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LIAISON-REPORT

NOV. 1945 - JUNE 1946

Accommodation difficulties for married couples

still the most urgent problem.

2. QA - Organisation.

(a) Domestic. DAMM has returned to the unit for a short period, but owing to the impending changes of the staff the work of the BA is being carried on in general and not split up into "A" and "B" etc.

(b) Foreign. The organization of 4 QAR can now be said to be completed, there remain only a few small details to be carried out.

with the allotment of further instructors efficiency of "subaltern instructors" as they are is desired to serve **3159**

Change of destination units.

- LO1 Army Directorate converted to 4 Army Directorate TRINIA
- LO4 Sub Section Army " Army Sub Section (SULLIVAN) MARINA
- LO2 Army Sub Section " Army Sub Section (MURPHY) MARINA

An air service has been substituted TRINIA-3 MARINA to link up with the BA route and is held up only for the want of adequate machines.

Deployment of Troops.

(a) Army. Troops have been employed on BA route to a small degree but the majority have been available for training and towards the end of the month period have been carrying out mobile exercises in preparation for the election period.

(b) CC. RR. Employed on normal duties excepting one hundred personnel who were detached to 5 Territorial Command for pre-election and election duties.

Training.

(a) Army. SMITH and 6 Ayrans Regt. have been carrying out the Spring Training Programme as laid down by the Territorial Training Office. Emphasis has been on getting troops away from the barracks and a variety of exercises have been arranged and carried out in varying stages of training, (mainly platoon level). To try and prevent boredom among the troops, 4 QAR has started advanced training on 6 May. Recruits for specialist units have arrived within 4 QAR and are continuing training within units. The recruits to the transport

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services appear very good and are keen to fit in efficiently within their respective units.

(b) CC.MR. Driving courses have been suspended temporarily and special lectures and training for public security during the election period, have been carried out.

Intelligence.

(a) General feeling.

The decision taken by the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Paris, not to return "Alto Adige" to Austria has caused very little public comment among the population. Naturally, newspapers of the resp. parties have carried leading articles on the question, but the general reaction has been - we must abide by the decisions of that conference. Naturally extremist Tyrolese are still persisting with their rather abortive propaganda. They have organized many demonstrations - nearly always poorly attended and no incidents have occurred.

(b) Frontier activity.

Control on the part of the Allies in Austria is unchanged - the British is strict, the French lax. FSS and other British personnel (including British Consul) crossed the frontier and returned without difficulty, into the French zone of N. Tyrol.

(c) Relation between CC.MR. and civilians.

Still maintained at high level of mutual goodwill.

(d) Political feeling among troops. - MR.

(e) Subversive elements in the army. - MR.

(f) Public Security.

Concern is expressed in the BOLZANO Provinces at the number of ex-operators of the "Freischafter" who have come out of hiding and now reassume the cloak of normal civilians. Close liaison is maintained with FSS to enable that any Italian action is coordinated with the FSS. Success has been achieved in that during the latter days of May, 5 war criminals were arrested through joint action.

During the latter half of May considerable organized bodies of American and Polish troops were circulating within 4 Territorial Comd. It is believed that they were part of an organized mobile security force for the election period. It would be greatly appreciated if notice could be given to this HQ for onward transmission to the Italian Commander, of any future allied troops movements which would pass through this area. (A certain amount of confusion was caused as bodies of Italian mobile troops clashed with the Allies on the roads in

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(c) Relation between CO, MI, and civilians.

Still maintained at high level of mutual goodwill.

(d) Political Feelings among Troops. - NTR.

(e) Subversive Elements in the Army. - MI.

(f) Public Security.

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(g) Financial Situation.

It would appear that there is a new illegal traffic in drugs etc. from Austria and Switzerland as prices for the sale of cocaine have appeared in clandestine leaflets.

Until the Referendum is settled there will be no great financial activity in this area as none is prepared to enter into commercial agreements.

3. War Matters.

(a) Domestic. Major E.F. WATTS reported back from DORNOOL after considerable delay in transit i.e. in ROME. Capt. J.M. WATSON ABC is still on detachment at DORNOOL and will remain there until instructions are given for his withdrawal by MIA. 4 MIH has received no official notification that 3 BDU has been upgraded and specialist officers of this BDU need no longer supervise their respective services within 5 Territorial Command.

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(b) Italian.

(1) - (v) NTR

4. "G" Matters.

(e) Domestic. Position of transport has not improved on receipt of new jeep. ALCOM/CEM have impounded a vehicle on loan from the Italian Army. It is maintained that they have no right to do this. Position needs clarifying.

ACTION
Vide W signal DO/4/BB/
dti. 5 June 45.

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(b) Italian.

Transport (i) Army NTR.
(ii) CC.RR. Difficulty experienced in keeping light vehicles roadworthy owing to tyre difficulties.

(c) REPAIRS. Nothing to add to RUMS ditto.

(d) RACQ. FIRME Inf.Div. are still experiencing great difficulty through lack of spares and tyres.

(e) Clothing and Equipment. - WHL.

(f) Arms and Amm.
Now AND/42 dti. 11 May 46 gave instructions for the classification of arms which it is impossible to carry out owing to lack of armourers tools etc.

ACTION
Vide letter 4/BB/2-111
of 3 June 46.

(g) CEM. DASSONE has arranged with DM for release and removal of all remaining material at ROSTSCHACH, evacuation will be completed by the end of June 46.

ALCOM/CEM are carrying out unauthorized investigations into holdings of Italian Army vehicles in 4 Territorial Command. No officer of ALCOM/CEM could procure his authority to visit and attempt to recover vehicles at present on charge to the Italian Army. The position needs clarifying.

ACTION
Vide signal 4/BB/ -
of 5 June 46.

(h) Accommodation. Mignoni barracks BOISANO was recently derequisitioned and handed over to the Italian authorities, by British.

(i) POI. - NTR.

(c) MEMO. Nothing to add to MEMO sitrep.

(d) RADCO. MIELLI Inf. Div. are still experiencing great difficulty through lack of spares and tyres.

(e) Clothing and Equipment. - MIR.

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 Vide ALDOA/CEM of 5 June 46.

(h) Accommodation.
Alghero Barracks BOLZANO was recently derequisitioned and handed over to the Italian authorities, by British.

(i) POL. - MIR.

(j) Public Relations.
 The question of setting up an office within 4 Terr Comd has been discussed with General FERONI and his reaction and reply were forwarded under cover of HY 4/3/29-4 dtd. 20 May 46. Relations in general are good between the army and the civilian population. However, the improvement is being impeded by the attitude of AC Liaison Group BOLZANO. It is appreciated that the BOLZANO Prov. is a difficult one from the Italian point of view. Nevertheless it is thought that in many cases and indeed has been proved that the AC Liaison Group, who in fact can have little real work to do, are aggravating the racial question and embarrassing the Military Commander in his activities, mainly because that unit shows a special preference for the U-Release. It is understood that the CEM is desirous of making a case for the retention of this group even after the withdrawal of the other groups in accordance with the reorganisation of AC. This MIR would like to point out from the military and political aspect there is no case and the departure of that unit would remove an everpresent embarrassment.

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(k) General.

It is wished to point out two very important factors concerning the operation and administration of this Unit. British signal facilities for messages do not exist. If a message is required to reach MILANO urgently the only method is through the Italian channels - these are highly satisfactory and messages can be sent in English.

Normal Army postal service requires 5 days to deliver a letter to MILANO and the reply will take the same time, it must therefore be appreciated that if information is requested and it involves the HQ contacting the relevant Italian unit, a period of not less than 15 days is necessary from the date of the request until the date of receipt of reply.

K.M. Taylor.

Lieut. Col.
General Staff

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for action against the air.

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To: 1st Airborne Div. Comd. Lt
(SDDIST)

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1. General.

(a) Location. In the area of Bologna the only units are 4th and Italian Army (AC) Bologna Province. In addition, airfields over maintenance are being operated by a pooling of resources by the two units. Arrangements have been made to draw from 8th Army by maintenance area at Verona, this in a matter of some five hours on the turn round of our motor vehicles which previously had to go to Bologna. It is again emphasized that my own vehicle the greatest difficulty with transport and have to be from the Bologna. This is not a very pleasant situation as it is difficult to have them maintained, they are not a national transport and the air ... of supplies is not easy in keeping with the duties and distances involved.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that transport facilities do not now exist in Bologna - nor in the 4th Army's Command. Officers on tour in this area will find the same difficulty in obtaining petrol and accommodation other than civilian (available at Black Forest Hotel), by including vehicles should give early warning so that arrangements can be made.

(b) Italian.

The visit of General Devereux, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army was welcomed by all civilian and military alike in the area. In a march past held at the hospital in Bologna, great crowds gathered to see the Italian troops, headed by the Italian Band of the 4th Army, troops included in a contingent provided by the uniforms of the troops taking part, all Italian Army-green except the 4th Army contingent which was mostly carried out in British uniforms. While sections of the 4th Army were very efficient and well equipped, the crowds of the 4th Army were very poor and the 4th Army is very poor.

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by the two units. Arrangements have been made to draw from (6) and (7) the maintenance crew at VICOVA. This is a matter of 24 hours in the main, and of our various vehicles which previously had to be towed. It is very important that we get the vehicles out of the area as soon as possible. The situation is very serious and it is difficult to make any arrangements. A detailed comment has been made of vehicles is not very in keeping with the duties and situations involved.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that transit facilities do not exist in the area. The situation is very serious. Officers on tour in this area will have to be sent to the area in order to maintain order and discipline. It is very important that we get the vehicles out of the area as soon as possible. The situation is very serious and it is difficult to make any arrangements. A detailed comment has been made of vehicles is not very in keeping with the duties and situations involved.

(b) Italian.

The visit of General Cadorna, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army was welcomed by all civilian and military alike in the area. In a speech made at the ceremony in the main square of the town, the Italian troops, headed by the Italian General of the Army, General Cadorna, were welcomed by the citizens of the town. The visit of General Cadorna, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army was welcomed by all civilian and military alike in the area. In a speech made at the ceremony in the main square of the town, the Italian troops, headed by the Italian General of the Army, General Cadorna, were welcomed by the citizens of the town.

2. 'P' - Precision.

(a) Directio. For too much time is being spent in communication within the unit by HQ I and HQ II. Information is being sent to HQ from HQ.

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It is hoped to run on the lines from HQ to HQ and representatives of the Italian Air Force have already been to see their professional counterparts. It is emphasized that this proposed channel of communication with HQ is highly desirable. It would also facilitate mail etc HQ-4000 and vice versa.

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ADVISOR
Vide my letter
ref 4/13/44-13C
of 29 Apr 45.

in order from the Ministry of War the 4th Alpine
Regt has recently been reformed 5th Alpine Regt.

By mutual agreement with O.C.C. 5 Regt Comd, who
has very little representation in his comd owing to J.A. Corps
presence, the 57 Inf Regt (British Div) is being reauthorized with
one battalion from Germany to Bulgaria.

REQUIREMENTS OF FORCE.

