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15 Dec. 1946

To : 1/1

Herewith suggested program for my visits for month of January 1947 submitted for your approval please.

Approved
 L. S. HAMILTON
 Major,
 GSO II

Date	Unit to be visited	Place	Destination	Remarks
2 Jan.	100 Regt. Inf.	STANBURY	ARNDT	Return to Office
3 Jan.	Central School	PROBROCK	ARNDT	11.00 hrs
4 Jan.	Central School	PROBROCK	ARNDT	Return to Office
7 Jan.	2nd Inf. 7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	11.00 hrs
8 Jan.	2nd Inf. 7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	Accompanied by AGT
9 Jan.	2nd Inf. 7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	All day work
10 Jan.	2nd Inf. 7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	Return to Office
13 Jan.	7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	11.00 hrs
14 Jan.	7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	Return to Office
15 Jan.	7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	11.00 hrs
16 Jan.	7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	Return to Office
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30 Jan.	7 Cdn	ARNDT	STORAGE	Return to Office

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Florence, 11 Dec. 1935

Subject : Training

To : A/C - 7 HLU

The following programme of visits is submitted for your approval.

The object of these visits is to get a clear idea, on a bn level, of what training is actually being carried out. Estimated time away from the office is ~~given~~ beside each visit.
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An interpreter should accompany.

Thurs. 12 Dec.	Carabinieri Regt (0830-1100) ROVERETO
Fri. 13 Dec.	7 Inf. Regt (0830-1100) SCANDICCI
Mon. 16 Dec.	7 C.A.R. (0830-1250)
Tues. 17 Dec.	MILANO Regt.
(or Wed. 18 Dec. if you are in BOLOGNA)	PESERA (0830-1230)
Thurs 19 Dec.	Carabinieri HQ. (0830-1100) PIACENZA

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GSO XI

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 295618 / 23

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Ref : 212/25

2 Dec. 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : 7 Terr. Command.

1. Attached is a brief report on Major GREENON's recent visit to GROSSETO on 31st Oct. and 1st Nov. 1946.

2. This report is not forwarded in any spirit of criticism but in the hope that it may be of assistance to you.

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Lt.Col.,
GSO I
7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: HAN/25

5 Nov. 1946

To : GSO I

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These latter personnel (8) do not receive rations and in consequence are at a great disadvantage, as they have to buy all their food on the open market and find the greatest difficulty in making ends meet.

STELLINI informed me that these facts had been represented to 7 T.C. but so far without result.

(b) The accommodation for the recruits was considerably inferior to that at some of the other District HQs.

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2. The last call-up was carried out very smoothly. Recruits arrived on the appointed day and there were very few absentees.

3. Medical arrangements are satisfactory, as when recruits arrive, and MO is detailed from the local hospital to assist the District HQ. MO

Re.ount Depot 1st. Nov. (Lieut. Col. NISIVOCIA)

1 Strength is 7 Officers 3 NCOs 16 ORs.

2. (a) The above title is a misnomer as it is not a Remount Depot but a

Stud Farm.

There are a few old horses in retirement, and a few captured horses that were sent back from the front. These latter may eventually be used as officers chargers. Some of these horses are at present being used by the Staff.

(b) Apart from the above horse the farm consists of brood mares and some foals. There are about 40 brood mares.

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(c) Numbers of Tuscan cattle are bred, the cows being used for milk.

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3. The farm consists of approx 2000 hectares, half of which is let off to civilians.

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7. STORAGE and I were given lunch in the Mess and everywhere we went we were received with the utmost cordiality.

The spirit of camaraderie amongst the Officers of the Depot was most noticeable.

8. The one grouse was lack of mechanical transport.

There is no mechanical vehicle of any sort on the strength on the Depot which is 7 Kilos from GROSSETO. The only transport available is

traps. The journey takes nearly an hour.

As all officers and some of the ORs live in GROSETO, a great deal of time is wasted in travelling.

This transport is needed not only for the "Gerry Service", but also for visiting mares and young stock that are spread all over the District.

It is suggested that one passenger carrying vehicle preferably a jeep, and one small load carried should be allotted to the Depot.

The C.O. tells me that his need for transport has been represented to both 7 T.C. and the M. of W.

D.S.L. GREGSON

Major

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
REFERENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: TEL/25

25 Oct. 1946

Subject : Liaison Visits - SIEMA

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. In accordance with the pre-arranged Programme of Weekly Liaison Visits, GSO I 7 BLU visited SIEMA on 24 Oct. 1946. The following Notes are forwarded:
2. SIEMA Military District HQ. GSO I visited District Commander (Col. RANKIN-THOMAS) at 0930 hrs. A conference was held, and later GSO I visited the District Barracks, and accommodation where the newly called-up recruits are received. The following comments and difficulties were discussed.

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3. CASA del SOLDATO. G.3.0 I met Capt. MILONE (detached from 7 C.A.R.) and visited the club premises.
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SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF BRIG. M.W. HOPE DSO TO 7 TERR. COMP.

