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LIAISON REPORT

Oct. 1945 - June 1946

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Medical Directorate. 25% below W.B.
Artillery Directorate. 30% below W.B.
Engineering Directorate. 19% below W.B.
RECON Division. +

+ (figures figures
not yet available
but will be fur-
nished when received)

(iii) Deficiencies in Specialists.

	<u>7 Technical Col.</u>	<u>FORWARD PAY.</u>
<u>M.E. Drivers.</u>	10% below W.B.	+
<u>Mechanics.</u>	20% below W.B.	+
<u>R/T Operators.</u>	10% below W.B.	+

(iii) Disciplining.

Is gradually improving and is generally satisfactory. It will be further improved with the release of old classes. The effect on discipline of the election and referendum results remains to be seen, and will be watched closely.

(iv) Pay.

As ever, Pay is considered by all ranks to be insufficient.

(v) Leave.

Is being improved with better transport arrangements.

(vi) Morale.

Is influenced by the uncertain situation of the Country, but is not giving rise to concern.

P/T Counting. 10% below N.E.

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(vii) Public Relations.

Contact has been made with the local Italian Press, and Broadcasting Corporation, and close collaboration is ensured. After the elections regular periodic contacts will be made with Directors of various newspapers.

At App " I " is a separate envelope containing certain 3199 examples of Local P.R. and Press activity.

(MM/69 Letter
dated 23 May 1965
refers)

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(a) Romania (RUR)(1) Transport. See App'B " attached.(11) Accommodation.

The plan for the occupation of VILIA HUMAYRA as laid down in the last month report has been put into effect, and is working well.

(b) Italian.(1) Transport.

The repair of the railway from PLINER to STIMA and to AUREO has helped out the transport problem. No outstanding difficulties with small vehicles (apart from constant lack of tyres) has been experienced. Percentage of inefficient vehicles; 10%.

On 31 May, the collection began of 200 Jeeps from P.B.S. LERVEN. These are being decided over by 7 M.T. Repair Unit, and a report on their condition will follow.

(11) Accommodation.

Shortage of 1st and 2nd line and training men in PLINER DIV, is being investigated and a full report will be submitted as soon as possible. Talks on NINTINO Allied Depot have been temporarily suspended. It is reported that higher authority have authorized the transfer of some men to the PLINER DIV, from PULLI and LERVENO DIV.

(111) Clothing and Equipment.

Summer uniforms are being made from Italian material and distributed. Ministry of War have issued...

(4) Transport.

The repair of the railway from MARONE to SIENA and to AREZZO has helped cut the transport problem. No outstanding difficulties with small vehicles (apart from constant lack of tyres) has been experienced. Percentage of inefficient vehicles; 10%.

On 31 May, the collection began of 200 Jeeps from P.B.S. LORCHI.
These are being checked over by 7 M.T. Repair Unit, and a report on their condition will follow.

(11) Armament.

Shortage of 1st and 2nd line anti training ammo' in POLIGNO Div, is being investigated and a full report will be submitted as soon as possible.
Incidents on MONTONE Allied Depot have been temporarily suspended. It is reported that higher authority have authorised the transfer of some ammunition to the POLIGNO Div, from PRULLI and LORCHI Div.

(11A) Clothing, and Equipment.

Summer uniforms are being made from Italian material and distributed. Ministry of War have issued some of these uniforms to make up deficiencies in POLIGNO Div.
The issue is one shirt, one pair each of shorts and long trousers. Winter uniform will be withdrawn, washed and repaired, and stored ready for re-issue.

(1V) Accommodation.

7 Ind. Inf. Regt., completed its move to Caserma Funzionale di SCARIGNO.

(V) Buses.

Serious shortage, particularly in light passenger vehicles.

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(vt) P.O.L.

A strike at O.I.P. during May, caused temporary shortage. Petrol can now be drawn normally and reserve stocks used during the strike have been replenished.

(vls) Medical.

- (a) Anti-malarial precautions are being carried out in numerous homes and suspected places. A regular issue of quinine and anti-malarial pills is being made.
- (b) Smallpox and anti-cyprus infection are being carried out regularly.
- (c) 8 Rail Trucks of captured Medical Stores, arrived at the Institute during the month of May; 7 on MP and 1 on GP, 2 Rail Trucks of Condens received from H.E. were found to be date-expired and perished and not suitable for handing over to the Italians at the usual charge.
- 161 Rail Trucks of Medical Stores and equipment arrived from MEDANO during May.
- (d) MEDANA continues to occupy 5 buildings belonging to the ISTITUTO CHIRURGICO-FARMACOLOGICO MILITARE which are urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities for storage of Medicines and Machinery coming from MEDANO and Allied sources. (see also previous reports)

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Appendix "B" to 7 HAJ Letter
HJL/20 dated 6 June 46

Subject: Monthly Report on T.C.A.R. as at 31 May 46.

1. Personnel.

- (a) Recruits, Strength: 264. Small numbers of recruits continued to arrive this month.
- (b) Permanent Staff, 3 Subalterns and 66 Senior and Junior W.O.'s are required to complete W.B. of Instructions. Recommendations for increases of W.B. of 7 C.A.R. have been forwarded under HJL/35P dated 4 June 46. (7 HAJ Letter HJL/35P dated 3 June 46)

2. Training.

Continues to be hindered by lack of instructors. Ministry of War Training Programme is being strictly adhered to, but delay is caused by the very numerous "Preston". 7 C.A.R. is paying great attention to rifle and HAJ firing, much thought and preparation has been given to ensure even running and economy of time in firing practices. Recruits have completed three grouping and two classification practices. Rifle firing has been carried out with 2000m owing to the lack of marker nights. Recruits are carrying out considerably more marching drill than laid down in the programme owing to disturbances involved in reaching ranges.

3. Clothing.

No outstanding problems.

4. Medical.

No recurrence of measles epidemic reported in last month report. Average daily sick 2%.

5. Welfare.

Furniture is being made by Artillery Directorate, 7 T.C., for canteens at 7 C.A.R., and will be paid for out of the recruit grant of 600,000 lire (six hundred thousand).

6. Accommodation.

Barrack rooms are still overcrowded. The question of transferring one Bn to KUMING is being considered. (HJL Letter HJL/35P dated 3 June 46)

Continues to be hindered by lack of instruction. Ministry of War Training Programme is being strictly adhered to, but delay is caused by the very numerous "pestes". 7 C.A.R. is paying great attention to rifle and live firing, much thought and preparation has been given to ensure even running and economy of time in firing practice. Recruits have completed three grouping and two classification exercises. Live firing has been carried out with mortar owing to the lack of mortar sights. Recruits are carrying out considerably more marching drill than laid down in the programme owing to disturbances involved in reaching ranges.

No outstanding problems.

No recurrence of measles epidemic reported in last month report.
Average daily sick 2%.

Furniture is being made by Artillery Directorate, 7 T.C., for barracks at 7 C.A.R., and will be paid for out of the recent grant of 600,000 lire (six hundred thousand).

Barrack rooms are still overcrowded. The question of transferring one bn to ROMA and one to BARRACKS, MILANO, will be discussed with 7 T.C. when the election period is over. (MIA letter dated 29 May refers)

Training ceased on 23 May, and recruits moved into position and assumed Public Security duties in locations as shown in our Secret Signal MU/28 dated 1 June 45.

3. Clothing.

4. Medical.

5. Welfare.

6. Accommodation.

7. Moves.

Appendix "P" to 7 B.L.H. Letter
 HQ/20 dated 6 June 1946

COMMISSIONER'S WARRANT OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION OF MARCH
 REPORT, AS AT 1 JUNE 1946

1. 1 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot

Inspection carried out of the Mag. Casomaggio at VIA PIRCHICI IN PALERMO, recently vacated by the British N.S., and now held by 7 Terr. Command.

I had hoped to house the Bulk Barrack Depot at this location in preference to the four rooms already earmarked for them at MONTICINO NINO - PIRCHICI. The PIRCHICI location is, in my opinion, unsuitable for housing the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in so much as it consists of only four very large rooms. It will be necessary to partition off these rooms into sections to ensure adequate security to attractive items and the satisfactory segregation of other items, as necessary in this type of Stores Depot. In addition to this there are two further objections. All issues and receipts of stores will entail the extreme difficulty of man-handling the stores up and down the flight of stone stairs which connects the four rooms allotted, one above the other. The only alternative to this is by means of hauling up or lowering by means of ropes. Both systems are decidedly unsatisfactory considering the type of stores and the danger involved.

The Mag. Casomaggio at VIA PIRCHICI IN PALERMO on the other hand has in point of fact been used as a Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in the past and has the great advantage of having all its rooms on the ground floor with each room already allocated for its purpose and still bearing the original sign boards indicating for what purpose each room was used.

My recommendations on this to E.O. 7 Territorial Command could not unfortunately be entertained owing to the fact that the Comandante are interested in keeping their units in one centralized location.

I have added my own weight to my recommendation.

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The Mag. Casemaggio at VIA PIEMONTE IN BIRKENHEAD on the other hand has in point of fact been used as a Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in the past and has the great advantage of having all its rooms on the ground floor with each room already allocated for its purpose and still bearing the original sign boards indicating for what purpose each room was used.

My recommendations on this to E.O. 7 Territorial Command could not unfortunately be entertained owing to the fact that the Commandants are interested in keeping their units in one centralized location. I have asked greater weight to my recommendations and urged them to reconsider the whole position. Territorial Command's final ruling is now awaited.

Restoring of supply of Machinery required.

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2. 7 Barrack Stores.

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(Cont'd) 7 Repair Factors.

Items concerned as detailed in my previous Report Month ending April '46 para. 1.

3. 7 Clothing and Equipment Storage.

Still in process of being transferred from PUEBLO DE BAGO to KIBALI. Occasional minor transport difficulties being experienced but progressing favorably.

4. Fire Fighting Equipment.

Further to my Report Month ending March '46, para. 5.(b). The following Consolidated list shows the extreme shortage within this Command of the Fire Fighting Equipment. This list is complete with the exception of the 1-

H.Q. Artillery
H.Q. 7 Inf. Regt.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT
7 Territorial Command

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	HELD	STILL REQD.	UNDER REPAIR
Extinguishers Foam.	209	848	243
" " Mobile 150 Lb.	1	76	7
" " Acid ARMED	20	-	-
" " MUX	4	-	-
" " Refills	15	96	-
" " Bomb Type	5	67	-
" " Smoke Acid	-	5	-
Exhausts Fire	30	844	-
Axes Pick	480	1324	-
Shovels	524	593	-
Hoses Fire	11	-	-
Containers Sand	4	-	-
Sand Bags	39	1800	-

6. Visit to Visit from A.D.C. B. H.Q. M.M.V.A., Lt. Col. A.J. ENAD
Re. A.C. on 15th and 16th May 1946.

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of the Fire Fighting Brigades within this Command complete with the exception of the :-

H.Q. Artillery
H.Q. 7 Inf. Bn.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT
7 Territorial Command

	HELD	STILL NEED.	UNDER REPAIR.
Extinguishers Foam.	209	648	243
" " Mobile 120 Lit.	1	76	7
" Acid ALUNA	20	-	-
" " MUEL	4	-	-
" Refills	15	96	-
" Bomb Type	6	67	-
" Smoke Acid	-	5	-
Reckets Fire	80	814	-
Axes Picks	480	1324	-
Shovels	534	593	-
Hoses Wire	11	-	-
Containers Soil	4	-	-
Sand Bags	39	1800	-

6. Visits. 1. 1945.

Visit from A.D.O.S., H.Q., M.A.O.S., M.A.O.S., M.A.O.S. and 16th May 1945.

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J. E. S. S. S.

Commanding Officer,
H.Q. 7 Inf. Bn.

31st May 1945.

Appendix "E" to 7 B.L.U. Letter MM/20
Dated 6 June 1946

PACIFIC AND CORONARY BY "GARIBOLDI" REGT (POLISH INF. DIV.)

in FLORENCE 19 May 1946

On 19 May 1946 the presentation of Medals for Valour, to soldiers of the expeditionary Division "GARIBOLDI" for operations of that Division in the Balkans from Sept. 43 to Mar 45, will take place in FLORENCE.

The losses of the division were estimated to be about 18,000 men, including dead, wounded, and missing.

Local Military, civilian, political and ecclesiastical bodies and the "GARIBOLDI" Veterans Association will participate in the ceremony.

The ceremony will take place in PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA at 1000 hrs.

About 50 Medals for Valour will be presented including some Gold Medals, Col. Clayton P. KERR, U.S. ARMY, Deputy Commander K.M.I.A., will present American decorations to Lt. Col. TIZIO and Sgt. TURCHINI SCIMITO of the "WINDO" Regt.

These decorations were earned during the proud action of the "WINDO" Division at the battle of GRISIGNO (near BOLOGNA) on 19 Apr. 45.

After the ceremony the "GARIBOLDI" Regt. and the "GARIBOLDI" Veterans Association will parade through the town. They will lay a laurel wreath at GARIBOLDI's Monument in LUGLIANO A. VERUCCHI.

The proceedings will be concluded by the "GARIBOLDI" Regt. and GARIBOLDINI Veterans Association being transported by lorries along PRINCIPALESSA MANFREDATA Avenue.

(Translation of article that appeared in "IL NUOVO CORRIERE"
dated 20 May 1946)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO FAMILIES
of Fallen, and to War Veterans of "GARIBOLDI" (FLORENCE, 19
May 1946)

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of Fallen, and to War Veterans of "GARIBOLDI" (FLORENCE, 19
May 1946)

A solemn ceremony of presentation of awards to families of fallen soldiers and to Veterans of "GARIBOLDI" Div. took place yesterday at PIAZZA DELLA SICHORIA in a most stirring atmosphere. There was present the "GARIBOLDI" Regt. and Unit representatives of all the Armed Forces of 7 Territorial Command; Gen. DEI SIME, Commanding 7 Territorial Command, arrived at 1000 hrs; he was greeted by the Regimental Band, and reviewed all Troops, accompanied by Lt. Col. RAVICH (Comd. "GARIBOLDI" Regt.).

Col. KERR, Deputy Commander of M.H.I.A., Col. HANSEN, Major GERRON, Major VAN KIRK, were present, with Gen. FLAHERTY (O.C. "FALCON" Div.), Col. BOURNARD of G.C., and many civilian authorities.

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(Cont'd Appendix "C" to 7 D.L.U. Letter BIL/20 dated 6 June 1946)

Col. RAVINICH opened the ceremony, greeting all the authorities present and thanking them for attending the ceremony. He reminded on this day it was intended to honour not only the fallen and brave Veterans of the glorious partisan div. in the BALKANS, only a quarter of whom had returned, but also, in their name, commemorate all who had risked and sacrificed their lives for Italy's freedom.

Soon after the speech, the awards were presented; a Gold Medal to the Colonel of the "MARTA" Group and 5 other (posthumous) Gold Medals in memory of Maj. CESSARI FIVA, Lt. PRANCO RIVAROLI, Capt. MARIO PIVA, Lt. ENZO MERO and Lt. PASQUALE VILLI.

31. Silver Medals and several other awards were then given; the balance of 4750 awards were to be presented later, within the Regiment.

Gen. DE SILENTE then gave the citation for which Col. RAVINICH was promoted to higher rank, and Col. RIVA presented Lt. Col. ENZO GUNSKOFF of the "TIBBO" Regt. with a Distinguished Service Cross, one of the highest American awards, and to M.O. ROMEO TUNELLI, also of the "TIBBO", a Bronze Star Medal.

Up to that moment the presentation proceeded in an ever increasing atmosphere of emotion in the remembrance of so many battles and of so many young men who had made so generous a sacrifice, but at this point an unpleasant incident disturbed the moving atmosphere which had up to this moment been completely free from any political feeling.

Gold Medalist ORRINO TONARDO, came on to the dais and spoke.

He presented the compliments of the "MILITARY" and of the Gold Medalists to the new heroes and to the memory of the fallen. He stated that the reconstruction of the Country would be really welcomed and appreciated, but at the end of his speech, he shouted: "Viva Umberto II". The speaker was immediately reproached by Gen. DE SILENTE and by the Prefetto, who, with all present, showed their regret at an incident that caused a strong reaction amongst the GARIBOLDINI. This reaction was put into words by partisan DEL FIDELI.

The incident appeared to be finished and the ceremony ended with Military Marches.

However, whilst troops were moving to take part in the parade, some representatives of "GARIBOLDINI" Association and of the Army, went to GARIBOLDINI's Monument to place a laurel crown on it. Here, a small group of the Monarchist Party, who followed the representatives carrying Monarchist flags, was reproached by several civilians. Some time later, the same group went to VIA LANGONI, where a further incident occurred. Fortunately this was soon settled by the speedy arrival of civil and Military Police. During the incident, two Monarchist flags were

the balance of 1750 shirts were to be presented later, within the Regiment.

Gen. DE SINGNE then gave the citation for which Col. RAVENHILL was promoted to higher rank, and Col. KERS presented Lt. Col. IRIS GUNDSBY of the "Humboldt" Regt. with a Distinguished Service Cross, one of the highest American awards, and to S.O. RALPH TOWNSEND, also of the "Humboldt", a Bronze Star Medal.

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Gold Medalist ORRIS TOWNSEND, came on to the dais and spoke.

He presented the compliments of the "Blue Ribbon" and of the Gold Medalists to the new heroes and to the memory of the Fallen. He stated that the resurrection of the Country would be really welcomed and appreciated, but at the end of his speech, he shouted "Viva Umberto II". The speaker was immediately reproached by Gen. DE SINGNE and by the Prefetto, who, with all present, showed their regret at an incident that caused a strong reaction amongst the GARIBOLDI. This reaction was put into words by partisan DEL FUMM.

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However, whilst troops were moving to take part in the parade, some representatives of "GARIBOLDI" Association and of the Army, went to GARIBOLDI's Monument to place a laurel crown on it. Here, a small group of the Monarchist Party, who followed the representatives carrying Monarchist flags, was reproached by several civilians. Some time later, the same group went to VIA EMILIA, where a further incident occurred. Fortunately this was soon settled by the speedy arrival of civil and Military Police. During the incident, two Monarchist flags were burned and people were injured.

The "BLUE RIBBON" Section has stated in the Press that they had not authorized anyone to speak on their behalf and were sorry for the incident that happened during a purely Military ceremony and which had no political significance.

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(Cont'd of Appendix "E" to 7 H.L.U. letter BH/20 dated 6 June 1946)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMANDER GENERAL 7 TERRITORIAL
COMMAND WHICH APPEARED AFTER THE FOREGOING ARTICLE
IN THE SAME PAPER OF THE SAME DATE.

General DE STAKEN, Commanding 7 Territorial Command, states:-

"I have to deplore the fact that a representative of the Gold
Medallist who came from KHM to congratulate the recipients of the Medals,
used some untimely expressions during the ceremony at PIAZZA DELLA SIGMORIA,
during the presentation of awards to Veterans of "GABRIELLI" DIV. I also
blame other speakers who expressed political opinions whilst troops were
present".

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General DE SMITH, Commanding 7 Territorial Command, stated:-

"I have to deplore the fact that a representative of the Gold Medalist who came from RENE to congratulate the recipients of the Medals, used some untimely expressions during the ceremony at PIAZZA DELLA SICURTÀ, during the presentation of awards to Veterans of "GANGHAR" Div. I also blame other speakers who expressed political opinions whilst troops were present".

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Appendix "H" to J.L.U. letter
dated 6 June '46

TRANSLATION OF A PAMPHLET FOUND IN THE CLOSET OF PLANNING

ON 23 MAY 1946

In recent days, false information has been spread, especially among Officers and NCO's, with the intention of sowing panic regarding what would happen on June 3rd next, when the Italian people will have pronounced the condemnation of the Monarchy.

Don't worry.

The parties against the Monarchy, who will take over the Government of the Country, will have need of the Armed Forces, and certainly they will not trouble anyone who can show that they have not been traitors. A selection, certainly, will be made especially amongst higher ranks, but this selection will above all take most account of services and fidelity rendered to the people, of whom the Army and the Corps of Police will have to be the first supporters.

It depends on how these Forces will be have themselves in these last days as to what judgment will be meted out to them.

The parties of the left are agreed in their intention to give the Armed Forces a new and more modern set-up in which officers, NCO's and men may have the moral and material treatment which will liberate them from the political and economic subjection which until now has degraded them.

Therefore, do not be alarmed, and give no ear to tendentious rumors or to biased propaganda.

We love our Country as all do, but we do not speculate on this sentiment for electoral aims.

THIS IS THE TRUTH.

7 DIVISION TRAINING UNIT
PLACEMENT

REDA 25/12

REDA 25/12 1945

Subject: Reports and Return - Red/Beginning North Report

To: Ballala

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1. Reference BY/115 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

2. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) Red/Beginning north report as at 1/5/46.

(b) At Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 D.L.U. and equivalent units.
Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Units and to the, and equivalent units.

(c) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 D.L.U.

(d) At Appx "C" is statement to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt/Col. and above.

(e) At Appx "D" is Return of Mr. R.T. held by this D.L.U.

(f) At Appx "E" is Progress Report on G.A.R. HQ.

(g) At Appx "F" is Report by G.D. W.O.

(h) At Appx "G" a short report is attached of the Operational Period held in REDO on Sunday 28 Apr. by the 2nd Lt. "REDO" Regt.

C.C. REDO
Lt. Col.
G.D. 2

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Subject: 731.1.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 May 1946.

