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Report on the Inspection of Rifles and Bayonets

held by 6" ALPINE BNS.

MERANO

TRENTO BTN.
RIFLES No. 1
" No 3
" No 4

Rifles.
655
I
2

Bayonets.
nil.
653
nil

Bayonets No 1
" No 3
" No 4

Nil
653
Nil

EDOLO BTN.BRUNICO

Rifles No 1
" No 3
" No 4

414
Nil
I

Bayonets No 1
" No 3
" No 4

Nil
357
Nil

BOLZANO BTN.VIPITENO.

Rifles No 1
" No 3
" No 4

492
Nil
I

Bayonets No 1
" No 3
" No 4

Nil
492
Nil

plus 17 minus scabbards.

The inspection of the TRNTO Btn. stationed at Merano and Silandro was carried out on Friday 13 " Dec. All companies were visited, five at Merano and two at Silandro. The rifles held by troops were in a good state of cleanliness, but those in storage were, in the main, dry through lack of oil. This is being attended to immediately.

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"	No 3	Nil	492 + 17 minus Scabbards
"	No 4	I	nil
Bayonets	No 1	Nil	
"	No 3	492	plus 17 minus scabbards.
"	No 4	Nil	

The inspection of the TRUNTO Btn. stationed at Merano and Silandro was carried out on Friday 13 " Dec. All companies were visited, five at Merano and two at Silandro. The rifles held by troops were in a good state of cleanliness, but those in storage were, in the main, dry through lack of oil. This is being attended to immediately.

The DOLO Btn. of which there are ~~only~~ ¹⁷ four companies at Brunico was inspected on Monday 16 " Dec., and an attempt was made to reach the remaining company at Dobbiaco, but this was impossible owing to the impossibility of roadcaused by snow drifts and very bad weather. A second attempt was made but the result was the same.

Included in the numbers given are 14 unserviceable rifles No 1. The numbers given for this Btn. are incomplete as the company at Dobbiaco was not seen.

The standard of the rifles held by the BOLZANO Btn. was not so high as that of the other two Btns. The chief fault being the lack of attention given to the rifles after firing. This is being remedied.

Included in the numbers given are four unserviceable No. 1 rifles and also two T.S.M.G.

The No. 3 bayonets held by the Alpini Btns., are in nearly all respects the same as a No 1. The length and shape are the same, but there is one difference.

The Crosspiece of the No 3 bay. is longer than the No 1 and the hole in it is farther away from the hilt. In the former case it fits on to the barrel, whereas in the latter it fits on to the boss of the nose cap.

The No 4 bay bears no resemblance to the other two types, as in most cases it is round, although there are a few with four flutes in them, and the blade is about 7 inches long compared with the 13 inches of a No 1 and No 3.

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To : Ufficio Artiglieria
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Copy to: ADOS MMIA

GSO I 4 BLU reported today that both Friuli Inf Div and 6 Alpini Regt are in possession of a quantity of bayonets which do not fit the rifles which have been supplied to them.

Would you please therefore ask the Friuli Inf Div and 6 Alpine Regt to render a return to this office showing the number of bayonets required in order that 4 BLU can take action to obtain them for you.

A rifle and bayonet of each type is held in 4 BLU office in order that officers concerned can inspect them and therefore know what type of bayonet they require.

J. H. Johnson

for: C.W.O.
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