SERIAL NO.	DATE	TIME	VISIT	7 BLU REP.	INTERPRETER	TRANSPORT	MEETING PLACE
1	7 Oct.	0930	"GARIBOLDI" Regt. (Col. RAVICH) BOVIGLIANO Barracks	GSO II	Lt. STORAGE	Brig's Car	Excelsior 0910
2	7 Oct.	1130	CASA DEL SOLDATO	GSO II - A/Q	Lt. STORAGE	Brig's Car	
3	8 Oct.	1030	7 CAR SINNA (Col. COLLIVA)	GSO II - A/Q	Lt. STORAGE	Brig's Car 7 BLU Jeep	Porta Romana 0945
4	8 Oct.	1300	Brig. and Mrs. HOPE lunch with Officers 7 B.L.U. in SINNA				
5	8 Oct.		Brig. and Mrs. HOPE return independently to FLORENCE. Reps 7 BLU return in 7				
6	9 Oct.	0930	7 Inf. Regt. (Col. MUCINI) SCANDICCIO Barracks	GSO II	Lt. STORAGE	Brig's Car	Excelsior 0910
7	9 Oct.	1130	7 BLU ORs billet	GSO II - A/Q	NIL	Brig's Car	—
8	9 Oct.	1300	Brig. and Mrs. HOPE lunch 7 BLU Officers Mess No. 10 VIA LORENZO IL MAGNI				
9	9 Oct.	2015	Brig. and Mrs. HOPE dine Major and Mrs. GREGSON "VILLINO"				

NOTE :- 1. POL can be obtained from 7 BLU Petrol Point - FORTAZZA DI BASSO between 0800 and 0930 hrs. daily.
 2. Brig. HOPE's driver will be accommodated at VILLA PRIMAVERA (ORs Mess).

DISTRIBUTION :- Brig. M.W. HOPE D.S.O.
 GSO II (PAC Officers Mess)
 A/Q ✓
 Capt. TATHAM
 Lt. STORAGE
 Mr. PATRICKSON
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"ARIBALDI" Regt. Col. RAVNICH) VEZZANO Barracks	GSO II	Lt. STORACE	Brig's Car	Excelsior 0910	
CASA DEL SOLDATO	GSO II - A/Q	Lt. STORACE	Brig's Car		A/Q will meet party at CASA DEL SOLDATO
CAR SIENA Col. COLLEIVA)	GSO II - A/Q	Lt. STORACE	Brig's Car 7 BLU Jeep	Porta Romana 0845	It is suggested that Mrs. HOPE and Mrs. GREGSON accompany the party to SIENA and whilst B-4 visits CAR, Mrs. HOPE and GREGSON tour SIENA.

Brig. and Mrs. HOPE lunch with Officers 7 B.L.U. in SIENA

and Mrs. HOPE return independently to FLORENCE. Reps 7 BLU return in 7 BLU transport

Col. Regt. Col. MARCINI) VANDICCI Barracks	GSO II	Lt. STORACE	Brig's Car	Excelsior 0910	
BLU Gdn billet	GSO II - A/Q	NIL	Brig's Car	—	A/Q and Mr. PATHEKJONN will meet party at Billet. GSO II to send his car to billet.

Brig. and Mrs. HOPE lunch 7 BLU Officers Mess No. 10 VIA LORENZO IL MAGNIFICO

Brig. and Mrs. HOPE dine Major and Mrs. GREGSON "VILLINO"

on 7 BLU Petrol Point - FORTINZA IM BASSO between 0800 and 0930 hrs. daily.
All be accommodated at VILLA PRIMAVERA (ORs Mess).

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D.S.O. GREGSON
Major,
DIA & JAG
7 B.L.U.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STORMING

Tele : 253618 / 23

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref : MUJ/25

15 Oct. 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : G.S.O. I.

A/Q

1. On 10 Oct. '46, GSO II 7 B.L.D. accompanied by Lt. SIO-

RACE visited :-

- (a) Comando Presidio, LAMHORN
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, PISA
- (c) 1st Group 134 Arty Regt, PISA.

2. The party was met at Comando Presidio, LAMHORN by Col. MAZZOCHI, C.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, MARINA DI PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of IPW returning from abroad. The Barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at anyone time.

A clear, well defined system is run whereby IPW are met at LAMHORN docks by an Officer of the Centre who loads them on to a special train (run under orders of the Garrison Cmdr) and within half an hour they are at the Centre where a hot meal awaits them, no matter what time of the day or night they arrive.

Having fed, the repatriates are led to a large room where documentation takes place, then a medical inspection and de-lousing, if necessary; the normal stay of a repatriate in this Centre is two days, they are then granted 60 days leave and receive their pay and are given transport by the Centre to the nearest railway station. During their leave documents are checked and regular Officers and ORs receive posting instructions from their 134th District HQs.

Col. MAZZOCHI, C.C. Garrison has the power to demobilise time expedited men at the Centre if their documents are in order. Such men are issued with civilian clothing at the Centre.

Col. MAZZOCHI stated that, in many cases, ships arrive at LAMHORN without previous warning. He did seem very worried over this as beds are always ready and he holds sufficient stocks of reserve rations to cope with such emergencies.

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OBSERVATIONS

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- (c) 1st Group 124 Arty Regt. PISA.

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3. The party was met by Major FALCONE, O.C. 1st Arty Group at CAMONNA Barracks, PISA. These barracks are in very good order, glass in windows etc. and are a great improvement on their last barracks at FISTOLA. When the party arrived the Group were concentrated at an open air lunch to celebrate the awarding of "POLICOR" berets to new arrived recruits.

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4. During the course of both visits every assistance was given to visiting Officers. Col. MAZOOCHI invited us to his house for a glass of vermouth and to meet his wife. Major PALOMO was most cordial and the visit concluded with a friendly talk over a glass of cognac. There was no suspicion of any coldness towards Allied Officers.

