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Subject:- Progress Report No. 11

2 British Liaison Unit  
Tel: 56975 (Genoa)  
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5 Jan 46.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com 40 (Genoa), Rome (1/1)

HQ 1 BLU

II.

'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic BLU

No change

(b) Italian

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Inter unit moves have taken place mainly for the elections. It was arranged that 11 155 Army Regt plus 3 Bns would be transferred from FREGATA coming under command of the Division. Orders received from the Division stated that 2/4 units would remain temporarily at the disposal of Comando Militare Territoriale SICILIA.

DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army Loss CC. RR.

In compliance with instructions received from the Territorial CC are supplying 5280 men for the electoral period, these are distributed as follows:-

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| Province of CUNEO | 1300 men |
| " " SAVOIA        | 180 "    |
| " " FLORENCE      | 950 "    |
| " " MILAN         | 750 "    |

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II.

101 POINTSORGANIZATION(a) Domestic SCU

No change

(b) Italian

Inter unit moves have taken place mainly for the elections. It was received that the 155 Arty Regt since 3 Bns would be transferred from PIACENZA ending under command Inf Div Mantova wef 20 May. Orders received from GMR stated that 4/4 units would remain temporarily at the disposal of Comando Militare Territoriale BOLOGNA.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS(a) Army less CC.MR.

In compliance with instructions received from SMAT Territoriale HQ are supplying 3200 men for the electoral period, these are distributed as follows :-

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| Province of CUNEO | : 1300 men |
| " " SAVOIE        | : 180 "    |
| " " FLORENCE      | : 950 "    |
| " " MILAN         | : 750 "    |
| " " BOLOGNA       | : 100 "    |

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Of the 4/4 figure 2980 men were supplied from the CAR. Territoriale HQ were approached on this matter (para 7 above) of your HQ's letter TRC/17 dated 20 Feb 46 refused and stated that the instruction was from SMAT and were forced to use troops from the CAR. On a recent visit the CC CAR was anxious as to the possibility of the return of his men. In new elections, way in the blue, parties as small as two men were left there, in some of these cases the certainty of their return is extremely doubtful.

(b) CC.MR.

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most unexpected and rather a fast ball. At present a rear party has stayed behind, including a few drivers, and it is hoped in the event of a disturbance they will be able to run the Hubbers which are still held.

#### TRAINING

##### (a) Army Base CC.PP.

(1) Trg has gone well but for the time being has ceased owing to the employment of the recruits for the electoral period. Both at CUMEO and FOSSINO recce are in progress to find suitable field firing areas. FOSSINO is the most difficult owing to the flatness of the terrain. In the case of CUMEO a suitable location was found only to be scrapped owing to the nearness of the 25 Km prohibited zone to the French Frontier.

##### (11) Normal Unit trg.

##### (b) CC.PP.

Exercises in mobility have been practiced ready for the election. Driving instruction is being carried out on the Stephaunds which are all reported to be in a good condition.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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(c) Relations between troops and populace remains good. A report in "UNITA", the Imperia issue of the Communist paper, stated that troops of the Italian Army were marching through Imperia singing Fascist songs, the paper then pointed out that it was the work of investigative agents within the Army who must

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(d) Nothing to report.

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(f) The last few weeks have been devoted entirely to the art of Bill sticking on every possible conceivable vacant piece of wall. Various parties have set to work with a will, whilst busily engaged in producing their parties propaganda other party members have taken delight in unstickling the various assortment of colourful splashes. This of course has met with great disapproval of the party concerned and a fight has ensued. Fortunately throughout the whole election period no disorder has occurred.

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III. A. POINTSDOMESTICWE

Oning to the closing of existing office in GENOVA it has become necessary to move into alt billets and to engage civ lab to run these. The unit is now up to WE in this respect and has temporary authy from HQ 59 Area to hold one cook in excess of WE entitlement.

Major DREWE, who is to replace Major DUNN (preceeding on release at end Jun), is expected to arrive in GENOVA on 15 Jun to take over.

Visits

Col WERT and Major VAN KIRK visited the unit on 3/4 May; Lt Col HAD and Major BRADLEY on 17/8 May and Col MACMILL on 29/30/31 May.

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Percentage of deficiencies  
in total manpower under command

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Telephone mechanics.....       | 20% |
| Armourers & armourer mech..... | 37% |
| Pioneers (A/T).....            | -   |
| Drivers.....                   | 14% |
| Driver mechanics.....          | 11% |
| Cooks.....                     | 7%  |
| Typists.....                   | 7%  |
| Blacksmiths.....               | 5%  |
| Bakers.....                    | 17% |
| Nursing orderlies.....         | 11% |
| Fitters.....                   | 9%  |
| DRs.....                       | 14% |
| Masons.....                    | 17% |
| Lineamen.....                  | -   |
| Sappers.....                   | -   |

Discipline

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to take over.

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### TRAIN

### Deficiencies

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| Linesmen.....                  | -   |
| Sappers.....                   | -   |

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### Discipline

No change; conditions are fairly good and no trouble has been  
experienced so far over the election period.

The following crimes were submitted to the Mil Tribunal for  
trial during May :-

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| Desertion.....     | 19 cases |
| Armed robbery..... | 6 "      |
| Other Crimes.....  | 28 "     |

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Summary

There is apparently a belief prevalent amongst GAs that should the "GASUNDA" result in a Republican victory, they will be absolved from their oath of allegiance to the Army. The belief is being fostered, it is claimed, by "outside elements".

Mentore Div and, until recently, the COM 2nd Bn have been holding a series of "glor-shaming" exercises in and around GENOVA. The high standard of turn-out and convey discipline of MENTORE Div as well as the motorcade speeds achieved by the COM 2nd Bn contingents' vehs among to have impressed the public and will certainly have had a beneficial effect on the morale of the two themselves.

Public Relations

The author of a scurrilous and slightly glibby attack on the Army in "IL TRIBUNO" was recently privately called to task by COM 2 Comando Militare Territoriale with the result that in the next day's issue of that paper a conciliatory article appeared applying soft soap in no mean measure. This episode was seized upon by this HQ to emphasize the importance of friendly relations between the Army, the press and the public. It was suggested to COM 2 Comando Militare Territoriale that through his war org (now performing certain PR functions) he start a goodwill campaign towards the press by inviting members to receptions, showing them round mil installations and the like. It is hoped to start working along these lines soon after the elections.

IV. LAI POINTSDOCTRINEMT.

A release note for one 15 cent GS has just been received from you. This veh will be collected from G.S. AREA as soon as possible.

LINCOLN M 5043114 having just come out of shops is now back again owing to faulty reassembly of the GEC. The necessary parts are available in GENOVA and it is hoped that 2 Comando Militare Territoriale will foot the bill.

Accn

The Colombia offers Transit Hotel has been closed.



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#### IV. '01 POINTS

##### DOMESTIC

##### PR.

A release note for one L5 cat GS has just been received from you. This vol will be collected from G.S.M.D. as soon as possible.

LINCOLN 564,3114 having just come out of wraps is now back again owing to faulty reassembling of the GED. The necessary parts are available in BEMOA and it is hoped that 2 Comando Militar Territoriale will foot the bill.

##### Accon

The Colombia offrs Transit Hotel has now closed down and a requisitioned flat has been taken over as offrs mess. This will be vacated as soon as Major DUMFY leaves the unit as all offrs will then be living in married quarters.

Accon has been especially re-positioned at MEZFI for the family of Major BIRN. Visiting offrs will, wof 1 Jul, have to be accommodated either by Major BIRN or by Major THURP in their married quarters. For this reason it will be necessary to have sufficient warning of their arrival and that offrs bring with them bedding and rations to cover their stay. May this please be brought to the notice of intending visitors.

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General

Autly has been requested from 8 Base Comd Paymaster to open an Interest account. It is hoped that this will shortly be received as 57 Term Major, upon whom this HQ has up to now depended, will close on 1 Jul.

ITALIANQnd

A lively correspondence is being carried on with 557 SOG regarding the presumed loss of a consignment of three 302nd curbing assemblies dispatched to GENOVA during War but so far not traced. Enquiries are being made by 557 SOG but it is feared that the consignment may be lost as no orders were given for the forwarding of it.

Arms and am (a)

In response to an urgent request from GENOVA Div for 3500 x 69 grenades, attempts were made to contact ADOS MIL at the time on tour in N. Italy with a view to obtaining a "black-market" supply as none were available at MIL. It was not possible to obtain the grenades in that manner but as the elections, at time of writing, appear to be proceeding slowly it is hoped that the need for them will not arise.

Acen

2 Comando Militare Territoriale have handed back to the owners a large inventory in GENOVA previously requisitioned by them. It is anticipated that all car soon occupied by 2 Comando Militare Territoriale in GENOVA will shortly be derequisitioned.

Medical

During the month of May the following percentages of overall str were admitted to hosp:-

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| To mil hosps..... | 1.47% |
| " civ " .....     | 0.65% |

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Infections are reported in May were:-

Measles ..... 2 cases (incl 7 at 2 GAR)  
Syphilis..... 6 "  
Venereal Ulcer..... 1 case  
Trachoma..... 1 "  
Scabies..... 12 cases

V. GAR

In order the more speedily to complete outstanding work at the GAR two further pls of 4 Barr Coy have been det to FOSBINO and att to 3 Recruit Bn.

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*[Signature]*  
Major,  
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Subj: Progress Report No. 10

2 British Liaison Unit  
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)  
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3 May 46

To: Land Forces Sub Comd (MIL.), Rome (L)

HQ 1 BLU

## II. 'G' POINTS

### ORGANISATION

#### (a) Domestic BLU

NIL.

#### (b) Italian

Mov of units have taken place on a large scale. In accordance with orders received from SML, Inf Div Mantova are preparing to change locn of many of their units, this will be put into effect shortly after the elections.

### EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

#### (a) Army less CC.RR.

Dets of 104 Inf Div, Inf Div Mantova, are at present engaged in removing the Bailey Bridge from FOSSANO on the R. Sturla. This is being carried out at the request of the Chief Engineer Milan, it is hoped that the br will be handed over to Mantova for try.