1. GENERAL.(a) Domestic (HAI)

- (i) Lieut. A. ARSULT (Interpreter) returned from 15 days leave on 30 Apr.
- (ii) L/C PACE (MG) and P31 COMMAND left on release 23 Apr.
- (iii) Cdr. WALKER left 23 Apr. to attend 14 days Learner Clark's course at MESEB.

(b) British.

- (i) No. 14 Area Cash Office FLORENCE closed w.e.f. 15 Apr.
Nearest Field Cashier is now POLYMER. Money is drawn under arrangements of O.C. Troops MALTA.
- (ii) No. 50 BIS closed down w.e.f. 16 Apr. CR's HAST Supplies are now drawn from MILITARY. Representatives of 7 HUI goes each week to draw.

(c) Visits and Mail.

- (i) Lt. Col. MURRAY (GSO 2 22g HAI) visited the C.A.R. at MESEB on 17 and 18 Apr., followed by a conference with GSO I and GSO II on 19 Apr.
Details and points raised as a result of this visit are included in separate C.A.R. Report at Apx "B"
- (ii) Maj. MURPHY, SO R. Sign MESEB, visited P31GONE Div. Sign. on 23 Apr. accompanied by GSO II of this R.I.U.

- (iii) Major HANLEY, BATES MESEB, visited MESEB

(141) Cdr. WALFORD left 28 Apr. to attend 14 days Learner Clerk's course at HONOLULU.

(b) British.

- (i) No. 44 Area Gen. Office FLORENCE closed W.O.F. 18 Apr. Heaviest Field Gunner is now JERUSALEM. Heavy is down under arrangements of O.C. Troops FLORENCE.
- (ii) No. 50 HUI closed down W.O.F. 16 Apr. CR's NAATI Supplies are now down from FLORENCE. Representative of 7 HUI goes each week to CR's.

(c) Visits and Meetings.

- (i) Lt. Col. MURRAY (GSO I Wg MIA) visited the C.A.B. at SUVA on 27 and 28 Apr., followed by a conference with GSO I and GSO II on 19 Apr. Details and points raised as a result of this visit are included in separate C.A.B. Report at Appx "g".
- (ii) Maj. MORGAN, SO R. Sigs SIGA, visited FLORENCE Div. Sigs. on 23 Apr. accompanied by GSO II of this B.L.U.
- (iii) Major HARVEY, DAMEA MIA, visited FLORENCE 25-27 Apr. when he visited the Medical School and Pharmaceutical Institute. On his way to RUI he visited C.A.B. SIGA on 27 Apr.
- (iv) A ceremonial parade and celebration on the anniversary of the battle of GUZMANO (near BOLOVA) was held in ARIZZO on Sunday 28 Apr. by the 2nd Bn. HONOLULU Regt. G.S.O I was invited by Gen. FLORENCE to attend, but owing to short notice and also the necessity for discussion with M.I.I.A. staff officers (Majors WHITE and HARRISON) on that morning, the B.L.U. was represented by Major GEMMELMAN (G.O. H.R. L.O.) A short report is attached at Appx "h".

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- (v) The late ROBERTSON CLUB, now handed over to 7 T.C., was on 27 Apr. officially opened by Gen. BE SILENT as a "CLUB DEL SOGGERITO" and Italian G.R.'s Rest Camp. The ceremony took the form of an excellent and well-attended concert in the main hall, preceded by an opening address. Officers and G.R.'s of the B.L.U. were invited; GSO I and Major GROSSI were escorted immediately on arrival to the General's table where they were treated with great cordiality.

During the interval the General's party made a tour of the building, in the course of which it became clear that the military authorities responsible fully realise the importance and value of providing good welfare facilities (sleeping accommodation, reading and writing rooms, amusements and dance hall, canteen, billiards, bar, M.I. Room etc) for the G.R.'s. (The plan was ubiquitous on this occasion; cuttings, photos etc will be forwarded under separate cover, in case they may be of interest).

- (vi) Gen. MALORI, Chief POLICIA Inf. Div., paid an informal visit to GSO I on 30 Apr. to discuss matters of general interest.

- (vii) G.S.O. I intends to start a programme of visits to all units of 7 T.C. on the Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. 7 T.C. has been asked to submit a proposed programme. It has been made clear that these visits will NOT be in the nature of inspections, but with the object of meeting commanders, seeing the units "on the ground", and finding out any difficulties in which the B.L.U. might be able to help.

"G" 2. (a) Gen.

(1) Domestic

See para 1 above

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Welfare facilities (sleeping accommodation, reading and writing rooms, concert and dance hall, canteen, billiards, bar, M.I. Room etc) for the D.R.'s.
(The Press was ubiquitous on this occasion; cuttings, photos etc will be forwarded under separate cover, in case they may be of interest).

(vi) Gen. MALONE, Commanding Inf. Div.; paid an informal visit to GSO I on 30 Apr. to discuss matters of general interest.

(vii) G.S.O. I intends to start a programme of visits to all units of 7 E.C. on the Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. G.S.O. has been asked to submit a proposed programme. It has been made clear that these visits will not be in the nature of inspections, but with the object of meeting commanders, seeing the units "on the ground", and finding out any difficulties in which the B.I.U. might be able to help.

"C" 2. (a) Ork.

(1) Domestic
(11) Italian

See para 1 above

"C" (b) Employment of TSB

(1) 7 Inf. Regt. All employed on guard duties on Military depots, prisons, P.O.W. Camp, LAZARUS, train escorts etc. Until 9 Apr. employed on public security duties in connection with the elections.

(11) 6 Provisional Group. Under operational command of P.B.S. and mainly employed on guard duties.

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- (iii) At a recent interview with Genl. DE SIMONE he stated that in view of the forthcoming elections, he was ordering a certain amount of regrouping of the troops in 7 P.O. This regrouping would be completed before the end of May.

(c) Training.

- (i) 1 Inf. Inf. Regt. No training possible owing to heavy commitments of guard duties.
- (ii) 6 Prov. Group. No training possible owing to guard duty commitments.
- (iii) 1 C.A.R. See annex "A".
- (iv) PARADE DAY. "MAMBO" Regt. Coy tactical training: Range firing with mortars and 6 pr. guns. Specialist courses are being run for H.Q. drivers and H/T operators. Officers T.E.W.T.S. are being held.
- "GAMBIER" Regt. Settling into new billets: no training yet started.
- Artillery Regt. Battery tactical training.

"Q"

(d) Intelligence.

- (i) One copy of a fortnightly newspaper "KROLO" published in SIEM and dated 17 Apr. is forwarded with this Report. The newspaper has come to hand (through O.C.M. sources) only while this Report was already in type; further copies and comments are forwarded under separate cover. At first glance it would appear to be a SIEM Communist and anti-Monarchist publication, designed for propaganda among O.C.M. and recruits of the C.A.R. It has been distributed among troops and O.C.M. in SIEM, YISMA

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(144) T.C.A.R.

See above "1".

(147) RAJAHMUNDRAM.

"TERRA" Regt. Coy tactical training:
Range firing with mortars and
6 in. guns.

Specialist courses are being run
for M.T. drivers and M/T operators.
Officers T.E.W.F.S. are being
held.

"RAJAHMUNDRAM" Regt. Settling into
new billets; no training yet
started.

Artillery Regt. Battery tactical
training.

"Q"(2) Intelligence.

- (1) One copy of a fortnightly newspaper "SUDHAKAR" is forwarded with this Report. The newspaper has come to hand (through C.O.M.R. sources) only while this Report was already in type; further copies and comments are forwarded under separate cover. At first glance it would appear to be a SUDHAKAR Communist and anti-monarchist publication, designed for propaganda among C.O.M.R. and recruits of the G.A.R. It has been distributed among troops and C.O.M.R. in SUDHAKAR, PISTOLA and PANDHAR, together with anti-monarchist broadside addressed specifically to C.O.M.R. C.O.M.R. L.O. has written a separate report to M.M.I.A. on this newspaper and the handbill.

It is considered that this political propaganda campaign should be energetically countered by the Military and C.O.M.R. Authorities.

- (11) The opening and the facilities of the "GAMA dai SUDHAKAR" have made a very good impression on the Italian Army O.R.'s (See also paras 1 (d)(iv) and 4 (b) iv)

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ATTACH. 7 B.I.J.
C.O.M.R./19 of
5 May 1945 refers

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(11d) It is reported, but not confirmed from British sources, that in the "PACIFIC" Inf. Div. and in several other units in "PACIFIC" there is a feeling among the G.N.'s that should the popular elections in June favor a Republican Government the soldiers will "walk out" of the Army and return to their homes.

3. (a) Presenting (PM)

(1) Deficiencies.

Offrs : Maj. Capt. MURPHY R.A.S.C. leaves on release in 3 weeks time.

G.R.'s: 1 Col. Clerk (CD-2000)
1 L/C - (HMS)
1 L/C (over 1000)
1 A.C. Cook (Civilian held in lieu)

(11) Posted surplus to P.M.

7675755 A/S Sgt. ARMY F.L. BATES. A/S Op 20 (Clerk.)

14025328 Cmr. HAWKES, K. R. A/S Op 68 (Clerk Training)

14066298 Cmr. Seward, K. R. A/S Op 70 (Clerk Training)

A/C Sgt ARMY (A/S Op 29) was posted as replacement to the Chief Clerk's unit (A/S Op 23). The latter has not deferred for three months under "Gandhi's Agreement" scheme.

(b) Itinerary.

(i) Deficiencies in strength.

7 Inf. Regt. Approx 550 G.N.'s below W.S.

M.F. Repair Directorate. 20% below W.S.

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Others : MIL, Capt. MERRON R.A.S.C. leaves
on release in 3 weeks time.

C.R.'s: 1 Cpl Clark (CD-2130)
1 I/C - (HMS)
2 I/A (Dvr Mech)
1 A.G. Cook (Civilian held in lieu)

(14) Posted surplus to W.N.

7675759 A/S Sgt. ARRY P.L. Bury. A/S Op 29
(Clark.)

14025528 Cmr. MALCOLM. K. RA. A/S Op 63
(Clark Thirps)

14064038 Cmr. Stuart. K. RA. A/S Op 70
(Clark Thirps)

A/S Sgt ARRY (A/S Op 29) was posted as
replacement to the Chief Clerk; this unit
(A/S Op 23). The latter has now departed for
three months under "Continuity Agreement" scheme.

"A"

(b) Italian.

(1) Deficiencies in strength.

7 Inf. Regt. Approx 550 O.R.'s below W.N.

M.E. Repair Directorate. 20% below W.N.

(all specialists)

Medical Directorate. 33% below W.N.

Engineer Inf. Div. 20% below W.N.

(11) Deficiencies in Specialists

Engineer Inf. Div.

M.T. Drivers 20% below W.N.
D.M.'s 90% "
R.T. operators 40% "

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(144) Miscellaneous.(27) Rev.(7) Leaves.(vi) Munich.

Nothing notable to report,
apart from a general
improvement in relations

between civilians and military.

4. (a) Domestic (RUS)(i) Transport. See app. "y" attached.(ii) Accommodation. It has been decided NOT to set up an officers' residence and Mess at the Villa PHILADELPHIA, but instead to :-

relieve the overcrowding of O.R.'s in the Villa annex by overflowing into the Villa.

give sleeping accommodation in the Villa to the Italian Officer Interguards, who are suffering considerable financial hardship under their present living conditions

provide welfare/recreation/ changing rooms, for both officers and O.R.'s, in the Villa (which has a swimming pool which will certainly be used later in the war weather)

NOT/9 dated
1 May 1946
refers and
amplified

"Q" (b) Italian.
(i) Transport.

All I.M. arrangements have functioned satisfactorily and have been assisted by an improvement in railway facilities.

(ii) Accommodation. It has been noted that the Villa was used as an officers' residence and mess at the Villa Pignatelli, but instead to:

relative the overcrowding of O.R.'s in the Villa were by overflowing into the Villa.

give sleeping accommodation in the Villa to the Italian officers' interpreters, who are suffering considerable financial hardship under their present living conditions

provide welfare/recreation/charging rooms, for both officers and O.R.'s, in the Villa (which has a swimming pool which will certainly be much used later in the war weather)

MM/9 dated
1 May 1946
refers and
amplified

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(b) Italian

(i) Transport.

All M.T. arrangements have functioned satisfactorily and have been assisted by an improvement in railway facilities.

Vehicle Inf. Div. Vehicles: 20% below v.o.
50% efficient.

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(ii) Ordnance:

See O.E.O.'s Report at Appx "g"

(iii) Clothing and Equipment. No special problems apart

from those noted in last Report, and those noted in O.A.R. Report at Appx "g".

(iv) Accommodation.

CASA del SILENZIO. On Saturday 27 Apr. Gen I and D.A. & G.S. attended the official opening of the "CASA del SILENZIO" in FLORENCE. This is that portion of the ROSSIGNOL Club that has been taken over by 7 S.C.

An excellent concert and dance was held

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and the prisoners inspected with Genl. LES STARR and staff.

If the standard storm is kept up this should be the best Italian Army Warfare Centre in Italy.

(See also paras 2 (c)(iv) and 2 (d) (ii) above)

SCANDICHI AND RAINIERIA Hqs. Troops of 7 Ind. Regt. at present in RAINIERIA barracks are moving to SCANDICHI barracks, and the whole of the former barracks will be taken over by G.I. This move will have been completed by 5 May.

BLH/26 dated
28 Apr. 1946

1st Sig. Bn. (FUSIER Inf. Div.) will also be accommodated in SCANDICHI Hqs.

CHERCHIARO Hqs. The 6th Cavalry Regt. (MILITARY Inf. Div.) recently returned from SICILY, is now accommodated in CHERCHIARO Hqs, less one Coy at FERRAZZA DI BASSO (MILITARY City)

(v) P.O.L.

The recent interruption in the supply of petrol to the MILITARY Division resulted in there being approximately 100,000 Kg. remaining undelivered against the March allocation.

Improvement is noted in the recent rate of supply and an assurance has been received from G.I.C. that the undelivered balance will be made good as early as possible.

(vi) Medical Stores

Captured Enemy Stores continue to arrive from MILITARY ex Mid-East, two rail trucks having been received during the past month.

21 rail trucks of Medical Stores were received from MILITARY during the month of April, making a total of 156 railway trucks received up to date.

Five large buildings at the Pharmaceutical Institute are still occupied by MILITARY

CONVULSIONS RE. The "CONVULSION" Regt. (POLICE
Inf. Div.) recently returned from SPAIN, is
now accommodated in CONVULSION Regt. less one
Co. at FORTUNA DA MUSSO (CONVULSION Div.)

(v) P.O.D.

The recent interruption in the supply of
Petrol to the POLICE Division resulted
in there being approximately 100,000 Kg.
remaining undelivered against the March
allocation.

Improvement is noted in the recent rate
of supply and an assurance has been
received from C.I.C. that the undelivered
balance will be made good as early as
possible.

(vi) Medical
Stores

Captured enemy stores continue to arrive
from NAZI ex-territories, two rail trucks
having been received during the past
month.

84 rail trucks of Medical Stores were
received from MARANO during the month of
April, making a total of 154 rail trucks
received up to date.

Five large buildings at the Pharmaceutical
Institute are still occupied by NAZI
and are urgently required by the Italian
Military authorities to cope with medical
stores arriving from MARANO.

C.A.R.

Immunizations and general medical organization
complete.

POLICE Inf. Div.

The following Medical units have
received orders from 7 T.O. to close down,
their personnel to be absorbed into other
medical units of 7 T.O.s and their equipment
to be collected and held at the disposal of
7 T.O.

516 St. Hospital
527 " "
28. Medical Section
Field Surgical Unit
Dental Unit

Red. Cross.

34 (Red Cross) Hospital at ANTICIANO has been
closed down on Ministry of War orders.

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Signal School R&E	193
Army Directorate S.G. R&E	4
Technical and Artillery Operations	8
School - CIVILIAN	144
Engineering School - CIVILIAN	40
Medical Coy - CIVILIAN	168
Artillery School - CIVILIAN	36
7th Army Regt. - CIVILIAN	28
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	36
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	30
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	20
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	32
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	40
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	20
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	15
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	22
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	33
144 Engineers Regt. - CIVILIAN	68

Authority has been given for the retention of 65 recruits to be used as instructors at 7 C.A.R. when they have completed their training. These individuals have been already examined, and will receive special training as instructors during the present course.

b) REMARKS

(1) 7 C.A.R. are deficient of 13 instructors (1000 and 0.0.0.0). No notification has been received of the arrival of personnel to meet these deficiencies.

(14) No answers have yet arrived although funds have been requested from the MILITARY DIVISION.

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2. Training. (a) Due to curtail preparation and foresight on the part of 7 C.A.R., training started in full swing on 1 Apr. '45. The chief difficulty was due to lack of instructors (see para 1 (b)) and to the fact that recruits continued to arrive throughout the first half of the month (see para 2 (a) (1)).

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- (b) There has been progressing steadily on ranges with the result that over 50 yd ranges are now completed. Planned by was experienced in reg indicating the necessary ground but this has now been overcome and work has been started on a 500 yd range. It is estimated that all ranges will be completed by the target firing date.
- (c) 7 G.A.R. are preparing a report on their criticisms of the laid down training programme. This report is not yet complete but it is known that one of the main criticisms will be that too much time is allotted to foot drill, and insufficient time allowed for firing. In this connection the Ministry of War have given their consent to an extension of approx one hour's training overtimes on each day that recruits carry out firing exercises, to allow for the time taken in going on foot to and from the ranges.
- (d) Training arm. has arrived at 7 G.A.R. and is in course of distribution. It is confirmed that 9 mm. BROWNING has been received, although advice notes stated .45 T&E.
- (e) With the departure of the recruits for specialist training (see para 1 (a) 14) and the eventual completion of the U.R. of instructors it is estimated that one instructor will be available for every ten recruits, as laid down in "The Training Handbook".
3. Equipment.
- (a) A laundry has been installed at LAMBERSIA barracks, in which civilians are employed under military supervision. This laundry serves the entire U.A.R.
- (b) The repair shops, one for clothing and one for boots, have been started at LAMBERSIA barracks. The former has helped considerably in altering uniforms to fit out-class in recruits.
- (c) The necessity for early planning and forethought as regards clothing and equipment for the next "Intake" was stressed to the Commandant.
- (d) So far no information has been received by the U.A.R. as to whether better weight clothing will be issued for the next course. No provision has been made for any change-over to winter clothing during the present course.
- (e) Webbing equipment, pouches, belts and canteen stores have

- over the top of the mountain and the mountain was being prepared to allow for the time taken in going on foot to and from the range.
- (d) Training run. has arrived at 7 C.A.B. and is in course of distribution. It is confirmed that 9 m. 311 m. has been received, although advice notes stated 15 m.
- (e) With the departure of the recruits for specialist training (see para 2 (a) 11) and the eventual completion of the U.L. of instructions it is estimated that one instructor will be available for every ten recruits, as laid down in "The Training Handbook".
- (f) A laundry has been installed at LAMONGA barracks, in which civilians are employed under military supervision. This laundry serves the entire C.A.B.
- (g) Two repair shops, one for clothing and one for boots, have been started at LAMONGA barracks. The former has helped considerably in altering uniforms to fit conditions in recruits.
- (h) The necessity for early planning and forethought as regards Clothing and Equipment for the next "Intake" was stressed to the Commandant.

3. Clothing.

- (a) So far no information has been received by the C.A.B. as to whether summer weight clothing will be issued for the next course. No provision has been made for any change-over to summer clothing during the present course.
- (b) Working overalls, pouches, belts and shoulder straps have been received and distributed. The bulk of pouches received are "universal" type and consequently of little use when worn with the web belt. A report giving numbers of each type of pouches has been requested and will be furnished earliest (para 162 of 162 v/c dated 23 April 1961) 3091
- (c) The need is urgently felt of some form of P.S. kit; even P.S. shorts alone would be a help.
- (d) On 27 Apr. five cases of measles were reported at 7 C.A.B. All personnel were inspected by medical officers and six detained as suspects. These were subsequently discharged. No further cases have been reported.

4. Medical.

(b) Major HURLEY (DAVIS - H.M.I.A.) in company with G.H., 7 M.H., visited LAGUNA barracks on 27 Apr. 46 and inspected barracks rooms, kitchens and medical stores. His main comment on his visit was on the overcrowding of barracks rooms and the low proportion, compared with number of inmates, of ablutions and latrines. Present facilities and spaces are sufficient for only about half the number accommodated.

5. Well-Being.

(a) There is a deplorable lack of sports equipment. 7 C.A.R. have improvised such stores as was possible but their interests for footballs, basket balls, nets etc. have not been met.

(b) Indoor day and night football matches are being played and the troops show great interest.

(c) Work has been completed on the proposed C.A.R.'s club (see "C.A.R. Club Building") but no reply has been received to the application for a grant of one million lire to furnish and open this club.

ACQUA 11/1/55
del 3 Apr. 46
MURRAY.

(d) A grant of 600,000 lire (six hundred thousand) has been given to 7 C.A.R. to be spent on contents within the barracks.

Plans have been made for the furnishing of these contents which show every sign of being of a very high order.

During the first month a profit of 50-60,000 lire was made.

This profit is being utilized to improve the contents, to provide prizes for various events and to help meet the hardship due to men being separated from their families etc.

(e) A native non-officer has been found from the recruits; this will play each evening and arrangements have been made for broadcasting to all barracks.