Har Hamilton

H. W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II
7 I.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Tele : 293618 / 23

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref : BLU/25

15 Oct. 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : G.S.O. I.

A/1

*CC Works for monthly
report 1st 12/10
BF 4/11 16/10
Included in Report
WH 1/11*

1. On 10 Oct. '46, GSO II 7 B.L.U. accompanied by Lt. SPO-
RACE visited :-

- (a) Comando Presidio, LEGHORN
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, PISA
- (c) 1st Group 184 Arty Regt. PISA.

2. The party was met at Comando Presidio, LEGHORN by Col. MAZZOCHI, O.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, MARINA DI PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of IPW returning from abroad. The Barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at anyone time.

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Subject: visits.

To : G.S.O. I.

A/S*Included in Report*

1. On 10 Oct. '66, GSO II 7 B.L.U. accompanied by Lt. SPO-

RICE visited :-

- (a) Comando Presidio, LUGNORNI
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, PISA
- (c) 1st Group 134 Arty Regt. PISA.

2. The party was met at Comando Presidio, LUGNORNI by Col. MAZZOCHI, O.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, MARINA DI PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of IPW returning from abroad. The Barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at anyone time.

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H.W. Hamilton

H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II
7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Tele : 293618 / 23

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref : BLU/25

15 Oct. 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : G.S.O. I.

A/Q

16/10 - see HQ's entry over

1. On 10 Oct. '46, GSO II 7 B.L.U. accompanied by Lt. STO-
RACE visited :-

- (a) Comando Presidio, LEGHORN
- (b) 702 Accomodation Centre, FISA
- (c) 1st Group 184 Arty Regt. FISA.

2. The party was met at Comando Presidio, LEGHORN by Col. MAZZOCHI, O.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accomodation Centre, MARINA DI PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of IPW returning from abroad. The Barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at anyone time.

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H. W. Hamilton

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7 B.L.U.

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CONFIDENTIAL

7 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT
STANDARD

Date: 29/6/68 / 23

Subject: VisitsRe: G.S.O. I.A/ORef: MLU/2515 Oct. 1966

1. On 10 Oct. '66, USS II 7 B.I.S. accompanied by Lt. SNO-
RACE visited:-

- (a) Comando Presidio, LARSEN
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, PISA
- (c) 1st Group 134 Arty Regt. PISA.

2. The party was met at Comando Presidio, LARSEN by Col. MARCONI, O.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, MARINA DE PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of PW returning from abroad. The Barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at any one time.

A clear, well defined system is run whereby PW are met at LARSEN docks by an Officer of the Centre who loads them on to a special train (run under orders of the Garrison Officer) and within half an hour they are at the Centre where a hot meal awaits them, no matter what time of the day or night they arrive.

Having fed, the repatriates are led to a large room where documentation takes place, then a medical inspection and de-lousing, if necessary; the normal stay of a repatriate in this Centre is two days, they are then granted 60 days leave and receive their pay and are given transport by the Centre to the nearest railway station. During their leave documents are checked and regular Officers and ORs receive posting instructions from their ~~local~~ District HQs.

Col. MARCONI, O.C. Garrison has the power to demobilize time expired men at the Centre if their documents are in order. Such men are issued with civilian clothing at the Centre.

Col. MARCONI stated that, in many cases, ships arrive at LARSEN without previous warning. He did ~~them~~ very worried over this as beds are always ready and he holds sufficient stocks of reserve rations to cope with such emergencies.

An adequate permanent staff is employed at the Centre and the whole show appears to be well and efficiently run.

OBSERVATIONS

It is suggested that a lecture should be given to all repatriates during their two day stay at the Centre. The subject should be on the living conditions in Italy today and about the future.

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To : C.O.O. I.

A/U

1. On 10 Oct. '46, GAO II 7 B.I.O. accompanied by Lt. SMO-

BAKER visited :-

- (a) Comando Presidio, LARAGON
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, PISA
- (c) 1st Group 124 Arty Regt. PISA.

2. The party was met at Comando Presidio, LARAGON by Col. MARINCHI, O.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, MARINCHI DI PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of LW returning from abroad. The barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at any one time.

A clear, well defined system is run whereby LW are met at LARAGON docks by an officer of the Centre who leads them on to a special train (run under orders of the Garrison Officer) and within half an hour they are at the Centre where a hot meal awaits them, no matter what time of the day or night they arrive.

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Col. MARINCHI, O.C. Garrison has the power to demobilise time expired men at the Centre if their documents are in order. Such men are issued with civilian clothing at the Centre.

Col. MARINCHI stated that, in many cases, ships arrive at LARAGON without previous warning. He did/does very worried over this as both are always ready and he holds sufficient stocks of reserve rations to cope with such emergencies.

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ORGANISATION

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3. The party was met by Major PIAZZO, O.C. 1st Arty Group at CARONNA Barracks, PISA. These barracks are in very good order, glass in windows etc. and are a great improvement on their last barracks at PIAZZO. When the party arrived the Group were entertained at an open air lunch to celebrate the awarding of "RED CROSS" berets to new arrived recruits.

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Guns were well maintained, only two pieces being in w/shops for minor repairs. All guns are very worn, mostly Class 'B' and a few of Class 'C'.

No new winter uniforms have yet been received and the old ones have been repaired, but at the moment ^{yet} is a 70% deficiency. These have been indicated for but have not yet arrived.

4. During the course of both visits every assistance was given to visiting Officers. Col. MAZUREK invited us to his house for a glass of Vermont and to meet his wife. Major PALCHES was most cordial and the visit concluded with a friendly talk over a glass of cognac. There was no suspicion of any collusion towards Allied Officers.

