being held and I would invite your approval of it also.

*C. A. Heydean*

Major-General.  
Commanding  
No 1 District.

CCB/JRF

Copies to: - 15th Army Group (ref conversation Col Miller - Lt Col Browne.)  
52 B.L.U.

ARMY FORM C-36 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

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|                                      |                            |                     |                           | 32/AT        |
| ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY |                            |                     |                           |              |
| FROM<br>(A)                          | Originator                 | Date-Time of Origin | OFFICE DATE STAMP         |              |
|                                      | 52 DJJ                     | 201705 A            |                           |              |
|                                      | For Action                 |                     |                           |              |
| TO                                   | HEAD 5 ARMY                |                     |                           |              |
|                                      | (W) For Information (INFO) |                     |                           |              |
| Originator's No.                     |                            |                     | Message Instructions      | GR           |

2832 CHQP 12-43

GR25 (.) REQUESTED (.) Ref para 7 (a) and (f) of 8th Army Training Directive  
for Grupo IBERIA (.) 13 Corps have ceased to fulfill obligations (.)  
MO attached here from 6th Armd Div has been withdrawn and provost personnel  
due to arrive 19th have not yet reported (.) This matter is now pending

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPTIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-  
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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| Time cleared |        |     |

Subject: Anti-Air Range

52 British Columbia Unit,

CAF

16 Feb 45.

14/22/44.

RE: 1000000.

1. The attached copy of the 1st Divisional Letter 1545/6/6(1000) dated 14 Feb 45 forwarded for information and no action required.
2. Firing point in reverse rd and back gate 000070, firing in towards rd at approx 000070 (Ref sheet 113/II 1/50,000)
3. Care will be taken to ensure that the area is clear of all civilians and livestock before and during exercises with live ammunition.

221/700

Copy to: 1st Regiment (2 copies)

10000

55 1000

Reference: Anti-Air Range

1545/6/6(1000)

16 Feb 45.

The 1st 1000.

Reference: Anti-Air Range - 1st 1000 and 1st 1000-1000.

1. The 1st 1000 under review is approved for use with the following conditions:-

- (a) Nothing bigger than 6 ft is to be used on it.
- (b) The use of fire is restricted to the limits agreed to on the ground.
- (c) Any intervening trees are removed, as much to ensure ease of firing as to be safe.
- (d) No firing to be done at ranges in excess of 400 yds.

2. This is to reduce the width of the range in question that it is recommended be used for another site which would allow of a larger area of fire.

It is pointed out that a target on a slope can be easily used by a counter across horizontal and fire ground and that a road is not essential for a good range.

2/5/45

10/1/5

Copy for: 1st Air Movement (2 copies)

10/1/5

55 Area

Subject: 1st Air Movement

15/15/5/1/5 (10/1/5)

15, 20, 1/5.

10/1/5

Reference: 1st Air Movement - 1st Air Movement

1. The 1st Air Movement is expected for use with the following conditions:-

- (a) Nothing larger than 6 ft 2 in to be used on it.
  - (b) The use of fire is restricted to the limits agreed to on the ground.
  - (c) If intervening trees are present, no trees to be used for firing.
  - (d) No firing to be done on ranges in excess of 100 yds.
2. This so reduces the width of the range in question that it is recommended that the use of fire should allow of a larger use of fire. 299

It is pointed out that a target on a slope can be easily covered by a corridor across horizontal and down ground and that a road is not considered for a good reason.

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10/1/5

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006377: *procedures and administration.*

AL SCIENCE TR. COFF. "LITHANO"  
- Secretary  
- Soc. Service  
- Soc. Research  
- Soc. Lab. & Prod.  
- Uff. Sanità  
- Uff. Sanitassanità  
- Uff. Aut.  
- Uff. P.M. 195  
+ Cap. Center College

(A. Muzzo et al.)

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Nei giorni 19, 20 e 21 corrente mese sarà proiettato, nelle località ed ore sottoindicate, un film di dodicesimo riserbo agli ufficiali sul governo disciplinare degli uomini.





SUBJECT: Artillery Range.

1545/6/G(O1B)

Engineer Officer, IBS.

14 Feb 45

1. The Legnano Gruppo who have just been placed under command of Fifth Army but for the supervision of whose training I am responsible, are in urgent need of practice with live shell before going into the line. Their 25 prs are calibrated but the personnel are inexperienced with this equipment.
2. For many reasons it is desirable that they should carry out this firing with live shell as soon as possible and the period 18 - 24 Feb is the most suitable, with perhaps one or two subsequent periods of two or three days.
3. It is also most desirable that the firing shall take place near to the artillery's normal location so as to save undue movement, ease transport problems, ensure full availability of normal workshops etc, and save time.
4. A reconnaissance of the surrounding country has shown that the most suitable area is that marked on the trace attached, in that it will cause the minimum of disturbance to both civilians and Allied units resting and training.
5. I would therefore be grateful if you would agree to the area in question being made available for 25 pr practice between the dates mentioned. The question of warning any civilians and picketting the area will be done by AMG and the Gruppe respectively.
6. Should this proposition not be acceptable, I would ask that the MAGNO DI CASCIANA artillery range be made available for this Gruppo for the same period, together with accommodation for a thousand men in the neighbouring villages as was done before.
7. I would emphasise again that many considerations make this period of 18 - 24 Feb by far the most suitable one and that I would therefore be grateful for a quick answer.

G.M.F.  
GMB/JAB

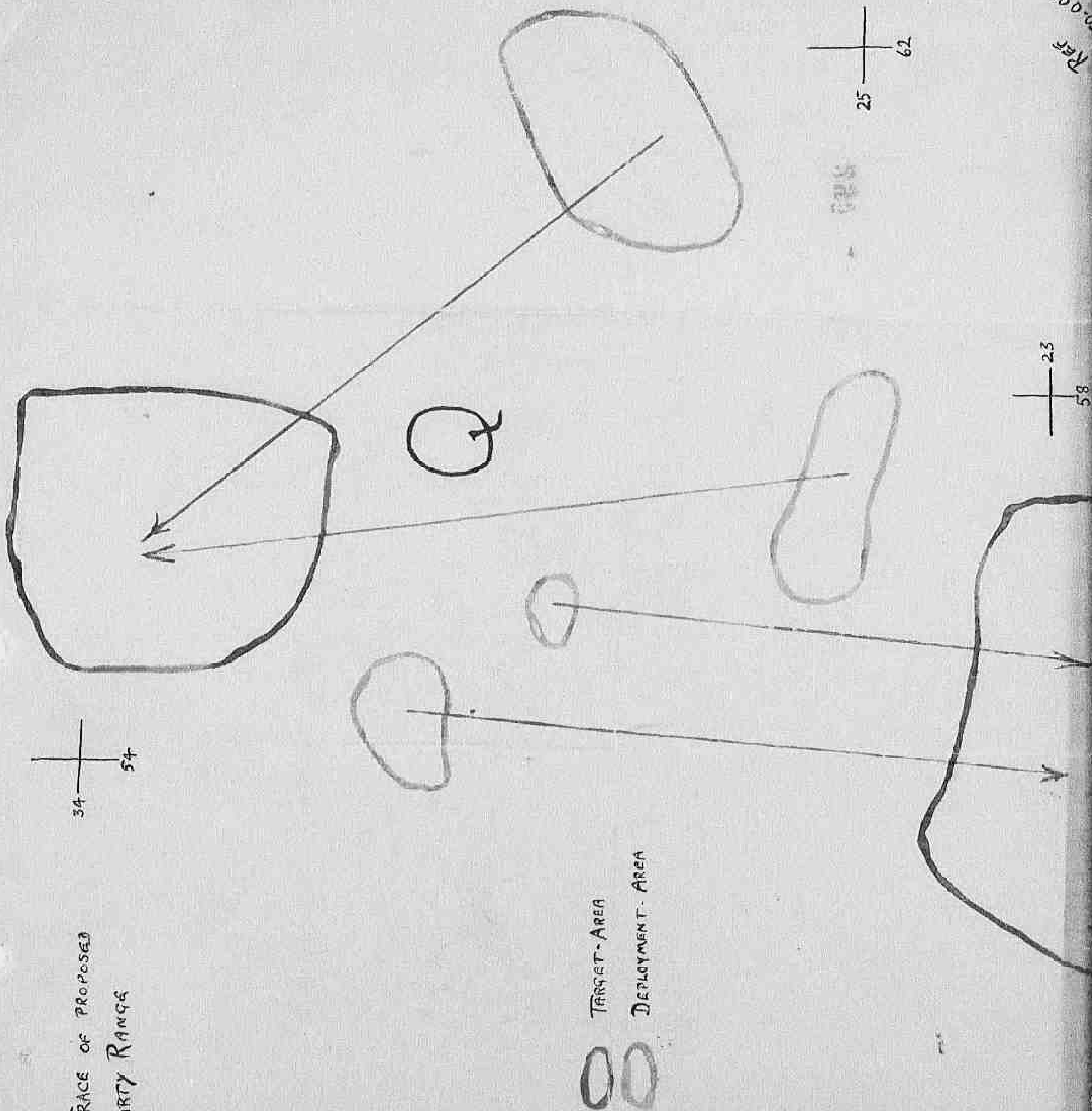
*C.A. Hayden*  
Major-General,  
Commander,  
No. 1 District.

