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10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55381 NAPLES
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19 June 46

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Reference 10 BLU Progress Report No. 11 dated 6 Jun 46 - Part I General Para 2.

Herewith amendment No. 2 to Appendix 'A' to 10 BLU Progress Report No. 9 dated 17 Apr 46.

No Amendments to Appendix 'C'.

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Major,
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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO APPX "A" TO 10 BLU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 9 DATED 17 APR 46.

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Reference page 3 - line 15 10 BLU Progress Report No. 11 dated 6 June 46.

Please amend " COMMAND " to read " COMMUNIST ".

(signed) M.M. Davie,
Major,
GS.

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PART II - " G "

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army loss CC.RR

(i) 1/60 Inf Regt.

Bn HQ is preparing to proceed to SARDINIA at some later date not yet fixed. About thirty SARDINIAN soldiers will accompany this HQ. It is expected that the Bn will reform in SARDINIA.

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(ii) I BIS Coy I/60 Inf Regt.

This coy is being kept at a minimum and is to be disbanded on 31 July 46.

(iii) III/60 Inf Regt.

Disbandment has been completed.

(iv) 10 Inf Regt.

Regt. HQ is to move either to SALERNO or NAPLES the former being the more probable. Reason is that SMRE want the HQ near other troops. Accommodation difficulties are hindering the move at the moment.

(b) CC.RR

Monthly Report by CC.RR LO attached at Appendix "J"

4. TRAINING

Army less CC.RR

Training Establishments

(i) All training ceased on 29 May 46 to allow the recruits to be moved to their respective posts for 2 June. Contrary to expectations recruits will be held in these locations until the Commander Territorial HQ considers it no longer necessary to have them at his disposal. It is feared that the recruits will not be released until after the results of the referendum and polling are declared. This will unfortunately seriously hinder the training of these men but it is not considered that the course should be extended and therefore upset the date of the next call up

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5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Communist Activity - AVELLINO

An organization on the lines of FAFA has been discovered in the CAR run by communists with special anti-monarchist tendencies.

Of the 300 Air Force recruits who come from FLORENCE, GENOA and BOLOGNA, two thirds form this party and money is received for propaganda from the AVELLINO Communist Party. Information is given about officers who are Monarchists, guard duties and sentry posts, and location of weapon stores in the barracks.

NOBILE, former general in the Air Force and leader of the North Pole flying exploit, visited AVELLINO and made an anti-monarchist speech which was attended by the Air Force recruits and was much applauded by them.

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A few army recruits attended but took no active part.

At a pro-monarchist speech the same Air Force recruits attempted to break it up by interruption. It appears that the leaders of those recruits have been punished by the CAR Commanding Officer for taking an active part in a political meeting.

GUERRIERO GUIDO an ex regular officer, cashiered in 1935 or 1936 for association with a suspected woman spy, has taken up residence in AVELLINO. He has been appointed by the Communist Party as leader of the Air Force recruits.

DE CESARE CORRADINO, a lawyer, is working with GUERRIERO. He was released from the army as a 2/Lt at the age of 51 years.

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It is known that there is an officer at the CAR who is a Communist. His name is not yet known.

(b) CARS (Centro Addestramento Reduci Soldati)

The Sjt Major who has asked for assistance has not yet received an answer to his request. (10 BLU Progress Report No 10 refers)

PART III - "A"

6. DOMESTIC

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Captain F.A. Murray (70181) RASC S & T	3 July 46	(Approx)

(both on LIAP)

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future

NIL

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7. ITALIAN

(a) Deficiencies in strengths to follow

(i) Total Strength %
(ii) Tradesmen %
(iii) Specialists %

(See this HQ letter ref CAR/G/20 dated 1 June 46 attached at Appendix "E")

(b) Discipline

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It is interesting to note that the '22' Class in Northern ITALY was not recalled after the September 1943 Armistice whereas in Southern ITALY this class was recalled. A measure of discontent is experienced by Northern Italian personnel resident in Southern ITALY who find themselves still in the army, simply by virtue of their present domicile.

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(d) Pay Problems

No change.

It is interesting to note that in order to assist the army civilian tradesmen are being canvassed. As much as 15,000 lire a month is being offered - the same as a staff colonel, who receives food in addition - This is not considered enough as tradesmen can earn much more in their trade in civilian life. This matter is being investigated and will be the subject of a later report.

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Para 2 Appx "G" to 10 BLU Progress Report No 8 dated 5 Apr 46 refers.

(e) Morale

A much higher standard of morale is now evident. This is due to the younger men in the army now and the discharge of the older classes of disgruntled men.

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8. PUBLIC RELATIONS

(a) Little or nothing has been done in this respect. At the moment the Welfare Officer is performing this office. No Public Relations Officer is to be made at the moment. No directive has been received from the ministry by Territorial HQ. A letter in the form of a memo has been received from Col. FIORE VERNAZZA. This has not been taken as an instruction as it did not come from the ministry and has only been considered as a guide.

(b) At 10 CAR Col. MAGLIARI has shown keen interest in promoting visits of friends and relatives on certain days and this "seeing the army under modern conditions" has been most useful propaganda.

PART IV - "C"

9. DOMESTIC

(a) Transport

List of unit transport attached at Appendix "D".

(b) Accommodation

No change

10. ITALIAN

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(i) Army less CC.RR

135 M/C released to ITI units from No 10 Efficient Vehicle Park.

15 Staghounds ex BRITISH to No 10 Efficient Vehicle Park.

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See LO's Report attached at Appendix "J"

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(b) REME Problems

(i) The army practice of buying stores in the open market is to be deprecated since it leads to irregular supply, inflated prices and possibly corruption.

(ii) It is stated that speculators in surplus Allied vehicles (perhaps including AR.R) are deliberately building up an artificial tyre shortage for Italian made vehicles in order to maintain high prices for surplus Allied vehicles. The remedy is obviously for the Ministry of War to receive a percentage from the tyre manufacturers.

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(c) RACC - Clothing and Equipment

(i) Army loss CC.RR

Issues ex No 8 BRI-ITI Clothing Depot

The following clothing was issued to 714 Italian Adm Regt.

Boots Ankle	quantity	500 pairs
Socks	" "	2500 "
Jersey Pullovers	" "	500
Shirts KD	" "	2500
Drawers Cellular	" "	2500
Towels Hand	" "	2000
Trousers KD	" "	2000
Jackets KD	" "	2000

Authority Q/OS/493. Issue completed 17 May 46 by road.

The following items were released to Italian Increment 10 BLU :-

Shorts KD	quantity	60
Shirts KD	" "	40
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Vests Cotton	" "	60
Trousers KD	" "	40
Hosetops	" "	30 pairs
Socks	" "	30 "
Boots Ankle	" "	10 "
Flannelette	" "	200 yards

Authority CRD/10 Inc/2 dated 30 Apr 46.

Issue of clothing to 715 Italian Adm Regt to be sent by road as soon as transport is available.

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British Equipment

The British Equipment issued or on loan in 10 BLU area is attached at Appendix "I"

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Signal Stores

160 tons despatched on 22 May 46 consisting of :-

Wireless Sets No 38		quantity	144
" " " " 19	(LF)	" "	108
" " " " 9	(Mk 1)	" "	70
" " " " 52		" "	19
Battery Sets Portable		" "	360

(iii) Inspection Reports

Inspection Reports on units visited were forwarded under this HQ reference CRD/26 dated 7 & 10 May 46.

(d) Arms & Ammunition

Nothing to report.

(e) Accommodation

Slight improvement is noticeable as Allied requirements decrease. The improvement is not relative to number decreasing but to the number of installations being closed down.

(f) S & T

During the absence of the S & T Officer on LIAP, routine duties are being carried out by "Q" Branch.

M M. Davis Major GSC

for Lt Col.
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"E" - TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS

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"H" - TABLE SHOWING FINAL DESTINATION OF 1626 RECRUITS

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Appendix 'E' to 10 BLU Progress
Report No 11 dated 6 June 46

SUBJECT:- Tradesmen and Specialists.

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tel: 55802 NAPLES.
CAR/C/20
/ June 46.

10 Territorial HQ.,
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Ref your N3/3094/Op di prot. (Appx C) :-

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(iii) If so, to whom is it rendered.

(iv) What organisation for the cross posting of tradesmen or specialists exists.

(v) Is there a War Ministry publication setting down the standards of qualifications for each appointment.

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for Lt Col,
GS.

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Appendix "F" to 10 BLU Progress
Report No 11 dated 6 June 46

REPORT ON RANGES AT CAR AVELLINO

1. GENERAL

The area around AVELLINO is very unsuited to the construction of ranges. The ground being either wooded or highly cultivated. There is no Ministry of War owned land on which ranges can be built. The present ranges are on unrequisitioned ground and compensation for damage is paid but their use is restricted in some cases to crops and the fact that the military cannot make firing points, butts etc on civilian property. The grant of 300,000 lire for ranges is insufficient to buy a plot of land much less construct a range. Therefore nothing has been done to construct permanent ranges.

2. 30 YARDS RANGE

Three 30 yds ranges exist insomuch that they are used for firing :-

Range 'A' - 16 targets
Range 'B' - 16 targets
(suitable for grenade throwing)
Range 'C' - 8 targets

3. OPEN RANGE

One only exists five miles North West of the CAR. The range is 150 yds - firing point and butts being on each side of a rocky valley. The range is considered unsuitable in every way. PIAT and 2" mortar are fired the same range.

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4. FIELD FIRING RANGE

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10° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE
Ufficio Comando

SPECCHIO DIMOSTRATIVO PARTENZA RECLUTE GIORNO 2 MAGGIO 1946 :

E N T E	LOCALITA'	GENIO	ARTIGLIERIA	MOTORIZZAZIONE	SANITA'
Scuola Genio Collegamenti	Cecchignola (Roma)	127	73		
Direzione di Artiglieria Comiliter	Roma		9		
Comando Divisione Fanteria "Folgore"	Firenze		15	42	55
11° Compagnia Genio	Palermo	1			
11° Compagnia Sanità	Palermo				31
11° Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi	Palermo			15	
101° Compagnia Servizi	Torino	1			
1° Compagnia Ponti Metallici Scomponibili	Torino	3			
1° Compagnia Sanità	Torino				51
1° Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi	Torino			22	
2° Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi	Genova (Sturla)			14	
2° Compagnia Sanità	Genova				50
4° Compagnia Sanità	Bolzano				24
4° Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi	Bolzano			40	
51° Battaglione Misto Genio	Bergamo	10			
Comando Divisione Fanteria "Legnano"	Bergamo				26
Officina Mobile "Legnano"	Bergamo			24	
Comando Divisione Fanteria "Mantova"	Varazze (Savona)			53	
104° Battaglione Genio	Albisola	4			
Scuola Genio Artieri	Civitavecchia	220			
Scuola Meccanici ed operai artiglieria	Civitavecchia		6		
Compagnia Sussistenza	Milano				
155° Reggimento Artiglieria Motorizzato	Piacenza		25		
Scuola di Artiglieria	Bracciano		285		
11° Reggimento Artiglieria Motorizzato	Brescia		12		
Centro Rifornimento Quadrupedi Piemonte	Pinerolo		9		
T O T A L I		366	439	210	237
Reclute che dovranno partire il 15 corr. per la Scuola di Motorizzazione	Cecchignola (Roma)	48	19	210	
TOTALE GENERALE		414	458	420	237

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10° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE
Ufficio Comando

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SPECCHIO DIMOSTRATIVO PARTENZA RECLUTE GIORNO 2 MAGGIO 1946 :

	LOCALITA'	GENIO	ARTIGLIERIA	MOTORIZZAZIONE	SANITA'	SUSSISTENZA	TOTALE	N O T E
	Cecchignola (Roma)	127	78				205	
tre	Roma		9				9	
gore"	Firenze		15	42	55		112	
	Palermo	1					1	
	Palermo				31		31	
trattivi	Palermo			15			15	
	Torino	1					1	
omponibili	Torino	3					3	
	Torino				51		51	
rativi	Torino			22			22	
ntivi	Genova (Sturla)			14			14	
	Genova				50		50	
	Bolzano				24		24	
rativi	Bolzano			40			40	
	Bergamo	10					10	
nano"	Bergamo				26		26	
	Bergamo			24			24	
tova"	Varazze (Savona)			53			53	
	Albisola	4					4	
	Civitavecchia	220					220	
glieria	Civitavecchia		6				6	
	Milano					97	97	
rizzato	Piacenza		25				25	
	Bracciano		285				285	
rizzato	Brescia		12				12	
Piemonte	Pinerolo		9				9	
T O T A L I		366	439	210	237	97	1349	
15 corr.	Cecchighola (Roma)	48	19	210			277	
TOTALE GENERALE		414	458	420	237	97	1626	

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Luigi Magliari Galante)

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SPECCHIO numerico dei militari assegnati ai vari enti distinti in reclute e volontari ordina

UNITA'	Artiglieria		Genio		Motorizzaz.		Sanità		S
	Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.	
Df. LEGNANO	90	10	73	-	40	8	9	17	
" MANTOVA	143	12	75	8	106	-	50	-	
" Folgore	173	8	109	-	70	13	55	-	
C.M. TORINO	21	1	52	20	44	1	52	-	
C.M. GENOVA	-	-	10	-	28	-	-	-	
C.M. BOLZANO	-	-	38	-	75	5	24	-	
C.M. PALERMO	-	-	27	-	29	1	30	-	
T O T A L I	427	31	386	28	392	28	220	17	

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Artiglieria		Genio		Motorizzaz.		Sanità		Sussistenza		TOTALE	NOTE
Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.	Recl.	V.O.		
90	10	73	–	40	8	9	17	–	–	249	
143	12	75	8	106	–	50	–	–	–	394	
173	8	109	–	70	13	55	–	16	5	449	
21	1	52	20	44	1	52	–	14	–	205	
–	–	10	–	28	–	–	–	13	–	51	
–	–	38	–	75	5	24	–	35	1	178	
–	–	27	–	29	1	30	–	13	–	100	
427	31	386	28	392	28	220	17	91	6	1626	

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BRITISH EQUIPMENT ISSUED OR ON LOAN IN 10 BLU AREA

9 CAR - BARI

Rifles No 1	4100
Pistols Signal	24
Pistols Revolver .38 in	91
Carbines Sten	192
Guns Machine Bren .303 in	192
PIAT	48
Mortars 2 in	19
Motor Cycles Matchless	7

10 CAR - AVELLINO

Rifles No 1	4100
Pistols Signal	24
Pistols Revolver .38 in	91
Carbines Sten	192
Guns Machine Bren .303 in	192
PIAT	48
Mortars 2 in	19
Motor Cycles Matchless	8

11 CAR - PALERMO

Rifles No 1	4240
Pistols Signal	24
Pistols Revolver .38 in	91
Carbines Sten	192
Guns Machine Bren .303 in	192
PIAT	48
Mortars 2 in	19
Motor Cycles Matchless	8

CC.RR

Staghounds A/C	36
Jeeps	10
15 Cwts	12
Loadcarriers	5
Carbines Sten	150
Motor Cycles Matchless	22

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MONTHLY REPORT - 5 BRIGADE CC.RR

1. (a) NAPLES LEGION

	Strength	
	Effective	Present
	4118	3726

Difference - 392

Sick	85
Leave (various)	248
Detached	59
	392

Percentage on leave - 6.6%

(b) NAPLES MOBILE BATTALION

	Strength	
	Effective	Present
	499	340

Difference - 159

Leave (various)	26
Detached	2
Anti Brigand Squad	74
Reinforcements (TARANTO)	47
Hospital	10
	159

(c) In the above Strength is not included the strengths of the following Special Companies :-

No 1 Special Company of NAPLES

	Strength	
	Effective	Present
	144	131

Difference - 13

Attached to Departments	1
On leave	9
Hospital	3
	13

No 2 Special Company of NAPLES

	Strength	
	Effective	Present
	153	127

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No 3 Special Company of NAPLES

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
		154	151
Difference -	3		
On leave	2		
Hospital	1		
	3		

2. CATANZARO LEGION

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
		2095	1914
Difference -	181		
Mobilised	72		
Hospital	14		
Duty with other Legions	35		
Leave (various)	60		
	181		