(a) Italy. The force has been used in mountain troops
on several occasions by authorized civilians. There are still a large
proportion of the regulars left (British) in Germany but the 57th
Inf Regt has nearly all available personnel for possible missions.

(b) France. Several battalions.

TRAINING.

(a) Italy. The stated purpose of training such com-
mands by the British Div was not entirely satisfactory owing to
lack of communication and coordination of certain army elements. The
most satisfactory training carried out was that of the 57th Infantry
Regt which included and especially emphasized for officers and NCOs.

The stated purpose was that has been outlined
by the above, which has been planned with a view to the expanding
of requirements for the Div & the conclusion of the course
later.

The course has finished its first phase and
the results are all ready to leave for the various specialist
schools etc. Unfortunately they will go without having fired any
weapon on the training exhibition as not arrive until 17th April.
This is a calamity and warrants a thorough investigation into the
cause.

(b) France. Nothing to add to previous reports.

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INTELLIGENCE.

(a) General Salinas. (These notes are omitted from con-
versations held between C.O. II and various civilians in the command
and newspaper reports)

... of the security ... (Litho) ... the ...

(b) ...

Training.

(a) ... The initial portion of training was con-
ducted by the ... his was not entirely satisfactory owing to
poor attendance and non-attendance of certain army sergeants. The
poor attendance training period was as high as 50% of individual
and group training and especially in the last two weeks and weeks.

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of information from the ... & the conclusion of the course
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... has been finished in 1114 pages and
the ... are all ready to issue for the various specialists
... Unfortunatly they will go without having their own
... This is a calamity and warrants a thorough investigation into the
cause.

(b) ... 3147

Accomplishments.

(a) General Training. (These notes are compiled from con-
versations held between ... and various civilians in the command
and newspaper reports)

There seems to have been some considerable
change in the collect of the people of ... in regard
to ... The ... previously displayed by
all and others in official ...
the official ...
and is ...
have ...
attitude of the ...
first time in ...
treatment ...

In innovation in the Tax Collector's Office in the provision of
instruments for the benefit of the ...
In explaining themselves in the ...
reported, ...
asked for a review he was told that ...

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which he had learned to speak the country's language. The "Director" is hailed by Austrians and Italians alike as a man who understands the minority problem and it is apparent that great efforts are being made to change the tyrolean consciousness that they can never receive fair treatment under Italian rule, and to replace it with the feeling that maybe they were wrong in that regard. The new Italian course they are taking is just treatment. The interest has been displayed in the foreign minister's letter just commented in London. It is a very good illustration of the way in which our position has changed and Italian are now making an attempt to solve the minority problem in Italy. The "Director" is hailed as a man who understands the minority problem and it is apparent that great efforts are being made to change the tyrolean consciousness that they can never receive fair treatment under Italian rule, and to replace it with the feeling that maybe they were wrong in that regard. The new Italian course they are taking is just treatment. The interest has been displayed in the foreign minister's letter just commented in London. It is a very good illustration of the way in which our position has changed and Italian are now making an attempt to solve the minority problem in Italy.

(b) Exterior Activities. General tightening up by British authorities on the British exports has prevented a great amount of clandestine frontier activity but that the aim of the project of covering the traffic to the French occupied territories however, it is strongly broken in the new that if you wish to remain in the hands the French side is of far the most important matter to discuss.

(c) Relations between G.I. and Civilians.

These efforts to have reached a new high level imports are essentially being received in the post war- long and efficiency of work in contacts with civilians. (See also under General Section).

(d) Political Relations of Troops.

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Incident with G.I. (x).

have been... The Committee of... (A C B)

(*) Public Security

The number of... (A C B) they are... (A C B)

(a) Armed Forces

level - prices of... (A C B) they are... (A C B)

(b) War

(c) Domestic... (A C B) they are... (A C B)

(d) Foreign

- (i) ... (ii) ... (iii) ... (iv) ...

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discovered during the various operations, the problem of those not read only without any to have a real one.

(a) General situation.

There are two at approximately the same level - prices of raw materials have increased slightly.

3. Italy.

(a) Domestic. Italy has reported to recently Central Bank in Rome will be for volume to be in volume. It stands to still on volume in 22 Apr 46. The New York office on volume on 21 Apr 46.

(b) Foreign.

- (i) Belgium - as in previous report no. 2.
- (ii) France - remain good.
- (iii) Germany - delay in receiving permission to enter Venice which has caused some hard-ship. In one particular case a man is still awaiting the pass to visit his wife who is dangerously ill - he has been waiting almost two days.
- (iv) Italy - always the same story - not enough to exist on especially the military personnel.
- (v) Spain - on the whole good.

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4. Letters.

(a) General. Shortage of transport motor. At present only one vehicle is fit to do journey outside London. Vehicle should be fit but the unit cannot function unless replacement are immediately forthcoming on some of the vehicles. Fine by letter 173/ 3-100 of 27 Apr 46.

(b) Italian.

- (i) Italy - Italy. Difficulties over supply of oil (see under (ii)). Apparently more vehicles off the road owing to shortage of spares both British and Italian origin.
- (ii) Italy - Italy

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(c) Italy.

Nothing to report in recent Italian press.

(d) Italy.

Considerable confusion caused by 2
misprint over type report (C 225) at Vienna. It is immaterial
that P. Lister also did not know that 4 225 was still in use for
4 225 bomb. Locations of all types are not known but detailed
lists are enclosed on 24 discs etc.

It is known however that they are nearly
all "one-time" items and will not be of any great use to Italian
Army, all small arms (incl Italian ordnance) have been dispatched
by sea to East.

Italy also to be great user of machine
and base (for Italian state military). It is noted that machine-
tined machine and rifles will soon be available in volume.
Only factories of Italy in excellent condition.

(A) Germany's Report.

The 2000 machine rifles for the
army in process of being shipped to Poland and 6 1,100 rifles.

Italy will not receive any rifles or
any in process of being shipped to Poland and 6 1,100 rifles.

(C) Italy's Report.

Condition of Italy and C 225 is excellent.
The 2000 rifles and 6 1,100 rifles are not really under-
stand arms and machinery have. Means of loading of rifles or
the machine investigations.

Various rifles have the incorrect label
that however in the field of training Dept.

(d) Italy.

Security Commission has permit to recover
balance of Italian material from Kosenbach (Austria) 400 11 ac-
quired all necessary documents on a personal visit to 225,
Provisional Control Station. All Italian arms and material available
should be collected by 24th May '46. It was observed that there
still a great number of rifles of Italian origin in circulation
in Germany, a good percentage are obviously of military origin.
In view of the fact that Germany has handed over large quantity of
lost German arms and equipment to the US it is hoped that Italian
rifles will be returned to Italy!!

(a) Examination of Evidence

The 2000 evidence considered for the vehicle was examined with the '500' which was collected for the vehicle.

Group A data and evidence for evidence of origin are in process of being issued to the FBI and 6 Bureau staff.

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Examination of the evidence is in progress. The vehicle is being examined with the '500' which was collected for the vehicle. The FBI and 6 Bureau staff are in process of being issued to the FBI and 6 Bureau staff.

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(b) Investigation Problems

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(1) Examination of Evidence

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BY GAI
General Staff

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subject: - fortnightly report No 9
for period ending 15th April 1954

Headquarters
4 B, A.S.
S O L S S O
Ref: W/2/27-39
25th April 1954

To: - 1st Force Gth Comd. A.S.
(M.B., L.F., A O H O)

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1. GENERAL

- a) Domestic RTR
- b) Italian RTR

2. THE SITUATION

- a) Domestic RTR
- b) Italian RTR

4. CIA has continued to operate and so far in a reasonably optimistic state. Arrival of recruits at districts proceeds according to plan.

Miturr hospital at Verona has been reorganised and redesignated 4 (incl. all HQ).

4. 1st Force Gth Comd. has been redesignated 24 (incl. all HQ).

3. Military health inspectors have been redesignated "Health Inspectors etc of the Army".

Employment of Troops

- a) Army RTR
- b) GNR RTR

Training

RTR

Intelligence

- a) General feeling RTR
- b) Frontier activity: as previous report
- c) GNR and civilians: unchanged
- d) Political feeling of troops. RTR
- e) RTR
- f) RTR
- g) RTR

3. THE SITUATION

- a) Domestic:

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- a) Domestic
- b) Italian

4. Unit has commenced to operate and report on a reasonably efficient start. Arrival of recruits at barracks proceeds according to plan.

Mit Barr Hospital at Verona has been reorganized and redesignated as a subsidiary unit camp.

- 4. Barr Camp Bolzano has been redesignated 2nd subsidiary unit camp.
- 5. Military Health Inspectorate has been redesignated "Health Inspectorate of the Area".

Employment of Troops

- a) Army
- b) MGA

Training

- a) General Training
- b) Frontal activity
- c) Civilian and Civilians
- d) Political Training of Troops

3. "A" Activities

- a) Domestic

- b) Italian (1)

- Tailors
- Barbers
- Shoe Makers
- Washers
- Clerks
- Cooks
- Motor Repair Shops
- Drivers
- Baggers
- Medical orderlies

- Deficiencies of specialist personnel
- a) Labourers
- b) Specialists:

- Mechanics
- Soldiers
- Minors
- Artisans
- Smiths
- Carpenters
- Washers
- Motor Repair Specialists
- Fitters
- Mediator Medics

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Boiler Rooms	50 #	Plate Workers	16 #
Male Barracks	23 #	Stokers	28 #
A.S.A.C.'s	20 #	Motor Mechanics	19 #
Electricians	6 #	Cookhouse	13 #
Machine Foremen	3 #	Welders	5 #
Engineers	3 #	Volunteer Workers	3 #
Musicians	6 #	Stokers	8 #

(11) Discipline NTR
 (11) Messengers NTR
 (20) Cooks NTR
 (7) Morale

On the whole good. Also the new intake are in good spirits and

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- a) Domestic NTR
- b) Italian (2) Pvt Army NTR
- (11) D.M.S. NTR

c) None
 Nothing to add to Mess Officer's report

d) None
 A meal pickup at District over the 27th day at Verona (2 USN) Army, Army
 and six more men from Milan claimed to be still in possession of arms and
 to collect on behalf of respective areas of service.
 2 District would not recognize that 4 M.D. were the official M.D. reps
 in Verona.
 M.D. signalled to try and obtain firm orders
 situation now under control and 50 # of tyros are
 under control & M.D.

Signal ref
 USN/S/44 of
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- e) Nothing & Acknowledgment NTR
- f) Arms & Amm NTR
- g) None under M.D.C.
- h) None NTR
- i) None Deficiency of ID 50 Amm to 90 cells.
- j) None NTR

(14) (U) (S) (V) (W)

MONROE

On the whole good. Also the new intake are in good spirits and content.

10/10/46

- a) Domestic MEM
- b) Italian (1) Sgt Army (11) GORC MEM MEM

Nothing to add to HARRIS OFFR's summary

a) Notes.
 4 para. pickup at Bastogne over the wire drop at Viroens (2 G.I.) MEM, Army and Air Force tops from Milan claimed to be MILIA confusion concerned to collect on behalf of respective areas of service.
 2. Situation would not recognize that 4 B-24 were the official MILIA tops in Viroens.