#### (b) CC.RR.

It has been reported that a number of CC.RR. are still being employed by the Allies in the Liguria Province. Major HILLS has taken this matter up and will investigate.

### TRAINING

#### (a) Army less CC.RR.

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### TRAINING

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(i) The preliminary try period finished on April 20. The new assignment of officer and HCO instructors at the CIR has improved the state of try. Previously large squads were encountered but this improved as further instructors arrived. Difficulty once again has been encountered in visiting the CIR. On three occasions during the past fortnight visits have had to be abandoned owing to failure of try. On arrival of the T- Major, which it is hoped will not be long, it is intended to take a small billet in CUNEO, this will allow time to be spent on the spot and not wasted on the long rd journey.

(ii) Little try has been done throughout Inf Div Mantova primarily due to new and rescheduling of units. The shortage of try arm has handicapped more work but it is understood that this situation will improve within the next few days.

/2. (b) CC.RR.....

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(b) CC.MR.

With the recent arrival of the 'Stomonds' CC.MR are busily engaged in organizing personnel. Within the Mobile in the standard of the is improving due to the in being concentrated together at Sturla Bks, previous to their change of location was done but that was about all.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activity and back slapping has been going on in a big way just recently due to the recent anniversary of the liberation of GUEL. Principal participants in all displays who seemed to have sprung from all sorts of odd corners were ex-partisans. Thanks were given, after many emotional scenes bestowed upon the partisans in red scarves, to the allies for their part in the liberation.

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(1) Situation on the French Frontier is satisfactory. In the Commune of Fiume N 9304 a large amount of French propaganda in the form of slogans were posted on the wall and side walls by pro French sympathizers. These have since been erased by order of the Italian authorities. There was no comment on any incidents reported.

(c) Relations between the troops and populace remain fairly good. It is worthy of note that during the festivities on the first anniversary of liberation day in GUEL, though joyful and peaceful were the crowds that accumulated coupled with lots of long winded speeches by various party speakers, not one report gave any account whatsoever of the part the Combat Groups played along side the allies. Partisans carried the day with a gallery of red patterns portrayed mostly around the neck. Statues erected to the memory of some great man, distributed liberally around town, came in for their share of red underwear.

(d) Little political current among troops. Reports from units have stated that men have been found to be having visits to the local Communist Party, this has occurred amongst new recruits at the GUEL. 3012

(e) Territorial HQ are of the opinion that subversive activity is being carried out within units, they report that civilians are on reaching



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(e) Territorial B. are of the opinion that subversive activity is being carried out within units, they report that civilians are organizing servicemen and in turn setting the worker types to broadcast their propaganda for them. Unit Commanders appear to differ in this matter and state that the first sign, of which there are few, are being immediately stamped on. The propaganda served up is the old material, pro, labour, families etc.

(f) Armed bands have been active of late and have carried off one or two large hauls. GND. have been very prompt and active and have carried out arrests of many wanted men. A copy of a report, received by the Public Safety Officer IC Liaison Team from the Security Investigation, was forwarded to this IC for information. (Att copy at appx 'g'). The matter was investigated and both the GND. and PSS were approached to find their views. The general opinion is that, although apparently well conducted, considerable underground activity is being operated. Reliable sources state that members of the P.C.I. are



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instructed to maintain cordial relations with other party members and by so doing influencing the general population before the Elections and showing the good conduct and discipline of the party.

(c) M.I.R.

### III. MAIN POINTS

#### DOMESTIC

##### General

With the recent adjusting of the WE of 1st Type BLUs this HQ is now showing a deficiency of a 1st Major. It is hoped that this vacancy will soon be filled. The CAR of this Territorial HQ is a considerable distance from Genoa and to visit satisfactorily, it is necessary to waste two days to leave one day at either Genoa or Cuneo.

For the past two weeks the DIAZONI has been in hospital but it is anticipated that he will be fit to come out at the beginning of next week.

##### Leave

G-II, CC and DR are due for leave shortly, none of the A/M have taken leave within the last six months.

##### ITALIAN

##### Deficiencies

Specialists,  
Tradesmen etc

Percentage of deficiencies  
in total manpower under command

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Telephone mechanics.....     | 30% |
| Armourers & armour tech..... | 44% |
| Pioneers (Inf).....          | -   |
| Drivers.....                 | 28% |
| Driver mechanics.....        | 26% |
| Cooks.....                   | 7%  |
| Typists.....                 | 9%  |
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| Bakers.....                    | 15% |
| Nursing orderlies.....         | 11% |
| Fitters.....                   | 24% |
| DRs.....                       | 25% |
| Masons.....                    | 45% |
| Landsmen.....                  | 5%  |
| Sappers.....                   | -   |

#### Discipline

No change from last report.

The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal :-

|                |    |
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| Desertion..... | 26 |
| Crimes.....    | 19 |

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Discipline amongst the troops, during the anniversary of Liberation day and the further Division of Labour Day, was good, no disturbances were reported. COBRA patrols were active and satisfactory.

#### Morale

Unchanged. The accommodation problem is becoming day by day more acute. This, coupled with the age old problems of pay, uncertainty etc, is affecting morale.

Though every opportunity is used to point out, by this HQ, the reason for these difficulties, not much attempt is made to grasp and understand. It is noticeable that the junior officers appear to understand and appreciate conditions as they stand, much more than their seniors.

#### IV. 'O' POINTS

##### DOMESTIC

##### Transport

Situation of unit transport is not good. It is hoped that LANCE (WD 5643114) will be on the road within the next seven days. JUMPER 424 (1520215) has been a problem and it is hoped that another seven days will see it fit for the road. REBE whips in Genoa could not supply a bin and nor could any other official channels. However the G-II in desperation sought out a likely friend in Milan who, on the 'old boy' basis, produced a new engine. All was well until it came to the fitting of the water pump which was promptly ruined very effectively. In SOC has gone out to the same friend who has promised to help. The has been borrowed from Ferriterio II which has not been very useful so consequently returned. One car is at present on loan from 3 ALL.

##### Accn.

It is thought that very shortly the Allende Columbia, the present residence of the Officers of this HQ, will close. Accn has been found in the space of two apartments, one for DILLARD and wife, whilst the other will be held for G II plus any visiting officers. ORs are already comfortably billeted.

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#### IV. 'G' POINTS

##### DEMOGIC

##### Transport

Situation of unit transport is not good. It is hoped that LANCIA (WD 5643114) will be on the road within the next seven days. NUMBER 434 (1520215) has been a problem and it is hoped that another seven days will see it fit for the road. REMI whips in Genoa could not supply a big and nor could any other official channels. However the G-II in desperation sought out a likely friend in Milan who, on the 'old boy' basis, produced a new engine. All was well until it came to the fitting of the water pump which was promptly ruined very effectively. The has gone out to the same friend who has promised to help. The has been borrowed from Territorial HQ which has not been very useful so consequently returned. One car is at present on loan from 3 BLU.

##### Acene

It is thought that very shortly the all over Calabria, the present residence of the Officers of this HQ, will close. Acene has been found in the space of two apartments, one for MURPHY and wife, whilst the other will be held for G. II plus any visiting officers. One are already comfortably billeted.

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##### Italian

- (a) A serious shortage of tubes and tyres for Jeeps, Utilities and M/Es is constantly reported by Inf Div Marton. Ord 1 BLU are dealing with the matter.
- (b) CC.M. Legion have received 11 Jeeps one of which is for the Mobile Bn. No disposal instructions have yet been received in respect of the 10 Humbers which have been replaced by 12 Starhounds. No arm is available yet for the latter but it is expected shortly.

##### NAME

Deserving Commendation

The 26 Rec Soc was disbanded on the 15 Apr 46.

##### RAC

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Clothing - Rent

Little change. Territorial HQ have stated that the recent arrival of equipment has been effected and that very little reserve is held.

Arms & Am

(a) At present officers are allowed to carry a personal weapon on training only. SMs were asked for approval to be armed throughout their tour of duty irrespective whether they are on try or other duties. No response has yet been received. However instructions have been received to the effect that officers wishing to be granted a licence for carrying a gun when in civilian clothes may apply to HQ where the licence will be issued and authority granted. Territorial HQ point out that if an officer wishes to be armed throughout some necessary period of duty he must, at the moment, do civilian clothes.

(b) Am is waited for the 'Staghounds'.

CBM

MTR.

Medical

Sanitary conditions are good. Cases of small-pox broke out just recently in GENOA; a drive for vaccination occurred, firstly by the civilians and then by the army. No cases of small-pox among military personnel have been reported.

The following venereal and contagious diseases are reported:-

|                |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|
| Syphilis       | - | 5  |
| Venereal Ulcer | - | 5  |
| Gonorrhoea     | - | 25 |
| Scabies        | - | 11 |

The Prefettura, Questura and CCs have been asked to stop the number of uncontrolled prostitutes that are wandering around army billets.

14 cases of measles are reported from CUNEO amongst the recruits at the AVR. The

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instructions have been received to the effect that applicants wishing to be granted a license for carrying arms when in civilian clothes may apply to HQ where the license will be issued and duly granted. Territorial HQ point out that if an officer wishes to be armed throughout some necessary period of duty he must, at the moment, don civilian clothes.

(b) Ann is waited for the 'Staghounds'.

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NTR

Medical

Sanitary conditions are good. Cases of small-pox broke out just recently in GENCO; a drive for vaccination occurred, firstly by the civilians and then by the Army. No cases of small-pox amongst military personnel have been reported.

The following venereal and contagious diseases are reported:-

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|----------------|---|----|
| Syphilis       | - | 5  |
| Venereal Ulcer | - | 5  |
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Mr. J. J. J.  
G. H.



Subject: - Progress Report No. 2.

2 British Liaison Unit  
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)  
G.S.

17 Apr 46

To: - Land Forces Sub Com AO (MIL.), Rome.