W. W. Hamilton

W. W. HAMILTON

Major,

GSC II

7 B.L.U.

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CONFIDENTIAL

7 BRUNNEN LIAISON UNIT
MEMORANDUM
To : 29348 / 23

Subject : Visit.

To : C.S.C. I.
A/R

Ref : MUI/25

12 Oct. 1946

1. On 10 Oct. '46, CSD II 7 B.L.U. accompanied by Lt. SRO-
RACS visited :-

- (a) Commo Precinct, LONDON
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, FISH
- (c) 1st Group 1st Army Regt. FISH.

2. The party was met at Commo Precinct, LONDON by Col. MACDONALD, O.C. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, FISH. This Centre was formed to take care of PW returning from abroad. The Dormitories are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at any one time. A clear, well defined system is run whereby PW are met at LONDON by an Officer of the Centre who loads them on to a special train (run under orders of the Garrison Officer) and within half an hour they are at the Centre where a hot meal awaits them, no matter what time of the day or night they arrive.

Having fed, the repatriates are led to a large room where documentation takes place, then a medical inspection and de-lousing, if necessary, the normal stay of a repatriate in this Centre is two days, they are then granted 60 days leave and receive their pay and are given transport by the Centre to the nearest railway station. During their leave documents are checked and regular Officers and C.Os receive posting instructions from their local District HQ.

Col. MACDONALD, O.C. Garrison has the power to demobilise time expired men at the Centre if their documents are in order. Such men are issued with civilian clothing at the Centre.

Col. MACDONALD stated that, in many cases, ships arrive at LONDON without previous warning. He did/seen very varied over this as beds are always ready and he holds sufficient stocks of reserve ration to cope with such contingencies.

An adequate permanent staff is employed at the Centre and the whole show appears to be well and efficiently run.

CONCLUSIONS

It is suggested that a lecture should be given to all repatriates during their two day stay at the Centre. The subject should be on the status of repatriates in Italy today and should cover such points as cost of

Subject: Malaya

To : C.O.C. I.

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1. On 10 Oct. '46, C.O. II 7 Bala, accompanied by 16. SMC-
RACS visited :-

- (a) Comandante Presidente, MALAYA
- (b) 702 Accommodation Centre, PISA
- (c) 1st Group 1 B. Army Regt. PISA.

2. The party was met at Comandante Presidente, MALAYA by Col. MARCOSII, C.O. Garrison who conducted a tour of 702 Accommodation Centre, MALAYA in PISA. This Centre was formed to take care of DPs returning from abroad. The Barracks are in excellent condition and are capable of coping with three to four thousand repatriates at any one time. A clear, well defined system is run whereby DPs are met at LAZARUS docks by an Officer of the Centre who leads them on to a special train (run under orders of the Garrison Centre) and within half an hour they are at the Centre where a hot meal awaits them, no matter what time of the day or night they arrive.

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Col. MARCOSII, C.O. Garrison has the power to discharge time expired men at the Centre if their documents are in order. Such men are issued with civilian clothing at the Centre.

Col. MARCOSII stated that, in many cases, ships arrive at LAZARUS without previous warning. He did then very worried over this as beds are always ready and he holds sufficient stocks of reserve rations to cope with such contingencies.

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CONCLUSIONS

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3. The party was met by Major PALOMO, C.O. 1st Army Group at CAPODIA BARRACAS, PISA. These barracks are in very good order, glass in windows etc. and are a great improvement on their last barracks at PISA. When the party arrived the Group were entertained at an open air lunch to celebrate the coming of "PISA" herein to new arrived recruits.

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4. During the course of both visits every assistance was given to visiting Officers. Col. MAZUMBI invited us to his house for a glass of vermouth and to meet his wife. Major PALOMO was most cordial and the visit concluded with a friendly talk over a glass of cognac. There was no suspicion of any collusion towards Allied Officers.

H. H. HADJIAN
Major,
GSO II
7 B. L. U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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Rif: BLN/25

2 Ottobre 1946

Oggetto: Visite del S.O.R.E. - MIA

Al : 7 Comando Territoriale - FIRENZE

Per norma e competenza si trasmettono 3 copie del rapporto sulle visite effettuate dal Maggiore O'FARRELL IE ai Reparti del GENIO.

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON
Maggiore
DAA & QEG

Translation

Subject : Visits S.O.R.E. MIA

To : 7 Territorial Command

We forward, herewith enclosed, 3 copies of report of visits carried out by Major O' FARRELL IE to Engineers Units, for your information and necessary action.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QEG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

URGENT
BY HAND

Ref : BLU/25

4 October 46

Subject : Visits.

To : 7 Corps. Comd.

Reference your 3131/AGG. of 7 Sept. 46.

1. The programme of visits for Thursday 10 October 46 includes a visit to 6 Bn. Gp. (US-IFI) at LEONORI.

As these troops are at present under American control it is not deemed necessary that they should be visited by British Officers. Will you please therefore cancel this visit to 6 Bn Group (US-IFI).

Rendezvous with Garrison Comdr. at Comando Presidio LEONORI at 0930 should remain unchanged.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II
7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

D.S.L. GREGSON
 Major,
 DAA & QMG
 7 B.L.U.

Ref: 311/25

Tel: 293618/23

3 October 1946

Subject: Visits.

To: 7 Terr. Comd.
 (by hand of Lieut. FRANCHINI)

Ref. your 3308/Add. dated 26 Sept. '46.