Percentage on leave - 3.2%

3. (a) BARI LEGION

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
		2501	2300
Difference -	201		
Hospital	23		
Leave (various)	113		
Detached	65		
	201		

Percentage on leave - 4.9%

(b) BARI MOBILE BATTALION

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
		921	453
Difference -	468		
Leave	66		
Detached	402		
	468		

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Strength	
Effective	Present
2501	2300

Difference - 201

Hospital	23
Leave (various)	113
Detached	65
	201

Percentage on leave - 4.9%

(b) BARI MOBILE BATTALION

Strength	
Effective	Present
921	453

Difference - 468

Leave	66
Detached	402
	468

4 RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT

(a) NAPLES Legion

Pants	2000 pairs
Shirts (Green)	1000
Shirts (khaki)	1000
Machine Guns (B 30)	6
Machines Guns FIAT 35	6
Rifles (B 30)	249
Automatic Rifles	1030
Pistols (BERETTA)	2021

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(b) CAMPANZARO Legion

Linen Shirts (grey green)	1000
Linen pants (short)	1000
Cotton socks	3500 pairs
Combinations	310
Goggles	310
Identity discs	3000
Anklets web	2000 pairs
Laces shoe	1500
Boots (new)	300 pairs
Dyed AMERICAN Battle Blouses	30
Half soles	800 pairs
Spa Lorries 38/R	8
Jeeps	8
Rounds of ammo for automatic rifles	114563

(c) BARI Legion

Gloves	2000 pairs	Kit Bags	300
Metallic stars	100	Cap badges	300
Quintals shoe polish	4	Towels	100
AMERICAN Battle Blouses	80	Lining	30/40 yds
Jackets (grey) new	300	Combinations	330
Trousers (grey)	300 pairs	Glasses	330
Caps	300	Socks	2600
Ties (black)	600	Shoes	500
Identity Discs	600	Laces	500
Pants	600 pairs	Repaired shoes	400
Boots	300 pairs	Handkerchiefs	5824
Shirts	600	Towels	2110
Pullovers	298	Kit bags	800
Half soles	800 pairs		

Vehicles

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10 Trucks

Ammunition

Cartridges for automatic rifles calibre 9	147886
Cartridges for machine guns calibre 7.92	16000
Pistols	500
Pistol magazines Type 34	1000
Cartridges for pistols Type 34	30000
Automatic rifles BERETTA Type	671
Magazines for automatic rifles BERETTA Type	671

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5. DEFICIENCIES IN MATERIAL

The chief deficiencies in all the Legions, NAPLES, CATANZARO and BARI, are Transport and Pistols.
The position is slightly improved from the last report submitted on May 6 46 and it is hoped that if supply continues as at present, a more favourable report will be able to be submitted for next month.

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The main deficiencies for arms exists in the NAPLES Mobile Battalion where :-

1557	Automatic Pistols
27	Automatic Rifles

are required.

Motor cycles appear to be the main deficiency in regard to transport and about 120 are required.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION

The situation in the NAPLES area has deteriorated during the last month. This is no doubt due to the election fever which is spreading in the city. Crimes of violence, notably armed robbery, have increased - e.g. - 400 cases of armed robbery, out of which 191 arrests have been made. There have also been 14 cases of murder, 7 convictions have been obtained and 4 persons are at present under arrest.

Number of minor assaults have taken place in all the Legion areas, due to the political agitation which is taking place. It has been noticeable in the BARI and TARANTO districts that naval ratings have been responsible for a lot of this form of crime.

On May 15, 2 bombs were thrown by anti-monarchists in the VIA FORIA at a Monarchist demonstration. Investigations are being carried out in regard to this. Armed band robbery has increased in the GARGANICHE and LUCANE zones.

7. PUBLIC AND PRESS OPINION

Both public and press opinion are, generally speaking, very much in favour of the CC.RR. Even the leftist press has been far more favourable than in the past. It is generally felt that the CC.RR are fighting a hard battle in the midst of severe political strain and with lack of equipment, are putting up a very good show under the circumstances. It is felt that the use of soldiers for CC.RR is not satisfactory, and the press has commented on this on various occasions.

8. GENERAL DISCIPLINE AND MORALE OF CC.RR

There has only been one case of crime in CC.RR and this took place in the NAPLES Legion. A CC.RR was arrested and charged along with other persons for theft and blackmail. The result of the case is still pending.

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9. TRANSFERRING OF RANKING OFFICERS

On 11 May 46, Major M. SPADAFORA relinquished command of the internal group of the CATANZARO Legion and was posted to FOGGIA. His place has been taken by Major ROMANO.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications between outlying stations is still very bad notably in the BARI Legion, where it is known that there are 134 stations without telephones.

11. GENERAL

Difficulty is still being experienced in regard to the NAPLES Mobile Battalion accommodation. The barracks which they are at present occupying are in a shocking state of repair and some difficulty is being experienced in getting the repairs effected, due to lack of money and apparent lack of interest on the part of the authorities. It is hoped to eventually get suitable housing for the whole battalion in a barracks which is at present occupied by the Americans.

All legions are still complaining in regard to the inadequacy of stationary allowance.

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3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

(i) I & III/60 Regt.

A reshuffle in the I & III/60 Regt is in progress. The III/60 Regt is being disbanded (30 Apr 46) SARDINIAN soldiers are to be posted to I/60 Regt and soldiers from other regions are being disposed of by the Ministry of War with exception of a few who are required to form the 1st bis Coy I/60 Regt.

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(ii) 1st Dis Coy I/60 Regt.

This Coy is a composite Coy and will consist of personnel still employed on guard duties. HQ 10 Inf Regt has been detailed to lay down the Establishment keeping the Strength to a minimum. Date of formation 1 May 46.

Civilian guards will eventually take over these duties and personnel will be posted to I/60 as and when relieved.

(iii) III/60 Bt.

Personnel used for guarding the hydro-electric plant in SILA are being disbanded (1 May 46) and responsibility for guarding the plant reverts to personnel of the Electric Coy.

(b) CC.RR.

Monthly report by CCRR. LO attached at Appx "E".

4. TRAINING.

Army less CC.RR.

Trg Establishments.

(i) Visits.

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The recruits were examined by a Board of Officers, who allotted them to arms according to commonsense principles. The allocation appears to be reasonable, although scientific methods were not employed. Some of the principles of selection were as follows :-

Men with former service were allotted to the arm in which they served before.

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(iii) Engineer Corps.

It appears that Signals are still regarded as part of the Engineer Corps. It is hoped that the Ministry will correct this anomaly as soon as possible.

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(iv) Progress of the CAR.

The officers of Territorial HQ and of the CAR are justly pleased with the progress already made. Many of them think that finality has been reached, and that no further progress is possible. Very few realize that it is their duty to look constantly for faults, and to devise remedies.

Faults are usually attributed to the failure of some individual. Little attempt is made to examine the system for weaknesses. Few Italian officers realize the need for constant constructive criticism of their system of administration, tactical doctrine, methods of instruction etc.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) FAFA (Federazione Anti-Monarchica Forze Armate).

General AZZI is said to have visited BARI to make a speech but this has not been confirmed.

(b) Communist Activity - AVELLINO.

A Youth Front movement in AVELLINO is endeavouring to cause friction between recruits and civilians. On one occasion certain recruits rounded on communist agitators. No arms were used.

At a public meeting of the Democratic Party at AVELLINO some communists made remarks against the Army adding that the Italian Army had killed 70,000 Russians. One communist then attempted to remove the stars from the lapels of a soldier. A hand fight followed.

The Intelligence Officer at AVELLINO discovered through civilian contacts that a certain soldier in the CAR was a communist. His activities are :

(i) Distributing pamphlets. See Appx "G".

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A copy of an article in "L' UNITA'" directed against the Comd 10 CAR is attached at Appx "F".
The local papers have not commented on the matter and this is considered significant as local people could check on such information.

(d) CARS. (Centro Addestramento Reduci Soldati).

It has been ascertained that the President in NAPLES, CARLO

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ANTONIO OBICI was not an officer.

The soldier introduced into the organization has been withdrawn and a Sgt Major substituted. The Sgt Major has, under instructions asked for assistance for his family. OBICI has stated that he will write to Prof. COLAJANNI, Under Secretary to the Ministry of War in ROME through PALERMO who although chiefly interested in LAUO is prepared to give a hand to OARS.

It is thought that the Sgt Major will, after assistance has been rendered, be asked to join the Communist Party.

(c) LAUO (Lega Assistenza Ufficiali Congedo).

The name of the organisation was thought to be Centro Assistenza Ufficiali Congedo but it has since been discovered that the correct name is as above. The local President is still not known.

PART III - "A"

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE.

Officers - NIL

ORs - Ration NCO.

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within WE.

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Due to return approx 10 May 46.

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PART IV - "Q"

8. DOMESTIC.

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(c) LAUC (Loro Assistenza Ufficiali Congedo).

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PART IV - "O"

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

List of transport held by 10 DLU attached at Appx "D".

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

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9. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army Less CC.RR.

Only one of the five motor cars has as yet been issued to the CAR. Great difficulty is being experienced therefore by Bn Commanders in supervising the training and making reconnaissances as they are forced to perform their duties on foot.

(ii) CC.RR.

See Appx "E".

(b) REME.

Nothing to report.

(c) R.O.C. - Clothing and Equipment.

(i) Army less CC.RR.

Web Equipment.

The distribution of Web Equipment was completed on 2 Apr 46.

Collection of Motor Cycles.

176 "WATERLESS" M/cycles collected from No.9 Vehicle Park, 38 Vehicle Coy and taken to No.10 Efficient Vehicle Park for distribution on 1 Apr 46.

Collection of Ammunition.

135,000 rounds Italian ammunition collected from 16 BAD NOLA.

Transfer of Boots ex FRATTAMAGGIORE to other depots.

The following boots were transferred to 591 Italian Clothing Depot :-

Boots ankle new quantity 3600 pairs
Boots ankle graded " "

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(ii) CC.RR.

See Appx "E".

(b) REME.

Nothing to report.

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(i) Army Ross CC.RR.

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Transfer of Boots ex-FRATTAMAGGIORE to other depots.

The following boots were transferred to 591 Italian Clothing Depot :-

Boots ankle new	quantity	3600 pairs
Boots ankle graded	" "	26122 pairs

The following boots were transferred to 599 Italian Clothing Depot :-

Boots ankle graded	quantity	33781 pairs

The following boots are held at No.8, FRATTAMAGGIORE :-

Boots ankle new	quantity	11216 pairs

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Transfer of Socks.

The following socks were transferred to 591 Depot :-

Socks new quantity 8026 pairs

The following socks are held at No.8 BR-ITI Depot :-

Socks new quantity 8000 pairs

MT Spares ex Ship "ORATA".

19 tons of Italian MT Spares were sent to No.8 Repair Unit, ROME, by rail ex ship "ORATA".

Closing of No.8 "BULK" Depot, FRATTAMINORE.

All stock held at FRATTAMINORE was transferred to No.8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot, FRATTAMAGGIORE. The building at FRATTAMINORE has now been de-requisitioned. No.8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot is now located at FRATTAMAGGIORE.

Issues ex No.8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot.

The following clothing was issued to 714 Ital. Admn Regt :-

Boots	quantity	500 pairs
Socks	" "	2000 pairs
Pullovers	" "	1000

The following clothing was issued to 715 Ital. Admn Regt :-

Caps K.D. quantity 550

(ii) CC, RR.

See Apnx "E".

(d) RASC.

11 DLU SICILY was visited between 9 Apr 46 and 18 Apr 46.

The following depots and units were inspected :-

30 MT Coy
11 Terr Admn Tpt Coy
[illegible] Depot

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19 tons of Italian MT Spares were sent to No.6 Depot Unit, ROME, by rail ex ship "ORATA".

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Caps K.D.	quantity	550

(ii) CC.NR.

See Appx "E".

(d) RASC.

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The following depots and units were inspected :-

30 MT Coy
11 Terr Admn Tpt Coy
65 Distribution Depot
11 Distribution Depot
11 Military Bakery
22 Supply Coy
66 Distribution Depot

and were running satisfactorily, and in most cases had improved considerably from the previous inspection. For full reports refer S & T Branch.

Territorial HQ and Direziono Commissariato were visited.

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One point that has arisen after visiting the majority of depots and units is the fact that in nearly all cases very little or no RE work has been carried out on buildings etc., or is it likely to be effected although bids in most cases have been outstanding for a considerable time.

Instructions in maintenance and use of 406s and 412s are being given to personnel at CAR, AVELLINO.

MMD/bb

Lt-Col.
GS.

APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"B" - STAFF LIST - 10 DLU

"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - MT HELD BY 10 DLU

"E" - MONTHLY REPORT - 5 BRIGADE CC. RR.

"F" - ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN "L'UNITA" ON 25 APR 46

"G" - COMMUNIST PAMPHLET ISSUED IN 10 CAR

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Report No.10 dated 7 May 46

MONTHLY REPORT - 5 BRIGADE CCRR.

1. (a) NAPLES LEGION.

			Strength	
			Effective	Present
Difference		278	3972	3694
Sick	83			
Leave (various)	112			
Detached	83			
	278			

Percentage on leave - 3%

Not included in above are :-
Dependent on Returned PWs Centre 1598, of which :-
25 are employed as clerks at the centre.
1507 are on PW special leave.
40 are on sick leave.
13 are in hospital.
13 are awaiting assignment by GHQ.

(b) NAPLES MOBILE BATTALION.

			Strength	
			Effective	Present
Difference		218	507	289
On det duty	19			
Leave (various)	43			
Anti-brigand Squad	99			
Reinforcement of TARANTO	57			
	218			

Percentage on leave - 11.7%

40 men have now been returned from the anti-brigand squad, and they have been replaced by men from the Legion.
GHQ have demanded the return of the 51 at BARI from the Ministry of the Interior.

2. CATANZARO LEGION.

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2. CATANZARO LEGION.

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
Difference	211	2203	1992

Present strength includes
107 from BARI MOBILE BN.
20 " NAPLES LEGION.

In hospital	26
Leave (various)	18
Detached	44
With NAPLES LEGION	250
	338

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Percentage on leave . 8%

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3. (a) BARI LEGION.

	Strength Effective	Strength Present
	2272	2105

Difference 167

In hospital	20
Detached	55
Leave (various)	92
	167

Percentage on leave 4.3%

(b) MOBILE BATTALION BARI

	Strength Effective	Strength Present
	773	216

Leave (various)	52 (28 on sick leave)
Sick	22
Detached (SICILY)	483

Percentage on leave 23%

4. RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT, ETC.

(a) NAPLES LEGION

7780 handkerchiefs
1000 pairs boots
3000 shirts
5000 pairs socks

600 mugs
500 pairs overalls
500 pairs goggles

10 Motor-cycles
7 Jeeps
12 Staghound ACs

153190 rounds 9mm ammunition for mitra Beretta.

(b) BARI LEGION

3487.95 metres Khaki cloth
1500 shirts (grey-green)
100 flannel body belts.

7 Jeeps. (Received from Ministry of War)
The 12 Staghounds have left ROME for BARI

(c) CATANZARO LEGION

591 Mitra Beretta Mod.44
6600 hand grenades.

1800 jackets grey green
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5. DEFICIENCIES IN MATERIAL.

By far the most serious deficiencies, which are now being gradually remedied, are those of transport. As an example, the whole of the NAPLES INTERNAL GROUP, which includes 3 companies, has only one truck (requisitioned) and two cars.

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The chief needs of NAPLES LEGION and BATTALION are :-

(a) - Load carriers 54
(b) - Light trucks 119
(c) - Motor-cycles 1027

Beretta Pistols Mod 34 - 2057

BARI LEGION and MOBILE BATTALION are in an equally bad condition and have not yet received any issue of arms or transport. Again, the shortage of Beretta pistols is underlined. The same considerations apply to CATANZARO LEGION.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

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A recrudescence of armed crime is reported from the NAPLES LEGION. Bands of criminals, some disguised in Allied Uniforms, do not hesitate to murder to achieve their ends. The worst area is ARIANO (Avellino) where exceptional measures are being taken against these persons. The situation in CATANZARO remains unchanged, but can hardly be termed satisfactory.