Copies to: 63 IBS (ref telephone conversation Lt-Col Browne - Capt Malpas)  
HQRA 15 Army Gp (confirming Lt-Col Browne's verbal request for an  
IG and AIG to report to 92 BLU by Saturday 18 Feb)  
Brit Iner Main Fifth Army (ref telephone conversation Lt-Col Browne -  
Lt-Col Balloch)  
52 BLU

TRACE OF PROPOSED  
ARTY RANGE

TARGET-AREA

DEPLOYMENT - AREA



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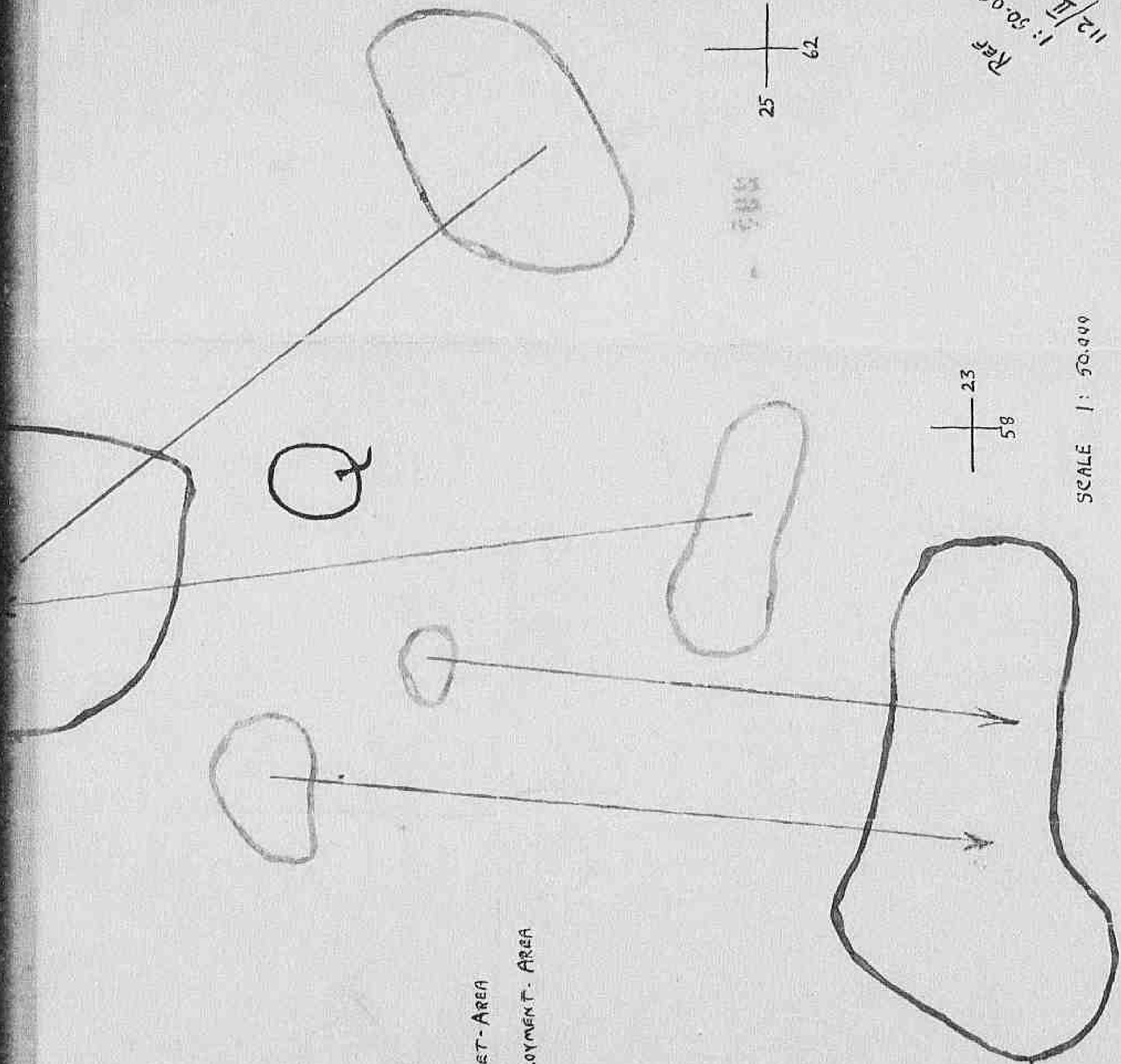
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TARGET-AREA  
DEPLOYMENT-AREA



SUBJECT: Anti-Tank Range.

1546/6/G(Ops)

14 Feb 45

To: 52 BLU  
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Reference conversations Browne - Douglas and Hope - Johnson.

1. The A tk range under review is approved for use with the following conditions :-

- (a) Nothing bigger than 6 pr is to be used on it.
- (b) The arc of fire is restricted to the limits agreed to on the ground.
- (c) Any intervening trees are removed, as much to ensure ease of laying as to be safe.
- (d) No firing to be done at ranges in excess of 400 yds.

2. This so reduces the worth of the range in question that it is recommended search be made for another site which would allow of a larger arc of fire and would require less preparatory work.

It is pointed out that a target on a sledge basis can be easily towed by a carrier across heathland and firm ground and that a road is not essential for a good runway.

G. L.  
M  
C.M.F.  
CCB/JAE

C. R. Browne  
Lt-Col,  
GSO I  
No. 1 District. 294

S. H. P. G. G. G.  
K. M.

SECRETMajor H. HARRIS ARMY  
2nd/23

13 Feb 45

Training - Camp 1000000

Army 1000000

Army 1000000  
13 Corps  
1 Division  
1000000

For 15 Army (P 0-5166), dated 10 Feb and this is 1000000  
dated 12 Feb neither in all.

1. A copy of the Training Directive issued to Camp 1000000  
by this H. is attached.
2. The instructions given by 15 Corps on page 7, sub-para  
(b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Directive will be followed and 1000000  
will be discontinued.
3. Attachments of personnel of Camp 1000000 to 15 Corps  
will be discontinued.
4. An Intelligence Center for "1" personnel of the Camp  
has been set up by this H.

