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TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE TRAINING  
APR. - NOV. 1946

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Training Officer (H.F. Evans)

Pages 8-12 of Enclosure 18B. LA equipment which will be required for Tactical Reconnaissance Training.

It then appears to be doubtful about an air-firing and 219 AF bombing range and also whether training in such of these is permitted.

Check up on our latest diversion from MAAC and let me know whether they have anything.

Canons and ammunition for Spitzfire MA 90 are on demand. You should list our bombing requirements (if bombing is permitted) for the same equipment officer attention.

Advantage for range marking could be made in any I.A.F. workshop.

All the other items mentioned could be obtained from RAF sources if they are available in the country Council. S.F. 0 on this point.

There is a file 86 air (Fighter Bomber Training). All relevant correspondence on this subject should be in it and not in 85 air. (Tactical Reconnaissance Training).

Can you and I see me and we will discuss any further points.

*W. J. Evans*  
8.7.46

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W. J. J. J. J.  
7.7.46

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S. Equit. O.

Ref M 2.

We hope to equip our Tac/R Squadron with aircraft from U.K. (modified for vertical cameras)

If you think that we have a reasonable chance of getting theoretical cameras from home when the aircraft are allocated I would drop the request otherwise I should like you to try to get one out here.

Wojanowski  
6/6/46.

H.

S.S.O.

Reference is made to 3.

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Wojanowski

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S/L O'G: 17/6/46 See 1674

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Wojanowski  
17/6

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The undermentioned enclosures were removed from AFSC/31/3/Air and placed on AFSC/31/5/Air on the opening on May 30th. of a special file for Tactical Recon. Training.

22A, 23A, 24A, 25A, 26A, 27A, 28A, 29A, 30A, 31A, 35A, 37A.

MINUTE SHEET.

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S. Equip O.  
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Ref Enclosure 12A.

The I.A.F. are allowed one Tac/R Squadron on the interim policy.

Ask ANQ Italy if they can equip this Squadron to the scale given in Para 2. less P.R.O.

Hoffmann  
30/5/46

m. 2.

S.S.O.

Reference minute 1.

Of the aircraft being handed over to the IAF one only is fitted for cameras. This is a type Y (vertical). The modification of non-photographic Spits to hold cameras is very difficult and in England only the manufacturer would undertake it in the case of verticals. I consider then, as does the C.T.O., that it would be impossible to attempt to instruct the Italians to make such a modification.

The fitting of oblique cameras is less difficult and I propose to try and obtain obliques only.

31. 5. 46.

m. 3.

W. G. L. W. L.  
23/5  
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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., Italy.  
TO : A.H.Q., Italy.  
DATE : 22nd November, 1946.  
REF. : AFSC/85/Tng.

Ext: 546.

FLYING TRAINING SYLLABUS.

It is requested that you will forward to this Sub-Commission two copies each of the latest training syllabi for use in the Fighter Interceptor and Tac R wings of the Italian Air Force.

*Chickell*

for C.M.M. GRECE W/CDR.  
AIR VICE MARSHAL,  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

*Chickell  
AFSC/85/Tng  
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Director.  
Deputy Director.  
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Air II  
Air III

1208E MINUTE.

Attached for your information is the programme in respect of the Air Armament Demonstration which was held at SAGRADO RANGE south of Udine on 24th October 1946.

2. I attended the demonstration with Lt. Favara A.P.S.C.; Capt. Du Rony, French representative; two officers of the I.A.F.; one British officer of MIA, the Commandant of the Italian Army school of Cooperation and one other Italian Army officer.

3. The demonstration was extremely well performed and was most instructive to all those who attended. The I.A.F. of the MIA have asked that they may be included in any future demonstrations of this nature.

*Chihill*

G.M.M. GRICE  
Wing Commander  
Air 1.

26th October 1946.

(File AFSC/85/Tng.)  
File copy.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. RCMB.  
 To : Advanced Air H.Q. ITALY.  
 Italian Air Ministry.  
 Date : 3rd July, 1946.  
 Ref. : 85/Tng.

ATTACHMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICER TO TAC/R SQUADRON

Reference your letter HQ RAF 21/2/AIR dated 11th June, and our AFSC/85/Eng concerning the attachment of Capt. D'ORLANDO, Italian Air Force to the R.A.F. Aerodrome at LAVARIANO.