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## II. 'G' POINTS

### ORGANISATION

#### (a) Domestic BUJ

No change.

#### (b) Italian

2 Bn 144 Inf Regt are now in the process of moving down to Samierdarena where they are taking over from 2/76 Inf Regt, the latter are concentrating at Imperia. 22 2 Inf Regt plus 1 and II Bns are now settled in at Sturla Bks. Repairs are being carried out on a large scale but work is handicapped by the lack of suitable materials.

### EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

#### (a) Army less CCR

104 Eng Bn have undertaken to repair a Bailey Bridge across the R. Stura at Possano. A recess has been constructed and the necessary report has been laid to 59 Area. An army was still showing a compiled list of material required to effect the necessary repairs.

#### (b) CCR

Det of CCR at La Spezia were employed by the Gestapo to ad



## II. 1st BATTAL

### ORGANISATION

#### (a) Domestic Bn

No change.

#### (b) Italian

2 Bn 114 Inf Bn are now in the process of moving down to Samierderana where they are taking over from 2/78 Inf Bn. The latter are concentrating at Imperia. Bn 2 Inf Bn plus 1 and 11 Bn are now settled in at Sturla Bks. Recruits are being carried out on a large scale but work is handicapped by the lack of suitable materials.

### EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

#### (a) Army loss CORP

104. 1st Bn have undertaken to repair a Bridge across the R. Stura at Pessano. A road has been cleared out and the necessary report has been sent to 59 Area. An report was sent showing a compiled list of material required to effect the necessary repairs.

#### (b) CORP

Dot of CORP at La Spezia were employed by the Trestura to rd stores and provisions during the recent situation which developed from the attempted illegal emigration of 1014 Polish Jews (our letter C.4 dated 13 Apr 45 refers).

### TRAINING

#### (a) Army loss CORP

##### (i) Training

Trn has commenced briskly and the first fourteen days days programme has just been completed. The recruits have started off in good order and are emerging out their try with enthusiasm. Unfortunately this Bn has not been able to keep as close a surveillance as desired owing to the long journey to the C.R. and secondly, and infinitely more important, failure of own unit rpt. Attempts made to traverse the extremely bad rd

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have been met with annoying innumerable breakdowns thus incurring a great loss of time and patience. However, the unit tpt is now dependable and lost time will be made up.

(ii) Normal inter-unit tpy.

### (b) CORE

RA exercises have taken place in the Mobile Bn. Results are promising. In a recent exercise a practice turn off was laid on, the enemy were some fifteen miles away. The actual turnoff and arrival at the objective was exceedingly well done, the scheme finished with a coy attack on a defended locality. Great speculation is going on within the Bn on the future arrival of the 'Starhounds', interest is high which does much to improve the standard of tpy.

## III. MAIN POINTS

### DOMESTIC

#### Leave

This HQ will close on Monday 22 Apr 46 in accordance with HQ 59 area instructions.

#### Comm

Residence telephone numbers of officers of this HQ are now as follows:-

|           |              |             |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| C II      | GENOVA 61841 | Ext 416     |
| DAM & QHQ | " "          | " 415 - 417 |

#### TRAIN

#### Deficiencies

Specialists,  
Tradesmen, etc.

Percentage of deficiencies  
in total manpower under command.

Telephone mechanics  
Armourers & armoured vehicles  
Pioneers (engr)  
Bedrooms

33%  
30%  
29%  
21%

3000



III. 121 FORPSDOMESTICLeave

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Comm

Residence telephone numbers of office of this HQ are now as follows:-

G II GENOVA 61534 Ext 416  
DAM & QMG " " 415 - 417

MILITARYDeficiencies

Specialists,  
Tradesmen, etc.

Percentage of deficiencies  
in total manpower under comm.

|                                |     |      |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|
| Telephone mechanics            | 30% | 3000 |
| Armourers & armourer mechanics | 30% |      |
| Pioneers (engr)                | 20% |      |
| Drivers                        | 11% |      |
| Driver mechanics               | 14% |      |
| Cooks                          | 7%  |      |
| Typists                        | 13% |      |
| Blacksmiths                    | 10% |      |
| Bakers                         | 15% |      |
| Nursing Orderlies              | 19% |      |
| Fitters                        | 40% |      |
| DRs                            | 8%  |      |
| Masons                         | -   |      |
| Lineation                      |     |      |
| Sappers                        |     |      |

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Disciplining

During Mar 46 the following crimes were committed and put up for trial :-

|                                                   |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Thrift of govt property.....                      | 7 cases |
| Disposal of mil capt on charge.....               | 6 "     |
| Desertion and disposal of mil capt on charge..... | 26 "    |
| "Appropriation of mil property".....              | 2 "     |
| Theft, simple.....                                | 1 "     |
| Insubordination.....                              | 1 "     |
| Refusal to obey an order.....                     | 1 "     |
| Assault of civ police.....                        | 1 "     |

(i) only translatable as "accounting".

The LITUAL counsel questions passed off so quietly that none of the bodies of the, previously alerted for intent of public order, needed to be called out.

Morale

No funds have yet been received for the first 3 month period of 1946. This means that certain welfare facilities and financial assistance are overruled, and are causing discontent amongst affected personnel.

IV. '9' POINTSDOMESTICTot

At present the sit is not good. LNCIL 5643114 is temporarily off rd being painted and having the outward and visible signs of previous hrs' deprecations removed. LNCIL (WD Number 1520215) is in shops with a suspected big-end. Two vehs are, however, held on loan from the It Army. If the LNCIL is found to be RIR a cert will be fwd to you immediately with a request for a replacement veh.

Acen

Efforts are being made to secure a small requisitioned 34145 at OUMCO. If successful this should enable the cars of the 34145 to spend more time visiting the CAR as at present the 10 hrs per week for the return trip.



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#### Morale

No funds have yet been received for the first 3 months period of 1946. This means that certain welfare facilities and financial assistance are overplus and are causing discontent amongst affected personnel.

#### IV. 10' POINTS

##### DOMESTIC

##### Int

At present the sit is not good. LAFOL 5645114 is temporarily out of being painted and having the outward and visible signs of previous arms' depredations removed. HUBER (WD Number 1520215) is in wraps with a suspected leg-wound. The vats are, however, held on loan from the It Army. If the HUBER is found to be RIA a cert will be fwd to you immediately with a request for a replacement veh.

##### Loan

Efforts are being made to secure a small residential building at GUMBO. If successful this should enable the office of this D to spend more time visiting the GAR as at present the 10 hrs necessary for the return trip wastes too much time.

##### TRAILER

##### Auto

The application for auto to allow a party of MILTON Div. to assist in the construction of Bailey hrs in the French frontier zone has been turned down by LAFOL. Also auto has not been granted for the loan of spare hrs to MILTON Div. for the purposes as all Bailey hrs are very shortly to be sold to the It Govt.

##### Sups

Inf has been received that wof 15 May the coffee issue to the It Army is to cease on orders from War Ministry. It is to be feared that this move will cause grave discontent especially in view of the recent decrease in the price of that commodity sold to the divs which would indicate a better national availability. It would be appreciated

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if cancellation of this issue could be confirmed.  
2. Camacho Military Hospital could claim that even if War Ministry had to stop the issue of coffee, they might at least have waited until after the general elections to do so.

ACTION

Medical

Apart from one case of measles in 2 Inf Regt no cases of contagious disease have been reported. The incidence of VD for the last 15 days appears to be much as before :-

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Primary syphilis..... | 9  |
| Veneral ulcers.....   | 2  |
| Gonorrhoea.....       | 17 |
| Syphilis.....         | 17 |

The percentage of total str of admissions to hosp are as follow :-

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| To mil hosp..... | 1.65% |
| " civ " .....    | 0.70% |

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|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Primary syphilis..... | 2  |
| Veneral ulcers.....   | 2  |
| Gonorrhoea.....       | 17 |
| Scabies.....          | 17 |

The percentage of total str of admissions to hosp are as follow :-

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| To mil hosp..... | 2.65% |
| " civ " .....    | 0.70% |

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II. FOR REPORT

ORGANIZATION

(a) Demetrio (RM)

Ref 1700 hrs 31 Mar 45 the Signal Office in Rome closed. An express letter service is now being maintained by the Roman Major, postages and letters leaving his office at 0700 hrs each day. Priority traffic can be telephoned direct to Milan signal office providing it is not of Confidential classification or above.

(b) Italian

The re-organization of 2 Inf Regt has commenced. 1st plan I and II bn of 2 Inf Regt are now concentrated in studio barracks where facilities are much more adequate than their previous billets. The 3/11. Regt, 1st Div Montovani are now settled in at the barracks at GALLIARI, the Regt 10 will be joining them shortly.

REMARKS ON EVENTS

(a) Army Gen AD

Gen AD had ordered that in view of the coming elections troops would be kept out of it as much as possible and troops were asked to cooperate. However, prospects of four provinces did not seem to have a stable column in reserve, this was done but on all election days their services were not required.

(b) Gen AD



11. RECEIVEDCOMMUNICATIONS(a) Presenting (300)

At 1700 hrs 31 Mar 46 the Signal Office in Geneva closed. An express letter service is now being maintained by the 10th Major, postbag and letter box leaving his office at 0700 hrs each day. Priority traffic can be telephoned direct to Milan signal office providing it is not of CONFIDENTIAL classification or above.

(b) Italian

The re-organization of 2 Inf Regt has commenced. It plus 1 and 11 bn of 2 Inf Regt are now concentrated in studio barracks where facilities are much more adequate than their previous billets. The 1/14 Regt, Inf Div Antenna are now settled in at the barracks at CREMA, the Regt II will be joining them shortly.

REMARKS ON EVENTS(a) Army loss count

General had ordered that in view of the early elections troops would be kept out of it as much as possible and prospects were said to be poor. However, prospects of their provisions did not seem to have a stable column in reserve, this was done but on all election days their services were not required.

