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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC
(M M I A) ROME

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(c) FD ARTY REGTS (5 and 155)

Two btys (25pr ALBENGA and IMPERIA) have been detached from 155 Arty Regt in order to form a skeleton staff for 5 Fd Arty Regt which has severed its connection with 155 Arty Regt. Excepting for pay and record matters it has passed under comd Mantova Div for all purposes.

The cadres for the third btys of each of the other two regts are now being formed.

(d) The 5th Bty (17pr) has been moved from BRA to FOSSANO. From this Bty also a 6pr Bty will be built up. As personnel are received cadres for the remaining

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two Btys will be formed.

(ii) To detach No.6 A.A.Bty of 155 Arty Regt at present stationed at ALBENGA which eventually will move to ARMA DI TAGGIA where the Regtl HQ will be stationed. It is still necessary to build up

1 Group Command
and
4 A.A. Btys of which two will be cadres.

(d) ARTY SPECIALISTS UNIT

Due to lack of personnel and equipment implementation of this WE has not yet begun.

(e) RECCE REGT - 4th DRAGOONS.

Wef 27 Nov 45 Regt HQ and HQ Sqn were formed. The rmn of the remaining sqns is continuing.

A proportion of the vehs from the disbanded 22 Autoreparto Speciale and also a proportion of the stores and equipment which are surplus from other units in the Div have already been allotted to the Regt.

(f) PIONEER BN.

A Pioneer Bn has been formed after separating the Pioneers from the Sig Services.

Implementation of the WE for the Fd Pk Coy has not yet begun owing to the non-availability of personnel and stores.

(g) SIGNALS BN

Reorganization has been completed and with the separation from the Pioneers (as stated above) is composed as follows:-

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The Sigs Coy for the Arty Regt still remains to be form

(h) 104 SANITARY SECTION.

Reorganization completed.

(i) 501 & 248 FD HOSPS.

Reorganization completed.

(j) SUPPLY SECTION.

Formation completed wef 15 Oct 46. Supply

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Corps personnel have been obtained from the 2 mixed pls of 104 Tpt Unit.

(k) 104 Tpt UNIT

Reorganization has been completed with the exception of 4 MT Sec, due to deficiency of personnel and vehs.

Authy is awaited for the release of vehs from the disbanded 22 Autoreparto Speciale to complete WE.

(l) MOBILE WKSP FOR DIV HQ.

Reorganization will commence when the necessary personnel are posted.

(m) LT MOB WKSPS - LAD.

6 LADs have already been formed but they are deficient both in men and material.

The LAD for the Recce Bn is in the process of being formed and will be equipped with material from the disbanded 22 Autoreparto Speciale.

There remain to be built up from scratch 2 Mob Wksps for attachment as follows:-

1 to 18 A/Tk Arty Regt
1 to 4 A.A.Arty Regt.

Personnel and equipment for the 2 a/m wksps are not yet available.

(n) 104 PARCO MOBILE.

Reorganization is being carried out.

(o) CC. COY.

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(p) 216 SURGICAL TEAM.

WE has been reduced in accordance with S.M.E. letter 909/Ord/1.

(q) 318 BKY SEC.

Re-formation has taken place with a change in denomination of 318 Bky Sec. Strs have been reduced in accordance with S.M.E. letter 2129/Ord/1.

2. TERRITORIAL UNITS.

(a) 2 INF REGT.

The new WE has been implemented so far as

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follows:-

Regt HQ and Regt Coy.
Mortar Coy.
3 Bns (1 Coy HQ
(3 Rifle Coys
(1 Support Coy

Distribution of Brit eqpt is being carried out, as is also the allocation of Italian vehs. It is expected that full implementation will take some time.

(b) 2 CAR.

Since last Oct 2 CAR has implemented its WE as follows:-

Offrs and Comd of HQ
3 Bns of Recruits (Bn HQ
(4 Recruits Coys
CAR Services Unit (HQ
(2 Service Pls
(Mt Sec

(c) ARTY UNITS.

(i) - Arty Directorate, ALBENGA (
(ii) - Mine Clearing Sec Type "A" (WEs adjusted
(iii) - Bomb Disposal Sec (in May 46.

(d) ENGR UNITS.

(i) - Engr Services

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Det Wks Secs of CUNEO - IMPERIA (
SAVONA (WEs adjusted in
Pre-Armistice Engr Wks (Rear Party) (Oct 46.
Audit Office, GENOVA (
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(ii) - Requisition Services for the Allies.

GM Requisition Office for the Allies - GENOVA
GM Requisition Offices (Branches) for the Allies - CHIAVARI - IMPERIA SAVONA.
} WEs adjusted in Oct 46.

(iii) - Mines Clearance Services.

Zone HQ - GENOVA
Three Sub-Zone HQs - GENOVA - TURIN - IMPERIA
10 Secs
25 Sub Secs and 90 Squads
} WEs adjusted in May-June 46.

(e) MEDICAL SERVICES UNITS

Principal Mil Hosp of GENOVA with att

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Dispensary and Med mobilization store
Secondary Mil Hosp of SAVIGLIANO & Warehouse
2 Med Coy
2 Hygiene Sec
Medical Board of GENOVA
} WEs adjusted in May 46.

(f) COMMISSARIATO SERVICES UNITS.

2 Supply Coy (ex 2 Supply Unit)
2 Dky Control Sec
La Marinetta Refrigerator Plant (not yet formed)
2 Principal General Supply Depot
79 General Supply Depot
2 Clothing & Eqpt Wksps (ex 2 Clothing and Eqpt Depot & 2 Clothing Factory)
Clothing & Eqpt Stores - GENOVA (ex 2 Special Clothing Depot)
2 Main Bk Stores (ex 2 Special Stores Depot)

(g) MOTORIZATION SERVICE UNITS.

(i) Veh Repair Services.

2 Repairs Unit
2 Lt Wksps
} Adjusted in June 46.

(ii) MT Services.

2 MT Coy (ex 2 Adm Tpt Coy) composed of:-

Unit HQ
3 MT Secs
1 Mixed MT Sec
1 Amb Sec
2 Efficient Veh Pks
} Adjusted in June 46. Wef 15 Nov 46 22 MT Sp Coy in ALBENGA disbanded.

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(h) MOV CONTROL - V & R SERVICES.

(i) RTO Office - GENOVA
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1 Mil Terr Tribunal
1 Detention Bk (Judiciary Prison) } To date no instrs have been received from S.M.E. in this connection.

3. Both Inf Div MANTOVA and the Territorial Units have an approximate 60% posted str. As a result of this some units are in skeleton or cadre form as ordered by S.M.E.

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HQ Mot Bn CC has moved to CHIAVARI with three coys. One coy is at SAVONA.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

Nothing abnormal to report.

TRG.(a)

Trg of recruits drawn from the first term of 1925 class recruits which began at the end of Nov 46 continues at units. During Dec 46 students for specialist trg at the schools were selected from amongst recruits. These were all despatched by 6 Jan 47.

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Morale amongst troops remains good and there is no evidence of subversive activities worthing of mention.

Real efforts are being made to improve feeding, welfare, amusement, and sports facilities and the arrival from [illegible] of a Cinema projector and several table tennis tables has been much appreciated by troops stationed in GENOA and has resulted in increased contentment. The morale of offrs and NCOs shows

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no change and will not improve on its present condition of anxious torpitude until salaries are increased or the C.O.L. drops.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

Politically the month has been quiet, due, one believes, to the Christmas season during which the bulk of the population was more interested in gazing into shop windows in which were lavish displays of goods purchaceable only by the richest Blackmarketeers and in the search for food and protection against the rigours of the coldest December for twenty years.

The shortage of local political news has been accentuated by the departure of the local 85 P.S.S. from whom this dept was accostumed to receive tit bits of interesting information likely to be of use when compiling the monthly report.

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III. "A" POINTS.

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LEAVE.

Major THRUPP departs on 14 Jan for 2 weeks leave at CORTINA.

VISITS.

GOC [illegible], accompanied by DAAG and BA visited this area on 9 and 10 Jan.

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ITALIAN.

DEFICIENCIES.

Specialists, Tradesmen etc.	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under comd.
Telephone mechs	61%
Armourers & armourer mechs	53%
Pioneers	10%
Drivers	37%
Driver mechs	51%
Cooks	13%
Typists	57%
Blacksmiths	31%
Bakers	28%
Nursing orderlies	33%
Fitters	77%
DRs	30%
Masons	30%
Linesmen	27%
Linesmen (Other Corps)	—
Sappers	44%

DISCIPLINE.

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MORALE.

See "G" Intelligence.

PR.

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TRANSPORT (a)

The overall MT posn is still as bad as ever; the tyre question, in particular becoming more and more serious.

CLOTHING AND EQPT (a)

All tps in 2 Comando Militare Territoriale

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now have been equipped with their two sets of uniforms, The current headache is, as usual, boots.

CLOTHING AND EQPT (b)

CC Legion is still trying to obtain blue serge uniforms for all CC. It is stated that it now costs about 40,000 Lire to clothe and equip one CC up to peace time standard so the reluctance on the part of the Treasury in allowing even a modest improvment is understandable.

ARMS & AMN.

The fmn of MANTOVA Div was completed too late to allow it to take part in hostilities and for this reason it received neither its quota of first and second line amn nor its trg amn though it seems for a long time generally to have been assumed that it had. Only now is the Div beginning to receive consignments to make up its first line and trg amn the lack of which has in the past caused considerable difficulties especially in comparison with other combat fps.

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MEDICAL.

Admission to hosp, as a percentage of overall strs, are as follow:-

To Mil Hosps....1,19%
"" Civ "" 0,35%

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"" parotid..... 4 cases
Primary Syphillis..... 1 case
Gonorrhoea..... 4 cases
Scabies.....10 ""

The case of meningitis reported from an amn depot near ROSSANO.

Major
Devons Regt
GII 2 ALU

Genoa
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N.B. Appxs A and B — No change.

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STAFF LIST OF ITALIAN OFFRs OF THE RANK OF Lt Col AND ABOVE IN GENOA TERRITORIAL AREA

MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ

Generale di Corpo d'Armata	in	s.p.e.				FORGIERO	Arnaldo
Generale di brigata					"	MAGLIANO	Emilio
Colonello Art.	s.p.e.	-	Tit.	S.G.		CHIAVARINO	Guido
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"	-	"	"	MICHELOTTI	Domenico
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	MONTESORO	Alberto
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	MUZIO	Domenico
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"	-	"	"	MONACO	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"	-	"	"	FORNARO	Umberto
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	PEDERZOLLI	Bruno
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"	-	"	"	CARBONI	Giulio
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"				BETTAGLIO	Giglio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				PAROLA	Mario
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				SCALA	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				GUIDI	Annibale
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				[illegible]ERRI	Giorgio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				LEANDRO	Luigi
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				SORAGNI	Antonio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"				SERRA	Mario

2 C.A.R. CUNEO

Colonello Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	"	RONCO	Francesco
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	"	CUNEO	Vittorio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					DE BOVE	Augusto
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					SCULLI	Giuseppe

2 INF REGT

Colonello Ftr.	"	"	-	"	"	"	VIGLIERO	Remigio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					TORTORELLI	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					SARTORI	Carlo

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MILITARY DISTRICT GENOA

Colonello Art.	"	"					STELLA	Vittore
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					GAUDIOSO	Sebastiano
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					GANDOLFO	Angelo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					FUSCO	Salvatore
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"					GAIGNE	Luigi
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Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	–	"	"	"	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"	–	"	"	"	PEDERZOLLI	Bruno
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"	–	"	"	"	CARBONI	Giulio
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2 INF REGT

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Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					TORTORELLI	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					SARTORI	Carlo

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MILITARY DISTRICT GENOA

Colonello Art.	"	"					STELLA	Vittore
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					GAUDIOSO	Sebastiano
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					GANDOLFO	Angelo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					FUSCO	Salvatore
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"					GAIONE	Luigi
Ten.Col.Art.	"	"					D'ACQUARONE	Mario
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					CORNELLI	Guido

MILITARY DISTRICT CUNEO

Colonello Ftr.	"	"					BOZZOLA	Attilio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					VANNI	Pier Alessandro
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					GUJ	Silvio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					DE MASI	Vincenzo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	"	"					GASTALDO	Andrea

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MILITARY DISTRICT SAVONA

Colonello Ftr.	s.p.e.		ZUNIN	Arturo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		BENEDETTI	Luigi
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		FAZIO	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.Art.	" "		DE PASQUALE	Mario
Ten.Col.Art.	" "		NOVELLI	Archimede

MILITARY DISTRICT MONDOVI'

Colonello Ftr.	" "		OLAGNERO	Filippo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		PARACONE	Attilio

2 DVR REGT DEPOT BRA'

Ten.Col.Art.	" "		SALERNO	Ugo
Ten.Col.Art.	" "		DE BLASIO	Giuseppe

42 INF REGT DEPOT

Colonello Ftr.	" "		RESCATORI	Tito
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	- Tit.S.G.	STRATA	Giovanni
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		LOARAMUCCI	Tullio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		ROBOTTI	Amilcare
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		ROSANO	Francesco

43 INF REGT DEPOT

Colonello Ftr.	" "		RENZONI	Bruno
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		CASABURI	Walter

29 ARTY REGT DEPOT

Colonello Art.	" "		MONTEMAGNI	Umberto
Ten.Col.Art.	" "		DOVONE	Mario

7 ARTY G.A.F. DEPOT

Ten.Col.Art.	" "		DANILE	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.Art.	" "		CAMINGI	Cesare

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MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

Ten.Col.Med.	" "		BAVA	Arturo
Ten.Col.Med.	" "		FISICHELLA	G.Battista
Ten.Col.Med.	" "		DELLELLI	Carlo

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	Ten.Col.Art.	" "		DE BLASIO	Giuseppe

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Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	- Tit.S.G.	STRATA	Giovanni
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "		LCARAMUCCI	Tullio
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MILITARY HOSP GENOVA

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Ten.Col.Med.	" "		NICOLOSI	Antonio
Ten.Col.Med.	" "		ADAMI	Felice

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MILITARY HOSP SAVIGLIANO

Ten.Col.Med.	s.p.e.	LOMBARDI	Salvatore

WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

Ten.Col.Med.	" "	CASTELLANETA	Vincenzo
Ten.Col.Med.	" "	SOLERI	Giovanni
Ten.Col.Ftr.	re-engaged	SESTO RUBINO	Antonio

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

Colonello Comm.	s.p.e.	GIULIANI	Pietro
Ten.Col.Suss.	" "	PELIZZA	Giuseppe

DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE

Ten.Col.Amm.	" "	GUZZO	Salvatore

ARTILLERY HQ

Generals di Brigata	s.p.e.	MARTINENGO	Enrico
Colonello Art.	" " - Tit.S.G.	ALMICI	Ugo
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	IACI DI FEUDONOVO	Alfredo

AIRTY DIRECTORATE ALDENGA

Colonello Art.	" "	ROMANELLI	Guglielmo

2 MT REPAIR UNIT

Ten.Col.Art.	s.p.e. S.Tc.A.	GARGIULO	Vittorio
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	FIORETO	Francesco

VEH REPAIR DIRECTORATE

Ten.Col.Aut.	" "	PIRANI	Enzo

HQ LINGRS

Colonello Genio	s.p.e.	AMODIO	Mario
Colonello Genio	" "	TORELLI	Gian Fernando
Ten.Col.Genio	" "	SPIGNO	Federico
Ten.Col.Genio	" "	D'AURIA	Francesco
Ten.Col.Genio	" "	PANVANI	Domenico

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Colonello Genio	" "	TORELLI	Gian Fernando
Ten.Col.Genio	" "	SPIGNO	Federico
Ten.Col.Genio	" "	D'ARIA	Francesco
Ten.Col.Genio	" "	PANVINI	Domenico

REQUISITION OFFICE

Ten.Col.Genio	" "	PAPPALARDO	G.Battista

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HQ INF DIV "MANTOVA"

Gen.di Brigata	s.p.e.	CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO	Alberto
Gen.di Brigata	" "	MONACCI	Ettore
Colonello Ftr.	" "	SALVI	Giorgio
Colonello Art.	" "	MARINI	Silvio
Colonello Art.	" "	CONTI	Federico
Colonello Ftr.	" "	BENZI	Camillo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	GUALANO	Antonio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	MELLANO	Pietro
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	SCURO	Aristide
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	DI PIETRANTONI	Emilio
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	ARACRI	Renato
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	BERARDO	Pietro
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	TORTA	Edoardo
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	DE LORENZO	Giovanni
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	SANTOMAURO	Arturo
Tem.Col.Art.	" "	CUGINI	Alessandro
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	CELEBRINI DI SAN MARTINO	Ramigio
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	PALANGE	Francesco
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	CARANFA	Angelo
Ten.Col.Art.	" "	PIZZOCARO	Camillo
Ten.Col.Ftr.	" "	APPIERTO	Adolfo

AIR FACTORY - AUDIT OFFICE

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(M M I A) ROME

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Recruits from the CAR having completed their basic training have now been posted to units solely within the Territorial Command. Great satisfaction with this decision has been expressed by all concerned. It is as yet too early to give details of the "settling in" process but from our knowledge of the recruits during their period at the CAR they should make excellent soldiers.