2. Permission has been granted for this officer to enter the RAF Aerodrome at LAVARIANO by H.Q. 13 Corps, authority 6628 WOP 15/55 dated 27th June, 1946 and no permit is required.
3. The second addressee should make arrangements for Capt. D'ORLANDO to be attached to RAF aerodrome at Lavariano as soon as possible.

*Handwritten:*  
 Forwarding  
 to staff  
 8/7/46

*Signature*  
 A. C. SALTER, S/LDR.,  
 PWR AIR VICE MARSHAL,  
 DIRECTOR,  
 AIR FORCES SUB-COM.

18A

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE DETACHMENT.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 28th JUNE 1946.

REF. : AFSC/L/25/1/AIR.

I.A.F. TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE TRAINING.

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*W.C. Ollason*

W.C. OLLASON, G/Capt.,  
OFFICER COMMANDING,  
A.F.S.C., A.C.,  
LECCE DETACHMENT.



18B

Iecce, 25th June 1946.

NOTES ON THE PROGRAM BRIED OUT AT TREVISO WITH 18 POLISH SQDR. (244 WING)

A. Theoretical instruction.

- 1)- General points on the organisation of the "Tactical reconnaissance Squadron" and its use in tactical airfields.
- 2)- Photographic laboratories.
- 3)- Information Officers' duties.
- 4)- Air Liaison Officers' duties.
- 5)- Missions for which the "Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron" is called upon:-
  - a)-tactical reconnaissance.
  - b)-tactical reconnaissance with vertical.or oblique Photographs.
  - c)-information missions.
  - d)- "Rover" exercises.
  - e)-ranging and controlling of fire.
  - f)-use of radio apparatus concerning the above missions.
- 6)- Training which is normally done by the Tactical Reconnaissance Sqd.
  - g)-navigation at medium height.
  - h)-Cross-country flying.
  - i)-low flying.
  - l)-firing from air to air and from air to ground.
    - range firing
    - drogue firing.
  - m)-dive bombing.
  - n)-flying formations and manuvres.
  - o)-vertical and oblique photographs.
  - p)-rover exercise.
  - q)-cameragun practice.

B. Flying exercises done by the undersigned.

- 7)- First solo flight on Spit IX
  - aerobatics.
  - Rover exercises.
  - navigation and use of the 45gls tanks.
  - formations.
  - oblique photographs.
  - firing from air to ground.
  - total 17 flying hours.

C. Training which cannot be carried out by 51st Stormo and reasons for same.

- 8)- Tactical reconnaissance with vertical and oblique pictures Complete lack of:-
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  - camera automatic control (Clockwork)
  - films.
  - chemical products for laboratories.

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Note that one out of the 57 Spits aircraft given to the R.A. has the vertical camera installation.

None of them has suitable installations for "oblique" camera.

For the fitting of the "oblique" camera the following will be required:

- shock absorbers.
  - moving the R.T. apparatus.
- 9)- Firing from air to air and from air to ground.
- It is still prohibited for the Italian fighters to exercise on range fire and drogue fire. Besides the necessary authorisation to resume the firing, ammunition for 20mms ~~gagons~~, 13mms and 7,65mms machineguns is needed.



## 10)- Dive bombing

There is a complete lack of:-

- wing bombs for training exercises.
- small bombs of 12.5lbs.

For the use of the last kind it is necessary to provide also a certain number of bomb racks for installation under the fuselage.

It is requested besides two quadrant instruments for making bombing results obtained

## 11)- Cameragun exercises.

There is also a complete lack of:-

- cameraguns
- low speed films of 16mms.

## 12)- "Rover" type exercises and artillery spotting cannot be carried out at Lecce for obvious reasons.

Urgent necessities of this Squadron (51st Stormo).

- Flying helmets complete for R.T. and oxygen.
- Parachutes for Spitfire (Pilot seat type).
- Dinghies.
- Jackets life saving (Maewests).
- Airframe maintenance manual (Spit.IX)
- Engine maintenance manual. Merlin 63-66 and 70.
- Instruction manuals for R.T. maintenance and use.
- Publications on duties and exercises for "Tactical Reconnaissance Squadrons.

Sgd. Ten.Col.Pil. Francesco SFORZA.