1. I have contacted Brig. M.W. HOPE D.S.O. and have made the following arrangements for him :-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Visit</u>
(a) 7 Oct. 46	09,30 hrs.	"GARIBALDI" Regt. ROVEZZANO Barracks. Meeting Col. RAVNICH at HQ at 09,30 hrs.
(b) 7 Oct. 46	11,30 hrs.	"CASA DEL SOLDATO" FLORENCE. Meet Officer i/c at CASA DEL SOLDATO at 11,30 hrs.
8 Oct. 46	10,30 hrs.	7 C.A.R. SIENA. Meet Col. COLLIVA at LA MARMORA Barracks at 10,30 hrs.
9 Oct. 46	09,30 hrs.	7 Inf. Regt. Meet Col. MARCINI at SCANDICCI Barracks at 09,30 hrs.

2. Will you please confirm that these arrangements are convenient to you.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
 Major,
 DAA & QMG
 7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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Ref: ELM/25

24 Sept 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Brigadier M.W. HOPE, DSO, B.G.S. MBE will visit FLORENCE on 7th, 8th and 9th October next.
2. Would you please forward to this HQ., by 1st Oct next, details of any visits to Units in 7 T.C. that you would care Brig HOPE to make.
3. As Brig. HOPE has several other matters to attend to, I feel that your suggested programme should be confined to visits that you would actually like him to make.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMB

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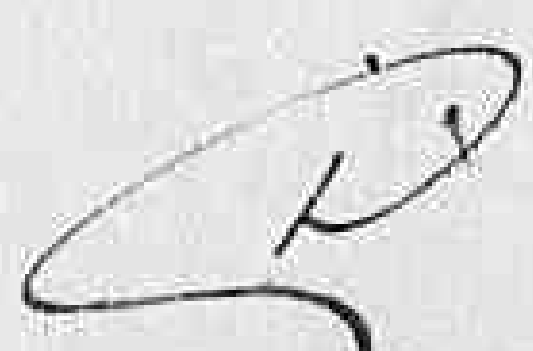
10 Sept. 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : 7 Terr. Comd.

Ref. your 3131/Add. ^{see 82} at 7 Sept. 1946.

Programme of visits received and will be carried out
by this H.Q.


D.S.L. GREGSON
Major,
DAA & QMG

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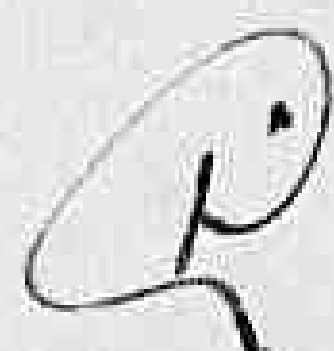
7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FLORENCE

REF: HLU/25

29 August 1946Subject : VisitsTo : 7 Territorial Command

1. Information has been received from Hq. MMIA that Major J.G. O'FERRAL. S.O.R.E. MMIA proposes to make the following visits: -

Wed. 4 Sept.
" " "A.M. Engr. En. FOLGORE Div.
P.M. Engr Hq. 7 Territorial Command
D.S.L. GIBSON
Major
DAA & QM

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
KLOPPNER
Tel. 293612 - 23

Ref: BLM/25

21 Aug. '46

Subject: Visits

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. As you are aware, in April and May last, in collaboration with yourselves, Staff Officers of this HQ. paid a series of visits to units in 7 Territorial Command.
2. These visits were discontinued owing to the elections and have not as yet recommenced.
3. It is known that General DE SINGHE was very much in favour of these visits and it is suggested that they should start again.
4. Previously they took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, but in view of the number already carried out, you may consider that one day a week would be sufficient and preferable.
5. In view of the imminent departure of the CC.HQ. L.O. attached to this HQ. and the fact that his duties will be carried out by other Staff Officers of 7 B.L.U., it is felt that visits to various CC.HQ. Headquarters should be included in the programme.
6. Perhaps you will inform me if you are in favour of these visits recommencing, and if so, whether you consider whether one or two each week should be carried out and what days would be most suitable.
7. It is suggested that the programme should start with the week commencing 16th September next and if you are in agreement, will you please forward a suggested programme.

B. L. G.

D.S.L. GIBSON
Major
D.A. & C.M.

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W. S. L. CHURSON

D.S.L. CHURSON
Major
DAA & QSG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tel. 293618 - 23

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Ref. BLU/23

12 Aug '46

see 76

Subject: VisitsTo : 7 Territorial CommandCopy to: Bologna Div.: Major G.E. ALLENBY - 12 B.L.U.

Major G.E. ALLENBY, Instructor in Gunnery, will visit
Artillery Units of Bologna Div. at FIRE on 21 Aug 46 and at BOCCA on
22 Aug 46.

He will be accompanied by an Italian Artillery Officer of the
Scuola Centrale Artiglieria.

Detailed programme is being issued by Italian sources.

H.W. Hamilton

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

File Copy. (69)

REF: BLU/25

19 July '46

(Florence 293618-20)

Subject: Visit of Commander H.M.I.A. (Maj.Gen.E.H. GOULBURN., DSO)
to 7 Territorial Command, 22 - 23 July 1946

To : 7 Territorial Command - *London 70*

Ref. your HQ. No. 2752/Add of 18 July 1946, and conference
(Lt. Col. CHIARIOTTI - Lt. Col. MARKES) on 19 July.

2. Attached at App. "A" is the agreed amended programme and time-table of Maj. Gen. GOULBURN's visit.
3. It would be appreciated if your HQ. would fill in the names of the officers Commanders etc noted in the margin and return a completed copy to this HQ. not later than 1230 hrs on Sat 20 July.