The present state of the re-organization of the Genio is fairly well represented by the following report on the two Coys attached to the Territorial Command.

2 Coy Sigs.

The present small number of men of the Signal Coy are

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employed at the Territorial Command HQ, GENOA.

The Coy is still awaiting completion of stores and reinforcements and for the construction of a training school-room.

Strengths are as follow:-

Offrs				NCOs				Men		
WE	Present	Def	WE	Present	Surplus	WE	Present	Def
4	2	2	9	19	10	113	37	76

Note:- It is reported that of the 10 surplus NCOs a number are still to be eparated.

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On 16 Nov the recruits at the CAR completed their training and on their departure to their units a programme was drawn up for the training of 9% Junior NCOs chosen from the recruits.

Weapon training and courses in tactics are also being held at the CAR for ex-POW Junior Offrs and for selected NCOs of the Comiliter.

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Generally, the close of the month finds the prices of foodstuffs still rising and with it unemployment and meanwhile the population wonders what the result of inflation will be; rather than subscribe to the "Prestito", those with money are investing in food, clothing and other tangible commodities.

(h) For some time past it has been known that all telephone calls to and from this office have been tapped. Recently P.S.S. informed us that calls are now being dicta-

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phoned. Strict security measures have been enforced on all ranks and such telephonic communications as we have with HQ in ROME will be, therefore, in certain cases, somewhat vague.

III. "A" POINTS

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Pioneers	—
Drivers	45%
Driver mechs	79%
Cooks	19%
Typists	57%
Blacksmiths	39%
Nursing orderlies	42%
Fitters	81%
DRs	41%
Masons	15%
Linesmen	26%
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Discipline throughout the [illegible] maintains its good standard. Political fever in connection with the adm elections seems to have had no effect on the tps.

During the month the following cases were submitted for trial, by mil tribunal:

Desertion	16 cases
Theft	6 "
Various	12 "

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Morale.

There is no improvement in the way of life of Offrs and senior NCOs. It must however be noted that in spite of the financial difficulties with which they are faced they are, for the most part, doing their job better than before.

Prices of essential commodities are soaring in LIGURIA; it is considered that even a fairly substantial increase of pay would only improve matters for a short time until the rising cost of living neutralized them again.

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Though SAPAM has only been functioning in this area for a short time it would seem, from preliminary enquiries, that it is only intended to wk in the immediate vicinity of GENOVA. If this is so it will mean that a very large percentage of 2 Corriliter tps will not enjoy the benefits. Further enquiries are being made.

Recruits Intakes.

Recruits from the second intake have been posted to frms and units in 2 Corriliter as follow:

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MANTOVA DIV.....	from	2 CAR	1315
	""	7 CAR	587
	""	1 CAR	221
2 Inf Regt & 2 Comiliter.....	""	2 CAR	794

During the recess before the next intake 2 CAR is holding cadre courses for NCOs and offrs from units within 2 Comiliter.

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IV. "Q"

Domestic

Transport

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Local maint.

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Clothing and Eqpt.(a)

The issue of the new type of khaki walking-out clothing has now practically been completed. All tps in GENOVA garrison have been sup.

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Wk in repairing accn generally is progressing fairly satisfactorily. A sup of window glass has recently been received which will help a great deal in making billets more habitable for the winter.

It is noticed with satisfaction that, throughout, a far greater importance is being placed on accn for wel, reading and writing rooms as well as canteens than was the custom previously in the It Army.

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Though the original allocation of pet for Nov was normal in qty a signal from War Ministry later cut this down

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by 50%. Again for Dec, though the allotment has been made for the usual qty, it is known that orders will be received that only one half will be made available. The Nov reduction has already made itself felt and it is anticipated that a reduction in Dec will cause serious difficulties.

Medical.

The general health conditions in 2 Corps Militor are good. The u/m cases of infectious diseases were treated during Nov:-

Parotid (epidemic)	1 case
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Appx " A "

No change.

Appx " B "

No change.

Appx " C " to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 4 Dec 46

AMENDMENT No. 2 to Appx "C" to 2 BLU G 6 dated 4 Oct 46

MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ

Insert:- Ten Col ftr spe SCRAGNI Antonio

HQ INF DIV " MANTOVA

Read as follow:

Gen di Bgt spe Tit S,G	CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO		Alberto
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Col ftr spe Tit S.C	SALV[illegible]		Giorgio
Col ftr spe	REN[illegible]		Camillo
Col art spe Tit S.G.	[illegible]ARTI[illegible]		Silvio
Ten Col ftr spe F.S.M.G.	[illegible]LANO		Antonio
Ten Col ftr spe Tit S.G.	[illegible]AMA		Ciro
Ten Col ftr spe T.S.G.	SCU[illegible]O		Aristide
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Ten Col art spe T.S.G.	DE LORENZO		Giovanni
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Ten Col art spe T.S.G.	CUGINI		Alessandro
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42nd INF REGT DEPOT

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WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

Insert:- Ten Col ftr riass. SESSA RUBINO Antonio

ARTY DIRECTORATE OF ALBENGA

Delete:- Ten Col art spe COLORETTI Carlo

2 DVR REGT DEPOT - BRA'

Delete:- Ten Col aut spe SCOGLIAFURNO Raffaele

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CUTTING FROM " L'UNITA' "
(COMMUNIST)
14 Nov 46

VISITA AL C.A.R. DI CUNEO.

CUNEO, 13.

Abbiamo trovato a CUNEO, l'altro ieri, aria di festa grossa, la Fiera di San Martino che ha fatto accorrere da tutte le vallate, da CEVA e MONDOVI' dai paesi ai piedi delle Alpi, i montanari venuti a contrattare sulla grossa piaaza centrale dal vitello al filo per cucire. E c'era tanta gente che quasi non si sentiva il freddo, un freddo pungente da cielo grigio che minaccia neve. E' stato qui', in questa cornice che e' avvenuto il primo incontro tra il C.A.R. (Centro Addestramento Reclute) ed i rappresentanti della stampa genovese e romana, vale a dire l'incontro tra il nuovo esercito Italiano, nuovo per forma e concezione, e il paese.

Significativo, sopratutto per noi, che questo incontro sia avvenuto qui' a CUNEO, la citta' che per prima vide la parte migliore dell'Esercito unirsi al popolo nelle tragiche giornate del settembre 1943, e salire su i monti; significativo perche' tra gli Ufficiali del C.A.R. abbiamo veduto Ufficiali, parte provenienti dai primi gruppi di combattimento creati nella zona di CASSINO e BENEVENTO dopo l'8 settembre, parte provenienti dai campi di prigionia tedeschi. Una continuita' quindi tra le forze che combatterono per la democrazia, e quello che stanno preparando il rinnovamento democratico del nostro paese.

Abbiamo potuto constatare nella laboriosa giornata trascorsa tra la truppa e gli Ufficiali, prima nella caserma del C.A.R. di CUNEO, poi nella caserma del 2ndo Btg. C.A.R. a SAN ROCCO, che molto in questo senso c' stato fatto. Parecchi di noi, che ricordavano le caserme vecchio stile, e gli Ufficiali assillati dalla tesi della stecca nella bustina, hanno potuto fare confronti.

Ci ha accolti il Colonello RONCO Comandante del Centro, il quale nella mattinata di martedi prima di iniziare la visita ha esposto quali sono le finalita' che si prefigge il C.A.R. e quali i metodi adottati in questi Centri. Il C.A.R. egli ha detto, e' nato in mezzo a difficolta' di ogni genere, di cui sopratutto bisogna tener presenti quelle di carattere morale, derivate dalla condotta disastrosa della guerra dal tradimento dei Capi, che avevano avvilito l'Esercito Italiano.

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A questi Centri affluiscono tutte le reclute le quali compiono un periodo di preparazione di tre mesi, al termine dei quali, secondo le capacita' dimostrate, vicne avviato alla propria specialita'. Questo corso ha l'innovazione di essere a tipo nazionale, ed elimina il periodo del cappellone, tanto poco ben visto dagli anziani, in quanto al C.A.R. tutti sono reclute.

A questo scopo e' stato necessario rivoluzionare quella che era la tecnica della caserma di un tempo, dando al soldato un'altra veste.

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E cosi ad esempio presso ogni reparto esiste una Commissione di tre soldati, scelti dalla truppa stessa, i quali hanno l'incarico della sorveglianza affinche' neanche un grammo dei generi alimentari destinati alla truppa prenda vie traverse. Quindicinalmente questa Commissione compila un rapporto il quale perviene alle superiori Autorita'. Nella sala convegno truppe, c'e' poi un registro dei desiderata, in cui ogni soldato puo' esprimere la sua critica, o la sua approvazione. Un'altro fatto nuovo nell'Esercito e' l'Ufficio benessere, il quale assiste il soldato dalla compilazione della lettera per l'analfabeta alla richiesta dei documenti per gli assegni famigliari.

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A. G. PARODI

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G dated 4 Dec 46

CUTTING FROM " IL NUOVO CITTADINO "
(CATHOLIC)
17 Nov 46

TUTTO E' QUESTIONE DI VOLONTA'.

CUNEO , novembre.

Non molti erano stati gli applausi quel giorno. Eppure, nel luminoso mattino genovese, attorno al Presidente della Repubblica, c'era tanto caldo entusiasmo, tanto sole, e folla e canti e bandiere; era la prima grossa "festa nazionale" dopo tanti anni oscuri e il cuore finalmente provava un poco di caldo. Invece quando davanti al Presidente che li guardava sorridente e commosso, erano passati i soldati, gli applausi avevano avuto poco eco. Qualche ragazzo, qualche signora; e forse avevano applaudito piu' allo sfilamento perfetto che non a cio' che significava il veder passare nuovamente, come una volta, tanti soldati italiani, senza stranieri davanti a loro in tribuna.

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Ma fuori delle rovine della caserma c'era qualcosa di peggio: c'erano lo scetticismo e la diffidenza con cui quei pionieri, che tali dovevansi considerare, furono accolti dalla gente che li circondava. Si trattava sopratutto di riconquistare il cuore di tanta gente per la quale soldato voleva dire razzie, sequestri, [illegible] e anche peggio.

Quel pugno di Ufficiali [illegible] dai corpi piu' diversi, dai paracadutisti e dagli alpini, dalla fanteria e dalla cavalleria e dalle truppe corazzate, seppe trovare la strada giusta. Essi avevano affinato nelle lunghe prigionie o nella guerra di Liberazione il loro amore alla Patria; e questo amore fece si che s'approcciassero sono la sola vera conquista - anche se la piu' difficile - con l'animo dei nuovi soldati.

E così accadde. Le reclute non [illegible]

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Una grande Mamma che dice a tutti i figliuoli, e' davvero tutto questione di volonta'. Se tutti vorranno, la pace ed il benessere ritorneranno fra noi. Purche' la si voglia con animo puro.

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Si parla molto di democrazia. In verita' non vi e' in Italia nessun organismo che sia piu' democratico dell'Esercito, poiche' e' il solo che divide con la Chiesa, che puo' fare di un pastore un Pontefice, la possibilita' di elevare il piu' oscuro dei cittadini al grado piu' alto. Il pubblico italiano fino a venti anni fa considerava l'Esercito come una casta chiusa e magari privilegiata. Esso non sa neanche oggi che in base alle atroci sperequazioni di cui sono fatti in Italia i "compensi" dello Stato, un Colonello guadagna come una dattilografa, e certo meno di un cameriere dei locali di lusso.....E se continua a svolgere il suo compito e' perche' lo sorregge un amore religioso del suo Paese e dei suoi soldati, perche' sente di essere necessario alla rinascita dell'Italia ferita e straziata dai colpi del destino.

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nell'addestramento dei "coscritti". Prima, essi erano dai Distretti avviati ai Presidi dove compivano la loro istruzione. E questa era per forze di cose, priva di uniformita', soggetta ai diversi criteri e alle diverse esperienze - talvolta giuste, talvolta errate - dei singoli Comandi. Oggi le reclute vengono avviate ai Centri Addestramento dove compiono un corso di qualche mese e ricevono, con assoluta uniformita', una completa istruzione secondo lo svolgimento metodico e armonioso di un programma tracciato dal Ministero della Guerra.

Esistono oggi in Italia undici Comandi Militari Territoriali, corrispondenti agli antichi Corpi d'Armata; ognuno di essi ha un CAR. Centro Addestramento Reclute. Quello di CUNEO - stabilito nella vecchia e fedelissima citta' piemontese perche' essa dispone di caserme sopravvissute alle stragi aeree - serve per le provincie di GENOVA, SPEZIA, IMPERIA, SAVONA e CUNEO e dipende da un prode soldato, il Generale Arnaldo FORGERO, Comandante il Secondo Comando Militare Territoriale a GENOVA.

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In tempo di pace, talvolta la forma uccideva la sostanza; la lettera feriva lo spirito. Oggi, non piu'. Ogni soldato e' seguito dal giorno che entra al CAR con la premura paterna con cui si segue un fanciullo; la sua formazione militare e morale segue di pari passo e gli insegna che nulla vi e' di piu' alto e di piu' sacro della Patria e della Nazione, inquadrato in quella piu' vasta famiglia umana che dovra' presto o tardi concordemente intimare l'"alt" a tutte le guerre.

Dalla fornitissima biblioteca posta a disposizione dei soldati, alle sale di ritrovo, dall'orchestrina al cinematografo, tutto cospira a rendere

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Assistiamo, prima di lasciare le caserme, ad uno schieramento del primo Battaglione, che agli ordini dei suoi Ufficiali sfila marziale ed impeccabile eseguendo una conversione veloce nel vasto cortile, davanti al Colonello RONCO irrigidito sull'attenti; la Banda del CAR, dinamica ed elettrizzante riempie della sua sonorita' questa mattina di novembre piemontese, fredda e serena.

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Lasciamo il CAR con un senso di nostalgia, e perche' no? di commozione. Ci sembra in quarantotto ore essere diventati "cittadini".

Stringiamo la mano di questi Ufficiali. In un epoca nella quale troppi Generali dopo avere perduto la guerra sentono il bisogno di raccontare perche' e' stata perduta, vi sono ancora se Dio vuole, schiere di uomini che non si addentrano nei reticolati del pettegolezzo e della fazione e riprendono, fieramente e modestamente, la loro missione di educatori e di capi, preparando le leve di un esercito di una Nazione che e' decisa a vincere la piu' difficile di tutte le battaglie: quella della Pace.

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VICINO ALLE MONTAGNE C'E' UNA PICCOLA CITTA'.
SI CHIAMA CAR E I SUOI ABITANTI PORTANO TUTTI UNA DIVISA.

CUNEO, 13 Novembre.