Capitano Pil. Riccardo Spagnolini.

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Mr. B. T. ...  
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Sgd. Ten.Col.Pil. Francesco SFORZA.

Capitano Pil. Ricardo Spagnolini.

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LADDER, 11 25 giugno 1946

NOTE RIASSUNTIVE CINA - IL PROGRAMMA SVOLTO A TRIVISO PRESSO IL 14° SCUOLA  
DIRIGE POLACCO (244 SA WIT)

A) Istruzione teorica.

- 1) - Cenni sull'organizzazione dello "Squadrono Tattico da ricognizione" e suo impiego in campo tattico.
- 2) - Cenni sul funzionamento del Laboratorio Fotografico.
- 3) - Compiti dell'ufficiale addetto al Servizio Informazioni.
- 4) - " " di collegamento con l'Aviazione
- 5) - Missioni belliche che lo "Squadrono Tattico" può effettuare:
  - a) - ricognizioni tattiche a vista;
  - b) - ricognizioni tattiche con ausilio delle macchine fotografiche sia planimetrica che panoramiche;
  - c) - missioni a carattere "informativo";
  - d) - missioni "REVER" in diretta collaborazione con le truppe;
  - e) - osservazione e direzione del tiro di artiglieria;
  - f) - uso della radio.
- 6) - Addestramento che lo Squadrono Tattico attualmente svolge:
  - a) - navigazione a media quota
  - b) - " " bassa quota
  - c) - " " volo rasente
  - 1) - tiri reali:
    - al poligono contro sagoma a terra
    - in volo contro aerea rimorchiata
  - m) - bombardamento in picchiata
  - n) - formazioni di volo con trasformazioni
  - o) - rilievi aerofotografici planimetrici e panoramici
  - p) - esercitazioni tipo "REVER"
  - q) - cinefotometriamenti

B) Esercitazioni di volo effettuate dai sottogruppi.

- 7) - Decollo sul velivolo Spitfire IX
  - "crobisic"
  - esercitazioni "REVER"
  - navigazione sul tratto di 250 Km.
  - formazioni
  - fotografie con macchina "obliqua"
  - tiri reali contro sagoma a terra  
totale ore di volo 17

C) Addestramento che il 51° Gruppo non può attualmente svolgere e motivi.

- 8) - rilievi aerofotografici  
Realizzato una assoluta mancanza di:
  - macchine fotografiche;
  - autocronometri;
  - materiali sensibili;

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 h) - " " bassa quota  
 i) - " " volo zaccante  
 l) - tiri reali:  
 - al poligono contro sargone a terra  
 - in volo contro manica tiroromista  
 m) - bombardamento in picchiata  
 n) - formazione di volo con trasformazioni  
 o) - rilievi aerofotografici planimetrici e panoramici  
 p) - esercitazioni tipo "ROVER"  
 e) - cinematragliamenti

7) Esercitazioni di volo effettuate dal sottosegretario.

- 7) - Decollo sul velivolo Spitfire IX  
 - aerobacile  
 - esercitazioni "ROVER"  
 - navigazione sul tratto di 250 km.  
 - formazione  
 - fotografie con macchina "obliqua"  
 - tiri reali contro sargone a terra  
 totale ore di volo 17

8) Addestramento che il 5° stormo non può attualmente svolgere e motivi.

- 8) - Rilievi aerofotografici  
 Esiste una assoluta mancanza di:  
 - macchine fotografiche;  
 - anemometri;  
 - materiale sensibile;  
 - prodotti chimici per laboratorio.

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Da notare che del 37 velivoli Spitfire IX esatati all' aeronautica italiana soltanto 100 ha la installazione per macchina fotografica planimetrica.

Nessuno di essi è provvisto di installazione per macchina panoramica "obliqua". Per l'adattamento sarà necessario:  
 - essere provvisti delle speciali culle-supporti  
 - spostare l'impianto R.F.

- 9) - Tiri reali  
 E' tuttora in vigore per la caccia italiana un ordine che proibisce le esercitazioni di tiro sia al poligono che contro manica tiror-



chiate.

Oltre la necessaria autorizzazione a riprendere i tiri occorre il mutuo consenso dei cannoni da 20 mm., per le mitragliatrici da 13 mm. e da 7,65 mm.