(b) Other

The army have gained a further in their eye by the ~~very~~ good performance put out at the recent elections, it was very noticeable both to military personnel and civilians. Some of the 10 Division Avenue have commented on their good performance. The 10th were on hand but working in the background and not striding up and down as they are inclined to do.

REMARKS(a) Army loss count(1) Army loss

In the 15 Mar the call up took place and the new intake reported for duty. The administrative machine worked very efficiently and process of checking, issuing, clothing, etc, was well laid on, so no side side in observe any inefficiency. The number of men reporting was a much higher percentage than anticipated.

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It was hoped that the call up would be completed by 20 Mar but has been delayed for a few days. The total figure up to date is 2,422. There have been instances of territoriality in that detachments will be made up from other detachments. To obtain the necessary men regarding ranges was a difficult task. The 3rd and 4th Militia were constantly changing the locations until at last both were finally attached. All the 30 yd ranges are now complete, work is proceeding satisfactorily on the open ranges which in one case was not difficult owing to a range already being in existence. Another day has been sent to Geron to speed the work up. Field firing ranges have not as yet been definitely notified but this is assured that they will be ready in time, therefore, as soon as the definite sites become known this will be forwarded.

A training programme has been produced by 20 Mar and a directive issued to Geron to point out the policy of instruction. Training commenced on the 1st April and is being done enthusiastically by the recruits, the will to work is undeniably good.

(11) Training programmes of units have been altered to and are progressive. The training carried out during the winter months has been interfered with only a little owing to bad weather and recruiting of units. Results in individual training and later unit training throughout the day have been good. Sport has been being carried out regularly. Instruction from territorial to units shows that N.L. will be carried out every morning. Only poor results have come from tactical training for officers and NCOs, the reason being mainly due to the absence of instructions which is sorely felt.

Poor results have been obtained from medical training. The main difficulty is the poor material available as instructors.

2 Mar had been busy with their recent move but a certain amount of training was achieved. Individual training was fair and tactical training beneficial to all. Shortage of reasonable instructors again is the main difficulty. This is hoped to be overcome shortly.

#### (b) CONCLUSIONS

Extra duties recently has happened but on a large scale. Exercises in mobility have been carried out with a certain amount of success. Courses are being run to produce trained officers.

#### APPENDIX

(a) On Friday 20 Mar 46 a public meeting was staged in the principal square of Geron. The meeting was supported both by left wing and Christian Democratic speakers backed by a considerable number of supporters of all parties. The subject of the meeting was in the form of a debate about the constitution of the Geron Council. Speakers



(11) Training processes of units have been altered to and are progressive. The training carried out during the winter months has been interfered with with a lot owing to bad weather and redeployment of units. Results in individual training and inter-unit training throughout the winter have been good. Sport try is being carried out regularly. Inter-unit football is to units where some from football try for better every morning. Only their results have come from football try for better and more, the reason being mainly due to the shortage of instructors which is certainly felt.

Our results have been obtained from specialized try. The main difficulty is the poor material available as instructors.

2. The best have been busy with their recent news but a certain amount of try was achieved. Individual try was fairly and football try but beneficial at all. Shortage of reasonable instructors again is the main difficulty. This is hoped to be overcome shortly.

#### (b) CONC

Extra duties recently has happened try in a large circle. Accidents in mobility have been carried out with a certain amount of success. Courses are being run to produce trained soldier-cyclists.

#### EXPLANATION

(a) On Friday 23 May 46 a public meeting was staged in the principal square of Genoa. The meeting was supported both by left wing and Christian Democratic speakers backed by a considerable number of supporters of all parties. The object of the meeting was in the first of a protest against the continuation of the Franco regime; speakers of the parties spoke and were well received. The meeting was orderly and no incidents occurred.

The minutes of Genoa forwarded to President Truman a specimen of Prof. Giovanni Conlon's work on Cristoforo Colombo. A message was attached to the back expressing the city's thanks for the recent solemn celebration of Columbus day in the United States.

(b) Very little activity on the Franco-Spanish border. Little recently posters were found displayed at various points in Ventimiglia. Copy of poster with an 'X' on it. The matter was investigated thoroughly by the army and found to be rubbish, and one of the incidents stated

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by the poster was found to be correct. It is not in that area state that an occasional French propaganda machine is into being but is not meeting with any great amount of success. Further info on retaliation of movement within the 25 km zone is reported under '1' of this report.

(c) Relations in the whole surface to be good. Minor reports and references were made to notice on the inter-tribe level which occurred quite recently in the disputes between the two 'tribes'. This incident was covered in report No. 7. Hostility apparently was with the army and relations are good now.

There are no good terms with a very small, unorganized group still scattered at and are not treated with very much respect. Little comment was made by the army towards the army and civil police during the time that they are still allowed to travel on public transport free of charges, the police is petty and has some of local level protection.

The recent elections were carried out extremely well, no incidents of any importance were reported. In an area of modern police troops carried out their tasks extremely well and quickly, it did much to encourage the growing feeling of security the people, generally, are beginning to feel in the north.

(d) Very little politics seem to be current amongst the troops. The new articles seem to be kind of political and are getting down quickly. A report published by the daily newspaper 'L'Espresso' is not an exception. I feel on leave writing posting notes to this paper in very strong terms criticizing the internal workings of the Italian army. I especially came under very heavy fire and retaliation to the extent of ordering Territorial II to punish this officer, this was immediately carried out and the officer was given ten days strict confinement. This action by no means undid the officer who, immediately after his confinement, produced another letter to the same paper which was carried upon in an intimate and enthusiastic tone as can be seen by page 12. The article published on 23 Mar and so far no further action has been taken. This officer is not under command of Territorial II and enquiries about him have brought all results, nobody seems to know anything about him.

(e) Nothing to report.

(f) Public security remains good. In existing districts there have been minor incidents. The Journal 'L'Espresso' have been the target for petty differences, on two occasions their offices have been subject to bomb attacks. In both cases no one was hurt though a certain amount of material damage was caused. Reported by the OMI in Genoa himself is good, regardless of the fact that not providing around with auto-ethic weapons the practice of doing some has not diminished. On being approached the answer is that owing to the situation being as it is, it is not possible to do anything.



(d) Very little police work is being done in the new police areas to be divided of police are not getting down quickly. A report published by the daily newspaper "Latina" is not in line. A lot of letters are being written to this paper in very strong terms criticizing the internal workings of the police. This especially came under very heavy fire and resulted to the extent of ordering territorial H to write this officer, this was exactly quashed out and the officer was given ten days strict confinement. This action by no means undid the officer who, immediately after his confinement, produced another letter to the same paper which was commended upon in an independent and humorous tone as can be seen by page 17. The article published on 20 Mar and so far no further action has been taken. This officer is not under command of territorial H and enquiries about him have brought nil results, nobody seems to know anything about him.

(e) Nothing to report.

(f) Public security remains good. In ordinary districts there have been minor incidents. The Journal "Latina" has been the target for petty differences, on two occasions their offices have been subject to bomb attacks. In both cases no one was hurt through a certain amount of national damage was incurred. Control by the GMR in these items is good, regarding the practice of doing some not permitting around with automatic weapons the same is that owing to has not diminished. On being approached the same is that owing to the situation being as it is with circumstances all over the place, it is considered necessary to be armed with automatic weapons.

A drive is in progress to link up very ostentatious with telephone. CGMR has asked this to approach the prefect and being slight pressure to bear to ensure that he will assist. Territorial H have already requested this matter to him. The link up will incur a certain amount of hard work for it is necessary in one case to install a new exchange.

(g) A meeting has taken place at the prefecture for examining the future scheme of building a reservoir on the river Tana. Projects and officials of various towns attended. The work is anticipated to last from five to ten years and will cost approximately ten thousand million lire.

The recent decision by the Government to cut the wages of the Agricultural Workers has not in a way caused. Apparently after they have paid the money they have left fourteen lire per day

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to live on, not only did the decrease cause objection but also the selling that as the new rate of pay started was more than in October the extra money over paid would be paid back to the Government. This has caused a real enervation of workers and no one to replace them, consequently outbreaks have increased.

### III. 'A' RUMORS

#### DISCUSSION

#### General

Col. MILLER visited this B. on 23 and 24 Jan. A conference was held at 2 General Military Territorial at which the newly arrived of the living, pay and other facts were discussed.

On 25 Mar a visit was paid to 124 Inf Regt Barracks B. in the standard of turn-out and cleanliness was outstanding.

#### DETAILS

#### Refugees

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#### Specialists, Freightmen etc

#### Percentage of Catholics in total manpower under each

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Telephone technicians.....      | 10 |
| Armaments & transport tech..... | 17 |
| Plumbers (Navy).....            | -  |
| Drivers.....                    | 18 |
| Driver mechanics.....           | 20 |
| Cooks.....                      | 5  |
| Typists.....                    | 11 |
| Electrician.....                | 4  |
| Boilers.....                    | 12 |
| Munition ordnance.....          | 21 |
| Miters.....                     | 16 |
| Wires.....                      | 1  |
| Trucks.....                     | 57 |
| Tramways.....                   | 3  |
| Supplies.....                   | -  |



on 22 June a check was paid to 114 and 1157 amounts were in  
 CRYSTAL during this the newly bonded over hundreds were inspected. The  
 standard of turn-out and cleanliness was outstanding.

### TABLE

#### Deficiencies

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Specialists,  
 Technicians etc

Percentage of deficiencies  
 in total personnel under word

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Telephone mechanics.....         | 20 |
| Automotive & transport mech..... | 47 |
| Plumbers (Sgt).....              | -  |
| Drivers.....                     | 18 |
| Driver mechanics.....            | 20 |
| Cooks.....                       | 5  |
| Typists.....                     | 11 |
| Blacksmiths.....                 | 4  |
| Technicians.....                 | 19 |
| Bundling orderlies.....          | 21 |
| Plumbers.....                    | 16 |
| Electric.....                    | 1  |
| Mechanics.....                   | 17 |
| Technicians.....                 | 5  |
| Supplies.....                    | -  |

### Discipline

Since submission of the last report the following actions  
 have been put on the table

Discipline.....33  
 Other actions (and staff), 12

Recent acts to 2 Inf Regt find a heavy proportion of bad  
 types such as 1147 and 1157 and 1157 and 1157 and 1157 and 1157  
 during the summer were taken by the Regt and all matters are now under  
 control.