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MILIA signalled to try and obtain film evidence Situation now under control and 60% of tyres are under control 4 B-24.

- o) Clothing & Equipment MEM
- e) AT&B & AIR MEM
- g) Notes see under B-24 MEM
- h) MILIA MEM
- 4) MILIA Deficiency of the 30 and 40 oils. MEM
- 4) General MEM

Dr. Harris
F. L. T. 10/10/46

Subject: Fortnightly Report No. 3
for period ending 31 Mar 46.

Headquarters
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Ref: 4/2/21-38
6 April 46

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC
(SMA)

1. General.

(a) Domestic. The HU is now the only unit of any importance in the northern part of 17 Area and is now expanding considerably in facilities. In maintenance, vehicles, involving 15 hours vehicle travel and in three week time it may well be almost as difficult. Even now transport has to be borrowed from the Italians by Army patrol as we have no local carrying vehicles big enough. In the past report it should be possible to give a more detailed account of difficulties - for so yet even the headquarters concerned does not know to where OP's etc will be going.

(b) Italian.

Arrangements for the 3.1.2. have proceeded smoothly and all was ready for the commencement of training on the 1st April as scheduled. Enthusiasm was apparent everywhere and they all got away to a good start.

2. OP - Organization.

(a) Domestic.

There has had to be a reorganization owing to departure of imminent departure of the bulk of OP personnel. Civilian clerks have had to be employed and as might be expected things are not really running smoothly - however they will in time.

(b) Italian.

Organization and preparation of the D.O. has progressed so rapidly through the first stages that recruits up to full number expected have been received and accommodated without difficulty. Particular attention was paid to barracks room fittings, kitchens and ablutions and they are adequate and almost completed. Reception of training staff has been slow owing to lack of staff items - but has now been substituted by 2141

ves 15 hours vehicle travel and in three weeks time rations will be almost as difficult. Even now transport has to be borrowed from the Italians to draw petrol as we have no local carrying vehicles big enough. In the next report it should be possible to give a more detailed account of difficulties - For as yet even the headquarters concerned don't know to where they are to go.

(b) Italian. Arrangements for the C.I.A. have proceeded smoothly and all was ready for the commencement of training on the 1st April as scheduled. Enthusiasm was apparent everywhere and they all got away to a good start.

2. OP - Organisation.

(a) Domestic. There has had to be a communication owing to departure of imminent departure of the bulk of OH personnel. Civilian clerks have had to be deployed as we might be expected things are not really running smoothly - However they will in time.

(b) Italian. Organisation and preparation of the I... has progressed so rapidly through the initial stages that recruits up to full number expected have been received and accommodated without difficulty. Particular attention was paid to barracks room fittings, kitchens and ablutions and they are complete and almost completed. Book-keeping of training staff was necessary owing to lack of subalterns - Large majority have been substituted temporarily.

ACTION
Vide my file.
4/28/2 A YAC 29/3/46.

Some from British sources and green battle dress have now arrived.

ACTION
Vide my file.
4/22/2 dated 20822/3.

Call up arrangements have proceeded very satisfactorily and a high percentage of the intake show themselves keen to serve their term of service in the Army.

Observers sent to the various military districts have submitted flattering reports concerning the organisation of the call up. Details of call up up to 27th March

Reported 4,384
Sent to OAR 1,399

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A total of 3,637 in the figure expected for 682.
 An Engineer Regt Camp is in process of formation at T. W. W. W.
 No. 4 Field Bakery at Bolzano has been re-designated No. 4 Bakery
 Control Unit.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army. Arrangements are in hand for further reduction
 of guards provided by the Army and their replacement by civilians.
 Prefecture have been requested to replace troops on guard at
 civilian prisons with auxiliary police.
 During elections that have already taken place (17 & 24 Mar)
 troops were on duty as additional police - there were no incidents
 whatsoever and standard of discipline was good.

(b) CC.MI. Nearly all are employed in normal duties.
 Recently a special guard company has been formed in Bolzano for
 guarding of recovered material of great value.
 Seven special detachments have been sub-allotted in frontier
 areas as reinforcements of CC.MI. stations. (Each det 3 NCOs & 22).

Training.

(a) Army. Far too many troops are still unavailable
 for training owing to guard commitments (reported under Regt of
 Troops). It is planned to have all troops withdrawn from guard
 duties so that units depleted because of combat of 1921 class
 will have sufficient men to continue training.

Courses terminated at Friuli Div produce satisfactory
 results

Switchboard operators	25 attended
Telephonists & linemen	25 passed out
Stretcher Bearers	30 attended
	29 passed out

(b) CC.MI. Driving classes are being held in provincial
 towns aiming at all Carabinieri qualifying as drivers. Personnel
 are withdrawn for detachments in turn to prevent loss of instruc-
 tions. 2140

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 winners of the competition staged during the course.

Intelligence.

(b) CC.MR. Nearly all are employed in normal duties. Recently a special guard company has been formed in Bolzano for guarding of recovered material of great value. Seven special detachments have been sub-allotted in frontier areas as reinforcements of U.S. stations. (Check dat 3 RCOm A 22).

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Telephonists & linemen	25 passed out
Stretcher bearers	30 attended
	29 passed out

(b) CC.MR. Driving classes are being held in provincial towns aiming at all Carabinieri qualifying as drivers. Personnel are withdrawn for detachments in turn to nearest town for instructions. 314

This course was terminated on 19 March and Bolzano were winners of the competition staged during the course.

Intelligence.

(c) General Feeling. No substantial change in general opinion.

There seems to be a universal desire voiced by both Austrians and Italians for an early settlement of peace treaty and declaration of terms.

Rumours are rife that the Allied Commission of Enquiry in the Trieste area will carry on and cover Alto Adige problems.

(d) Frontier Activity. Secret crossing of the Frontier by contraband agents and political emigrants especially in the S. Canale area. This is a change in route as previously the Brenner was favoured. Frontier control has been reinforced and certain progress has come to light. Subject is mainly calling the Tyroleans to fight with all means in their power for the passing of S. Tyrol to Austria.

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Italian CC.RR contend that their guards and "Regia Finanza" personnel are inadequately armed on the frontiers.

(c) Relations between CC.RR and civilians.

These continue to be good and recently CC.RR prestige has risen by their better military appearance, new uniforms accounting for much of this. Also in the area the CC.RR have started a campaign against the increased crime, results are already good especially shown in the trapping of a mob of food black marketers, involving officials of the food distribution office.

(d) Political feeling of Troops.

The majority of the 1924 class have responded to the call up ignoring critics from political parties not to do so.

(e) Subversive elements in the Army.

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(f) Public Security.

There are still a considerable number of ex-Vernacchi circulating as civilians and much of the petty crime is carried on by them.

Situation is well under control and CC.RR and public security agents are competent and show results (see under CC.RR relations).

(g) Financial Situation. Remains good.

3. IA: Matters.

(a) Domestic Officers. Major Penn R.G. returned from Trip on 21 Mar 46.

OR Sgt Lawson J.W. No. 7912642 Chief Clerk gone on RITSON

No 34 B4 6 April 46.

OR Ann Opie A. 2700900 Clark admitted to OSS ODEA 29 Mar 46.

(b) Italian. (1) Deficiencies of specialist personnel have increased on the average of 10% through the demobilization of the 1921 class. 3130

(ii) Discipline N.F.R.

(iii) Leave Problems N.T.R.

(iv) Pay Problems N.T.R.

(v) Morale. On the whole good. Some of the

the majority of the 1924 class have responded to the call up ignoring cries from political parties not to do so.

(e) Subversive elements in the Army.

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(f) Public Security.

There are still a considerable number of ex-german agents circulating as civilians and such of the party crime is carried on by them.

Situation is well under control and CC, US and public security agents are competent and show results (see under CC, RR relations).

(g) Financial Situation. Remains good.

3. 'A' Matters.

(a) Domestic Officers. Major Penn H.O. returned from Leipzig on 21 Mar 46.

OR Sgt Dawson J.P. No. 7912642 Chief Clerk goes on FLYING No 24 B1 6 April 46.

Sgtm Opie A. 2700900 Clerk admitted to CCS USA 29 May 46.

(b) Italians. (1) Inefficiency of specialist personnel have increased on the average of 10% through the demobilization of the 1921 class.

- (ii) Discipline N.T.R.
- (iii) Leave Problem N.T.R.
- (iv) Pay Problems N.T.R.
- (v) Mobile. On the whole good. Some of the

1921 class have volunteered to remain in the Army. A large majority of the 1924 class recruits are settling down and are in high spirits.

4. 'C' Matters.

(a) Domestic. N.T.R.

(b) Italian. (1) Exp Army. Passages have been allotted to 1921 class demobilised - who must return to Sardinia. (ii) Tpt CC, US N.T.R.

(c) ARMY. 16 Vehicle Repair Unit (VERONA) and 1 Mobile Veh Park (PESQUERIA) have again increased output.

4 Veh Repair Unit (BOLZANO) has also been able to increase output although short of v/s - and have not received all necessary

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teels, arrangements are being made to fill these deficiencies.

With ref to the deficiency of spare parts, it is hoped to receive a quantity, in the near future, from ARAR (LAIYAN Depot).

(d) RACC - N.T.R.

(e) Clothing and Equip.

The 4,000 fatigue uniforms mentioned in our last report (No 7) have now arrived at Verona.

The best repair situation has improved, due to the 54 cwt of leather received in February.

(f) Arms & Amn. (i) Army N.T.R.

(ii) CO.SR N.T.R.

(g) CRM

A considerable number of troops from both 'Triuli' Inf Div and 4th Alpina Regt are still employed on guard duties at GHM dumps. However the handing over of these dumps to MHR is nearly completed and the military guards being replaced by civilian attached guards.

(h) ACM Problems - N.T.R.

(i) COL

Regular deliveries of COL are now coming from "CONC. CH. ZIO Italiano Petroli".

(j) GENERAL - N.T.R.

Gen. G. G. G.

Lt Col
GS

Subject: Fortification Report No 7,
for period ending 14 Mar 46.

Head Forces and Comm,
MILITARY ROAD.

4 British Liaison Unit
POLZANO.

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1. General.

(a) Domestic. Now that 60 sub-area has been disbanded, and the 5 Red Regt has departed elsewhere, the 4th is playing almost a lone British hand in this part of the world. Replacements for British GIs on the 4th are almost non-existent, and it is anticipated that it will be necessary to employ more civilians and German GI personnel than hitherto.

(b) Italian. The report on the first call up will soon properly be given in the CG next report when it is more fully under way. Suffice it to say here that arrangements have proved entirely satisfactory: that the percentage of arrivals is high, and that the morale of the recruits is quite incredibly high, and in my opinion the standard of physical use of the recruits in this area is quite exceptional.

2. Administration.

(a) Domestic. N/A.

(b) Italian. The formation of 4 GAR has progressed very well this last fortnight. Repair work and the preparation of buildings, which started on 1 Mar, is progressing well. The same can be said in respect of preparations of the shooting ranges. All barrack equipment and necessary clothing is now ready.

