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Subject: Drill Ammn.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
17 Nov 45.

G/32/255

HQ 2 District.

Ref your signal 302/4101 of 7 Nov 45.

HQ LEGNANO Inf Div has submitted the following indent for DRILL amn to cover the next ten months :

Clips for Rifle Amn		=	1,800
Hand Grenades	36	=	120
"	69	=	120
"	77	=	120
Bombs for PIAT		=	1,350
Charges for PIAT		=	13,500
Rings for PIAT		=	13,500
Bombs for 2" Mortar		=	480
Bombs for 3" Mortar		=	240
Shells for 6-pr		=	100
" " 25-pr	HE	=	64
" " "	AP	=	64
" " "	Smoke	=	64
" " 17-pr	HE	=	16
" " "	AP	=	16
" " 40 mm	HE	=	24
" " "	AP	=	24

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Major,
For Lieut-Col.
GS.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) — MESSAGE FORM — Register No. 42

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A) Originator: DISTWO — Date - Time of Origin: 1408 10A

For Action: 152 / BLU

TO — (W) For Information (INFO)

Office Date Stamp: FEB 17 1951 B

Message Instructions — GR: U

Originator's No.: SD2/4159 O — Authorized by: [illegible] O — Ref No.

AA: SD 2041 01 — dated 04 Jan C — Expires

Info: See Note

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SIGNED

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(16-4631)/GHQP

Subject: Mines.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF,
13 Nov 45.

G/52/252

HQ 7 BRITANO Inf Div.

The attached copy of HQ 2 District letter 2351 G(SD2) dated 9 Nov 45 is forwarded for information.

Major,
For Lieut-Col.
GS.

KIWS/NS

COPY

Subject: Mines

HQ 2 District
2351 G(SD2)

2 Nov 45.

Grd.

Copy to: 59 Area
172 GR Works
52 MLU.

1. A demand has been received from 52 MLU for empty inert mines and igniters as follows :-

S Mine	Qty	3
Tellermine 35		3
Tellermine 42		3
Tellermine 43		3
ZZ Igniters		6
DZ Igniters		6
ANZ Igniters		6

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2. If you can make live counterparts available from CMM, it is proposed to request RE's to empty them, and thus make them available for training. Please state availability.

3. For 52 MLU (your G/32/240 of 9 Oct refers). Drill 60 slabs,

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9 Nov 45 is forwarded for information.

Major,
For Lieut-Col.
GS.

KINJ/NS

COPY

Subject: Mines

HQ 2 District
2351 G(SD2)

9 Nov 45.

Ord.

Copy to: 59 Area
172 WE Works
52 MLU.

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Tellermine 35		3
Tellermine 42		3
Tellermine 43		3
ZZ Igniters		6
DZ Igniters		6
ANZ Igniters		6

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2. If you can make live counterparts available from CRE, it is proposed to request RE's to empty them, and thus make them available for training. Please state availability.

3. For 52 MLU (your G/32/240 of 9 Oct refers). Drill GC slabs, Primers and Detonators should be improvised locally. ADOS 59 Area has been requested to supply available British drill natures requested in your letter.

(signed) ??? Capt.
For Lieut-Col. GS.

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Subject : Mines

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HQ 2 District GOC
2351 G(SD2)
9 Nov 42

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Copy : 59 Area (your 6/1 of 13 ult refers)
172 CE Wks
52 HAA

REF 32/240

1. A demand has been received from 52 HAA for empty inert mines and igniters as follows:-

S Mine	Qty 3
Tellermine 39	3
Tellermine 42	3
Tellermine 43	3
L2 Igniters	6
D2 Igniters	6
AN2 Igniters	6

2. If you can make live counterparts available from GHQ, it is proposed to request RE's to empty them, and thus make them available for training. Please state availability.

3. For 52 HAA (your G/32/240 of 9 ult refers). Drill GC mines, Primers and Detonators should be improvised locally. ADC 59 Area has been requested to supply available British drill mines requested in your letter.

G/Campbell
Capt
Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

G.C/de

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G2 (Ops) Int

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
8 Nov 45.