(f) An excellent broadcasting and loudspeaker system is nearing completion at LAGUNA barracks. This will be used for the playing of records and amusements etc as well as for entertainment.

Appendix "F" to 7 III

Letter III/20 dated 5 May 64

GEORGE VANDER OVERTON'S - His/Beginning South Parrot as at 1 May 1964

1. 7. REPAIR FACTORY

A conference was held to determine the date of the transfer of 7 Repair Factory to Rikard. Col. BUREAU and Major BUREAU confirmed that repairs to the new Factory were still being executed. In addition to this they stated that they are also awaiting the arrival of the various machinery necessary for the functioning of the new Factory. This machinery is being supplied through their Ministry of War. M.O.W. Letter 1232/1.C. of the 7th March refers.

The machinery in question is as follows:-

Sewing Machines MEXON B.V.	192
P.D.L. (zig-zag)	4
Tables Sewing Machines MEXON B.V.	32
Sewing Machines, Equipment MEXON O.P.	6
Machines Elastic w/Pedal.	2
Motors for Sewing Machn. MEXON, B.V. 1 H.P.	32
Motors for Sewing Machn. MEXON, O.P. 1/2	8
Machines Elect. Cutting, Large.	4
Small.	4
Machines Sewing Leather, Hand.	1
Machines Revolving w/Bandages	1
Milling Machine	1
Machines Handsewing Sides. 5x70.	1
7x70.	5
8x70	4
10x70	2
Kit of Spare Parts for "Rikard" Machines.	1

It would be suggested if hastening action could be taken to obtain these.

2. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT STORES

The Clothing & Equipment Stores are being transferred from NUNATAK da BASSO to RIKARD. The movement commenced on the 2nd May and it is anticipated that it will be completed by 23rd May.

3. "Rikard" Inc. Day.

The consolidated List of Stores, as requested by HQ, 2 District, is nearing completion. The consolidated Statement is in process of being typed and will be submitted as soon as possible.

Tables Sewing Machine HEATH B.V.
Sewing Machines. Equipment HEATH O.D
Machines Plastic w/Pedal.
Motors for Tables Sewing Machin. HEATH,
B.V. 1 H.P.
Motors for Sewing Machin. HEATH, O.P. 1/2
Machines Elect. Cutting, Large.
Small.
Machines Sewing Leather, Hand.
Machines Brushing w/Bindings
Milling Machine
Machines Manufacturing Soder. 5x70.
7x70.
8x70
10x70
Kit of Spare Parts for "Kaiser" Machines.

ADJUTANT "C" to 7th INF DIVISION
RUM/CO dated 5 May 1946

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GRIZZANO (near BOLOGNA)

At AREZZO on Sunday 23 Apr. 46 the 2nd Bn. MARSO Regt. (PARACHUTE Inf. Div.) celebrated the anniversary of their battle in 1944 at GRIZZANO, where the battalion fought a costly but victorious action, destroying or capturing the equivalent of two companies of German parachute troops who were making a last die-hard stand in well-defended positions. (The scene of this battle, which must be a classic example of close-quarter and hand-to-hand fighting, was later visited by Field Marshal Sir HAROLD ALEXANDER, conducted by the Commander VOLPONE Inf. Div. and GSO I 53 HMM.)

The ceremony at AREZZO began at 1030 hrs with a Church Parade and open-air Mass in the Piazza GUIDO MANCINI, which was lavishly bannered and decorated, and peopled with an impressive array of soldiery and of civilian spectators. This service was followed by the presentation by Gen. DE SIMONE of decorations (including American) to officers and O.R.'s of the PONSONE Division, outstanding among whom was Lt. Col. IZZO, recipient of the American Distinguished Service Cross (who personally led the assault troops of his battalion in this battle, in the course of which he had his Tommy Gun shot out of his hands by a burst of enemy automatic fire; although he lost two fingers of one hand he refused medical attention and continued to lead his battalion until the battle was finally won and the positions consolidated)

Lt. Col. GIULIANI, now Commanding 2nd Bn. MARSO Regt., in a public address over loudspeakers, recounted details of the GRIZZANO battle; this was followed by an address by Lt. Col. IZZO.

Later, the 2nd Bn. had a march past in the Via ROMA, Gen. DE SIMONE taking the salute.

At the end of the morning's ceremonies Major GUMMICH was entertained to lunch, attended by Gen. DE SIMONE, Gen. FRANCHI and other military commanders and staff officers. He describes the ceremonies and parades as most impressive, the lunch as sumptuous, and his treatment throughout as most friendly and cordial. He was particularly impressed by the seemingly excellent relations between military and civilians, and by the genuine interest and pride which the latter appeared to take in this military celebration.

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Lt. Col. GRIMALDI, now Commanding 2nd Bn. 14880 Regt., in a public address over loudspeakers, recounted details of the GRIZANO battle; this was followed by an address by Lt. Col. IZZO.

Later, the 2nd Bn. had a march past in the Via ROMA, Gen. DE SIMONE taking the salute.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLN/20

Florence, 19 April 1946

Subject : Reports and Returns, Mid-monthly
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. SD/113 dated 27 Dec. 45.

1. Attached (in (quadruplicate) are the following.
 - (a) Mid-month report ("G", "A/Q" & "I") as at 15 April 1946.
 - (b) App. "A" Progress Report on G.A.R. SIENNA.
 - (c) App. "B". OWO's mid-month report as at 15 April 1946.

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Lt. Col. GSO I

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. Mid-month Report as at 15 April 1946

"A/Q"

1. Casualties : Officers

- (c) 73385 Capt. R.G. STRONG-RASC left for MILAN on route for RASC course in UK on 2 April 1946.
(authority GHQ letter 6110/7/A 9 dated 11 March 1946)
- (b) 321320 Capt. P.H. HUNLON RASC arrived at BELCHNA ex HIAP on 2 April 1946.
- (c) 265150 Capt. G.A. MORTON RASC reported for duty 9 April 1946.
- (d) Lt. A. APOSTOLI (Interpreter) left for 15 days leave w.e.f. 15 April 1946.

O.Rs

- (e) 7914921 Sgt. W.R.G. THOMAS (Duty Sgt) reported 4 April 1946.
- (f) 7549084 Cpl. J.E. WHITE (RASC) reported 5 April 1946.
- (g) 7575735 C/Sgt. P.L. ARMY (Buffs) reported 14 April 1946 to take over duties of Chief Clerk from Sgt. A. BAKER when he proceeds on release.
- (h) 941050 Pte C. CLEAVE (Clerk) reported 14 April 1946.
- (i) 0 2 E appear to be somewhat at sea regarding the posting of O.Rs as for example, two sergeant clerks have been posted to this HQ. The whole matter is being gone into and will be taken up direct with 0 2 E.

2. Accommodation.

BALOGNA ex MAP on 2 April 1946.

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- O.R.s
- (e) 7914921 Sgt. W.R.G. THOMAS (Duty Sgt) reported 4 April 1946.
- (f) 7649034 Cpl. J.E. WHITE (RAOG) reported 6 April 1946.
- (g) 7675755 C/Sgt. F.L. ARMY (Ruffs) reported 14 April 1946 to take over duties of Chief Clerk from Sgt. A. BARKER when he proceeds on release.
- (h) 941050 Pts G. CHAVE (Clerk) reported 14 April 1946.
- (i) O 2 E appear to be somewhat at sea regards the posting of O.R.s as for example, two sergeant clerks have been posted to this HQ. The whole matter is being gone into and will be taken up direct with O 2 E.

2. Accommodation.

- (a) SCANDIOLI Barracks was taken over from P.B.S. on 5 April 1946 and 7 T.C. took over guard duties at these barracks w.e.f. 7 April 46. These barracks are still unoccupied pending M. of W. decision regarding CASCINE barracks and the move of CC.NE. Mobile Bn. Conversation Col. FIDLEY - Lt. Col. MARKS of 8 April 1946 and 7 T.C. Signal forwarded to M.M.I.A. under reference BH/36 dated 12 April refor.
- (b) ROBERTSON Club. This has been taken over in part by 7 T.C. and in part by local Youth Organisation for whom this building was originally erected. On the return of the GARIBOLDI Regt. 7 T.C. are having an official opening to which 7 B.L.U. have been invited.

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3. Liaison.

Lt. Col. C.O. MAKES and Major D.S.L. GREGSON visited
7 C.A.R. on 10 April 46. Major H.W. HAMILTON visited
7 C.A.R. on 15 April 1946 (See Appendix "A")

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4. Intelligence.

(a) On 1 April 1946 a disturbance occurred in FLORENCE when a train load of I.P.W. repatriated from RUSSIA, halted at FLORENCE station. The I.P.W. saw Communist flags flying over the HQ. of "COMUNISTO SOCIALISTA" and pulled them down. Several civilians resented this and interfered but a serious disturbance was avoided by the departure of the train.

(b) Relations of troops with civilians is steadily improving. In SIENA, Flowers were thrown from windows on a body of recruits as they were marching through the town. Many invitations have been received from civilians to spend their evenings in private houses.

(c) For full report on incident at football match in SIENA see Appendix "A" para 8 (a)

(d) 7 T.C. report no incidents, training proceeds normally.

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5. Moves.

(e) Information has been received from 7 T.C. that the GARIBOLDI Regt. will move from SIENA to FLORENCE as under:

UNIT	STRENGTH	EST	ETA
Regt. & Mortar Coy	359	13 April from GATANIA	16 April
"AOSTA" Bn.	452	15 April from GATANIA	18 April
Cannon Coy and part of Motor Unit	222	17 April from PALERMO and S. AGATA	29 April
"TRIESTE" Bn.	484	19 April from	22 April

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UNIT	STRENGTH	MOVED	DATE
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"AOSEA" Bn.	462	15 April from CATANIA	18 April
Cannon Coy and part of Motor Unit	222	17 April from PALERMO and S. AGATA	20 April
"VIRIDIO" Bn.	496	19 April from PALERMO	22 April
"VENEZIA" Bn.	470	21 April from PAVIA	24 April

Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter

BLU/20 dated 19 April 1946

7 C.A.R. SEMA : Mid-month Report as at 15 April 1946

1. Personnel.

(a) Recruits. A total of 3942 recruits are in training. This represents 306 recruits in excess of the W.E., this is made up by 113 recruits being received from 8 C.A.R. at GRVINO, 36 from 6 C.A.R. at PERANO and 157 arriving from distant districts but who were born and registered under TUSCANY. There are approx. 500 recruits at 7 C.A.R. who have received previous military training. 7 T.C. have received a M. of W. order to post 150 of these to OMBONA DIV. where they will continue their training in British equipment. No orders have been given for the despatch of any further recruits from 7 C.A.R. nor do 7 T.C. anticipate any. Recruits continued to arrive in small batches up to 15 April '46. This leads to confusion in their training standards.

(b) Permanent Staff. 7 C.A.R. have 203 instructors (NCO's and OR's) leaving a deficiency on the W.E. of 35. It has been reported that the 500 instructors were due to complete a course at GRANO on the 15 April 1946, but no notification has been received of what numbers will be posted to 7 C.A.R. Armourers of 7 C.A.R. are at present on a course. 7 T.C. have been requested to loan armourers from the PUGORE Div. to help out with zeroing rifles and I.M.I's. A British Armourer Sgt from 6 BLU will be temporary attached to 7 C.A.R. to organise workshop.

2. Training.

(a) Ranges. Work has been held up owing to difficulty of requisitioning cultivated land. 7 BLU has taken this matter up with 7 T.C., and results are awaited. Two 30 yards ranges have been completed and remaining four 30 yards ranges will be completed in a few days. It is estimated that all ranges will be completed by the target firing date.

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- (b) Training pamphlets for Bren, 2" Mortar and Grenade have now arrived and are in use (our RLU/55 # dated 12 April '46 refers).
- (c) It is considered that too many periods are allotted to marching and drill, and insufficient time allowed for firing, a full report is awaited from 7 C.A.R. and will be forwarded.
- (d) In general, training is well organized and instructors are keen. Classes are too large due to lack of instructors.

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3. Arms.

(a) 4 wagon loads of arms arrived to 7 C.A.R. on 1 April '45. The bulk of these were in good condition. Some rifle butts were split or broken, but are now being repaired locally.

(b) The only serious deficiency is now 29 x 2 in MORTARS. (See our MU/20 dated 5 April- para 4 "Q" sub para (b))

(c) 7 C.A.R. have been allotted 8 x .22 rifles. They will have two miniature ranges each of six firing points, and it is considered that a minimum of twelve will be required.

4. Ammunition.

(a) No ammo' has yet been received. 7 C.A.R. have received advise notes of consignment of ammo' on its way from BMLI. From these advises it is noted that there is no ammo' for Vercy Light pistols and that .45 T.S.M.G. ammo' is being sent instead of 8MM.

5. Cleaning Materials.

(a) These have been promised but have not arrived. New delivery of weapons have been cleaned with improvised materials. Pull-throughs and Oil Bottles have been issued, but no oil is available. 7 C.A.R. have been urged to obtain a light oil from C.I.P.

6. Clothing.

(a) Indents for all Clothing (with exception of K.D.) have been met, but 7 C.A.R. complain of a shortage of large sizes in fatigue bottle-green.

(b) No date has been announced for the change into K.D. No K.D. has been received nor has the probable date of issue been given.

(c) A laundry contract is in process of negotiation.

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8. Discipline.

- (a) An incident is reported to have occurred at a local Football match, when about 300 recruits bought the cheapest tickets to enter the ground, and then occupied the best seats. Military Police from 7 C.A.R. were called upon to remove them, but after remonstrating with them (and firing a single shot over their heads) they were compelled to summon several Officers from the barracks. The Officers split the offenders into small groups, and dispersed them.

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ammunition for Verrey light pistols and that 45 W.S.M.C. ammo is being sent instead of 32M.

the same recruits, on returning to the barracks one hour late for their evening meal, were annoyed to find that no food had been kept for them, and attacked the kitchen staff who, in defending themselves with kitchen knives, wounded one recruit.

2. Welfare.

(a) Contests are popular in all barracks, and are well patronised.

(b) There is a great need for a soldiers' club in SIENA. A ~~night~~ ^{side} has been found in the ex "CASA DEL VASCO" and a grant of one million Lire has been requested to open this club.

(c) Sports kit is urgently needed, especially footballs and Basket balls. 7 M.C. state that these stores are available only on the authority of the M of W.

(d) The morale of the permanent staff is seriously affected by not being able to have their families in SIENA with them.

(e) An excellent arrangement has been made whereby families visiting recruits could sit down at a table and talk to them.

Appx "B" to 7 BLU
Letter NW/20 dtd
19 April 1946

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2. REMARKS:

Visited A.D.O.S. M.L.L.A. and D.A.D.O.S. BOTH Area Allied Command
on 11 to 13 April, inclusive.

3. "FLAME" Handling Over to Italian Army.

I am fully engaged in the completion of a consolidated list of
Stores, required from the "FLAME" Italian Division, by A.D.O.S. No 2
District. This responsibility was placed on me on 15th March and was to
have been completed and reported by 10th April. I am the only Command
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is in Sicily, which adds greatly to the difficulty of completing the
required Consolidated list, hence its non-completion to date. Every
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J. S. A. Smith
S/CE.
CHIEF OF STAFF

19th April 1946

3. ATTACHMENT - Handling Over to Italian Army.

I am fully engaged in the completion of a consolidated list of stores, required from the "MUSKIE" Italian Division, by A.D.C.S. No 2 Materot. This responsibility was placed on me on 15th March and was to have been completed and despatched by 10th April. I am the only Command Clerk available for this task. One Regiment of this Division (KENTHAW) is in Sicily, which adds greatly to the difficulty of completing the required Consolidated list, hence its non-completion to date. Every endeavour is being made to complete the Consolidation as soon as possible.

J. S. S. Smith
 R/SER.
 COMMANDING OFFICER

16th April 1946.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/20

Florence, 5 April 1946

Subject: Reports and Returns - End/Beginning Month Report.

To : M.M.I.A.

Reference ED/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

- (a) End/Beginning month report as at 1/4/46.
- (b) At Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U. and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.
- (c) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.
- (d) At Appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt/Col. and above.
- (e) At Appx "D" is Return of Br. M.F. held by this B.L.U.
- (f) At Appx "E" is Progress Report on G.A.R. SIENA.
- (g) At Appx "F" is Report by ORD. W.O.

2. No reference is made in this Report to CC.RR. The CC.RR. Lo of this B.L.U. has intimated that at the recent CC.RR. Conference in ROME it was stated that the independent routine reports rendered by CC.RR. L.O's to M.M.I.A. would obviate any need for duplication of CC.RR. activities in the routine B.L.U. Reports.

G.O. MARKES
Lt. Col.
G S O I

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CONFIDENTIALSubject: 7 D.L.U. East/Borderline North Report as at 1 April 1966.1. GENERAL.(a) Domestic (MIA)

- (1) Major R. DUNNIE attached 7 D.L.U. left PLANTER for home on 17th March.
- (1A) Capt. R.G. DUNNIE RASE received orders to proceed to UK to attend a 6 months RASO course. He will leave early in April. So far no successor has been definitively appointed. (AIRSIGAL C 3461 dated 30 March to HQMA (Tactical Mission - Rome) copy HQMA.)
- (1A1) No. 6450072 PUS ORVIN and 7 D.L.U. left for UK on 31 March.
- (1A2) Sgt. BUNNIE chief Clerk 7 D.L.U. and 1/C BUNNIE, former both are both in A/S Group 23 and are due to leave about middle of April. O.23 have written to and asked for replacement for these two O.23's (letter HQ/53 dated 23 Mar 1966 copy HQMA reference.) Information has been received from O.23 that no D/LU are available but a Sgt. Clerk (7075755 A/C/ST. ADUT - Bafra) has been posted. He has not yet arrived.
- (1A3) A duty SGT. (7514921) not named - RASO has been posted but has not arrived yet.

(b) British

- (1) 211 5th Area (PLANTER CEMETERY) closed down No. 2. 2599 has 11 Mar 1966. The Town Major has been appointed O.C. Troops PLANTER.
- Although nothing has been officially received in writing from talks with the Town Major it is understood that matters of local administration will be referred to him, whilst other subjects such as Rome, Map etc will be referred to RASO.

He will leave early in April, so the
successor has been definitely expected.
(AMW signal C JAGAL dated 30 March to TUSA
(Italian Mission - Rome) copy MIA.)

- (144) No. 644972 PAV CAVIN about 7 D.L.U. left for
UK on business on 31 March.
- (145) Sigs. BAKON chief Clerk 7 D.L.U. and 1/5 BAC.
Deputy Clerk are both in 1/5 Camp 21 and are
due to leave about middle of April.
C.22 was written to and asked for replacements
for these two C.22's (Letter HEN/93 dated 25 Mar 46
copy MIA and/or.)
Information has been received from C.22 that
the 1/5 are available but a Sigs. Clerk (7675795
4/6/46, AMW - HEN) has been posted.
He has not yet arrived.
- (146) A duty Sigs. (771922 SPT THOMAS - HAD) has been
posted but has not arrived yet.
- (147) 211 Bob Area (PLANNING OFFICER) closed down
S.O.S. 2359 hrs 31 Mar 46.
The Town Major has been appointed O.O. through
PLANNING.
Although nothing has been officially received in
writing from talks with the Town Major it is
reasoned that matters of local administration
will be referred to him, whilst other subjects
such as Liaison, Map etc will be referred to RAC.
- (148) A draft to ruling as to policy on this subject
would be appreciated. 2070
- (149) Ident. PLANNING reported for duty from 4 D.L.U. as
Interpreter (Regular Officer) at this HQ. on 22 Mar.
- (150) 7 S.O. have been requested to allow Ident. STANLEY
to continue working with 7 D.L.U. at any rate
for the time being. This request was made on the
6.5.0. It will equal 3 to 4 days of each week
with the C.A.E. at MIA and requires an interpreter
with him there.

(b) British

(c) Italian

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(a) Write a system

- (1) Col. NEER and 1st Lt. Col. ALPINE visited
PLAZA on 19/23 March.
During their stay the following programme
was carried out:-
Visit to Gen. DE MONTMAY, Commander 7 L.C.
" " POLKES Div. (Don PLAZA)
" " CO. ML. HQ.
" " 7 Ind. Reg't. HQ. and 1st Bn.
" " QUARTERMASTER Barracks.
" " ENGINEER Barracks.
- (1A) Col. PETERBY visited PLAZA on 21/23 Mar and
30/31 Mar. On 31 Mar he inspected C.A.R. STOMA
(See C.A.R. Report)
- (1A) Major PETERBY visited WOMERS 19/20 Mar.
During his stay the Internal Groups of
PLAZA and WOMERS were inspected.
- (1v) G S O I and G S O II 7 L.L.U. visited
C.A.R. STOMA on 19 March (See C.A.R. report)
- (v) G S O I accompanied Gen DE MONTMAY on
inspection of COMBINED Barracks on 26 Mar.
(See para 4 (b) Accommodation).

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(a) ~~Q222~~

- (1) Downloaded
(11) 7/20/14

(b) Expenditures of the

- (1) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt.
Employed on Guard detail on Military Reservation, P.O.#. (LAWRENCE), Guard company, ranges. On State - Home employed on Public Security detail (elections)
- (11) 26 Ind. Regt.
Disbanding.
- (11) 6 Prov. Corps.
Two Corps disbanding, the remaining three still under American cgo.
Demand and mostly deployed on Guard

(See C.A.R. Report)

(141) Major FELDERS visited FLORENCE 19/20 Mar. during his stay the Internal Groups of FLORENCE and SALINA were inspected.