A very successful full scale rehearsal was held early last week at the GAR in preparation for the first intake. Civilians employed in the various districts were despatched to the 4th to represent recruits and spent 2 days going right through the "intake programme" even to include the actual fitting of clothing. My British Interpreter Sgt joined one of these squads and

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3. Organisation.

(a) Localities. The formation of 4 CAC has progressed very
(b) Italian. well this last fortnight. Repair work and the restoration of
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"intake programs" even to include the actual fitting of cloth-
ing. My British Interpreter Sgt joined one of these units and
went through it himself: I attended myself, and consider the
arrangements made were excellent. There were few comments to
make, and there is no doubt that the rehearsal proved extremely
beneficial. There are still, however, the following deficiencies
in instructor personnel:-

Deficiency of three officers of HQ/1/a sections (at present
out of 12 of 192); arrangements will be made for temporary re-
organisation of the staff which is available for training of the
recruits arriving.

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Deficiency of 10 Subalterns 1/2 Platoon. Pending their arrival, arrangements are being made to use Sergeant Majors in place of these officers. This deficiency (already reported to the Central Authorities concerned) should be made up when the 3rd Instructor Course, taking place at the Central Military Schools has terminated.

Arms from British sources already allotted have not yet arrived. ACTION. del 4/02/2 of 20 May 46

Ballistery arrangements for the coming up, in the near future of men born between 1 May and 31 Dec 44, have been completed and arrangements have been made for the necessary transport, and the result, this will be collected from their own resources, will arrive at district collecting centres at regular intervals, and there is no transport to be sent.

Self-aid have been allotted to district centres by the self-aid branch and are for free issue to recruits.

Military hospital No 169 (Longview - Longview 41 persons) is being disbanded, hospital No 168 for functions at Verona and also at Verona di Verona.

No 8, 2d Coy belonging to 1st Div and located at Balcerine (Verona) is being converted into a non-infantry Coy. 260 1d Coy of 1st Div, located at Castro (Belluno) is being converted into a service Coy.

Employment of troops

(a) Army Army personnel of 1st Div and 4 Alpine Regt are employed carrying supplies and doing various duties in the territorial area (Prison Service, etc).

1st Div. - Coy 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

Orders have been given for more military to be recruited by attached civilian units for guard duties at Verona and also at the same time for the duties to be reduced in number.

In view of the coming elections, that are to commence on 17 May in Verona, orders have been given and the necessary arrangements have been made with the civilian authorities for the assistance, if required, of troops to maintain public order.

(b) Army Army personnel employed as normal training

(c) Army Training is still limited due to units being broken up to meet urgent commitments. These commitments should be

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own personnel, will arrive at district collecting centers at regular intervals, and to their territories to...

Officers who have been allotted to district centers by the various branches are for free issue to recruits.

Officers assigned to 163 (Lebanon) - District of Verona) are being assigned. Planned to 169 no functions at Verona and also at various of areas.

163 and 169 belonging to 161. In and located at Verona (District) being converted into a permanent base. 160 and 161 of 161 Div, located at Verona (District) is being converted into a permanent base.

Deployment of Troops

(a) 161 personnel of 161 Div and 4 Divs are now employed serving with the various units in the territorial area (Prison guard, etc).

161 Div. 161 s 773 (161)

4 Divs Regt 3 431

Orders have been given for more military to be recruited and assigned civilian service for more units at Verona and also at the same time for the units to be reduced in number.

In view of the coming elections, that are to commence on 17 Feb in Verona, orders have been given and the necessary arrangements have been made with the civilian authorities for the maintenance, if required, of troops to maintain public order.

(b) 161 early all units are employed on normal training.

(c) 161 training is still limited due to units being broken up to meet guerrilla commitments. These commitments should be decreased by the employment of sixteen civilian guards, but, on the other hand, the mobilization of the 161 Divs which takes place during the last fortnight of the month will not help to improve the position.

Arrangements have been made for the sending of the following personnel, as requested by the Ministry of War, to the following training courses.

Course for 160 instructors for army recruits

(at 161 camp (Army School))

Course for instructors for 161

Course for medical orderlies for 161.

(b) 161 the number of training for the 161 Divs is considered satisfactory. In the order provided for the course, no being held since are attended by 161 from the 161 Divs.

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Intelligence

(a) General feeling Italian people (of Italian origin) have welcomed the news given by the foreign press, and which he has already stated can be considered as true, that there is not any "big" problem to be solved. It is considered, therefore, that the Italian governments re news has been rejected and the Italian people are pleased with the recognition of what they consider to be Italy's right to territory she has held in the war fought on the side of the Allies.

(b) Frontier activity Secret operations of the frontier by contraband agents and political emigrants continues and is only partly controlled by GNA and customs guards.

(c) Relations between civilian and GNA continue to be satisfactory.

(d) Political feelings of GNA They show little interest in the nation's political activities.

(e) Subversive elements in the Army Nothing is known of any such elements, existing in Italy.

(f) Public opinion The number of criticisms has increased to decrease a little; this is considered due to the greater activity of the GNA and public activity since and also to the hard conditions given originally during the last month.

(g) Language Italian remains the same, no change.

3. Army

(a) Political officers Capt A.B. White same returned on 11/7/45.

Cas. Lt/Col Vickers J 4209797 reports
Lt Col died in 1st Army Hospital, Berlin, 11/15/45. Buried at 1st Military Cemetery, Godes, 12/18/45.
Cause of death - Tuberculosis and meningitis.

(b) Italy (1) No specialist personnel have been state since our last report.

(11) Italy - STR

(111) Army problems - STR

(14) Army problems - STR

(1) Army - On the whole good. The news of the remobilization of 1921 class has been favourably received.

4. Posters

(a) Domestic (1) Italy point in Balkans is expected to close down W.O.F. If Ser - Austria or Bulgaria will then be our nearest source of supply.

(b) Italy (1) Italy - Army - STR

(11) Italy - CCAS - STR

(c) Italy - STR

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of any such elements, existing in the area.
(f) Public Security - The number of crimes has again tended to decrease a little; this is considered due to the greater security of the zone and public security, unity and also the hard work given originally during the last month.

(g) Mineral Production - 100%, no change.
3. War Matters
(a) General - 100%, with 100% returned for 15/7/45.

4. War Matters - 100%, with 100% returned for 15/7/45.
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31. War Matters - 100%, with 100% returned for 15/7/45.

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to concentrate in a dump as much as possible.
Also more military personnel may be included by extended
civilian guards, especially in rehabilitation of the 19th. Address
will be the present position of unit more critical.

(b) en is reported in last report.
(1) col delivery of VI although only partial, has
been started since by CI.
(J) General NH.

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Six nightly report No 6
 C period ending 28 Feb 46

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 Headquarters
 4 F.S.U.
 BOLZANO
 Ref: 4/B/23-35
 6 Mar 46

To: Land Forces Sub Commission AIC.
 (R.M.I.A.) Rome

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1. General

(a) Domestic With the arrival of Capt Taylor for temporary duty with the BHU the situation is considerably alleviated; many of the BHU administrative problems can now be turned over to him and the other duties can be divided between us. It should now be possible to take a more personal interest in the affairs of the GAR at Verona.

(b) Italian The final takeover of Montorio Veronese Bks at Verona for the GAR was completed on 3 Mar 46 and all the plans and arrangements for accommodation stores so effectively improved and prepared by General Magroni and his staff can now take effect, and, in view, of the minute and very detailed arrangements and preparations made in this respect it is felt that the short time available before the arrival of the first intake will, under the circumstances be quite adequate. The impending departure of GO Sub Area from BOLZANO should give to HQ 4 Terr Comd and even greater air of supremacy over this district.

2. "G"

Organisation

(a) Domestic NGR

(b) Italian The formation of 4 Recruit Training Centre proceeds according to plan. On 3 Mar 46 the whole of Montorio Veronese Bks will be available. Elements of the GAR staff who were previously assembled at NIVA have already been transferred to these bks. In effect, since 26 Feb the GAR HQ has been functioning in its proper offices.

A request for permission to start the reconstruction work has already been made to the Director General of Engrs, this work will be started as soon as possible and will be carried out in two phases: the first phase will be that of work necessary to allow the Centre to function properly right from the first day (1 Apr); the second phase will be that of carrying out all work for improving the reconstruction work already started.

Instructor personnel continue to arrive at the GAR and personnel detailed for general duties.

By 21 Feb the following had arrived: 37 Officers (36 of whom

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Bks at Verona for the CAH was completed on 3 Mar 46 and all the plans and arrangements for accommodation stores so effectively improved and prepared by General Negroni and his staff can now take effect, and, in view, of the minute and very detailed arrangements and preparations made in this respect it is felt that the short time available before the arrival of the first intake will, under the circumstances quite adequate. The impending departure of 50 sub Area from BOLZANO should give to Hq 4 Terr Comd and even greater air of supremacy over this district.

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Organisation

- (a) Domestic WFA
- (b) Italian

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Instructor personnel continue to arrive at the CAH and personnel detailed for general duties. 3133

By 23 Feb the following had arrived:- 37 Ofprs (26 of whom are instructors) 95 Senior NCOs (82 of whom are instructors) 54 Junior NCOs (37 of whom are instructors) 132 ORs.

The remaining Ofprs and NCOs required to complete the Instructor Staff for the first intake will arrive at the termination of the second course for recruit instructors. The War Ministry has already issued the necessary instructions for the allotments of these personnel; the course was due to finish on 22 Feb at the Central Military Schools.

The final allotment necessary to complete to W3 will be allotted at the conclusion of the third instructors course, which the SARE has recently given orders to start on 5 Mar.

Additional personnel still necessary for general duties will be taken from units that are under the command of this HQ. The preparation of stores is progressing satisfactorily though the provision of some presents many difficulties.

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Howevr T, all stores necessary for the Centre to function properly will be available by the time the first intake arrives.

By order of the SMRE the numbers of the depots of 61 and 73 Inf Regts and 9 34 Arty have been changed to depots of 88 and 87 Inf Regts and 35 Arty Regt of Friuli Div.

The Military Hosp of Trento has been changed to the Garrison Hosp.

3 Smer Coy, previously stationed at LONATO and PESCHIERA has been disbanded.

Employment of Troops

(a) ARMY
The ever-increasing number of personnel employed on guard duties at OAK Camps, considerably disorganises both the FRIULI Div and 4 Alpine Regt, and is affecting their efficiency by curtailing training. Terr Comd has been instructed both verbally and in writing by me to indent on the War Ministry for the necessary civilian guards vide your letter D/14 of 25 Feb, and has been explained the consequences of having paratentally failed to do so.

(b) CORR
Training

(a) ARMY
vide previous para above.

(b) ARMY
The following courses have been received from recruit instructors - 3rd Course commences 5 Mar
OAK Storesmen - Commencing 27 Feb.
Democracy - 3rd Course commences 4 Mar.

The necessary personnel have been detailed to attend these courses.

The 2nd course for wireless (morse) operators (Inf and Arty) was held by Friuli Inf Div with very satisfactory results (35 students passed out of a total of 38).

(b) CORR
Intelligence

(a) The long period of waiting for the decisions of the Peace Treaty in regard to Italy is noticeably causing increasing anxiety.