G/52/250

HQ LIVIANO Inf Div.

Subject: Drill Ammunition.

1. Herewith copy of HQ 2 District signal SD2/4101 dated 7 Nov 45 :-

"Request you forward estimated requirements of DRILL repeat DRILL Ammn to cover next ten months (.) For definition of DRILL Ammn see GRO 563 of 1945 para 1 (a) (.) Please treat as urgent "

2. The GRO referred to in the above message reads :-

"DRILL AMMUNITION apply to inert ammn which contains no explosive and is used for loading drill, etc."

3. This refers to GD, AA and A/Tk artillery, mortars, small arms and to arming drill with grenades - but does NOT include A/Tk mines and anti-personnel mines.

4. Please submit your requirements, in accordance with the above, to this HQ as soon as possible.

W.C.J.
for Lieut-Col.
GS.

DCT/AB

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 19

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FROM (A) DST-W2 | Originator | Date-Time of Origin 0715Z/30

For Action

56 BLU 51 BLU 52 BLU

53 BLU 54 BLU

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Office Date Stamp: RECD 8-TWELVE SIGNALS

Message Instructions: QIF | GR 32

Originator's No. SD2/41018 Unclassed

Request you forward estimated requirements of draft ~~re~~ referat drill ammn to cover next 10 months & for disposition of drill ammn see GRO 653 of 1945 para 1(c). & Please treat as urgent

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.	GR
054	32

Originator's No.

SD2/41018 Unclsad

Request you forward estimated requirements of draft ~~re~~ repeat draft and to cover next 10 months for definition of draft and see CKB 653 of 1945 para 1(c) Final draft as urgent

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Signed

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Signed

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Subject: Publications.

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52 British Liaison Unit.
G.M.P.
ORD/55(2)
30 October 1945.

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(42) 52 B.L.U.

1. Please state if your Unit is in possession of the following:-

Identification Lists for:- Rifles No. 4
Bren .303 L.M.G.
Mortars 2". (if held)

Spare Parts Lists for all vehicles in your possession.

2. On receipt of your reply, this office will demand any requirements for you, from B.O.D.

3. When replying, please state Mark of equipment for which the catalogues are required.

B.O.W.O.
(W.Lyon.)
for Ordnance Officer 52 B.L.U.

Distribution:- All Units, including
B.L.U. and S/Capt. E.E.M.E.

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REF 24 SA

Subject : Welfare.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
24 Oct 45.

AQ/16/69.

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC(AMMIA) RCMP.

The attached report is the outcome of a recent visit by my G II(Trg) on the Comd 68 Regt, and is forwarded to you for information and any action that may be possible. I have dealt with para 3 myself, but I am afraid the remaining items are beyond my sphere of control.

(J.S.H. DOUGLAS) Lieut.Col,
GS.

JSHD/hjj

Copy to : Comd 68 Inf Regt.
G II(Trg).

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32/246

SUBJECT : Mines Training Stores

HQ 2 District CMF
2351 G(SD2)
Oct 45

DMT 59 Area

Copy : 52 BLU

1. HQ LEGHANO Gruppo have requested through 52 BLU the release of the following:-

	Quantity Required
(a) Dummy	
(i) British -	
Mines, Shrapnel, Mk II	6
Mines ATk Mk V (with Fuze No 3 inert	3
GC Slabs	3
GC Primers	3
Detonators	15
(ii) Enemy -	
S Mine 35	6
Tellermine 35	3
Tellermine 43	3
(b) Empty Inert	
S Mine 35	3
Tellermine 35	3
Tellermine 42	3
Tellermine 43	3
ZZ 35 Igniters	6
DZ Igniters	6
AEZ 29 Igniters	6

2. May arrangements please be made for the release of these stores.

C Campbell Capt 334

Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

GFC/de

245.A

CONFIDENTIAL

From: GII(Trg)

To: GSO1, 52 MLU.