H. H. Harris

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Major H. HARRIS ARMY  
2nd/23

SECRET

SUBJECT :-

Training - GRUPPO LEGNARO

Head HQ HIGHWAY ARMY  
T/O/Trg

13 Feb 45

13 CORPS  
52 BLU

Copy to:- RA  
RE

Ref this HQ SD 2024 dated 12 Feb 45.

1. RA, RE, MED and PRO personnel attached to GRUPPO LEGNARO for training will be withdrawn wef 16 Feb.
2. Training attachments of personnel from GRUPPO LEGNARO to 13 CORPS will cease forthwith.

HEP/RGA:

*H. C. Phillips*  
*Lt Col* for Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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Subject: Training - Management

38 British Airborne Div.,

USA

15 Feb 45.

2/12/45

To: 'O' Training Element (2 copies)

USA

38th Airborne Div.

Training and Development

USA

1. The attached copy of DAF Ltr 15/07/44 dated 7 Feb 45 is forwarded for your information and necessary action.
2. Please do all you can to improve management within the Group.
3. In all future Reg. Progress Reports, a special paragraph on this subject should be included by you, indicating the general standard reached and progress being made.

2/12/45

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SUBJECT: Training - LEGNANO Combat Group

SECRET

1546/6/G(SD)

11 Feb 45

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| 55 Area     | CE   |
| 52 BLU      | CSO  |
| ADC for GOC | ST   |
| DA & QMG    | Med  |
| G I         | Ord  |
| 'A'         | REME |
| 'Q'         | Pro  |

For information.

/FB  
C.M.F.

*Lt. Col. Call*  
Lt. Col. Call  
CSO I,  
No 1 District.

EDITED COPY

FROM : HQ 15 Army Gp

101545

TO : 5 Army 8 Army DISTONE

INFO : AFHQ

O-5168 SECRET (.) FIRST (.) LEGNANO Gruppo will come under cmd 5 Army in present location at 131200A hrs (.) SECOND (.) Cmd DISTONE is at present supervising trg of this Gruppo under general directive issued by 8 Army (.) Cmd DISTONE will continue to supervise trg (.) 8 Army will send copy of all relevant correspondence to 5 Army

IMPORTANT

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ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Call

SPL No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

BLU

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FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

55 AREA

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For Action

6 SA ARMD DIV RES GP

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

52 BLU 1 CRU H18 FSS  
DUTY PRO

Message Instructions

at

QOX

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Originator's No.

03 0 CONFIDENTIAL 0 Permission granted

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Subject: Exhibition 10000

SE National Liaison Unit,

12 Feb 1978

9/2/1298

RE: Exhibition 10000

Re: (a) Letter 1/2/78 dated 6 Feb 1978.

1. (a) SE has approved the use of the above (within 90 days) as shown on the report, every day except Sunday. For field firing of infantry weapons except 60 mm mortar, provided:
  - (a) All participants are taken for the safety of civilians 104 and property.
  - (b) Firing on the last Sunday of the month (i.e. from 1000 to 1200) will not cause damage to users of route 75.
2. Two of the ranges are located in 99 km:
  - Route 100 km at 1.8300
  - Route 100 km at 1.8300
 Approval of 100 km is being obtained by this for these ranges and will be forwarded to you when received.
3. Request for the 2 ranges shown in para 2 above, firing may then proceed. Firing will be over 100 km of the route. Firing with live ammunition will not take place anywhere other than in these areas.
4. Request attention will be paid to para 1 (a) and (b) above.
5. Major Page-Johnson has selected an area for live firing of 60 mm mortar and this is in obtaining the 1 district approval for this, which will be notified to you when received.

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Copy to: 'C' Forwarding Liaison.

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## COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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n° 01/377 di prot.

P.M.155, 11 febbraio 1945 (ore 0900)

U g g e t t o : riassunto attività addestrativa della settimana.--

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B.L.U.

= S E D E =

a mano

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- Addestramento di plotoni (fucilieri, mortai, cannoni controcarro, carrette cingolate, pionieri) nelle varie fasi dell'attacco, con particolare riguardo alla difensiva;
- Addestramento di pattuglie sia sulla ricognizione che sui colpi di mano;
- Addestramento squadre osservatori e informatori;
- Addestramento allievi marconisti;
- 68° rgt. fanteria iniziate addestramento di compagnia con particolare riguardo alla difensiva.

ARTIGLIERIA (11° rgt. artiglieria)

- Esercitazioni di autocolonne;
- Esercitazioni esterne con :
  - ricognizioni
  - presa di posizioni
  - dislocazioni O P
  - esercizi di tiro in bianco;
- Addestramento specializzati, C P O, G P O.

GENIO (11° btg. misto genio)

- a) - 51^ compagnia teleradio :
  - montaggio due stazioni radio su autocarri speciali;
  - perfezionamento rete telefoniche.
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  - posa e rimozione campi minati;
  - istruzione sulle mine e sul detector.-



d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Garofoli)

*[Signature]*

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

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n° 01/368 di prot. P.M. 155, 11 febbraio 1945 (ore 0930)

O g g e t t o: poligoni di tiro per gruppi da 25 p.-

Allegati : 1

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|      |                 |          |   | a mano         |   |

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In seguito a ricognizione compiute, le zone più idonee per eseguire i tiri con proiettili da guerra per i gruppi da 25 libbre risultano dal lucido allegato.

La rotabile Colle Val d'Elsa - Volterra non sarà chiusa al traffico.

Lo sgombrare delle zone dei bersagli è facile perchè ci sono poche case.

Pregasi chiedere l'autorizzazione alle competenti autorità inglesi, per eseguire tiri con proiettili da guerra per i gruppi da 25 libbre, tra il 19 febbraio e il 15 marzo, nelle zone indicate nel lucido allegato.-

d'ordine  
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Garofoli)



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1873  
"C"  
12/2/124

SUBJECT: Training, Infantry

TRAINING, INFANTRY  
1/1/125

6 Feb 45.

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5 COLES  
10 COLES  
15 COLES  
1 JAN COLES  
2 JAN COLES  
2 JAN COLES

1. Up to 600 the training element of one C-1 and six  
Training Majors has marched with units through the line.  
The training Majors have normally gone into the line with the  
units which they are attached, as it has been felt necessary by 1 Jan  
to have British officers attached to Italian units in the line.

2. In future, when a group goes over a sector of the line,  
the training element will be employed as follows:

- (a) The training element less three training Majors will remain  
with the group in order to assist in training the new staff  
and recruits as they arrive.
- (b) The remaining three Majors will report to HQ.
- (c) The Corps under whose command the group is operating will be  
responsible for attaching skilled officers and NCOs to Italian  
units in the line, should the Corps find this step  
necessary.

3. 1 Jan Corps will release three training Majors from HQ  
to return to HQ on 11 Feb 45.

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H. H. H.

11/1/124.

1. 100000  
49 100000  
43 100000  
1 100000  
2 100000  
52 100000

1. Up to date the Training Increment of one (1) 2 and six Training Majors has remained with (1) 2 and six in the line. The Training Majors have actually come into the line with the two to which they are assigned, as it has been told necessary by 1 and 2 to have (1) 2 and six attached to Italian units in the line.

2. In future, when a Gruppo comes over a sector of the line, the Training Increment will be employed as follows:

- (a) The Training Increment less three Training Majors will remain with the Gruppo in order to assist in training the new recruits and recruits as they arrive.
- (b) The remaining three Majors will report to (1) 2.
- (c) The Corps under whose command the Gruppo is operating will be responsible for assigning allied officers and (1) 2 to Italian units in the line, should the Corps find consistent this step necessary.

3. 1 and 2 will release three Training Majors from (1) 2 and six to return to (1) 2 on 14 Feb 45.

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H. H. H.

Signature,  
Chief of Staff.