(14) C S O I and C S O II 7 Mar. visited C.A.R. STNA on 19 March (See C.A.R. report)

(14) C S O I accompanied Gen IN MIER on inspection of COVENANTO Barracks on 20 Mar. (See para 4 (b) Accommodation).

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(a) Gen.

(1) Domestic
(14) Italian

} See para 1 (a)(b) and (c) above

(b) Deployment of SW

(1) 7 Inf. Bn.

Employed on Guard duties in Military Detach. Prisons, P.O.W. (LATVIA), train escorts, etc. On 18 Mar. - 1st Bn. employed on Public Security duties (elections)

(14) 716 Air Bn.

Disturbed.

(141) 6 Prov. Guard

Two Coy. (standing, the remaining three still under American c/o. Command and mostly deployed on Guard duties.

(14) 7 C.A.R.

See separate Report Apr '53. 3078

(14) 71000 Div.

Mostly engaged on Public Security duties for Elections (Sub-Min)

(c) Training

(1) 7 Inf. Bn.

Apart from Range practices no training has been possible owing to c/o. Constraints.

(14) 6 Prov. Guard

No training possible.

(141) 7 C.A.R.

See separate Report Apr '53.

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(see) EXHIBIT D.V. All units have had two large exercises. In addition, much training, station and my tactical drill; specialist courses for M.P. drivers, P/T operators, message makers, typists. Also officers' S.S.W.S.S.

(a) Intelligence

- (1) It is reported that Communist propaganda is being spread among 7 C.A.R. units by means of a Communist (CUB) at SUSA, which provides free meals, wine and dancing for Italian soldiers (see NEW Letter 25 N of 3 ago. is added 7 E.O. copy H.M.I.A.)
- (14) Locations have been carried out without notable incidents. No records have been made for military intervention in aid of Civil Rights.
- (14a) Call-up of 1924. Class records without incident.
- (14r) Activation of the FARMERS Center of the 808 C.S. Bn. have already been reported in this Rn. Letter 28 Mar (1971). C.O. LUNDA - Col. (M.M.)

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(a) Demotiv (H.M.)

Deficiencies

Office: H.M. pending Capt. SMITH's departure.

C.S.S. Col. Clark
P.S.

1/3 RAC Clerk
" H.M.
" RAC " (for S & S)

(Note. See also para 2 (a) above)

(a) Intell.

(1) Deficiencies in Intelligence

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NOTHING BUT

CO ₂ gas: 4.5 above N.B.	} Incl. Specialists: } Returns 20% } D/A's 60% } 1/2 Ops. 40% } Includes 7 Specialist units
H ₂ O: 0° to 10° below N.B.	
Ca ⁺⁺ : 25%	
Ca ⁺⁺ : 25%	

(Work) Owing to release of 1961 Class two deficiencies in specialists in United States than 1960-1961. Many Americans, but purchase specialists are not yet available at 7 T.O.)

- (14) Deception
(15) Deceit
(16) Deceit
(17) Deceit

Nothing is to be done. Brazil appears high, especially among new recruits to the new Government, and the work done the other can be left and will be at the C.A.R. Less is still hard to obtain to VENEZIA GUERRE, and especially to VLA. Less to VENEZIA has really increased.

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- (a) Summary (cont)
- (1) Summary for April attended.
- (11) Accommodation. Ideally satisfactory, but as indicated by open the VI LA MINUTELA for officer's accommodation and there before the end of April (1.00, when the weather becomes no good weather).

(14) Disability.(141) REV.(142) LEADS.(143) REMARKS.

Nothing notable to report. Media appears high, especially among new recruits to the air force, especially at the work done for their own benefit and welfare at the C.A.R. There is still hard to obtain to VANDERBILT, and especially to T.A.A. area. There is SURPRISE has notably increased.

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(a) Domestic (M.R.)(1) Summary. See Appendix attached.

(14) Accommodation. Tholly satisfactory, but it is intended to open the V.I.A. RECOVERED for civilian's accommodation and most before the end of April (i.e., when the weather presents no real problem).

(b) Italian(1) Summary.

Summary M.R. has been provided by 7 U.S. for the transport of new recruits to 7 C.A.R. from the 8 Carabinieri districts. All U.S. arrangements have functioned satisfactorily. There is a marked scarcity of spare parts for Italian passenger vehicles.

(14) REMARKS. See Appendix attached.(141) REMARKS AND REMARKS.

Summary of the C.A.R. has been issued, but 30 sets short. For other units in 7 U.S. the issue is not only incomplete, but includes "riding breeches and green patterned trousers".

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details of this issue are needed from 7 T.C. and a separate report will follow soon.

Fuller has reported a shortage of Indian uniforms, details of which will follow as soon as ascertained.

Fuller Division has a serious shortage of S.A. men. A full detailed report has been called for and will be furnished soon. 7 C.I.L. have received 4 wagon-loads of uniforms, their only deficiency is now twenty more 2- inch buttons.

No one has yet been received but it has been promised to arrive by 10 Apr at latest.

Building over of camps to A.L.A.P. is proceeding according to plans.

General Morrison, negotiations for the taking over of these barracks have been going on for the last week. Parties surveying on these negotiations have been:

1 Lt. Col. M. H. H. H.	1000
7 B. L. H.	
Col. M. H. H. H.	Vol. Value 69
Capt. J. H. H. H.	Vol. Value 69
Major C. H. H. H.	Vol. Value 157

It is noted and in fact expected that these barracks will be handed over to 7 T.C. during the first week in April.

When this has been done it is proposed to move the H. and 1 B. of 7 Ind. Regt. to CANTONMENT BARRACKS, this will allow C.I.L. to have the whole of BARRACKS barracks instead of sharing it with 7th Regt. as at present.

General Morrison, this was the British H.A.P. but has been cancelled of course by the British 7 T.C. are anxious to take over this excellent building but the present representatives of the old C.I.L. organization are also anxious to have the building returned to them.

Negotiations are proceeding between Ministry of the Indian Ministry.

(iv) Army and Air

(v) Col. H.

(vi) Administration

(v) Details(vi) Accommodation

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1. Col. ALBERTO 1951.

7 B.I.B.

Col. MAX. P.B.S. Tel. Value 69

Capt. JAMES P.B.S. Tel. Value 69

Major GERMANO P.B.S. Value 157

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When this has been done it is proposed to move the B.I. and 1 Bn. of 7 Ind. Regt. to GASTRUMI BARRACKS, this will allow G.O.B. to have the whole of PALMERIA barracks instead of sharing it with 7th Regt. as at present.

REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE. This was the British H.A.V. but has been decommissioned by the British. 7 T.O. are anxious to take over this excellent building but the present representatives of the old G.I.L. organization are also anxious to have the building returned to them.

Negotiations are proceeding between Ministry of War and the relevant Italian Ministry.

QUARTERMASTER BARRACKS. During his visit to these barracks on 19 Mar, Gen. MONTAGNA expressed to G.O.B. his intention of constituting there, as soon as possible, all the U.S. and Mech Units of 7 T.O. in view of the suitability of this accommodation for such units. This alternative accommodation is available however, units of the PALMERIA Div. (from Vercelli, G.I.L. Reg. Coy, and GASTRUMI Regt. on its return) are to be accommodated in these barracks.

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(vii) P.O.L.

The monthly supply for 7 T.C. was not received, as C.I.P. did not receive their allotted quota from the U. of S. Transport has suffered, however, using only a small portion of P.O.L. reserve stocks.

(viii) Medical

Sta. Dr. 2 officers - 2 Sgt. Majors and PAI at 7 B.I.U.
General Italian list of Medical stores now from MEDICAL BUREAU to MEDICAL BUREAU MEDICAL BUREAU MEDICAL BUREAU completed during the month.
The mail train of captured medical stores arrived from MEDICAL BUREAU on M.B. now in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italians.
40 rail trucks arrived from MEDICAL BUREAU containing Medical stores and machinery for the Institute.
4 Large buildings at the Institute are at present occupied by MEDICAL BUREAU. These buildings are now urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities at the MEDICAL BUREAU for the purpose of installing the machinery and stores arriving from MEDICAL BUREAU of which there are 400 rail trucks, expected.
Ministry of War should take early action in this matter.

C.I.P. medical organization complete.

The "MEDICAL BUREAU" Hospital was turned into an isolation V.D. ward under the main Military Hospital.

From 25th to 28th Medical Inspections have been carried out on newly-joined recruits. No. 7 at 7 C.I.P. have concluded that not only is their medical staff insufficiently trained to deal with the considerable work of examining incoming recruits, but also that a large number of recruits are below

now in the process of being decided and handed over to the Italians. 40 mill tons have arrived from BERLIN containing medical stores and machinery for the Institute.

4. Large buildings at the Institute are at present occupied by ~~REDACTED~~. These buildings are now urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities at the ~~REDACTED~~ Institute for the purpose of installing the machinery and stores arriving from ~~REDACTED~~ of which there are 400 mill tons, expected.

Ministry of War should take early action in this matter.

C.A.B. medical organization complete.

The ~~REDACTED~~ Hospital was turned into an isolation V.D. ward under the main Military Hospital.

From 19th to 21st March Medical Inspectors have been carried out on newly-joined recruits. M.O's at ? C.A.B. have considered that not only is their postal staff immediately trained to deal with the considerable work of examining incoming recruits, but also that a large number of recruits are below the medical standard required, & have to be detained in hospital or rejected. It is indicated that medical inspections of recruits on call-up by Military Hospitals are not thorough enough, and it is suggested that on every 'call-ups' campaign of so many recruits, in order to avoid service, that the medical authorities assume that all are malingerers and pass them on bloc as fit.

Ann "E" to 7 HAU letter
BLU/20 dated 5 April 1946

Subject : C.A.R. SIENA - End of Month Report as at 31 March 1946

1. Personnel.

- (a) Recruits. 2560 recruits had arrived, been medically examined and equipped.
- (b) Permanent Staff. The serious shortage of instructors will hinder training. To complete W.E. it will be necessary to post 81 O.R.'s and 12 NCO instructors. Remainder of staff is up to W.E. strength.

2. Accommodation.

- (a) Excellent work has been carried out in the short time available to ensure adequate accommodation of a high standard. Recruits sleep on wire spring beds (mostly double tier) and are issued with 3 blankets and 1 pair sheets each.
- (b) Hot showers baths have been installed to ensure at least one bath per man per week.
- (c) Kitchens and cooking equipment are modern.
- (d) Dining halls are now fully furnished to accommodate maximum number of recruits. Clean and well run.
- (e) Officers Messes and NCOs Messes are now completed and function well.
- (f) During the visit of Col. KERR to Gen. DE SIENA on Mar 22 the latter suggested the advisability, owing to shortage of accommodation at SIENA, of having one of the three CAR Battalions at ANKZO, where accommodation is available. Col. KERR promised to take up the matter with M. of W. The General also reported that the G.A.R. had earned unpopularity in SIENA through the occupation of a civilian hotel (single officers accommodation) and an ex-Orphanage (PLAVE Barracks)

3. Rations.

- (a) The ration scale is adequate. CARME CHILE serves as the basic meat ration and is unpopular - corned beef would be preferred.

(b) See also BLU/ST G 10 of 30 Mar 46, copy attached.

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- (b) See also BLU/ST G 10 of 30 Mar 46, copy attached.

3. Rations.

4. Clothing.

The only serious shortage is fatigue uniforms (dyed green H.D.) Sufficient have been received to clothe about 50% of the recruits, remainder have been promised but are not yet to hand.

5. Arms.

- (a) Have arrived in FLORENCE and will be despatched to C.A.R. in the next two days.

- (b) No cleaning materials have been received but adequate arrangements have been made for cleaning with improvised materials.

6. Training.

- (a) Sites have been reseeded for all ranges necessary. These are on cultivated ground. Two open ranges are nearing completion and work has been started on another two open ranges and

30 yd and miniature ranges.

(b) Training to the end of this month has been 2 of drill, barrack room instruction, P.T. and recreational training.

7. Welfare.

- (a) There is a canteen in each barracks for the sale of wine, cakes, cigarettes, writing paper, soap etc. at a cost of approx. 20% less than civilian shops.
- (b) Reading and writing rooms are functioning in each barracks.

8. Inspections and Liaison.

- (a) G.S.O. II (Maj. HAMILTON) spent the period 28 Mar-Apr. at 7 C.A.R. and accompanied Col. PIMLEY on an inspection of the C.A.R. on 31 Mar.
- (b) G.S.O. I and G.S.O. II made a complete inspection of C.A.R. on 19 Mar and were highly satisfied with all they saw, from "G", "A" and "Q" angles.

(Ref. para 3 (b) above.)

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Ref: MIL/ST 9 10

Planned, 30 March 1946

Subject: 7 C.A.R. - SYMA

To: ADST. Land Forces Sub. Comd. A.C. (M.M.R.A.)

1. The S & P Officer of this B.L.F. visited 7 C.A.R. on Friday 23 March 1946.
2. The rationing and messing arrangements appeared to be very satisfactory and the previously expressed opinion is confirmed that there is no object in opening a Food Distribution Depot in SYMA.
3. Messing appears to be of a high standard and a considerable interest in this matter is taken by senior Officers of the C.A.R. ; it was found that the current ration of salt and olive oil should be increased.

7 C.A.R. and accompanied Col. FIDELIX on an inspection
of the C.A.R. on 11 Mar.

(b) C.S.O. I and G.S.O. II made a complete inspection of C.A.R.
on 19 Mar and were highly satisfied with all they saw, from
"G", "A" and "Q" angles.

(Ref. para 3 (b) above.)

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Ref: MIL/ST G 10

Provence, 30 March 1946

Subject: 7 C.A.R. - HINDA

To: 1 AGCR, Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C. (M.H.I.A)

1. The S & T Officer of this R.L.V. visited 7 C.A.R. on Thursday 23 March 1946.
2. The rationing and messing arrangements appeared to be very satisfactory and the previously expressed opinion is confirmed that there is no object in opening a Food Distribution Depot in HINDA.
3. Messing appears to be of a high standard and a considerable interest in this matter is taken by senior Officers of the C.A.R. ; it was urged that the current ration of salt and olive oil should be increased.
4. The inspecting officer was much impressed by the very healthy and ~~sturdy~~ appearance of the recruits; a fair proportion of them are said to be volunteers.

Signed R.G. STRONG

CHIEF, R.A.S.C.
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App. dtd 7 to 7 HHS letter
MAY 20 dated 5 March 1946

CHURCHMAN WATSON'S REPORT - AFTER INSPECTION

1. Further inspection carried out of No. 7 Repair Shop at Mauna Kea Sanatorium.

2. Conference held with Col. Bussard regarding the following: -

(a) Anticipated transfer of Repair Shop to Hiram (M.S. Sheet 11,577372.)
Appointment made for an inspection of the new site.
(See para 4.)

(b) System of Manufacture and Repair.

(c) Future submission to us of:-

- i.) Weekly Activity Reports.
- ii.) Weekly Turnage Reports.
- iii.) Distribution and usage of Personnel employed.
- iv.) Machinery in use.

3. Inspection of Chemical Test Laboratory - No. 7 Repair Shop.

(a) Accompanied by Col. Bussard and Major David I inspected the Chemical Test Lab. at No. 7 Repair Shop. The function of this Department is the testing of the materials, as supplied by Civilian firms, used in the Manufacture and Repair of Clothing. Test carried out are:-

- (a) Tension of Fibres.
- (b) Microscopic Test.
- (c) Water Resistance.
- (d) Composition of Materials.
- (e) Fibre Counting to conform to standard.

4. Inspection of Newly Arrived Site. - No. 7 Repair Shop.

(a) Accompanied by Col. Bussard and Major David I inspected the newly assigned site for No. 7 Repair Shop at Hiram. The building is still being repaired but it is hoped that preparations will be completed by May.

(b) A considerable quantity of various items of stores, such as, Cutlery, Ground Sheets, Anti Gas Caps, Port Horn Beams and Captured German Special Winter Clothing are being sorted and repacked into sacks according to their respective utilization. This work is being done by Male and Female Soldiers and Male Prisoners the total of which is 46.

3. Inspection of Chemical Test Laboratory - No. 7 Repair Shop.

- (a) Accompanied by Col. Baccari and Major Burdi I inspected the Chemical Test Lab. at No. 7 Repair Shop. The function of this Department is the testing of the materials, as supplied by Civilian Firms, used in the Manufacture and Repair of Clothing. Test carried out are: -

- (a) Tension of Fibres.
- (b) Microscopic Test.
- (c) Water Penetrating.
- (d) Compression of Materials.
- (e) Fibre Counting to conform to standard.

4. Inspection of Newly Acquired Site. - No. 7 Repair Shop.

- (a) Accompanied by Col. Baccari and Major Burdi I inspected the newly acquired site for No. 7 Repair Shop at Hifredd. The building is still being repaired but it is hoped that preparations will be completed by May.

- (b) A considerable quantity of various items of stores, such as: Cutlery, Ground Sheets, Anti Gas Caps, Part Worn Boots and Captured German Special Winter Clothing are being sorted and repacked into sacks according to their respective condition. This work is being done by Male and Female Workers and Male Workers the total of which is 46.

- (c) The building will be suitable for the purpose, giving parcels of additional lay-out. In this connection I have offered to assist Col. BURRI, giving him the benefit of my personal experience, in the Organization and Planning of his new Shop.

5. Fire Fighting Equipment.

- (a) It is becoming increasingly apparent that an extreme shortage is being felt of adequate Fire Fighting Equipment within this Command. Can Ministry of Supply assist in this matter please?
- (b) A Statement of deficiencies is being called for from each unit within the Command. Upon receipt these will be consolidated and the complete picture made subject to a special paragraph in a later Report.
- (c) The recommendations that I have made during my inspections of Installations are already bearing fruit, an example of this is

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shown as Appendix "X" to this Report, but it is felt that to really break the back of this acute shortage of Equipment, further assistance must be sought from the Ministry of Supply.


J. C. S. Smith

S/ CDR.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

22 March 1946.

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APPENDIX "X" ORDINANCE RAFT OFFICER'S MARCH REPORTC. y - Translation7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND
FLORENCERef: 3411/Serv.
Florence, 8 March 1946Subject : Fire precautions for Commissariat Depots.To : 7 B.L.U. Florence

1. Ref. your ORD/6 dated 2nd March. Herewith position of Fire Fighting Equipment, as requested.
2. This HQ. requested a grant of L. 560,000 from Ministry of War, to repair and complete adequate Fire Installations in the Central Clothing and Equipment Depot, at RIFREDDI.
3. We requested General Engineers Directorate for an assignment of Fire Extinguishers for Commissariate Installations at LEGHORN. On the 2nd inst. we received, from 22nd Engrs. Repair W/Shop at PAVIA, 30 Extinguishers for use in No. 7 Bulk Supply Depot and 78 Food Distribution Depot.
4. In order to complete the Fire precautions necessary to other Commissariate Installations, HQ. Engrs. were required to supply Extinguishers, buckets, axes, and picks etc. and to repair existing hydrants.
5. It is requested that Leghorn and Florence Commissariate be authorized to ask assistance from Allied Fire Unit in the event of exceptional necessity and when the Civil Fire Unit are unable to control a fire.
6. You are requested to notify our above suggestions to the Allied Authorities concerned.

For THE LT. COL. ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF
Sgd. Col. Capitani.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORISS

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REF: HAI/20

FLORISS, 18 Mar 1946

Subject : Reports and Returns, Mid-monthly
To : M.H.I.A.

Ref. EB/113 dated 27 Dec. 45.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following.
 - (a) Mid-month report ("G," A/Q" & "I") as at 15 Mar 46.
 - (b) App. "A". Progress report on C.A.R. BIRMA.
 - (c) App. "B". OWS's mid-month report as at 15 Mar 46.

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O.C. MARION

Lt. Col.

G.S.O.I.

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Subject: 1 B.L.U. Mid-point Report as at 15 Mar 46

"A" 1. Casualties: Officers

- (a) Lieut Col. C.O. MARSH (47218) arrived 5 Mar. and took up the duties of G.S.O.I.
- (b) Major H.W. PALMER (165598) arrived 8 Mar. and took up the duties of G.S.O.II.
- (c) Capt. R.O. SIMON has been ordered to attend a 6 months RACG course in UK (HQ letter 5110/7/AQ dated 11 Mar., copy to H.M.I.A. refers) He will probably leave here 1st or 2nd April. If possible, his successor should arrive to take over not later than 25 March.
- (d) Capt. H.A. SIMON RACB and Capt.

7405648 PIERRE A. RACB
7399424 WILLIOT A.B. RACB

arrived on 15 Mar for attachment to 7 RM (MIA letter Q 2M dated 11 Mar refers). Vehicle H.U.R. Chevrolet 3 3906070 in which they arrived is attached to this HQ.

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- (e) No. 13409173 PTE GARDNER A.C.O. took to 7 B.L.U. left on Class "Y" Release 4 Mar.
- (f) No. 14059298 Cmr. TRENK. K.R.A. joined 7 B.L.U. as a learner clerk on 12 Mar 46.
- (g) See also 1 (d) above.