From all sides once reports of the excellent discipline and

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people of the recruits under training at the CBR. This is most encouraging and, if politics can be kept in abeyance, there is no reason why this state should not continue.

#### Health

The 1921 census has at last been digested of and with it goes one of the more serious and influential on morale. Now, with the new season started and the gradually improving weather, morale of the men should improve. Morale of officers is still, however, poor and it is thought that only when their troubles (personal ones, pay, domestic worries attributable to war conditions etc) are settled will their attitude improve and have the good effect it should have on the morale of the men.

In spite of repeated efforts on the part of the Infantry to discredit the Army in the eyes of the civil population as well as their efforts to undermine morale within the ranks, there has recently been a noticeable improvement in the relations between the Army and the civilians. There is no doubt that the Army and the CBR are the only bodies capable of satisfying the average individual from possible extremist opinions at election time and the population is beginning to realize this.

#### IV. THE POLICE

##### Police

##### Transport (a)

It seems that the eagerly awaited 60-cvnt stocks will not now incl. either tyres or replacement engines. Lack of these two items is of course the main reason for the high percentage of Vs QI in 2 General Military Territorial units. One of the units most hard-hit by the lack of spares and especially of tyres in the new reinforced 3 QI Coy which, out of a list of 170 vehicles, has only 25 serviceable.

Many of the old vehicles are now being sold to those who are at present using them. Value in the possession of those not willing to ~~sell~~ are being ingomised.

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##### Transport (b)

Very few of the new vehicles is proceeding intensively. It is hoped that the standard will soon improve as their present unpredictable cyclo-stochastic have often caused claims to personnel of this if as well as to other in units.



by using of weapons and effects on the population as parties to discontinue the war in the eyes of the population as well as their efforts to undermine morale within the army, there has recently been a noticeable improvement in the relations between the army and the civilians. There is no doubt that the army and the civilians are the only bodies capable of safeguarding the overpopulated and from possible external enemies at election time and the population is beginning to realize this.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

##### Summary

##### Paragraph (a)

It seems that the eagerly awaited 50-cent stock will not now deal either types or replacement engines. Loss of these two items is of course the main reason for the high percentage of Vn in 2 General Military Territorial units. One of the units most affected by the lack of spare and especially of tires is the new reinforced 3rd Coy which, out of a total of 170 vehicles, has only 25 serviceable.

Vehicles of 1st and 2nd Coy are now being sold to those civilians who are at present using them. Vehicles in the possession of civilians not willing to ~~sell~~ are being impounded.

##### Paragraph (b)

The use of CTR on their new 100 is proceeding intensively. It is hoped that this standard will soon improve as their present ungratifiable cyclostation have often caused them to pass on of this 100 as well as to other 100 units.

##### Summary

100, 2nd Coy, as previously mentioned is actively assisting the city areas and 100 100 in the construction and removal of a number of Bailey bridges in the locality. One of these, at ALBANY (2.5397) is within the restricted frontier zone. Early has been sought to allow a pl of the city to enter the area when this activity arrived it was found that it only applied to the area near 100. Vehicles are therefore at a standstill. They help be given to secure the necessary permits (2 others and 10 100 to 100 area for 10-15 days).

100 100 has previously provided to loan to 100 100 a 117 at length of Bailey for for purposes. 100 100 has been adding for this for some time.

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Clothing (a)

There has recently been an improvement in receipts of clothing. Comando Militare is still worried about the differences in colour and design which units have to put up with but it is anticipated that once clothing of uniforms at the 000 has ended the all elements will improve.

Unit

After numerous months of levels both high and low AMR have at last landed back to 2 Comando Militare Territoriale the status of it any origin previously held by them. 2 Comando Militare Territoriale state that they are returning to AMR only stores normalised in their depots though this is was unusual that any stores arrived.

Unit

2 Comando Militare Territoriale still complain that they are unable to follow the Ministry's steps in establishing all resources owing to shortage of money and a constant shortage of AMR, AMR, AMR, AMR.

This is in consequence to receive the use of a 20,000 litre static pot back in AMR but has under 2 Comando Militare Territoriale to re-invent on the Ministry for pot drums as these are understood to be available in large quantities in AMR.

Unit

The recent substitution of boxes and drums received for AMR in the same system has given great satisfaction. It is sincerely hoped that this issue will continue.

Unit

Health of the in this area is, on the whole good. During March the following percentages of total strength were admitted to hospital:

|     |      |
|-----|------|
| AMR | 2.0% |
| AMR | 3.6% |

No cases of epidemic or contagious diseases have been noted but VD appears slightly to have increased, the following cases having been reported:-

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Primary syphilis.....   | 9  |
| Secondary syphilis..... | 2  |
| Gonorrhoea.....         | 10 |
| Scabies.....            | 13 |



2. Certain military personnel still remain in the field and are unable to follow the military orders in establishing the necessary conditions to make an entry of conditions and a report thereof at 703, 800, 811.

This is in connection to secure the use of a 20,000 litre static tank in the field but has been 2 months without the necessary to re-invent on the military for not (some) as there are intended to be available in large quantities in the field.

#### MEMO

The recent substitution of heavy and light weapons for the in the past makes has given great satisfaction. It is sincerely hoped that this issue will continue.

#### Medical

Health of the in this area is, on the whole good. During March the following percentages of total strength were admitted to hospital:

... all hospitals.....2.70  
City ".....3.60

No cases of epidemic or contagious diseases have been noted but it appears slightly to have increased, the following cases having been reported:-

... all hospitals.....2.70  
City ".....3.60  
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City ".....3.60  
... all hospitals.....2.70  
City ".....3.60

#### V. OUR REVENUE

##### (1) 1900

All the work is now practically finished. A certain amount of work still remains to be done in connection with the substitution of the existing taxation for the new taxation and the substitution of the existing taxation for the new taxation. The cost of the above work was due to the city contractors' running out of funds at a critical moment and having to wait for an advance of one million lire from the Ministry before it could continue.

##### (11) 1900

No transactions have yet been received from the Ministry (a new allowed on 10/10/00) so at present the work is going along with difficulty with one hundred million.

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War Ministry have stated that officers' messes will have to be cut at the expense of the officers themselves. They state they will make an initial loan but that this loan will have to be paid off at a rate of 2.5% monthly by the officers concerned. At present officers' messes are being run by civil caterers.

#### (iii) Sports Centre

War Ministry has allocated the sum of 25,000 lire towards the building of sports fields, gymnasiums etc. Sports Centre is to be run directly by War Ministry Welfare Branch.

#### (iv) IT

Deficiencies on IT in IT area:-

By local currencies..... 8  
 100..... 1

GR has been asked to obtain these from the IT Unit but as they are not available there War Ministry has been asked to pay them from elsewhere.

#### (v) IT

Whether this is asked for the 4 IT units allocated for on IT has not yet been received.

#### (vi) IT

The following are items allocated by War Ministry to the GR for the purposes above:-

|                                                                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| a) Furniture for office & 10000 currencies,<br>offices, distributed and needed..... | 1,000,000 lire |
| b) 2000 currencies, budget surplus, stationary etc.....                             | 2,500,000 lire |
| c) Sports field & gymnasium.....                                                    | 25,000 lire    |
| d) Construction of rifle ranges.....                                                | 500,000 lire   |

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Transactions on 100 in 100 are:-

By lead columns.....8  
 100.....1

But has been found to contain some iron and steel but in they  
 are not available there the quantity has been added to up these three  
 columns.

(v) 100

Whether the 4 million has the 4.10 value allowed for on 100 have  
 as yet been received.

(vi) 100

The following have been allocated by the Ministry to the  
 for the purposes shown:-

- |                                                                                 |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| a) Materials for active & 1000 systems,<br>a/c flow, constant and variable..... | 1,000,000 lire |
| b) The system, target system, stationary etc.....                               | 2,000,000 lire |
| c) Targets for & systems.....                                                   | 25,000 lire    |
| d) Construction of rifle ranges.....                                            | 300,000 lire   |

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*[Signature]*  
 Major,  
 G. V.



10/10 to 2 PM  
 6/6 Antioch 1954

TEXT OF A PROCLAMATION (PROMO) BY VERONICA GARCIA (VERONICA GARCIA)

CITIZENS,

We think wise to bring before you the events of these last few days, so everybody may know all about it.

For days ago the French flag was hoisted on the Church Tower of Indabana and a great demonstration pro-France was held, then a plebiscite was held and gave the following results: 900 habitants, 890 were for France. AMBASSADOR, MRS. GARCIA, CARBONATED, the population wrote their ideas and feelings for France.

At 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM the citizens removed all placards with Italian names and changed in French, also shops changed their insignia.

What does all this prove? That the 90% of our people wishes to be connected by France, which will give them work, bread well-being and freedom.

CITIZENS, let us start all of us who want to become friends without consideration of the dirty bootleggers who infect our country and in disgust of those who become rich illegally and who are only too strongly interested that French Justice leave us far away as possible.

VIVA LA LIBERTE!

VIVA LA FRANCE 2995

VIVA FOR A BETTER VERONICA







le riflessioni, e' ancora l'articolo stato letto?

Per chiarire questi punti interrogativi l'On. Canapa ha presentato alla presidenza della Consulta la seguente interrogazione, chiedendo, a norma del regolamento, risposta scritta perche', dato il grande numero (oltre cento) di interrogazioni orali gia' iscritte e la brevit  di vita che ancora resta alla Consulta, difficilmente si arriverebbe a tempo per svolgere l'interrogazione stessa in assemblea.

AL MINISTRO DELLA GIUSTIZIA - Per sapere se non ritenga in contrasto col vigente regime di libert  e collo spirito democratico del nuovo esercito la decisione iscritta al n. 1000 della Camera dei Deputati per una legge pubblicata dal giornale "IL LAVORO NOVO".