COL di NAVA e PASSO di CADIBONA. Due grossi mostri di terra e di roccia; l'uno profumato di lavanda, l'altro magnifico nei suoi "orridi" nebbiosi non virto dai rivoli fragorosi. Li abbiamo attraversati questa volta senza muli recalcitranti e senza piume sul cappello, per andare a scovare nel remoto angolino di un grande prato, di una infinita distesa verde, una piccola citta', una citta' che non troverete mai perche' non e' segnata su nessuna carta geografica e della quale tuttavia ci avevano tanto parlato. Una cittadina di otto o dieci casette, tutte ad un piano con tanti fiori sui balconi ed alle entrate. Una piccola citta' con tanti abitanti, tutti giovani e belli e tutti in divisa. Si chiama CAR. L'abbiamo trovata e siamo [illegible] giorni, ridiventati "bocia". Volevamo entrarvi inosservati, ma come potevamo? Non tutti hanno una divisa, ed i nostri abiti borghesi, ci segnalavano subito come stranieri. Ci sentivamo goffi in quella foggia dinanzi agli sguardi interrogativi degli indigeni di CAR. Ci sentivamo goffi e..."bocia". "Bocia", e "Burba" come gli stessi abitanti.E' infatti il CAR, il Centro Addestramento Reclute, che il nuovo Stato Maggiore, rinnovato e progredito nelle idee, ha voluto creare per la ricostruzione.

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Abbiamo visti i "lager" tedeschi. Abbiamo vissuto in caserme svizzere assieme ai militari elvetici. Il CAR e' la perfetta risultante dello

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due diverse tecniche.

Nulla manca, per il benessere del soldato in questa piccola citta'. C'e' un teatrino, un cinematografo, palestre e campi per ogni sport. Non manca il caffe ed un elegantissimo barbiere.

Cosi' per la sanita' del corpo, un completo ospedaletto ha trovato posto nella cittadina dei militari accompagnato da un perfetto gabinetto dentistico.

Nessun particolare e' stato dimenticato.

E' stata creata anche una scuola. Una piccola scuola per analfabeti. La contessina M. e il cappellano sono i maestri. Una quarantina gli scolari. Hanno in otto settimane imparato a leggere e a scrivere. Tra qualche settimana prima di raggiungere, ormai perfezionati, i reggimenti, sapranno anche a far di conto.

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Innumerevoli sono le cose in cui questi giovani ventenni sono riusciti. La piu' grande: pensare alla Patria senza colore di parte. E' questa certamente la piu' nobile e la piu' bella. Domani allorche' torneranno a casa, riprenderanno le opinioni politiche. Oggi no, l'oasi del CAR, nonostante da fuori cerchino d'introdursi voci invitanti alla diserzione, ha resistito ed ha vinto. Non sono piu' le divise grigio verdi che camminano per le stradine del CAR. No. Non sono piu' le vecchie divise dei fantaccini d'Italia, che combatterono sul Pia-

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ve, sul GRAPPA, all'AMB. ARADAM. Sono divise d'oltre mare e d'oltre Patria. E anche le armi sono d'oltre oceano. Ma il cuore e lo spirito non sono cambiati.

Il CAR costruira' le nuove "burbe" di fanteria e i nuovi "giuvi" alpini, dal CAR nascera' il nuovo esercito democratico.

Questo abbiamo visto nella nostra visita, questo abbiamo vissuto in quella cara piccola citta' tra le Alpi, in quella cittadina dove un alpino, forse un poco seccato dai nostri abiti borghesi e dalla nostra grande curiosita' ha chiesto rivolgendosi ad un superiore: Sciur tenente, quand ch'i van via i "giurnalai"....?

Siamo venuti via. Con un po' di nostalgia e con un po' di felicita'. Nostalgia di una giovinezza perduta invano in una qualsiasi prima linea di una qualunque trincea, mentre attorno scomparivano i compagni piu' cari, e felicita' ritrovata per aver rivisti i tanti, gli alpini, gli avieri ed in essi quel coraggio e quella grande fede nell'Italia che avevamo noi, in quei giorni, in cui la dura voce di un caporale ci assegnava un posto in un diroccato "castello", in quei giorni nei quali non era ancora costume essere salutati dalla dolce voce della contessina M.

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LA PARATA MILITARE.

Sulla scalea una gran folla gli tributa un vivo applauso; prima di uscire va a rendere omaggio al Campo dei Partigiani caduti e poi lascia STAGLIENO. Sono ormai le 10,40 ed e' l'ora della rivista militare, in Piazza della Vittoria.

Puntualmente la sfilata comincia alle 10,55; DE NICOLA che e' attorniato dall'On. CAPPA e dai Ministri e che ha ricevuto al suo arrivo il saluto del Vicario Generale Mons. REVERDINI, assiste attento al passaggio delle truppe e delle altre rappresentanze, rispondendo ai saluti con inchini del capo, chiedendo sovente particolari al Generale FORGERO, che gli e' accanto. Sfilano - ammirati dal Presidente - i Vigili Urbani, reparti di Marina, Aviazione, Polizia, Carabinieri, Finanza, Esercito: sono le truppe del 2.o Centro Addestramento Reclute di CUNEO e la gloriosa Divisione MANTOVA.

Tra un reggimento e l'altro, sfilano tra grandi applausi, i partigiani e i sapisti. Chiudono la sfilata i Vigili del Fuoco.

Quasi un'ora e' durato il passaggio dei reparti, che hanno dato una magnifica impressione di addestramento e di preparazione; il Capo dello Stato si compiace vivamente col Generale FORGERO e con l'ammiraglio MAUGERI, poi prima di lasciare la tribuna, scambia sorridendo alcune parole col Vicario Mons. REVERDINI.

E' mezzogiorno; la folla e le associazioni, schierate lungo la via XX Settembre, attendono di vedere il loro Presidente: la strada e' tutto uno sventolio di bandiere tricolori e rosse; qualche volta il rosso sommerge gli altri due colori.

E DE NICOLA passa, tra un uragano di acclamazioni; saluta con ampi gesti della mano e agitando il cappello. E' felice il buon Presidente, dell'affetto spontaneo che sente nelle grida e negli applausi.

A De-Ferrari, cerimonia dello scoprimento della lapide commemorativa delle eroiche giornate della liberazione; cade il drappo che copre l'epigrafe, scoppia un grande applauso. La folla circonda quasi il Presidente che sorride commosso. Qualcuno gli avova forse detto che i genovesi sono gente insensibile.

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Mentre il corteo presidenziale si dirige rapido in Prefettura, via XX Settembre e De-Ferrari, diventano un mare di folla, con grande disperazione di quella parte di corteo che era rimasta attardata in Piazza della

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niato dall'On. CAPPA e dai Ministri e che ha ricevuto al suo arrivo il saluto dal Vicario Generale Mons. REVERDINI, assiste attento al passaggio delle truppe e delle altre rappresentanze, rispondendo ai saluti con inchini del capo, chiedendo sovente particolari al Generale FORGERO, che gli e' accanto. Sfilano - ammirati dal Presidente - i Vigili Urbani, reparti di Marina, Aviazione, Polizia, Carabinieri, Finanza, Esercito: sono le truppe del 2.o Centro Addestramento Reclute di CUNEO e la gloriosa Divisione MANTOVA.

Tra un reggimento e l'altro, sfilano tra grandi applausi, i partigiani e i sapisti. Chiudono la sfilata i Vigili del Fuoco.

Quasi un'ora e' durato il passaggio dei reparti, che hanno dato una magnifica impressione di addestramento e di preparazione; il Capo dello Stato si compiace vivamente col Generale FORGERO e con l'ammiraglio MAUGERI, poi prima di lasciare la tribuna, scambia sorridendo alcune parole col Vicario Mons. REVERDINI.

E' mezzogiorno; la folla e le associazioni, schierate lungo la via XX Settembre, attendono di vedere il loro Presidente: la strada e' tutto uno sventolio di bandiere tricolori e rosse; qualche volta il rosso sommerge gli altri due colori.

E DE NICOLA passa, tra un uragano di acclamazioni; saluta con ampi gesti della mano e agitando il cappello. E' felice il buon Presidente, dell'affetto spontaneo che sente nelle grida e negli applausi.

A De-Ferrari, cerimonia dello scoprimento della lapide commemorativa delle eroiche giornate della liberazione; cade il drappo che copre l'epigrafe, scoppia un grande applauso. La folla circonda quasi il Presidente che sorride commosso. Qualcuno gli aveva forse detto che i genovesi sono gente insensibile.

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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (SACMA), Rome (4)

HQ 1 BLU

I. GENERAL

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Various Regtl courses for specialists were begun on 25 Aug and especially good results are reported from Dvr Courses carried out at 104 Mob Pk amongst recruits from Div Service Units.

(i) CMR

The flow of recruits commencing on 5th Aug has not yet terminated, small groups of 3-4 men still reporting daily. Total number reported to date (1 Sep) is 3979. Of this number, 350 requiring special medical examination and report were sent to Hospital at SAVIGLIANO and CUNEO. Of these 50% have returned to their units marked fit for duty.

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212 men out of the 3979 were initiated and arrangements are in hand to open a school where they can obtain the rudiments of education.

Moral-disciplinary tone is higher than that of previous intake.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Politically this has been a very quite month in the GE/GA area and interest in international and national affairs has been subservient to the call of the sea and beaches. This being so it is difficult to assess the political tendencies of the masses, though it would appears that the Communist Party continues to lose ground. Ascertainable activity has been confined to local Communist Party campaigns to encourage agitations affecting public services and industrial economy and the effects of these are expected to materialize after the summer holidays.

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Other 'G' Points

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Major NE THRUPP departed for Hospital in BOLOGNA Aug 26th.

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Major HARVEY, DADMS MIL, visited GRIQA on 21st and inspected Direzione di Sanita'.

Lt-Col A GORDON, G-I 12 BLU, visited GRIQA on 27/28 Aug and accompanied by G-II 2 BLU visited HQ MANTOVA Div and Regtl HQ 76 Regt.

Major HE THRUPP attended MMIA conference at RGHE on 8/9 Aug.

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Cooks	44%
Typists	58%
Blacksmiths	90%
Bakers	-
Nursing orderlies	44%
Fitters	79%
DRs	46%
Masons	64%
Linesmen	36%
Sappers	16%

Discipline

Good and tending to improve. Highly satisfactory standards amongst new arrivals at C.R.

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Desertion..... 35 cases
Other cases ..... 14 "

Pay

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Morale

Considering all the difficulties, economic and political, morale is surprisingly high. Vagarous ideological diatribes seem on the decrease. Nerves seem a trifle on edge over Peace conference but more common sense is apparent.

Public Relations

Cooks	60
Typists	44
Blacksmiths	58
Bakers	90
Nursing orderlies	-
Fitters	42
Dhs	79
Masons	46
Linesmen	64
Sappers	36
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Discipline

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Public Relations

Few visible results of efforts although there is a definite awakening of realization of needs in this direction. Contact has been made with Br Consular M.O.I. Representative and newspapers are being forcibly fed with propaganda.

IV. 'Q' POINTS

DOMESTIC

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MT

MERCEDES has now been allotted WD NO. C.E/M 5934897. Duly reported to HQ MMIA on 26 Aug.

Accn

The only Transit Accn in GENOA is now in civilian Hotels though these are not always willing to accept Br Army visitors. Rations must be brought by visiting officers for themselves and drivers as food prices continue to mount.

If accn is obtained at local Hotels, expenses can be reclaimed as "Subsistence Allowances" through officers own unit on his return.

Maint of BLU

War Ministry has instructed Comiliter to supply us with rations on demand and on repayment but further details have been requested by Comiliter from Ministry of War as to exact procedure. These are still awaited.

The Comiliter has been agreably helpful regarding MT repairs and Engr services where necessary. The new MT pro-forma received from HQ MMIA will be taken into use forthwith.

ITALIAN

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Boots, too, continue to give cause for gravest concern and cases have come to light of active trg being discontinued owing to lack of boots.

An investigation of the situation is being carried out between reps of this BLU and Commissariato.

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Medical

The following percentages of over-all str were admitted to hosp during Aug 46 :-

To mil hosps 1.08%
" civ " 0.51%

The following infections cases are reported for the month :-

Typhus fever.....	1 case
TBC (Pulmonary).....	1 "
Measles.....	1 "
Epidemical parotid.....	2 cases
Syphillis.....	2 "
Gonorrhoea.....	6 "
Scabies.....	3 "

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Appx 'A' to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 4 Sep 46.

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt	Remarks
120663	BERNE, A.K.E.	T/Major	Devons	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Major	S.Staffords	DAAG(M.G.	Sick in hosp (BOLOGNA)

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Appx 'B' to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 4 Sep 46.

AMENDMENT No. 4 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU G 6 DATED 5 MAY 46.

MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ

Delete :-	Ten.Col.Ftr spe	DE ROSSEN	Mario
Insert :-	Ten.Col.Ftr spe	GUIDI	Annibale
	Ten.Col.Art spe Tit.SG	CANEONI	Giulio

HQ MANTOVA DIV

Delete :-	Ten.Col. Ftr spe	BATTAGLINI	Sante
	Ten.Col. Ftr spe	GAETA	Ciro

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

Delete :-	Te.Col.Amm. spe	FARRIS	Alfredo

TRANSIT CAMP GENOA

Delete :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	MINETTI	Alberto

MILITARY DISTRICT GENOA

Delete :-	Colonello ftr spe	BOVI	Angelo
Insert :-	Colonello art spe	SIENA	Vittorio

42 INF REGT DEPOT

Insert :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	ROSANO	Francesco

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5 Aug 45.

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HQ 1 BLU

II. 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

(b) Italian

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CCRR

Normal routine wk has been carried out. The more arduous forms of training taking place in the morning; organized bathing parties in the heat of the afternoon. Visits by G-II and DAA&QMG to Inf Regts during the month revealed no signs of slackness or ill discipline, in fact signs were evident everywhere of organized and efficient activity.

TRAINING

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The new call up will report direct from their homes to the CAR between 5th and 15th Aug.

(ii) Other tps

Normal routine trg was carried out during the first fortnight of Jul. Subsequently trg had largely to be abandoned owing to the large numbers of trg instructors that had to be detailed as escort accompanying recruits from 2 CAR and other trg cats to their new units.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) A distinct hardening of public opinion against Britain and USA has been evident since the publication of the Peace Terms relating to Venezia Giulia and the N.W. Frontier. No disturbance or demonstrations of any kind have occured in Genoa, nor here there been reports of any hostile acts against Allied personnel. Nevertheless a frigid air is noticeable amongst the people in the streets and shops towards men in Allied uniform.

(b) There is a distinct slackning of activity amongst the wall painting gentry and, in fact, most Hammer & Sickle emblems are badly in need of a fresh coat of paint. Red flags and other Communist emblems are seldom seen in the city and suburbs and, whilst there is as yet no direct evidence, one gains a firm impression of the awakening of a Nationalistic spirit and the weakning of petty party politics.

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III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Deficiencies

The WE of this HQ is now complete with the exception of the Try Maj; the actual present str is, however, another matter. GSO II left for UK on PRIVILEGE on 25 Jul but hopes to return by 14 Aug, the dvr-batman (also on PRIVILEGE) has not yet returned, the cpl clerk is on LLLOP and may not return to this HQ. A cpl clerk has been looped by 1 BLU but it is believed that they will soon need him back.

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The DR has now returned from his course and a pte clerk has been posted and TOS.

Visits

During Jul visits were paid to this HQ by ADME and ILO, MEL. DAAQMG attended a Court of Inquiry at HQ 7 ELU on 24 and 25 Jul.

ITALIAN

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Blacksmiths	70%
Bakers	[illegible]
Nursing orderlies	63%
Fitters	89%
DRs	58%
Masons	69%
Linesmen	35%
Sappers	-

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Discipline, to judge by the number and types of cases submitted to mil tribunal for trial, is unchanged. No cases of indiscipline resulting from information at the Peace Treaty Terms have either been reported or noted.

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Morale

Morale on the whole seems to be good. As stated above under INTELLIGENCE, offrs are most upset about the decisions arrived at by the Four Power Conference regarding Trieste and, to a lesser extent, the frontier with FRANCE. A series of visits by this HQ offrs was carried out just after the decisions were announced in order to sound general opinion on the matter. From these talks and by the rather stereotyped

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arguments put up one gained the impression that the It offrs' attitude was being governed by a control policy especially during pre-announced visits to units. Where snap visits were made the attitude was still as cordial as before.