"G" 2. Medical

- (a) Lt. Col. MARSH visited Genl. DE SIMON on 8 Mar 46 and Genl. FLAHERTY on same date. He was most cordially received by both the General and his C. of S. The former, in particular, gave the impression of being enthusiastic to make the SIMON C.A.R. a "show place" in the Italian Army. The visit to Genl. FLAHERTY was in the nature of a "re-union" luncheon at which many former and friendly contacts were renewed.
- (b) Lt. Col. BLUNT, MIA, visited PIERRE W/Shop on 15 Mar 46 and made certain suggestions to G.S.O. I which will be sent to 7 F.C.
- (c) Major E. GREENBUSH (C.S.R. 30.) left FLORENCE on 12 Mar to attend C.S.R. Conference at RACB

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7392424 MILLON A.B. RARE

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H.B.R. Chevrolet 5 5906030 in which they arrived
is attached to this HQ.

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- (e) No. 11409173 PVR GARNIER A.C.C. Book to 7 B.I.U.
Left on Class "B" Release 4 Mar.
(f) No. 14069298 Grr. THERO. K.H.A. joined 7 B.I.U.
as a learner clerk on 12 Mar 46.
(g) See also 1 (a) above.

"G" 2. Liaison.

- (a) Lt. Col. MARON visited Genl DE RHIER on 8 Mar 46
and Genl TIALBERT on same date. He was most
cordially received by both the General and his
C. of S. The former, in particular, gave the
impression of being enthusiastic to make the
SINHA C.A.R. a "snow piece" in the Italian Army.
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a "re-union" luncheon at which many former and
friendly contacts were renewed.
(b) Lt. Col. MARON, MILA, visited PLANCHER W/Shop
on 15 Mar 46 and made certain suggestions to
G.C.C. which will be sent to 7 P.C.
(c) Major E. CHURCHILL (G.C.C.) left FLORENCE
on 12 Mar to attend G.C.C. Conference at ROME
13/14 Mar.

"G" 3. Demonstration Platoon.

1 Platoon from PLANCHER DIV. left for BARI on
12 Mar. The Platoon for SINHA will arrive there
between 20 and 25 Mar.

"G" 4. Intelligence.

- (a) There is no doubt that there is considerable
uneasiness amongst Italians both civilians and
Military, as to the possible outcome of TITO's
movements in the North.
(b) Rumours as to movements of troops, Allied,
Italian and TITO's are rife.

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- (c) The first Sunday of elections has been absolutely quiet, and no incidents have disturbed the normal progress of the elections.
- (d) Units of "FULCONE" Division are progressively improving their relations with the population of Sicily and in this last period, especially at MONTESANTO, several demonstrations of hearty sympathy and cordiality have taken place.
- (e) On 14 Mar 66 the recruits of 190, class started reporting to the Districts. The operations of call-up were carried out according to plan. No incidents were reported.

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5. Moves.

- (a) The GARIBOLDI Regt. have not yet rejoined REGGIONE DIV. from Sicily and 7 Territorial Command have no information as to their movements.
- (b) The following units have moved into CONVENTANO barracks (54, Rest Camp)
(1) Artieri (Reg) Coy of FULCONE DIV.
(2) Mobile Workshop " " "
- (c) The Depot party of the GARIBOLDI Regt. move into these barracks on 18 March and it is the intention that the whole Regt. will be quartered here on their return from Sicily.
- (d) The O.F.P. of the FULCONE DIV. will move into CONVENTANO in the near future.
- (e) The advisability of moving 7 M.V. Repair shops (from present base in FLORENCE PORTUZZA) into CONVENTANO and the plan to move there also the FULCONE 3 & 4 COY complete, will be the subject of early discussion with 7 T.C.

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Appendix "A" to 7 HCU 1st Mar III/20
 Dated 18 Mar 1946

C.A.R. SUMMA: Mid month Report as at 15 Mar 46

1. C.A.R. was visited by Majors DOWNING and GRUBSON on 8 Mar 46, followed on same date by a conference with GSO I to discuss outstanding points and difficulties and on the following day by a conference with Col. CHARTOFF (Asst. C. of S.) and Col. HENDERSON (Engineer Staff) at 7 T.C. Points discussed and action taken were as follows.
 - (a) RE WORKING. The outstanding work is essential for the reception of new recruits must be carried out urgently and progressively as the recruits arrive (i.e. latrines, cook houses, ablutions etc.) The necessity for continuing work while recruits arrive has to be accepted. The C.A.R. Commandant (Col. GILLIVA) must be given authority to indicate to the Engineers on the spot what he considers to be priority of work in order to ensure progressively the conditions essential for daily reception of recruits.
 - (b) Messing. Owing to lack of funds, War Ministry are providing no Mess equipment (utensils etc.) for officers Messes of permanent staff. Funds, in the form of cash advance, repayable by individual officer members, were hoped for in the near future for local purchase of Officers Mess equipment. This appears unsatisfactory; a further report will be made after inspection of C.A.R. on 19 Mar 46.
 - (c) Married Quarters. No family accommodation for permanent staff (Officers or OR's has been provided for. Hotel accommodation already requisitioned (with grudging approval by War Ministry) will have to be occupied as single Officers Quarters. It is hoped to find further space to accommodate families but at present the problem seems insoluble. It appears most important, if the permanent staff are going to maintain morale, enthusiasm and efficiency that they should have their families with them. It is requested that this necessity be strongly represented to War Ministry.
 - (d) General. In spite of lateness in certain constructional work and of arrival of certain stores and equipment 7 T.C. were satisfied that the arrangements for the inflow and training of recruits, beginning on 16 Mar. were fully adequate.
2. C.A.R. was again visited on 14 Mar 46 by GSO I, GSO II (DOWNING) and DIA & QMB, accompanied by Asst. C. of S. (Col. CHARTOFF) Commandant C.A.R. (Col. GILLIVA) and his Staff. Personnel of the Inf. Coy (7 Indep. Regt.) were made to represent newly-arrived recruits and a complete rehearsal of the arrival, documentation, clothing etc. of a batch of recruits was gone through. The general impression made by this rehearsal, and by a subsequent tour of the whole C.A.R. (from perimeter) was that

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3. Detailed observations on the visit ref. to in para 2 above are as follows.

- (e) Demarcation. The documentation, reception and equipping of recruits was carried out with a squad of some 80 men of the Gen Duty Coy who are now installed in their quarters at LA MARTEIRA Barracks. Plans had clearly been made to cope with the arrival of recruits with the utmost speed, and from the moment of their hot cup of coffee on arrival they are marshalled, or led by their "Cape Squadra's" in batches of 10, through the whole process with considerable alacrity (No doubt the readiness of new recruits, when they do arrive, will add a brisk and considerable noise to this process, but even the less it will surely function at least adequately).

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- The issue of clothing and personal equipment (now excellently stored in Coy Stores) on a Coy basis will help greatly in speed.
- (b) RE MORIS. These are in advanced state of completion and will certainly at least keep pace with the arrival of recruits. Most of the outstanding work is in the nature of plumbing and minor exterior repairs. Telephones wiring is completed but instruments have still to be installed.
- (c) Accommodation. Tables, benches, beds etc. are good and adequate. In general the accommodation is very good; in one or two barracks-rooms, however, which are filled to capacity with double-tier bunks and with little window-space, it is considered that for hygienic and comfort reasons some thinning out will be imperative. This point will be watched.
- (d) Medical. Hospital, M.I. Room, Sick Bays are established with complete Staff and Equipment. S.M.O. in charge stated himself satisfied with all Medical arrangements.
- (e) Training. Equipment - arms and ammunition Am. and Eng. Stores had not arrived by 14 Mar. but this matter has been pressed urgently by B.L.V. with the resultant view that weapons and arms are at last "on the way" by rail, under War Ministry arrangements. This HQ has already taken steps to acquire, from British Sources, at least sufficient target and frame materials, rifle rests etc. to provide specimens for local manufacture (The particulars and provision of these Eng stores had not been given hitherto any great priority by 7 T.G.)
- (f) General. It appears that 7 T.G. and the C.A.B. Staff have not spared their efforts to make the SUSA C.A.B. a success. Heavy calls on Engineers have been met, difficulties of transportation between WILKINS and WEMA have been overcome.
- 7 T.G. has collected equipment literally from all over ITALY and are to be commended on their first-rate co-ordination and organization.
- Particular praise is due to Maj. C. of S. (Col. GILBERT) who has almost won himself (and his Staff) out in his tireless work to get this Centre going.
- (It is hoped he soon gets some leave!)

GEORGE VANDER BEEK'S AND NORTH DEPOT - APRIL 1946

1. Inspections were carried out of the following units:-

- No. 7. Repair Shop.
- No. 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

2. No. 7. Repair Shop.

Both Manufactures and Repairs are being carried out here. The Shop is divided into three Sections as follows:-

- (i) General Repairs Section.
- (ii) Woollen Repairs only.
- (iii) Boot Repairs only.

General Repairs Section. Executing Manufactures as well as Repairs.

Machines	"	Machines Sewing	"	30
Personnel	7	Machinists Female	"	50
		Hand Sewing Female	"	12
		Sorters Female	"	4

Woollen Repairs Section. Executing Manufactures of Socks as well as Repairs to woollen garments.

Machines	"	Mach. Manufacturing	"	15
Personnel	"	Winding	"	8
		Knitting	"	1
Personnel	"	Machinists Female	"	25
		Hand Sewing Female	"	12

Boot Repairs Section. Executing Light Repairs and Studding only.

Machines	"	MIL
Personnel	"	Boot Repairers - 25.

In addition to these there is a Pattern Cutters Room in which is employed Male Tailor Cutters - 10

Machines Cutting Pattern 1.

An Expense Store supplies the materials and spares etc. as required.

The system of Manufacture and Repair as adopted at present in this Repair Shop, does not, in my opinion, lend itself to speedy output. I propose to introduce in the near future, in conjunction with the O.C. Col. Baccari and his assistant, Major Bardi, a more satisfactory system.

(11) Woollen Repairs only.
(111) Boot Repairs only.

General Repairs Section. Executing Manufactures as well as Repairs.

Machines	-	Machines Sewing	-	50
Personnel	7	Machinists Female	-	50
		Hand Sewing Female	-	12
		Porters Female	-	4

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Machines	-	Mach. Manufacturing	-	15
Personnel	-	Finishing	-	8
		Knitting	-	1
Personnel	-	Machinists Female	-	26
		Hand Sewing Female	-	12

Boat Repairs Section. Executing Light Repairs and Studding only.

Machines	-	MIL	
Personnel	-	Boat Repairers	- 25.

In addition to those there is a Pattern Cutters Room in which is employed Male Tailor Cutters - 10

Machines Cutting Pattern 1.

An Expense Store supplies the materials and spares etc. as required.

The system of Manufacture and Repair as adopted at present in this Repair Shop, does not, in my opinion, lend itself to speedy output. I propose to introduce in the near future, in conjunction with the C.O. Col. Brooker and his assistant, Major Baril, a more satisfactory system.

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No. 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

A further unsatisfactory Store which anticipates a transfer to another location in May.

At the present this Store is divided and owing to its expected transfer, was only given the briefest of inspections.

At the time of inspection it had a holding of 150 tons.

J. A. S. [Signature]
S/ Col.
Ordinance Warehouse Officer

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: WLM/20

Florence, 6 March 1946

Subject : Reports and Returns - End/Beginning Month Report

To : M.M.I.A.

Reference 30/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following: -

- (a) End/Beginning month report as at 1/3/46.
- (b) At Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U. and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.
- (c) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 BLU.
- (d) At Appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt/Col. and above.
- (e) At Appx "D" is Return of Ex. ME. held by this BLU.
- (f) At Appx "E" is Progress Report on C.A.R. NINUA.
- (g) At Appx "F" is Report by ORD. W.O.

B. S. L. GREGSON
B.S.L. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 March 1946

I. General.

G.O.C. ITALIA visited FLORINIA on 22 & 23 Feb. 1946.

(MLU)

Capt. KNIGHTON - REMI - departed on LIAP on 16 Feb. His duties at O.A.R.B. BOLENA are being carried out by Lieut. FRANCHOTT (It.)
 Capt. GARDNER R.A.S.O. departed on Release on 20 Feb. Lieut. Col. MURRES has not yet joined the B.L.U.. Two Isomer clerks have joined 7 MLU, but the absence of trained clerks makes things difficult.

(IT)

The preparation of the O.A.R. at ITALIA is fully occupying 7 Territorial Command. They appear confident that arrangements will be completed by 15 March.

II. General.

Organization.

(MLU)

A complete list of OR deficiencies has been forwarded to O 2 M (ITALIA letter ref A 360 of 23 Feb. refers)

(IT)

Lieut. STRAIN has been posted to 7 MLU by 7 Territorial Command as an Interpreter. He will take the place of Lieut. GERRARDSON when the latter leaves the Army. All personnel for the Italian Increment have been examined by 7 Territorial Command. The Increment will be fully implemented when we move into VILLA MURAVERA.

(MR)

There is now no AC representative in FLORINIA.

Employment of Troops.

(a)

Army less CC.ML.

7 Inf. Regt.

6th & 8th Coys employed on guard duties at LATERINA P.O.W. Camp.
5th Coy proceeding to O.A.R. ITALIA shortly.

76 Adm. Regt.

In process of disbanding.

6th Prov Group.

Employed by P.B.S. chiefly as M.P. Coys.

completed by 15 March.

II. General.Organization.

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- (HR) There is now no AG representative in FLORENCE.

Deployment of Troops.

- (a) Army Loss CO. HR.
7 Inf. Regt. 6th & 8th Coys employed on guard duties at LATINA P.O.W. Camp.
 5th Coy proceeding to C.A.R. ROMA shortly.
- 716 Adm. Regt. In process of disbanding.
- 6th Prov Group. Employed by P.B.S. chiefly as M.P. Coys.
- (b) CO. HR. Normal duties.
- (c) FOLGORE DIV. CANTINELLI Regt. in SICILY.
 2 Platoons being prepared for C.A.R.s at SICILY and BARI.
 Remainder Training.

Training. Army Loss CO. HR.

- (1) 7th Inf. Regt.
 Training is difficult owing to dispersal of Units, but satisfactory progress has been made in individual training and range practices.
 An instruction platoon has been started and reinforcements receive training in this platoon before being posted to Units.

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(II) MILITARY MAT.

In nearly all units individual training has been completed and collective training started. Specialist courses continue. U.S. Driving, Signals. All units do a weekly route march and physical training. In the artillery a 15 days course is being run for all reinforcements who arrive.

CC. R.

Specialist courses and manual training of Public Bus. proceeding satisfactorily otherwise practically no training being done.

Intelligence.

(a)

Not known.

(b)

Not known.

(c)

Owing to the gradual withdrawal of Allied troops, Italian Army barracks and buildings are being de-requisitioned and handed back to the Italians.

CONVINCING barracks (5% Rest Camp) is a case in point.

This allows the Italian Army in its turn, to de-requisition civilian property, thus removing the only source of friction that has so far been to light in 7 Territorial Command. Relations between PLUMES have, generally speaking improved steadily.

(d)

Stated to be very unpolitically minded.

(e)

One or two anti "call up" posters have been seen, but these are not considered serious.

(f)

See CC. R. Report.

(g)

The new rate of exchange seems to have had little or no effect on Italian cost of living.

(h)

NIL.

VII. General.Deficiencies Official.

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NIL

VII. General.

Deficiencies Officers.

(HEU) Lieut. Col. MARRAS not yet arrived.
G.S.O. II not yet arrived.

Sgt.'s
Opd Clerk 1.
Other clerks 4 (2 learner clerks have joined 7 HEU)
Sgt. Gen. Duties 1
Cook AGI 1

Leave Capt. NELSON left for LIAF on 16 Feb.

Italian.

Deficiencies.

7 Inf. Regt. NIL.

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726 Adm. Regt. Disbanding.6 Prov. Bn. Group. 10% over U.S.PULASKI DIV. Artillery HQ's 7%. CRs 5 %CO. JR. Up to U.S. but many withdrawn for
extraneous duties.7 T.O. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Mechanics.	10%
Artificers.	60%
Drivers.	10%
M/cyclists.	10%
Typists.	40%
W.T.	10%

PULASKI DIV. Deficiencies in Specialist.

Drivers.	10%
W.T.	25%
Mechanics.	60%
Armourers.	25%
Fitters.	15%
Electricians.	15%
Carpenters	50%
Radio Fitters	25%
Blacksmiths	52%

Discipline.7 T.O. Satisfactory.PULASKI DIV. Gen. FIALBERT reported to G.O.C. USA, whom
he visited FLEWELL, that he was satisfied
with the discipline of his Div.CO. JR. Satisfactory.Leave Problems

(a) <u>7 T.O.</u>	} Passes have been asked for from 13 Corps for individuals to enter VENETIA GIULIA
(b) <u>PULASKI.</u>	
(c) <u>CO. JR.</u>	

Pay Problems.

(a) <u>7 T.O.</u>	} All pleased at the rise from L. 5 to L. 13 pay day. 2050
(b) <u>PULASKI.</u>	

Drivers. 101
W.T. 251
Mechanics. 60
Announcers. 25
Fitters. 15
Electricians. 15
Carpenters. 30
Radio Fitters. 25
Blacksmiths. 52

Discipline.

Z.T.C.

Satisfactory.

ENGINE DIV.

Gen. FIALORZI reported to G.O.O. REGIA, when he visited PLACERIS, that he was satisfied with the discipline of his Div.

CO. RR.

Satisfactory.

Leave Problems

- (a) Z.T.C.
- (b) ENGINE.
- (c) CO. RR.

Passes have been asked for from 15 Corps for individuals to enter VIRGINIA GIULIA

Pay Problems.

- (a) Z.T.C.
- (b) FOLIORE
- (c) CO. RR.

All pleased at the rise from L. 5 to L. 15 per day. 3059
(It is too early yet to judge the effect of this. NIL

Morale.

Z.T.C.

I think this is improving.

ENGINE.

Good. GARIBOLDI left for SICILY in excellent spirits.

CO. RR.

Good.

Transport.
(NIL)

See A.T.M. "Y"

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Accounting

(WU)

Telephones have been installed in most of the new offices taken over. Complete list of telephone numbers is:

CHC I. Office	1589
CHC II "	1120
DMA & GSP "	1120
S.E. "	1123
R.A.O.C. "	1118
CG.R. (L) "	1127
Others "	1121

Italian Transport7 E.O. & HUSAR DIV.

See the three reports on the three units requested forwarded to ADW DIA under 921/10 dated 28 Feb. 1st March, 3 March.

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Clothing & Equipment

We have been shown fully how a new recruit arriving at C.G.A.R. will be clothed and some of the equipment he will receive. It all is up to the standard shown it will be most satisfactory.

Q.I.R.

Italian Legion still short of clothing but it is anticipated that it will be completed by mid-March.

Arm & Ammunition. Army Loss CO. R.R.E.O. Up to R.E.FOLLOWING DAY.

Armaments complete.

Shortage of 1st & 2nd line ammunition.

7 E.O. have a reserve stock of arms and ammunition above R.E. This is being listed

Handwritten note:
Rec'd information
from L. 10/10/55
J.C.

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POWERS M.V.

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Accommodation.

(XV) 7.2.O. and MURKIN should be satisfactory when 5A Bent Camp is fully occupied.

22.11. Many barracks still awaiting repairs. This necessitates CO. R. being accommodated in civilian buildings.

P.O.L.

7.2.O. are pleased with the new scheme of allotment which should be of great assistance to them.

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Summary.

NIL.

Medical.

The NORTH CAROLINA Hospital has been closed and
 now forms a Section of S. CAROLINA Hospital.
 Medical stores are arriving from the NORTH Depot
 and going to the MEDICAL DEPARTMENT - WASHINGTON

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ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICERS REPORT - FEBRUARY 1946

1. INSPECTIONS.

Visits were made to the following Stores and Repair Shops: -

No. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT DEPOT

- | | | |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|
| (i) | Clothing Stores. | |
| (ii) | Equipment Stores. | Repair Shop. |
| (iii) | " " | |
| (iv) | Armoury. | |
| (v) | " " | Repair Shop. |

Inspections were carried out and Reports compiled on PROFORMAS attached as Appendix "A".

Report of my findings, together with my recommendations, were submitted to the appropriate departments. Copy attached as Appendix "B".

2. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Availability of Fire Fighting Equipment within the Territorial Command particularly being sought.

3. TONNAGE.

No Tonnage Records were being maintained in the Stores or Repair Shops. This is now being instituted.

In consequence of this no safe Tonnage Approximations could be furnished for PROFORMA Reports at Appendix "A".

4. REMARKS.

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Other Units to be Inspected include:-

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- 7 Salvage Depot

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[Signature]
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S/COR.

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER.

NOTE

The Ord. Warrant Officer has, in addition to his Ord. duties, been executing the duties of Chief Clerk of this B.I.U. owing to that individual being in hospital.

It is due to this that he has been unable to complete his inspections.

LOCATION OF REPORT: ON THE REPORT OF VISIT TO ITALY, 27 FEB 46

1. UNIT NO. 7 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DEPOT (CLOTHING)

2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 27th February '46

3. NAME OF OFFICER/MS. W/O. Capt. Pugliese Stefano

STORES.

- (a) Type of building
e.g. house, barn etc. Barrack Stores
- (b) General condition of building Good, but lighting inadequate
- (c) Condition of (i) Nothing Italian and Grade III British: Good.
(ii) Equipment: See Sheets. 2 & 3.
(iii) Other stores: Grease (BOOT PRESERVATION) Candles.

(c) Are the items of para (i)
stored separately? Yes.

(f) Method of preservation Naphelene

(g) Turnover, approx turnover N.K.

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Clear detailed examination reveals def.