As a result of the conference with the Comd 68 Inf Regt, the object of which was to get his co-operation in the "general toning-up" etc in traning measures, the following points emerge. He was both keen and co-operative, and the main difficulties pointed out by him are :-

1. Ref general "smartening-up". The last 320 recruits posted to his Regt from CESANO have many kit deficiencies. They were issued with only one article of clothing of each type, eg:

1 pair of socks per man
1 shirt per man
1 vest per man
1 pr pants per man.

Furthermore, this clothing is of unserviceable quality throughout, consequently a high standard of turn-out, not to mention hygiene, is at present very difficult.

2. Sports, etc. Up to 1 Oct he was allowed 54,000 lire a month from Imprest to spend on welfare. This amount was used for helping the soldiers with hardships, family troubles etc, but has now been stopped by the Italian Pay authorities.

May strong representations be made to the Italian War Office to reinstate this monthly allowance, also authority for Div and Regt Comds to spend some on sports gear and such like. There is no doubt that the Italian amenities in the sport line do not compare with the British, but much can be done with improvisation and this reinstated allowance.

3. Large Unit signs. He can buy paint, boards, etc, for distribution to Bn Pioneer Pls from Imprest only if he produces a written order from the Div Comd to this effect to support his Imprest account. I suggest that the Div Comd be asked to do this.

4. NCO Problem. (The most serious of all). The main and real difficulty is the lack of incentive to become an NCO caused by the pathetic advances of pay. The rates are as follows :-

Privates:	54.00 per day:	after 40 months -	58.00 lire.
Full Cpls:	55.20 " " :	" " "	- 60.00 lire.
L/Sjts:	57.27 " " :	" " "	- 63.90 lire.
Sjts:	114.61 " " :	" " "	-125.35 lire.
CSMs:	153.35 " "		

Eg: A cpl gets only 1.20 lire per day more than a private !
A L/Sjt gets only 3.27 lire per day more than a private - these are the two worst examples.

This is ludicrous especially with the present Italian cost of living. It is hardly surprising, in these circumstances, that the Italian NCO is such a weak link. If the junior leaders are really to be worth anything, the Italian War Office must review and amend these rates of pay.

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H Bamford
Major,
GII(Trg) 52 MLU.

17 Oct 45.

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32/245

Subject: Unit Signs.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
15 Oct 45.

AQ/10/57.

HQ LIBNANO Inf Division.

1. As a result of the report from MMIA on discipline, etc, the main points of which I forwarded under cover of this HQ letter AQ/10/52 dated 4 Sep 45 and also the suggestions in this HQ letter G/32/239 dated 9 Oct 45; I understand that Regt, etc, Commanders are anxious amongst other things to improve their unit signs, etc, but they inform me that their chief problem is to obtain paint. As paint is not an issue, they can only procure it by local purchase from imprest; but unless this work is authorised by the GOC this expenditure will, in all probability, be disallowed by the Paymaster.

2. If the GOC approves of the work being done, it would be much appreciated if he could give the necessary authority to units in the form of a written order instructing them to carry it out and which can be forwarded by Commanders as authority for the expenditure. It may well be that you already have this matter in hand, and I trust that you will not mind my mentioning it.

J.S.H. Douglas.
Lieut-Col.
GS.

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JSHD/NS

Copy to: OC 11 Artillery Regt.
OC 68 Inf Regt.
OC 69 (Specials) Inf Regt.

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Subject: Unit Signs.

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CMF.
15 Oct 45.

AQ/10/57.

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Lieut-Col.
GS.

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JSHD/NS

Copy to: OC 11 Artillery Regt.
OC 68 Inf Regt.
OC 69 (Speciale) Inf Regt.
OC 51 Engineer Bn.
OC LEGNANO ME Workshops.
OC 2/4 Field Hospital.
OC 332 Field Hospital.
DADOS, LEGNANO Inf Div.
GII(Trg), 52 BLU.

Inf.

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32/244

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO " LEGNANO "
Sezione Operazioni Informazioni

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n. 01/4303 di prot. Bergamo—F.M. 155 li, 2 ottobre 1945

OGGETTO : Visita ai comandanti di Btg. e Rgt.-

SUBJECT : Visit to Regt. and Bn. Commanders

AL 52° B. L. U.

e, per conoscenza

AL COMANDO 68° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA
AL COMANDO REGGIMENTO FANTERIA SPECIALE
AL COMANDO 11° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA
AL COMANDO LI° BATTAGLIONE GENIO

Riferimento foglio G/32/235 del 1 ottobre 1945.