H. H. H.

Copy to: 26 MAR

Subject: Live firing area for 52 mm.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CICA.

11 Feb 45.

12/2/45

Re 1 letter.

1. The attached trace (2 copies) shows areas which have been selected by CICA 52 BU for live arty practice of 52 mm batteries of Logans Group.
2. It is hoped to fire in these areas 19 - 24 Feb 45.
3. My approval please be given.

ML/10

Copy to: Re 95 Area  
CICA.

ll  
f. 11 Feb 45.  
CICA.

COPIA

TELEGRAMMA  
(in arrivo)

DA COMANDO 63° RGT. PIR.

AL COMANDO "LEGNANO" OPERAZIONI

217/OP DI PROT. ALT POMERIGGIO OGGI TEN.COL. POLIZIA AMERICANA  
CURY CARTER PRESELAPOSI QUESTO COMANDO DEMON-  
STRA PRESENZA ACCERTATA 3 PARACADUTISTI GERMA-  
NICI IN REGIONE CASTELLO MONTALDO ALT CHIEDEVA  
URGENTE INTERVENTO REPARO ARMATO ITALIANO PER  
CATTURA ALT AT OBIEZIONE SUBITO MOSSAGLI CHE  
PRESUMIBILMENTE PRATTAVASI PARACADUTISTI INGLE-  
SI PARTECIPANTI NOTA ESERCITAZIONE INSISTEVA IN  
SEGNALAZIONE ET RICERCA ALT VENIVA PERTANTO IN-  
VIATO TENENTE ROCCA CON PAT.UGLIA PER ACCERTAMEN-  
TI ALT TRE PARACADUTISTI VERIVANO RINVENUTI TRA  
CASTELLO MONTALDO ET MONTE BENICHI ALT RICONO-  
SCIUTI PER INGLESI ET COMUNQUE ACCOMPAGNATI QUE-  
STO COMANDO PER IDENTIFICAZIONE ALT PRONTAMENTE  
MESSI IN LIBERTA' ET FATTI RIACCOMPAGNARE AT  
MONTE BENICHI CON AUTOMEZZO ALT FIRMATO COL.  
DE RENZI FINE 092330 FINE

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
- Sezione OPERAZIONI - Informazioni -

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P.M.155, 10 febbraio 1945 (ore )

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a mano

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

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n° 01/ 364 di prob.

P.M. 155, 10 febbraio 1945 (ore )

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a mano

.....per conoscenza..



all'ordine  
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.s.  
 (Col. F. Garofoli)

*Garofoli*

Subject: FPA TRAINING SCHEME

RESTRICTED

HQ 6 SA ARMD DIV RES GP(V)

CME

UDR

Ref: GRM7/8A

8 FEB 45.

ALL UNITS UNDER COND.

1. At 1800 hrs 8 FEB 45, approx 30 Allied soldiers will be "dropped" by truck in groups of four along secondary roads from S QUIHICO W.0489 to MONTE FULCIANO W.2091. They will be dressed as follows:

British Battle Dress

Ski cap or beret.

British paratroopers jumping jacket.

British webbing and arms.

Some men may be heavily bearded. All will be in possession of AB 64.

The object of the scheme is to reach FLORENCE on foot, without being apprehended by other FPA personnel, jeep patrols, or any 1 District Tps assigned for this task.

It is not intended that special measures should be taken by this HQ. Should any FPA soldiers be apprehended, their particulars will be carefully checked before they are allowed to proceed.

Reports of names and numbers of any soldiers apprehended, and full details of place and time will be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible.

ST/

6 SA ARMD DIV RES GP

May 1945

*J. Jacobs*  
may

*see the Montevideo*

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The object of the scheme is to reach FLORENCE on foot, without being apprehended by other PFA personnel, jeep patrols, or any 1 District Tps assigned for this task.

It is not intended that special measures should be taken by this Hq. Should any PFA soldiers be apprehended, their particulars will be carefully checked before they are allowed to proceed.

Reports of names and numbers of any soldiers apprehended, and full details of place and time will be forwarded to this Hq as soon as possible.

ST/

*Roberts may  
Loc of Montecchi*

*W. J. Roberts*  
Major  
6 SA ARMD DIV RES CF

Subject: PPA Resisting Soldiers

HQ 55 Area

400 G

7 Feb 45

OC Tps MONTEVACHO

26 BDU

52 BDU

B Gen Tpt Coln

417 PSS

418 PSS

Pro

Duty Officer

1. At 1800 hrs 8 Feb 45, approx 30 Allied soldiers will be "dropped" by truck in groups of four along secondary roads from S QUIRICO T. 0439 to MONTE PULCINO W. 2091. They will be dressed as follows:

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British paratroopers jumping jacket.

British webbing and arms.

Some men may be heavily bearded. All will be in possession of B 64.

2. The object of the scheme is to reach MORMICE on foot, without being apprehended by other PPA personnel, jeep patrols, or any 1 District Tps assigned for this task.

3. It is not intended that special measures should be taken by this HQ. All troops however, under your command for the purpose of 55 Area Op Instr No 5 dated 20 Jan 45, will be warned, and should any PPA soldiers be apprehended, their particulars will be carefully checked before they are allowed to proceed.

4. Reports of names and numbers of any soldiers apprehended, and full details of place and time will be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible.

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*H B Decker*

for Major  
General Staff

ARE/JT

Subject: PIAT - Unauthorized stripping.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CIV,  
8 Feb 45.

Re: Memo.

9/2/45

A copy of AM 1657/44 is attached herewith, for information and necessary action.

Major,  
GC.

1657. PIAT - Unauthorized stripping.

1. Cases have been reported of malfunctioning of the above mentioned weapon owing to excessive stripping of the working parts by unit personnel.
2. The attention of COs is drawn to Small Arms Training, Volume I, Pamphlet No 24, 1945 (notified in AM 879 of 1943), Lesson 1, para 5, stripping and clearing, where the extent to which unit personnel may strip the weapon is clearly laid down.
3. Stripping in excess of that laid down in the pamphlet referred to in para 2 above will be carried out by AMIS concerns.

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57/Gene/3133 (Infantry 2)

Subject: Drainage Area.

52 British Legion Unit,  
CUP.

8 Feb 45.

9/2/112

Drainage.

Authority has been given by this HQ to G BA and Div Rec Group  
to fire MGs with live ammunition as under between 1100 hrs and 1100 hrs  
6 - 17 Feb 45 incl:-

Firing point - 397535 - fire in all direction towards square 3954.

121/12

Copy to: SCRA.

Al  
Major,  
SC.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

Register No.

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QVR3

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date &amp; Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

55 AREA

080930A

For Action

TO 6 ARMD DIV SUPPORT COY

(W) For Information (INFO)

6 SA Armd Div R&amp;S GP.52 BLU

Originator's No.