7. PRESS COMMENTS.

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In CATANZARO, economic difficulties are being added to by a serious shortage of fertilisers.

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9. GENERAL.

(a) Considerable difficulty has been found in providing accommodation for the NAPLES MOBILE BATTALION. I have at last found a barracks which the Americans are evacuating, and it is suitable for housing the whole Battalion.

(b) All the mitra Beretta received at NAPLES have been distributed to groups, as also has the ammunition. They are now in course of distribution to lower formations. There is no doubt that the arrival of the 10 load carriers will enormously improve the speed of distribution.

C Hayes

Major
CCTR Liaison Officer

CEH/bb

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ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN "L'UNITA"
on 25 Apr 46

DA AVELLINO

I MONARCHICI DEL "CENTRO RECLUTE"
CERCANO DI PROVOCARE DISORDINI

Avellino, 24.

La domenica delle Palme, verso le 12, in piazza della Liberta' ad Avellino fu tenuto un comizio. Parlarono molte persone : aprì' un giovane democristiano che si pronuncio' per la repubblica, e furono sostenuti dopo alcuni contradditori. Anche un sacerdote qualunquista volle dire la sua : si trattava dello stesso che proprio nella mattina aveva officiato nella caserma del Centro Addestramento Reclute istituito da pochi mesi ad Avellino, ed aveva esortato i 5.000 soldati a difendere la monarchia e la casa Savoia.

Prendeva la parola anche un comunista ed un socialista, e mentre quest'ultimo ricordava Matteotti, alcuni monarchici presenti levarono qualche fischio provocando un certo movimento.

I monarchici, temendo per il peggio, distaccarono certi loro amici del resto ben individuati, ad invitare i soldati che stavano allora arrivando in libera uscita ad intervenire perche' un oratore, e precisamente un comunista, avrebbe gridato "abbasso l'esercito".

Naturalmente si trattava di una menzogna per speculare sullo spirito di corpo dei soldati e provocare dei disordini.

L'incidente che sembrava dovesse allargarsi a conflitto, fu contenuto entro i limiti di un normale bisticcio. Intanto interveniva la ronda militare, e ad essa i soldati piu' accesi come monarchici, insoddisfatti per gli scarsi risultati ottenuti, facevano le loro rimostranze per "le offese fatte all'esercito".

Nuovamente si radunò la folla, in gran parte composta di soldati, ed un nostro compagno intervenne per cercar di chiarire alla ronda come erano avvenute veramente le cose.

Gli stessi soldati scalmanati cercavano allora di picchiarlo : l'intervento di agenti di P.S. lo sottraevano da quelli energumeni.

Fu allora che questi cominciavano a gridare viva la Monarchia e a insultare il nostro partito e tutti i repubblicani e minacciarono di intervenire con le baionette tirandole fuori.

Anche in questo frangente fu la responsabilita' dei nostri compagni che riusciva a ristabilire la calma.

Ci risulta che il questore abbia fatto ampie rimostranze al Comandante del Centro, che e' un Colonnello di Cavalleria, e sembra che costui, limitandosi ad un blando cicchetto pubblico ai suoi soldati piu' facinorosi, li abbia poi gratificati in disparte di una "licenza premio".

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Ad Avellino si pensa, naturalmente, che i 5000 soldati sono in fondo preparati militarmente e.....spiritualmente ad Avellino, ma che i piu' "bravi" saranno inviati in altre zone d'Italia.

Gli stessi facinorosi, sere or sono, provocarono un gruppo di giovani che ritenevano comunisti, con questi vennero alle mani, ma il fatto fu circoscritto a poche persone.

Certo e' che una situazione di questo genere, in Avellino, rischia di determinare seri incidenti, e merita tutta l'attenzione delle autorita' centrali militari e politiche.

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Report No.10 dated 6 May 46

COMMUNIST PAMPHLET ISSUED IN 10 CAR

FRONTE DELLA GIOVENTU'

IN FAVORE DEI GIOVANI CHIAMATI ALLE ARMI
PER UN ESERCITO DEMOCRATICO IN UN' ITALIA DEMOCRATICA

Non vi puo' essere in Italia una vera democrazia senza che le forze armate del nostro paese non siano la espressione della volonta' e dei sentimenti del popolo.

I giovani italiani in uniforme devono potersi sentire fratelli di tutti gli altri giovani lavoratori e studenti del nostro paese, sapere quindi che le loro famiglie sono aiutate e i loro interessi tutelati. I nostri giovani soldati devono trovare nell'esercito un'atmosfera di cameratismo e di comprensione tra i commilitoni, di reciproco rispetto coi graduati e gli ufficiali, di amichevole contatto con le associazioni libere e democratiche dei giovani e delle ragazze.

E' partendo da queste considerazioni e rispondendo alle preoccupazioni e alle rivendicazioni avanzate dai giovani del 1924 chiamati alle armi che una delegazione della Direzione Nazionale del Fronte della Gioventu' si e' recata il 12 Marzo u.s. alla Presidenza del Consiglio e al Ministero della Guerra presentando ed esponendo un memoriale in cui sono comprese le legittime aspirazioni dei giovani del nostro paese.

Innanzi tutto il memoriale chiede un miglioramento delle prospettive e delle condizioni materiali di vita dei richiamati :

- Applicare, per la classe 1924, una forma di breve e razionale istruzione che permetta di ridurre la forma a sei o otto mesi al massimo.
- Assicurare che il militare al termine della leva possa rioccupare il posto di lavoro lasciato all'atto della chiamata e che il periodo di servizio prestato gli sia conteggiato agli effetti della anzianita' di lavoro; una legge governativa deve stabilire questo diritto gia' sostenuto dalla CGIL;
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- Adeguare il sussidio alle famiglie dei chiamati al caro-vita attuale. Tenendo presente che il sussidio e' attualmente in lire 14 alla madre o alla moglie, lire 5,50 al padre a lire 3,50 per ogni figlio. Con immediato aumento esso deve essere almeno triplicato.

Ma non vi sono solo le condizioni di vita materiale che contano, perche' nelle caserme, negli aeroporti e sulle navi il "clima" sia un clima ben diverso da quello degli anni fascisti o quale vorrebbero mantenere certi ufficiali reazionari. Quali primi passi verso la democratizzazione delle Forze Armate il Memoriale chiede :

- Costituire effettivamente in tutti i reparti le Commissioni di

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controllo per il rancio democraticamente eletto dai militari come risulta da apposita circolare ministeriale;

- Istituire in ogni reparto una Commissione per lo sviluppo della cultura, il benessere e l'igiene del soldato, eletta democraticamente ed alla quale siano assicurate le piu' ampie facilitazioni da parte dei comandi e la concessione dei mezzi necessari;

- Riconoscimento dei gradi conseguiti nelle formazioni partigiane e largo impiego di questi quadri nelle Nuove Forze Armate;

- Rinnovare le norme per il reclutamento e l'avanzamento dei quadri in generale, in modo da permettere a tutti coloro che ne hanno le reali capacita' di accedere ai gradi superiori e alle scuole militari senza pregiudizio del titolo di studio.

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TRIPLICATO IL SUSSIDIO ALLE FAMIGLIE
CONSERVAZIONE DEL POSTO DI LAVORO
DEMOCRAZIA NELL'ESERCITO
RIDUZIONE DELLA DURATA DELLA FERMA

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Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (AMTA) (4)

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PART II - "G"

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

Nothing to report.

4. TRAINING.

Trg Establishments

CAR AVELLINO

(a) VISIT OF CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE ITALIAN ARMY

General CADORNA visited the CAR on 13 Apr. This inspection was thorough and practical. The recruits carried out normal

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training; there was no ceremony and no "eyewash".

(b) RECRUITS

249 volunteers have been drafted to other CAR's, leaving a deficiency of 74 recruits. Approximately 30 new recruits still arrive each day. They are placed in separate squads so as to maintain continuity of instruction. A small number of recruits who have returned from AWOL have been drafted to the CAR at SIENA as a punishment.

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(i) There is a shortage of instructors, and weapon training squads often consist of 36 or more recruits. It has been suggested that the WE of instructors is too small, and was based on the numbers available, and not on the real requirements of the CAR's. Territorial HQ have been advised to review this question, and to forward their recommendations to SHAPE.

(ii) The standard of the instructors is not high, and the methods of instruction are only fair. The officers accept far too low a standard from their NCO's.

(d) CONDITION OF BARRACKS

Work is continuing slowly. The barracks will not really be ready for some months.

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The recruits are well looked after. The dining halls are clean and attractive, arrangements are made for visits by parents of the recruits, and concerts are held in the evenings.

5. SOUTH ITALIAN OFFICERS.

90% of the officers at Territorial HQ and of the instructors at 10 CAR are SOUTH ITALIANS. The Chief of Staff discussed this point on his visit to 10 CAR, and stated that it is unavoidable owing to the high cost of living. Until a proportion of officers from the NORTH can be sent down here we will have to accept NEAPOLITAN standards of industry, hygiene and integrity.

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PART III - "A"

6. DOMESTIC.

DEFICIENCIES IN ALL RANKS AGAINST WE

This has been increased by :

Duty NCO - 1 Sgt
Ration NCO - 1 L/Cpl

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PART IV - "Q"

7. ITALIAN.

TRANSPORT

ARMY LESS CC.RR.

176 Matchless M/Cs for CAR's have been collected by 10 Efficient Vehicle Park and distribution is being arranged.

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE - ITALIAN

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Appx "B" to 10 BLU Progress
Report No. 9 dated 17 Apr 46

Territorial HQ NAPLES

9 April 1946

Dear Col Gibbon,

I have recently visited the CAR, and I have seen the recruits on parade. I share your opinion about the excellent beginning.

I am glad that this matter has received the praise of General Browning, and I thank you for having brought this matter to his attention.

In the course of my visit I had some talks with the officers, and I believe that the instructors will be equal to their task. The officer commanding the demonstration platoon seemed to me undecided, and slightly pessimistic, and I have exhorted him to shake himself, and to be confident.

As to the completion of the repairs works, I am sorry to say that that will take some time yet, as, unfortunately, there is too wide a breach between the good will and the means at disposal.

I trust that the CAR will thoroughly fulfil the task for which it was intended, and I thank you for your collaboration.

Sincerely yours

G. ROMANO, General

Lt-Col. A.W. GIBBON, OBE
10 BLU - Torre del Greco

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Appx "D" 10 ELU Progress
Report No.9 dated 17 Apr 46

VISIT OF GENERAL ROMANO TO 10 CAR

(From the "Corriere dell'Irpinia, 6 Apr 46)

Il Comandante del Comiliter di Napoli, Generale di Divisione ROMANO, ha ispezionato Domenica il 10 Centro Addestramento Reclute, accompagnato dal Generale di Brigata GRANATA, del Genio Militare, e dall'Ufficiale addetto Cap.SURACI.

Questa visita segna ufficialmente la ripresa del funzionamento della caserma "Berardi" che, gia sede della Scuola Allievi Ufficiali, subi i danni del bombardamento e ospito a lungo le truppe alleate; e quindi con senso di soddisfazione e di compiacimento che assistiamo al rifiorire della vita in questi edifici che dettero, e ritornano a dare, lustro e decoro alla nostra citta.

Circa tremilacinquecento reclute, raggruppate in tre battaglioni, sono schierate innanzi al Comando e vengono passate in rassegna dal Generale. Alle dieci egli sale su di una pedana e parla ai giovani fanti, dicendo loro, con belle espressioni in cui vibra l'orgoglio del vecchio soldato e la commozione del cittadino italiano, che il nostro esercito riprende oggi le sue gloriose tradizioni, e si appresta a riorganizzarsi su nuove basi onde tornare ad essere quel saldo presidio di cui nessuna nazione puo privarsi : il soldato italiano su cui nessuna macchia grava, e che non e stato in alcun momento secondo a nessuno, deve essere fiero che la Patria guardi oggi e sempre a lui, che e la migliore e piu alta espressione della terra nostra.

Le parole del generale vengono attentamente seguite dalle reclute che, al termine di esse, dimostrano con il loro caloroso consenso quanto quelle espressioni fiere e commosse trovino risonanza nel loro animo.

Ha inizio quindi lo sfilamento, che lascia gradevolmente stupiti gli spettatori per il grado di addestramento raggiunto dai soldati in pochissimi giorni : alcuni sono arrivati da meno d'una settimana, altri continuano ad affluire giornalmente.

Qualcuno di noi riconoscendo nella compagnia che fa piu bella prova quella agli ordini di un ufficiale che fu gia suo comandante, e ammirando la prestanza, l'ordine, il portamento della truppa, avverte in un senso di esultanza il rinnovarsi dello spirito di corpo.

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Circa quarantacinque milioni sono stati gia spesi per eseguire in parte i lavori occorrenti a riparare i guasti a rifare intonaci e pareti, a livellare pavimenti, ad ingrandire ed arricchire le cucine, a rendere

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insomma comodi all'uso i locali. Gli impianti igienici, piu' di ogni altra cosa accusavano i danni subiti; non sono stati soltanto rimessi in sesto, ma sono stati anche accresciuti, specialmente in quegli alloggiamenti nei quali va accantonato un numero di uomini superiore a quello previsto quando la caserma fu costruita. Anche per quanto riguarda il materiale mobile e le suppellettili si e fatto tutto daccapo, con criteri molto moderni : ogni soldato ha la sua brandina con rete elastica - o dorme in puliti e comodi lettini biposti di metallo - con materassino e lenzuola. In una camerata linda e ordinata come un'abitazione civile, troviamo delle plance di nuovo tipo, che sono come degli armadietti nei quali vanno appesi abiti e biancheria e servono nello stesso tempo da divisorio tra un ordine e l'altro di posti. Circa il corredo personale, apprendo che ogni soldato riceve due uniformi, una per la libera uscita, l'altra per il servizio. Una innovazione costituita dai piatti - nei quali le reclute mangiano sedendo al refettorio intorno agli appositi tavoli - in sostituzione della gavetta che portano invece con loro durante le esercitazioni ; un'altra innovazione sara quella che consentira di far trovare a tavola, e servito, il piatto. Insomma le condizioni igieniche e i conforti sono ottimi, come e dimostrato anche dal fatto che i posti sanitari organizzati presso ogni battaglione, pur essendo attrezzati sono frequentati pochissimo. Lo stesso dicasi per l'infermeria del Centro che, capace di trentasei posti, ha pure a sua disposizione un'autoambulanza. Piu frequentato e, invece, lo spaccio, accogliente e molto ben fornito. Ben messa e anche la mensa sottufficiali, dove troviamo dei sergenti intorno a tavoli apparecchiati con ordine e buon gusto per quattro posti ognuno.

Nella mensa ufficiali troviamo un ambiente gaio e giovanile ; alla tavola del comandante sentiamo che tutti, dal generale a noi stessi, sono elettrizzati per l'avvenimento odierno che segna una data nella vita della caserma e dell'esercito tutto. Il colonnello porge al generale il saluto degli ufficiali e l'assicurazione del loro entusiasmo nel compimento del dovere che particolarmente oggi non e scevro di aspre difficolta. Il generale risponde ringraziando e brindando alle fortune d'Italia ; poco dopo riparte, senza trascurare di interessarsi degli alloggi per le famiglie degli ufficiali, i quali dal canto loro ci fanno pressione affinche la stampa prenda a cuore il problema con l'indurre le autorita locali da una parte e i cittadini abbienti dall'altra, a far di tutto perche nella ricostruzione delle abitazioni, che sia rapida e soddisfacente, si tengano presenti anche quelle esigenze.

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"Il vitto e buono : abbiamo quindici lire al giorno di miglioramento rancio; due volte al giorno minestra, carne con vegetali, mezzo litro di vino, frutta fresca e secca, circa 500 grammi di ottimo pane. Si e costituita inoltre una commissione composta di soldati che esprime i desiderata della truppa e contribuisce a rendere piu confortevole questa vita.

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Gia fin dall'arrivo ricevemmo una ottima impressione, perche trovammo alla stazione un ufficio addetto al ricevimento, e in caserma un altro ufficio che in due ore provvide ad equipaggiarci e a smistarci per i reparti, distribuendo ad ognuno lire cento, di cui la meta fu devoluta alle prime spese di assestamento. Insomma, tutto e basato su nuovi criteri, con vedute piu ampie ed elastiche di quelle del passato".