Nulla osta che il G2 e il maggiore per l'addestramento di cotesto B.L.U. visitino i comandanti di reggimento e di battaglioni.-

IL GENERALE VICE COMANDANTE
HAUDINO C.

Reference to G/32/235 dated 1 Oct. 45

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G 2 and the Trng Major of the Blu are allowed to visit Regiment and Battalion Commanders

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Subject: Training Films.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
11 Oct 45.

G/32/243

SO RMMF,
52 BLU.

The attached copy of 34/AMS/18/211 dated 7 Oct 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.

NS

Major,
GS.

COPY

Subject: Training Films.

34/AMS/18/211

Tele: Milan 13705

To: 52 British Liaison Unit.

7 Oct 45.

1. The following 35 mm Training Films issued to you on short loan on 18 Sep 45 are urgently required at this HQ for checking purposes:-

Cat No.	Title.	
B 604	Churchill ARV	
B 607	Recovery drill	5-1 pull
B 495	"	Dodge and Layland
B 496	"	Tractor D8.

2. Will you please take necessary action to expedite the return of these films and if required for further use by you they can be made available within 2 or 3 days from date of return to this section.

3. It is also requested that a record be kept by you of total number of showings of each film and the information passed to this HQ when films are returned.

(signed) W.M.CARRUTHERS
Capt RA

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GS.

NS

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(signed) W.M.CARRUTHERS
Capt RA
OC 34 AKS Kinema Sec RAOC.

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Telephone:- Milan 13705

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34AKS/18/211

7th Oct 45

32/242

To:- British Liason Unit

Subject:- Training Films

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(W.M.CARRUTHERS) Capt R.A.
O.C. No. 34 AKS Kinema Section RAOC

WMC/HFS/TR

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Subject: Indent for Mine Trg Stores.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
10 Oct 45.
G/32/241.

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo.

Reference your 01/4305 dated 5 Oct 45.

An indent for the training stores requested in the above-quoted letter has been submitted to HQ 59 Area by this HQ.

W.J.W. Major,
For Lieut-Col.
GS.

NS

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Subject: Mines Training Stores.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
9 Oct 45.

G/32/240

HQ 59 Area.

Reference ACI 673 of 1945.

1. HQ LEGNANO Gruppo has requested the following Dummy and Empty Inert Mines Trg Stores for the training of Assault Pnrs of the Gruppo :-

	Quantity Required.
(a) Dummy	
(i) British -	
Mines, Shrapnel, Mk II	6
Mines ATk Mk V (with Fuze No 3 inert	3
GC Slabs	3
GC Primers	3
Detonators	15
(ii) Enemy -	
S Mine 35	6
Tellermine 35	3
Tellermine 43	3
(b) Empty Inert	
S Mine 35	3
Tellermine 35	3
Tellermine 42	3
Tellermine 43	3
ZZ 35 Igniters	6
DZ 35 Igniters	6
AMZ 29 Igniters	6

2. May authority please be given for the release of these stores.

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W.T.H. Major,
For Lieut-Col.
CO

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NS

Subject: Training.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
9 Oct 45.

G/32/239

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo.

Ref this HQ letter G/32/235 dated 1 Oct 45 - para 6.

1. For your information and approval, the points which Training Majors will discuss in their visits to Regt and Bn Comds are :-

(a) Which of the TEWTs or lectures in para 11 would be of value.
(b) The methods used in equivalent British Units to foster morale, turn-out, and general 'toning-up'. In particular, during periods when the lot of the soldier gives ample scope for discontent. It is admitted of course, that the British soldier is much more fortunate than the Italian soldier as regards amenities, canteens, etc; but it must be remembered that he too has many grouses, eg: tours of duty abroad for 4 years away from his family and home: limited home leave only after two and a half years abroad: pay and allowances which are a mere fraction of those earned by his civilian counterpart: many irksome fatigues: the high cost of living for his family at home. In fact, the British soldier has many worries which are identical with those of Italian soldiers, not to mention a variety of political views.