10) - Bombardamento in picchiata.

Esiste un'assoluta mancanza:

- sia di bombe aerei da esercitazione

- sia delle piccole bombe da 12,5 libbre.

Per l'impiego di queste ultime è necessario avere anche un certo numero di perle bombe per l'installazione sotto la fusoliera.

Si richiedono inoltre due conocebbili speciali per il rilevamento dei risultati del tiro.

11) - Cinescopio mitragliamento.

Esiste un'assoluta mancanza:

- di fotomitragliatrici

- di pellicole da 16 mm. a passo ridotto

12) - Le esercitazioni tipo "NOVITA" e quelle riguardanti il tiro ad artiglieria non possono essere svolte in questa sede per ovvie ragioni.

9) Urgenti necessità del reparto.

- Cuffio R.F.

- paracadute per Spitfire

- battellini di salvataggio

- giubbetti salvagente

- libretti d'istruzione del velivolo Spit. IX

- libretti d'istruzione di motori Merlin tipo 63 - 66 e 70.

- libretti sulla procedura R.F. in volo

- pubblicazioni che servono ad uno studio più particolareggiato circa l'impiego dello Squadron Tattico da Ricognizione.

Ten. Col. P.M. Francesco SPONZA

*Francesco Sponza*

Comandante F42 Squadron SF 400111  
*Francesco Sponza*

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to del risultato del tiro.

- 11) - Circo fotograficamente.
- Esiste un'assoluta mancanza
  - di rettilineità
  - di pellicole da 16 mm. e forse rilette
- 12) - Le esercitazioni tipo "PROVA" e quelle riguardanti il tiro di artiglieria non possono essere svolte in questa sede per ovvie ragioni.

B) Inventi necessari del reparto.

- occhiale R.T.
- paracadute per Spitfire
- pettellini di salvataggio
- giubbotti salvagente
- libretti d'istruzione del velivolo Spit. IX
- libretti d'istruzione di motori Merlin tipo 63 - 66 e 70.
- libretti sulla procedura R.T. in volo
- pubblicazioni che servono ad uno studio più particolareggiato circa l'impiego dello Squadrone Tattico da Ricognizione.

Ten. Col. Pil. Francesco SFORZA

*Francesco Sforza*

Comandante Pil. Gruppo 100 SPACCOMINT  
*Francesco Sforza*

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE  
13 CORPS

Tel. No.: 6528  
FILE NO. 771/15/55 27th June 1945  
SUBJECT: Travel control.  
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

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1. In reply to your 771/15/55/TNO of the 18th June '45, I have to inform you that Tavariano is in Udine province and no permit is therefore required.

For the S.G.A.F.C.

*J. D. ...*  
J. D. BOSSIDGE, Capt.  
Asst. Superintendent (RSC)  
Security Section



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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROSS.  
 To : H.Q. Venezia Giulia Police Force,  
 13 Corps - Security Division.  
 Date : 18th June, 1946.  
 Ref. : AFAC/85/110.

ATTACHMENT OF CAPT. D'ORLANDI, I.A.F. TO DESERT AIR FORCE  
H.A.F. Station LAVARIANO

Authority has been granted for the w/n English speaking officer to be attached to an R.A.F. TAG/R Squadron to study photographic requirements and gain experience in operating the British Cameras fitted to Spitfire aircraft.

2. Your permission is requested for this officer to proceed to the R.A.F. aerodrome at LAVARIANO on temporary duty; he will wear civilian clothes and carry no firearms.



A. G. SALTER, V/Lieut.,  
 WVR AIR VICE MARSHAL,  
 DIRECTOR,  
 AIR POWERS S/C.

Copy to: H.Q. D.A.F.  
 H.Q. 24 Wing.

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15 A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C. Rome.  
 To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,  
 A.H.C. Italy, C.M.F.  
 Date : 18th June, 1946.  
 Ref : AFAC/85/128.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE RECOGNITION CENTER  
MEMORANDUM FOR INFO TO I.A.F.

With reference to our AFAC/31/5/air dated 30th May, 1946, addressed to Headquarters I.A.F., they have replied that the only squadron available for this training is based at LAVANELLO near Udine and state that it will be necessary to obtain permission from A.H.C. for an I.A.F. officer to proceed to this area.