In the last fortnight, however, there has been a noticeable improvement in the attitude of It offrs. ORs have seemed remarkably little affected.

PR

A full-dress parade was recently held at SUSA barracks at which the Medaglia d'Oro was conferred upon the mother of a Genoese partisan executed by the Germans. The medal was presented by On. MARTINO, the Under Secretary of State for War. All military bodies were rep and invitations had been issued to numerous civ ours. Most of the latter failed to attend and the press write-up next day was very poor, only one newspaper making any ref to the ceremony. Cuts showing the successes gained by other Territorial Comds in these matters were shown to the GCO and suggestions were made for overcoming this passivity. It must be noted that a lot of wk will be necessary in this region before really friendly relations can be achieved between the local population and the mil. Genoese are sometimes called the "Scotchmen of Italy" and it requires more to break down their reserve than it would most other Italians.

IV. 'G' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Transport

On 12 Jul a veh was issued in replacement of LANCIA 564,314. The replacement, which suffers from numerous mechanical defects as well as possessing no serviceable tyres should shortly be on the rd.

Accn

Domestic accn of this unit is good. There now remains the problem, which will be discussed by the [redacted] in ROME, of accn for visiting offrs.

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General

The future maint of this unit is still under discussion. This matter too will be raised at the MMA Conference.

ITALIAN

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A full-dress parade was recently held at SUDLA barracks at which the Medaglia d'Oro was conferred upon the mother of a Genoese partisan executed by the Germans. The medal was presented by On. MINNO, the Under Secretary of State for War. All military bodies were rep and invitations had been issued to numerous civ orgs. Most of the latter failed to attend and the press write-up next day was very poor, only one newspaper giving any ref to the ceremony. Cuts showing the successes gained by other Territorial Comds in these matters were shown to the GOC and suggestions were made for overcoming this passivity. It must be noted that a lot of wk will be necessary in this region before really friendly relations can be achieved between the local population and the mil. Genoese are sometimes called the "Scotchmen of Italy" and it requires more to break down their reserve than it would most other Italians.

IV. 'G' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Transport

On 12 Jul a veh was issued in replacement of LANCIA 564314. The replacement, which suffers from numerous mechanical defects as well as possessing no serviceable tyres should shortly be on the rd.

Accn

Domestic accn of this unit is good. There now remains the problem, which will be discussed by the MMACMC in ROME, of accn for visiting offrs.

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General

The future mint of this unit is still under discussion. This matter too will be raised at the MMA Conference.

ITALIAN

Transport (a)

Good wk has been done by both inf regt cards of MANTOVA Div in bringing their MT to a high standard. All vehs have been mechanically reconditioned and painted, new tarpaulins have been manufactured and good civ-type headlamp eqpt has been fitted to all vehs. 76 Inf Regt has started a battery wksp where u/s batteries are collected, broken down and rebuilt with satisfactory results. Efforts have been made to retread (by civ contract) the smaller sizes of MD tyres.

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REME

As will be seen from the above man power deficiencies table there is a very serious shortage of specialist, technical and dvr personnel owing to the recent demobilization. It is feared that it will be very difficult to keep up a satisfactory standard with the young and largely inexperienced recruits received in lieu.

Clothing and Kit (a)

Leather, for the repair of boots, is at present not available in sufficient qtys to meet requirements.

Arms and Amn (a)

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2 Bn's 300 yd range is not yet complete, nevertheless it is hoped to get through 22 out of 29 firing practices during the next course.

The Demonstration Pl has given very good results. It will, however, take at least a month to train a new pl to a satisfactory standard for the second course.

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Good value was obtained from the PT programme. Numerous matches and competitions were org against local civ clubs. Offrs and NCOs now have their own fencing gymnasium.

Instructors

There is still a deficiency in numbers of junior offrs as well as a fair number not considered suitable for their job. It is hoped to improve matters for the second course.

Eighty of the best recruits from the first course are now receiving intensive trg in order to become junior NCO instructors in the second.

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GENOVA

Major,
G-II.

AMSG/MSR/go

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G 6 dated 5 Aug 46.

LOCATION STATEMENT

AMENDMENT No. 3 TO APPX 'A' TO 2 BLU G 6 DATED 3 MAY 46

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2 Bn - Amend to Read : Alba 0 2866

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Appx 'B' to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 5 Aug 46.

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt	Remarks
120663	BYRNE, A.K.E.	T/Major	Devons	GSO II	On 19 days PRIVILEVE as from 25 Jul 46.
67395	TRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Major	S.Staffords	DA/AQMG	

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G 6 dated 5 Aug 46.

AMENDMENT No. 3 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU G 6 DATED 3 MAY 46.

HQ MANTOVA DIV

Delete :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	SENTIERI	Mario

MILITARY DISTRICT OF GENOA

Insert :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	FUSCO	Salvatore
		CRATTAROLA	Giuseppe
		GAIONE	Luigi

MILITARY DISTRICT OF SAVONA

Delete :-	To.Col. ftr spe	GANDOLFI	Alberto

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Delete :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	SOLDANO	Vincenzo
Insert :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	ROSATTI	Giovanni

43 INF REGT DEPOT

Insert :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	CASABUCI	Walter

ARTT DIRECTORATE ALBENGA

Insert :-	Colonel art spe	ROMANELLI	Guglielmo

After Requisitioning Office insert:-

2ND DVR REGT DEPOT - BRA'

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 12.

2 [illegible] Medium Regt
Mul: 5075 (Genoa)
G.6
7 Jul 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMLA), Zone (4)

HQ 1 BLU

IL 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic BIU

Nothing to report

(b) Nothing to report

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC.RR.

Normal routine has been resumed with the return of troops to their barracks after dispersal for duty during the elections.

(b) CC.RR.

All sub units have returned to barracks and are employed in normal duties less the following :-

Genoa Bn at present at Modena
with 1 Coy at Piacenza
1 Coy at Parma

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These coys are engaged in preserving Public Order. Due to very large number of unemployed in these towns disturbances of a minor nature are frequent.

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H.Q.G. POINTS

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(i) Training at CAR and within the Division was interrupted for two weeks owing to the movement of troops during the Election period and consequent duties. It was resumed satisfactorily but to cover the loss of training time the stay of recruits at the CAR has been prolonged from 22nd June to 6th July.

(ii) Normal Unit training.

(b) CC.RR.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) During the month a complete lack of interest and enthusiasm was displayed in International affairs. This is probably due to reaction after the excitements of the Elections.

The only incident of note was the embarkation of about 1,400 Jews in the S.S. Beerharmais during the night 19th June. They had arrived in a number of Army type lorries and trailers, which were in the charge of a Jewish Sergeant and several ORs and had come from Milan area. They embarked without any incident, but later the ship was boarded by Police and Harbour Authorities who attempted to impound the ship and its passengers This was unsuccessful presumably because the Ships papers proved her to be of Panama origin and despite a close watch, the Beerharmais cut her cable and departed at high speed for an unknown destination at 0900 hrs the following morning. Later reports show that the ship was eventually stopped at Haifa by a Br Destroyer.

(b) Nothing to report.

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Leave and WE

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Visits

Maj MORECAMBE, MMLA visited the unit on 23/24/25 Jun. DA/QMG visited 7 BLU on 10/11/12 Jun.

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ITALIAN

Deficiencies.

Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under comd
Telephone mechanics	6%
Armourers & armourer mech	36%
Pioneers (Eng)	15%
Drivers	10%
Driver mechanics	35%
Cooks	13%
Typists	19%
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Sappers	-

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IV. 'Q' POINTS

DOMESTIC

MT

As already reported to you, LANCIA M. 5643114 on charge to this

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HQ was stolen from a mil lock-up garage in FLORENCE on 10 Jun. On 24 Jun 227 CMP Coy, BOLOGNA reported that they had found the veh in a civ garage at RIMINI. The veh had been stolen by a Brit Army deserter (whom the CMP arrested) sold to an It civ for 150,000 Lire and was in the process of being modified when found. The It receiver was also arrested.

Whilst the CMP were removing the veh to BOLOGNA it caught fire and burned out.

A BIR cert is being fwd to this HQ by REME Wksps at BOLOGNA upon presentation of which HQ 59 Sub Area will issue a captured Ger veh in replacement, from MILAN.

The veh allowed on WE for a Brig Maj has been drawn from CASARSA Veh Pk.

ITALIAN

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Sups

On 15 Jun 250 Kgs of sacked sugar were stolen from M.R.BOFFO barracks.

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Medical

Admissions to hosp remain constant with the following percentages of overall str :-

To Civ hosps	0.71%
" Mil. "	1.52%

During Jun the following infections diseases were reported:-

Parotitis (?)	2 (It. Parotite)	cases
Measles	4	"
Syphillis	4	"
Venereal Ulcer	2	"
Gonorrhoea	11	"
Scabies	9	"

GENOVA.

AMMB/HAR/cc

G. K. Mann
Major,
G-III.

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Measles	4	"
Syphillis	4	"
Venereal Ulcer	2	"
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Major,
G-II.

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AHB/HHE/ic

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Appx 'A' to 2 BLU G 6
dated 5 Jul 46.

LOCATION STATEMENT

AMENDMENT No. 2 TO APPX 'A' TO 2 BLU G 6 DATED 3 MAY 46

76 INF REGT

3 Bn - Amend to Read : NERVI P 0425

155 ARTY REGT
IV Group- Insert : IMPERIA T 2195

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dated 5 Jul 46.

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

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120663	BYRNE, A.K.E.	T/Maj	Devons	GSO II
67395	[redacted]RUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S. Staffords	[redacted]

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Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt
120663	BYRNE, A.K.E.	T/Maj	Devons	GSO III
67395	HIRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAAG(PW)

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Appx: 'C' to 2 BLU C 6
dated 5 Jul 46.

AMENDMENT No. 2 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU C 6 DATED 3 MAY 46.

MILITARY TRIBUNAL HQ GENOA

Insert :- Ten.Col.ftr spe - Tit. S.G. PEDERZOLLI Bruno
" " " " - DE ROSSI Mario

MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

Insert :- Ten.Col. medico spe SCLERI Giovanni

MILITARY HOSPITAL OF GENOA

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe SCLERI Giovanni
" " " " ADAMI Felice

MILITARY HOSPITAL SAVIGLIANO

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe CENTILI SPINOLA Alessandro

DIVISIONAL DI COMMISSARIATO

Delete:- Ten.Col. commissario spe RIZZI Alfredo

MILITARY DISTRICT OF GENOA

Delete:- Ten.Col. ftr spe SARTORI Carlo

2 LOC REGT

Insert :- Ten.Col. ftr spe SARTORI Carlo

WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe BASSI Ugo
" " " " TORRAZZA Paolo
Insert :- Ten.Col. medico spe ADAMI Felice

POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

Insert :- Ten.Col. art spe D'ACQUARONE Mario

2 CAPTURE ENQUIRY BOARD

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MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

Insert :- Ten.Col. medico spe — SOLERI — Giovanni

MILITARY HOSPITAL DI GENOA

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe — SOLERI — Giovanni
" " " " — ADAMI — Felice

MILITARY HOSPITAL SAVIGLIANO

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe — CERTILLI SPINOLA — Alessandro

DIRETTORE DI COMMISSARIATO

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POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

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A.C.R.S. MEDICAL BOARD

Delete all reference

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 11

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G 6

5 Jun 46.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome (1)
HQ 1 BLU

II. 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic BLU

No change

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(a) Army less CC.RR.

In compliance with instructions received from SHAPE Territorial HQ are supplying 3280 men for the electoral period, these are distributed as follows :-

Province of CUNEO	:	1300 men
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" " FLORENCE	:	950 "
" " MILAN	:	750 "
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(b) CC.RR.

The sudden move from this area of the Mobile Bn CC.RR. was

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

TRAINING

(a) Army less CC.RR.

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

(ii) Normal Unit trg.

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III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

WE

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

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Fitters	9%
DRs	14%
Masons	17%
Linesmen	-
Sappers	-

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Other Crimes	28	"

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Morale

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

Mantova Div and, until recently, the CCRR Mob Bn have been holding a series of "flag-showing" parades in and around GENOVA. The high standard of turn-out and convoy discipline of MANTOVA Div as well as the meteoric speeds achived by the CCRR contingents' vehs appear to have impressed the public and will certainly have had a beneficial effect on the morale of the tps themselves.

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IV. 'Q' POINTS

DOMESTIC

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LANCIA M 5643114 having just come out of wksps is now back again owing to faulty reassembling of the CHC. The necessary parts are available in GENOVA and it is hoped that 2 Comando Militare Territoriale will foot the bill.

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Accn

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General

Authy has been requested from 8 Base Comd Paymaster to open an Imprest account. It is hoped that this will shortly be received as 37 Town Major, upon whom this HQ has up to now depended, will close on 1 Jul.

ITALIAN

Ord

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V. CAR

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Major,
G-II.

GENOVA

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Appx 'A' to 2 BLU G 6
dated 5 Jun 46.

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1 and 2 Bn : Amend to read :- Genoa P. 0147

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dated 5 Jun 46

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	appt
219902	DUFFY, F.P.	T/Maj	D.L.I.	GSO II
67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG

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Appx 'C' to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 5 Jun 46

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU G/6 DATED 3 MAY 46.

HQ INF DIV MANTOVA

Delete :- Generale di Brigata in spe — BOLOGNA Guido
Insert :- " " " " " — CORDERO di MONTEZEMOLO Alberto

Ten.Col. art.spe — BERARDO Piero
ARACRI Renato

MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

Delete :- Ten.Col. medico spe — DE BERNARDO Francesco

MILITARY HOSPITAL GENOA

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MILITARY DISTRICT MONDOVI'

Delete :- Ten.Col. ftr.spe — SAVIGLIANO Andrea

42 INF REGT DEPOT

Insert :- Ten.Col. ftr.spe — BARTOLOMASI Corrado

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SUBJECT : Officers Arms

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMLA)

G/6

9 May 46

TO : 2 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref your Progress Report No. G/6 dated 3 May para (iv) Arms and Amn.

This HQ informed the Ministry of War on 21 Feb, in response to a query by them, that any question of Officers carrying personal arms when not on duty with troops was purely one for the ITALIAN authorities and was no concern of MMIA or the ALLIES .

for Major General,
M. M. I . A.

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 10

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G 6

3 May 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Com AC (MMIA), Rome (4)
HQ 1 BLU

II. 'G' POINTS

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

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

INTELLIGENCE

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

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

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

(-) N.T.R.

III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

General

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

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Discipline

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Discipline amongst the troops, during the anniversary of liberation day and the further Fiesta of Labour Day, was good, no disturbances were reported. CCRR patrols were active and satisfactory.

Morale

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

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

IV. '9' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Transport

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Italian.

(a) A serious shortage of tubes and tyres for Jeeps, Utilities and M/Cs is constantly reported by Inf Div Mantova. Ord 1 BLU are dealing with the matter.

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(a) A serious shortage of tubes and tyres for Jeeps, Utilities and M/Cs is constantly reported by Inf Div Mantova. Ord 1 BLU are dealing with the matter.

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(b) CC.RR Legion have received 11 Jeeps one of which is for the Mobile Bn. No disposal instructions have yet been received in respect of the 10 Humbers which have been replaced by 12 Staghounds. No ammn is available yet for the latter but it is expected shortly.

REME

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

RACC

NTR.