Message Instructions

GR

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01 @ Restricted @ Permission granted to fire machine guns from 1100 - 1400 hrs daily period 8 - 17 Feb at MR Q897 555 firing SW to Q8854 @ App will warn AMG all civilians and take the normal safety precautions @ Phone conversation refers.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN

BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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SIGNED

Time

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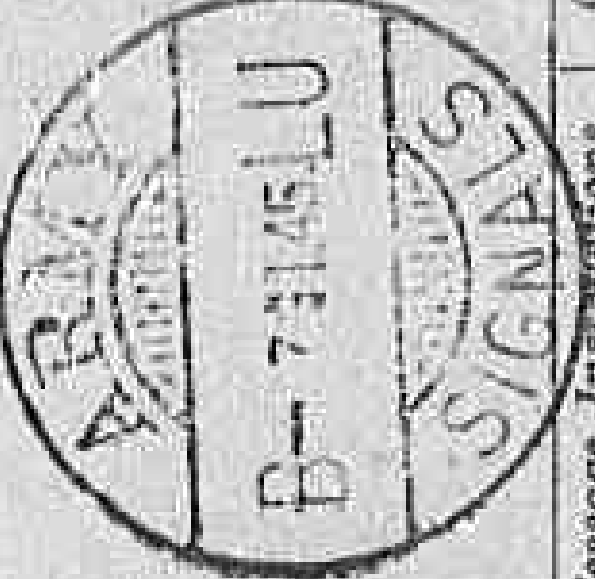
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P. M. S. D  
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| ARMY FORM C 21-6 (Large)              |            | MESSAGE FORM                                                                        |                   | Register No. 4 |
| Srl. No. 645                          | Priority   | Transmission Instructions QVR 14                                                    |                   |                |
| ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY. |            |                                                                                     |                   |                |
| FROM (A) 1 Newington                  | Originator | Date-Time of Origin N.T. 6                                                          | Office Date Stamp |                |
| TO 3.30 PM 1 DISTR                    |            |  |                   |                |
|                                       |            | Message Instructions QQR                                                            | QB 82             |                |

Originator's No.

PPA Training scheme. At dusk Thursday Feb 28  
 8 Chalong secondary road from at QVR 140 m. 10489  
 to overtake pulsed on 2091 approx 30 PPA men  
 will be dropped by truck in groups of four. 1  
 object of scheme. To reach plotevice objective  
 on foot without being apprehended by other  
 PPA jeep patrols at entry 1 det. troops assigned  
 this task. 1 Det. Brit. 13D anti crip. at target  
 1st paratroopers jumping jacket tree well being  
 and others. Some men heavily wounded. 1 Allen  
 possession of ABH.

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Cap P. 14

SIGNALS

Message Instructions. GB 82

8.30 PS 1 DISTK

For Information (INFO)

6.2.59 area 8.2.55 area 8.2.52 BU

Originator's No.

PPA Training exercise. At dusk Thursday Feb 27  
8 Chalong secondary road from at 041000 m. 04189  
to interdependence at 2091 approx 30 PPA men  
will be dropped by truck in groups of four.  
object of exercise is to reach practice objective  
on foot without being apprehended by other.  
PPA jeep patrols at night. 1 dist troops assigned  
this task. Dallas. Brit. BD ski corp at night  
dist patrol troops jumping jacket truck westward  
and across. Some men heavily loaded. A helmet  
possession of ABH.

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Copy to [unclear]

This message may be sent  
AS WRITTEN by any means  
except WIRELESS

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall  
into enemy hands this message must  
be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority.

| Time         | System | Op. |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| 1435         | F      | 13  |
| Time cleared |        |     |

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: British Training Unit for the Italian ArmyMain HQ EIGHTH ARMY  
T/O/Tg

2 Feb 45.

5 CORPS (2)  
10 CORPS (2)  
13 CORPS  
1 CENT CORPS (2)  
52 BRU*already received -  
see file 106*

1. DMT/37/4/MT4 dated 27 Jan 45 has been sent by DMT to all BRUs with ITALIAN GROUPS.
2. Please inform BRUs that despite any instructions to the contrary in this letter:
  - (a) Groups under command EIGHTH ARMY will receive all training instructions from Corps or from Army through Corps in the usual way and NOT from either DMT or the British Training Unit with BRU.
  - (b) Training increments to Groups under command EIGHTH ARMY are under command the same as the Groups and will act accordingly.
  - (c) Training advice will NOT be tendered to BRUs except through the usual channels.

HSP/BRU.

*H.S. Nic Upst*  
*LT Col* Brigadier,  
 Chief of Staff.

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Subject: British Training Unit for Studies Unit

52-111111-111111-111111  
6 Feb 45.

Re: 'B' Training Movement  
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11/1/1945

Further to DTC AM letter 111/37/1/111 of 17 Dec, under cover of this is  
letter 11/2/45 dated 1 Feb 45.

Attached is copy of DTC letter 111/37/1/111 dated 2 Feb 45. Forwarded for  
your information.

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Subject: British Army.

Reference:

21 British Army Units.

G.D.

6 Feb 45.

22702.

21 Feb 45.

For your info of 20 Feb 45.

1. The attached from shows the cover which was been collected by British officers of 1st Training Regiment as Field firing team for 1st Reg of Legation Group.

Going to the side description of the case, and also of the Reg of the Reg, so had been necessary to have a cover for both Reg.

2. The attachment will be filed for all 2nd Reg (and 1st Reg) in case we are, and it is expected that during the case above in the Reg, many are being trained. During this month the training program is all over entirely 1st and 2nd Reg.

3. With this have been given strict orders that every man in all of officers and Lavender's Reg and during exercises will have no training.

As far as possible, even have been selected which can only be done of civilians and Lavender's.

4. Very much more to be given as soon as possible for those men to be used for their firing every day except Sunday. This will provide the necessity of supplying your and for training every day during the Reg, and to have place.

21 Feb

Copy to: 1st Reg.

1st Training Regiment

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COMA 3 GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/ 264 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 4 febbraio 1945 (1600)

OGGETTO: riassunto attività addestrativa nella settimana.

ALLA " " 52 " " B. L. U. = SEDE

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PANTERIA (68° rgt. e rgt. ftr. spec.)

- Tiri di combattimento per plotoni fucilieri
- Addestramento tattico di plotone
- Addestramento tattico diurno e notturno di pattuglie
- Addestramento tecnico e tattico dei plotoni carrette cingolate, mortai da 3 pollici e cannoni da 6 libbre.
- Addestramento sui mezzi di collegamento (radio, telefono, fullerphone)
- Addestramento tattico e tecnico delle squadre informatori e osservatori.

ARTIGLERIA (11° rgt. artiglieria)

- Esercitazioni di autocolonne.
- Addestramento C.P.O. - G.P.O. e specialisti.

GENIO (LI btg. misto genio)

a)- 51° Cp. teleradio:

- rilevamento e perfezionamento linee telefoniche lasciate dalla "Friuli";

b)- Compagnie artieri:

- posa e bonifica campi minati;
- sistemazione ponte sul torrente Mastellone.-

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FANTERIA (68° rgt. e rgt. ftr. spec.)

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Subject: Training General

52 British Liaison Unit,  
GMP.

20 Apr 45.

HQ LEXIANO.

9/32/181

The attached copies of General Routine Orders Nos 323/45,  
324/45, and 325/45 are forwarded for information and action  
as necessary.

TR1/45

fl  
Major,  
GMP.

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PERSONAL ROLL OF 52 RMU AND 'O' TRAINING INCUBATOR.

(Officers attached and surplus to WE are also shown)

GENERAL STAFF & ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF.

|                |                          |                                                       |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| GSO 1          | Lieut-Col J.S.H. DOUGLAS | Seaforth's                                            |
| GSO 2          | Major T.P. LUCKOCK MC    | Sea LI                                                |
| GSO 3 (I)      | Not yet appointed        | Foresters - Has been carrying out duties of GSO3 (I). |
| (att'd)        | Lieut D.C. TAYLOR        | Int Corps - Att'd for Photo Int duties.               |
| (att'd)        | Lieut C.P. WALTON        | Bufs - Proceeding on LIAP                             |
| <u>DAMAGED</u> | Major R.W. GUYMER        |                                                       |
| GSO 2 RA       | Major C.L. AXEMLEY       | RA                                                    |
| GSO 3 RR       | Capt C.I. DAVIES         | RR                                                    |
| GSO 3 RINGS    | Capt R.J.M. GOULD-ADAMS  | RINGS                                                 |
| (att'd)        | 2/Lieut J.W. POW         | RINGS                                                 |

SERVICES.