Subject: Progress Report No 7.

1. BIV  
Tel: 56573  
G/6  
16 Mar 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MILIA), Rome.

1. BIV.

II. 10. POINTS

ORIENTATION

(a) Domestic (BIV)

No change

(b) Italian

No change

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army 1. on CORR

No change of routine duties. The Br II of 104  
Bngr Br Mantova has gained plenty of experience during the  
past week, having overhauled a number of Bns in the area. A  
request to overhaul the Bns by 50 Area was met with delight  
by Mantova who for a long time have been dying for the chance  
to train new crews in the art of br building.

(b) CORR

The CORR, now in possession of their AGs, are  
carrying out their duties with a certain amount of vigor.  
The Legion Comd is making arrangements to prevent trouble  
on a large scale at the forthcoming elections. The CORR



ORGANIZATION(a) Domestic (ELU)

No change

(b) Italian

No change

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS(a) Army less GCHQ

No change of routine duties. The 11 of 104  
Sgt Br Mantova has gained plenty of experience during the  
past week, having overhauled a number of BPs in the area. A  
request to overhaul the BP by 59 Area was met with delight  
by Mantova who for a long time have been dying for the chance  
to train new crews in the art of BP building.

(b) GCHQ

The GCHQ, now in possession of their MCE, are  
carrying out their duties with a certain amount of vigor.  
The Legion Comd is making arrangements to prevent trouble  
on a large scale at the forthcoming elections. The GCHQ  
acted most efficiently in the recent disturbance by the  
protesting against the move made by the tpt authorities  
in enforcing military to pay on public tpt.

TRAINING(a) Army less GCHQ(1) TRA

An infantry course has recently come to a close at  
the GAE. The course was of good value, the standard of the  
students being very high. A good methodical programme was  
adhered to both by officers and NCOs.

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(11) Inclement weather has ruined any vigorous outdoor trg. WT has been carried out in limited indoor periods. A Pd Shoot by 155 Arty Regt is coming off very shortly.

(b) CORR

With the increase in LOS the Mobile En are getting down to some serious trg. It appears that they have a shortage of trained riders, but this shortage is in the process of being overcome.

III. 'A' PAINCH

DOMESTIC

Leave

Owing to the premature closing of the Winter Sports Centre at GORTINA the vauchouise previously allotted to this HQ for one off and two ORs, over a period of 2 weeks, have been cancelled.

General

Mrs THURPE arrives in GINCA under the Families to CAP Scheme 'A' ca 16 Dec 46.

ITALIAN

Deficiencies

| Specialists,<br>Tradesmen etc | Percentage of deficiencies<br>in total manpower under cmd |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Telephone mechanics.....       | 10% |
| Armourers & armourer mech..... | 47% |
| Pioneers (Engr).....           | -   |
| Drivers.....                   | 18% |
| Driver mechanics.....          | 20% |
| Cooks.....                     | 5%  |
| Typists.....                   | 15% |
| Blacksmiths.....               | 4%  |
| Bakers.....                    | 11% |



Due to the premature closing of the Winter Sports Centre at COMPTON, the vacancies previously allotted to this HQ for one officer and two ORs, over a period of 2 weeks, have been cancelled.

General

Mrs THURTELL arrives in SMCN under the Families to COT Scheme 'A' on 16 Feb 46.

ITALIAN

Deficiencies

| Specialists,<br>Tradesmen etc  | Percentage of deficiencies<br>in total manpower under command |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Telephone mechanics.....       | 10%                                                           |
| Armourers & armourer mech..... | 47%                                                           |
| Pioneers (Engr).....           | -                                                             |
| Drivers.....                   | 18%                                                           |
| Driver mechanics.....          | 20%                                                           |
| Cooks.....                     | 5%                                                            |
| Typists.....                   | 12%                                                           |
| Blacksmiths.....               | 4%                                                            |
| Bakers.....                    | 12%                                                           |
| Munition ordnances.....        | 21%                                                           |
| Fitters.....                   | 15%                                                           |
| DRs.....                       | 1%                                                            |
| Wasons.....                    | 37%                                                           |
| Linesmen (other arms).....     | -                                                             |
| Linesmen (signal).....         | 5%                                                            |
| Linesmen (tower).....          | -                                                             |
| Supplies.....                  | -                                                             |

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Discipline

A circular was recently issued by the UNIONE ITALIANA TRAVIERE stating that in future it type would be obliged to pay fares on all municipal tpt. Though the fares were very low the principle of the thing displeased the local tps to no small extent. A delegation to the Prefetto was organized and a spontaneous outburst of military ire took place in Piazza de Ferrari which resulted in the disarming and rout of a MAROVA Div picket. Order was, however, soon restored and on the following day a joint announcement was made by the UITS and the Prefetto that on certain lines tps were to continue to be carried free of charge and the fares on all other lines were to be cut by 2/3. Though the disturbances were regrettable, the prompt conciliatory action taken by the civ authys points to a greater cooperation with the military.

The attitude of the tps in view of the forthcoming gen elections continues to be passive.

IV. GO' POINTADOMESTICAcen

New gen in the form of a furnished flat has been secured for the GEs of this HQ.

Tpt

All RT is on the rd and working very satisfactorily.

ITALIANTpt (b)

The CORR Mob Bn has now drawn all its entitlement of MGS from PIACENZA EVF. This consists of 40 MARCHES, 2930 19 TRICHER and 1 ABEL.

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out by 2/3. Through the disclosure were registered, the prompt conciliatory action taken by the civ authys points to a greater cooperation with the military.

The attitude of the type in view of the forthcoming adm elections continues to be positive.

#### IV. Q. POINT

##### DOMESTIC

##### Acen

Has been in the form of a furnished flat has been secured for the ONS of this HQ.

##### Pat

All MT is on the rd and working very satisfactorily.

##### ITALIAN

##### Pat (b)

The GCHQ Mob Bn has now drawn all its entitlement of MCE from FIACENIA MVP. This consists of 40 MATCHES, 2990  
12 TRIUMPH and 1 ABEL.

##### SPAN

102 (MARTOVA) Mgr Coy are assisting GCHQ and the civ authys by dismantling and building Bailey brs in this zone. One br is to be constructed at M1015 (S. 8397) and authy is being sought through Liguria Liaison Op AC for the necessary personnel to be allowed into the prohibited frontier zone for this purpose.

##### RAOC

Delay in dealing with Ord matters has sometimes

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arises owing to the lack of specialized knowledge at this HQ. All ord matters are therefore now being sent direct to Ord 1 HQ and will not be dealt with here except in cases of urgency.

22M

SHRE have asked 2 Comando Militare Territoriale whether they have any objection to the proposed disbandment of 26 Commissione Risuperi. A reply has been sent to SHRE stating that there is no objection. This view is sp by this HQ as the unit has never given very satisfactory results and most of the recovery has been carried out by "drapelli" expressly formed by the directorates concerned at 2 Comando Militare Territoriale.

AGCH

It has now been ruled by GHQ that derequisition of the premises occupied by MANTOVA Div whilst under Allied op cond (i.e. up to 11 Dec 45) will be effective from 1 Jan 46. HQ MANTOVA Div has been instructed to re-requisition through Italian channels any soon occupied by them after that date.

NOV

Owing to the great difficulty in obtaining FOR for domestic vans in GEROVA it is emphasized that offce visiting this HQ should carry with them sufficient petrol to enable them to reach the next POF upon departure. It is hoped, however, that these measures will not deter any proposed visitors.

GEROVA

*Y.P.O. 1/4*  
Major  
G II

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ACCA

It has now been ruled by GHQ that derequisition of the premises occupied by WHTOVA Div whilst under Allied op comd (i.e. up to 31 Dec 45) will be effective from 1 Jan 46. HQ WHTOVA Div has been instructed to re-requisition through Italian channels any soon occupied by them after that date.

NOV

Being to the great difficulty in obtaining fuel for domestic vehs in GHTOVA it is emphasized that officers visiting this HQ should carry with them sufficient petrol to enable them to reach the next PSP upon departure. It is hoped, however, that these measures will not deter any proposed visitors.

GHTOVA

XPO/H.T./gc

*Y.P. Duffy*  
Major  
G II

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Subject: Progress Report No. 5

2 MAY

Tel: 56977

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(6 Feb 46)

Land Forces Sub Commission AD (LFI), Rome.1 HLU.I. 'C' POINTS.ORGANIZATION.(a) Domestic (LFI).

Official mail appears to be arriving slightly better, but the outward journey is rather dubious. Previously it was transported to and from Milan by road, but owing to mix up occurring it is now carried by train under the escort of two members of the R. Nigs.

(b) Italian.

The move of 1/114 Regt has now been completed. They are now at SALUGNO (MR N 8423) where it is hoped that the remaining two bns will join them very shortly. The Mobile Bn CORB are in the process of moving into the Turin Barracks, GENOA (MR C 009460) where they will occupy two wings, being separated from other tps who will occupy the remaining accommodation.

REQUIREMENT OF WROOPS.(a) Army less CORB

Little change. A coy of 104 Ing Bn is now working at FOSCARIC and CUNEO constructing ranges and trig stores. No Italian guards are being provided for Allied installations.

(b) CORBACTION

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(b) Italian

The move of 3/114 Regt has now been completed. They are now at SALUNO (SR N 8481) where it is hoped that the remaining two bns will join them very shortly. The Mobile Bn GCHH are in the process of moving into the Sturla Barracks, GUNOA (SR O 007450) where they will occupy two wings, being separated from other tps who will occupy the remaining accommodation.

DISPATCH OF TROOPS.(a) Army less GCHH

Little change. A Coy of 104 Eng Bn is now working at FOSOLANO and GUNCO constructing ranges and trg stores. No Italian guards are being provided for Allied installations.

(b) GCHH

Normal.

TRAINING.(a) Army less GCHH(1) Eng Bn.