L'intervista e finita : nel nostro cuore di vecchi ufficiali si rafforza la speranza che l'Italia risorga nei suoi figli migliori, mentre al nostro orecchio giunge l'eco della canzone che la recluta - napoletana - canterella nell'allontanarsi per rientrare alla Caserma.

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(a) Army Issue CO.PR.

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3. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

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This Regiment is in a reasonably satisfactory state. All the GRSAM-trained officers and NCO's have been drafted to the CAR. In consequence little progress can be expected until the present personnel are replaced by men trained at the CAR's, and until British equipment is issued.

(b) CC.RR.

Monthly Report by CC.RR. LO attached to 10 BLU at Appx "J".

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4. TRAINING.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

Trg Establishments.

Reports on CAR attached at Appcs "E" "F" "G" & "H".

5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) PW repatriation continues satisfactorily and the average delay in the Transit Camp outside NAPLES is now only 3 or 4 days. Difficulty is however being experienced with large numbers of PWs who are domiciled in North Africa. At the moment approximately 1000 are held pending the Allied ruling in respect of repatriation to North Africa. This number will increase with each shipload of PWs.

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Penetration uses CARS and CAUC to spread Communism.

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CARS.

CARS occupies itself solely with Other Ranks. Although outwardly an organization to assist ex PWs (food and clothing), PWs are canvassed to join the Communist Party. Those that do are sent amongst serving soldiers to spread communism.
The President in Naples is known to be

CARLO ANTONIO OBICI
Via MEDINA, NAPLES

who is an ex PW from ALGERIA. It is not yet known if he was an officer or OR. He is under surveillance and a soldier has been introduced into the organization to report developments to Territorial HQ.

CAUC.

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6. Remarks on INSPECTORATES attached at Appx "I".

PART III - "A"

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE.

Officers - NIL

OR's - L/Cpl RASC (Clerk GD)
Pte " " "
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(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within NIL.

NIL.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

T/Capt. F.A. Murray (70181) RASC.

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(c) Forecast of prospective vacancies against WE.

Sgt GD (Group 23) About 15 April
WO I RAOC (Python) " 15-30 May
RATION NCO (L/Cpl) (Python) 15-30 May.

8. OFFICERS CLUBS.

The committee of the Park (Senior Allied Officers) Club NAPLES have agreed to admit Italian officers in uniform as the guests of members.

9. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strengths and in Tradesmen and Specialists against WE.

(i) Total Strength State Officers + 3%
ORs - 20%

(ii) Tradesmen and Specialists state not yet available.

PART IV - "Q"

10. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

List of transport held by 10 BLU attached at Appx "D".

(b) Accomodation.

10 BLU is now well established in pleasant surroundings at TORRE DEL GRECO. For precise location see this office 41-G dated 4 Apr 46. Accommodation is available and visitors from MMLA will be welcomed. Officers need NOT bring bedding. Visitors are requested to bring rations.

11. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army less CC.RM.

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(ii) CC.RR.

No change.

(b) REME.

Nothing to report.

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(c) RAOC. - Clothing & Equipment.

(i) Army less CC.RE.

Releases for 52,000 sets web equipment, 55,000 yds Flannelette, 160 gallons oil were collected from 557 POD and sub-divided amongst the CARE's. Final dispatch date 1 Apr 46. Collection of 176 Motor Cycles from 9 Vehicle Park for CAR has been arranged.

(ii) CC.RE.

No change.

(d) Arms & Ammn.

(i) The following arms were collected from 557 POD and distributed to CRMA :

Pistols	1301	M/G "Bren"	2112
Rifles	45100	Mortars "2"	156
Sten	2112	PIAT	528

Pistol Signalling 264.

Due to pilferage by Italian Army Guard 21 Pistols were deficient on the issue. See this office 8 AG date 21 Mar 46.

(ii) CC.RE.

CC.RE. HQ has submitted report.

(e) Accomodation.

Sufficient for present requirements.

(f) POL.

Reservoir have been built up.

(g) SUPPLY.

Depots at LECCE CALABRIA, COSENZA abolished. SALERNO Depot moved to AVELLINO. ANTONIST Depot to move to LECCE. Effort is being made to find suitable location to concentrate Distribution Depot, Bulk Depot and various sub depots.

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(ii) CC.10.

No change.

(d) Arms & Amn.

(i) The following arms were collected from 557 DDD and redistributed to CMPG :

Pistols	1004	P/C "Bren"	2112
Rifles	45100	Sartene "C"	156
Sten	2112	FIAT	523
Pistol Signalling	254.		

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(ii) CC.20.

CC.AP. 10 has submitted report.

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"B" - STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - KIT HELD BY 10 BLU

"E" - 10 CAR

"F" - RECRUIT SITUATION

"G" - NOTES ON VISIT TO CAR BY MAJOR H.J.O. PRINSLOO DAARQMG

"H" - ACCOMODATION REPORT - 10 CAR

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"J" - MONTHLY REPORT - 5 BRIGADE CC.RR.

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Appx "E" to 10 BLU Progress
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10 CAR

CREDIT

1. 89% of the recruits called up have arrived and have begun their training. For figures up to 30 Mar see Appx "F".

2. The reception plan has worked well and smoothly. There is very little delay over documentation, medical inspection etc., and in a remarkably short time the recruits have finished with preliminaries, including the rare experience of a hair cut and a hot shower, and find themselves on the square learning to turn "left-about".

3. The political parties, the Association of ex-Prisoners of War and other semi-public bodies have placed notices in the streets of AVELLINO welcoming the recruits.

4. The morale of the recruits appears to be good, and they look to be a more promising lot of men than was expected. They have already adapted themselves to barrack life, and their demeanour is brisk and orderly.

5. The Commandant, Col. MAGLIARI CALANTE, has worked very hard, and great credit is due to him for the success so far achieved.

DEBIT

6. The barracks are not yet finished, and there is a great deal of "builders' litter". As was expected, the latrines are quite inadequate, and have been supplemented by some real NEAPOLITAN horrors of near-deep-trench latrines. The one cookhouse, in a corner of the barracks, is not enough for 4000 men. A good deal remains to be done before the barracks will be really ready.

7. The Demonstration Platoon is not promising very well. It is not yet clear whether the trouble lies in the morale of the men, the quality of the platoon commander, or the attitude of higher authority towards the platoon. It is thought that the success of the CAR largely depends on this platoon, and action is being taken to "smarten them up".

8. General ROMANO appears to have a fixed idea that what was good enough for 1912 is good enough for 1946. So far as is known he does not actively oppose progressive ideas of training and administration, but he does not encourage them. For example he has expressed disapproval of the excellent practice of inspecting recruits' turnout before they "walk out" in the town.

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10. The duty company is very ITI-ITI and a bad example to the recruits.

BALANCE

11. In spite of a number of handicaps the CAR has a good administrative foundation, and the morale of both instructors and recruits seems to be reasonably high. It remains to be seen whether the administrative

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difficulties will be overcome, and the instructors will prove capable of turning the recruits into soldiers. If things go well the CAR will be one of the most valuable schools of citizenship in SOUTH ITALY.

GENERAL POINTS

12. The CAR has received its allotment of British weapons and web equipment.

13. The "Handbook for Recruits" has not been received.

14. 400 recruits are illiterate. Evening classes for illiterate are being organised.

15. Territorial HQ have been advised to organise "Parents' Days", and other forms of publicity for the CAR. See 10 BLU CAR/Q/1 dated 2 Apr 45.

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Appx "F" to 10 ZLU Progress
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RECRUIT SITUATION AS AT 29 Mar 46

District	Number allotted	Arrived up to 29 Mar 46	Under Medical Observation	Present in CAR	Surplus or Deficient
AVELLINO	550	577	17	560	+ 10
BENEVENTO	300	289	4	285	- 15
NOLA	450	482	10	472	+ 22
NAPOLI	1136	692	39	653	-483
SALERNO	600	621	11	610	+ 10
CASERTA	300	337	17	320	+ 20
AVERSA	300	356	16	340	+ 40
TERAMO	=	1	=	1	+ 1
COSENZA	=	1	=	1	+ 1
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3. The deficiency in NAPLES is due to a shortage of men of the required physical standard. It is not due to a failure to respond to the call up.

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NOTES ON VISIT TO 10 CAR (AVELLINO) ON 27 Mar 46
BY MAJOR H.J.O. PRINSLOO R.A., DAA & QMG

PART I - "A"

1. PIONEER UNIT.

The present W.E. of the "Minuto Mantenimento" is reported to be too small, an increase has been requested.

2. COST OF LIVING - OFFICERS.

The officers are reported to be suffering financially because in the It.Army the "Indennita' di Carovita" is based on the officers station and not the residence of his family. Owing to lack of quarters in AVELLINO the majority of families are living in NAPLES; the bonus is issuable in NAPLES but NOT at AVELLINO.

3. CANTEEN.

A unit canteen has been opened. The furniture consists of trestle tables and benches. Items for sale include salami, mortadella, cheese, bread, cakes, wine, vermouth & stationery. A mobile canteen is being organised.

4. MEDICAL.

(a) SUPPLIES.

The supplies received are said to be inadequate both in quantity and variety.

(b) SICK BAY FACILITIES.

There are 23 beds available. Evacuation is to Civil Hospital, AVELLINO or Military Hospital, NAPLES. (Ambulance has been allocated to the CAR.)

PART II - "Q"

5. CONDITION OF BARRACKS.

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5. CONDITION OF BARRACKS.

(a) The constructional repairs are not yet complete.

(b) Sufficient window glass now available but not yet installed.

(c) The barracks were built for 1000, the present number of soldiers accomodated exceed 4000. Drains were not constructed to cope with this load. The erection of permanent external latrines is strongly recommended.

(d) It is recommended that incinerators be constructed.

(e) The electric lighting of mess/lecture rooms is inadequate.

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6. COOKING AND MESSING.

(a) The cookhouse is considered inadequate and should be augmented by three 100-gall "soyer" type boilers or similar facilities.

(b) Cleaning and sterilising facilities for mess utensils have not yet been installed.

7. MARRIED QUARTERS.

Owing to the overcrowding already existing in AVELLINO only two officers have as yet obtained accomodation for their families.

8. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Not available at barracks. It has been suggested that this should be applied for.

9. BEDDING.

All recruits have been issued with mattress, bolster, 2 sheets and 2 blankets. Spring beds of single or double-decker type are available for all.

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Small and side arms have arrived but no ammunition.

(b) No knife is on issue to the recruit, it is recommended that the British type of clasp knife could serve for both eating and general purpose.

(c) The following issues are considered inadequate :
1 pair of boots per recruit
1 tin of shoe cream per 3 men monthly
150 grams of soap per month.

(d) The following scale of clothing is in issue to each recruit :

Aluminium cup	No.	1	Cap grey-gr.cloth mod.45		1
Aluminium mug	"	1	Handkerchiefs . . .	No.	2
Fork	"	1	Water bottle, 1 quart	"	1
Spoon	"	1	Sack for cleaning,compl.		1
Towels	"	2	Identification discs	"	2
Cotton socks . . pairs	"	2	Heavy coat,Grey-gr.mod.45		1

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Cotton socks	pairs"	2	Heavy coat,Gray-gr.mod.45		1
Cloth belts	"	1	Haversack		1
Short pants, cotton	"	2	Shoes	pair	1
Cotton shirts, gray-gr	"	2	Metal stars		3
Woolen pullover	"	1	Cloth badges for cap		1
Knitted tie	"	1	Shoe laces		1
Jacket gray-gr.cloth,mod.45		1	Battle dress, British cl.		1
Trousers " " " " "		1	Trousers " " " " "		1

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INSPECTORATES

1. Italian officers seldom carry out a thorough inspection. When a general visits a unit all that usually happens is a cosy chat in the Orderly Room followed by a glass of vermouth. A detailed inspection is thought to be a breach of good manners. In consequence there is not much progress, and bad units remain bad.

2. A suggested remedy is to institute a series of SMGE inspectorates, or to reorganise existing ones, on the lines of the British Petroleum Inspectorate and the U.N.I. These should be composed of small teams of specially trained officers, assisted by NCO's as necessary, and should tour units, and make reports to the appropriate branches of SMGE. They should deal with as many branches as possible of Unit Administration and Training. It is thought that they would expose weaknesses and lead to a general improvement in efficiency.

3. A number of points will require attention, including :-

(a) The drafting of a charter for each inspectorate, covering rights of access to units, relationship with Territorial and Unit Commanders etc.

(b) The difficulty of persuading senior Italian officers to recognise the authority of an "expert" who is junior to them in rank.

(c) The very proper dislike in Italy of Gestapo methods.

(d) The difficulty of finding suitable personnel, and providing them with vehicles.

(e) The preparation of questionnaires for the inspecting officers.

4. It is suggested that to begin with the following inspectorates should be formed. Others could be formed later if the scheme proves successful:-

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(a) PT.

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reorganise existing ones, on the lines of the British Petroleum Inspectorate and the U.N.I. These should be composed of small teams of specially trained officers, assisted by NCO's as necessary, and should tour units, and make reports to the appropriate branches of SMGE. They should deal with as many branches as possible of Unit Administration and Training. It is thought that they would expose weaknesses and lead to a general improvement in efficiency.

3. A number of points will require attention, including :-

(a) The drafting of a charter for each inspectorate, covering rights of access to units, relationship with Territorial and Unit Comanders etc.

(b) The difficulty of persuading senior Italian officers to recognise the authority of an "expert" who is junior to them in rank.

(c) The very proper dislike in Italy of Gestapo methods.

(d) The difficulty of finding suitable personnel, and providing them with vehicles.

(e) The preparation of questionnaires for the inspecting officers.

4. It is suggested that to begin with the following inspectorates should be formed. Others could be formed later if the scheme proves successful:-

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"Q"

(d) Unit Vehicle Maintenance.

(e) Weapon Maintenance.

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Appx "J" to 10 BLU Progress
Report No. 8 dated 5 Apr 46

MONTHLY REPORT - 5 BRIGADE CCRR.

1. (a) NAPLES LEGION.

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
		3995	3651
Difference -	344		

Sick	87
Leave (various)	158
Detached	99
	344

Percentage on leave - 4.6%
The Special Guard Coy. (155 men) is not included in above.

(b) NAPLES MOBILE BATTALION.

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
		540	273
Difference	267		

Sick	13
Leave (various)	36
Detached	24
⊙ Reinforcement (Toronto)	52
Special Crime Squad - NOLA	
✗ AVERSA	142
	267

⊙ Percentage on leave - 12.%

✗ These men are being gradually replaced by CCRR Legion, but owing to the special character of the work, the change cannot be immediate as the results would suffer if the squad was suddenly replaced by inexperienced men.

⊙ This is being queried.

2. (a) BARI LEGION.

		Strength.	3574
		Effective	Present
		2557	2310
Difference	247		

Leave (various)	187	(including short leave)
Detached	-	
Sick	60	

(included above are 52 CCRR. reinforcement from Lob. in NAPLES)

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Sick	87
Leave (various)	158
Detached	99
	344

Percentage on leave - 4.6%
The Special Guard Coy. (155 men) is not included in above.

(b) NAPLES MOBILE BATTALION.

Strength	
Effective	Present
540	273

Difference 267

Sick	13
Leave (various)	56
Detached	24
⊙ Reinforcement (Terrato)	52
⁂ Special Crime Squad - NOLA AVERSA	142
	267

⊙ Percentage on leave - 12.%

⁂ These men are being gradually replaced by CCRR Legion, but owing to the special character of the work, the change cannot be immediate as the results would suffer if the squad was suddenly replaced by inexperienced men.

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2. (a) BARI LEGION.

Strength.	
Effective	Present
2557	2310

(included above are 52 CCRR. reinforcement from Hob. Tr NAPLES)

Difference 247 (including short leave)

Leave (various)	187
Detached	-
Sick	60
	247

Percentage on leave - 8.%

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(b) BARI MOBILE BATTALION.