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Clothing - Kent

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

Arms & Ammn

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

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

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Venereal Ulcer	-	5
Gonorrhoea	-	25
Scabies	-	11

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dated 2 May 46

LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 2 BLU	Genoa	C 971478
No. 2 Territorial HQ	Genoa	O 964487
Artillery HQ	Genoa	O 980470
Artillery Directorate	Albenga	O 3812
Medical Directorate	Genoa	O 964487
128 Territorial Military Hosp	Genoa	P 007465
HQ Engr	Genoa	O 973478
Districts		
16 Military District	Genoa	O 978476
40 Military District	Cuneo	N 8654
71 Military District	Savona	O 6039
79 Military District	Mondovi	O 0952
2 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Genoa	O 996471
1 Bn	Bolzaneto	O 9555
2 Bn	Genoa	O 972476
3 Bn	Cuneo	N 8654
Inf Div Mantova		
Div HQ	Varazze	O 6844
76 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Savona	O 5838
1 Bn	Savona	O 5838
2 Bn	Imperia	T 2095
3 Bn	Genoa	O 9548
114 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Chiavari	P 2837
1 Bn	Chiavari	P 2837
2 Bn	Sampierdarena	O 9448
3 Bn	Saluzzo	N 8483
104 Engr Bn HQ	Albissola Marina	O 6342
CC.RR.		

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Artillery Directorate	Albenga	0 3812
Medical Directorate	Genoa	0 964487
128 Territorial Military Hosp	Genoa	P 007465
HQ Engr	Genoa	0 973478
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1 Bn	Savona	0 5838
2 Bn	Imperia	P 2095
3 Bn	Genoa	0 9548
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1 Bn	Chiavari	P 2837
2 Bn	Sampierdarena	0 9448
3 Bn	Saluzzo	N 8483
104 Engr Bn HQ	Albissola Marina	0 6342
CC.RR.		
Mobile Bn CC.RR.	Genoa	P 011469
Legione CC.RR.	Genoa	0 977489

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dated 3 May 46

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt	Remarks
219902	DUFFY, F.P.	T/Maj	D.L.I.	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG	Hosp

Appx 'C' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated 3 May 46.

Staff List of all Italian Offrs of the rank of Lt Col and above within 2 Territorial area

MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ GENOA

-	Generale di C.A. in spe	FORGIERO	Arnaldo
-	" " Brigata in spe	MAGLIANO	Emilio
-	" " " "	MARTINENGO	Enrico
-	Col. art.spe funz.S.M.	CHIAVARINO	Guido
-	Ten.Col.art.spe funs.S.M.	MICHELOTTI	Domenico
-	" " ftr.spe tit.S.C.	MONTESORO	Alberto
-	" " art.spe " " "	MORLOC	Giuseppe
-	" " art.spe " " "	POMIANO	Umberto
-	" " ftr.spe " " "	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
-	" " ftr.spe " " "	VERCESI	Antonio
-	" " art.spe	BETTAGLIO	Giglio
-	" " ftr.spe	CORNELLI	Guido
-	" " ftr.spe	PARCLA	Mario
-	" " ftr.spe	SCALA	Giuseppe

HQ INF DIV "MANTOVA"

-	Generale di Brigata in spe	BOLOGNA	Guido
-	" " " "	MONACCI	Ettore
-	Col. ftr.spe	SALVI	Giorgio
-	" ftr.spe	RENZI	Camillo
-	" art.spe	MARINI	Silvio
-	Ten.Col. ftr.spe	GULLANO	Antonio
-	" " ftr.spe	BATTAGLINI	Sante
-	" " ftr.spe	SENTIERI	Mario
-	" " ftr.spe	CELLERINI S.MARTINO	Romigio
-	" " ftr.spe	SCURO	Aristide
-	" " ftr.spe	GALLA	Ciro
-	" " ftr.spe	PALANGE	Francesco
-	" " art.spe	SANTOMAURO	Arturo
-	" " art.spe	CUGINI	Alessandro
-	" " art.spe	PIZZOCARO	Camillo

2 OFFRS ENQUIRY BOARD

-	Generale di Brigata in spe	DE LORENZIS	Ugo
-	Colonnello ftr.spe	LISSONI	Pasquale
-	" art.spe	PAVESI	Isidoro

ARTY HQ

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- Col. art.spe funz.S.M.	CHIAVARINO	Guido
- Ten.Col. art.spe funz.S.M.	MICHELOTTI	Domenico
- " " ftr.spe tit.S.G.	MOTTESORO	Alberto
- " " art.spe " " "	MORLOC	Giuseppe
- " " art.spe " " "	PICCIOLO	Umberto
- " " ftr.spe " " "	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
- " " ftr.spe " " "	VERCESI	Antonio
- " " art.spe	BETTAGLIO	Giglio
- " " ftr.spe	CORBELLI	Guido
- " " ftr.spe	PARCLA	Mario
- " " ftr.spe	SCALA	Giuseppe

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- Ten.Col. ftr.spe	GULLANO	Antonio
- " " ftr.spe	BATTAGLINI	Santo
- " " ftr.spe	SENTIERI	Mario
- " " ftr.spe	CELESTINI S.MARTINO	Romigio
- " " ftr.spe	SCURO	Aristide
- " " ftr.spe	GADDA	Ciro
- " " ftr.spe	PALANGE	Francesco
- " " art.spe	SANTOMAURO	Arturo
- " " art.spe	EUGENI	Alessandro
- " " art.spe	PIZZOCARO	Camillo

2 CORPS ENQUIRY BOARD

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- " art.spe	PAVESI	Isidoro

ARTY HQ

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- Col. art.spe tit.S.G.	AMICI	Ugo
- Ten.Col. art.spe	LUCI DI FEUDONOVO	Alfredo

ENGINEER HQ

- Colonnello Genio spe	AMODIO	Mario
- " Genio spe	TORELLI	Gian Fernando
- Ten.Col. Genio spe	SPIGNO	Federico
- " " Genio spe	D'AURIA	Francesco

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MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	DE BERNARDO	Francesco
- " "	medico spe	D.V.	Arturo
- " "	medico spe	FISICHELLA	G.Battista

MILITARY HOSPITAL GENOA

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	SCLERI	Giovanni
- " "	medico spe	FENGA	Edgardo
- " "	medico spe	NICCLOSI	Antonio

MILITARY HOSPITAL SAVIGLIANO

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	LOMBARDI	Salvatore

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

- Colonnello	Commissario spe	GIULLINI	Pietro
- Ten.Col.	Commissario spe	ARTURA	Antonio
- " "	Sussistenza spe	FELIZZA	Giuseppe
- " "	Amministraz.spe	FARRIS	Alfredo
- " "	Commissario spe	RIZZI	Alfredo

DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE

- Ten.Col.	Amministraz.spe	GUZZO	Salvatore

TRANSIT CAMP GENOA

- Colonnello	cav.spe	ODETTI DI MARCORENGO	Paolo
- "	ftr.spe	DI STEFANO	Salvatore
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	SORIGNI	Antonio
- " "	ftr.spe	CARANFA	Angelo
- " "	ftr.spe	TRIPODI	Michelangelo
- " "	ftr.spe	RIGHETTI	Alberto

MILITARY DISTRICT GENOA

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	BOVI	Angelo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	SARTORI	Carlo
- " "	ftr.spe	GANDOLFI	Angelo
- " "	ftr.spe	GAUDIOSO	Sebastiano

MILITARY DISTRICT SAVONA

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	ZUNINI	Arturo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	BENEDETTI	Luigi
- " "	ftr.spe	FAZIO	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spe	DE PASQUALE	Mario

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- Ten.Col.	medico spe	DONTARDI	Salvatore

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

- Colonnello	Commissario spe	GIULLANI	Pietro
- Ten.Col.	Commissario spe	RETTURA	Antonio
- " "	Sussistenza spe	PELLIZZI	Giuseppe
- " "	Amministraz.spe	FARRIS	Alfredo
- " "	Commissario spe	RIZZI	Alfredo

DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE

- Ten.Col.	Amministrazs.spe	GUZZO	Salvatore

TRANSIT CAMP GENOA

- Colonnello	cav.spe	CONTI DI MARCORENGO	Paolo
- "	ftr.spe	DI STEFANO	Salvatore
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	SCRAGNI	Antonio
- " "	ftr.spe	CARNEVA	Angelo
- " "	ftr.spe	TRIPODI	Michelangelo
- " "	ftr.spe	RICCETTI	Alberto

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- " "	ftr.spe	CANDOLFI	Angelo
- " "	ftr.spe	GAUDIOSO	Sebastiano

MILITARY DISTRICT SAVONA

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	ZUNIN	Arturo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	BENEDETTI	Luigi
- " "	ftr.spe	FAZIO	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spe	DE PASQUALE	Mario
- " "	art.spe	NOVELLI	Archimede

MILITARY DISTRICT CUNEO

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	BONOMA	Attilio
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	VANNI	Pier Alessandro
- " "	ftr.spe	GUY	Silvio
- " "	ftr.spe	DE MASI	Vincenzo

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MILITARY DISTRICT MONDOVI:

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		CLAGNERO	Filippo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe		SMIGLIANO	Andrea
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe		PARAGONE	Attilio

42 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		PESCATORI	Pitto
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	tit.S.C.	STRATA	Giovanni
- " "	ftr.spe		SCARAMUCCI	Tullio
- " "	ftr.spe		ROSSINI	Giovanni
- " "	ftr.spe		SCELSINO	Vincenzo

43 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	PENZONI	Bruno

7 ARTY REGT G.P DEPOT

- Ten.Col.	art.spe		DANILO	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spe		CANINGI	Cesare

29 ARTY REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	art.spe		MONTEMAGNI	Umberto
- Ten.Col.	art.spe		BOVONE	Mario
- " "	art.spe		ZACHEO	Carmine

2 INF REGT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		VIGLIERO	Romigio
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe		TORTORELLI	Giuseppe

2 TRAINING CENTRE CUNEO

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		RONCO	Francesco
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe		LUSENA	Guido
- " "	ftr.spe		DE BOVE	Augusto
- " "	ftr.spe		SCULLI	Giuseppe

WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

- Ten.Col.	medico spe		CASTELLANETA	Vincenzo
- " "	medico spe		ELISSI	Ugo
- " "	ftr spe		TORRESA	Paolo

POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	ftr.ris.		LEALDRO	Luigi

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- " "	ftr.spc	SCHIANO	Vincenzo

43 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	ftr.spc	RENSONI	Bruno

7 ARTY REGT G/F DEPOT

- Ten.Col.	art.spc	DANILI	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spc	CANINGI	Cesare

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- Colonnello	art.spc	MONTEMAGNI	Umberto
- Ten.Col.	art.spc	BOVONE	Mario
- " "	art.spc	ZACHEO	Carmine

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- Ten.Col.	ftr.spc	TORTORELLI	Giuseppe

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- " "	ftr.spc	DE BOVE	Augusto
- " "	ftr.spc	SCULLI	Giuseppe

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- " "	medico spc	ELISSI	Ugo
- " "	ftr spc	TORRESA	Paolo

POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	ftr.ris.	LEANDRO	Luigi

VET RECOVERY UNIT

- Ten.Col.	cav.spc	GROPPALLO	Costantino

2 MT REPAIR UNIT

- Ten.Col.	art.spc S.To...	GARGIULO	Vittorio
- " "	art.spc	PICRTTO	Francesco

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ARTY DIRECTORATE ASSENG.

- Ten.Col.	art.spe	COLORETTI	Carlo
- " "	art.spe S.Te.A.	GIANFRANCESCO	Enrico

AIR FACTORY - AUDIT OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	art.spe S.Te.A.	PIERRI	Michele

REQUISITIONING OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	genio spe	PAPPALARDO	G.Battista

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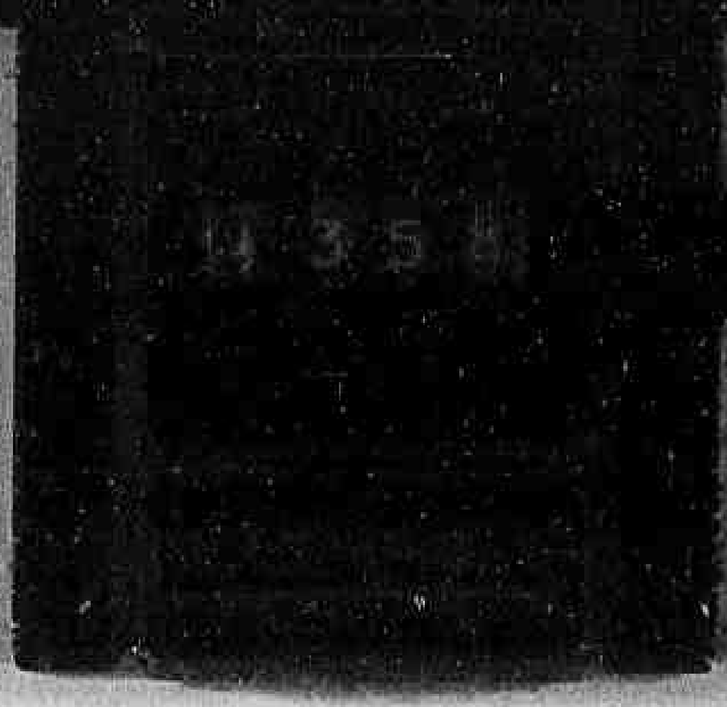

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G. Battista
Lieut. Col.
Artillery
Chief of Staff

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Appx 'D' to 2 BLU G 6
dated 3 May 46

Brit MT held by 2 BLU

Serial No	Veh Type	Reg No.	E	Lt	BLR	Remarks
1.	HUMBER Staff 4x4	1520215	-	Yes	-	
2.	LANCIA ARDEA rec - sal	5643114	-	Yes	-	
3.	M/C BSA	C 5547962	Yes	-	-	

Certified above vehs are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and AB 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Subject:- Progress Report No. 9.

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G 6

17 Apr 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Com AC (MMIA), Rome.

1 BLU

II. 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic BLU

No change.

(b) Italian

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TRAINING

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(i) Trg Ests

Trg has commenced briskly and the first fourteen days days programme has just been completed. The recruits have started off in good order and are carrying out their trg with enthusiasm. Unfortuncately this HQ has not been able to keep as close a surveyance as desired owing to the long journey to the CAR and secondly, and infinitely more important, failure of own unit tpt. Attempts made to traverse the extremely bad rd

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

(ii) Normal inter-unit trg.

(b) CCRR

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

III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Leave

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

Comn

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

G II	-	GENOVA 61841	Ext 410
DAA & QMG	-	" "	" 415 - 417

ITALIAN

Deficiencies

Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under comd.
Telephone mechs	30%
Armourers & armourer mechs	30%
Pioneers (engr)	-
Drivers	29%
Driver mechs	21%
Cooks	11%
Typists	14%
Blacksmiths	7%
Bakers	18%

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Nursing Orderlies	10%
Fitters	15%
DRs	19%
Masons	40%
Linesmen	8%
Sappers	-

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/3. Discipline.....

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Discipline

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

	Theft of govt property.....	7 cases
	Disposal of mil eqpt on charge.....	6 "
	Desertion and disposal of mil eqpt on charge.....	26 "
(i)	"Appropriazioni indebite".....	2 "
	Theft, simple.....	1 "
	Insubordination.....	1 "
	Refusal to obey an order.....	1 "
	Assault of civ police.....	1 "

(i) only translatable as "scrounging".

The LIGURIA comunal elections passed off so quietly that none of the bodies of tps, previously alerted for maint of public order, needed to be called out.

Morale

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

IV. 'G' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Tpt

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

Accn

Efforts are being made to secure a small requisitioned billet at CUNEO. If successful this should enable the offrs of this HQ to spend more time visiting the CAR as at present the 10 hrs necessary for the return trip wastes too much time.

REALIAN

Entr

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The LIGURIA communal elections passed off so quietly that none of the bodies of tps, previously alerted for maint of public order, needed to be called out.

Morale

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

IV. '9' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Tpt

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

Accn

Efforts are being made to secure a small requisitioned billet at CUNEO. If successful this should enable the offrs of this HQ to spend more time visiting the CAR as at present the 10 hrs necessary for the return trip wastes too much time.

ITALIAN

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Engr

The application for authy to allow a party of MANTOVA Div engrs to assist in the construction of Bailey brs in the French frontier zone has been turned down by AFHQ. Also authy has not been granted for the loan of spare brs to MANTOVA Div for trg purposes as all Bailey brs are very shortly to be sold to the It Govt.