Controversy between the newspapers of the two local languages (Italian and Austrian i.e. German) is continually becoming more bitter.

The Italian people bitterly criticise the attitude, evidently contrary to the spirit of impartiality that should be inspired by a high dignitary, of the Bishop of Braccanone.

(b) Frontier Activity
Secret crossing of the frontier continues as reported previously. The organisation of the Finance Guards is continually increasing.

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Training

(c) ARMY
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(b) CORR
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contrary to the spirit of impartiality that should be inspired
by a high dignitary, of the Bishop of Bressanone.

(b) Frontier Activity Secret crossing of the frontier
continues as reported previously. The organization of the
Finance Guards is continually improving and this should ameliorate
the situation; many arrests have been made.

(c) The CORR are liked and respected by the majority of the
population.

(d) Nothing to add to previous report.
(e) There is no knowledge of any subversive elements
trying to spread propaganda amongst the troops.

Information has been received that at VERONA (MILAN 111
Mar 19) there have been put up notices inciting the youth
of the 1924 class not to obey the military conscription order.

At VERONA the Socialist army has started a campaign to
incite recruits not to report.

(f) Public Security A slight decrease has been noted in
the number of crimes. This is thought to be due to the more
energetic action taken by the CORR and of the Public Security
Service.

(g) Economics The financial situation remains good.

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very recent information shows that the "Cassa di Risparmio" (Savings Bank) of Bolzano has in circulation 1,500,000 lire coming from saving deposits (over 100,000 accounts) and current accounts. In this figure is included its own capital which exceeds 50,000,000 lire.

3. "A" Matters

(a) Domestic Letters from your HQ and replies thereto take more than two days in the case of units in outstations. ~~XXXX~~ This does not seem to be appreciated by all branches.

(b) Italian (1) Deficiencies in personnel. There are still a large number of specialist personnel deficient as reported in our fortnightly report No 4 dated 1 Dec. No fresh allotments of specialists have been received since that date.

- (ii) Discipline NTR
- (iii) Leave Problems NTR
- (iv) Tax Problems NTR
- (v) Stores On the whole good. Soldiers of the

older classes (Classes 1981 and 1982) are anxiously waiting for information about demobilisation.

4. "B" Matters

(a) Domestic (1) With the closing down of 60 sub area I have been informed that rations will have to be drawn from MOLCOM some 200 miles away, total turn round 400 miles.

(ii) The petrol filling point at Verona is now closed - intending visitors should be warned accordingly.

(b) Italian (1) Inf Army - The shortage of tpt is curtailing the concentration of dumps and in turn increasing the number of employed personnel (guards, etc.) Wide area re

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On the last inspection of the Repair Units mentioned the following was the state of vech under repair, output, etc.

16 Repair Unit 12 Vech awaiting repairs.

5 vech awaiting onward transmission to
4 Efficient Veh Pk.

A group of inefficient vech nearby and belonging to the Mksy contained about 50 vech of which about 10 are repairable. Remainder will be used for spares. Another storeroom contained about 50 old engines and 20 m/cs. also to be used as spares.

1 Mobile Pk 7 Vech completed and awaiting onward transmission to 4 Efficient Veh Pk.

3 - 15vchs completed but no tyres available

The nearby inefficient vech pk contained about

30 vech of which only 7 are repairable.

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- (ii) Discipline MTR
- (iii) Leave Problems MTR
- (iv) Pay Problems MTR
- (v) Morale

older classes (Classes 1921 and 1922) are anxiously waiting for information about demobilization.

4. How Matters

(a) Domestic (i) With the closing down of 50 sub area I have been informed that rations will have to be drawn from BOLOGNA some 200 miles away, total turn round 400 miles.

(ii) The patrol filling point at Verona is now closed - intending visitors should be warned accordingly.

(b) Italian (i) Tpt Army - The shortage of tpt is curtailing the concentration of dumps etc. in turn increasing the number of employed personnel (guards, etc.) Vide para re CEM below.

On the last inspection of the Repair Units mentioned the following was the state of vech under repair, output, etc.

16 Repair Unit 22 Vechs awaiting repairs.

4 Efficient Veh Pk.
6 vechs awaiting onward transmission to

A dump of inefficient vechs nearby and belonging to the Wksp contained about 50 vechs of which about 12 are repairable. Remainder will be used for spares. Another storeroom contained about 50 old engines and 20 m/c's. also to be used as spares.

1 Mobile Pk 7 Vechs completed and awaiting onward transmission to 4 Efficient Veh Pk.

8 - 15 vechs completed but no tyres available

The nearby inefficient veh pk contained about 30 vechs of which only 7 are repairable.

Prinli Inf Div Wksp Output during period 9-22 Feb - 36 vechs.

(ii) Tpt - CORR - MTR

15 MTR Repair Unit at Verona and its detachment at Vicenza, and 1 Mobile Pk at Peschiera are working efficiently and their repair work is quite good.

The same cannot be said about 4 Veh Repair Unit at Solzano, which, besides not having yet been able to obtain all its tools, is now trying to get the bks they have recently occupied into some sort of shape. This unit, however, should soon be able to reach the standard of efficiency required.

(a) R100

Scaling - This BU is a product of 50 BU attached to Legnano Div and my Ord rep (M/Cdr Lyon) completed the scaling for Legnano Div, in accordance with MILIA instructions. 38 of

4 per to

2 list, copy to HQ MILIA.

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It would appear, therefore, that the responsibility for the
supply of the stores is met with 7 MU in the
district stores are not serving and the basis of which the
the stores to Tolosa Bay. Lists of stores on order to
Tolosa Bay have accordingly been passed to 7 MU.

Supply of stores. Chief shortage at the moment is leather
for the repair of boots. Leather is held by OCUA Balcano
awaiting (disposal instructions from LADOC CE).

(e) Clothing and Foot - Army - Clothing for the first
intake is now ready. U CA has already made arrangements
to collect same. There are no "Batigue uniforms" as their
allocation has been suspended by the War Ministry. This,
however, has been put up to the central authorities pointing
out how essential it is to have an allotment of same as otherwise
the recruits will arrive at their new units with only one
uniform which is already worn out and needing replacement.

Nearly all the barracks need necessary for the CA has already
arrived. Units of the Triuli Div are still feeling the lack
of equipment, however, they are meeting their needs by improvisation
of whatever material is available.

COCA - In this command a considerable quantity of clothing
material for the COCA is available from COA dumps: if the per
missionary does not wish to make a sub-allotment to Comde this Comd
will avail itself of it.

(f) Arms and Amm - Army - 1100
CURR - 1100

(g) Camps - Camps are still being handed over by the
Allied authorities. As already stated shortage of transport
is curtailing the movement and concentration of dumps, and this
in turn increases the number of personnel employed on guard.
The BOB during his visit to H 4 Terr Comd agreed to ascertain
whether it could be made available to complete the movement of
dumps envisaged. Terr Comd estimate that the requirements of
that would be:

for clearing and dumps 15 3 tonners for 30 days
stores, and dumps
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(h) Fuel - It is reported that arrangements are being
made with the port of Italy for the clearing of the buildings
in Srepto which used to be the HQ of the Troops Sectorial Div. 313
This action could then be taken over for the HQ of Triuli Div. 313
The arrival of oil tankers at HIVE del Garda has created
difficulties in receipt of oil here in that area. It was intended
to have the Triuli Div to HIVE but this idea was abandoned owing
to the arrival of oil tankers at HIVE del Garda.

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COMB - In the command a considerable qty of clothing material for the COMB is available from COM dumps. If the necessary does not soon make a sub-allocation to COMB this COMB will avail itself of it.

(1) Arms and Amm - Army - HHC
COMB - NTR

(a) ITM Dumps are still being handed over by the Allied authorities. We already stated shortage of transport in curtailing the movement and concentration of dumps, and this in turn increases the number of personnel employed on general. The HQS during the visit to H 4 Rear Comd agreed to ascertain whether that could be made available to complete the movement of dumps envisaged. Rear Comd estimate that the requirements of that would be:-

For clearing and dump 15 2 tonners for 10 days
" " storage, etc dumps

25 3 tonners for 20 days.

(h) leen It is reported that arrangements are being made with the Army of Italy for the clearing of the building in Trento which used to be the H of the Trento command by this soon could then be taken over for the HQ of the 3130

the arrival of which to be given del Berda has created difficulties in respect of billets in that area. It was intended to move the Friuli Div to give but this idea was abandoned owing to the sudden unauthorized occupation of the billeting by the 4th. tentative alternative arrangements have, therefore, been made to move the Friuli Div into the Banca d'Italia in Trento.

As all public buildings, however, are to be handed back for their lawful purpose it is unlikely that authority will be granted to use these buildings in which case the need of give will be still required. PUCCHINI however will not now be required after all as the 3rd Italian Engineer Coy has been moved. It has not been possible to find out anything of the future movement of these poles. Details of strengths etc. are as follows:-

Give 10 of BN 46 Offrs 556 ORs
Technicians 11 of BN 518 approx the same as above.

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(1) COL There are rumors to be a shortage of supplies Action
of fuel, especially petrol. The War Ministry has been informed Vide my
of this. Signal
4/CE/10 of
5 Mar 46.

(j) General The following points have been brought to
my notice by AC RASC:-
Rations. (i) The Ministry of War strike items
off if not available but give no alternative in lieu, or cheese.
(ii) Meat and beans (equivalent to
M & V) - is issued as meat regardless of the high vegetable
content.

*General
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the
situation
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*James
Lt Col
OS*

JSHE/jwG

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Subject: Fortnightly Report No 5
FOR period ending 14 Feb 46

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
MOLZANO
Ref: 4/E/43-33
13 Feb 46

To: Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(MIA) Rome.

1. General.

(a) Domestic A real crisis is officer and OR appointments within the BLM is imminent. replacements are urgently required vid para 3(a).

(b) Italian Considerable relief is apparent that a firm site for the whole of the GAR is now within grasp, and I hear nothing but gratitude and appreciation for the cooperation extended by G. Inf Dde and praise of the units vacating the MONTEGIO VENEZIANE barracks for the wonderful condition in which they have maintained them, and the immaculate condition in which they are being handed over. Having visited these barracks myself I can fully concur with this opinion.

2. "G"

Organisation

(a) Domestic MTR

(b) Italian The immediate availability of the temporarily constructed barracks at MONTEGIO VENEZIANE (was 15 Feb) will allow the whole of the GAR to be established there.

The necessary work for making them suitable will be started immediately and will be carried out as quickly as possible in order that the Centre may begin to function in that locality with the first recruits' training course (to start 1 Apr 46).

In the last few days there have joined GAR staff, already formed at RIVA di GARDNA, numerous officers and NCO instructors, and different personnel for general duties (in total 3 senior officers, 27 junior officers, 8 senior NCOs, 69 junior NCOs and 58 GAs).

The posting of the instructor personnel should be completed at the termination of the second course now taking place at the Central Military Schools.

Employment of troops

(a) Army Several detachments of ARMI 21v and 4 Alpine Regt have to be employed on guard duties at the numerous of recovered material that have been, and are still being, handed over by the Allied authorities to the Italians.