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
Difference	528	695	167

Leave (sick)	4	(30 Days leave)
Sick	13	
Detached	511	(Sicily-Catanzaro)
	528	

Percentage on leave - 2.4%

3. CATANZARO LEGION.

		Strength	
		Effective	Present
Difference	527	2396	1869
Plus mobile Br. units from NAPLES and BARI	128		
	655		

Leave (various)	59
"Mobilitati"	80
Detached	52
NAPLES Rfts.	250
Sp. Coy NAPLES	152
Sick	62
	655

Percentage on leave - 3.1%

4. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

The economic situation shows no improvement and in the Naples Area unemployment and high prices have produced a crime wave which is of serious proportions. Many of the returned PWs are being forced into criminal activities through necessity, although several private societies do their best to assist them. A feature of the robberies with violence or under arms is that the ordinary carters are being held up and robbed. Carters have hitherto been regarded as immune and it is felt that only dire necessity has driven the robbers to go to this length. A serious incident occurred at 1145 hrs. on 28 Mar 46 when two corporals of an RAF police patrol were shot and killed without warning at TORRE DEL GREGO level crossing, the motive being robbery. The recent reduction in the pasta ration and the increase in the price of bread have caused general dissatisfaction. Throughout this brigade area the black market flourishes, even in country districts. The prices vary astonishingly in different districts.

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5. SERIOUS OFFENCES BY CCRE.

9 CCRE are under arrest in connection with the theft of 35 tyres at TORRE ANNUNZIATA. (ARAR Depot) They are all recalled personnel.

6. PAY.

While the CCRE have continually to worry over the cost of living and the inadequacy of their pay, they are unable to concentrate on their duties satisfactorily.

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7. TRANSFER.

Lt-Col. PELLAMATTI transferred to Vice-Commandant NAPLES Legion in place of Lt-Col. CAMA, transferred to Brigade HQ.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY.

(a) NAPLES LEGION. A slight improvement is noted in the situation in February but it is very far from normal. The roads are unsafe at night and robbery is frequent in the country.

MURDERS. 15. (17 persons arrested for 9 of these cases).

ROBBERY. 80. (58 persons arrested for 29 of these cases).

EXTORTION. 10. (5 persons arrested for 3 of these cases.

AGGRAVATED THEFTS. 916. (314 persons arrested for 404 of these cases).

(b) BARI. The public safety situation shows little change. The provinces of FOGGIA, MATERA and BARI as usual show the greater number of offences. In the first fortnight of March the following offences were committed :-

MURDERS. 5

ROBBERY. 22

AGGRAVATED THEFTS. 350

CCRR. report a satisfactory number of arrests.

(c) CAMPANIA. The situation here is reported as not abnormal in view of the times. From the 1 to 23 Mar the following serious offences were committed :-

MURDER (and attempted murder). 19 (14 cases solved).

ROBBERY. 17 (10 cases solved).

EXTORTION. 5 (4 cases solved).

AGGRAVATED THEFTS. 513 (195 cases solved).

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9. ARMS, EQUIPMENT ETC.

No news have been received of the promised arms, transport etc., and the Brigade has not been officially informed of the new equipment which is to be received.

10. DEFICIENCIES.

(a) NAPLES LEGION [illegible]

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EXTORTION. 10. (5 persons arrested for 3 of these cases.

AGGRAVATED THEFTS. 316. (314 persons arrested for 404 of these cases).

(b) BARI. The public safety situation shows little change. The provinces of MOGUTA, MATERA and BARI as usual show the greater number of offences. In the first fortnight of March the following offences were committed :-

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ROBBERY. 22

AGGRAVATED THEFTS. 350

CCMP. report a satisfactory number of arrests.

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10. DEFICIENCIES.

(a) MATERA LEGION AND MOBILE BN.

1. LMGs B. 30 205
2. Beretta 33 1302
3. Beretta 34 2878

(b) BARI LEGION AND MOBILE BN.

1. Beretta 34 500
2. Beretta 38 666

(c) CATANZARO LEGION.

1. Beretta 34 1170

Only two companies are in possession of Beretta 38s, a total of 35.

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As at 15 Mar 46

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC. (BLU)

(a) Lt-Col. A.W. GIBSON, OBE visited ROME and SICILY between 6 and 13 Mar 46. Report attached at Appx 'D'.

(b) Capt. F.A. MURRAY, RASC visited BARI between 3 and 8 Mar 46. S.&T Report attached at Appx 'E'.

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle due for Progress Report No. 6 attached at Appx 'A'.

(b) Staff List Italian due for Progress Report No. 6 attached at Appx 'C'.

(c) GSO I notes on NCO's in the Italian Army attached at Appx 'B'.

PART II - 'G'

3. TRAINING.

(a) Army less GC.RR.

(i) CAR.

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Instructors reported at AVELLINO during the first week of MARCH. Refresher training has been carried out by the instructors under orders of Comd CAR. This appeared to be satisfactory.

(ii) Two rehearsals for the reception of recruits were held. The first, on 9 Mar, although well thought out was somewhat shaky. The suggestions put forward on 9 Mar were incorporated in the rehearsal on 13 Mar. No major

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(ii) Two rehearsals for the reception of recruits were held. The first, on 9 Mar, although well thought out was somewhat shaky. The suggestions put forward on 9 Mar were incorporated in the rehearsal on 13 Mar. No major disaster is anticipated, in fact as recruits will report at the rate of 250 - 300 a day between 15 Mar and 31 Mar, a gradual absorbtion will take place.

(iii) A few examples of training stores, such as dummy and cut grenades (assorted), rifle rests, targets and aiming discs have been obtained from Base Reinforcements Depot BENEVENTO.

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(b) CC.ER.

Nothing to report.

PART III - 'A'

Nothing to report.

PART IV - 'C'

4. DOMESTIC.

Accommodation.

The new billets at TORRE DEL GRECO are still in the hands of the R.E.s It is hoped that work will be completed within ten days and telephones installed.

5. ITALIAN.

Arms and Ammn.

Arms for all CARs are in progress of being drawn from 5 Sub Depot and the Break Down is being carried out under supervision this DLU and W.O. STOCKLEY RAOC 12 DLU.

The Arms for AVELLINO C.R. have been issued and transported by road.

MMD/bb

Lt-Col.
GS.

APPENDICES

'A' - LOCATION STATEMENT

'B' - NCO's IN THE ITALIAN ARMY

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PART IV - 'C'

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5. ITALIAN.

Arms and Ammn.

Arms for all CARs are in progress of being drawn from 3 Sub Depot and the Break Down is being carried out under supervision this BLU and W.O. STOCKLEY RAOC 12 BLU.

The Arms for AVELLINO CAR have been issued and transported by road.

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APPENDICES

'A' - LOCATION STATEMENT

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'C' - STAFF LIST (ITALIAN)

'D' - VISIT OF GSO I TO SICILY

'E' - VISIT OF CAPT. F.A. MURRAY TO BARI

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Appx 'B' to 10 BLU Progress Report
No. 7 dated 16 Mar 46

NCO'S IN THE ITALIAN ARMY

1. Italian officers often remark on the high quality of British Warrant Officers and NCO's compared with their own. The poor quality of Italian NCO's is thought to be due to the following causes :-

(a) The disorganising effect of the war. (It is believed that NCO's can best be trained in time of peace, and that battle experience has less value for NCO's than for officers).

(b) The inability of Italian officers to decentralise, and so to force NCO's to accept responsibility.

(c) The inability of Italian officers to make and train NCO's.

(d) The lack of a concerted policy throughout the Italian army for making and training NCO's.

(f) The lack of a traditional sense of duty among Italian NCO's.

(g) Lack of "drive" in the Italian national character.

(h) Poor standard of education.

2. It is thought that the present time is favourable for raising the standard of NCO's for the following reasons :-

(a) The Central Schools and CAR's provide good opportunities for training and exercising NCO's.

(b) The BLU's are available to give advice. It is thought that British officers, who make good NCO's out of soldiers of many different races, are well qualified to give advice on this subject.

3. It is not thought that this vital defect will remedy itself by an unaided process of evolution. It requires a searching examination by the Ministry of War, and a vigorous long term policy.

4. The following measures are recommended:-

(a) A full examination by the Ministry of War of the pay, living conditions, status and duties of NCO's. This might include a comparison between pre war conditions for NCO's in the British, Italian and German armies.

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(b) The inability of Italian officers to decentralise, and so to force NCO's to accept responsibility.

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(b) Improvement in conditions as necessary.

(c) The introduction of a system of training for all NCO's and potential NCO's. This might be organised in any of the following ways :-

(i) Regimental or unit cadre classes.

(ii) Divisional schools.

(iii) Territorial District Schools. It is suggested that these could be run at the CAR's, in the intervals between recruit courses.

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(d) The issue of a paper by the Ministry of War, stating any new measures they decide to adopt and emphasing the importance of Warrant Officers and NCO's as the "Backbone of the new Italian Army".

5. At Annexure 1 are some notes on the pre war system of selection of NCO's in the Italian Army.

Annexure 1
Appx 'B' to 10 MLO
Progress Report No. 7
dated 16 Mar 46.

SELECTION OF NCO'S

(Italian Army before 1939)

1. GRADES :-

Warrant Officer	(3 grades)	Regulars only
Sergeant Major		Regular or non Regular
Sergeant	NCO's	Non Regular
Corporal Major	Not considered as NCO's	Non Regular
Corporal		

2. SERGEANTS :-

(a) Appointment from NCO producing schools. These schools admitted civilians, aged 17 - 26 years, who had reached a very moderate educational standard. Fully educated men were obliged to go to officer cadet schools, regardless of their temperamental fitness to be officers. The course normally lasted ten months.

(b) Promotion from the ranks, on passing a military examination.

3. REGULAR NCO'S.

Non Regular NCO's, after two years as sergeants plus two years as Sergeant Majors, might transfer to the Regular Army. As there were no regular rank and file, this was the only way of becoming a Regular NCO.

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Appx 'D' to 10 BLU Progress
Report No. 7 dated 16 Mar 46.

VISIT OF CGS I 10 SICILY - 3/12 Mar 46

1. TRAINING.

We saw a demonstration of close order and battle drill by a platoon of ASSTA Div. The platoon commander had been trained at CRAMO, and the platoon, although armed with Italian weapons, had reached a high standard of training in British battle drill movements. An attempt to advance by fire and movement resulted in the familiar absurdity of short advances by sections, followed by long pauses lying on the ground. We tried without any success to convince the Regtl Comd that this view honoured wedded to a tactical fallacy.

2. MORALE.

There is some evidence that the morale of the CARTHAGEI Regt. is considerably higher than that of the "indigenous" divisions.

3. INTERNAL SECURITY.

The island appears to have quietened down, perhaps owing to the presence of the CARTHAGEI Regt. There have been demonstrations and strikes in PALERMO. As we drove up to the CAR we saw the workmen there "walking out" on strike.

4. CAR.

Progress is disappointingly slow, and the Territorial Command have arranged to accommodate a proportion of the recruits in another barracks. This is unsatisfactory, and will bring the recruits into close contact with old soldiers of doubtful morale.

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Appx 'E' to 10 BLU Progress
Report No. 7 dated 16 Mar 46

VISIT OF CAPT. F.A. MURRAY TO BARI - 3/8 Mar 46

Capt. F.A. MURRAY visited BARI on 3 Mar.

1. 9 Terr Adm Coy was inspected on 4 Mar, several improvements had been carried out since previous visit.

2. A Condemnation Board was held on Mar 6 at 9 Bulk Depot where commodities had been collected for condemnation from the various depots in the area.

3. 63 Distribution Depot, SALERNO has now closed and reopened at AVELLINO. Issues to units previously supplied from SALERNO that are near NAPLES will now be supplied direct from NAPLES and those near AVELLINO by AVELLINO.

4. 67 Distribution Depot at COSENZA and 68 Distribution Depot at REGGIO CALABRIA will be closed after issues on 15 Mar, this will now leave CATANZARO to supply all units in the South.

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC. (BLU)

(a) No DAA&QMG has yet been posted to the unit.

(b) Lt-Col. A.W. Gibson, OBE. visited BARI and units in Southern Italy between 21 and 26 Feb 46. Report attached at Appx 'F'.

(c) Capt. R.F.S. Lowe, RENE, went on 28 days sick leave 23 Feb 46.

(d) Staff List 10 BLU attached at Appx 'B'.

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle (Appx 'A') not received from Territorial HQ.

(b) Staff List Italian (Appx 'C') not received from Territorial HQ.

PART II - 'G'

3. ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic.

Nothing to report.

(b) Italian.

Nothing to report.

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4. REPLACEMENT OF TROOPS

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1. DOMESTIC. (BLU)

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(d) Staff List 10 BLU attached at Appx 'G'.

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PART II - 'G'

3. ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic.

Nothing to report.

(b) Italian.

Nothing to report.

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4. REPLACEMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

See Appx 'T' attached.

(b) CC.RR.

See Appx 'I' attached.

5. TRAINING.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

(i) Trg Establishments.

C.A.R. Report attached at Appx 'E'. Instructions for reception of recruits as laid down by Comd. 10 C.A.R. attached at Appx 'H'.

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(ii) Other Troops.

See Appx 'F' attached.

(b) CC.RR.

See Appx 'I' attached.

6. INTELLIGENCE.

Nothing to report.

PART III - 'A'

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE.

Officers - DAA & QMG.
Capt. RAOC.

OR's - Pte RASC (Clerk GD)
L/Cpl RAOC (Clerk)

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within WE.

NIL.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

T/Capt. F.A. Murray (70181) RASC (pending)

8. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen and Specialists against WE.

Not received from Territorial HQ.

PART IV - 'D'

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PART III - 'A'

7. DOMESTIC.

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Deficiencies in Total Strengths and in Tradesmen and Specialists against WE.

Not received from Territorial HQ.

PART IV - 'B'

9. DOMESTIC.

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(a) Transport.

List of transport held by 10 DLU attached at APPX 'D'.

(b) Accomodation.

New billets have been selected at TORRE DEL GRECO just south of NAPLES by the sea. The move is hoped to be completed within two weeks. A full report will be rendered in the mid month report for March.

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10. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army less CC.RE.

Nothing to report.

(ii) CC.RE.

CC.RE. He is compiling a report on transport which will be forwarded to MMTL in due course.

(b) REME.

Nothing to report.

(c) RAOC. - Clothing & Equipment.

(i) Army less CC.RE.

Materials for cleaning arms. Shortages of Rifle Oil and Flannelette.

Inspections. No. 8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot 20 Feb 46. No. 10 Italian Salvage Depot 22 Feb 46.

Expendable stores. Napthalene, machine oil and twine packing collected from 557 BOD for No. 8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot on 22 Feb. Shortage of Napthalene at 10 Salvage Depot.

Clothing. 50,000 suits of khaki battle dress grade III collected from 557 BOD under release DOS/1411(GRD 1) dated 7 Feb 46.
4000 pairs of boots ankle grade III collected from 557 BOD under release DOS/1411(GRD 1) dated 20 Feb 46.
Shortage of denims and overalls at No. 8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot.
200 tons of Italian clothing and equipment from War Materials Depot, LIERNE being issued to 591 It. Clothing Depot by rail. Details of trucks arriving daily.
Received from MED 557 BOD recently, 4425 pairs of old boots, amongst which were 1009 pairs of slippers, unions shoes, sandals and civilian shoes which were considered useless to Italian Army. An exchange took place on 26 Feb for 1009 pairs [illegible]

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(b) RAOC.

Nothing to report.

(c) RAOC. - Clothing & Equipment.

(i) Army less CC.RR.

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200 tons of Italian clothing and equipment from War Materials Depot, LIBENZ being issued to 591 It. Clothing Depot by rail. Details of trucks arriving daily.
Received from RCD 557 DOD recently, 4425 pairs of old boots, amongst which were 1009 pairs of slippers, canvas shoes, sandals and civilian shoes which are considered useless to Italian Army. An exchange took place on 28 Feb for 1009 pairs of boots.
Clothing issued by rail during Feb :-
715 IT Adm Regt. (MILAN) under authy 9/OS/445 of Nov 45.
718 IT Adm Regt. (MILAN) under authy 1/OS/455 of Jan 46.

(ii) CC.RR.