|                |                      |              |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| DAIST          | Major A.A. PITFOLD   | RASC         |
| DADOS          | Major G.W. GOUNON    | RACG         |
| Ord Officer    | Capt W.P.J. SMITH    | RACG         |
| (att'd)        | Capt F.H. RUSSELL    | RACE         |
| RANG (Non-Med) | Lieut A. WHITE       | RACE         |
|                | Lieut J.H. BRENSPEAR | RACG         |
| CAMP CMD       | Lieut McDOWLING      | Kings Own RR |

ATTACHED TO 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.'O' TRAINING INCUBATOR.

|                |                          |             |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| GSO 2          | Major H.I.F.H. JOHNSTONE | R Fusiliers | Proceeding on compassionate posting to UK. |
| Training Major | Major H.W. HAMILTON      | Bufs        |                                            |
|                | Major H.C.A.T. MILL      | Comandos    |                                            |

The remaining 4 THE MAJORS of 'O' TRG INC are det. as follows :-

|                    |           |                                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Major E.B.B. EVANS | Words     | ) Att'd to Brit Trg Unit<br>c/o RVC TOP GERSAND<br>wef 12 Apr 45. |
| Major J. EDWARDS   | UMP Hamps |                                                                   |
| Major T.V. HEALEY  | TEL       |                                                                   |
| Major J.C. PEAK    | Bufs      | - Att'd 59 Area wef 19 Apr.                                       |

MALTA LIAISON OFFICERS.

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Capt W.P.J. SMITH

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Lieut BODDING

Kings Own RR

ATTACHED TO 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.'C' TRAINING INCHMURCH.

GSO 2

Major M.I.H.H. JOHNSTONE

Training Major

Major H.W. HAMILTON

Major M.C.A.T. HILL

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Commandos

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The remaining 4 THE MAJORS of 'C' THE ILC are det. as follows :-

Major P.P.B. EVANS

Major J. KENNEDY

Major T.K. KENNELLY

Major J.G. WENT

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INF Hays ) o/o REG IOP CRESSANO  
TEL ) ref 12 Apr 45.

Buffs - Attd 59 Area ref 19 Apr.

MALTESE LIAISON OFFICERS.

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Major G.Z. TABONIA

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Major I.C. FERRIS

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Lieut S.E. NICOLAIS

Lieut A. MONTALTO

Lieut M.G. PACE BARTON

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Subject: Nominal Roll of BLU & Trg Increment.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.

5 May 45

G/32/184

Land Forces Sub Com AG  
(MLIA) CMF.

Ref your G/Trg/7 dated 21 Apr 45.

1. Attached herewith is an up-to-date list of officers of this BLU and 'C' Training Increment, as requested. Attached officers are also shown.
2. Para 2 of your letter is not understood, and I am not clear as to what you require.

EPL/MS

*h* *dl* *Major*  
Lieut-Col.  
CS.

Subject : Training

52 British Liaison Unit  
CMF

14 June 45

G/32/190

HQ Legnano Gruppo

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Lieut Col  
GS

Copy to : Dep Chief of Staff 5 Army (Brit Inc)

30RM 52 BLU  
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Major Hamilton  
Major Evans  
Major Hill

Subject : Training - Use of A/Tk and A/Pers Mines for Drill,  
Instructional and demonstration purposes

52 British Liaison Unit  
CMF

G/52/191

15 June 45

HQ Legnano Gruppe

The attached copy of General Routine Order 654 of  
1945 is forwarded for information and action where necessary.

*Al*  
Major  
GS

TPL/ea

Copy to : SORE 52 BLU

Subject: Training Films - Technical.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CIP.

6 July 45.

9/32/195

HQ LERNANO Gruppo.

The following are extracts from a letter from Capt WILSON, 50 REE and are forwarded for your comments please :-

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- (c) Tactical.

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- (a) Guns and Gunnery.
- (b) Tactical.

Section 22. Mechanical Transport.

- (a) Technical, Driving and Maintenance.
- (b) Movement.
- (c) Recovery.
- (d) Waterproofing.

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*L.H. (Copy)*

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TEL/MS

*L. H. (Ryfe)*

Lieut-Col.  
GS.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -  
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N. 01/2171 di prot.

P.M. 155,11 7 luglio 1945 (0930)

O G G E T T O : addestramento.

AL COMANDO IV CORPO D'ARMATA

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A partire dal 15 luglio i reparti di questo gruppo di combattimento inizieranno un periodo di addestramento con escursioni nella zona montana del settore assegnato alla "Legnano". Allo scopo di acconsentire anche al II/68° dislocato in Milano di partecipare a dette escursioni pregasi autorizzare a effettuare un turno fra le compagnie del battaglione; a Milano sarebbe sempre presente tutto il battaglione meno una compagnia che parteciperebbe alle escursioni. -266

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Garofoli)



HQ LECCHIANO DIVISION

Subject: Training.

01/2171

7 July 45.To: HQ IV Corps.

Starting on the 15 July the units of the Gruppo will start a period of trg which will include field trg ~~and the~~ mountainous area of the LECCHIANO's sector.

In order that II/68 Regt (which is located at MILAN) may also take part in the fd trg, could you please authorize the adoption of a system whereby each of the coys of the bn might take its turn: at MILAN there would always be the whole bn minus one coy which would be taking part in the mountain trg.

By Order of Chief of Staff  
Col. CAROFOLLO

265 :

32/194

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni  
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n° 01/2245 di prot.

P.M;155,11 10 luglio 45

OGGETTO: Film tecnici - addestramento.-

AL 52° B.L.U.

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Definizione della n° 32/194 del 6 July 45.

Having perused the Film Catalogue "Military Air Films", this HQ considers the films listed below (if available) to be suitable for the of the various units.

#### SECTION 5 - ARMoured FIGHTING VEHICLES.

n.395 - Carrier Universal 1 (General description)

#### SECTION 8 - ARTILLERY - FIELD

25 Pr.ord. n.140 - Gen.description carriage, gun; body & breech mech.

n.185 - Sights and sight testing  
n.186 - Recoil system

#### 6 Pr.A.T.

n.478 - Carriage & piece  
n.479 - Breech - Firing mechanism & ammunition  
n.480 - Buffers & recuperators system  
n.481 - Sights  
n.553 - Sight testing & zeroing

#### 17 Pr.A.T.

n.569 - General description  
n.570 - Breech & firing mechanism  
n.571 - Recoil system  
n.572 - Sights, sight testing & zeroing

n.517 - A.T.Gunnery - Lead estimation practice films  
n.519 - " - Correction of fire-practice films

#### SECTION 14- CONCEALMENT

n.220 - Camouflage - Air view  
n.688 - Concealment (air view) of wheeled vehicles

#### SECTION 18- GEOGRAPHICAL

n.358 - "X" Marks the spot  
n.359 - Know your way

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 Discontinue section 5/30/195 and 6 comments

Ref your letter 5/52/195 dated 6 July 45.

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#### SECTION 20- INFANTRY

n.433 - House to house fighting

#### Battle drill

n.444 - Employment of small arms fire in battle

n.4176- Section loading and detail

n.435 - Locating the enemy

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SECTION 20 - INFANTRYBattle drill

n.438 - Close quarter fighting  
 n.441 - Platoon flanking attack  
 n.436 - Carriercraft (carrier battle drill)  
 n.440 - Carrier weapon handling  
 n. 77 - Tactical handling of 3" mortar

SECTION 21 - INFORMATION, INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY

n.466 - Handling P.O.W.

SECTION 22 - MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

n.613 - Control of a divisional road move by unit pers.  
 n.614 - Organisation; CMP & route signing equipment  
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 n.616 - CMP at work  
 n.454 - Vehicle mastership

SECTION 23 - MEDICAL & HYGIENE

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 ( " " )  
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# 1 catalogo allegato

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Garofoli)



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SUBJECT: Signal Instructors

Land Forces Sub Com. AG (MFA)

G/Tsg/23

14 July 48

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5. Your views on this project are requested.

tvs

for Major General  
MFA

Copy to: "F" H &amp; TU

Internal: S.O. Sigs

Subject: Signal Instructors.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CWP.