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(a) ARMY Several detachments of ALPINI Div and 4 Alpine Regt have to be employed on guard duties at the numerous of recovered material that have been, and are still being, handed over by the Allied authorities to the Italians.

This state of affairs, which causes a considerable breaking up of units, appreciably affects their efficiency and training.

(b) COSS Nearly all the COSS are employed on normal duties. Small sections are employed on special duties in the frontier area, controlling mountain roads and railways, and for various duties.

Training

(a) ARMY Training programmes arranged for a winter season are rather difficult to carry out completely because of the breaking up of units due to the numerous guard duties that these units have to undertake (see para 2-employment of type).

Specialist courses are being carried out more easily and are proceeding with satisfactory results. Also the training of staff is being looked after with the help of reunions, conferences and exercises.

The instructors who have been posted to the COSS staff ALVA di GARDA have started the completion of their training

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in accordance with the directives issued by the General Staff of the Italian Army.

(b) COHR

The time that the COHR can allot to training is limited because of the exigencies of their normal duties which they must perform.

The Military Police Course of the previous report will start at the Central Military Schools on the 25 Feb.

The total number of personnel who will attend is as follows:

From the Inf Div sees: 5 OFTRs, 10 NCOs, 25 Carabinieri

From the Terr Legions: 15 OFTRs, 15 NCOs, 50 Carabinieri.

Intelligence

(a) General Feeling. No substantial change.

People in the area are anxiously awaiting for the announcement of the next arrival of the Allied Commission in Italy.

The press of both languages have entered into a more acute controversial phase, publishing, very frequently, articles concerning political questions. In particular, the German press gives itself to controversial subjects without any feeling of impartiality, any particular aim or adherence to reality.

Unfavorably commented upon is the fact, reported by the newspaper "Ilto Lager" on 13 and 14 Feb to the effect that German prisoners were billeted in a shelter at Alpe di Cines in the company of female personnel of the ex German Army, and that in all probability this was authorized by the Allied Military Authorities. Public order remains good and up to the present time no incidents have been reported.

(b) Frontier Activity. Reports of secret crossings of the frontier are still coming in (particularly in the ALPINA and in the area of SAN CARLETO) and also of people dealing with contraband and political emissaries.

(c) Relations between COHR and Civilians. Comments to be good.

(d) Political feelings amongst troops. Troops are nearly all non-politically minded, the few that are interested in political questions show themselves reluctant to demonstrate any great enthusiasm.

(e) Subversive elements in the Army. It does not appear that any subversive elements are carrying on any activity within the Army.

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The news that some robbers have very justly received the death penalty from the special military tribunals has been received with the utmost satisfaction by the population and has recently also been very favourably commented upon by the newspapers.

It is hoped, indeed, that these examples, and other ones, that will eventually be dealt with in the same way will help to lower the alarming number of crimes that disturb the peace of the public.

(E) Financial situation. Nothing fresh to add to the previous report.

3. Law matters

(a) Domestic The officer situation is acute and is as ^{"Kriegsgericht"} ^{action required} follows:-
by A. Brandl

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General Staff

GSO I Lt Col J.S.H. Douglas
GSO II Major R.G. Penn

Branch of AG & MG

DAA & MG Major E.F. Byatt

Services

Capt RMSC Capt I. Treleaven
Capt RERS Capt A.L. White

Attached Services

ORD Capt A.V. Tenyer

Situation

Present
MIA 12 Feb 46
(Vide AF 33010A
No 139 of 16 Feb)

DOMCOL

Date 25 Feb 46
(Vide letter
A 395/3 of 13 Feb 46

Release

A/S GS 74.
LIAP 29 Jan 46
Vide letter

This is not the authority for LIA P. GS. 6 Mar 46

Release

A/S Op 23
Vide Signal A6A
of 7 Feb 46.

It will be noted, therefore, that by the middle of next week I, myself, as GSO I will be the only officer with the unit to supervise BLU, Inquest, SAI, Ord and all G, A and C matters within the Command: as I am new to the district this is well-nigh impossible particularly as it coincides with the opening of the CAR and the first call up which will require my presence at VAREMA just 100 miles from here.

These arrangements were not made by me and I, therefore, accept no responsibility for them. It is understood that Major Byatt DAA & MG has been promised an early reporting to Rome, and it is recommended, therefore, that his relief be posted forthwith. Except for myself there is no original officer member of ex 52 BLU with this unit and it is strongly recommended that Capt D.C. Taylor (ex USO III (I) 52 BLU) be reported forthwith to fill this appointment.

The OR situation is now deteriorating through Release. The following are deficiencies on OR:-

- 1 Sgt Clerk GD RMC
- 1 Clerk RERE
- 1 Sgt Duty MCO (ADM)
- 1 Saitman Tr
- 1 ACC Cook

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ORB Capt A.V. Denyer

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The OR situation is now deteriorating through Release.

The following are deficiencies on VE:-

- 1 Sgt Clerk GD RASC
- 1 Clerk ROME
- 1 Sgt Duty NCO (Adm)
- 1 Ratman VR
- 1 ACC Cook

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Position will be getting worse when next Age/Service CP is through.

(b) Italian (i) Deficiencies. To change, relevant number of specialists deficient.

- (ii) Discipline. Normal; tending to improve.
- (iii) Leave. NFR
- (iv) Pay NCR
- (v) Morale Good.

4. "Matters

- (a) Genetic NFR
- (b) Italian (i)

now causing a worry. GSR do not seem to be able to cope with the necessary quantities of POL and state that news has arrived from overseas (see SOL). PAULI tpt position is growing serious now through lack of spares.

We know it's bad and we know why; but within BLU now since War will say you and it's. It is apparent entirely a question of spares. When spares are available it will be a question of labour to get the spares done. CAB.

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Transport - CCRH - Fairly good but still short on US.
(ii) REMR Repairs now well under hand but held back through lack of spares. It is hoped that contact with ARAR will produce results.

(iii) RACG Storehouses and shops at Deposito Speciale Casermaggio, Caserma Santa Vercia and Centro Confezioni e Ricupero VE, VERONA were inspected on 7 and 8 Feb. Reports were submitted. Figures for maintenance scaling of POLSOFT MT have been submitted. Repairs are still awaited to observations raised on other items, in spite of hasteners, so scaling for their maintenance is likely to be delayed.

Instructions have now been received to consolidate the lists of stores held at 14 Nov 45. This is likely to be a lengthy job and all of the lists have not yet been received. These are coming to hand by instalments. Three bundles have so far come to hand.

(iv) Clothing and Footwear. Now signs of improvement, clothing for GARs is now well understood. Some stores seem now to constitute main worry and such stores are short for GAR. Great help is now forthcoming from CGM in the way of boots and cloth (see CGM below).

CCRR - Good.

(v) Arms and Amn - Army. Release from dumps are now coming through this improving position. It would be much easier if, as a result of present policy from CM regarding releases to be authorized by NMIA, BCU could have authority to approve releases as asked for by Terr H, thus saving time and paper. Releases would naturally only be made in accordance with authorized holdings.)

CCRR - Satisfactory.

(vi) CM District are now authorising quite large quantities of boots (approx 12000) and cloth for uniforms to CCRH and Army. This will tend to show a great improvement in appearance and outlook of soldiers.

(vii) Acch Now satisfactory. MONTEGIO as GAR has been greatly appreciated.

(viii) POE It appears that there is an alarming shortage of petrol with CIP who state they are awaiting arrival from overseas. PHILLI Div has not consequently been able to draw its allotment.

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(vii) Accn Now satisfactory. MONTEPIO as CAR has been greatly appreciated.

(viii) ROL It appears that there is an alarming shortage of petrol with CIP who state they are awaiting arrival from overseas. PHILI Div has not consequently been able to draw its allotment.

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Subject: Fortnightly Report No 4
for period ending 1 Feb 46

Headquarters
4 B.I.D.
BOZANG
REF: 4/2/23-31

To: Land Forces and Commission S.C.
(S.I.S.) 2000 (4)

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1. General
(a) Domestic. Changeover completed.
(b) Foreign. A few air of movement is sensed and it is felt that the movement has been over the region and is now really commencing it.

2. Dispositions
(a) Domestic
(b) Foreign
SIR - still in the air, see training. Organization within the now completed, only deficiency being a department to deal with requisitions. All requisitions carried out by allies on behalf of Italian were cancelled 13 Nov. No machinery has yet been set up to carry on where the Allies left off.

A military band for the Alpine Band is in progress of formation.
EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS
(a) Army No Change.
(b) RAF It would appear that 20 Liaison Officer examines too much control. Position is not at all clear.

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Training
(a) Army All provisional arrangements are made but Italian Army representatives were retained admission to barracks at BRUNO VILLAGE although in possession of a pass from the Town Major. A temporary measure is being taken to ensure that the necessary equipment is being sent to BRUNO VILLAGE. It is hoped that a temporary Army training establishment will be set up at BRUNO VILLAGE and VIENNA. See Annex 3124-25
(b) RAF Specialized courses within the region are proceeding according to programme.
(c) Other Training time is limited but this is allowed for recreational and physical training. Directives issued by GHO 2000 would be of great assistance.

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Deployment of Troops

(a) ARMY No Change.

(b) AVIAZIONE

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Training

(1) GEN. All provisional exercises to be made but Italian Army representatives were refused admission to barracks at MEDIOPIA VENEZIA although in possession of a pass from the Army Major. Is a temporary measure. Staff and instructors are being housed in barracks at RIVA del GARDA and provision for a temporary training establishment made at RIVA del GARDA, BELLUNO and VITTIANO. See Order 3124/25-25

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(b) GEN. Training time is limited but time is allowed for recreational and physical training. Directives issued by COMBEC MILIA would be of great assistance.

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Intelligence.

(a) Articles on the future of Venezia Giulia and Alto Adige have appeared in both the Austrian and Italian newspapers. The statements by De Gaulle on his return from London has caused a great deal of speculation. No important South Tyrolean meetings have been held.

(b) Frontier activity-training of the Frontier continues although it would appear to be on a reduced scale, there is still a good deal of contraband from Switzerland and the usual political papers still arrive from Innsbruck (Austria). Frontier Guards have found several new routes used and in spite of shortage of personnel tightened up the control considerably.

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(c) CORR, respect for the GERM seems to have increased, the more sensible people having realized that with the closing of 1947 they alone are responsible for upholding the peace.

(d) CORR

(e) No noticeable subversive elements.

(f) Public security. There is a noticeable influx of undesirable characters into the area, mainly small groups of three or four men, usually ex-German Army, and of late these have been joined by an increased number of escapees from the local and Centre. Private property is not respected and they are certainly causing big problems. Each group appears to have at least one member who knows the area extremely well.

Heavy sentences, imposed by courts, have tended to discourage the more open acts of banditry.

Recent sentences for rape and armed hold-ups, etc.:-

4	condemned to death
2	" " life imprisonment
7	" " terms of imprisonment varying from 10 to 25 years.