10,000 shirts wool, 10,000 drawers wool and 10,000 suits of battle dress released to CC.RR. under 9/OS/451 of 3 Jan. Collection nearly complete.
CC.RR. IO asked that green battle dress be exchanged for Khaki. ADOS, MILAN asked to obtain authority from Italian War Ministry to effect exchange with 591 It. Clothing Depot. There still exists a serious shortage of battle dress and clothing. At least another 10,000 suits are required to meet present requirements.

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(2) Arms & Ammn.

(i) Army less CC.FR.

Arms and ammn not yet issued to C.A.R.

(ii) CC.FR.

Nothing to report.

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Appx 'D' to 10 DLU Progress
Report No. 6 dated 5 Mar 46

NOTES ON TOUR BY GSO I - 21/26 FEB 46

PART I - 9 TERRITORIAL DISTRICT

1. C.A.R. - BARI.

(a) MILANO BARRACKS.

These barracks are still occupied by the Italian Air Force. As it will take four weeks to renovate the barracks after evacuation, the move of the Air Force personnel is a matter of urgency.

ACTION
9 DLU signal of 22 Feb personal Gibbon to Hodlam refers

(b) PASQUALE BARRACKS.

These barracks are still occupied by British troops. These troops are due to move out by 1 Mar. Four weeks work is required after evacuation.

(c) FALANGA BARRACKS.

These barracks require two weeks work. The parade ground requires three weeks work.

(d) Work has virtually ceased on all barracks pending the authorisation of further expenditure. T/Col. FINZI (Genio) went to ROME last week to negotiate a further money grant.

(e) 70% of the instructors have assembled and are undergoing daily instruction.

(f) The Commandant, Col. RECARDINI, has taken up his duties.

(g) In conclusion, the C.A.R. is in excellent barracks, but a last minute rush will be necessary to prepare it for the recruits.

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PART II - 10 TERRITORIAL DISTRICT.

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PART II - 10 TERRITORIAL DISTRICT.

2. HQ.10 INF REGT - CATANZARO.

(a) This HQ. has under command :-

Three bns. 10 Inf Regt.
1 Bn. 60 Inf Regt.
3 Bn. 60 Inf Regt.

(b) 1/60 and 3/60 Bns. are carrying out a large number of guard duties for 3 Dist. The Regtl Comd. is anxious to be relieved of these, to enable the troops to train. Correspondence on this subject has passed between this HLU, MMIL and 3 Dist.

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3. 1 BN. 60 INF REGT - CATANZARO.

This bn. is in a poor barracks, and does not appear to be in very good form. It is understood that one bn. of 60 Inf Regt. is being sent to SARDINIA, and that the other is being disbanded.

4. 1 BN. 10 INF REGT - COSENZA.

This bn. was in a very bad way until it left NAPLES. It is now in better form, with a new CO, a good adjutant, and good barracks. A great deal remains to be done.

5. 1002 DETACHED ARTY SEC - COSENZA.

This unit reconditions and holds Italian Army equipment. It appears to be efficient, but a good deal of effort seems to be devoted to repairing obsolete items. It is suggested that the Italian Government would be well advised to review their stocks and "cut their losses".

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Report No. 6 dated 5 Mar 45

ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY

L E C C E

1. GENERAL.

(a) The Commandant, Col. BELANDINI, gave us a warm welcome, and we spent an enjoyable day at the Academy. The Colonel appears to be enthusiastic about his job, and most conscious of its importance.

(b) The following cadets are at the Academy :-

1st Year.

(i)	Cadets from fighting formations and partisans	36
(ii).	Cadets from civil life	145

2nd Year.

(iii)	Cadets whose course at the old Cadet School at MODENA or LUCCA was interrupted by the Armistice of September 43	155
	TOTAL	336

The age of the cadets varies between 15 and 25 years.

(c) The cadets in each year are divided into Sections 'A' and 'B' according to their attainments. The course for Section 'B' is less advanced in certain subjects.

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2. INSTRUCTION.

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(d) The instruction is carried out entirely by officers and senior cadets. There are no NCO instructors. The Commandant explained that NCO's of a suitable type for training cadets do not exist in the Italian Army. Apparently this has always been the case, and is not a result of the war.

(e) There are a number of horses at the Academy, and cadets of all arms are taught to ride.

3. WEAPON TRAINING.

(a) Italian weapons are taught, but modified British methods have been introduced. The Commandant asked for specimens of British weapons and equipment to show to the cadets. He stated that these were

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promised in the past by AMIA. It is recommended :-

(i) That an immediate issue or loan of specimens of British weapons and equipment should be made to the Academy. These should include U.S. weapons which can be 'cut' for exhibition.

(ii) That consideration should be given to the question of issuing a complete scale of British equipment, and of adopting British methods in full.

(b) The allotment of ammunition is as follows. It appears to be totally inadequate :-

	(All Cadets) 1st Year	(Inf Cadets) 2nd Year
Italian rifle Type 91	42 rounds	12 rounds
Light MG Breda Type 30	30 "	20 "
M.G. (Italian)	60 "	50
Morter (Italian)	8 " H E 2 " Smoke	as available
Grenades (Italian)	-	"

4. AMENITIES.

The barracks are quite good, and the standard of living would be satisfactory for troops, but is poor for "gentlemen cadets". It is thought that better results would be achieved if the cadets were provided with amenities such as reading and sitting rooms.

5. CONCLUSIONS.

In many ways the Academy is evidently very good, but it does not appear fully to have taken its place in the new Italian Army, and it is not fully in touch with modern educational and military trends. Some of the training appears to be definitely out of date. In view of the very great influence which the Academy will have on the Italian Army of the future it is strongly recommended that it should be helped in every possible way to modernize itself.

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Annexure 1
Appx 'G' to 10 PLU Progress
Report No. 6 dated 5 Apr 46

BLOCK PROGRAMME

NOTES

1. HOURS OF WORK.

The cadets work for 7 hours per day. For each week five days' work are in barracks, and one day in the country. The main programme occupies 32 weeks. Hours of work are therefore as follows :-

	Per week	Per year
In barracks	35	1120
In the country	7	224
TOTAL	42	1344

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3. The complete year is divided up as follows :-

Main Programme	32 weeks
Examinations	5 "
Camp	7 "
Winter training in mountains	2 "
Leave	5 "
Spare	1
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FIRST YEAR

SECTION 'A' ONLY	SECTION 'B' ONLY	BOTH SECTIONS	NO. OF HOURS
		ACADEMIC SUBJECTS	
Higher Mathematics and Science	Intermediate Mathematics and Science	---	170
		Social Science	20
			190
		MILITARY SUBJECTS	
		Military Geography	20
		Military History	20
		Topography	60
		Military Security	10
		MT and Tanks	70
		Field Fortification and field works	90
		Drawing	20
		Organization, Administration and Tactics. (Theoretical)	140
		Technical study of Weapons	130
		Drill, Tactics, Weapon Trg, Admin., Engr Trg, Signal Trg — Practical	400
			960
		PHYSICAL TRAINING	
		Riding, PT, Fencing	160
		Spare	34
		TOTAL	1344

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FIRST YEAR

...M ONLY	BOTH SECTIONS	NO. OF HOURS	REMARKS
	ACADEMIC	SUBJECTS	
...end	—	170	
	Social Science	20	
		190	
	MILITARY	SUBJECTS	
	Military Geography	20	
	Military History	20	
	Topography	60	
	Military Security	10	
	MT and Tanks	70	
	Field Fortification and field works	90	
	Drawing	20	
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	PHYSICAL	TRAINING	
	Riding		
	PT		
	Fencing	160	
	Spare	34	
	TOTAL	1344	

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SECOND YEAR

SECTION 'A' ONLY	SECTION 'B' ONLY	BOTH SECTIONS	NO. OF HOURS		
		ACADEMIC SUBJECTS			
Advanced Higher Maths and Physics	Higher Maths and Physics	—	120	120	
		MILITARY SUBJECTS			
		Tactics)Theoreti- Logistics) cal	160		
		Explosives and Chemical Warfare	40		
		Applied science in regard to military materials	20		
		Theory of Fire.	150		
		Military Security	10		
		Pay & Accounts	20		
		MT & Tanks	140		
		Signal Equipment	100		
		Veterinary Science and Animal Management	20		
		Drawing	30		
		Instr special to arm	300		Separate instruction
			990	990	
		PHYSICAL TRAINING			
		Riding) PT) Fencing)	160	160	
		Spare		74	
			TOTAL	1334	

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	Applied science in regard to military materials		20	
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	Veterinary Science and Animal Management		20	
	Drawing		30	
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		990	990	
	PHYSICAL TRAINING			
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		TOTAL	1334	

Appx 'H' to 10 RLU Progress
Report No. 6 dated 5 Mar 46.

SUMMARY

Subject :- Instructions for the Reception of Recruits.

HQ. 10 C.A.R.
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26 Feb 46

Recruits Bn HQ's.
Recruits Coy HQ's.
2nd in Command.
G II Training.
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1. FOREWORD.

Importance of the reception of recruits. Everything must be planned and arranged in all particulars. It is most important that recruits have immediately an impression of efficiency. Their first impression in reaching the C.A.R. will be the one they will always remember.

2. RECRUITS ALLOTTED TO THE C.A.R.

Total of 3636.

3. ARRIVAL OF RECRUITS FROM DISTRICTS.

(a) By road.

(b) By rail.

Recruits by road will arrive at the barracks.
Recruits by rail will arrive at the railway station.

Following personnel and transport will be on duty at the station w.e.f. 1600 hrs on the 15th March :-

2 Junior officers
8 NCO's
8 Ptes.
3 Lorries.

A 12 hour roster will be fixed. Recruits will immediately be conveyed to the barracks on the lorries.

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4. RECEPTION OF RECRUITS.

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4. RECEPTION OF RECRUITS.

2 services will be working :-

(a) One will receive the recruits at the entrance of the barracks and will take them to the arrival office.

(b) The other (arrival office) will :-

Take the recruits on strength.
Allot them to units.
Take them to the bath, to medical examination and to companies to be dressed.

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5. PERSONNEL FOR RECEPTION SERVICE - THEIR DUTIES.

(a) Service as at para 4, sub para (a).

Personnel :- 1 senior officer
5 junior officers
4 NCO's.

Duties :- Will be responsible :-

(i) To receive the recruits at the entrance of the barracks.

(ii) To take them to the arrival office.

(iii) For discipline of troops until they are handed to the arrival office.

(b) Arrival office.

Location - into used as HT Park.
Will have one section per District.
Each section will have the following personnel:-

1 junior officer
2 NCO's (Clerks)
24 NCO's (2 per coy) to take the recruits to the bath, to the medical examination and to feeder unit.

The office will :-

Write down all data concerning each recruit.
Allot recruits to units.
Issue coy NCO's with nominal rolls in two copies of recruits allotted to their coy. (One copy will be handed to the infirmary for medical examination.)
Send at 1200 and 1800 into every day note of recruits received, to G. H. Q.
Operate every day from 0830 hrs to 1800 hrs.

(c) Accommodation will be arranged by personnel mentioned in sub-para (a) in the rooms behind the HT Park for recruits arriving during hours in which the offices are not operating. Straw and eventually blankets will be made available.

6. BATH.

Recruits will be taken by coy NCO's to the bath, when they are dealt with in the arrival office.

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(ii) To take them to the [illegible]

(iii) For disciplining of troops until they are handed to the arrival office.

(b) Arrival office.

Location - Huts used as MT Park.
Will have one section per District.
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Operate every day from 0630 hrs to 1800 hrs.

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6. BATH.

Recruits will be taken by coy NCO's to the bath, when they will have been dealt with in the arrival office. Soap and towels will be issued by each coy appointee. One junior officer will be present at the bath.

7. MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Will take place in the C.A.L. infirmary. Fit recruits will be vaccinated immediately. Unfit recruits will be, as soon as possible, evacuated to hospital. After medical examination, recruits will be taken to their coys.

8. FITTING OUT.

Will be done by the coys. Each coy will have clothing distribution room and dressing room. When dressed, recruits will be inspected by pl. and coy. commanders. These will make sure that clothing and boots fit the recruit. Bedding and place in the barracks will then be allotted to each recruit.

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Appx 'E' to 10 SEU Progress
Report No. 6 dated 5 Mar 46.

CC.RR. PERIOD REPORT

A. Strengths.

I. NAPLES Legion

Establishment	Effective	Present
3653	4506	3666

Percentage on leave 16% (sick and ordinary)
Percentage on extraneous duty 30%

NOTE. The present strength of 3666 included 684 men of special squads who are outside the establishment.

II. BARI Legion.

2966	3993	2925

Percentage on leave 12%
Percentage on extraneous duty 27%

III. CATANZARO Legion.

2500	2449	2140

Percentage on leave 9%
Percentage on extraneous duty 20%

IV. NAPLES Mobile Bn.

Authorised	Effective	Present
348	558	229

Percentage on leave 5%

BARI Mobile Bn.

546	998	224

Percentage on leave 14%

B. Organisation.

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It is felt that the situation of NAPLES Legion, which includes 5 Provinces and has heavy commitments extraneous to police duties in the very busy areas, calls for some modification and this matter will be carefully gone into.

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IV. NAPLES Mobile Bn.

Authorised	Effective	Present
548	530	289

Percentage on leave 5%

BARI Mobile Bn.

548	698	224

Percentage on leave 4%

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C. Intelligence.

As everywhere, the left wing elements are always ready to criticise CC.RR. Considerable criticism of the Allies is frequently heard and appears from time to time in the press. As a whole, political activity, particularly of a subversive nature, is not a serious matter, although the number of minor political movements and groups is extremely large. In southern districts, the Christian Democrats outnumber other parties. L'Uomo Qualunque is also strongly represented.

D. Training.

Enquiries are being made but it is pointed out that beyond law and order police instruction, no military training is carried out.

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E. Administration.

(a) Discipline is good and serious breaches have not been reported.

(b) Pay. No difficulties or deficiencies reported.

(c) Personnel. Lt-Col. MEDLI, commander of the NAPLES Legion transferred to Training School ROME. Col. MAURO appointed to the NAPLES Legion.

F. General Deficiencies.

Transport, clothing, automatic weapons, are seriously deficient, and will be the subject, of a special report.

G. Morale.

In the NAPLES region, the morale of the CC.RR is not as it should be. The main causes are :- (1) The shabbiness and variety of clothing. (2) Cost of living and economic conditions. (3) The dictatory attitude adopted by allied personnel. Cases have been frequent of allied personnel interfering with CC.RR in the course of their duties. (4) Political influence in CC.RR affairs is known to and resented by all ranks.

H. Public Safety Situation.

The serious crime situation shows little variation from the previous month's figures. Particulars of offences are not yet to hand, but will be supplied in the next report. The return from NAPLES of 200 CC.RR Reliefs is no doubt checking offences in the outlying districts of the Legion of NAPLES, and the loan of 8 trucks has had a very gratifying effect.

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10 BLU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 5

As at 15 Feb 46

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Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMLL) (L)

15 Feb 46

Copies to :- 9 BLU.
14 BLU.

PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC. (BLU)

(a) No DAA&QMG has yet been posted to the unit.

(b) Lieut.Col. A.W. Gibbon, OBE. visited SICILY on 4 Feb 46 returning to NAPLES on 9 Feb 46. Report at Appx 'B'.

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(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle due for Progress Report No. 4 attached at Appx 'A'.

(b) Staff List Italian due for Progress Report No. 4 attached at Appx 'C'.

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4. 10 INF REGT.

The III/10 Inf Regt was visited by the GSO II on 12 Feb 46. The Bn is billeted in an old monastry which is not altogether suitable as a barracks. At the moment one Coy is living at CAV. DEI TIRRENI (N 6033) 6 Km away; whilst in the billets is housed an Artisan Coy (BR-ITI). Representation has been made to 3 District to remove the Artisan Coy so as to allow the Bn. to be centralised.

PART III - 'H'

5. ITALIAN GENERALS.

(a) There are 11 Generals named in the Staff List for NAPLES District. CC.RR are not included.

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(b) The appointments held by general officers are as follows :-

District Commander	1
HQ. Increment	1
Attached to District HQ. (No allotted duties)	4
Arty HQ.	1
Engr HQ.	1
Military Tribunal	1
205 Div. (US-ETO)	2

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Report No. 5 dated 15 Feb 46.