17 July 45.

RE: LUGIANO Gruppo.

6/32/122

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THL/MS

*de*  
Lieut-Col.  
CS.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/2419 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 19 luglio 1945

O G G E T T O : istruttori per collegamenti.

ALLA " 52 " B. I. U.

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Si concorda con quanto espresso dalla Vostra lettera G/32/199 in data 17 luglio soprattutto per quanto riguarda i vantaggi che ne trarrebbe il Gruppo "Legnano" dai servizi degli istruttori altamente addestrati della Scuola RTC ICF.

Si fa però notare che, tranne qualche eccezione, gli istruttori ai collegamenti del Gruppo "Legnano" o sono già stati congedati o attendono ansiosamente la sostituzione per essere congedati. Non si ritiene perciò il caso di inviare al RTC ICF gli istruttori della "Legnano", anzi si prega caldamente codesta BLU di interessare la RTC ICF ad inviare i suoi istruttori a sostituire definitivamente quelli della "Legnano". -

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CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Garofoli)



*May 1945*  
259

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/2477 di prot. P.M. 155,11 21 luglio 1945 (1800)  
O G G E T T O : istruttori ai collegamenti.

ALLA "52" " B. L. U. = Sede  
(Seguito foglio 01/2419 del 19 luglio)

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- 1.- Gli istruttori ai collegamenti presso i reparti della "Legnano" sono gli stessi comandanti di plotone e di squadra, non esistendo presso la "Legnano" una organizzazione scolastica ~~adatta per la guerra~~ *adatta per la guerra*.
- 2.- Sono stati ultimamente incorporati numerosi ex partigiani di età giovanissima da istruirsi e per i quali è già cominciato l'addestramento presso i reparti stessi.
- 3.- In considerazione di quanto sopra e di quanto espresso nel foglio cui si fa seguito non si ritiene opportuno far effettuare movimenti di istruttori ai collegamenti.-

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.l.  
IL CAPO SEZIONE SERVIZI 258  
(Magg. G. Terranova)



*Levan*

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Register No.

MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2186 (Large)

Transmission Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

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Date-Time of Origin

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9/7RG/125 Declassified ref. 9/7RG/125

Dated 14 July 8 given view are reported  
corrected

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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9/17/85 Declassified ref. our 9/17/85/23

dated 14 July 6 pages were are required  
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This message may be sent  
AS WRITTEN by any means  
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Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall  
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Signed

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Subject :- Training - Signal Instructors.

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

31 Jul 45

G/32/213

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MILIA)  
ROME.

Ref your G/Trg/23 dated 14 Jul 45.

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Lt Lieut Col  
CS

SECRET

Subject: Training.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CWP.

2 Aug 45.

G/32/214.

Major H. HAMILTON.  
Major B. F. B. EVANS.  
Major M. C. A. T. HILL.

The attached copy of 56 NU Training Instruction is forwarded  
for your information.

T22/MS

*ll*  
Major,  
GS.

255

Subject: Tactical Employment of Battalion Snipers.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
GIF.

18 Aug 45.

G/52/221

NO LIAISON GROUP.

(3 copies)

The attached extract from Infantry Liaison Letter  
No 18 published by GIF, India, is forwarded to you  
for information.

*ll*  
Lieut-Col.  
GIF.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Sezione Operazioni - Informazioni -

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N. 01/3259 di prot. P.M. 155,11 23 agosto 1945 (1700)

O G G E T T O : addestramento del II/68°.

ALLA " " 59° AREA " " (tramite 52° BLU)

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E' intenzione di questo comando di far partecipare il II battaglione del 68 reggimento fanteria a un ciclo di esercitazioni in montagna.

Per il servizio di ordine pubblico nella città di Cremona, di cui è incaricato il II/68, verrebbe lasciata in Cremona una compagnia di 130 uomini, compreso il plotone carrette cingolate, del battaglione stesso.

Pregasi voler autorizzare quanto sopra.-



d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.l.  
IL CAPO SEZIONE SERVIZI  
(Magg. G. Terranova)

*[Handwritten signature]*

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(Magg. C. Terranova)

*[Handwritten signature]*

253

SECRET.Subject: Training - II Bn 68 Inf Regt.52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.25 Apr 45.G/32/224HQ 52 Area.

1. HQ LIVENING Gruppo are desirous that II Bn 68 Inf Regt, now stationed at CREMONA, should participate in a series of mountain exercises.

While this Bn was located in MILAN it was unable to carry out any field training.

2. A Coy of 130 men, including the Carrier Pl, would be left in CREMONA for any action that was necessary in the event of disturbances in that town.

3. Will you please say if this is approved.

TFL/NS

M  
Lieut-Col.  
GS.

252

G/32  
SUBJECT :- Training - Italian Units

59 Area  
25/ 8 G

29 Aug 45

52 BLU  
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Reference your G/32/224 of 25 Aug 45.

The proposal contained in paragraph 1 of the  
a/m letter is approved subject to the proviso  
stated in paragraph 3.

AHL/aja

*Alangley*  
for Major  
GS

251 :

Subject: Training of II Bn 68 Inf Regt.

92 British Liaison Unit,  
CIB.

21 Aug 45.

III LIAISON GROUP.

9/22/45

Ref your letter 01/3859 dated 23 Aug 45.

1. Under ref of their letter 25/01 dated 29 Aug 45, III 59 Area have approved your proposal for the training of II Bn 68 Inf Regt, subject to the proviso that a Coy of 130 men, including the Cavalry Platoon, will be left in GERMANY to carry out Public Order duties.

251/113

Copy to: Major HILL.

dh  
Lieut-Col.  
CG.

250

Subject: Mines Training.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CIB.

8 Sep 45.

2/32/227

HQ LITCHARD GROUP.

AGI 675 of 1945 (Safety Precautions - Mines Training) is forwarded herewith for your information and necessary action.

ES

Copy to: SORE, 52 BUL.

*W. Litchard*  
Lieut. Col. Major  
G.S.

#### AGI 675/45. Safety Precautions - Mines Training.

##### General.

1. This AGI covers safety measures to be adopted in future when mines training is carried out.
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3. Demonstration Models and Mines.  
No live mines or components will be incorporated in any mines museum, demonstration model or equivalent lay-out. Only dummy or empty inert expl will be used for this purpose.
4. Demonstration and Class Instruction.  
Except as stated in para 5 below, dummy or empty inert mines and components will be used for demonstration and class instruction. Appendix A to this AGI lists such components which are available. Future additions will be notified in amendments to this Appendix.
5. The formation commander's or equivalent authority is required if instruction is to be given using live mines.  
This will only be given if it is considered absolutely necessary for the proper training of personnel under his command and the provision of dummy or empty inert specimens cannot be made in the necessary time. The type of mine which may be so used will be specified and attention will be drawn to any special safety precautions to be observed. Only one mine and component parts will be present in any one room during instruction within doors. An officer will inspect the equipment before use in accordance with AGI 526 of 1945.
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7. All dummy or empty inert mines and components will be clearly marked

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# AOI 673/45. Safety Precautions - Mines Training.

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6. Dummy or empty inert mines and components will never be stored with live mines.
7. All dummy or empty inert mines and components will be clearly marked as such. All live expl used for instructional purposes will be clearly marked live.
8. Live cartridges, fuses or detonators will not be inserted into live mines during instruction or demonstration to classes.
9. After demonstration live exhibits will be replaced in their containers. They will not be placed loose on desk, table or floor.
10. A list of exhibits will be kept and checked both before and after use. Every item will be accounted for before the class leaves.
11. The action in paras 9 and 10 above will be performed deliberately. The reasons for the action will be stated in order that good habits in safety precautions to be observed when handling explosive material are ingrained at the start.
12. Laying and Clearance Drills. For try in the laying and clearance drills dummy or empty inert mines should be used. If they are not in sufficient supply live mines may be used but they will be laid without fuses.