2. My permission therefore be granted for Captain P'GEMELLI to proceed on attachment to LAVANELLO for a period of two weeks to study the photographic work of a Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

Lt. JAMES, O/C,  
 for Air Vice-Marshal,  
 Director,  
 Air Forces Sub Commission.

Copies to : H.Q. I.A.F.  
 H.Q. 24 Wing

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FROM:- Headquarters, DESERT AIR FORCE.

TO:- Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ✓  
ROME.

DATE:- 11th June, 1946.

REF:- HQDAF/21/2/Air.

Attachment of Italian Officer to Tac/R Squadron. 13A

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/31/5/Air, of 30th May, 1946.

2. No. 244 Wing squadrons are not doing any Tac/R work or Tac/R Training now and the only Squadron suitable for the attachment of this officer is at LAVARIANO near UDINE.

3. It would be necessary however to obtain permission for an I.A.F. officer to enter this area.

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A.B.  
25/Tag.

*[Signature]*  
Wing Commander., *sk.*  
for Air Commodore.,  
Air Officer Commanding,  
DESERT AIR FORCE.

Copies to:- H.Q. 244 Wing.  
A.H.Q. ITALY.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome, Italy.

To : H.Q. D.A.F.

Date : 30th May, 1946.

Ref : AFSC/31/5/AIR.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER.

ATTACHMENT FOR FAC/A TO No 24 WING.

To assist in training the Italian Air Force in the (Tactical Recon-  
naissance role, permission is requested to attach an English speaking I.A.F.  
Photographic Officer to Headquarters No 24 Wing to study the photographic  
requirements of this work and to gain experience in operating the British  
cameras fitted to Spitfire IX aircraft.

2. The officer Captain D'ONLARI who is now at Littorio, Rome, could  
proceed North at any time convenient to you.

I.E. JARMAN, C/O,  
for Air Vice-Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub Commission.

Copies to : No 24 Wing.

A.F.S. Italy.

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FROM:- Headquarters, DESERT AIR FORCE.  
 TO:- Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.  
 DATE:- 27th May, 1946.  
 REF:- HQDAF/41/2./Air.

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USE OF CAMERAS ON TAC/R SQUADRONS.

Reference your letter AFSC/31/3/Air, dated 9th May, 1946.

2. The establishment of cameras on Tac/R Squadrons in D.A.F. has not been finally decided, but the number and type of camera in general use are as follows:-

- 8 Oblique F. 24 cameras.
- 8 Vertical F. 24 cameras.
- 6 F. 8 cameras.

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3. These do not include cameras of the F.52 Type which are of most use in P.R. Squadrons.

4. The camera holding by Squadrons is to be revised in the near future and information will then be sent to Air Forces Sub Commission.

5. The establishment for cameras on Tac/R Squadrons throughout the Royal Air Force is unknown by this Headquarters but could be obtained from Headquarters, MEDME.



*[Signature]*  
 Squadron Leader.,  
 Air Commodore.,  
 Air Officer Commanding.,  
 DESERT AIR FORCE. 2326



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From : Headquarters, No. 4 Wing, Royal Air Force.  
To : Allied Forces Sub Commission, Rome.  
(Copy to Headquarters, Desert Air Force)  
Date : 9th May, 1946.  
Ref : 244W/13/Air.

TAC/R TRAINING ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

26A

With reference to your letter AFSC/31/3/Air of 1st May, 1946 regarding the Italian Air Force officers attached to this Unit.

It is confirmed that Colonel Sforza and Captain Spagnolini have arrived at this Unit and have for some days now been taking part in the normal activity of this Wing and Squadrons following the arrangement made between the A.O.C. Desert Air Force and the A.O.C. Air Forces Sub Commission.

G.T. Stimpson

(G.T. STIMPSON, S/Ldr.)  
for Group Captain, Commanding,  
No. 244 Wing, Royal Air Force.



*[Handwritten signature]*

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.  
 To : Headquarters Desert Air Force,  
 R.A.F. C.M.F.  
 Date : 9th May 1946.  
 Ref : AFSC/31/3/AIR.

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USE OF CAMERAS IN TAC/R. SQUADRONS.

This sub commission would appreciate any information you can give on the establishment of cameras in Tac/R Squadrons in the R.A.F., including the type and size.