(g) Economics. Bank deposits are steady and there have been no panic drawings to convert lire into goods. However, enormous property deals have been contracted within the last fortnight, and the contraband racket seems to flourish more prosperously than ever. The banks have recovered about 2 milliards of German marked Italian currency and this improves the lire situation.

3. Corr Matters

(a) Domestic

No change from last report.

(b) Italian

(i) Deficiencies: There are still a relevant number of specialists deficient.

(ii) Miscellaneous: Normal.

(iii) Leave: N.T.R.

(iv) Pay: ---

(v) Corrale: The increase of Ration Adjustment Allowance has been heartily welcomed.

(vi) Corrale: As a whole good. A greater interest in clothing and living conditions of the soldier would be of interest to increase morale a lot more. A relevant feature is the increasing amount of interest shown by the HQ towards welfare.

4. Corr Matters

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(g) Economics. Bank deposits are steady and there have been no panic drawings to convert lire into goods. However, enormous property deals have been conducted within the last fortnight, and the contracted market seems to flourish more prosperously than ever. The banks have recovered about 2 milliards of German backed Italian currency and this improves the lire situation.

3. Other Matters

- (a) Domestic: No change from last report.
- (b) Italian (i) Deficiencies: There are still a relevant number of specialists deficient.
 - (ii) Discipline: Normal.
 - (iii) Losses: N.F.R.
 - (iv) Pay: The increase of Nation Adjustment

allow from 5 to 15 lire has been heartily welcomed. (v) Morale: As a whole good. A greater interest in clothing and living conditions of the soldier would lead to increase morale a lot more. A relevant feature is the increasing amount of interest shown by the HQ towards welfare.

4. Other Matters

- (a) Domestic: N.F.R.
- (b) Italian:
 - (i) Transport: Very- Now improving with the functioning in proper premises of No. 1 Repairs Centre. N.S. being gradually brought up to strength. (See RMM below)
 - (ii) Transport: OCHR- N.F.R.

(c) RMM: No 4 repairs now functioning and repairing up to Class III vehicles. No 16 Repairs Centre well organized and producing good results. 21 Recovery Comp. w/shop now working on vehicles recovered in Austria. Main problem to be solved is the urgent need of spare, sources of which are now precariously non-existent except from local purchase at exorbitant prices.

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BAOC

Store at Regine Velena Barracks was inspected on 23 Jan. report submitted.

The unsatisfactory situation with regard to boots was reported in my letter OAD 13 dated 25 Jan.

FOLCORE schedules of stores held at 14 Nov. '45 are now coming to hand and are in course of being checked and translated.

Replies to observations raised on Cencua Returns are now being received and basis for scalings should be completed by end of Month.

(e) Clothing and Equipment

Army: Army clothing repair shops are now working on clothing for forthcoming recruits but clothing as a whole is poor. There is far too much difference in types of clothing and shortages cannot be dealt with in many cases.

CC.RR.: Showing signs of great improvement and interest.

(f) Arms and Ammo.

Army: No change with regard to shortages.

CC.RR.: Satisfactory.

(g) C.E.H.

No change.

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29 Jan. '56

R. J. J. J.
Major
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Subject: Fortification / Progress Report No. 3

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1. General

(a) Equipment. Handover of personnel of 4, 5 and 7 Bns is complete with the exception of the 400s 1 who are in hospital.

2. Training

(a) Orientation. Congressional completed on 14 Jan 66.
(b) Localities. Little obvious change in view of handover of territory but with aid of the efficient efforts of departments are taking more responsibility and cutting out time lags while waiting decisions.

Deployment of troops

(a) Army. General security has to be 3 yrs in the British Province with a small base of guarding and empty chambers in which the 400s.

Guarantee of 100% duty

(b) Army. General security has been maintained.

Training

(a) Army. (1) The arrangements for 400 are being aimed at maximum level. (2) The arrangements for 400 are being aimed at maximum level. (3) The arrangements for 400 are being aimed at maximum level. (4) The arrangements for 400 are being aimed at maximum level. (5) The arrangements for 400 are being aimed at maximum level.

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(c) Italy. Internal security has improved in the last few years with a shift back of guarding some cities towards the border areas. Still is concentrating on training and has very few security units remaining in the cities. Further control has been reinforced.

(a) Spain. (1) The requirements for Spain are going ahead on a similar level received (the requirements will be available). (ii) The CIA has conducted training on a regular level. Anti-tactical exercise for army and 3rd divisions carried out by relevant units. (iii) Security has been training other than of the country. Throughout the forward local courses are in progress especially for drivers and vehicle operators.

(b) France. (1) Intelligence (a) There has been no change of feeling between Italian and French population. In the case of the French there has been increased propaganda for the year to Austria. (b) Frontier activity. Will expect that there is a good underground courier service into Austria and of late increased crossing into Switzerland. (c) Relations between the two populations appear to have improved for the better.

(d) Very little activity except racial. Social British in area continues and forbidden the cooperation, by British officers, of invitations to social functions organized by the British in the area. (e) Italy. (f) Spain. (g) France. There has been considerable trouble in training (mostly forgeries) and other fronts.

Other points
None of the above (2), (3) (4) (5) and (6) have been in hand.

3. Italy
(a) Internal. The personnel are practically the same (less than on 1/1/52) - has to be in hand. The only outstanding deficiency being, a 1/1/52. After 1/1/52 has been cleared the following deficiencies will occur:
Italy (a) 1/1/52
Italy (b) 1/1/52
Italy (c) 1/1/52
Application for replacement is being made to USA. Mr. Johnson of (Italy/USA) has recently returned from USA and will be joining 7 or 8 days next week. 4 other personnel of the old 4 (before discharge) are being made surplus owing to the fact that they are 1/1/52 and release arrangements for them are already in hand. (b) Internal. (1) Internal. 300 personnel out of 500. In general show improvement.

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(iii) Leaves, The situation of vacancies for original copies covered
half of September has been a great relief to an otherwise big
disturbance.

(iv) Pay, No problems.
(v) Service, OK.

4. Matters
(a) Investig.

Transport - satisfactory. Will show improvement with arrival of 1st Oct
along with two vehicles.

(b) Stalling

Transport - (a) Army, in bad condition due mainly to lack of maintenance
and continued demands.

(b) RAF, great care is taken of that transport is available
but care is generally required for greater mobility.

RAF - for British, signs of improvement in the establishment of 10 4 Action
regiment centre in Regina Camp, great blow to territorial support 4/6/57-9
we but RAF depot is not being handed over to RAF in lieu of RAF. 4/6/57-9
papers are the main problem. RAF has not yet to RAF. 4/6/57-9
RAF - confusion is to making to avoid losses of all stores and Veto 2 stores
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that no losses to be made after 31 Dec 45 but engineers RAF
from issue on 15 Jan 46 although 3 RAF states that in RAF forwarded RAF
25 Dec 45 have been returned from RAF. RAF stores have been received RAF
for issues of 1000 2 stores up to 10 Jan 46 against another RAF RAF
through the ruling gives 1, 100 45 as the day on which issues from RAF
British sources would cease.

Nothing to report. (a) RAF - Position for RAF satisfactory. 2000
series laid down by RAF of RAF still not forthcoming.

RAF / RAF 2 (previously RAF) up its small
stock of surplus and a certain to be expected shortly.

Repair facilities in RAF RAF are very poor
indeed principally due to lack of RAF.

(b) RAF - RAF signs of great improvement.
RAF - RAF improvements have been submitted to RAF of RAF
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easily be overcome since the controversy over RAF (arms & RAF) is
settled.

(b) RAF - Satisfactory.
RAF still is a very confused state. The bottle with 2 that over RAF
"British origin" is producing little result and only cases being
handed over are cases containing RAF. Much RAF material has
been removed or is being reserved by 2 RAF.

RAF - RAF very slowly with the breaking up of RAF.
Will only be solved after 60 RAF even almost RAF.

RAF - RAF has been left in RAF 3121
state and will involve RAF for repairs.

RAF - No outstanding problems to be careful check is now being RAF.
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 agents are the main problem. I have had to 1000.
1942 - Confusion as to existing requirements. Agents of 1000 and 1000 3 stores
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 British sources would cease.

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 services laid down by 1000 of 1000 still not forthcoming.
 stock of surplus and a crisis is to be expected shortly.
 repair facilities in 1000 (agents) are very poor
 indeed particularly due to lack of tools.
1942 - Christmas agents of great improvement.
1943 - (a) 1943 - Requirements have been submitted to 1000 of
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 easily be overcome once the controversy over 1000 (agents & stores) is
 settled.

(b) 1943 - Satisfactory.
1944 still in a very confused state. The battle with 2 list over
 Italian origin is producing little result and only agents being
 packed over are men containing scrap. Such valuable material has
 been removed or is being reserved by 2 list.
1945 - Improving very slowly with the breaking up of 1000 units.
 All only be solved when 60 1000 agents stores come.
 Agent received by 1000 2 has been left in disarray 1000
 state and will involve large sums for repairs.
1946 - No outstanding problems as useful agents is now being kept.
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(b) 1961 - Satisfactory.
1962 still in a very confused state. The battle with 2 list over
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1963 - Improving very slowly with the breaking up of 1000 units.
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4-11-71
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Subject: Administrative

To: Land Forces Sub-Committee
(S.I.I.) Room.

1. General.
(a) Training. Management of personnel does not allow for 70% in programs. In addition training being to reduce and increase of both sides in USF.
(b) Training. Personnel management within the Department should concentrate upon areas of 10% and 20% in future success. Training staff were advised of the "State" project and not facilities being used of the Division.

2. FOR
Organization.
(a) Personnel. Organization planning completion.
(b) Training. Personnel completion upon passing of 100% of new recruits and success of additional troops. There will be some administrative completion in the "State" project and facilities being used of Division will not be completed.

Deployment of Forces.
(a) FOR. The Division Security is to be placed in the following periods and has to be read back to 20. At the moment it is in training and is struggling to get the idea of conditions in the area of land administration and force.
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Subject: Fortnightly Report No.1.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M. J.A.)Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
BOZARMO
Ref: 4/2/23
14 Dec 451 B.L.U.

In view of releases, etc., the problems are many but it is hoped that replacements will arrive to enable the HQ to carry on.

A replacement for Capt. A.C. Warzee, R.A.S.C., will be required in the next two weeks.

2. 4 Territorial Command.

There is a considerable amount of confusion in the minds of the Staff of the Command. Also a good deal of strained feeling between them and the two ex-combat groups.

Troops of the security regiment are now stationed alongside the ex-combat troops and there have been no serious incidents but they do not really understand each other and the respective tasks.

General feeling is that the men will be happier when the ex-combat troops are re-deployed. No specific reasons are given but the feelings are readily expressed.

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(a) General Morale has declined in the past week and largely attributed to the "packing and unpacking" in preparation for the move of the division which has not yet materialised. It is anticipated that a good number will take unofficial leave over the Christmas and New Year period.

Feeling with the British troops has improved and incidents practically negligible.

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(c) Future GOC FOLGHE has left for ROME to visit the Ministry of War to try to obtain some news as to the Division's future. Points he intended to raise were given in this HQ letter 4/CS/4. dated 11 Dec.