C. C. Markes

C. C. MARKES
Lt. Col.
GSO I

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122. "A" to 7 HJH letter
 21/25 dated 19 July 46

PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF COMMANDER MITA (Maj. Gen. E.N. GOURNERY., DSO)
 TO 7 B.L.U. and 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND. 21-25 JULY 1946

<u>Time-table</u>	<u>Personalities</u>
<u>SUN 21 JULY.</u>	
122. Arr. Excelsior Hotel, FLORENCE	<u>Military Members.</u> Capt. COLLINGS.
<u>MON 22 JULY.</u>	
0830 hrs. Visit Hq. 7 B.L.U.	Chief Gen: Corps Gen. C. DE SIENNE
0900 hrs. Visit Hq. 7 Italian Territorial Command (Palazzo S. CATERINA)	2 1/2 Gen. Brig. FIGARINI C. of S. Col. GROSSO A/C of 3 Lt. Col. CHIAVIGNI
0945 hrs. Visit Hq. FOLGORE Inf. Div. (V. VERGATO Bcs)	Genl Brig. Gen. G. FLALONSI 2 1/2 Col. DE NICHELIS C. of 3. Lt. Col. DE MARTINO
1030 hrs. Visit GARIBOLDI Regt. (FOLGORE Div.) and FOLGORE M.B. Units (V/3, S 8th Coy) COVERCIANO Bcs.	Genl. Col. RAVICHI.
1130 hrs. Visit 7 M.T. Repair Depot Military Prison Artillery Directorate Depot in FORTIENZA da BASSO	<u>Partners Genl.</u> Col. ATTISANI.
1300 hrs. Lunch with Gen. DE SIENNE at Terr. Genl. Mess. (Via Arasieri 2)	Genl. Col. MANCINI Genl. Lt. Col. SAVINI
1420 hrs. Visit 7 B.L.U. CR's Billet (Villa BRIMAVERA, Piazzale Galileo)	Legion Genl. Col. GRASSINI Co. Genl. Lt. Col. BOTTACCI Mob. Bn. Genl. Maj. PALANCI
1515 hrs. Visit 7 Inf. Regt. FOLGORE Eng. Bn. at SCARDINOLI, Bcs.	Genl. 1/0 Maj. FLAMINI
1615 hrs. Visit CC.RR. Mob. Bn. " Riding School at BALDISSERA Bcs.	
1700 hrs. Visit "Casa del Soldato"	
1715 hrs. Return to Excelsior Hotel	

MON 22 JULY

0830 hrs. Visit HQ. 7 B.L.U.

0900 hrs. Visit HQ. 7 Italian Territorial Command (Palazzo S. CATERINA)

Comd Gen: Corps Gen.
C. DE SIMONE
2 1/2 Gen. Brig. FIGALINI
C. of S. Col. GROSSO
A/C of S. Lt. Col. CHIARIOTTI

0945 hrs. Visit HQ. FOLGORE Inf. Div. (V. VENTRO Bcs)

Comd Brig. Gen. G. FIALORSI
2 1/2 Col. DE MICHELIS
C. of S. Lt. Col. DE MARTINO

1030 hrs. Visit CARTRIDGE Regt. (FOLGORE Div.) and FOLGORE M.T. Units (V/S, S AT Coy) COVERGLAND Bcs.

Comd. Col. RAVNICH.

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Fortress Comd.
Col. ATTISANI.

1200 hrs. Lunch with Gen. DE SIMONE at Terr. Comd Mess. (Via Arancieri 2)

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Comd. Col. MANGINI
Comd. Lt. Col. SAVINI

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Legion Comd. Col. GRASSINI
Gen. Comd. Lt. Col. BOTTACCHI
Mob. Bn. Comd. Maj. PALANUCCI

1700 hrs. Visit "Casa del Soldato"
1715 hrs. Return to Excelsior Hotel

Offr i/c Maj. MANGINI

TUES 23 JULY

0800 hrs. Leave HQ. 7 B.L.U. for LUCCA
0930 hrs. Visit HQ 184 (FOLGORE) Arty Regt. and I, IV, V Bys at BRINCEP AMEDEO Bcs.
Visit District Bcs.

Comd. Col. BILZARRE

1045 hrs. Leave LUCCA for PISTOIA.
1130 hrs. Visit District Bcs. PISTOIA
1145 hrs. Visit MEDIO Inf. Regt. PISTOIA
1300 hrs. Lunch with Col. CAROSSO, MEDIO OFFICIALS

Dist. Comd. Col. BERTACCHI

Dist. Comd. Col. PATRIGNI
Comd. Col. CAROSSO

1400 hrs. Dep. for BOLOGNA.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: MAY/25

2 July 1946

Subject : Visits to FLORENCE

To : M.M.I.A.

Some misunderstanding appears to exist amongst M.M.I.A. officers arriving from ROME, especially in regards to facilities for drawing petrol in FLORENCE.

The following information may clarify the position regarding facilities available in FLORENCE.

- (a) Petrol point is situated at 64 Coy RASC. lubricants may also be drawn.
- (b) First line vehicle repairs can be carried out at 64 Coy RASC.
- (c) Officers may be accommodated at Hotel Excelsior (phone 293670) Town Major, FLORENCE has now been disbanded.
- (d) British OR drivers may be accommodated at 7 H.W. ORs billet. They should bring rations and blankets.
- (e) Italian OR drivers may be accommodated at Italian Army Rest Camp, Via Tripoli - FLORENCE. Bookings should be requested through this HQ.

H.
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: HM/25

Florence, 28 June 1946

Subject : Visits

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref. your 2439/Add dated 21 June 46.