Sups

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

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if cancellation of this issue could be confirmed. ACTION
2 Comando Militare Territoriale complain that even if War Ministry had to stop the issue of coffee, they might at least have waited until after the general elections to do so.

Medical

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

Primary syphilis.....	9
Venereal ulcer.....	2
Gonorrhoea.....	17
Scabies.....	17

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

To mil hosps.....	1.65%
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II. 'G' [redacted]

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(a) Domestic (A.M.G.)

Ref 1700 hrs 31 Mar 46 the Signal Office in Genoa closed. An Express letter service is now being maintained by the Town Major, packages and letters leaving his office at 0700 hrs each day. Priority traffic can be telephoned direct to Milan signal office providing it is not of CONFIDENTIAL classification or above.

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The [redacted] have gained a further fillip by the extremely good performance put out at the recent elections, it was very noticeable both to Military personnel and civilians. Offrs of the [redacted] Group have commented on their good performance. The [redacted] were ordered to keep in the background and not strutting up and down as they are inclined to do.

[redacted]

(a) Army Issue [redacted]

(i) Pay Data

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

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It was hoped that that the call up would be completed by 28 Mar but has been delayed for a few days. The total figure up to date is 2,432. HQ have informed Territorial HQ that deficiencies will be made up from other Districts. To obtain the necessary info regarding ranges was a difficult task. CAR and Cerlo Militare were constantly changing the locations until at last info was finally extracted. All the 30 yd ranges are now complete, work is progressing satisfactorily on the open ranges which in one case was not difficult owing to a range already being in existance. Another Eng Coy has been sent to Cuneo to speed the work up. Field firing ranges have not as yet been definitely settled but this HQ is assured that they will be ready in time, therefore, as soon as the definite sites become known info will be forwarded.

A training programme has been produced by HQ CAR and a directive issued to CO Bn's to point out the policy of instruction. Training commenced on the 1st April and is being done enthusiastically by the recruits, the will to work is astonishingly good.

(ii) Training programmes of units have been adhered to and are progressive. The training carried out during the winter months has been interfered with quite a lot owing to bad weather and reshuffling of units. Results in individual training and inter unit training throughout Div Mantova have been good. Sport trg is being carried out regularly. Instrs from Territorial HQ to units state that P.T. will be carried out every morning. Only fair results have come from tactical trg for Offrs and NCOs, the reason being mainly due to the shortage of instructors which is acutely felt.

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The Unione of Genoa forwarded to President Truman a specimen of Prof. Giovanni Emilcare's work on Christopher Columbus. A message was attached to the book expressing the city's thanks for the recent solemn celebration of Columbus Day in the United States.

(b) Very little activity on the Franco-Italian front. Quite recently posters were found displayed at various points in Ventimiglia, copy of poster attd as Appx 'B'. The matter was investigated thoroughly by the CMPW and found to be rubbish, not one of the incidents alleged

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

(c) Relation on the whole continue to be good. Patrol Rangers and Carbiniers were quick to seize on the unfortunate incident which occurred quite recently in the dispute between the Army and the 'UPP'. This incident was covered in Report No.7. Fortunately sympathy was with the Army and relationsare good once more.

CCIT are on good terms with every one, restrictions are still observed at and are not treated with very much respect. A little resentment was felt by the Army towards the CCIT and Civil Police owing to the fact that they are still allowed to travel on Public Transport free of charges, the feeling is petty and has more or less been forgotten.

The recent elections were carried out extremely well, no incidents of any importance were reported. CCIT on duty at various polling booths carried out their tasks efficiently and quietly, it did much to encourage the growing feeling of security the people, generally, are beginning to feel in the CCIT.

(d) Very little politics seem to be current amongst the troops. The new Interim seems to be devoid of politics and are settling down quietly. A report published by the daily newspaper "LAVORO NUOVO" in stic as Appx 'F'. A Col on leave wedding posting wrote to this paper in very strong terms criticising the internal workings of the Italian Army. CCIT especially come under very heavy fire and retaliated to the extent of ordering Territorial HQ to punish this officer, this was accordingly carried out and the officer was given ten days strict confinement. This action by no means undermined the officer who, immediately after his confinement, produced another letter to the same paper which was commented upon in an indignant and sarcastic tone as can be seen by Appx 'F'. The articleswas published on 20 Mar and so far no further action has been taken. This officer is not under command of Territorial HQ and enquiries about him have brought nil results, nobody seems to know anything about him.

(e) Nothing to report.

(f) Public Security remains good. In outlying districts there have been minor incidents. The journal "NUOVO QUOTIDIANO" have been the target for petty differences, on two occasions their offices have been subject to hand outrages. In both cases no one was hurt though a certain amount of material damage was incurred. Control by the CCIT in Genoa itself is good, regardless of the intentions in not parading around with automatic weapons the practice of toting arms has not diminished. In being approached the answer is that owing to the situation being as it is with communists all over the place, it is considered necessary to be armed with automatic weapons.

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A drive is in progress to link up many [illegible] with telephones. [illegible] has asked this [illegible] to approach the [illegible] and bring slight pressure to bear to ensure that he will assist. Territorial [illegible] have already requested this matter to him. The link up will [illegible] a certain amount of hard work for it is necessary in one case to instal a new exchange.

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

The recent decision by the Government to cut the wages of the Agricultural Workers has and is causing concern. Apparently after they have paid the evening they have left fourteen lire per day

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to live on, not only did the decrease cause objection but also the ruling that as the new rate of pay started wef some date in October the extra money over paid would be paid back to the Government. This has caused a wsf on desertion of workers and no one to replace them, consequently outbreaks have increased.

III. 'A' AGENTS

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General

Col [redacted] visited this HQ on 28 and 29 Nov. A conference was held at 2 Corps de Militaire Territoriale at which the heavy arrears of Ops Lighting, pay and orgn ogpt were discussed.

On 26 Nov a visit was paid to 111 Inf Dept Hastens Adv at [redacted] during which the newly bonded over barracks were inspected. The standard of turn-out and cleanliness was outstanding.

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[redacted]

Specialists, Technicians etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total unpaid under seal
Telephone mechanics	10%
Armourers & armourer mech	47%
Plotters (Engr)	-
Drivers	16%
Driver mechanics	20%
Cooks	5%
Typists	11%
Electricians	4%
Bakers	12%
Nursing orderlies	21%
Fitters	16%
Riflemen	1%
Masons	37%
Labourers	5%
Engineers	-

Machine

Gives allocation of the last report the following items have been put on the train

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of an inquiry any one night were discussed.

On [illegible] a visit was paid to RAF Dept Harlaxton Hdy at GRANTHAM during which the newly build over barracks were inspected. The standard of turn-out and cleanliness was outstanding.

Trades

Deficiencies

Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under cmd
Telephone mechanics	10
Armourers & armourer mech	47
Flowmere (Engr)	-
Drivers	18
Driver mechanics	20
Cooks	5
Cyclists	11
Mechanicians	4
Bakers	18
Nursing orderlies	41
Fitters	15
MTOs	1
Masons	37
Riveters	5
Signals	-

Discipline

Since cessation of the last report the following crimes have been put on for trial:

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Desertions.....33
Other crimes (incl theft).33

Sound pits to 2 Inf Bde incl a heavy proportion of bad type such as ex deserters and prisoners having served sentences as civs. Stringent measures were taken by the unit and matters are now under control.

From all sides came reports of the excellent discipline and

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

Morale

The 1921 class has at last been disposed of and with it gone one of the more serious bad influences on morale. Now, with the wage season started and the gradually improving corn crop, morale of the men should improve. Morale at office is still, however, poor and it is thought that only when their troubles (personal accn, pay, domestic worries attributable to war conditions etc) are settled will their attitude improve and have the good effect it should have on the morale of the C&R.

In spite of repeated efforts on the part of the Leftist parties to discredit the Army in the eyes of the city population as well as their efforts to undermine morale within the ranks, there has recently been a noticeable improvement in the relations between the Army and the civilians. There is no doubt that the Army and the C&R are the only bodies capable of safeguarding the average individual from possible subversive elements at election time and the population is beginning to realize this.

IV. Equipment

Italian

Transport (a)

It seems that the urgently awaited 60-ambulance chassis will not now arrive either these or replacement engines. Lack of these two items is of course the main reason for the high percentage of Vs CR in 2 Cavalry Militare Territoriale units. One of the units most handicapped by the lack of spares and especially of tyres is the Nov reformed 3 CR Cav Bgde, out of a TE of 170 vehs, has only 25 serviceable.

Vehs of Ethiopian origin are now being sold to those civs who are at present using them. Vehs in the possession of civs not willing to sell are being impounded.

Transport (b)

Try of comm on their new MTs is proceeding intensively. It is hoped that the standard will soon improve as their present unpredictable cyclothymiac have often caused alarm to personnel of this HQ as well as to other at times.

Arms (artillery)

[illegible] Thus City, as previously mentioned is actually

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Enclosed by Enclosure TO NARS LETTER 9/6 dated 5.11.85

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IV. 1st Echelon

ITALIAN

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Equipment (b)

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Very of CCPM on their new job is proceeding intensively. It is hoped that the standard will soon improve as their present unreliable qualifications have often caused alarm to personnel of this Bn as well as to others in town.

Amended by Signal TO NNIG 7 1 Dec 45 G/C dated 5.4.46

Duty (PATROL)

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154 Sugr Coy, as previously mentioned is actively assisting the civ engrs and CCPM in the construction and removal of a number of Bailey brs in the locality. One of these, at ATRANI (4.897) is within the prohibited Frontier Zone. Authy has been sought to allow a pl of the coy to enter the zone but when this authy arrived it was found that it only applied to the zone near ATRANI. Matters are therefore at a standstill. Hy help be given to secure the necessary permit (2 offrs and 40 ors to ATRANI ACTION even for 10-15 days).

CE CCPM has provisionally promised to loan to MINTURNO a 117 ft length of Bailey br for tpt purposes. MINTURNO hav had been asking for this for some time.

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Clothing (a)

There has recently been an improvement in receipts of clothing. Canada Militaire is still worried about the differences in colour and design which units have to put up with but it is anticipated that once clothing of recruits at the CRC has ended the fit elsewhere will improve.

CRC

After numerous squabbles at levels both high and low ARMY have at last handed back to 2 Canada Militaire Territoriale the stores of IInd Army origin previously held by them. 2 Canada Militaire Territoriale state that they are returning to ARMY all stores accumulated in their depots though this HQ was unaware that any stocks existed.

RME

2 Canada Militaire Territoriale still complain that they are unable to follow War Ministry lectre in establishing RME reserves owing to acute scarcity of canteens and a recent shortage of RME from CIC.

This HQ is endeavouring to secure the use of a 20,000 litre static pet tank in CITTA but has twice 2 Canada Militaire Territoriale to re-instate on War Ministry for pet fuels as these are understood to be available in large qtys in SARDINIA.

Misc

The recent substitution of bacon and Vienna sausage for MV in the mess ration has given great satisfaction. It is sincerely hoped that this issue will continue.

Health

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

Mil hosps.....2.0%
Civ " 1.6%

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

Primary syphilis.....2
Venereal ulcers.....1
Gonorrhoea.....15
Bubbles.....13

V. CIC FORCES ITALY

(a) Less

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P/Somalia Military Territories still complain that they are unable to follow War Ministry instructions in establishing NCO reserves owing to acute scarcity of containers and a recent shortage of NCO, form 212.

This HQ is embarrassing to assess the use of a 20,000 litre static pet tank in GUINA but has invited 7 Somalia Military Territories to re-indent on War Ministry for pet drums as these are understood to be available in large qtys in MOGADISHU.

Hygiene

The recent substitution of bacon and victuals sausage for BMF in the meat ration has given great satisfaction. It is sincerely hoped that this issue will continue.

Welfare

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

Sick hosps.....2.0%
Sick " 1.0%

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Primary syphilis.....9
Venereal ulcer.....1
Gonorrhoea.....25
Scabies.....13

V. CAF ESTABLISHMENTS

(i) Areas

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All the camps are now practically finished. A certain amount of work still remains to be done in most barracks on ablution arrangements and the finishing touches put to the decoration and furnishing of messes, club rooms and canteens. Some of the above delay was due to the air contractors' running out of funds at a crucial moment and having to wait for an adv of one million lire from War Ministry before they could continue.

(ii) Barracks

No typewriters have yet been received from War Ministry (4 are allowed on T 1098) so at present the CAF is limping along with difficulty with one borrowed machine.

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War Ministry have stated that office rooms will have to be set at the expense of the offrs themselves. They state they will make an initial loan but that this loan will have to be paid off at a rate of 2½% monthly by the offrs concerned. At present offrs messes are being run by civ caterers.

(iii) Sports ovsk

War Ministry has allotted the sum of 85,000 lire towards the building of sports fds, gymnasia etc. Sports gear is to be sup direct by War Ministry Welfare Branch.

(iv) MT

Deficiencies on MT in MT are:-

Hy load carriers.....8
Hvy.....1

CAB has been unable to obtain these from MTO TRIEST but as they are not available there War Ministry has been asked to sup them from elsewhere.

(v) MT

Neither the 6 mths nor the 4½ mths allowed for on MT have as yet been received.

(vi) Finance

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

a) Furniture for offrs & NCOs quarters, offices, canteens and messes..... 1,000,000 lire

b) Typewriters, target frames, stationery etc..... 2,000,000 lire

c) Sports fds & gymnasia..... 85,000 lire

d) Construction of rifle ranges..... 300,000 lire.

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HAR has been lucky to obtain these from HQ RAAF but as they are not available there the Ministry has been asked to buy them from elsewhere.

(v) MT

Neither the 6 miles nor the 4 ft. wide allowed for on WA have as yet been received.

(vi) Stores

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

a) Furniture for office & mess quarters, officers, ordnance and rations..... £1,000,000 Lire

b) Tug steam, target frame, stationary etc..... £2,000,000 Lire

c) Works [illegible] & grounds..... £5,000 Lire

d) Construction of rifle ranges..... £30,000 Lire .

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Annex 'A' to 2 TRAD
C/S dated 5 Apr 45.

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After 11A Inf Regt add :-

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Annex 'B' to A 1120
H/A dated 3 Apr 45.

Sheet [illegible] of 2 Sheets

Personnel Number	Name	Rank	Unit or Corps	Appointment	Remarks
329[illegible]	[illegible], R.F.	Major	R.A.	GSO II	
67935	[illegible], H.A.F.F.	Major	C.Mus/Comte	[illegible]	

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Delete :- Ten.Col. Fin. spe. [redacted] Vincenzo

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Delete :- Col. Fin. spe. [redacted] Augusto
Add :- Col. ord. spe. [redacted] Ildimo

[redacted]

Add :- Ten.Col. Medico spe. [redacted] Ubaldo

[redacted]

Delete :- Ten.Col. Medico spe. [redacted] Vincenzo

[redacted]

Add :- Ten.Col. Fin. spe. [redacted] Alberto

[redacted]

Add :- Ten.Col. ord. spe. [redacted] Archimede

[redacted]

Add :- Ten.Col. Fin. spe. [redacted] Silvio
" " " " [redacted] Vincenzo

[redacted]

Delete :-Ten.Col. ord. spe. [redacted] Giuseppe

[redacted]

Delete :-Ten.Col. Fin. ris. [redacted] Pietro
Add :- " " " " [redacted] Luigi

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Delete :-Nil Add :Nil

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Add :- Pen.Sol. Pedro Ipiña PARRAGUIRRE G. Natalia

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Delete :- Pen.Sol. Art. Ipiña PARRAGUIRRE Sergio
Add :- " " " " Plaza Cantillo

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Appx "D" to A.A.R.
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Unit(s) held by A.A.R.

Serial No	Veh Type	Reg No	A	LR	BAR	Remarks
1	[illegible] Heavy Ind.	338215	yes	-	-	
2	[illegible] Amph Veh - Mk.	564,824	yes	-	-	
3	M/C DUK	[illegible] 334762	yes	-	-	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 432 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

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Appx 'A' to 2 WIS
G/6 dated 3 Apr 45.