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian. NO In Italian only.
for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for the inclusion of
English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOES.

- (a) General state of machinery See attached Report in
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken covering latter.
- (c) Any shortage of materials
- (d) Number of employees

GENERAL REMARKS. No fire fighting equipment or instructions in use.

- (c) Condition of (i) Nothing Italian and Grade II British - Good.
(ii) Equipment. See Sheets. 2 & 3.
(iii) Other stored. (BOTT PRESERVATION) Candles.
- (d) Are the items of (i) Yes.
stored separately? Naphelene
- (e) Method of preservation N.K.
- (f) Turnover, approx turnover
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Close detailed examination necessary.
(i) Are reconciliations written in English and Italian. NO in Italian only.
for all items of ALLIED original Instructions given for the inclusion of
English interpretation of nomenclatures.

STONE ISLAND

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| (a) General state of machinery | See attached Report in covering letter. |
| (b) Type of repairs undertaken | |
| (c) Any shortage of materials? | |
| (d) Morale of employees | |

GENERAL REMARKS. No fire fighting equipment or instructions in all.

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 J. B. V. Esq. S/O
 Signature of ~~James B. V.~~
 of Ward of London.
 7. B. L. V.

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COMPTON OFFICE OR T.O. REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT Nº 7. Clothing & Equipment Depot (Equipment)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 28th. February 1946.
3. NAME OF ~~OFFICER~~ W/O. FALCIANI, SILVIO.
Civilian

STORES.

- (a) Type of Building Barrack Stores.
e.g. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate.
- (c) Approx Tonnage 180 TONS.
- (d) Condition of (i) nothing NIL
(ii) Equipment Good
(iii) Other stores NIL

(e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? YES.

(f) Method of preservation By brushing only. No preservatives.

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closes detailed examination necessary.

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No. in Italian only.
for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRING STORES.

- (a) General state of machinery Three Sewing Machines (HEAVY) Good.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation
- (c) Any shortage of materials? Leather, Saddle Canvases (Tela) needles, Presser foot
- (d) Morale of employees Good.

GENERAL REMARKS. An efficient Department, well organised and executing excellent work. No Fire Fighting Equipment or

(b) General condition of stores Good
 (c) Approx Tonnage 180 TONS.
 (d) Condition of (i) NIL
 (ii) Equipment Good
 (iii) General stores NIL

(e) Are the items of (d) stored separately? YES.

(f) Method of preservation By brushing only. No preservatives.

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Close detailed examination necessary.

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No. In Italian only.
 for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given to the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

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(b) Type of Repairs undertaken Repairs by Cannibalisation

(c) Any shortage of materials? Leather, Saddle Canvases (Tela) needles, Preservation

(d) Morale of employees Good.

GENERAL REMARKS. An efficient Department, well organised and executing excellent work. No Fire fighting Equipment or instructions. Inadequate lighting in Stores. 3054

12.6.46 Es. S. J. R.

Signature of ~~General Officer~~
 of Warrent Officer.

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1/3/1946

QUARTERMASTER OR W.O.'S REPORTS OF VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. DATE No 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot (ARMS)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 28th FEB. '46
3. NAME OF OFFICER/NO: 1/c. FALLIANI, SILVIO.

STORES.

- (a) Type of Building
e.g. house, barn etc. Barack Armory
- (b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate
- (c) Approx. Tonnage 1.63 TONS.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL
(ii) Equipment NIL
(iii) Other stores Arms - Excellent
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.
- (f) Method of preservation Mineral oil.
- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closer detailed examination necessary.
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No in Italian only.
for all items of Allied origin? Instruction given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS STORES.

- (a) General state of machinery NIL.
- (b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation
- (c) Any shortage of materials? Tool, Pistol Spades and Preservative oils
- (d) Morale of employees Good.

GENERAL REMARKS.

A very good standard of efficiency in

(b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate

(c) Approx. Tenancy 112 - 113

(c) Approx. Tennage

(a) Condition of (i) clothing

(14) **Equivalent**

(iii) Other stores Agnes - Excellent.

(c) Are the items of yarn (a) stored separately?

(2) Method of preservation Mineral oil

(5) Turnover, approx forage

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Close detailed examination necessary.

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of All'cà origin? Instruments given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures. No in Italian only.

SHOES SUTHERLAND

(a) General state of machinery

(b) Type of Repairs undertaken Removals by Cannibalisation

(o) Any shortage of materials? Tool, Pistol Spades and Percussive tools

(2) Removal of employees

QUALITY OF LIFE

A very good standard of efficiency in storage and repairs alike. A model ^{of} department spoilt only by the lack of Fire Fighting Equipment and Instructions, and the insufficient lighting

[Signature]

Signature of ~~Grantee Officer~~
of Warrant Officer.

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Appx B " O.W.O.'s IMIA
REPORT

ORD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: ORD/6

Florence, 1 March 1946

Subject : Ordinance Warrant Officer Inspections

To : Direttore Artiglieria - 7 Territorial Command
Commissariato Directorate - 7 Territorial Command
Ufficio Servizi - 7 Territorial Command

1. On 27th and 28th February 1946 I carried out inspections of the following Storehouses and repair Departments.
 7 Clothing Stores
 7 Equipment Stores
 Repair Department
 7 Armoury.
 Repair Department
2. I was greatly impressed by the keenness and efficiency with which these Branches are executing their services. The storage and preservation of the various items of stores is very good. I was pleased to note that all items were carefully stored in racks, each item being segregated and bearing Stock Stock Cards. The sorting and segregation of unserviceable and Repairable stores was also satisfactory. The Storehouses were both clean and tidy. Especial praise perhaps may be given to the Armoury wherein one meets, a very nearly, ideal store.
3. The accounting procedure appears to be quite satisfactory but I hope to give closer attention to this subject at a later date.
4. I was also keenly interested in the Repair Departments wherein your transformation of a hardly recognisable object, into a brand new shiny Rifle or Saddle, gives proof in itself of the skill and hard work being executed there.
5. I forward the following recommendations for your consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (a) There is no Fire Fighting Equipment or Fire Fighting Instructions available for immediate use at any of the Storehouses or Repair Departments.
 I would very strongly recommend that immediate action be taken to obtain this most essential equipment and, upon receipt, the setting up of Fire Points at places within easy access of all rooms and outhouses.

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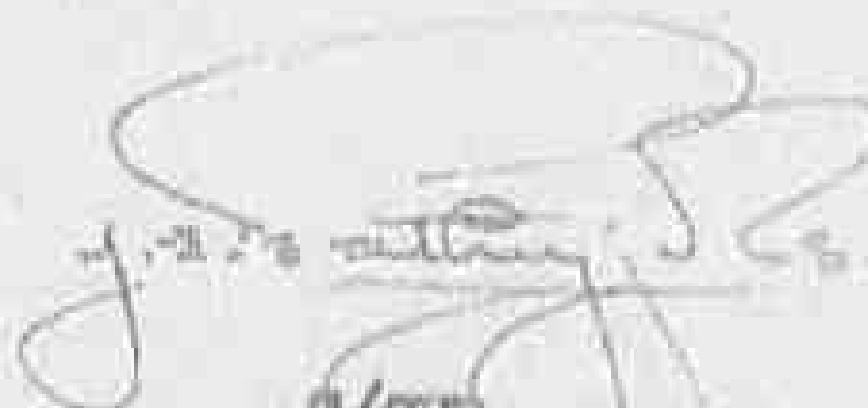
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- (b) Greater provision of Spares and Tools generally in the Armoury Repair Departments.
- (c) Greater provision of Preserving materials in all Repair Departments. Especially leather Preservatives.
- (d) More lighting in Storehouses and Repair Departments.
- (e) Each Stock Stock Card should have the nomenclatures of Stores written both in English and Italian.

These points will later be made subject to separate letters.

6.

In conclusion I would tender my sincere thanks for your kind cooperation and assistance to me during my Inspections. I look forward to rendering my favourable Report to HQ. MCEA


J. A. S. Milne
S/O
ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Florence

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REF: REF/30

Florence 18 Feb. 1946

Subject: Reports & Returns.

To: M.H.L.A.

Ref. REF/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following.
- (a) Mid-month report as at 15/2/46.
 - (b) Appx. "A". Progress report on C.A.R.
 - (c) Appx. "B". Short report on Local Resistance. Conditions.

W. H. L. G. J.
D.S.L. GERRISON
Major
7 REF

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CONFIDENTIALSubject: Z.B.I.V. Mid-month Report as at 15 Feb. 19461. CAMPAIGNING OFFICERS.

- (a) Lt. Col. C.C. MUMFORD (47218) a.o.s., W.c.f. 4 Feb. 1946.
- (b) Capt. R.C. SIMON (79903) R.A.S.C. arrived 13 Feb. to take over from Capt. GUMMER, due for release.

3/cdr. PATTERSON (737422) R.A.S.C. reported for duty from 4 HUI on 4 Feb.

Cpl. A.J. HUI (4/26264) R.A.S.C. proceeded on Release on 11th Feb.

2. PERSONNEL (W.C.)

M.H.I.A. Signal ref A 595 dated 25 Jan. suggested that GHI were going to assist in the very acute problem of O.R. personnel for HUIs. In this HUI at the moment, there is only one clerk. Have GHI given any answer or should HUIs take up again with GHI?

ACTION.
By HUI/2 and 18 Feb.
1946 refers.

3. MISSION.

General DE SIMON returned from HUI on 6 Feb. and a conference took place on 7 Feb.

At this conference all relative points raised at HUIA conference of 28 and 29 Jan were discussed.

Only main, urgent or points asked for by HUIA are mentioned in this report. Other points will be raised in the next mid-beginning month report.

(a) Location O.A.R.

Made quite clear that all C.A.R. was to be at HUIA

(b) Demonstration Platform

Polgore Div. to provide one for HUIA and to have a second in reserve in case wanted for some Territorial Command that has in Inf. Div.

Platform was to be built at once and platform to be ready

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Off. 3/Cdr. EMMETT (7307122) R.A.O.G. reported for duty from 4 EIJ on 4 Feb.
 Cpl. A.J. MIA (8/360164) R.A.S.G. proceeded on leave on 11th Feb.

2. MEMORANDUM (W.E.)

M.M.L.A. Signal ref A 995 dated 23 Jan. suggested that GHI were going to assist in the very acute problem of CR. personnel for HIA. In this EIJ at the moment, there is only one clerk. Have GHI given any answer or should HIA take up again with GHI?

ACTION.
 By EIJ/2 dtd 18 Feb.
 1946 refers.

3. MEMORANDUM

General DE SIMONE returned from HIA on 6 Feb. and a conference took place on 7 Feb. At this conference all relative points raised at HIA conference of 28 and 29 Jan were discussed. Only main, urgent or points asked for by HIA are mentioned in this report. Other points will be raised in the next mid-beginning month report.

(a) Location G.A.R.

Made quite clear that all G.A.R. was to be at HIA

(b) Registration Platons

Folgate Div. to provide one for HIA and to have a second in reserve in case wanted for some Territorial Guard that has no Inf. Div. Training was to begin at once and platoons to be ready by 10 March. Is 2nd platoon to continue training?

(c) Courses

Two officers and 8 HIA to be selected for course at GHI, early March.

(d) Bands

There is no Band in 7 Territorial Command and DE SIMONE stressed the difficulty of obtaining instruments and suitable uniforms for a Band. FOLGATE Div. had had a Band and DE SIMONE would investigate possibilities of this being refound.

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ACTION.
 By EIJ/25 E. dtd 18 Feb.
 1946 refers.

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(e) P.O.L.

The inspection I gained at the conference was that P.O.L. was allotted to a Territorial Command for all units in the Command, less C.I. It was then subdivided to units under orders of Territorial Commanders.

At the moment a separate allotment is made to P.O.L. Div. by Ministry of War. Is this correct?

- (f) No sale of barracks, equipment etc. for G.A.R. had been received from Ministry of War, but requests for necessary items had been sent to Ministry of War by 7 Territorial Command. DE SIMONE would ask for lists immediately.

4. RATIONS.

End-beginning month report as at 1 Feb. 1946 (forwarded under Ref. HQ/20 dated 5 Feb.) para "other 9 points" refers.

The PULGON Div. complaint that they have had no Rice issues for two months is correct. There is Rice in the depots, but it is frozen by S.M.A. for some purpose unknown to 7 Terr. Command. Is this correct?

5. MEDICINE.

More of GARIBOLDI Regt. to STULY. This has been ordered and the Regt. has arrived in PALERMO.

*Mild interest
to be taken
by 55,000/3, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000*

NOTICE.
By 55/6 5 and 10 Feb.
1946 refers.

*See 55/6 5 and 10 Feb.
Taken up with HQ/20.
Reference for which
is decided not to
issue to the few Camps where
available. 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000*

NOTICE.
By 55/6 5 and 10 Feb.
1946 refers.

- (2) No scale of barracks, equipment etc. for C.A.R. had been received from Ministry of War, but requests for necessary items had been sent to Ministry of War by 7 Forward Air Command.
- DE ALMOND would ask for lists immediately.

4. RAIFORD.

End-beginning month report as at 1 Feb. 1946 (submitted under Ref. MA/20 dated 5 Feb.) para "other 9 pointers" refers.

The RAIFORD Div. commented that they have had no Rice issue for two months is correct.

There is Rice in the depot, but it is frozen by S.M.A. for some purpose unknown to 7 Serr. Command. Is this correct?

5. RAIFORD.

Move of GARTINER Regt. to SHULZ.

This has been completed and the Regt. has arrived in RAIFORD.

ACTION.

By 31/3 5 dtd 18 Feb. 1946 refers.

See 17-12-45 7:30 AM 3rd Div

Taken up with Hq. W.

Received report from white army. It seemed not to issue to the few lines where available. 10/11/45

ACTION.

By 31/3 5 dtd 18 Feb. 1946 refers.

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AMIA to 7 Jan letter HUI/20
dated 21 Feb. 1946

PROCESSED REPORT C.A.R. SUSA as at 15 Feb. 1946.

1. The posting of a company for General Division to SUSA (AMIA HQ/27 of 13 Feb. refers); has put a strain on the accommodation already budgeted for, and it has been necessary to take over the 5. MARCH barracks to accommodate them.
2. These barracks were immediately inspected and estimates for necessary repairs etc. obtained. These were passed to Ministry of War for approval but so far no reply has been received. However work commenced on these barracks on the 15 Feb.
3. I am confident again that they will not be completely finished by the 15th March, although I am assured that every endeavour is being made to have the work finished.
4. Ref. AMIA letter HQ/27 dated 7 Feb. 1946. It is not anticipated that the rehearsal can take place much before March 10th.
5. Taking into consideration the large amount of work to be done, the difficulty in obtaining necessary materials, I am not sure that reports have made clear the magnitude of the task set 7 Territorial Command in having the C.A.R. ready and organized by March 15th. I am convinced however that both Gen. DE SMITH personally and also his Staff have done and are doing their utmost to fulfill their obligations.
6. I am assured by 7 Territorial Command and on myself most hopeful that everything will be ready by the due date with the exception of the H.Q.s Club. This is relatively unimportant as there are alternative facilities in LAMUNTRA barracks.
7. Profos are attached.

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ATTACHMENT "B" TO BLD/10 LANCEN
OF 18 FEBRUARY 1946

	<u>Brit. Prices</u>	<u>Italian Prices</u>
Apples	40 L. per kilo	55 Lire per kilo
Oranges	30 " " "	40 " " "
Potatoes	ex B.M.L.	48 " " "
Spinach	)	15 " " "
Cabbage	)	12 " " "
Celery	)	40 " " "
Onions	ex B.M.L.	100 " " "
Garlic	"	"

Prices paid by Italian Units are the controlled prices paid in the market in Florence. Units purchasing outside Florence is. Units of "Poligore" Div. should pay approximately 15% less.

Above is sample of comparative prices paid for fresh fruit and vegetables by Italian Units and British local purchase Officer. These figures have been obtained from I & F Branch, Florence Command and 5th, 7th Territorial Command.

It will be observed that in Florence Area Italian Units are paying lower prices than the British local purchase organization, although it is thought that in Leghorn prices are higher. At present, at any rate there seems to be no reason to alter the current procedure, but the situation will be reviewed from time to time and recommendations made as they appear necessary.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: HJ/20

Florence, 5 Feb. 1946

Subject : Reports & ReturnsTo : M.M.I.A.

Ref. SB/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are following: -

- (a) End/beginning month report as at 1/2/46.
- (b) At appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 BLU and Location of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Reg & equivalent Units.
- (c) At appx "B" is Staff List of 7 BLU.
- (d) At appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the command of the rank of Lieut Col & above.
- (e) At appx "D" is return of Mr. Lt. held by this BLU.
- (f) At appx "E" is the information asked for in MEMA Q/204 dated 14 Jan 1946.
- (g) At appx "F" is covering letter to para 1 (e) above (appx D).
- (h) At appx "G" is Progress Report on C.A.R. MEMA together with proformas forwarded under MEMA letter Q 001 dated 11 Jan 1946.

2. A full report on C.C.R. activities is being forwarded by C.C.R. Liaison Officer, conversation HINDENBURG - GIBSON of 4/2 refers.

[Signature]
D.S.L. CHURCH
Major

7 BLU

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7.2.46
P.H.

Q 453

ConfidentialSubject: 7. B.L.U. and/termining Month Report as at 1 Feb '451. General.

(RM) On the 17th, January 5 AM's arrived from 4 AM in their arrival has been a great help. Unfortunately there was only one Clerk amongst them and with the imminent departure of Opl. Hunt on release, the Clerk situation is serious. I understood however that AM are going into this matter. AM's signal A 595 dated 25 Jan '45 refers. The B.O.B.O. from 4 AM is joining this HQ, and is expected daily. Major W. GORDON, O.C.H. Liaison Officer joined 7 AM on 30 Jan '45.

(It) General DE WILKES has been in RM for a considerable part of the month. Recently, meetings have been with him 2 i/c Brig. PHOENIX and the Chief of Staff. All of them are worried at the prospect of a number of Polish troops coming to P. PHOENIX. I discussed this with 7 A.O. and the Area Commander. The result of these discussions was telephoned to Lieut. Col. CLIMAX on 30th Jan.

II. General.Organization.

(RM) With the arrival of Major GORDON and Capt. GARDNER a certain amount of organization has been possible. We now have a S.E. Office and S.O. Office. Major PHOENIX is acting as D.A. & S.H. All typing and clerical work is still pooled owing to the shortage of clerks.

(It) One of the intercomms Lieut. GORDON is due for discharge from the Army in about one month's time. I have informed 7 A.O. that he may go when a suitable replacement has been provided. 7 A.O. do not appear to have ever received instructions from Ministry of War as to the formation of an Italian Movement to 7 AM. The matter has been explained to them and they are examining the personnel.

Employment of second.

- (a) Army less M.M.
7 Inf. Regt. Guard duties in 7 A.O.

7th AM. Regt. 30th Jan section disbanded.

(12) General NG STONE has been in Rome for a considerable part of the month, though, dealings have been with his 2 i/c staff, PUGH and the Chief of Staff.

All of them are worried at the prospect of a number of Italian troops coming to Rome. I discussed this with 7 T.C. and the Area Commander. The result of these discussions was telephoned to Lieut. Col. STONE on 30th Jan.

II. General.

Organisation.

(III) With the arrival of Major GREENHILL and Capt. SANDER a certain amount of organisation has been possible. We now have a S.E. Office and X.I. S. Office. Major DOUGLAS is acting as D.A. & C. All typing and clerical work is still pooled owing to the shortage of clerks.

(14) One of the interrogators ident. GREENHILL is due for discharge from the Army in about one month time. I have informed 7 T.C. that he may go when a suitable replacement has been provided.

7 T.C. do not appear to have over-received instructions from Ministry of War as to the formation of an Italian increment to 7 M.I. The matter has been explained to them and they are extracting the personnel.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army less M.I.R.

7 Inf. Regt.

Guard duties in 7 T.C.

7th Adm. Regt.

9th Line Section disbanded.

26 Inf. Coy disbanded.

6th Prov. Bn. Devan.

Under command 183.

6th Coy has been disbanded.

5th 7th and 8th M. Coy's will shortly

come under command 7 M.I.

7th Coy's on 1st Feb and 8th Coy on

5th Feb.

(b) M.I.R.

Subject of Special U.S. Report.

(c) PUGH.

Training and Improvement of M.I.R.

Training. Army less M.I.R.

(1) Training Net's. C.I.B. in progress of completion.

(II) Other Troops.

Individual training and range practice.

(III) PUGH.

Platoon tactical training for old soldiers. Section tactical and weapon training for

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TRAINING.

PULASKI Cont; reinforcements. Specialist Companies, 888. Regiment, Artillery. Lectures for Officers.

OVER. Subject of Special G-3 Report.

Intelligence.