2. This HQ. is allowing a percentage of personnel to visit "IL PALIO" at SIENA on 2 July 46. In view of this may the visit to GROSSETO on that date please be cancelled.

H.
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCERef: BLU/25Florence, 13 June 1946Subject: Visits.To: 7 Territorial Command.

See 29

1. Ref. your 1669/op. dated 5 May '46 and our BLU/25 dated 28 May 1946.
2. May a revised programme for visits of G.I. of B.L.U. please be forwarded. The last visit was carried out as per your previous programme on 28 May '46.

See

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO. II.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BUJ/25

Florence, 1 June 1946

Subject: Visits to 7 T.C.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.

1.

In accordance with the programme arranged direct between U.S. Embassy and Italian Ministry of War, Gen. BRADY, U.S. Military Attache' Rome, and his A.M.A. Major GRAY, visited units of the FOLGORE Inf. Div. on Thurs. May 30th, as follows:

(a) 0800 hrs. - At PIASTRE (Q 4696) met Gen. PIALORSI (Div. Comd), Col. CAMOSSO (Comd. NEMBO Regt), Lt. Col. DE MARTINO (C. of S. FOLGORE Div.-) and other Staff Officers of the FOLGORE Div. (Excellent coffee was provided.)

(b) 0830 hrs. - At PRUNETTA (Q 4396) watched a field firing exercise (live ammunition, incl. 6 pdrs. and mortars) by a Coy of a NEMBO Bn (Comd. Magg. DESSEY). This exercise was realistic, and well organised and controlled.

(c) 0945 hrs. - At MARESCA L.4802. visited a Bty. of the 184 (FOLGORE) Arty Regt., living under field conditions, in tents. General lay-out and arrangements appeared thoroughly satisfactory.

(d) 1045 hrs. - At PONTE VENTURINA L.5909 and FORRETTA L.5815, visited the CARIBALDI Regt. (Comd. Col. RAVVICH). The troops had been on Church Parade and were subsequently paraded on an open space and reviewed by Gen. BRADY. General PIALORSI, on behalf of Gen. BRADY addressed the troops and expressed Gen. BRADY's appreciation of their appearance and turn-out and his regret that they had had to parade in the rain.

(e) 1130 hrs. - Returned to FLORENCE.

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In spite of bad weather the visit appeared to be a success, and Gen. BRADY seemed satisfied with the arrangements made, and quite impressed by what he saw.

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W. H. Anderson
C.O. MAGS
Lt. Col.
G.S.O. I.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU/25

Florence, 30 May 1946.

Subject : Report on visit of 28 May 1946.

To : G. I.

Present : G.I. - G.II - Lt. FRANCHINI

Visited

7 Inf. Regt.
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1 Bn.
2 Bn.
184 Eng. Bn. "Folgore"

SCANDICCI Barracks.

Arrived 0920 hrs and were met by Col. TAMONE O.C. 7 Inf. Regt. and Lt. Col. SAVINI O.C. 184 Eng. Bn.

(a) 7 Inf. Regt.

1st Bn., strength 560, ^{is} are detailed for internal security duties. 1 Coy at LAERINA Camp.

2nd Bn., Strength 420, ^{is} are employed on admin. duties within FLORENCE Area. Three Companies at SCANDICCI; one Company at FORTAZZA DA BASSO.

3rd Bn. are located at PISA and LEGHORI.

(b) Engineer Bn. "Folgore", Strength 500.

(c)

Inspected Barrack rooms which were in a clean condition. ~~but~~ much work is necessary to make them comfortable - electric light wiring had been improvised and was not completed in all barracks - difficulty in obtaining correct bulbs. A few bed cupboards were available for barrack rooms but work has been started in fitting shelves. Mostly double tier beds used but not crowded.

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It was reported that these barracks are capable of accomodating 4500. Improvised huts erected by the Americans are in a poor condition and can only be used as storerooms. Window glass and flyproof netting are in short supply.

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One canteen was open, but more have been needed -
Furniture is needed.

Engineer Bn. of "Folgoe" Div. have mosquito nets but
these have not been issued to 7 Inf. Regt. It was stated
that this was not a malarial Area.

Training.

1 Coy of Sanitation Unit is training at SCANDICCI.
C.O. has been notified to expect recruits from C.A.R.
on 1 July for Infantry training.

Watched one coy. receiving instructions on throwing
"Red Devil" hand grenade. Too many people were fingering
grenades whilst waiting to throw.

One Coy was firing on the range.

Inspected I.A.D. - usual shortage of spare parts; none
received for two months.

Twelve piece regimental band still operates.

7 Inf. Regt. have only fifteen vehicles of their W.E.
of twenty. C.O. states this is insufficient especially
over the election period.

C.O. stated that he expected only small incidents with
civilian in his Area and that no trouble was anticipated
with his troops. Many words but little action!

There is a serious lack of Office furniture and Mess
room furniture.

These troops have been in SCANDICCI Barracks only
twenty days.

H. W. Hamilton

H. W. HAMILTON

Major,

G.S.O. II

Copy to :- G. II
A/C

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7 DAYTON LIAISON UNIT
WONDER

Ref: HHH/25

PLANNING: 20 May 1966

Subject: Report on visit of 24 May 1966.

To: 1 G. I.

From: G.I. - G.I. - 1A. WASHINGTON

Visited: 7 Inf. Regt. }
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Arrived 0920 hrs and were met by COL. TAYLOR O.C. 7 Inf. Regt. and Lt. Col. SAUNDERS O.C. 1st Bn. 7 Inf. Regt.

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3rd Bn. are located at 11th and 12th.