Accordingly it is thought that some of the methods used by British Comds to combat the ill effects of the above may well be of value to Italian Comds, particularly as some of these methods, though seemingly trivial, have proved most effective during five years of war. The main headings are given below.

2. Indirect methods of promoting discipline, smartness and pride of unit.
(a) Drill. (i) Fifteen minutes drill first thing every day by all ORs of guards, picquest etc; incl guards over dumps. (ii) Every day at some definite and suitable hour, all ORs (excl (i) above) but incl all Regt and Bn employed personnel, ie: cooks, MT, sanitation men etc, do the above, and/or ten minutes wpn trg or PT.
(b) Inspections. "What isn't inspected isn't done" is a principle which may well apply to the Italian Army in the same way that it applies to the British Army! Methods for laying out kit for inspections: uniformity of walking-out dress.
(c) Good large unit signs and clean billets. The psychological effect of the above on the British soldier is remarkable. It undoubtedly promotes pride of unit and formation and in general seems to breed a real superiority complex in their units, formations, etc.
(d) Games. The improvisation of kit and grounds.
(e) The smart turn-out of all officers and their effect on the men they command.
(f) The little privileges accorded to NCOs to enhance their 'standing' with the men.
(g) The system of fostering a sense of responsibility in NCOs. (The newly promoted British NCO is just as loathe to accept this and give direct orders as is the Italian NCO, but there is no doubt that after a while the British NCO does accept responsibility and command).
(h) Young officer instruction.
(i) The organisation of the inevitable guard duties, so that men do not do many long stretches without periods of relief and trg.

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(b) Inspections. "What isn't inspected isn't done" is a principle which may well apply to the Italian Army in the same way that it applies to the British Army! Methods for laying out kit for inspections: uniformity of walking-out dress.
(c) Good large unit signs and clean billets. The psychological effect of the above on the British soldier is remarkable. It undoubtedly promotes pride of unit and formation and in general seems to breed a real superiority complex in their units, formations, etc.
(d) Games. The improvisation of kit and grounds.
(e) The smart turn-out of all officers and their effect on the men they command.
(f) The little privileges accorded to NCOs to enhance their 'standing' with the men.
(g) The system of fostering a sense of responsibility in NCOs. (The newly promoted British NCO is just as loathe to accept this and give direct orders as is the Italian NCO, but there is no doubt that after a while the British NCO does accept responsibility and command).
(h) Young officer instruction.
(i) The organisation of the inevitable guard duties, so that men do not do very long stretches without periods of relief and trg.

Lieut-Col.
GS.

Copy to: 11 Arty Regt. 51 Engineer Bn } In amplification
68 Inf Regt. 69 (Specials) Regt. } of para 6 of this HQ letter
HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) } G/32/235 dated 1 Oct 45.
HQ 2 District (with copy of this HQ letter G/32/235 dated 1 Oct for infm).

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Subject: Training Films.

52 British Liaison Unit
GHF.
7 Oct 45.

G/32/232

SO HQME,
52 BLU.

Ref this HQ letter G/32/231 dated 18 Sep 45.

1. 34 AKS has advised this HQ that the following 35mm Training Film is now available :-

B 789 Mechanics of Recovery.

2. Please arrange collection from Via Biscaccio 31, [redacted], and return the film when finished with.

Major,
GS.

NS

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G/32 32/257

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

n.01/4305 di prot. Bergamo, P.M.155 li 5 ottobre 45.

OGGETTO: richiesta materiale per svolgimento corso "Addestramento sulle mine".-

AL ""52"" B . L . U .

Ref 32/227

Ref your G/32/227 of 8/sept.
Riferimento foglio G/32/227 in data 8.9.45.

Preg si voler assegnare i seguenti quantitativi di materiale elencato nell'appendice A al foglio ACI 673/45.
Please allocate us the following quantities of the materials listed in ACI 673/45.

MATERIALE NECESSARIO PER L'ADDESTRAMENTO PIONIERI D'ASSALTO.
Stores necessary for training of Assault Pioneers.