The GAR is progressing extremely well. The allotment of barracks have now being decided as can be seen on att appendix. They are all in excellent condition. Its staff and instructors are now all present, a cadre has commenced for the instructors to ensure uniformity.

Other tps and GCHH

Normal inter unit training is satisfactory.

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ACTION117. 1st POINTS.(a) NOB33712Deficiencies

The cpl clerk RAGO previously on loan from 1 HCU on the WZ of this unit has now been confirmed in his appointment. The unit is still deficient of an RAGD pts clerk.

Leaves

DANKING and one GT have been allotted vacancies at the Winter Sports Centre, CORTINA for week 12/26 Feb. Vacancies have been applied for for one OR during week commencing 16 Feb and for one offer and one OR for week commencing 5 Mar. By this means all pers of this H will have had one good week exercise and change of air before the start of the recruiting season at the CAC.

(b) ITALIANDeficiencies

Specialists,  
Tradesmen etc

Percentage of deficiencies  
in total manpower under command

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Telephone mechanics .....       | 10% |
| Armourers & armouter mach ..... | 45% |
| Pioneers (logr) .....           | -   |
| Drivers .....                   | 20% |
| Driver mechanics .....          | 17% |
| Cooks .....                     | 5%  |
| Typists .....                   | 10% |
| Blacksmiths .....               | 9%  |
| Bakers .....                    | 11% |
| Nursing orderlies .....         | 20% |
| Fitters .....                   | 10% |
| Pls .....                       | 1%  |
| Rascals .....                   | 10% |
| Lineamen (other arms) .....     | -   |
| Lineamen (signal) .....         | 9%  |

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(b) TrainingDeficiencies

Specialists,  
Tradesmen etc

Percentage of deficiencies  
in total manpower under command

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Telephone mechanics .....       | 10% |
| Armourers & armourer mech ..... | 46% |
| Pioneers (Engr) .....           | -   |
| Drivers .....                   | 22% |
| Driver mechanics .....          | 17% |
| Cooks .....                     | 5%  |
| Typists .....                   | 12% |
| Blacksmiths .....               | 5%  |
| Bakers .....                    | 11% |
| Nursing orderlies .....         | 2%  |
| Fitters .....                   | 13% |
| DEs .....                       | 1%  |
| Engineers .....                 | 10% |
| Linesmen (other arms) .....     | -   |
| Linesmen (Signal) .....         | 0%  |
| Linesmen (power) .....          | -   |
| Sappers .....                   | -   |

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Discipline

Just as 1 GT Coy seemed to have reached a rock-bottom level in discipline, unmistakable signs of improvement are being noted. It is hoped that these will continue.



ACTION

Trouble is being experienced with personnel of the 1921 class. These have got to hear that the demobilization of their class has been put off and consequently are using every method they can to make their further stay in the Army as leisurely as possible.

In general, unit officers maintain that discipline, and consequently morale, would be materially improved if only all it officers would treat their men with more camaraderie and a more understanding attitude. Except amongst combat troops this spirit is still badly lacking though it is noted with satisfaction that the GAN appears to be stepping off on the right foot in this direction.

IV. FOUR POINTS.(a) DOMESTICTpt

The HQ due to this HQ on 13 is urgently required now that GANCA Locality Sig. Office has virtually closed. a BIN  
sig  
AO 20  
of 12 Feb

The necessary part has now been obtained for LANCIA 5641114. It is estimated that the veh will be on the rd by 24 Feb.

(b)

ITALIANTransport (b)

TURIN CORR Legion have already collected 3 MATCHLESS and 3 ARRIEL MOA. Collection of the bal of MOA held in GENOA (12 REGA, 12 TRIMMER and 4 MATCHLESS) is expected shortly to be effected by CORR Legion SOLOHSA.

Arms and Amn (b)

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IV. POINT

(a)

DOMESTICTOP

the HQ due to this HQ on 18 is urgently required now that GONCA locality sign office has virtually closed. 18  
AC 20

of 12 Feb

The necessary part has now been obtained for LANCIA 2643114. It is estimated that the veh will be on the rd by 24 Feb.

(b)

TRANSPORTTransport (b)

THE GONCA Legion have already collected 8 MATTHEWS and 1 ARTHUR MGS. Collection of the bal of MGS held in GONCA (12 FEB, 12 THIRTY and 4 MATTHEWS) is expected shortly to be effected by GONCA Legion BOLCONA.

Arms and Amn (b)

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GONCA Legion GONCA has been allocated by War Ministry 35,888 rounds of 6.5 mm SA from VERONA. There seems to be an HQ 2 District embargo on this amn at the moment which is hoped shortly to clear.

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lists are being compiled by 2 Comado Militare Territoriale of all the material so far recovered by 26 Commissions Zicupari. Although hastenere keep arriving from all sides this must necessarily be a lengthy job if the lists are to be at all accurate.

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ACTION

Cases have been reported, through 405 Town Major, of the Commissione Allegati of GENOVA extorting bribes (sometimes amounting to 20,000 LIL) from civilians in order that they be allocated quarters in the town recently derequisitioned by the Allies. If this is the case the outlook for the II Army office trying to obtain access through the Prefettura for their families looks pretty grim. Enquiries are being made by this HQ.

No decision has yet been reached by Claims & Writings Directorate regarding the date of de-requisition of the properties occupied by GENOVA Div (see previous report). Hastening action is being taken as the matter is becoming urgent.

Supps

A very noticeable improvement is noted in every aspect of the running of sup units. This is no doubt due in large part to constant visits and "clamborgings" by S/C SAT of I HQU.

GENOVA

*W. J. Duffy*  
Major,  
G II.

FPL/HET/50

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 3.

2 BLU,  
GENOVA.  
Tel: 56575  
C 6  
17 Jan 46.

Land Force Sub Comm AC (MRIA), Rome.

1 BLU.

I. 'G' POINTS.

ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic (BLU).

Nothing of outstanding importance has occurred since the last report apart from the fact that Capt B.E.H. SWELL, RASC, has left the unit, also his clerk has returned to 10 BLU, certain demands have still to be met and therefore arrangements have been made with 1 BLU to have their BOWC visit GENOA on his return from leave, any correspondence relating to Ordnance matters foreign to the present staff of this HQ will be forwarded forthwith to 1 BLU.

A conference was held recently by A/1 50 Area to give information on the future of British Units in GENOA, it appears that the policy is to close down GENOA leaving only those units which have a definite task, a new system for the postal services and rations etc is being arranged as practically all British Installations and Units are withdrawing by 5 Feb, it is hoped that an MIS service will remain otherwise correspondence will be difficult, it is understood the Town Major will stay and look after the remaining small units.

(b) Italian.

Units are settling down under command of Territorial HQ, at first, difficulty was encountered but on a letter being sent out by the Chief of Staff, Territorial HQ, units dealt with as usual through channels and not as suggested through



ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic (BIN).

Nothing of outstanding importance has occurred since the last report apart from the fact that Capt B. H. STEWELL, RASC, has left the unit, also his clerk has returned to 10 BIN, certain demands have still to be met and therefore arrangements have been made with 1 BIN to have their BMO visit GENOA on his return from leave, any correspondence relating to Ordnance matters foreign to the present staff of this HQ will be forwarded forthwith to 1 BIN.

A conference was held recently by A/Q 59 Area to give information on the future of British Units in GENOA, it appears that the policy is to close down GENOA leaving only those units which have a definite task, a new system for the postal services and rations etc is being arranged as practically all British installations and Units are withdrawing by 5 Feb, it is hoped that an EIS service will remain otherwise correspondence will be difficult, it is understood the Town Major will stay and look after the remaining small units.

(b) Italian.

Units are settling down under command of Territorial HQ, at first, difficulty was encountered but on a letter being sent out by the Chief of Staff, Territorial HQ, units dealt direct through the correct channels and not as supposed through this HQ. HQ Inf Div Mantova are still split up but it is expected that 114 Inf Regt will arrive in the area and revert under command Mantova.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CCHR.

Inf Div Mantova are completely free of guards apart from their own commitments. 2 Inf Regt are still being employed on various dumps and installations of Territorial HQ, these are in the process of being cut down.

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(b) CC.RR.

The CCRH are very much spread out at their various stations, they are employed in their normal duties but owing to a deficiency in personnel are committed to a large extent.

TRAINING.(a) Army less CCRH.

Work is progressing at the C.A.R., an active interest has been taken to ensure that every effort is made to have everything prepared in good time and that no easing off is taking place on receipt of the news that the call up has been delayed one month.

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III. 4. POINTS.

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Since the last report was rendered Fus WRIGHT has returned to this MU, OPR having decided that his A/S gp was 260 instead of 25. This decision was not contested by this HQ as a further delay would probably have resulted had the matter been fought through official channels.



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A relief avr-batman has been posted to this HQ also a DR, the latter being fully equipped with the exception of his MG.

Efforts are being made through 2 District to get rid of the RME Trg Incr att to this Unit. With the small staff of this HQ it is not possible to control these 8 men properly.

#### Leave

Major HS THURF now awaits your authy to proceed on SUIKHO.

#### ITALIAN.

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Deficiency percentage returns are not yet to hand but will be fwd when received.

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## IV. 'G' POINTS.

## DOMESTIC.

## Accn

As the result of a talk by AQFO 50 Area it seems that very shortly the only Brit tps remaining in GENOA will be 405 Town Major and 2 BIV. Owing to the extremely convenient existing alt arrangements this HQ has not so far made an attempt to get accn on its own. With the possible closing down of all other installations it may soon be necessary to conc the unit into one billet.

## ITALIAN.

## Tpt (b)

The MT sit of the CORR Legion is very poor the average holding of vehs being the equivalent of 3 vehs per bn str. Efforts are being made to obtain further MT.

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CE has been contacted and has promised his help though this is likely only to be advisory. It is proposed to lower the level of the overflow channel.

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A strong request is being put to AQ 59 Area for the release of 'STORIA' barracks in GENOA. These are intended to house CCHS.