- (a) Not known.
- (b) Not known.
- (c) There is undoubtedly quite a lot of feeling between 7 IV and the civilian authorities owing to the necessary requisitioning of buildings for troops. This could be almost entirely overcome if 54 West Group (CIVILIAN barracks), lately occupied by U.S. troops, but now empty, could be handed back to 7 IV. This was mentioned in the telephone conversation of 30th Jan (Lt Col WILLIAMS - (unseen)). No incidents between civil population and troops have been reported.
- (d) Nothing yet seen to light.
- (e) None known.
- (f) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~; See CC.R. Report
- (g) Several Italians spoken to, both military and civilian, have shown considerable interest in the development of the line against striking and holding. They are undecided so far as to what effect this will have on the cost of living, but most of them consider that the effect will not be great.
- (h) During his inspection of the PULASKI Army Regt, General CAPOVILLA made them a speech, the gist of which was as follows:-

The Italian army as a whole and the Group in particular had received a very poor press in the Italian newspapers. A large proportion of the civilian population had no idea of the good work carried out by the Italian Army for the Allied Cause. It was up to the Italian Army and the Group in particular to show by their example, behaviour and discipline, that the Italian army was not a thing of the past, but something very much alive and carrying the Italy to be proud of. The future of the army and that of Italy as a whole rested

that was mentioned in the telephone conversation of 24th Jan (14 001 GUYSTER - GUYSTER).

No incidents between civil population and troops have been reported.

(a) Nothing yet come to light.

(c) None known.

(d) ~~Reported~~ See OC.MR. Report

(e) Several Italians spoken to, both military and civilian, have shown considerable interest in the devaluation of the Lira against Sterling and Holland. They are undecided as far as to what effect this will have on the cost of living, but most of them consider that the effect will not be great.

(h) During his inspection of the ~~XXXXXX~~ Army Regt, General ~~XXXXXX~~ made then a speech, the gist of which was as follows :-

The Italian army as a whole and the Group in particular had received a very poor press in the Italian newspapers. A large proportion of the civilian population had no idea of the good work carried out by the Italian Army for the Allied Cause.

It was up to the Italian Army and the Group in particular to show by their example, behaviour and discipline, that the Italian army was not a thing of the past, but something very much alive and something for Italy to be proud of. The future of the army and that of Italy as a whole rested very much in their hands.

The army should be above parties and politics, and should look on their duty as being to Italy as a whole.

This speech appeared to be well received.

Other Points.

S.O.P. Sigsbee visited ~~XXXXXX~~ on 24th Jan and discussed communications with S.O.P. ~~XXXXXX~~. No further complaints have been received.

III. General.

Deficiencies of ~~XXXXXX~~.

"A" (Rgt) Col ~~XXXXXX~~ still in hospital, he will be S.O.P. on 4 Feb '45 having been 21 days in hospital. No GSO II yet arrived.

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III General Cont;

O.R.'s. Although there are 12 O.R.'s at present with this unit they are not according to W.S. The full position was given on the proforma forwarded with 7 MLI letter RM/2 dated 25 Jan'46.

I understand Capt HILSON is due for LIAF now, but by arrangement with Col HUNT he has postponed it till the BOLTON Workshops are functioning properly.

III ItalianDeficiencies.(a) 7.32.7th Inf Regt. up to W.S.716 Adm'n Regt. up to W.S. (Disbanding).6 Prov Bn Sp. 10% over W.S.POLARIS Div. under W.S. Inf 20%, Arty 20%, Eng'rs 30%.7.33. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Mechanics: 15%

Artificers: 50%

Records for

8/boilers: 50%

Typists: 50%

Drivers: 15%

M/Cyclists: 20%

POLARIS Div. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Drivers: 30%

Mechanics: 40%

W.T.: 30%

Typists: 25%

NOTE. Subject of Special GEN Report.Discipline.7.34. Nothing of importance reported.

POLARIS Div. C.O.S. Polaris, is not satisfied with discipline of outlying engineer units. He wishes to concentrate engineers in CAMBRIDGE barracks PLINCOB.

The Army Regt. up to W.E. (Disbanding).

6 Prov Bn Coz. 10% over W.E.

ENGINEER BATT. under W.E. Inf 20%. Arty 20%. Eng'rs 30%.

7 AU. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Mechanics: 15%
Artificers: 50%
Medics for
S/bollers: 50%
Typists: 50%
Drivers: 45%
H/Cyclists: 20%

POLARIS DIV. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Drivers: 30%
Mechanics: 40%
W.T.: 30%
Typists: 25%

COML. Subject of Special OER Report.

Discipline.

7 AU. Nothing of importance reported.

POLARIS DIV. C.O.C. Polaris, is not satisfied with discipline of outlying engineer units. Revises to concentrate Engineers in COMBATING barracks PLANNING.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7 AU. Nil. Leave still difficult to VINDICATE. 3042

(b) POLARIS. Nil.

(c) COML. Subject of Special OER Report.

Pay Problems.

(a) 7 AU.

(b) POLARIS.

Both the above, are under the impression that the daily ration allowance was to be raised from 5 lire to 15 lire, from the 1st Feb. Gen. GARDNER actually states this as a fact to the Polaris Army Regt, when I accompanied him on his inspection of this unit.

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圖 1 試驗裝置圖

Tax Problems Cont:

001.133. — *Handbook of Specialized, 001.133. — The course.*

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• AICE - ASSISTANT

On 26 Jan. "Accompanied Gen. GARDNER on his inspection of the Western Army Regt. This was really the first opportunity of judging the morale at first hand.

I would say that the morale of both officers and men of this particular Regt. was extremely high, the men looked hard and fit and evidently were proud of themselves, and their past exploits. There were a few Germans, Chief of which were: -

- (a) Delay in discharges from the army, in that all the best jobs would be taken by men who got away early.
- (b) Difficulties experienced by wives and families to obtain sufficient food.
- (c) Lack of meat in the ration, they said they were getting too much CHICK CORRIGED which was not good enough for their babies.

The turn-out of this night was, first class, with the exception of some hundred and fifty individuals who were busy with their vegetables, and, their temporary vegetable patches, converting an 18 ft. of a distance of all kinds of varieties.

I am fully aware of the difficulties of questions
 claimed by Col. Kiser at the conference, but with
 that and being married to the Italian boy, I
 feel it is a great pity that the supply of Italian
 cannot be continued until such time as the Italian
 are capable of supplying decent uniforms.

I feel that otherwise it will be difficult for the
man to take a proper pride in their apartment,
which they evidently do at the moment.

I would say that the morale of both German and men of the particular Regt. was extremely high. The men looked hard and fit and evidently were proud of themselves, and their past exploits. There were a few problems, most of which were:

- (a) Delay in discharges from the army, in that all the best jobs would be taken by men who got away early.
- (b) Difficulties experienced by clerks and families to obtain sufficient food.
- (c) Lack of rest in the routine, they said they were getting too much work and that the food was not solid enough for their taste.
- (d) The turn-out of this Regt. was first class, with the exception of men injured and very nervous ones that had been from various units. Their turn-out was really perfect, consisting as it did of a mixture of all kinds of uniforms.
- (e) I am fully aware of the difficulties of supplies sustained by Col. Mann at the command, but with food being supplied to the Italian army, I feel it is a great pity that the supply of bottledness cannot be continued until such time as the Italians are capable of supplying decent uniforms.
- (f) I feel that otherwise it will be difficult for the men to take a proper pride in their appearance, which they evidently do at the moment.

2.3.C.

On 29 Jan'46, Major DOWLING visited that portion of the 7th Regt. that is stationed in Milan.

He was agreeably surprised and considered the morale good. Men were quite well turned-out, and their saluting was prompt and good.

Food was very fair, and a well organized canteen was being run in the barracks.

Except for a shortage in boots, uniform was neat, fairly clean and showed uniformity.

A central M.I. room was functioning, but the A.C. complained of a shortage of medical supplies.

Barracks were clean, but there was a shortage of beds.

2.3.D. Subject of Special A.C. Report.

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IV "Q"

Transport.

(III) See Annex "Q".

Accommodation.

- (a) The four officers at present with 7 MEH are at the EXHIBITION Hotel.
- (b) The British ME's are all billeted in the small villa in the grounds of Villa "Prinzevna".
Telephone FICHERON 4356.
- (c) A further set of 5 rooms for officers has been taken over. These now adjoin the present offices.

Italian Transport.

- (a) Z XU and FICHERON Div.

I will go into the equitable distribution, as mentioned at the conference, between these two units, during the current month.

Z XU say they are held up through lack of spares, chiefly electrical parts and tyres.

FICHERON Div. worried about obtaining sufficient tyres.

QCEH. Subject of Special QCEH Report.

RMSR Problems.

Capt. HILLON discussing direct with Col HUNTER.

RACQ.

Difficulty in obtaining tyres.

Clothing & Equipment.

Z XU. No problems. Provision being made for clothing at C.A.R.

WOLCOTT. Reinforcements being clothed in various dyed uniforms.

QCEH. Subject of Special QCEH Report.

Arms and Ammunition.

Z XU. A shortage of automatic weapons.

(a) 7 TC and POLARIS DIV.

I will go into the equitable distribution, as mentioned at the conference, between these two units, during the current month.

7 TC say they are held up through lack of spares, chiefly electrical parts and tyres.

POLARIS DIV. worried about obtaining sufficient tyres.

QXR. Subject of Special QXR Report.

REAR Problems.

Capt. MAJOR discussing direct with Col MAJOR.

RAOC.

Difficulty in obtaining tyres.

Clothing & Equipment.

7 TC. No problems. Provision being made for clothing at C.A.B.

POLARIS. Reinforcements being clothed in various types uniforms.

QXR. Subject of Special QXR Report.

Arms and Ammunition.

7 TC. A shortage of automatic weapons.

POLARIS DIV. Ammunition complete.

50% shortage in first line ammunition, and no training ammo has been received. Both these are being put in for.

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QXR. Subject of Special QXR Report.

C.A.B.

Now received in January.

IV "48 Cont:Accommodation.

7 TC. See para (c) Intelligence, and 7 TC signal unit dated 16 Feb 1966.

FOLOGON DIV. Improving owing to Divisional individual effort. Some Ang's billets still poor.

CHUR. Subject of Special OER Report.

P.O.L.

7 TC. Say that their allocation is too small as regards the Repair Unit. They estimate that for testing purposes, this unit requires an additional 600 gals petrol and 400 gals diesel per week.

FOLOGON DIV. Nil.

Medical.

Sanitary installation for Refugee Centre VICARINA completed. Sanitary arrangements for C.A.R. under way.

Moves.

7 TC have received warning orders of the move of the GARIBINI Regt to PALINGO. Details of dates and cost of subscription to follow.

Other "Q" Points.Rations.

7 TC. Satisfactory. FOLOGON Div is supplied through 7 TC Depots.

FOLOGON. Complaints that they are not getting full meat ration owing to frequent issues of CHILI COMBUSTION and M & P.

State that they have not had a Rice issue for two months, M & P, and that nothing has been issued in lieu. Capt. RASO is investigating.

*ACME
Looja's Petro and
200 gals diesel per
week should be sufficient
for 1000 gals per week*

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M & P
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response, this unit requires an additional 600 gals petrol and 600 gals diesel per week.
2000 gals petrol and 2000 gals diesel per week
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POLICIA DIV. MIL.

Medical.

Sanitary installation for Refugee Centro ESTADIA completed.
 Sanitary arrangements for U.S.A.R. under way.

Moves.

7 TC have received warning orders of the move of the GARIBOLDI Regt to PALERMO.
 Details of dates and Port of embarkation to follow.

Other "Q" Points.

Rations.

7 TC. Satisfactory. POLICIA Div is supplied through 7 TC Depots.

POLICIA. Complaints that they are not getting full meat ration owing to frequent issues of GRILL ORRUMER and H & V.

States that they have not had a Rice issue for two months. *M of C*
 and that nothing has been issued in lieu.
 Capt. PASO is investigating.

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Annex "G" 7 E.L.V. letter HQ/20
Dated 5 Feb. 1968

C.A.L. Visit of Feb. 1st. and general remarks on progress up to date.

1. Structural Repairs. are well in hand and much has been accomplished during the last fortnight. Of necessity, work is confined so far to the major job of re-plastering and colour washing all internal walls. It is understood that materials are not of first quality.
2. The roof of "PIAZZA" has been completely repaired.
3. Most of the plumbing has been checked and repaired.
4. Difficulty in finding sufficient glass to replace all windows is considerable.
5. Priority of works is laid down by Col. VERGNETTI, R.M. Col. of 7 Terr. Hq. Major MAZZINI, his representative lives in SIENA and is in constant contact with civilian contractors. Generally, although work was slow at the start, the Terr. Command have now really "got their teeth into the job".
6. Col. SCOTTI, Adj. Major of U.A.R. is concerned chiefly with the shortage of transport. Lack of rail facilities between PIACENZA & SIENA makes extra demands on 7 Terr. Hq. and Ufficio Servizi are, as ever, worried about this petrol. Adj. Maj. is endeavouring to acquire two further buildings.

(1) HOTEL CONTINENTAL.

(2) CIRCOLO D'INTELL.

For use as Messes & Clubs.

7 Terr. Hq. have been advised to requisition these buildings.

7. Barracks previously called "MAZZINI" have been renamed "VERNETTI" and will be referred to as such in all future reports.
8. Equipment etc. see proforma attached.

7th DISTRICT LEADERSHIP UNIT

MEMORANDUM

REF. 10/60

EX-100-18 Jan 1965

Subject: Robert A. RobertsTo: Headquarters

REF. 10/60 dated 27 Dec 1964.

2. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) Page 1. Ltd - with report as at 12/1/64.

(b) Page 2. Progress report as at 12/1/64.

3. In accordance with para 2 of the above report letter Page 2 has been kept as short as possible & only main points mentioned.

4. As agreed (the representative of the unit - 10/60) Page 3 has been given in general terms only & not more detailed with the letter of 10/60 dated 11 Jan 1965, and deal.

These documents will be sent when submitting the report as at 12/1/64.

William J. ...

W. J. ...

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APR 11 1965
7/11/65 dated 18 Jan. 1965

1. General Situation

- (a) Capt. C.M. Gorman (168371) M21, reported for duty on 10/1/65. He is in Baltimore for up to 30 days.
- (b) Lt Col Martin, on his way to his new command at this B.L.B. unit and was scheduled to 59 (M21) General Hospital. He is supposed of having pneumonia & has a headache. He will be detained in hospital for at least a week.
- (c) Capt Nelson, M22, has established his office in the 1st & 2nd Infantry Division and expects to set up an office in the near future.
- (d) I hear, quite unofficially, that Major Hall, G20 II, has been assigned to this B.L.B. in still in England and has applied for a new posting.
- (e) Major Hall, G20 II, has been assigned from 9 B.L.B. as a Station M22. He is in the 1st Infantry Group 25 but is a M.V.

2. Action

Major Martin (M21) part of the A.C. office, Legation has arrived in Florence and expects to set up an office in the near future.

3. Accommodation

In view of the probability of the U.S. of the B.L.B. being implemented in the fairly near future I have been in treaty with the B.L.B. to have our own office accommodation. I think this will be arranged & the new office consists of 5 r and adjoining the present unit.

4. No 513 Gorman moved from room on 11/2/65 to 513 (M21). This move was subject of a special report and was in letter M21/27 dated 12 Jan 65.

5. General

In the absence of Lt Col Martin & Major Hall, I am very glad to see the office & expect to set up in the near future.

- (c) Capt Melan, has been established his office in the
Lagos & Ibadan way occasional visits to Port Harcourt.
- (d) I hear, quite incidentally, that Major Hill, who is
dangbata of this unit is still in England and has
a solid for a time posting.

Offs No. 567413 I/O, Raymond arrived from 5 H.S.M.
as a Station WFO. He is in Liaison Group 26 but is a
D.V.

2. Medical

Major Warren (U.S.) part of the A.C. office, Ibadan
has arrived in Port Harcourt and expects to set up an
A.C. office here in the near future.

3. Accommodation

In view of the probability of the A.C. of the H.L.V.
being implemented in the fairly near future I have
been in touch with 211 Sub Area to have our former
office accommodation.
I think this will be arranged & the new offices consist
of 5 r can adjoining the present ones.

4. No 211 Guard Bn moved from Port Harcourt on 11/1/45 to Bahr (Nadua)
This move was subject of a report I received on this 11.
Letter 11/1/27 dated 12 Jan 45.

5. General

In the absence of Lt Col Marston & Major Hill 2 are very
tired & the office is almost get out on inspection nearly
as much as I should like.
Capt. G. release has however started investigating the various
Food Reports.

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Copy "1" to 7 HSD letter
7/13/67 dated 18 Jan 1967.

1. General

(a) The pushing forward of the plans for funding and housing the C.A.B. in Miami has been given high priority here.

The 7th Territorial Command while willing, are finding things difficult. They need a good deal of pushing and will need more in the future.

(b) There are two sections still in debt and these should be worked as soon as possible for clearing in to a large extent dependent on time.

Finally, in this C.A.B. to be located wholly at Miami or in part of it to be recommended in Miami?

Secondly, are double star beds being provided by Ministry of War and Air, how many?

(c) A weekly progress report has been called for from 7th Territorial Command and members of 7 HSD will make frequent visits to Miami.

2. E.S. for C.A.B. not yet received.

3. FINANCE.

Barrocos. On 16th Jan the Chief of Staff 7 Territorial Command visited Miami and a record of his report is given below.

(a) LA MARIJA BARROCOS. Command aligned with construction, work to commence within next few days. ✓

(b) PLAN BARROCOS. Work started Jan 1967. ✓

(c) HAUTIER BARROCOS. Work started Jan 1967. ✓

(d) ALFA 121 BARROCOS. Recently requisitioned by Allen and taken over by 7 Territorial Command. It is the intention to use this as an officers club and as club & quarters.

(e) QUILIA BARROCOS. Present intention is to leave STMA situated in same quarters and not use them for C.A.B. In view, documentation etc., would be carried out here.

The use of these barracks for C.A.B. is not being dependent on the progress of the construction.

possibly, are double that being provided by delivery of war and 400,000, how many?

- (c) Weekly progress report has been called for from 7th Territorial Command and members of 7 and will make frequent visits to G.H.Q.

2. Mail for G.H.Q. not yet received.

3. Weather.

Barometer. On 16th Jan the first of half 7 territorial Command visited G.H.Q. and a picture of him is one is given below.

- (a) LA MONTAGNE Barometer. Barometer moved with barometer, work to command of him and for days.

- (b) LA MONTAGNE Barometer. Work started Jan 10th.

- (c) LA MONTAGNE Barometer. Work started Jan 10th.

- (d) LA MONTAGNE Barometer. Recently designated him by him and taken over by 7 territorial Command. It is the intention to use him as an observer (him and the Barometer & Barometer).

- (e) LA MONTAGNE Barometer. Present intention is to leave Barometer in in times Barometer and not any less for G.H.Q. In this, designation Barometer, will be carried out here. The use of Barometer for G.H.Q. is of course dependent on the answers to the questions in part 1 (b) above.

- (f) Negotiations are still in progress to acquire the Barometer & Barometer Barometer. These have been considered by the Barometer.

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6. CLERICAL - Nothing for by will be sent to mailing file, sum of this being constructed at present.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

All available data are being prepared in various unit to its present. Ministry of war have been asked for clearing available data.

8. MEDICAL OFFICE

Necessary material to equip a hospital of 50 beds, comparable to the beds, has been sent to study.

9. TRAINING

(a) Four vehicles have been assigned to the study, these will report to study shortly.

(b) Assignments have been made to send Clark and staff to study and a request for the necessary facilities made to Ministry of War.

10. MANAGEMENT - In process of collection.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
7 L O S E N Q L

Ref/78.1.11/60
Jan., 4th, 1945

Subject : Reports & Returns.

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. 50/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following :-
 - (a) End/beginning month report as at 1/1/46.
 - (b) At Appx A is location statement of 7 B.L.U. & Italian Tpn in the Territorial Command down to Bns & equivalent units.
 - (c) At Appx B is Staff list of 7 B.L.U.
 - (d) At Appx C is Staff list of all Italian Officers in the Command of the rank of Lieut. Col. & above.
 - (e) At Appx D is return of Gr. Lt. held by this B.L.U.

2. It must be realised that some of the information given in 1(a) above has been accepted direct from Italian sources & that there has been no opportunity of checking it.

K. H. L. J.

Major P. B. L. GRADON
7th B.L.U.

See Serials, Q261

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Major P.S.C. GRASUCH
7th B.L.U.

SEE Folio 14, Q261

SEE Folio 1, Q210

SEE Folio 7, Q263.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: 7th B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as of 14/46.

1. General.

(RMU) At the moment there are only two officers, Major GREGSON & Captain DUNHAM with this B.L.U. & most of the work has been ordinary day to day business with the arrival of the "FOLGONS DIV." taking up a good deal of time.

(It.) General DE BRONZE & his Chief of Staff & in fact all the officers contacted at 7th Terr. He appears at first sight to be cooperative & keen on their job. I think they are slightly worried at having the "FOLGONS" thrust upon them but things are settling down well. It is a little difficult to make "FOLGONS" realize that their Channel of Approach must be through 7th Terr. Command, but they are beginning to do so and I feel that within the fairly near future matters will be laid down in C/2 of 5 Dec. '45, ie with DE BRONZE taking his proper place as "boss".

2. 3.Organization

(RMU) Owing to shortage of officers & C/Os this B.L.U. is acting very much in the way that MFA Liaison officers worked and so real organization is possible until more people arrive.

(It.) There are two Italian Liaison officers both of whom appear to be good and hard-working, one, Lieut. A. G. GOLI, exceptionally so. No CC.RR. Liaison officer has reported as yet.

(MFA G/3 dated 24 Nov. 45 refers)

Employment of troops.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

I think they are slightly worried at having the "POLICERS" thrust upon them but things are settling down well. It is a little difficult to make "POLICERS" realize that their Channel of Approach must be through 7th Terr. Command, but they are beginning to do so and I feel that within the fairly near future matters will be laid down in C/2 of 5 Dec. '45, 10 with US 81st CMA taking his proper place as "boss".