Imitazioni:

N. 6 Mine Shrapnel Mark II
" 3 " Anticarro Mark V (con spoletta n.3 inoffensiva)
A/TK. (with # No 3. Primer. (fuse))
" 3 C.C. Slabs
" 3 C.C. Primers
" 15 detonators
" 6 "S." Mine tedesche 35
" 3 Telermine 35
" 3 Telermine 43

Mine disattivate:

N. 3 "S" Mine 35
" 3 Telermine 35
" 3 Telermine 42
" 3 Telermine 43
" 6 Z.Z. 35 Igniters
" 6 D.Z. 35 Igniters
" 6 A.N.Z. 29 Igniters

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Comando di Combattimento "Legnano" * Comando *

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

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Telephone:- Milan 13705 G1 34AKS/18/207

1st Oct 45

32/136

To:- 52 British Liason Unit

Subject:- 35mm Training Films

1. Further to our 34AKS/18/195 dated 13th Sept 45.

2. The following 35mm Training Film is now available for collection at this HQ:-

Cat No.	Title
B 789	Mechanics of Recovery

(W.M.CARRUTHERS) Capt RA.
O.C. No.34 AKS Kinema Section RAOC

Milan
WMC/TR

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Subject: Training Combat Groups.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
1 Oct 45.

G/32/255

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo.

1. Information has been received from HQ NMLA to the effect that they have requested the Ministry of War to issue orders immediately for training to commence: the subjects which are to be given priority are named below.

2. NMLA point out in this letter that it is appreciated that since the capitulation of Germany, the Combat Groups, for various reasons, have had little opportunity to train, and therefore in order that the necessary standard be maintained, they consider it essential for training on the lines given to be carried out immediately: this covers individual training only, but at a later date, dependant on the progress made, collective training will be started again.

3 There is no doubt that the LEGNANO Gruppo has done more training than any of the other Groups, but it will still be necessary for the soldiers to undergo a refresher course in the various points of elementary training: ie. to carry out the normal annual individual training prior to recommencing collective training.

4. It is appreciated that a large number of officers and ORs are at present employed on guarding dumps, etc: this number according to your guard return of 21 Sep 45 is 1,782 out of an available total of

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Total available	377 "	6666 "	(Less Regt, Coy, etc, employed).

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6. My GII(Trg) and Trg Major are here to guide the training on British lines: it will be appreciated that there are only these two now to cover this vast area, whereas during preliminary training with the Gruppo there were 7 in a smaller area, as well as a SCRA, SCRE and SCRSigs. With your approval I intend that they visit regimental and bn cmds.

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(vii) Specialist Training. Normally carried out by Arms and Services.
(viii) Section Training. (Inf only). The object of this individual training is to produce a soldier fit in every respect to take his place in the Section or equivalent sub-unit.

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8. INTERNAL SECURITY DUTIES.

Officers and senior NCOs must have a thorough knowledge of Internal Security duties. In addition, all troops must be instructed and practiced. This training will start immediately.

9. M.T.

A very high standard of MT discipline and maintenance is essential. D&M instruction must be continuous. This is best carried out by Gruppi courses.

10. COURSES.

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11. OFFICER AND NCO TRAINING.

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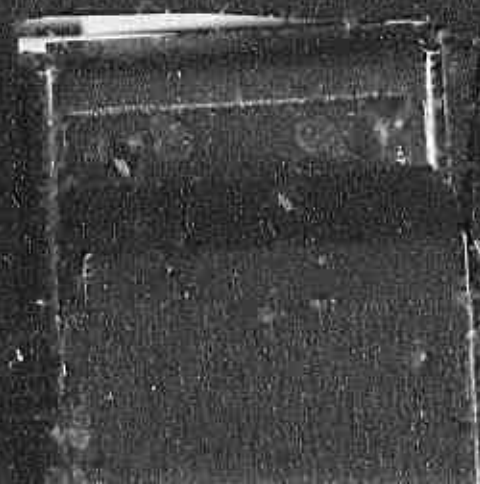
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