The Prefetto of GENOA has been approached on a "back-slapping" arrangement to put about 10 flats at the disposal of Italian offrs sta in GENOA, but whose families are forced to live in other parts of the country owing to lack of civ seen in the town with consequent by expenditure on the part of the offrs concerned.

A reply is awaited from 59 Area to a letter from this HQ requesting that the date of derequisition of all buildings occupied by Mantova Div in the VA AZZUR area whilst under op comd 2 District be extended to 31 Dec 45.



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These properties had previously been derequisitioned with a back date to 17 Jul 45 (actually the date of first occupation by MANTOVA). This move naturally created a good deal of confusion and ill-feelings.

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Subject - Program Report No. 2.

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HQ Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIL), ROME.

1 MIJ.

1. 'G' POINTS.

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A defence scheme was produced and sent off as requested, the main intention as stated is to protect the offices of 2 MIJ and assist Territorial Command in any way during any possible large scale disturbance, the presence of the RME Training Increment has made the MIJ defence force formidable.

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(b) Italian.

Little news of interest is available at present. Inf Div Mantova are very anxious to forget the formation of No. 2 Italian Cinematograph Unit, this unit was ordered to be formed as far back as Aug 45 but although the unit is formed in personnel the equipment is still forth coming. No. 2 District have been asked to forward Hqs and BIs but no reply has yet been received.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.(a) Army Less CORR.

Both Inf Regts of Mantova up till 31 Dec 45 have more or less been fully committed with guard duties on Allied

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Installations. 114 Inf Regt are still in the Milan-Genoa Area and are expected to return under command of Mantova in the very near future. 76 Inf Regt have been completely relieved of guard duties and are in the process of re sorting and pulling in their outside detachments. 155 Arty Regt have handed over their duties and are expected to be brought in from Piacenza shortly. 104 Eng Bn are mainly working on the repairing of Route 1 in the Albano Area, other parties are working hard to improve accommodations occupied by the division, they are working steadily on barracks to make further space available. 2 Inf Regt are mostly employed on various duties ranging from guard on their own installations, at present they are greatly dispersed and not in very easy localities to visit, their guard duties are in the process of being cut down which will help as far as training and morale are concerned.

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Good progress is reported from the P.T.C. in Poseno and the barracks will be ready in good time. Territorial HQ have informed this HQ that they are in the process of making a list of work already done and little difficulties that may or may not occur. The CO of the P.T.C. is a very active officer and is taking a very active interest in the future training. He is at present visiting Genoa to pick up any points and to refresh his mind on up to date methods.

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##### (b) CC.RR.

Little training has been done during the past fourteen days. The CC.RR. are in the region of 200 men deficient in their WT and they are mostly taken up with routine duties. It is hoped to start driving classes in the near future.

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APPENDIX.

(a) The general public feeling towards their nearest neighbours France is not antagonistic, most people understand that France must have a bridge against Italy for their premeditated attack in 1940. It is very strongly felt that providing France makes no territorial frontier demands a greater brotherly relation will exist between the two Nations. Prior to this war the French Frontier along the Maritime Alps was recognised as the most peaceful territory in Italy, friendly relations were very prominent and the general outlook points to return to that basis as soon as possible.

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The blame is to be found in the CCs, they are reported to have told their men that they must not pedal in matters dealing with Left Parties or Partisan Movements. Crimes committed, if involving ex partisans are inclined to be ignored, again CCs will not take the responsibility.

Morale is not good, the men have no faith in their officers and feel neglected, the economical situation is worrying both officers and men, they are inclined to worry more over their families than their duties. Poor wages and poor equipment are mainly responsible for bad morale. A more fuller report is being compiled on the CCRR in conjunction with Territorial Command and will be forwarded at a later date.



(d) The majority of the Army are young men of a mature age, their Latin blood brings them easily to follow the general opinion dominating that particular moment. In this case the Communist Party has a clear field and continually serve up propaganda in the matter of conditions in the Army and though their propaganda is of an exaggerated nature it is being successfully swallowed. An alternative to this situation is by keen study by the officers of the men's reaction and by having educational periods to improve and has ordered all officers to take an active interest in the needs and welfare of the men.

(e) Public Security is poor, in towns and outlying districts after dark, pistols and other arms are inclined to be relaxed. The General Public have little faith in their COB, the Civil Police of Gence are extremely good but other districts are not so fortunate and consequently the unpleasant sound of rifle and revolver shots are a nightly occurrence.

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Since the last report the BIM has lost the services of Gus WRIGHT (Dvr-battman) departed to day on release. Notification has however been received that another dvr is being posted from 1 CMJ. This leaves the unit with the same deficiencies as stated in last month's report.

The remnants of the REMS Trg Incr to 56 BIM are still att for adm purposes to this HQ. The personnel is gradually being let down by releases but the balance, 8 ORs, are now being profitably employed assisting and advising 2 (Lt) Repair Unit.

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Leave

Major Thrupp has applied to GHO for permission to proceed to UK on "Kind of War" Leave but no reply has yet been received.

ITALIANDeficiencies

No accurate percentages of deficiencies by trades can be given in this report as the info is not yet to hand. These will be given in the next report.

Morale

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IV. 'Q' POINTSDOMESTICMT

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##### GENOVA

Genova Div Mob Shop which is responsible for all recovery on the rd VOLTRI - CHIAI LIGURE has been in some difficulties lately as all their recovery vans are off the rd and spares are hard to get. An attempt has been made to obtain these from RVP, MONZA on an "old boy" basis but results are not yet known.

##### Clothing & Ord.

It has still not been possible to procure greatcoats for the Genova Div. 5000 are urgently needed especially as it is now getting really cold in Liguria. None are available at BOD and their offer to issue leather jerkins in lieu was turned down by BODS 2 Austria.

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Clearance of dangerous ann (all nationalities) from the magazines in the outskirts of GENOVA is now all but complete.

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Although this clearance is not strictly the responsibility of the Italian Army their freely given help has been of great assistance to the Allied orgs concerned.

Shattering explosions throughout GENOVA during the festive season indicated that the civilians, too, assisted to the best of their ability though the loudest explosions of all were attributed to the Royal Navy.

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The enquiry by CEM Branch regarding the behaviour of the ex-Comitato Risorgimento continues but interim reports indicate that a lot of the obvious culprits have furnished themselves with such water-tight alibis that it may difficult to build up cases against them. In any case the quantity of G.M. of Italian Army origin now remaining has been found to be so small as to be almost negligible (see this HQ Report No. 1).

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)  
Allied Garrison Sardinia  
A.P.O. 504, U.S. Army

29 October 1946

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 84. 21 - 27 October 1946.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMA).

1. Sunday, 21 October - Day off.

2. Monday, 22 October

a. Inspected Cagliari Bakery (See our S & T report).

b. Checked bread made with 25% so called old (musty) Flour. Seems to be satisfactory so issued instructions for same to be issued at once and consumed on that basis. (See paragraphs 6b and 7b of Liaison Log No. 83 dated 22 October 46).

c. Conferred with U.S. Detachments in Sardinia re taking over the drawing and issuing of rations and PX for November 46.

d. Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re number Loadcarriers held by Calabria Division (See our Y 706 of 22 October).

3. Tuesday, 23 October

a. Conferred with Colonel Martire, Requisition Officer, re derequisitioning all Italian property held by MMA Detachment in Sardinia.

b. Conferred with Mr. Galli, charge of Carbonia coal mines, re U.S. tires held by employees there.

c. Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re Italian Army gasoline and motor oil depots. (See our Y 711 of 23 October).

4. Wednesday, 24 October

a. Inspected Italian Navy Food Depot in Cagliari (See S & T Report).

b. Inspected 59 Inf Regt (See S & T Report).

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6. Thursday, 25 October

a Conferred with Major Kimball and Captain Martin, AAFSC/MTG, re requisitioned airfields in Sardinia. Advised them to contact the Requisition Officer.

b Conferred with Col De Gindai re proposed loading of the S.S. "Miraglia" (See our Y 717 of 25 October).

c Conferred with Representative CIP re oil drums held by Army which CIP desire to purchase. Advised him to put in the request through normal channels in writing.

d Conferred with Capt Leach, 65 Staging Post RAF re 2 planes on Italian planes Cagliari to Rome after 7 November. Advised him I had requested instructions re same from MIA Rome and would advise him.

e Capt De Stefano picked up confiscated U.S. tires at Iglesias.

6. Friday, 26 October

a Inspected following:

- (1) Manager Food Depot.
  - (2) 2d Bn 40 Inf Regt At Macomer.
  - (3) 14th Repair Unit at Abbasanta.
- See E & T Report.

b S.S. Miraglia departed for Leghorn with 172 military personnel. (See our Signal Y 717 of 26 October).

7. Saturday, 27 October

a Conferred with Colonel Martire re derequisition of Italian property held in Sardinia.

LESTER R. ALBERT  
Lt Colonel, Infantry  
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26 October 1945

SUBJECT: MHA LO Report.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHA).

1. In compliance with your letter C/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 July submit the following:

a "G" Points. Training. General Macario, Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia, advised us that practice training was being done to quell riots, rebellion, etc in accordance with their plan.

b "A" Points. Shipped the following military to mainland past week:

| <u>Ship</u>         | <u>Date Departed Sardinia</u> | <u>No. of Mil Personnel</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Destroyer Carini    | 15 October                    | 47                          |
| S/S Gemargentu      | 17 October                    | 18                          |
| Cruiser Garibaldi   | 17 October                    | 455                         |
| Destroyer Pacinotti | 19 October                    | 98                          |
| Destroyer Aliseo    | 20 October                    | 78                          |
|                     | Total                         | 690                         |

Due to the extra ships coming in this week approx 50 military will be available for the S/S Abbazia 21 October. The rest of the 200 places will be turned over to civilians.

c "Q" Points. Rations. With the recent arrival of food on the S/S Abbazia no emergencies exist. The Abbazia is still in process of being unloaded and no report as quantity received available as yet. Many cartons, especially Canadian packed fish items, came broken in the ship before being unloaded.

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