2. The information is required to assist in the establishment of a Tac/R training programme for the Spitfire squadron of the Italian Air Force.

*A. Hart*  
 A. HART F/LT.  
 for Air Vice Marshal,  
 Director,  
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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From : I.A.F. Stato Maggiore.  
To : A.F.S.C., Rome.  
Date : 3rd May, 1946.  
Ref : 101912/ad.4/9/1704/Coll.

TAC/R TRAINING.

22A

Reference is made to your letter 31/3/Air dated 23rd April, 1946.

- 2. What said in your letter referred to is agreed.
- 3. The names of the two officers selected for this duty are :  
Lt.Col. SFORZA Francesco.  
Maj.Pil. SPAGNOLINI Riccardo.
- 4. Instructions have already been issued that the above mentioned officers report at Treviso on the 30th.

The Chief of Staff.

translated by J. Bevacqua.



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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.  
 To : Italian Air Ministry.  
 Date : 7th May, 1946.  
 Ref : AFSC/31/3/Air.

USE OF CAMERAS FOR TAC/R. SQUADRON.

Tactical Reconnaissance training will be commencing shortly, in the Spitfire Squadron, Lecce. In view of this fact we would appreciate your reply to the following details.

2. a) The number, type and size of aerial cameras held by the Italian Air Force, either in store or in use. (e.g. those used by the Baltimore squadrons, and whether of the Vertical or Oblique type).

b) Do you think it possible that the above mentioned cameras could be of use in fighter type aircraft?

3. We would further appreciate your estimation as to the number of cameras which would be required to equip one squadron of 12 aircraft. This estimation should embrace the different types and size of camera required for various duties; spares for maintenance etc.

*A. Hart*  
 for A HART, F/Lt,  
 Air Vice-Marshal,  
 Director,  
 Air Forces Sub Commission.

*Dispatched Rome 9/5. See 31A  
 would be DAF and ask  
 for the establishment of camera  
 for one of the T/R squadrons.  
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LOOSE MINUTE

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

Reference your memo, April 2.

No demands have been made for cameras, bomb racks etc. Until I am informed of the requirements for the equipment I cannot make a move to procure it.

I imagine there will be no great difficulty in securing such equipment when we can state a definite requirement.

Bombs and fuses. A letter has gone to Caserta requesting that ammunition and bombs which we anticipated we shall require for training purposes be frozen until MEDMC planning staff have okayed our figures and calculated the operational requirements. I am of the opinion that A.H.Q. will not agree to freezing these explosives.

*D. G. Walker*

D.G. WALKER,  
Wing Commander,  
Senior Equipment Officer.

AFSC/31/3/Air.

3rd May, 1946.

Flt Lt. Hunt <sup>NOTE!</sup> Will contact the Ballinacorney Sqdn. personally.  
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Please read 27A and let me know your estimate of the number and types of cameras required. Check also with the Ballinacorney Squadron as they used cameras during their operations and must still have them in their stores.

*JEM*  
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*W. J. ...*  
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MEMO FOR W/CDR. WALKER.

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In the interim Policy for the Italian Air Force the Tactical Support Sector will comprise two Fighter:Bomber Squadrons and one Tac/R squadron each of 12 aircraft.

As we are now almost certain to be given the 59 Spitfire IX aircraft at Brindisi has <sup>been</sup> any mention of Vertical and Oblique cameras (8" 14" 20") in any Equipment demand on the R.A.F. and is it likely that we will be supplied with

- (a) Bomb. racks?
- (b) British type Bombs?
- (c) Fuses?

If we have not please make enquires and at the same time <sup>with</sup> get F/LT. HART to ask the I.A.M. for details of these stocks of cameras and whether they could be fitted to and operate from a Spitfire IX.

2nd April, 1946.



L.E. JARMAN, G.C.,  
S.S.O.



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FROM: GROUP CAPTAIN L.F. JARMAN, DEC.

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

AFEC/31/ATR.

1st May, 1946.

Dear

TAC/R TRAINING - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

We have attached two Italian Air Force officers to your Unit for TAC/R training following arrangements made between our respective A.O.C's. Our A.O.C's D.O. letter to Air Commodore FALCONER and D.A.F's signal of confirmation A.71 dated 23rd April, 1946 refers.