NOTES ON VISIT OF GSO I TO SICILY - 4-9 FEB 46.

1. TERRITORIAL HQ.

In the absence of General BERARDI, the District is under the command of General DIRACTIGLIONE, AOSTA Division. He wears a British Military Cross, and appears to be a capable man.

2. C.A.R.

(a) A great deal of work remains to be done, and it is doubtful if the barracks will be ready by mid March. Territorial HQ. are considering the following alternatives :-

(i) To provide temporary accomodation in a neighbouring barracks for a proportion of the recruits, until work on the C.A.R. is completed.

(ii) To accomodate all the recruits in the C.A.R. whether the work is finished or not. This will involve some overcrowding, and a lower standard of comfort than is desirable.

(iii) To ask the Ministry to reduce the allotment of recruits to 2000 or 3000.

(b) It was stated that the allotment of money is insufficient for essential work on the C.A.R. It is not possible to check this statement, but as NAPLES Territorial HQ. make the same point it is thought that there may be some justification for it.

(c) The OC, C.A.R. arrived last week. He appears to be keen and energetic.

3. AOSTA DIVISION.

The battalion at MONTE LEPRE was visited. This battalion has recently been in action against bandits. The CO stated that morale is high and that there are plenty of volunteers for every patrol.

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4. SARAUDA DIVISION.

Div. HQ. and one Regt. were visited at MESSINA. The Div. Comd., General LAZZARINI, late 2 i/c MANTOVA Div., is very keen on British methods of training. We saw a composite platoon of NCO's carrying out weapon training and minor tactical training. British methods are being followed, and the standard is satisfactory.

5. INTERNAL SECURITY.

(Secret)

(a) The senior Italian officers appear to believe that most of the bandits are common criminals, with no political motive for their action.

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(b) There does not appear to be a properly concerted plan by the civil authorities, police and military, for dealing with the bandits.

6. BLU.

11 BLU has satisfactory accomodation and transport. They are short of a clerk, who is badly needed. The size of the island, and the problems of interior economy, greatly increase the difficulties of the two British officers. It is recommended that if an additional training officer is authorised, high priority should be given to implementing the appointment in the case of 11 BLU.

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC. (BLU)

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(g) Staff List of 10 BLU attached at Appx 'C'.

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle not received from Terr HQ.

(b) Staff List Italian not received from Terr HQ.

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PART II - 'C'

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PART II - 'G'

3. ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic.

Nothing to report.

(b) Italian.

Nothing to report.

4. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CS.RR.

Nothing to report.

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(b) CC.RR.

There is evidently a certain amount of misappropriation of CC.RR whereby Carabinieri are obliged to perform guard duties which are out of the realm of their normal police duties. The result is that the number available for actual police duties, maintaining law and order in NAPLES, is inadequate. At present 2 offrs, 85 NCO's and 398 Carabinieri are being employed in non police duties in NAPLES. These are being employed on guard duties concerned with the port factories, railways, airports etc. and a few small Allied installations (e.g. 4 CC.RR., 16 Base REME).

It is agreed that these other guard duties have become necessary as a result of the war but if they are to be maintained it is suggested that a corresponding increase in the strength of the CC.RR be made so that the responsibilities of police duties can be met 100%.

5. TRAINING.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

(i) Trg Establishments.

C.A.R. Report attached at Appx 'E'.

(ii) Other Troops.

10 INF REGT.

1 Bn. is moving to CORSENZA. The accomodation in NAPLES is very poor and the Bn. needs a change. Almost no training has taken place for many months.

2 Bn. is in a very old fashioned barracks in NAPLES. About 200 men are available for training. Some progress is being made but the Bn. is not very impressive.

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The general impression of the Regt. is that it is 40 years behind the times. This is not surprising in view of the age and quality of most of its weapons and equipment.

60 IND REGT.

1st and 3rd Bns at CALABRIA. No training is being carried out at the moment. Bns. are guarding factories and mountain posts.

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(b) CC.MR.

Absence of training explained in 10 MLW Progress Report No. 2.

6. INTELLIGENCE.

General ROMANO, GOC., gave a party on board a returning POW ship. Press commented that no civilian was present to welcome the returning soldiers and implied that the men would rather have been welcomed by a civilian than a General.

All local political parties are in good relations with the Army.

PART III - 'A'

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE.

Officers - DAAG&C (Posted but not yet arrived)
Capt - RAOC.

OR's - WO I RAOC (Clerk)
Sgt RASC (Clerk)
Cpl RASC (Clerk)
Clerk Technical REME (L/Cpl)

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within WE.

NIL.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

T/Capt. F.A. Murray (70181) RASC (pending)

8. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies in Total Strengths and in Tradesmen and Specialists against WE.

Not yet received from Italians.

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(b) Disciplina.

Slight improvement. This may be due to civilians no longer criticising or opposing the army to same extent. Bad examples mostly found amongst older personnel.

(c) Leave Problems.

Not so acute. However seven days every six months is considered too short. As it takes six or seven days to get to the north there is a tendency to overstay leave to avoid the tedious journey back so soon.

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(d) Pay.

General feeling that pay will never improve and this must be considered one of the burdens to be borne in the army.

(e) Morale.

When family problems like housing, shortage of money etc., prevail men unwilling to join army, but naturally prefer to remain at home to assist. Pay in the army too low to enable men to give allowances.

Other 'A' points.

NIL.

PART IV - 'Q'

9. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

List of transport held by 10 MLU is attached at Apex 'D'.

(b) Accomodation.

No change.

10. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport

(i) Army less CC.RR.

Nothing to report.

(ii) CC.RR.

There is a considerable deficiency of transport against WE. For example in the NAPLES Legion the present position is :-

Type	WE	Deficiency

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Gence A' points.

NIL.

PART IV - 'C'

9. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

List of transport held by 10 BLR is attached at Appx 'D'.

(b) Accomodation.

No change.

10. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport

(i) Army less CC.RE.

Nothing to report.

(ii) CC.RE.

There is a considerable deficiency of transport against WE. For example in the MAPLES Legion the present position is :-

Type	WE	Deficiency
Cars	37	6
Light Trucks	100	95
J/C's	978	920

Their mobile efficiency is obviously considerably hampered as a result of those deficiencies.

(b) RE.E.

During the period the following Directorate and units were visited :-

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Office of Director of Repairs.
No. 10 Repair Unit. (Present location)
No. 10 Repair Unit. (Intended new location)
Inefficient Vehicle Park. (2 Sections - DESSATI)
No. 2 Efficient Vehicle Park. (SUORIGOTTO)

Office of Director of Repairs.

An initial visit was made to this Directorate for the purpose of making the acquaintance of Col. BUONGIORNO and staff, and to learn the location, number and function of units under command. No more information was elicited other than that obtained by direct questions, whether this was due to a lack of appreciation of the information required, or due to a lack of knowledge of the essential information concerning units under charge which a DD of this kind should be able to give, is not as yet clear. It was clear, however, that there was a marked lack of enthusiasm as to the aspirations and hopes for the future concerning the units. Especially, in regard to the desire of making possible the transfer of 10 Repair Unit to the new site as soon as possible.

10 Repair Unit.

This unit was obviously labouring under the difficulties of the confined space of its present location. Production figures have however shown an increase since the commencement of the year. Signs of workshop organisation and regimental administration were apparent. The location was clean and tidy.

10 Repair Unit - New Location.

The existing buildings are at the moment in course of being cleaned and repaired. No start has been made on the clearing of the 200 (approx) derelict vehicles which at the moment occupy the site, as apparently the present policy is to wait until civilian purchasers remove these. It was suggested to the Director of Repairs that efforts be made to remove these vehicles to another location at the earliest, as

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Inefficient Vehicle Park.

This was well laid out, with easy access to the various types of vehicles held. A figure will be given in due course as to the number of vehicles worth repairing.

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(c) RAOC.- Clothing & Equipment.

(i) Army less CC.RR.

Boots were inspected at 8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot on 31 Jan. Repaired boots are very weak after repair in Allied Boots and give the appearance of bad workmanship.

No. 8 BR-ITI Clothing Depot was inspected on 23 Jan. Shortages of Naphthalene, Thine Packing and Machine Oil is being experienced at this Depot. These are necessary to maintain baling of clothing and to preserve clothing. The oil to maintain 30-40 sewing machines which repair clothing.

Shortages of rifle oil, flannelette etc. for cleaning arms is still being experienced.

Yet to be seen
AFHQ cycling
for 1st

(ii) CC.RR.

The CC.RR are not getting their priority with regard to clothing and equipment. NAPIER Legion RR state that from the 18 Sep 45 to the 21 Jan 46 no under clothes had been received. On 21 Jan they received :- 300 tunics, 200 trousers, 1600 boots, 2000 pants. This was only sufficient to clothe returning CC.RR POW's who amounted to 1012 men. Further to this the Legion RR. state that 4000 CC.RR of the Legion have not received any replenishment of clothing for a year. They say that to clothe the CC.RR of the Legion per man 5000 serials of clothing would be required. This would only allow 1 uniform and 1 pair of boots per man. The problem of clothing is a very serious one causing at present low morale and a high percentage of sick.

(d) Arms & Amn.

(i) Army less CC.RR.

Nothing to report.

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(ii) CC.NR.

The CC.NR are not getting their priority with regard to clothing and equipment. NAPIER Legion HQ state that from the 18 Sep 45 to the 21 Jan 46 no under clothes had been received. On 21 Jan they received :- 800 tunics, 300 trousers, 1600 boots, 2000 pants. This was only sufficient to clothe returning CC.NR PW's who amounted to 1012 men. Further to this the Legion HQ. state that 4000 CC.NR of the Legion have not received any replenishment of clothing for a year. They say that to clothe the CC.NR of the Legion per man 5000 serials of clothing would be required. This would only allow 1 uniform and 1 pair of boots per man. The problem of clothing is a very serious one causing at present low morale and a high percentage of sick.

(c) Arms & Amn.

(i) Army less CC.NR.

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Nothing to report.

(ii) CC.NR.

Deficiencies in arms is as follows for NAPIER Legion :-

Type	WE	Deficiencies
LMG's	6	-
Auto Rifles	465	205
Machine Carbines	1443	1203
Pistols	4551	3430

(d) C.E.E.

Nothing to report.

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(f) Accomodation.

Nothing to report.

(g) P.O.L. Problems.

Nothing to report.

(h) Sup Problems.

The following Depots and Units have been visited during the month by Staff Capt. S&T this HQ :-

TARI
9 Distribution Depot.
9 Military Bakery & Flour Depot.
9 Bulk Food Depot.
9 Adm. Tpt. Coy.
9 Clothing & Equipment Depot.
9 POL Reserve Point.
84 Ambulance Car Section.
9 Repair Unit.

BRINDISI
53 Distribution Depot.

TARANTO
51 Distribution Depot.

FOGGIA
55 Distribution Depot.

NAPLES
10 Distribution Depot
10 Military Bakery.
10 Bulk Depot.
10 Supply Coy.
10 Adm Tpt Coy.

SALERNO
63 Distribution Depot.

The above units, with the exception of the one at FOGGIA, were satisfactory. Efforts are being made to find another location for the FOGGIA Depot. Reports are filed at S&T Branch HQ. MAE and 10 BLU.

One Condemnation Board was carried out at NAPLES. Supplies are now being drawn regularly by the three services.

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(i) Salvage.

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BARI 9 Distribution Depot.
9 Military Bakery & Flour Depot.
9 Bulk Food Depot.
9 Adm. Tpt. Coy.
9 Clothing & Equipment Depot.
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84 Ambulance Car Section.
9 Repair Unit.

BRINDISI
33 Distribution Depot.

TARANTO
51 Distribution Depot.

TOGGIA
55 Distribution Depot.

NAPLES
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10 Supply Coy.
10 Adm Tpt Coy.

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(i) Medical.

A high sick rate is reported by NAPLES Region HQ for the following reasons :-

(i) Bad state of clothing.

(ii) Long hours of duty under difficult conditions.

(iii) Inadequate food in proportion to amount of work done.

(iv) Poor accomodation facilities for OC.RR when on detachment.

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(j) Movements.

Railways unable to clear ex POW's quickly on arrival at NAPLES. This causes some ex POW's to make off on their own or in some cases Camds of camps to release too many for rail accomodation allotted.

Other 'Q' points.

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Report No. 4 dated 6 Feb 46

VISIT OF GSO I TO BARI

1. My general impression of BARI is that it is more lively and active as an Italian military centre than NAPLES. Major Terro and I visited the Territorial Hq., two inf bns, the CAR, CC.RR and a number of administrative installations. The infantry are in good barracks, and they carry out elementary training. They are not very progressive, and appear to be out of touch with modern military thought, but they have a basic of drill and discipline.

2. The CAR is in a good modern barracks, and the officer who is preparing it appears to be a real enthusiast. If all that he promises comes off, the CAR should be very good.

3. The CC.RR put on a ceremonial parade and march past. The infantry and cyclists were very smart, the cavalry and tanks were rather pathetic. As basically trained soldiers the CC.RR appears to be satisfactory; I cannot judge their value as police.

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC (BLU)

(a) Major Sheeran reported on 9 Jan from 11 BLU to take over from officers going on leave and release until replacements arrive.

(b) Major A.W. Galedon, GSO II, and Major J.R. Moore, DAAG&QMG, left the BLU on 14 Jan. on release.

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(d) Capt. Murray, S&T officer is on tour visiting 9 BLU and Italian depots in the BARI, TARANTO and BRINDISI areas.

PART II - "G"

2. ITALIAN.

(a) The C.A.S. at AVELLINO was visited last week by the GSO I(Trg) MMIA and GSO II of this unit and the following points were noted :-

(i) Constructional work appeared to be progressing satisfactorily.

(ii) Site for a miniature range had been located but it was held in doubt as to whether the proposed

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(b) Detailed information with regard to progress of C.A.R. will be given in the end of month report in accordance with "TTG" Progress Report asked for in your Q 001 letter of 11 Jan 46.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

On the 10 Jan. a demonstration was made in the centre of NAPLES by some 150 ex POW's demanding employment. The demonstrators were

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armed with sticks and looked capable of initiating a riot. They were badly organised however and were soon broken up by a section of American MPs and a stronger unit of Carabinieri. No further instances have been observed or reported since.

PART III - "A"

4. ITALIAN.

In accordance with para 6. III,A "Italian" of your SD/113 of 27 Dec 45., attached at Appx 'A' is the return Surpluses and Deficiencies against WE., ITI-ITI and ER-ITI as at 31 Dec 45 for units of this Territorial Command. (See para 8(a) of 10 ELU Progress Report No. 2 of 7 Jan 46)

NOTE.

(a) These figures are as submitted by Territorial Command and there is no method of checking their accuracy.

(b) Difficulty is still encountered in obtaining returns from Territorial Command on time.

5. OTHER POINTS.

Other outstanding "G", "A" and "Q" points are being held back for the end of month report.

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DEFICIENCIES & SURPLUSES AGAINST WE - ITI-ITI UITS

As at 31 Dec 45

Serial	Unit	W E		Surplus		Deficient		Ration Strength
		Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	
1.	Territorial HQ	47	76	-	-	-	-	123
2.	Artillery Units	56	149	17	42	-	-	205
3.	Engineer Units	45	250	14	-	-	23	286
4.	Medical Units	237	1226	-	-	44	522	1121
5.	Quartermaster	46	327	32	37	-	-	342
6.	Automobilization	35	701	3	-	-	169	506
7.	Vet & Remount	13	34	-	-	3	3	41
8.	10 Inf Regt	230	2454	9	42	-	-	2597
9.	336 Inf Regt	24	116	-	-	9	9	122
10.	Miscellaneous	66	651	-	615	6	-	1192
	TOTAL	798	5875	75	736	82	726	6555

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Report No. 3 dated 17 Jan 46

DEFICIENCIES & SURPLUSES AGAINST WE - III-III UNITS

As at 31 Dec 45

W E		Surplus		Deficient		Ration Strength
Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	
47	76	-	-	-	-	123
50	140	17	42	-	-	205
45	250	14	-	-	23	236
237	1226	-	-	44	522	1121
46	227	32	37	-	-	342
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DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE FROM	TO	ACTION REQUIRED
10 Jan	Q.	Q1.	with Ord and with War Avi re points mentioned in 6 boots repair and shipment of Sandemans. The latter is an old problem which was I thought under control. RAC
	Q1	Q	Passed to ADLS re boots. 10 Jan
	Q1	Q.	Have written to SHAEF re Sandemans. 11 Jan

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As at 1 Jan 46

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Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMLA) (4)

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PART I - GENERAL

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Staff List 10 BLU attached at Appx 'B'.