TEXT OF A PROCLAMATION POSTED IN VENEZUELA QUARTER (FRENCH ZONE)

CITIZENS,

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

Few days ago the French flag was hoisted on the church tower of Ingolstadt and a great demonstration Pro-France was held, then a plebiscite was held and gave the following results : 900 habitants, 850 were for France. AUGSBURG IN, MUNICH, CONSTANTINOPLE, the population wrote their ideas and feelings for France.

At BERLIN and S.FLANDRE the citizens removed all placards with Italian names and changed in French, also shops changed their insigne.

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

CITIZENS, Let us shout all of us who wants to become friends without consideration of the dirty Southerners who infest our country and in dispost of those who began with it apply and who can only too always tolerated that French hordes keeps us far away as possible.

VIVA LA LIBERTE!

VIVE LA FRANCE

VIVA POR A LIBRE VENEZUELA

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Ogr 'P' to 2 REC
G/G dated 3 Apr 46.

UN CAPITOLO NERO
PER UNA LETTERA AL "CORRIERE MUSCO"

UNA RIVENDICAZIONE
AL MERITO DELLA GUERRA

Nel gennaio scorso abbiamo pubblicato una lettera del colonnello Cesare Laurenti, relativa alla ricostruzione dell'esercito, che sottolineava doverosa, per la riabilitazione dei quadri degli ufficiali superiori e generali, bassare non tanto sui limiti di età' quanto sulle qualità' degli ufficiali stessi, eliminando chi non ha partecipato ad operazioni di guerra, chi non ha assistito agli attacchi dei tedeschi e ha evitato di portare le armi, chi ha prestato servizio nell'esercito repubblichino al punto che si e' ritenuto di scartarlo a di varie gradi.

Sottolineava la lettera che "una ripulitura di quadri con l'abbassamento dei limiti d'età' realizzerebbe un ringiovanimento per gli ufficiali del corpo di Stato Maggiore; ringiovanimento perche' e' proprio detto corpo il maggiore responsabile della mediocrità del comando".

Il colonnello Laurenti rilevava: "Sono principalmente responsabili dello sfacelo dell'esercito nel settembre '43 gli Stati Maggiori del Corpo d'Armata e divisioni. Erano colonnelli di S.M. quasi tutti i comandanti dei reggimenti della IV Armata arrivati a piedi in Liguria tra l'8 e il 10 settembre '43.

Ora dal Comando Militare di Genova si e' rimproverato al colonnello Laurenti che "alcun Ministero della Guerra lo ha punito con dieci giorni di arresti semplici per il suddetto motivo".

- Ufficiale di S.M. inviava a un quotidiano di Genova una lettera che vede pubblicata nella quale erano contenute critiche ai metodi nei riguardi dello Stato Maggiore che emanavano dalla sua organizzazione specifica. Contravveniva in tal modo a disposizioni regolamentari che prescrivono all'militare di riferirsi, per ogni doglianza uno scritto, sulla responsabilità' che assume e di contenere i propri giudizi in un rispetto tutto piu' grande quanto maggiori sono l'importanza e la delicatezza della materia trattata".

Ora in intervista pubblicata subito sotto alla "Lettera al Corriere" e dovuta dal "Corriere del Mattino" il ministro della guerra, on. Bruno, la pensa diversamente dal colonnello Laurenti, quando al settembre '43 che egli vigorosamente condanna come "l'effetto logico inevitabile dello sfaldamento di una situazione politica e morale".

Ma ci pare' discutere sulla premessa che a tale sfaldamento dovevano opporre gli stati Maggiori. E la proposito non si pue' negare "competenza specifica" al colonnello Laurenti, questo volto decorato al valore. Ma e' interessante notare che in quella intervista il Ministro Bruno dichiarava: "Furono anche stati rudeli o allontanati per collaborazionismo 433 ufficiali fra i quali 38 generali e superiori. La selezione continua". E parlando della chiusura della classe '24 e dell'invio in congedo della '21 e della '22 diceva: "In tal modo l'esercito si rinnova e non invecchia, si democratizza perche' vi si inseriscono forze nuove che sono state a contatto fino a ieri con l'atmosfera politica del paese".

E soggiungeva: "Quanto all natura reazionaria dell'esercito, non nego che molti ufficiali si siano tutt ora rimarchiati ma escludo che l'esercito svolga attivita' politica o sia strumento di interessi dinastici o di parte. Non tollero infrazioni alla apoliticita' dell'esercito e sono certo che esso, di fronte all'esito del referendum, fara' il suo dovere; ne assumo la responsabilita' ".

Come si conciliano queste liberali e democratiche affermazioni colla punizione di un ufficiale che invocava per l'appunto la rimozione dai collaborazionisti e dai compromessi coll'antico regime e la formazione di un esercito nuovo all'unisono collo spirito del tempo ? Se viviamo in regime di liberta' come si puo' negare ad un ufficiale superiore il diritto di parlare chiaro in materia ?

Sarebbe dunque vero che al Ministero della Guerra chi comanda appartenga

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le sottintesi, o' ancora l'ambito stato soggiorno ?

Per chiarire questi punti interrogativi l'On.Compagna ha presentato alla presidenza della Camera la seguente interrogazione, diretta, a norma del regolamento, rispondere scritta perche', data il grande numero (oltre cento) di interrogazioni orali gia' inoltrate e la brevita' di vita che ancora resta alla Camera, difficilmente vi arriverebbe a tempo per svolgere l'interrogazione stessa in assemblea.

AL MINISTRO DELLA GIUSTIZIA - Per sapere se non ritenga in contrasto col vigente regime di liberta' e col spirito democratico del nuovo assetto la punizione inflitta al colonnello Ercole Lemmi per una lettera pubblicata dal giornale " IL LAVORO ROMANO".

Subject:- Progress Report No 6

2 MLU
Tel: 56575
G/5
4 Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA), Rome.

1 MLU.

II. 'G' POINTS

ACTION

ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic (MLU)

No change

(b) Italian

No change

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CCRR

Routine regt gds being carried out on It installations. Arty Directorate are now engaged in concentrating amn into one central dump (Rivalta Scrivia Depot). Unfortunately during this task a certain amount of amn exploded, resulting in the death of two CRs. No damage to civ property occurred. Arty Directorate, GENOVA, infm Territorial HQ that strict precautions will be taken to ensure no further incidents occur.

(b) CCRR

Normal routine duties.

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TRAINING

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) Trg Data

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ORGANIZATION

(a) Domestic (ZNU)

No change

(b) Italian

No change

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TRAINING

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) Trg Nats

Ranges and trg stores are being constr with the help of a coy of 104 Engr Bn. All instructors have undergone a unit cadre since their return from GERMANY, results are promising.

(ii) WT of all arms is being carried out. Indents have been made for sig material for the trg of sig personnel of Inf Regts. GOC Inf Div Mantova is concerned with the future trg of the 104 Engr Bn, he states that it is important to procure a T.E. to train his offrs in the bridging sec, this matter has already been referred to HQ MELA.

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(b) CCMR

A second course of 56 dvrs is being carried out within the Mobile Bn. Personnel are attending courses for, ftrs, wireless ops, MT (Mechs) and Police duties. The trg received on the a/m course will enable the Legion to have capable elements, who in turn will be capable of trg other personnel.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) No change. Interest has been slightly aroused by reports in the local papers of the recent closing of the France - Spanish frontier, little comment was made by the press.

(b) In the areas of SAN REMO C 0089 and IMPERIA C 1994 minor occurrences have taken place but nothing of a serious nature. French flags have been seen displayed in IMPERIA coupled with the usual writing on the wall. Arrests were made at a small pro-French demonstration but reports by CCMR indicate that these incidents were mainly the work of students who didn't really know what party they did represent or what policy was behind their activities. Subversive propaganda is being carried out both in SAN REMO and IMPERIA to the effect that if these ports were controlled by the French they would soon be completely in operation, so ensuring plenty of employment. The recent appearance of a Flotilla of the Royal Navy engaged in mine sweeping operations in this locality seems to have quitened down this theory. Quite recently the GENOA paper "IL LAVORO NUOVO" reported that the inhabitants of VENTIMIGLIA B 6788 were desirous of a break with ITALY and desired to be under the control of FRANCE. Little interest was taken in this statement and there were no further press comments.

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(c) Relations between tps and populace is satisfactory. The general public are now getting used to the Army and look upon them as a necessity. The prestige of the CCRR in GENOA is rising, with the gradual increase in clothing and NCs people are sitting up and taking notice. Unfortunately the shortage of arms on

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their WE is noticeable but this will sort itself out soon. In outlying districts relations are not as good as they might be, notices painted on the walls have proclaimed that " The CCRR are Fascists", this appears again to have been the work of youths but in these districts the prestige of the CCRR is still low.

(d) Very little political activity is evident amongst tps. Steps are being taken within Territorial HQ to provide an equivalent of ABCA which appears to be having some effect to the good.

(e) No outward signs of subversive elements, if any at all, most confined to men of the 1921 class who are restive due to their long service and in some cases a bad influence amongst the men.

(f) According to the latest statistics there has been a decrease in robberies and murders but an increase in thefts and petty crimes. The Special Police Stations formed in GENOA, are functioning with results. By dialling 55555 on the automatic exchange a mobile squad is on the spot in amazingly short time. One of these squads was witnessed in action quite recently by the G II, it appeared that three civilians (the press stated they were Italian soldiers) were extremely drunk and making a nuisance of themselves, the squad appeared on the scene and pursuit ensued, their system for apprehending the men was by unshouldering their weapons and blazing away over their heads. The amount of firing was completely unwerranted, yet the morale of the citizens is raised by incidents of this nature showing that the police are doing their stuff. Fortunately no one was hurt in that particular incident.

III. "A" POINTS

(a) DOMESTIC

Deficiencies

An It civ dvr-batman has now been emp through the local CLU. He will have charge of the req 4-str saloon veh, now out of wksps.

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Allocations for vacancies at the Winter Sports Centre, CERESOLE have been given to this HQ and eight ...

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(b) ITALIAN

Deficiencies

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Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under comd
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Telephone mechanics	10%
Armourers & armourer mech	46%
Pioneers (Engr)	-
Drivers	2%
Driver mechanics	17%
Cooks	3%
Typists	12%
Blacksmiths	5%
Bakers	11%
Nursing orderlies	2%
Visters	12%
DRs	1%
Masons	10%
Linesmen (other arms)	-
Linesmen (Signal)	2%
Linesmen (Power)	-
Sappers	-

Deficiencies in MT mechs are particularly felt.

Discipline

Still not good but it has certainly not deteriorated since submission of the last report. The number of desertions appears to be on the increase; this and other disciplinary lapses, is put down to the delay in the demobilising of the 1921 and 1922 classes who are becoming more than ever restive. It is thought that, once these men are disposed of, a noticeable improvement in discipline will be apparent. About 16,000 men are involved.

Morale

The three old bugbears, Pay, Leave and Rations, still prevent the morale of offrs and men from being what it should be. Though the increase in the ration allowance did much to improve food conditions this has been to a certain extent off-set through the recent substitution by It-produced items for those hitherto of Allied origin. To the thinking man these inconveniences are known to

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Fitters	12
Dvrs	1
Pioneers	10
Linesmen (other arms)	-
Linesmen (Signal)	9
Linesmen (Power)	-
Sappers	-

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still more propaganda, of a one-syllable and factual type, were made, the real facts would be understood and the difficulties borne in a far better spirit by the average It soldiers than at present is the case.

The problem of offrd accn is still acute. If matters do not improve this HQ may have to take unilateral action, similar to the BRIGHTON "Vigilantes" in forced billeting.

IV. "G" POINTS

(a) DOMESTIC

MT

LANCIA 5643114 is now out of wksps with a new engine. The EC has been received so that now the unit is up to WE in MT.

(b) ITALIAN

MT (b)

A severe rap over the knuckles has been given to the local CCRR Legion for their failure to collect the 60 MCs allocated to them some time ago from SVP PIACENZA. The matter is now in hand. It is hoped to have the bulk of the vehs cleaned and classified in time to take a suitable part in the forthcoming municipal elections.

Engr

Though it has not been possible to loan a Bailey Br to 104 Engr Coy, MANTOVA Div for trg purposes, arrangements have been made with CT, GENOVA that this coy be emp in the launching and dismantling of a number of brs in this neighbourhood. This will give the coy a certain amount of practice.

Clothing (a)

The recent allocation of 4000 sets of clothing by War Ministry to 2 Comando Militare Territoriale has eased matters considerably. Old stocks are, however, still

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Arms and Amn (b)

The difficulties mentioned in Report No 5 in connection with the collection of 39,888 rds of SAA from [redacted] have now been overcome and the amn is being collected at once.

Accn

As a result of the recent handing over to the

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It Army of STURIA barracks a large number of civilian buildings in GENOVA have been derequisitioned by 2 Comando Militare Territoriale. It is hoped that this will help to improve the Army's relations with the civ population.

NOTE

As a result of the [redacted]'s absence on leave for a large part of the past fortnight the above A and Q pts of this report are necessarily sketchy. For the same reason no visit has been paid to the CAR and it is not possible to submit a progress report on the proper pro-formas. Points reported by 2 Comando Militare Territoriale regarding the CAR are, however, reported below.

V. CAR Progress Notes

(i) General

Work at the CAR continues apace and shows every likelyhood of being complete by the dates required. 79 (MANTOVA) Engr Coy have been loaned for the necessary engr wks.

(ii) Accn

VITTORIO EMANUELE barracks at CUNEO should be completely ready for full occupation by 10 Mar.

FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA barracks at CUNEO are slightly behind their target but attention is being conc on essentials all of which should be ready in time.

The Brit Kit tp which is in occupation of the SAN SOCCO Funzionale barracks at CUNEO is due to leave by 7 Mar. It mil engrs are nevertheless at wk and the buildings now only require finishing touches.

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The FOSSANO Funzionale barracks are all but ready and are the most adv of the lot. Throughout, however, difficulty has been experienced in securing the requisite qtys of paint, lime and cement.

(iii) Accn Stores

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(iii) Accn Stores

All accn stores are now available at different engr dumps. These are being sent to FOSSANO and CUNEO.

(iv) Firing Ranges

Wk on these is being intentionally held up to give priority to getting barrack accn ready in good time. Wk will be commenced on 10 Mar but should not take long as very suitable sites in the beds of the rs PESIO and STURA are available. Manufacture of targets and other stores for ranges has been proceeding for some time.

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(v) Sports Kapt

These are being prepared within the "quadrangles" of the barracks themselves.

In addition to the sports stores already on hand, a sup has been sent to the CAR and a grant of 90,000 AMI for use in this direction has been made by War Ministry.

(vi) Clothing

Stocks of clothing will be available in time to equip the first intake. As only one suit of uniform is available per man efforts are being made to get a War Ministry release for overalls for use on trg and fatigues. Your help in securing this release would be of value. (+)

(vii) Arms

Brit trg weapons etc are now being received at the CAR.

(viii) Medical

The 30-bed sick bay at CUNEO will have an MI room att with stores and medicinals to treat 3,000 out-patients. The 89-bed (NOT 30-bed as stated in last report) sick bay at FOSSANO will also have an MI room and facilities for treating 1,500 out-patients.

In addition two FACs are being set at CUNEO and one at FOSSANO. All the above medical facilities should be ready by 10 Mar.

(ix) Permanent Staff

Have now nearly all arrived. It is hoped that the CAR will be up to complete WE before the arrival of the first recruits.