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13. If for realistic training and psychological reasons it is considered necessary to lay dangerous mines, empty inert mines may be laid with live fuses, in which case the full safety precautions as laid down in the drills for handling live mines will be observed.

14. AEs 758 of 1942 and 519 of 1943 are hereby cancelled.

# APPENDIX 'A'

## Dummy and Empty Inert Mines Training Stores Available.

### (a) Dummy.

#### (1) British -

Mines, Straguel, Mark II.  
Mines, Anti-Tank, Mark V (with Para No 3 inert).  
CC alais.  
CC primers.  
No 27 detonators.  
No 35 detonators.

#### (11) Dummy -

S Mine 35.  
Teller mine 55.  
Teller mine 43.

### (b) Empty Inert.

S Mine 35.  
Teller mine 35.  
Teller mine 42.  
Teller mine 43.  
DE 35 Igniters.  
DE 35 Igniters.  
AE 29 Igniters.

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| UNITS.                             | POSTED STR. |       | ABSENT, SICK, LEAVE, COURSES, ETC. |       | TOTAL NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON EACH TYPE OF GO, PLUS |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                    | Offrs.      | GRs.  | Offrs.                             | GRs   | CEM<br>Dumps                                                 | VPs | PW Camps<br>etc. | Static<br>Installations<br>or Pet<br>Depots | Frontier<br>Posts | Rd blocks<br>other than<br>on frontier. | MT<br>Park. |
| <u>68 INF REGT.</u>                |             |       |                                    |       |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| Mortar Coy                         | 4           | 102   | 1                                  | 14    |                                                              |     | 14               | 16                                          |                   |                                         |             |
| A Tk Coy                           | 5           | 143   | 3                                  | 18    | 24                                                           |     | 41               |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| I Bn                               | 32          | 714   | 6                                  | 91    | 52                                                           |     |                  | 20                                          |                   |                                         |             |
| II Bn                              | 35          | 643   | 3                                  | 137   | 15                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   | 16                                      |             |
| III Bn                             | 32          | 537   | 3                                  | 105   |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| <u>69 INF REGT.</u>                |             |       |                                    |       |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| Mortar Coy                         | 3           | 119   |                                    | 37    |                                                              |     | 21               |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| A Tk Coy                           | 5           | 141   |                                    | 15    |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   | 4                                       |             |
| I Bn                               | 38          | 709   | 2                                  | 153   | 20                                                           |     |                  |                                             | 118               | 116                                     |             |
| II Bn                              | 36          | 622   | 5                                  | 103   |                                                              |     |                  | 6                                           | 126               | 41                                      |             |
| III Bn <i>Aditt.</i>               | 26          | 642   | 1                                  | 153   | 51                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| <u>114 INF REGT.</u>               |             |       |                                    |       |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| Mortar Coy                         | 3           | 92    |                                    | 21    |                                                              |     |                  |                                             | 29                |                                         |             |
| A Tk Coy                           | 6           | 123   | 3                                  | 47    | 14                                                           |     |                  | 71                                          | 30                | 21                                      |             |
| I Bn <i>AQUILA</i>                 | 32          | 575   | 8                                  | 127   | 64                                                           |     |                  | 347                                         | 166               |                                         |             |
| II Bn <i>PIEMONTE</i>              | 26          | 623   | 6                                  | 164   | 8                                                            | 17  | 47               | 111                                         |                   |                                         |             |
| III Bn <i>GOITP. (Bersaglieri)</i> | 31          | 618   | 9                                  | 174   |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| <u>11 ARMY REGT.</u>               |             |       |                                    |       |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| I Bty                              | 18          | 250   | 5                                  | 66    |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| II Bty                             | 14          | 227   | 3                                  | 46    | 13                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| III Bty                            | 14          | 235   |                                    | 35    | 49                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| IV Bty                             | 21          | 245   |                                    | 25    | 34                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| V Bty                              | 15          | 173   | 3                                  | 98    |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| VI Bty                             | 14          | 245   | 2                                  | 52    | 15                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| <u>51 INCR BN</u>                  |             |       |                                    |       |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| 3 Field Coy                        | 8           | 219   |                                    | 14    |                                                              |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| 51 Field Coy                       | 11          | 237   | 2                                  | 38    | 18                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| 3 Rd Park Coy                      | 13          | 117   |                                    | 12    | 24                                                           |     |                  |                                             |                   |                                         |             |
| TOTALS                             | 442.        | 8339. | 65.                                | 1673. | 401.                                                         | 17. | 123.             | 509.                                        | 469.              | 198.                                    | 9.          |

## APPENDIX 'A'

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| STR.  |        | ARRIVAL, STICK, LEAVE,<br>COURSES, ETC. |              | TOTAL NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON EACH TYPE OF GD, PLUS RELIEFS. |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | TOTALS. |
|-------|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|
| SER.  | Offrs. | GRS                                     | CEM<br>Damps | VPS                                                                   | PW Camps<br>etc. | Static<br>Installns<br>eg Pet<br>Depots | Frontier<br>Posts | AG blocks<br>other than<br>on frontier. | MT<br>Park. | No 3<br>Refugee<br>Camp |         |
| 102   | 1      | 14                                      |              |                                                                       | 14               | 18                                      |                   |                                         |             |                         | 32      |
| 143   | 3      | 18                                      | 24           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 24      |
| 714   | 6      | 91                                      | 52           |                                                                       | 41               |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 93      |
| 613   | 3      | 137                                     | 15           |                                                                       |                  | 20                                      |                   |                                         |             |                         | 35      |
| 537   | 3      | 105                                     |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   | 16                                      |             |                         | 16      |
| 119   |        | 37                                      |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 21      |
| 141   |        | 15                                      |              |                                                                       | 21               |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 24      |
| 709   | 2      | 153                                     | 20           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   | 4                                       |             |                         | 234     |
| 522   | 5      | 103                                     |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         | 118               | 116                                     |             |                         | 224     |
| 642   | 1      | 153                                     | 51           |                                                                       |                  | 6                                       | 126               | 41                                      |             |                         | 38      |
| 92    |        | 21                                      |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         | 29                |                                         | 9           |                         | 51      |
| 123   | 3      | 47                                      | 14           |                                                                       |                  | 7                                       | 30                |                                         |             |                         | 360     |
| 575   | 8      | 127                                     |              |                                                                       |                  | 347                                     |                   | 21                                      |             |                         | 286     |
| 623   | 6      | 164                                     | 64           |                                                                       |                  |                                         | 166               |                                         |             | 56                      | 183     |
| 618   | 9      | 174                                     | 8            | 17                                                                    | 47               | 111                                     |                   |                                         |             |                         | 13      |
| 238   | 5      | 66                                      |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 49      |
| 227   | 3      | 46                                      | 13           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 34      |
| 235   |        | 33                                      | 49           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 15      |
| 245   |        | 25                                      | 34           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         |         |
| 173   | 3      | 28                                      |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 18      |
| 245   | 2      | 32                                      | 15           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         | 24      |
| 219   |        | 14                                      |              |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         |         |
| 237   | 2      | 38                                      | 18           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         |         |
| 117   |        | 12                                      | 24           |                                                                       |                  |                                         |                   |                                         |             |                         |         |
| 3339. | 65.    | 1673.                                   | 401.         | 17.                                                                   | 123.             | 509.                                    | 469.              | 198.                                    | 9.          | 56.                     | 1782.   |

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