4. FRUILLI Infantry Division.

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(b) Personnel Triuli like the Folgore are suffering from a lack of replacements for troops discharged and the later army class releases. This will also affect their redeployment.

(c) Future The artillery regiment in the Trento province has been relieved by 13 A/Pk Regt RA. The relief was completed satisfactorily and that regiment is now concentrated ready to move. No further official orders have been received for the relief of units in 217 area by the Poles. Naturally the Triuli hopes to spend the Christmas, New Year period in the present locations.

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5. Training.

The Territorial Commander is going ahead with his arrangements for the I.T.C. near Verona and is also examining the possibility of commencing accommodation at Belluno for No.5 Territorial Command, I.T.C.

The Divisions are carrying out training up to Company level and the Folgore have carried out two exercises with supporting arms on battalion level. Good use has been made of the sparsely populated valleys for mortar and field artillery shoots.

6. Political.

Situation is unchanged, the local Tyroleans are still conducting active propaganda for the S.Tyrol to return to Austria. With the advent of more British troops the locals have taken fresh hope and they are attempting to solicit the backing of the British troops for their cause. They are convinced that the appearance of British troops ensures the success of their wishes for the S.Tyrol to pass to Austria.

There have been no incidents caused through political meetings in the area.

(signed) [unclear]
A/Lt.Col.
G.S.

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report.

VIA TO BOLSONO
203/31
19 Nov. 53.

TO: DIA (4)

Copy to:--

VIA M. A. T. AND J. L. M.

Herewith summary of events for period 12 Nov - 18 Nov, 53.

The main activity for this week was the organization and supervision of the withdrawal of CU* as authorized by AFH. From 2 Military CEM Depot (1, 10, 10 AC) berths. Some 100 truck loads of miscellaneous items were removed from the dump and were stored in the OCAF bks, pending an inventory being made.

Apert from materials belonging to the Iit, arm, there is a large amount of leather, civilian cloth (for men and women's wear), shoes (both for men, female and children) socks and various other items. This has been the subject of a discussion between Gen. Negroni and myself and it has been agreed that a large amount of civilian material will be put at the disposal of refugees and recruited personnel now returning to Italy. The rest will be reported to [redacted] for disposal instructions.

Prior to this taking place it was agreed that a careful check will be made in order to avoid theft as the materials are worth a very large sum.

REV.

Visit by BHO to discuss move under new CIA organization. Informed by that arrangements had been made for office accom. in Terr. H.

W. J. M.

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Copy to:-

WIA H. L. THOMAS

Herewith summary of events for period 12 Nov - 18 Nov. 45.

The main activity for this week was the organization and supervision of the withdrawal of 1000 lbs authorized by WIA from 2 X-ray film (X-ray film) items. Some 100 truck loads of miscellaneous items were removed from the dump and were stored in the main bks. pending an inventory being made.

Part from materials belonging to the 16. ars. there is a large amount of leather, civilian cloth (for men and women's wear), shoes (both for men, female and children) socks and various other items. This has been the subject of a discussion between Sgt. Reginald and myself and it has been agreed that a large amount of civilian material will be put out of the disposal of refugees and repatriated personnel not returning to Italy. The rest will be reported to I. for disposal instructions.

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Nov. 10

Visit to Bill to discuss move under new WIA organization. Informed Bill that arrangements had been made for office room.

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Subject - Co. Liaison Report.

Liaison Officer
1st IV Terr. HQ. (Bolsano)
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14. November 1945.

Re: MILIA ROSSI (M)

Copy to: MILIA TO H. Italy
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Hereafter is summary of main activities for period 3 Nov. - 11. Nov. 45.

Nov. 7.

Meeting held with Gen. Negroni and Gen. Bisino Commission (appointed by War Ministry) to discuss work over of G.M. The reason for this Commission to have been formed and to come and discuss hand-over of G.M. (who so late is not taking place apart from special requests to District) was not understood by either Gen. Negroni or myself.

Meeting was held with Lt. BERTINI (War Material Disp. Co. (M)) for arrangements regarding hand-over of G.M. as authorized by AFHQ (AG 115/3 21-0 dated 8 Oct. 45 lists). Only what was agreed to be telemed on Nov. 3, the second list to be decided later.

Meeting with Mr. G.M. to discuss G.M. of Lt. origin. Arranged for lists of Lt. property at present held to be made out.

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Visit from SP 52 BUU to discuss new Liaison organization with Mr IV Terr. HQ. and etc.

Meeting with Gen. Negroni on 8 Nov. Informed of visit of UNIT to Bolsano also to deal with G.M. Discussion held on allotment of pack tpt Coy to Gen. and as essentially J.I. Gen. Negroni informed of Accn Conference in 30 Sub Area HQ on 6 Nov.

Visit received from Lt. Col. Bolsano, technical situation

Herewith is summary of main activities for period 7 Nov.

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Nov. 5.

Meeting held with Gen. Negroni and Gen. Biglino Commission (appointed by War Ministry) to discuss take over of CML. The reason for this Commission to have been formed and to come and discuss hand-over of CML (who to take is not being made apart from special requests to 8 District) was not understood by either Gen. Negroni or myself.

Meeting was held with Lt. Col. B. (our contact in C. G. AG) for arrangements regarding handover of CML as authorized by AFHQ (AG 385/3 dated 6 Oct. 5 lists). Only list 1 was agreed to be released on Nov. 5, the second list to be decided later.

Meeting with Lt. Col. B. to discuss CML of Lt. origin. Arranged for lists of Lt. property at present held to be made out.

Visit from Lt. Col. B. to discuss new CML organization with Lt. Col. B. etc.

Meeting with Gen. Negroni on CML. Informed of visit of UNIT to Bolzano also to deal with CML. Discussion held on allotment of pack tpt Coy to 8th. Was as arranged with Gen. Negroni informed of ACOM conference in 20 sub area on 6 Nov.

Visit received from Lt. Col. B. 20078, detailed situation discussed in particular reference to Arzano dump.

5. Lt. Col. B. arrives from Austria. Situation and requirements discussed. Arrangements made for further drivers, clothing and equipment with Ferr. III.

Further discussion held with Lt. Col. B. on Lt. stocks held. Arrangements made for temporary blocking of such material and lists submitted to 8 District for release. (see letter Nov. 11 of 7 Nov.)

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conference held in Marr. HQ. on some needs in Bolzano
North and North prior to conference on 8. Nov.

Conference in 50 sub area to discuss all work in Bolzano
and North.

It. Army needs were granted satisfactorily. In view of
Marr. HQ. being responsible for frontier control and taking
over certain activities in Marr. HQ. area, it was decided that 574
sq. km would be destined for Valda (Pessanona area).

supervise withdrawal of AFHQ allotment of CSM from AFCON
groups (M.M.S.C.).

Most pressing problem for the week is the defining of CSM
which is to be returned to It. Army. Letter Dec/27 of 7 Nov.
gives positive.

It is essential that CIA give support in this matter or
no material from these groups, which in most cases is extreme,
precious to the It. Army who are about to run themselves, will
ever find its way into It. Army hands.

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visit from Capt. Gave (and 17 men) an discussion held on it. Army ammo. The following has been an arranged:-
 1. Capt. Gave in Godeano area to be maintained
 2. 16 tons were supplied and all IV, Army. Also in the
 area will be moved into these dumps by Capt. Gave under his
 command. Similarly, all German and foreign ammo will
 be moved from these dumps.

Capt. Gave is proceeding to 2 Dist. and will endeavour to
 obtain police, mainly on them also and extent to which it.
 Army can maintain an/or control.

3. Association of 314 Gds. Bn. disbanded. Decision was made
 that 314 should be associated in Godeano area in order
 to be on spot for such guard reliefs from Falgore as nec-
 essary. 314 will approach as to whether work can be made
 available.

314 will communicate that certain Gds dumps now cleared of
 German material and small quantities of it. Material now
 left unguarded. Matter taken up with Godeano.
 Information received from Godeano. That Godeano cannot release
 Nov. allotment of 201 as no authority from Godeano. re-
 ceived. Matter taken up with Godeano.
 Principal problem for this period is the question of 201
 from Godeano.

This matter is not moving satisfactorily and caused worry
 ever. With
 the main concentration of work will now be on release of
 201 of it. Origin.

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Subject: (ek) Liaison Report

Liaison Officer
of IV Terr. HQ (Bolsano)
May 1/1
3. Nov. 1943.

RE: ITALIA, ROME

Copy to: Senior Liaison
N. I. ITALY.

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Herewith is summary of main activities for period
15 October - 4 November.

- Oct. 15. Meeting held with advance reps from 30 sub. area to discuss accommodation of 30 sub area in Bolsano. 30 sub area to continue functioning in Bolsano area. 17 Oct.
- 16. Leave for Verona to settle Lt. arm, accommodation in Verona area.
- 17. Contact re. base with Town Major and Verona area toured with Gen. Brisotto, P/C to Gen. Negroni and attached to Verona on temporary duty.
- 18. Lt. arm. needs were carefully considered and satisfactory solution to both left. No. and town major approached. Accommodation for Lt. arm. needs in Verona area will be available at approx 1. Nov. when present occupied bluffs should have been vacated.
- 19. Return to Bolsano.
- 20. Conference with Gen. Negroni on results of Verona visit. Discussion conc. into a lack of lubricants in CIV depots.
- 21. 13 BW communicate that lubricant situation for Folgore is not critical. Both Lia and 16 centre kept informed.
- 22. Leave for return to discuss FOB situation. 3111
- 23. Leave by air for Rome.
- 24. Leave Rome for Bolsano.
- 25. Arrive Bolsano.

Nov. 1. Contact re. sub area for recent events in Bolsano and general picture.

Meeting held with advance reps from 50 sub. Area to discuss reconcentration of 50 sub area in Bolzano. 50 sub area to commence functioning in Bolzano a.e.f. 17 Oct.

Leave for Verona to settle It. Army reconcentration in Verona area.
 Contact w/ Gen. with Gen. Major and Verona area toured with Gen. Brizzotto, 17/8 to Gen. Negroni and attached to Verona on transport, but.
 It. Army needs were carefully considered and anti-fort. solution to both Gen. H. and Town Major recommended. Reconcentration for It. Army needs in Verona area will be available at approx 1 Nov. when present occupied blags. should have been vacated.

16. Return to Bolzano.

17. Conference with Gen. Negroni on results of Verona visit. Mentioned into a lack of lubricants in Cl. reports. It. Army communitate that lubricant situation for Folgore is not critical. Both 11A and 57 10 Centre kept informed.

20. Leave for Centre to discuss IOL situation. 3111

21. Leave by air for Rome.

30. Leave Rome for Bolzano.

31. Arrive Bolzano.

Nov. 1. Contact by 50 sub area for recent events in Bolzano and general picture.
 Meet Col. Larves U.S. in Area.
 Gen. Weissenmann arrives from 2 District. Discussion held on medical supplies in Verona. Gen. Weissenmann made it quite clear that he was not going to release any medical supplies to It. Army without G.H.A. authority. Release of essential medical supplies needs would be taken into consideration by the 2 Dist. This decision regarded as a setback by Gen. Negroni.

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