This scheme also has the blessing of AHQ.Italy. I had heard an unofficial report through the Italian Air Ministry that you were not aware of these arrangements and would confirm that they are all in order, and that the training of Colonel SPURZA and Captain SPAGNOLINI has been sanctioned.

Yours

C.E.S

Group Captain H.S.L. DIBDAS, DEC., DEC.  
Headquarters, Desert Air Force,  
S.A.F. C.M.F.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.  
To : Italian Air Ministry.  
Date : 27th April, 1946.  
Ref : AFSC/31/3/Air.

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TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE TRAINING.

Information has now been received from R.A.F. Desert Air Force, confirming the attachment of two Italian Air Force officers to the Polish T.A.C.-R. Squadron stationed at Treviso.

2. These officers should report to R.A.F., D.A.F. Treviso on Tuesday 30th April, 1946. It is proposed to commence training on 1st May, 1946. The duration of the course will be approximately two weeks.

3. It will be appreciated if this Sub Commission is informed of the date of departure of the officers concerned.

*A. Hart f/c*  
A. HART, F/Lt,  
for Air Vice-Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub Commission.

*27/4/46*

*Copies sent to:-*

*Secy.*

*Adm.*

*27/4*

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 TO AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION - ROME  
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 A.71 23RD APRIL UNCLASSIFIED (.)  
 YOUR AFSC/31/AIR 1ST WGR. REFERS (.) TWO OFFICERS MENTIONED CAN BE  
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 TKS D.D.

*NOTE:*  
 Informed Col. Adroni by phone 27/4. wps.  
 20/23

*Handwritten:* AIR 3A 25/4 D95  
 Please arrange. 25/4 2317 31/3/air

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FROM: AIR VICE-MARSHAL I.S. BRODER, CBE.

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AIR FORCE'S STAFF COMMISSION,  
ALLIED COMMISSION, HOME.

AFBC/ 31/AFB.

18th April, 1946.

Dear

TAC/R TRAINING - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

With reference to our conversation concerning the above subject I have obtained verbal permission from A.G.C. Italy for the training to be begun forthwith.

2. However, in view of the Easter holidays and the R.A.F. flying display I suggest that this training might begin by attaching two Italian Air Force Officers to the Polish Squadron at Treviso on the 30th April; will you please signal whether you agree or not.

3. When those two Officers have finished learning what they can at Treviso about Tac.R, which will take, I suppose, about a fortnight, I would be glad if you would detach a Polish Officer to Lecce to supervise the training of the Spitfire squadron there. The Italian Deputy Chief of Air Staff has no objection to the detachment of the Pole.

4. My staff is preparing fuller details on this subject, and a copy will be sent to you.

5. The names of the Officers selected for the above attachment at Treviso are:-

MA/CDL. SPICOLA, FRANCESCO.  
CAPTAIN. SPANGLINI, RICHARDO.

Yours

A/DD W 19/23/4  
D.D. W 19/23/4  
FIT W 23/4

Air Commodore C.L. Fallover, CBE,  
Air Officer Commanding,  
Desert Air Force Headquarters,  
R.A.F. C.M.E.

M.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT (3 copies).

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Rome.

TO : The Italian Air Ministry.

DATE : 23 April 1946.

REF. : 31/3/Air.

TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE TRAINING

1. Reference is made to the recent conversation between A.V.M. Brodie and Colonel Rosandino on the above subject.

2. Higher authorities have now sanctioned the twinning plan to convert the Spitfire Fighter Squadron to tactical reconnaissance. Also, the R.A.F., Desert Air Force, have agreed to give transitional instructions covering this phase of training, beginning 1 May 1946.

3. It is therefore suggested that two competent Senior Officers be selected for temporary duty with the Polish 242-2 Squadron, R.A.F., D.A.F., to receive the above-required training. Quarters and rations will be furnished by the above-named unit. The projected plan is to give the officers one week of ground instructions ensued by several flights following 242-2 leaders and finally ceasing lead of the flights.

4. It is requested that this Sub-Commission be informed if the above plan meets with your approval. If concurred in, the names of the two officers selected for this assignment should be immediately forwarded to this headquarters.

*[Signature]*  
WILLIAM L. KOS  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.  
Deputy Director

*Copy to Lecce  
Copy to Milan*