(x) Footnote

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The CAR will be visited by this HQ in the very near future; owing to the distances envolved visits are unfortunately not as frequent as they should be but

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Major,
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LOCATION STATEMENT

AMENDMENT No 1

CC. RR.

Delete :- 934470
Add :- 009468

Add :- 134 Inf Regt
3 Bn - Saluzzo - N 3483

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Staff List of 2 BIU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt or Corps	Appointment	Remarks
219302	DUFFY, F.P.	T/Maj	DLI	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG	

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AMENDMENT No 2 TO APPX 'G' TO 2 BIU G/6 DATED 3 JANUARY 45

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2 TERRITORIAL HQ

Delete :- Ten.Col. ftr. spe. — CANTARELLA Aldo

2 CENTRE MEDICAL BOARD

Delete :- Col. ftr. spe. — ALESSI Manlio
Add :- " " " — BIGLIA Albino

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TRANSIT CAMP. GENOA

Delete :- Ten.Col. ftr. spe. — CRIBERINI di S.Martino Remi-
Add :- " " " " — TRIPODI Michelangelo gio

A2 INF REPT DEPOT

Delete :- Col. ftr. spe. tit. S.G. — VIGLIERO Remigio
Add :- " " " " " — STRATA Giovanni

29 ARTY REPT DEPOT

Add :- Ten.Col. art. spe. — BOVONE Mario
" " " " — ZACHEO Carmine

2 INF REGT

Delete :- Col. ftr. spe. — CIOTOLI Giuseppe
Ten.Col. ftr. spe. — STANARELLI Mario
Add :- Col. ftr. spe. tit. S.G. — POLITELLI Roberto
VIGLIERO Remigio

RTO GENOA

Delete :- Ten.Col. ftr. spe. — CCCHIUTO Giuseppe

WAR PRISON MEDICAL BOARD

Delete :- Col. medico ris. — FIVETTI Francesco
Add :- Ten.Col. medico spe.

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Add :- " " " BIGLIA Albino

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2 INF REGT

Delete :- Col. ftr. spe. CIOTOLI Giuseppe
Ten.Col. ftr. spe. STANARELLI Mario
" " " " POLITELLI Roberto
Add :- Col. ftr. spe. tit. S.C. VIGLIERO Remigio

RTO GENOA

Delete :- Ten.Col. ftr. spe. COCHIUTO Giuseppe

NAB EXEMPTION MEDICAL BOARD

Delete :- Col. medico ris. 5402 PIVETTI Francesco
Add :- Ten.Col. medico spe. CASTELLANETA Vincenzo

26 REC COMMISSION

Delete :- Ten.Col. art. spe. ZACHEO Carmine
Add :- " " " " GANDOLFI Alberto

114 INF REGT

Delete :- Col. ftr. spe. GIORDANO Aldo

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Add :- Col. ftr. spe. BENZI Camillo
Ten. Col. ftr. spe. CELEBRINI di S.Martino Remigio

155 ARTY REGT

Add :- Ten. Col. art. spe. tit. CUNINI Alessandro
E.G.

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Appx D' to 2 HLU
G/6 dated

Brit MT held by 2 HLU

Serial No	Veh Type	Reg No	E	LR	BLR	Remarks
1	HUMBER Staff 4x4	1520215	yes	-	-	
2	LANCIA ARDEA req - mal	5643114	yes	-	-	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Signed _____

Unit _____

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 5

2 BIU
Tel: 56575
G 6
16 Feb 46.

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), Rome.

1 BLU.

I. 'G' POINTS.

ORGANISATION. ACTION

(a) Domestic (BLU).

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

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(i) Trg Nets.

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

Other tps and CCRR

Normal inter unit training is satisfactory.

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III. 'A' POINTS.

(a) DOMESTIC

Deficiencies

The cpl clerk RASC previously on loan from 1 BLU on the WE of this unit has now been confirmed in his appointment. The unit is still deficient of an RASC pte clerk.

Leave

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(b) ITALIAN

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Driver mechanics	17%
Cooks	5%
Typists	12%
Blacksmiths	5%
Bakers	11%
Nursing orderlies	22%
Fitters	12%
DRs	1%
Masons	10%
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Discipline

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

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

IV. 'Q' POINTS.

(a) DOMESTIC

Tpt

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The necessary part has now been obtained for LANCIA 5643114. It is estimated that the veh will be on the rd by 24 Feb.

(b) ITALIAN

Transport (b)

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Accn

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

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

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2 BIU,
GENOVA.
Tel: 56575
G 6
4 Feb 46.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), Rome.

1 BLU.

I. 'G' POINTS.

ORGANISATION.

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No change.

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On the evening of Jan 7th, 46 at approx 1430 hrs a riot occurred in the Marassi Civilian Prison of Genoa. Prisoners has managed to smuggle in arms and with this complement had succeeded in getting hold of a number of guards and Justice employees, detaining them as hostages. The rioters then released other prisoners who assembled in the courtyard. It appears that political prisoners did not take part. The Prefect of Genoa issued an order to Territorial Command to provide help in respect of 300 men, although the procedure adopted by the Prefect was incorrect, Territorial HQ considered that the matter was urgent and issued instructions to 2/76 Regt, Inf Div Mantova, to provide the number

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of men stated. On arrival at the prison the troops found that prisoners were attempting to storm the gate being held by CCRR and prison guards, as the prisoners were armed, troops opened fire, killing two and wounding two, this repulsed any attempt to make a break from the inside of the prison. Efforts were made by the prison authorities to settle the matter. At 0145 hrs on the 8th Jan 46, a strong force entered the prison and in a short time all prisoners were once again under lock and key. Extra guards were installed by 2/76 Inf Regt who later withdrew leaving 50 men who were eventually withdrawn on the 24th Jan 46. No casualties were suffered either by the CCRR or 2/76 Regt. The attempt to break out appears to have been made by prisoners serving long term sentences.

(b) CCRR.

No further changes in employment of CCRR other than reported in above para.

TRAINING.

(c) Army less CCRR.

(i) Trg Bats.

Work is progressing satisfactorily at the CAR. Every effort is being made by Territorial HQ to make it a first class show and results indicate the determination to do so. The zone of Cuneo and Fossano is very good for training, ranges are within easy reach of all barracks. The climate is good with reasonable hygienic arrangements. The barracks chosen are in very good condition and need no major repairs. In all cases the barracks provide for ample space for drill, individual training and sports.

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Sentences.

(b) CCRE.

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The final allocation of the barracks will be made by Centre Commander, Col Ronco who will take up residence by 15th Feb 46.

As soon as information becomes available as to the final allotment of barracks the names of those chosen will be forwarded. It is hoped that recruits will report direct to Cuneo thus leaving vacant Fossano for units of Inf Div Mantova due to arrive in the area soon.

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(ii) Other tps.

Normal W/T routine work is progressing in units. Inf Div Mantova have been able to carry out more advanced training now that they are no longer responsible for guards on Allied Installations

Territorial HQ have asked this HQ to assist in the procuring of a Bailey Bridge for the purpose of training in the Engr Bn. This has not been possible but it is hoped that this difficulty may be overcome by approaching Inf Div Cremona to assist as it is believed that they are in the possession of one.

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CCRR

Relations between the populace and CCRR are improving. The legion have been very effective of late in rounding up wanted criminals and have shown efficiency in recent minor demonstrations and general breaking of law. The general public have noticed this through the medium of the press and their confidence is slowly returning.

Civil Police

Relations between civilian police and civilians are very good. The civil police comprise of traffic duty men and they are most efficient. What other duties are involved is not known but the sight of white helmets and good clothing is striking to the eye and is noticed with a certain amount of pride by the civilians.

(d) Generally speking it is noticeable that the troops do not follow any set politics. Attempts are made by the Communist Party to spread the communist creed among the troops, any success they may have gained is due to the condition of the soldier which is already well known. The present units outside the Inf Div Mantova are a more mixed lot of men and if party propaganda has been driven home any where, these units are more vulnerable to attack. OC 1/2 Inf Regt has taken an active interest in the men's re-action within his bn and has managed to persuade the majority of his men to stay away from dances and functions held by the Communist Party which appear to be an excuse to get at the men and show what a fine lot of chaps they are.

(e) Nothing to report

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Economics

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Afternote

GOC Inf Div Mantova agrees with the proposal of a demonstration Pl for the CAR and is prepared to cooperate and assist any others in difficulty. However he feels that he must first receive permission from the new Territorial HQ Commander who has just arrived as successor to Gen Frattini. Further confirmation will be forwarded.

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III. 'A' POINTS.

(a) DOMESTIC

Deficiencies etc

In accordance with instrs from MMIA the REME Trg Incr was sent off to CESANO by rd on 30 Jan to join 12 BLU. Two men were retained in GENOA, Cfn RICCARDO and Cpl MILLER, the former proceeding on release on 31 Jan and the latter having been given a vacancy on LIAP by HQ 59 Area on 5 Feb 46.

Notification has been received that a L/Cpl clerk will be posted to this HQ to fill the vacancy of Cpl Clerk RASC on WE. L/Cpl SPARKSMAN (on loan from 1 BLU) has up to now filled this post with efficiency and keenness and therefore a strong request has been placed by 1 BLU to HQ 59 Area on behalf of this unit for his retention.

Leave

No change since last report.

Comn

A weekly air service, operated by the IAF has started between ROME (LAGO BRACCIANO) and GENOA (SAMPIERDARENA). The aeroplane leaves ROME every Monday morning and GENOA every Wednesday morning. The aircraft used is a CANT seaplane, a machine which, so far as the public is concerned, appears to enjoy a rather dubious reputation for safety.

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Discipline

From the following resumé of crimes brought up for trial through 2 Comando Territoriale in Dec 45, a fair picture can be gained of the state of discipline in this area.

(i)	Desertion and illegal disposal of mil stores	33
(ii)	Theft	1
(iii)	Sedition, revolt	7
(iv)	Failing to obey orders	3
(v)	AWOL with veh	6
(vi)	Resisting arrest	2
(vii)	Not reporting to unit upon posting	2

Items (i) above are, as usual, the most serious offences though the number stated cannot cover the large number of offences that go undetected.

Leave

Leave conditions are, on the whole, satisfactory. Slight difficulties are sometimes experienced by Sardinians who have to be sent to NAPLES for sailing. In Dec 45 over 1000 personnel were either granted leave or demobilized.

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Notification has just been received that the supplementary ration allowance has been increased for all ranks from 5 to 15 AML per day. It is anticipated that this will have a really beneficial effect not only on rations but also on morale. LIGURIA is a notoriously improductive region and up to now great difficulty has been experienced in spending even 5 AML per day economically.

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Morale

In spite of efforts, both by 2 Comando Territoriale and by this HQ to boost the "New Army" spirit, the men, and to a certain extent also the officers, of the present army have so far noticed little improvement and in certain cases even deterioration of conditions. This has had a detrimental effect on morale generally, which, at present cannot be described as satisfactory.

The reasons are many; one is the low rate of basis pay and allowances already referred to above. Other reasons are the poor quality and quantity of clothing; inevitable comparison with the excellent treatment efforded to Allied tps as well as the increasingly noticeable lack of the beneficial influence which a measure of Allied control had on the Italian Army up to the beginning of the year; the mistrust felt for the Army by the general public; poorness of rations and lastly the worry, for a large number of men and officers, regrding their families' welfare.

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(b) ITALIAN

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number of vehs are becoming VOR, the deficiency in tyres is particularly felt. The 60 days maint spares which it is hoped will soon be available will greatly assist matters as emple eqpt exists for the repair of those vehs VOR but not BLR.

The energetic steps taken in an effort to instill some form of discipline into 3 GT Coy (ex Cruppi fail unit now under comd MANTOVA Div) met with an initial reverse when one of the pls, which had been formed from all the best available men, given good offrs and even sup with a certain amount of good clothing from the depleted MANTOVA Div stocks, was ordered to proceed from GENOA to BOLZANETO to take up fresh and better quarters. On arrival at BOLZANETO it was found that two of the drivers, complete with vehs and loads, had disappeared.

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Clothing and Eqpt (b)

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Arms and Amn (b)

Sup of Italian arms for the CCRR is insufficient for their I.S. functions. This has led to a "brutta figura" being put by CCRR pickets sent out to deal with armed brigands most of whom bristle with everything from Brens to Lugers.

However, advice has been received of an allotment of 500 automatic rifles, shortly due to arrive. This will materially ease the sit.

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POI

The only complaint from 2 Comando Territoriale under this heading is the shortage of barrels and other containers. Distribution is carefully supervised by 2 Comando Territoriale and is also examined by this HQ.

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Sups

Apart from a general dissatisfaction felt regarding food and, up to 1 Feb 46, the insufficiency of the supplementary ration allowance, two points are often put fwd as being the cause of complaints:-

(a) That the issue of P.Meat has been largely superceded by the issue of M & V on a weight-for-weight-per-tin basis. This means that the individual, instead of receiving so many grams of meat per day as his ration, only gets a far smaller qty of meat, the balance of weight being made up by various vegetables and juices all of which could quite easily be purchased locally.

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Appx 'A' to 2 BLU
B/G dated 4 Feb 46.

LOCATION STATEMENT

No change.

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Appx 'B' to 2 SLU G/6
dated 4 Feb 1946

Staff List of 2 SLU

Personel Number	Name	Rank	Regt or Corps	Appointment	Remarks
219902	DUFFY PP	T/Maj	SLI	GSO II	
67393	CHRUPP HJPF			B.Waterforde DAAGMC	

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STAFF LIST

The following amdt is made:-

Delete :- Generale di Divisione Enrico Frattini

Insert :- Generale di Corpo d'Armata Arnaldo Forgiero

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Appx 'D' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated 4 Feb 1946

Brit MT held by 2 BLU

Serial No.	Veh Type	Veh No.	2	LR	BLR	Remarks
1.	HUMBER Staff 4X4	1520219	yes	-	-	-
2.	LANCIA ARDEA rec - sal	3643114	-	yes	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B.44 and A.B.405 have been inspected and found correct.

signed.....

Unit.....

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Tel: 56575
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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome.

1 BLU.

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(a) Army less CCRR.

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(b) CC.RR.

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

TRAINING.

(a) Army less CCRR.

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Since the last report was rendered Fus WRIGHT has returned to this HLU, O2E having decided that his A/S gp was 26c instead of 25. This decision was not contested by this HQ as a further delay would probably have resulted had the matter been fought through official channels.

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

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

Leave

Major HE THRUPP now awaits your authy to proceed on SEWLROM.

ITALIAN.

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ITALIAN.

Tpt (b)

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

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This is essential if the CCRR are to function properly in their IS role.

A large number of MCs are being collected from FOLIGNO and CAPUA by a local Ger SP GT Coy. Amongst these are the total amount for the Liguria CCRR. They will be collected as soon as they arrive in PIACENZA EVP.

REME

During a visit to 2 REPARTO RIPARAZIONI with ALME MILA it was noted that there was a danger of flooding, should there be any hy rains, as the result of the previous collapse of a part of the dam site above the wksp.

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

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

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

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Subject:- Fortnightly Report No. 1.

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2 BDU,
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Tel: 56573
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15 Dec 45

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA), ROME.

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Training within 2 Inf Regt is more or less NIL. A lot of hand work will be required by senior officers of the Regt to create a Regt spirit and team work.

Morale in the Regt is not high mainly because of their previous role as Guard Bns and their constant duties which required

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separation of units down to section level.

Guard Duties on Allied Installation will be taken over from Italian Troops in the very near future. 2 District have given instructions that the take over will be completed by the 30 Dec 45, it is hoped this will occur to enable Coys and Pls to come more actively under command of their respective HQs.

Internal Security has been discussed between General Frattini and OC Troops Genoa, both were most cordial and the meeting was of great value and a success.

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2. -HORSES FOR CC.RR.

30 horses have been alloted by HQ 2 District for the Genova CC.RR. Arrangements are now being made for their reception and maintenance. They will be despatched from MONZA by HQ 2 District.

3. -INSPECTIONS.

A few routine inspections of units have been carried out. The general standard is reasonably good with the glaring exception of 3 GT Coy (Ex Gruppi fail).

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Still lacking on the posted strength is an RASC cpl clerk (though a L/Cpl on loan from 1 BLU earmarked for that vacancy), a pte clerk, a DR and mount and an official posting for Fus Wright, the original MMIA LO driver-batman. 5433

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ORDNANCE BRANCH.

1. During the past fortnight this office has finished

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with the exception of a few minor units, the compilation of the "Marching out" States for A and B vehicles and controlled stores of Mantova Div.

2. Heavy receipts (90 light tons) of all notes of Ordnance stores from BSD have been reported by Mantova Div.

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