2. ITALIAN.

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It should be noted that if this formation is ever to become a regiment in the true sense of the word, the Regimental Commander must be given an opportunity to command his battalions. The battalions themselves are at present in great need of supervision, a recent visit having revealed grave faults of administration and general laxity in command. (See para 8 (b))

4. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CO.RE.

The five infantry battalions at present under command of HQ. 10 Territorial District have, during the month of December, been entirely employed on guard duties.

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The three battalions in the MARIES area have been relieved from British guards during the month but Territorial HQ state that they have been forced to employ them on guards of their own, i.e. train guards, dumps etc., as they become available.

Territorial HQ state that they are doing all in their power to reduce the number of duties but see no prospect of doing so, especially as 1 Bn. 10 RHF left is leaving the MARIES area.

The remaining troops in the Territorial area are service units and are employed in their normal functions.

(b) CO.RR.

(i) Mobile Bn - MARIES.

This bn has 200 men stationed in MARIE, the remainder are employed on patrolling at night in an endeavour to decrease "hold up".

(ii) The remainder of the CO.RR. are carrying out their normal duties.

5. TRAINING.

(a) Army Regs CO.RR.

(i) NRD.

Work has been started at the barracks at AVELLINO and is reported to be proceeding satisfactorily. Territorial HQ state that they are confident that they will be fully prepared to start training on 1 Mar 46.

A commandant and staff for the TTC have been nominated. The commandant is now on a course at CESANO and his adjutant is making preliminary arrangements at AVELLINO.

It is felt however that the Territorial HQ do not appreciate the need to have every detail arranged and rehearsed before the arrival of the first intake. When asked when their standing orders for the reception of troops, administration of

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(ii) Other Troops.

There has been virtually no training in the Territorial area during December. Territorial HQ state it is because of the reasons outlined in para 4 (a) above.

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It is considered that three things are required. One, a clear directive from Territorial HQ as to the nature of training to be carried out by the various units (it might be of assistance if SAHQ issued a directive to Territorial HQ's). Two, a determined drive by unit commanders to get some training done whenever they have a few men available. Three, energetic visiting by officers of higher formations to inspect the training being carried out.

None of this is happening at present, commanders of units are aware that they ought to be training but have little idea how to set about it. On being questioned they usually say they hope to start some weapon training when they have more men available. However on visiting units there are usually enough men hanging about to make it worth while for them to be doing some training.

(b) CO.RR.

It seems evident that no training is being done. This is stated by the CO.RR. to be due to the fact that most of the CO.RR. are out all night and therefore have to sleep during the day. On the other hand the Public Security Officer of MARIES states that the CO.RR. never do any training. The soldier being considered to lack from the day he leaves his cadet school.

The problem of training within the CO.RR. is a large one as superior HQ's seem to have no interest beyond the HQ i.e. intely below them. For instance the Div. HQ in MARIES was unable to answer any questions about training of the units in the area (in fact they were very vague as to what CO.RR. units were in the area) saying that that was a matter for the Regiment. On calling at Regimental HQ the reason for guess that it is a matter for the Regiment. To the many people that training entirely depends on the individual unit commander. There is no co-ordination from above.

6. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Relations between Troops and Populace.

(i) Army Less CO.RR.

See part 6 (e) sub-para (v).

(ii) CO.RR.

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6. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

(i) Army loss CO.RR.

See para 2 (c) sub-para (v).

(ii) CO.RR.

A representative of 5 Ind Div HQ. CO.RR. states that relations are satisfactory. Nothing to disprove this have been brought to notice.

(b) Political Action.

A certain amount of propaganda is directed at the Army by the local communist organisers especially in the MARES area, but no definite results can be detected. The soldiers are generally disciplined and being retained in the Army are thus liable to accept communist views.

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ANNEX III - "A"

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE.

Officers - Capt RAMC.

ORs - WO II RAOC (Clerk)
S/Sgt x 3 (Clerk)
Sergt Technical RAOC (L/Cpl)

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within WE.

NIL.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future within WE.

2/Capt. F.A. Murray (70101) RASC (pending)

8. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Engineer and Specialists against WE.

Not yet received from Italians.

(b) Discipline.

The general standard of discipline appears to be bad. Saluting and turn-out etc. are of a very poor standard. The Italian officers are aware of this but state that they are really capable of doing little. They state however that discipline within the barracks is better. This was not in evidence during the visits paid by representatives of 10 SAS to two bns of Infantry stationed in Kassala. During these visits it was obvious that little or no control was exercised over the men when they were off parade. The barracks are little more than lodging for the troops off duty. Cookhouses, barrack rooms and latrines were filthy and obviously could not have been inspected for months, unless the officers concerned had no interest in or conception of the conditions under which troops should live.

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[illegible] WE.

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(ii) Details of all [illegible] due for leave in 1 months future within WE.

T/Capt. F.A. [illegible] (70181) RASC ([illegible])

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The state of weapons was indescribable. Not one single weapon was found which was not suffering from damage from rust. There appeared to be no organisation for superintending the cleaning of the weapons or for their safe keeping.

With conditions as described above it is not surprising that the state of discipline is poor and until some adequate means is found for setting the officers over out their duties there is no likelihood of any improvement. The example must be provided from above. In the case of I Bn. 10 Inf Regt the unit had not been visited by a superior formation for two or three months.

The above facts were brought to the attention of HQ[illegible] Territorial Command.

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(c) Leave Problem.

Privilege leave in the Territorial District is at 8%. This quota is filled and the Territorial Command seem quite satisfied that this is adequate.

The chief problem is that of transport to carry the troops home. This should improve as the railways begin to function more efficiently, but at present owing to the incredible time they take in travelling to call the troops upon for the leave only from the units.

(d) Pay.

The only real problem with regard to pay is that it is inadequate for all ranks, and that allowances, when they are made, are infinitely small and often have to be drawn as arrears. A case in point is that of the soldier up to the rank of Sgt Major; no allowance whatsoever is made for his family or dependants. Only a grant being made by the Command in cases of necessity at the following rates :-

Mother	6 Lire per day
Father	2 Lire " "
Wife	8 Lire " "
Children	2 Lire per child per day

and a bonus of 95 Lire per family per month.

This question of pay is one of the root causes of dissatisfaction throughout the Army.

(e) Morale.

In general, the morale of the Italian troops, officers and O.R.'s, is low. The chief reasons given for this condition are:-

(i) Both officers and O.R.'s are worried by their very poor financial position and feel acutely the very marked difference in their pay and that of civilians and Allied soldiers. (Statement by Vice Chief of Staff)

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Mother	3 Lira per day
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Wife	3 Lira " "
Children	2 Lira per child per day

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(iii) The prestige of the army has gone down, and the men feel little or no pride in their uniform, their army, or their unit. (Statement by Vice Chief of Staff)

(iv) The billeting conditions of the men are still bad and they live under poor conditions.

(v) In the PWB area there is very active propaganda being disseminated by the population and this is inevitably absorbed by the troops. The Vice Chief of Staff of the Territorial Command stated that this very active propaganda is very difficult to combat as the officers are

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not now allowed to interfere with the men's political opinions and freedom.

(vi) Welfare facilities are very poor. The best effort that has been seen so far was a small room with a few tables and [illegible] and two bottles of liquors as an apology for a bar. Units state that they know of no organisation for the provision of footballs etc. Furthermore the majority of officers seem uninterested in this side of the soldiers life. This means that soldiers are barred from all recreational facilities as their pay is far too small to enable them to pay for entry to films etc or to buy sports gear for themselves.

(vii) The state of morale appears to be lower than that of the [illegible] Division when the ANU first joined them at S.GIORGIO. Things were bad then, but the officers were well aware of what their men needed. In [illegible] the officers simply do not seem to realise that there is anything wrong.

(f) Drink.

This does not appear really high but it is my private opinion that it is due to lack of supervision and entertainment rather than to an innate weakness on the part of the troops in this area.

ANNEX 'F' - "Q"

9. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

List of transport held by 10 Coy is attached at Appx 'D'.

(b) Accomodation.

The unit is still accomodated in three buildings but during January it is hoped to move to a new by which the whole unit will be billeted under a more compact arrangement. Negotiations are still proceeding for [illegible] - FOOTBALL

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[illegible] for [illegible] to [illegible] or to buy sports wear for themselves.

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(f) Crime.

This does not appear unduly high but it is my private opinion that it is due to lack of supervision and punishment rather than a low level of morale on the part of the troops in this area.

SECTION IV - "C"

9. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

List of transport held up to 31st is attached at Appx 'D'.

(b) Accommodation.

The unit is still accommodated in three buildings but during January it is hoped to arrange a move by which the whole unit will be installed under a new request arrangement. Negotiations are still proceeding for obtaining the Villa Maria on the NAPLES - POZZUOLI road but should this fall through the Town Major has been asked to report any suitable accommodation falling vacant.

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10. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

(i) [illegible].

Territorial HQ states that units almost entirely hold their allotments of transport but that these allotments are far too small for carrying out daily requirements.

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The replacement of complete vehicles is stated to be working satisfactorily and the deficient vehicle park seems to be turning out enough vehicles to satisfy requirements.

The repair of vehicles is however still very unsatisfactory, as spares are very short and hard to come by. Vehicles are often off the road for long periods owing to lack of spares and thus very units are plete to establishment may still only have one or two "runners". The shortage of trained transport in workshops and units is also acute.

Spare tyres, cameras, and other vehicle accessories are still in very short supply.

Maintenance is very poor, the vehicles being seldom maintained until they break down and have to be put in workshop for repair. There appears to be no system of maintenance or inspection in force.

(ii) C.M.T.

The same general troubles seem to exist here as in the army.

(b) R.E.M.

Nothing to report.

(c) R.A.O.C.

(i) Clothing Army Issue 90.M.R.

The clothing and equipment of units in the District seem to be quite satisfactory. Most men have a complete issue of clothing and many have two sets of uniform. The exchange of clothing seems to be proceeding satisfactorily.

With regard to boots it has been noticed that in repairing these in Allied depots the sole is replaced as shown below :-

The Cavalrymen reported this to War Ministry who issued instructions for the lengthening of the sole at some date in November. A copy of the instruction has been asked for from Min of War.

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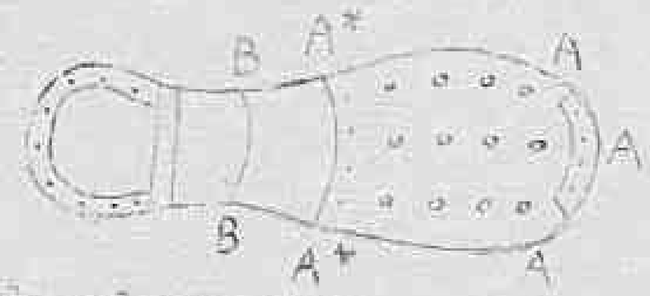

The sole only covers the area lettered 'A' and is nailed across from 'A*' to 'A*' with four small nails. This means that after a short period (14 days) the sole begins to come away along the line 'A*' to 'A*'. It is suggested that this matter be taken up and that the soles be made a little shorter ('B' - 'B') and more evenly nailed.

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Further, that the end of the sole be tapered a little to follow the general line of the boot as shown below :-

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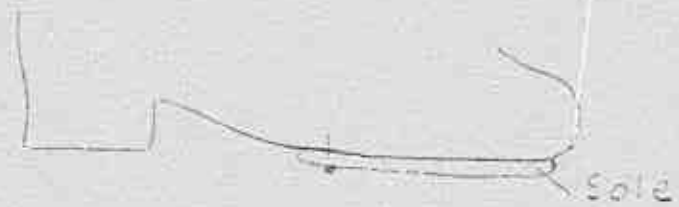

Suggested Improvement

Cleaning material for weapons appear to be in very short supply. Flannelette is not issued and only rags are used. One unit stated that petrol was used for the cleaning of rifles as oil is in short supply.

(ii) G.H.Q.

No details of the ordnance situation are yet available. It is understood from G.H.Q. Div and Brigade HQs that they have no details of this situation as the Indians work directly to GHQ for all questions of equipment.

(d) Ammunition.

(i) Small Arms S.A.A.

The troops are armed chiefly with British type weapons and these are issued in rounds which the Territorial Militia state to be adequate for their present needs.

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(ii) O.R.E.

No details of the ordnance situation are yet available. It is understood from O.R.E. HQ and Brigade HQ's that they have no details of this situation as the Italians work directly to RHQ for all questions of equipment.

(d) Arms & Ammn.

(i) Arms Issue O.R.E.

The troops are armed chiefly with Italian type weapons and these are issued on a scale which the Territorial Service state to be adequate for their present needs.

The standard of maintenance appears to be very bad indeed. This has been mentioned previously under Discipline and M.O.O. The chief reasons for the low standard :-

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Lack of officer supervision.

Shortage of cleaning equipment (oil, Flamolette etc.).

Troops untrained in the maintenance of their arms.

No adequate system for inspecting the weapons by qualified personnel.

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(ii) CC.RR.

No CC.RR. unit was inspected so no opinion can be expressed as to the state of arms and equipment. It could appear from discussions with the staff of NAPLES Territorial Div. HQ that there are few further precautions taken to safeguard the condition of arms.

(e) Accomodation.

The housing of the troops in the NAPLES area is generally poor if they are not in barracks. The Territorial HQ state this is worse in Southern Italy and urge that further barracks be collected if possible for their use. It is the opinion of this unit that if a certain amount of interest were shown by the officers in the units and billets were cleaned, minor repairs made, and accomodation planned, many of the buildings at present available could be made into quite suitable quarters. It is the lack of drive and effort which is the root cause of most of the troops discomfort. In one unit the troops were sleeping in filthy rooms on the first floor on one side of the corridor, while the rooms on the opposite side were full of garbage, old tins, straw etc. The billet concerned was weather proof, light, and airy and really required nothing but a thorough cleaning up and the repair of an admittedly large number of windows.

(f) POL.

No comments.

(g) Supplies.

All demands made by the Italian troops have been met. Difficulties arose when the Commissariato sent rail trucks to load P.O.L. and flour from 15 and 30 MD's for places outside NAPLES area, through MTO's not being aware of the fact that the Ministry of War had authority to despatch trucks without special application being made to CMQ. This system is now working satisfactorily. The depots in the NAPLES area appear to be reasonable & efficient.

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(h) Medical.

Medical supplies are very short and certain items

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(h) Medical.

Medical supplies are very short and certain items which are particularly necessary have been notified to Lt.Col. [illegible], AMS, MMA., who has promised to interest himself in this matter.

(i) Movements.

The chief complaint of the [illegible] with regard to movements lies with the transportation of [illegible] from MARINES to [illegible]. Owing to limited amount of shipping available via [illegible]

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Sailing monthly	[illegible]	162	personnel carried
Sailing monthly	[illegible]	182	personnel carried
	Total	[illegible]	Personnel carried each month

In the case of further reinforcements, these are set us under :-

(i) By irregular sailings on Italian ships of war.

(ii) The War Department making available from time to time the TUSCAN (carrying 1200 personnel).

In view of the above, on certain occasions, up to 3000 REINFORCEMENTS have been waiting for 10 days in the transit camp. This would present no difficulty if not for the fact that they are of a very troublesome disposition. This is further aggravated by the ration situation. The men leaving Naples unfit only carry two days rations. These are usually consumed before reaching NAPLES. The Italian Army regulations, at present lay down, that the men in transit to NAPLES awaiting shipping will draw division rations, which is far below the army scale and only allows for one hot meal per day. It is therefore suggested that army rations be issued in NAPLES or that arrangements be made to despatch the men to NAPLES with greater celerity.

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