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Organisation

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(It.) There are two Italian Liaison Officers both of whom appear to be good and hard-working, one, Lieut. A. C. Olli, exceptionally so.

No CQ.RR. Liaison officer has reported as yet.

(NMA C/2 dated 24 Nov. 45 refers)

Employment of troops.

- (a) ARMY less CQ.RR.
7th Inf Bde. employed on guard duties throughout the Command.
716 Admin. Bde. 505 Line Ssg is disbanding & 26 Coy Bde. are awaiting to do so.
6th Prov. Bn. Group. is under US control and is I understand employed on guard duties, traffic control, fire fighting etc.
- (b) CQ.RR. Normal duties.
- (c) POLICERS DIV. Moving to new area.

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II. 3. (cont'd)

Training

(a)

Army base CC, BR.

(i) Trg Spts not yet in existence but will be established at SIENA in the near future.

(ii) Other Lbs. Individual Training and range practices.

(iii) SCLOPES DIV. Suspended owing to move.

(iv) CC, BR. Recruit training being carried on in the various legions. Central school SCLOPES in training ROCs.

Intelligence.

(a) Not known.

(b) Not known.

(c) There was an in a certain amount of nervousness on the part of the SCLOPES civilians at the arrival of the "FOLKING" but both CC, BR & SCLOPES tell me that at all other places where the "FOLKING" are stationed they have had a warm and sincere welcome. There has been a certain amount of feeling at the necessary requisitioning of buildings for the "FOLKING" but I believe that has already died down.

(d) I am informed that for Italians, the "FOLKING" are extraordinarily unpolitically minded & as yet have had no chance of ascertaining the political current amongst other troops in the Command.

(e) None come to light so far.

(f) Appears to be satisfactory. Have had two conferences with Comir 211 sub-area and a new public security scheme has been drawn up which is sound and workable.

- (1) CC-FR. Recruitment training being carried on in the various locations. Central School Plans CC is training NCCs.

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- (a) Not known.
(b) Not known.
(c) There was an is a certain amount of nervousness on the part of the PLAINFIELD civilians at the arrival of the "POLLOCK" but both PLAINFIELD and MILBURY tell me that at all other places where the "POLLOCK" are stationed they have had a warm and sincere welcome. There has been a certain amount of feeling at the necessary requisitioning of buildings for the "POLLOCK" but I believe that has already died down.
- (d) I am informed that for Italians, the "POLLOCK" are extraordinarily unpolitically minded & so yet have had no chance of ascertaining the political current amongst other troops in the Command.
- (e) None come to light so far.
- (f) Appears to be satisfactory. Have had two conferences with Comdr 211 Sub-Area and a new public security scheme has been drawn up which is sound and workable.
- (g) Not yet known.
- (h) There was an incident on the night of 27 Dec. '45. This was reported in the Union Jack and was without doubt ~~not~~ grossly exaggerated. It was really a question of a few local youths "firing" their "cote" at the few "POLLOCK" who were in town, who rather naturally accepted the challenge. I discussed the matter at length with Comdr 211 Sub-Area and he is of exactly the same opinion as myself.

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Intelligence (cont'd)

(h) The local American police took every possible precaution but I think used the incident as good training for their trainees at the local police school.

I discussed the matter with both FIALONCHER & DE SIMONE neither of whom were worried, but both are determined to stamp out any of this sort of things. DE SIMONE at my request has already spoken to both Florence Civilian Authorities and the POLICIA about their mutual relations and I hope it will have the desired effect. There is no doubt, however, that elements of the POLICIA are "tough" and that their reputation came with them.

Discussed G.O. Letter Q 92 of 14 Dec '46 with DE SIMONE and his Chief of Staff and they assure me that the lawlessness prevailing in BOLOGNA is non-existent in this Command.

Other 3 Points.

POLICIA are not satisfied with existing telephone communication between Div. HQ & outlying units.

I discussed this with S.O.R. also SMIA on the telephone & he is coming up to investigate.

ACTION

III. (BIB)

Deficient Officers.

There are at the moment only Capt. DOWING & myself. Capt. NELSON arrived on the evening of 2nd but has gone off after a brief inspection to BOLOGNA with Col. BLUNT. Col. BLUNT's plan is for him to spend the major portion of his time in BOLOGNA. Capt. NELSON is returning to FLORENCE on 7th or 8th Jan.

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however that elements of the POLCOM are "tough" and that their reputation came with them.

Discussed J.C. Letter 0 92 of 14 Dec '66 with MA SIMONS and his Chief of Staff and they assure me that the lawlessness prevailing in BOLCOM is non-existent in this Command.

Other Points.

POLCOM are not satisfied with existing telephone communication between Div. HQ & outlying units.
I discussed this with S.W.P. since MAIA on the telephone & he is coming up to investigate.

ACTION

III. (213)

Deficiencies Officers.

There are at the moment only Capt. BOWEN & myself. Capt. WILSON arrived on the evening of 2nd but has gone off after a brief inspection to BOLCOM with Col. BLUNT. Col. BLUNT's plan is for him to spend the major portion of his time in BOLCOM. Capt. WILSON is returning to FLORENCE on 7th or 8th Jan.

CHS.

Only two here at moment GUSN HOLDEN & Cpl. MONK, clerk.
Both these men are in Release Group 26 & will probably leave during the 3rd week of January. It is essential that at least one successor to Cpl. MONK is sent here as soon as possible.
Cpl. MONK is himself new here & unless another clerk is sent to understudy him for at least a week before he goes, what continuity there is at moment will be done away with.

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GRS. (Cont'd)

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For the same reason it will be advantageous for Capt DOWNING to be left here as long as possible.

ACTION

LEAVE.

None due so far as is known here. leave position as regards Capt HALESON not yet known.

III. Italian

Deficiencies

(a) 7th Territorial Command.
7th Inf Regt. Up to strength
7th Adm. Regt. Up to strength
6 Prov Bn Co. Overstrength
Deficiencies in Specialists in 7th Terr. Cmd.

Mechanics	15%
Artificers	60%
Steam Mechanics	50%
Typists	50%
Drivers	10%
Motor Cyclists	10%

(b) FOLCORE DIV.

About 8% under strength but reinforcements are being sent.

Drivers	30%	Specialists Deficiencies.
Mechanics	40%	
M/T	36%	
Typists	25%	

(c) CC.BR. Up to strength throughout.

Discipline.

Not yet known except that the local CC.BR. appear well disciplined and their turn out is the best I have seen in Italy. M.F.s of the FOLCORE seen in FLORENCE were well turned out.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7th Territorial Command.
 7th Inf Regt. Up to strength
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 Mechanics 15%
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 Motor Cyclists 10%

(b) FOLGORE DIV.
 About 8% under strength but reinforcements
 are being sent.
 Specialists Deficiencies.
 Drivers 30%
 Mechanics 40%
 W/T 30%
 Typists 25%

(c) CC.RR. Up to strength throughout.

Discipline.

Not yet known except that the local CC.RR.
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 is the best I have seen in Italy.
 M.Fs of the FOLGORE seen in FLORENCE are
 well turned out.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7 Territorial Command
 Leave difficult to obtain for VENEZIA
 GIULIA especially 20th Legion.

(b) FOLGORE. Nil.

(c) CC.RR. Nil.

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IV. Italian (cont'd)Pay Problems(a) 7th Territorial Command. NIL.(b) FOLGORE. - They feel keenly the loss of pay consequent on their recent change of status.(c) CC.FR. NIL.Morale.(a) 7th Territorial Command.
have as yet had no opportunity of judging but that of the officers met at Terr Comd appears to be good.(b) FOLGORE.
From what I have seen I should say extremely high except for dissatisfaction at reduction in pay.(c) CC.FR.
No opportunity of judging as yet that I am told it is high.IV. B.L.U.Transport

The only WD vehicle here at the moment is one B.U.F. No. 5905880.
Territorial Comd have lent me a car temporarily.

Accommodation.

Capt. DOWNING & myself are at the Excelsior Hotel. I have inspected the villa "PRINAVIA" which is first class & could accommodate all ranks of the B.L.U.
It strikes me however as being much more a summer residence than a winter one as the problem of heating & hot water would be a big one.
It could not be occupied until at least a large proportion of the OR strength has arrived & considerably more transport is available, as the villa is some 3 miles from the office.

My own opinion is that if ORs can be approached

judging but that of the officers met at Terr Comd appears to be good.

(b) FOLLOWING

From what I have seen I should say extremely high except for dissatisfaction at reduction in pay.

(c) CO. RE.

No opportunity for judging as yet and I am told it is high.

IV. B.L.U.
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Accommodation.

Capt. DOWNING & myself are at the Excelsior Hotel. I have inspected the Villa "PRINAVARA" which is first class & could accommodate all ranks of the B.L.U.

It strikes me however as being much more a Summer residence than a winter one as the problem of heating & hot water would be a big one.

It could not be occupied until at least a large proportion of the CR strength has arrived & considerably more transport is available, as the villa is some 3 miles from the office.

My own opinion is that if CRs can be attached to local units, it should be wise for officers to stay at the Excelsior until March or April. CO B.L.U. will no doubt give a decision on this point when he arrives.

The two CRs are attached to No. 2 Coy 1st I.L.U. Signals for accommodation, rations & pay.

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IV. 2. (Cont'd)Italian transport

(a) 7th Territorial Command
No complaints so far.

(b) FOLGORE.

Owing to the cessation of B.I.R. vehicles being replaced and no further spare parts being forthcoming from British stocks, they are deficient as follows :-

Heavy trucks 20%
Tracks (Carriers) 25%
M/Cs 33%

(c) CC.RF.

In bad condition. They have only about 40% of their authorized vehicles & only 2% of M/Cs. This entails vehicles being constantly on the road & gives very little time for maintenance. They are also short of spare parts & tyres.

REME problems.

Will be dealt with on arrival of Capt. WEISCH.

RAOC.

FOLGORE have difficulty in getting tyres replaced, as have the CC.RF.

Clothing & Equipment.

7th Territorial Command.

3,000 uniforms have arrived from Rome for disposal by Terr. Comd.

FOLGORE.

Are at present dressed in British battle-dress etc.

They are most anxious to know future policy as regards clothing etc. and what will happen during the transition stage as all British uniforms will not vest out at the

(c) CC.FR.
In bad condition. They have only about 40% of their authorized vehicles & only 2% of A/Cs. This entails vehicles being constantly on the road & gives very little time for maintenance. They are also short of spare parts & tyres.

ROME problems.

Will be dealt with on arrival of Capt. REISON.

RACC.

POLICEM have difficulty in getting tyres replaced, as have the CC.FR.

Clothing & Equipment.

7th Territorial Command.
3,000 uniforms have arrived from Rome for disposal by Terr. Comd.

POLICEM.
Are at present dressed in British battle dress etc.
They are most anxious to know future policy as regards clothing etc. and what will happen during the transition stage as all British uniforms will not wear out at the same time and there may be a mixture of British & Italian uniforms.

CC.FR.
There is a shortage of clothing in the LEHIGH Legion, 20% of strength are in civilian clothes. In the FLORENCE Legion the situation is satisfactory. A large stock of clothing is awaited from Rome.

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W. O. (Cont'd)Arms & Ammo.

7th Territorial Command.
 State they are short of Automatic weapons.

FOI/OPS.
 No complaints.

CC.RR.
 Their armament is not yet complete. There is a shortage (approx 1000) of pistols. Machine guns are also short. This shortage is especially applicable to LEHIGH Legion.

C.F.M.

Large stocks have been handed over to 7th Terr Comd. by P.B.S. I will investigate this as soon as possible.

Accommodation

7th Territorial Command.
 Satisfactory.

FOI/OPS.
 Satisfactory as far as known.

CC.RR.
 Difficulty is being experienced in finding stabling near Riding School for the 100 horses being sent from RMAA. I think this will be solved within the next fortnight.

P.O.L.

7th Territorial Command.
 Captain that their petrol allotment is insufficient and that they require more for workshops, testing etc. I have not had time to investigate as yet but will go into it during the current month.

FOI/OPS.
 No complaints.

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Accommodation

7th Territorial Command.
Satisfactory.

FOOD.
Satisfactory as far as known.

CC.R.
Difficulty is being experienced in finding stabling near Riding School for the 100 horses being sent from H.M.S. I think this will be solved within the next fortnight.

P.O.L.

7th Territorial Command.
Complain that their petrol allotment is insufficient and that they require more for workhous, testing etc. I have not had time to investigate as yet but will go into it during the current month.

FOOD.
No complaints.

CC.R.
No complaints.

MEDICAL

165 Mil. Hospital LONDON being closed.
"VILLA MARIA" Mil Hospital PIRENNE being closed.
"MONTE IVATO" Mil Hospital PIRENNE being closed.
A new department of the Principal Hosp. is being opened to deal with Venereal disease and infectious diseases.

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IV. 2. (cont'd)Nov.

- (a) Heavy baggage of POLLOCKE now arriving and it is hoped that the complete div. will be "in situ" by the end of the week.
- (b) 513 Guard Bn is due to start moving on 4/1/46.
CAPT. DOWNING is going to ARIZONA and will furnish a report on the move.
(M.H.I.A. signal 50/3113 of 29 Dec '45 refers)

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Nov.

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(b) 513 Guard Bn is due to start moving on 4/1/46.

Capt. DOWNING is going to ARAGO and will furnish a report on the move.

(L.I.A. signal SD/5113 of 29 Dec'45 refers)

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C O P Y.

7th BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FLORENCE

Florence, 18th Dec. 1945

Subject: Fortnightly D.O. Report No 1.

To achieve some form of unity in treatment, headings are of Units with relevant remarks on their activities, particularly as they have come into contact with this office during the 3 to 4 weeks I have been here.

Territorial HQ. are chiefly concerned at present on the arrival of Folgore Division. They state there are no immediate difficulties of Supply.

The Chief of Staff is most anxious to obtain COVERCIANO when this location is clear of N.Z. Troops. A provisional date (Major MacKerchar D.A.Q.M.G. N.Z. Div.) for vacation is Jan 15th.

These barracks originally 7. Autieri Regt. are modern, have every facility and can accommodate up to 6,000 men. The building was used as an Allied Rest Camp and accommodation stores are still "in situ". To obtain COVERCIANO (ex 54. Rest Camp) for the 7 Terr HQ would solve most of their problems.

The Geographical Institute has now recovered all its equipment from 2L76 American Depot Leghorn. A copy of their receipt will be forwarded to NMIA in due course. At present, equipment, mostly valuable is being uncrated, checked, and re-established in the Institute.

Maps are still being produced for Government Departments but paper is short.

The Girls Neo-Fascist Camp Florence is now disbanded, inmates screened and returned to their homes with instructions to present American receipts for personal monies to Banca d'Italia. American equipment of the Camp has been returned to appropriate sources.

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Laterina Camp Arezzo is now being screened and should be cleared by the second week in January. Guards are provided by the 4th Bn of 7 Ind Regt who claim to be training at the same time.

716 Brit-iti Adm Regt.

- (a) 505 Lines Maint Unit under Command of 16 L of C Signals are continuing line patrol activity between Poggibonsi and Florence. They are also engaged on a certain amount of cable recovery in the same area.

Appearance of troops is good.

- (b) 26 Mag Coy under Command of D.C.R.E. 278 works Section RE have latterly moved into Florence from Arezzo. Activities consist of:

- 1 - Unloading stores.
- 2 - Guarding and maintaining Bridging Dump.
- 3 - Work on British Empire Cemetery Arezzo.
- 4 - Repairing their own new billets.

7th Repair Unit is still recovering vehicles from Leghorn at the rate of 10/15 daily. They have moved nearly five hundred and the best are being put into 4 E.V.P. as soon as possible.

Since 5 Dec. the following vehicles have been issued to 4 E.V.P.

(-) 11 lorries.

Since 15 Nov. the following total of vehicles repaired is

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| (a) | 31 lorries |
| (b) | 1 ambulance |
| (c) | 2 cars |
| (d) | 1 trailer |

Re-organisation and expansion within the Repair Unit itself has added difficulties. The Unit, as a whole, appears keen and efficient.

Salvage Repair and Supply Units were inspected with A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. The chief trouble was the lack of transport for inter-depot work. A separate letter has been sent on this subject. Units are well organised and clothing stores are efficiently laid out.

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7th and 78th Food Depots are functioning well. No cases of food supplies being unfit for consumption have been reported during November.

("Supplies from 105 DID to Brit-iti Units are still deficient of tomato pure".)

Carabinieri. Visits to Florence Legion have always led to favourable impressions. Barracks are exceptionally clean. "Turn-out" of the men is noticeably good: boots, for example, are always clean. This appearance reflects highly on local morale of those troops. A lack of transport is noticed and many requests are made by the Carabinieri for light sub-machine guns for outposts.

7th Inf Regt. Wef 11 Dec all Bns state that they have commenced training. I have been unable until now to visit units. Their report to Terr HQ states that they are carrying out:

- (a) drill training
- (b) small arms training
- (c) range work
- (d) guard drills
- (e) lectures on barrack discipline etc.
- (f) a series of complete kit inspections

They also state they are running a Junior N.C.O.s. Cadre. They 1 Bn are unable to locate a suitable rifle range.

Medical Directorate

165 Field Hospital is in the process of being disbanded. 152 Field Hospital is almost redundant too. Hospitals are well equipped and well staffed. Attention has been drawn to the fact that VD rate, in Leghorn particularly, has risen. Monteciveto Hospital has no other transport beyond two wooden carts and three mules. Medical Supplies are good.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG

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31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Headquarters Liaison Log # 1

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AMIA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. The following is a brief resume of my liaison activities at this station from 1 September, date of arrival here, to 31 October 1945:

- a. For Italian Units rationed in this area, their assigned actual and ration strengths are attached as appendices 'A' and 'B'.
- b. Arrivals and departures: Colonel Kerr, Lt. Col. Rose, Majors J.L. Stainton, W.L. Medlam, D.S.L. Gregson, S.P. Archer, Captains Ira Fordyce and J.D. Ward.
- c. Conferences: Routines.
- d. Inspections: Scandicci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp.

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c. Transfer of 21 Pack Mule Group: In accordance with your signal G 664 of 24 October 1945 I went to Arezzo on the 26th of October and participated in the transfer of the mules and equipment to the Italian Army. Some of the wet equipment located here in Florence has not been received by the Italians but arrangements have been made for its delivery. The remainder of the mules located in the Bologna area will, I am advised, be transferred at a later date. Am in touch with the officers who are making the transfer.

d. Ufficio Servizi which has control of vehicles attached to the Terr. HQ. #7, the issue of P.O.L. to assigned units has been principally employed in the transfer of the Fascist Prisoners from Coltano to Laterina and the unloading of 200 rail cars which are arriving at the rate of 8 per day. It has been requested that all freight cars should be consigned to the Riferadi yards and not the Campo di Marte yards here in Florence. It is much more convenient to off-load from the Riferadi yards.

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e. Commissariato is responsible for the supply of units located in this Terr. HQ. area for food and clothing, the repair of clothing and equipment and the purchase of food and forage from civilian sources. During this period reported on there have been no unusual events and the duties routine but at that it appears to me that they have not been particularly careful to issue rations only to properly designated units upon a proper strength return. See copy of Lt. Apostoli's letter to the Terr. HQ. marked as Appendix 'C'. He checks the ST/S forms for rations issued. Lt. Apostoli reports that the personnel in the office of the Commissariato have not been cooperative in furnishing him the information he has wanted from time to time, and do not have a definite notion as to who is being fed and from what depot. In accordance with a request from Captain O'Donnell, MILA LO 3 District, am furnishing him with a copy of the ration strengths of the units referred to above as appendices 'A' and 'B' but as yet don't know from what depots these units are drawing rations.

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h. Sanitation Director whose duties among other things is the supervision of the Military Hospitals, has closed the Calci Convalescent Hospital and the equipment moved to Lucca. The field hospital facilities at Coltano have been turned over to Italian Medical authorities by the Allied Authorities. Medical facilities have been set up for the Laterina Camp and for the Sanducci Girls Camp. Am assured by the Italian Medical Section that the 576 and 866 Field Hospitals consisting of 60 officers and men have finally been deactivated and the men sent out as replacements. Colonel Verri Guido, Commanding Officer of the Military Medical School is here in Florence and is ready to reopen the school as per your orders as soon as the Italian Terr. HQ. which now occupies the school buildings located at 5 Via Venezia move into the Palazzo San Caterina.

1. Salvage and Repair Depot is engaged in the cleaning, renovation and repair of clothing for the Italian troops. Repaired clothing is forwarded to the Clothing Distribution Depot while the salvage is delivered thru A.C. to Istituto Commercio Esaro (ICE).

j. National Geographical Institute whose duties are to supply military maps to the Italian Army and authorized civilian agencies have been able to meet all requirements of the AFHQ Map Section and Italian demands although it has only recently recovered the machinery and equipment which was removed from Florence to the Solzano area by the Germans.

k. Mine and Bomb Clearance: For this work the 7th Terr. HQ. area has been designated as the 5th Zone and that has been subdivided into 4 subzones:

- (1) Florence area of S. Miniato, Tavernelle, Rifredi and Grassano.
- (2) Pisa area of Castiglione, Casafuria, Rosignano, Colle Salvetti, Forte dei Marmi, Ripacortina, Jelliano, Pietrasanta, Cinquale, Galenano, Millano.
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