(b) 1st Bn. 7 Inf. Regt. strength 200.

Inspected 1st Bn. which was in a clean condition. Light wiring had been installed and was not completed in 1st Bn. - difficulty in obtaining correct height. A few bed canteens were available for instant meals but were not used in sitting shelves. Mostly double chair beds used but not covered. Ablutions and latrines were sufficient in number but low pressure water supply was a handicap. It was reported that these latrines are capable of accommodating 4500. Improvised built around by the Americans are in a poor condition and can only be used as storerooms.

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Arrived 0900 hrs and were met by Col. FURBER O.C. 7 Inf. Regt. and Lt. Col. MURPHY O.C. 100 Inf. Bn.

- (a) 7 Lts. Regt. 1st Bn. strength 500 detailed for immediate emergency duties. 1 Coy at LAKEVIEW Camp.
- (b) 2nd Bn. strength 400 employed on other duties within the 100th Bn. These companies at LAKEVIEW, 100th Bn. Company at 100th Bn. Bn.
- (c) 3rd Bn. are located at 100th Bn. and LAKEVIEW.

100th Bn. 100th Bn. 100th Bn.

Inspected the work which was in a clean condition. 21st Bn. in company to make them comfortable - electric in the morning and both inspected and was not satisfied in all respects. 22nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. A few bed cots were available for sleeping cots but with the heat started in the morning. 23rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 24th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 25th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 26th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 27th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 28th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 29th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 30th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 31st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 32nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 33rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 34th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 35th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 36th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 37th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 38th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 39th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 40th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 41st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 42nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 43rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 44th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 45th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 46th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 47th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 48th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 49th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 50th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 51st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 52nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 53rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 54th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 55th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 56th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 57th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 58th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 59th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 60th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 61st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 62nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 63rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 64th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 65th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 66th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 67th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 68th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 69th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 70th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 71st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 72nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 73rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 74th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 75th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 76th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 77th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 78th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 79th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 80th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 81st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 82nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 83rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 84th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 85th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 86th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 87th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 88th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 89th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 90th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 91st Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 92nd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 93rd Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 94th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 95th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 96th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 97th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 98th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 99th Bn. in company to make them comfortable. 100th Bn. in company to make them comfortable.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/25

Florence, 16 May 1946

Subject : Visits

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref. your 1669/Op dated 5 May 1946.
2. Owing to impending movement of troops and to the proximity of the election period will you please cancel future programme of visits by Lt. Col. C.C. MARKES, until further notice.

H.W. Hamilton

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Internal : G I
DAA & QMG
CC.FR. L.O.

Also noted verbally

(Hamilton - Chisworth) 28 May 1946

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/25

Florence, 28 May 1946

Subject : VisitsTo : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref. your 1669/Op dated 5 May 1946.
2. Owing to impending movement of troops and to the proximity of the election period will you please cancel future programme of visits by Lt. Col. C.C. HAYES until further notice.

*H.W. Hamilton*H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO IIInternal : G I
DAA & QMG
CC.RR. L.O.Also notified verbally
(Hamilton - Chavette) 18 May
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/25

Florence, 27 May 1946

Subject : Visits

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref. this HQ. letter BLU/25 dated 1 May 1946.
2. Attached as Appendices are two copies of reports on visits by officers of this BLU, as follows:
 - APPX "A" - Visit to BALDISSERA Barracks and BELVEDERE Fort,
FLORENCE 14 May 1946.
 - APPX "B" - Visit to 1st Bn. NEMBO Regt. on 16 May 1946
 - APPX "C" - Report on visit to FORTEZZA DA BASSO, 21 May 1946
 - APPX "D" - Report on visit to PISTOIA, 23 May 1946
3. I would again like to express the appreciation of this B.L.U. for the excellent arrangements made and for the cordial reception given to our visiting officers.

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CM
C.O. MARKES
Lt. Col.
GSO I

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Subject: Report on visit of 25 May 1946

To: C.I.

From: C.I., C.I., Lt. SENIOR.

Visited

Arty Regt. Polkovnik
I and II Group
VI Group
District H.

FINNIA

accompanied by Col. AVANIN and Major PAVLOV and later joined by Col. PAVLOV O.C. District.

Arrived at CAMPBELL 0830 hr. Saw two small armoured vehicles at entrance suggest there might be cannibalized for use by O.S. Mr.

Arty Regt. is carrying out individual training and collective gun training. They cannot fire locally as country is heavily populated but have received a range at VIANNING.

Strength

Lot Group 150 : eight x 25 pdr
Ind " 150 : eight x 25 pdr
Gth " 150 : twelve 40 mm M/A gun.

These barracks has been heavily damaged in the war, much work has been carried out to make them habitable, there is still a serious shortage of window glass. Adequate water supply, but in addition there it was noted that one master tap served 4 taps - this leads to a waste of water.

The entire barracks is kept to a high standard of cleanliness. Stores are very neatly laid out and all arms seen were in excellent condition and well oiled.

150 and 250 magazines were noted to be kept loaded in the stores. This practice is bad and stresses the magazine springs.

Sufficient quantities of new leather forking had been issued to batteries to enable a scale of one per man.

Spare wheels of all vehicles are kept in stores and can be taken out on signature when the driver has a long journey to perform - prevents loss by stealing.

Spots hit including footballs and standing appliances had been bought from Regt. Finia. No issues obtainable.

There are cinemas and dance halls in VIANNIA but no inside arrangements for troops in barracks. It was reported that troops are not very politically minded but that officers and soldiers were favoured the heavily.

MOOs are living apart from the men both for feeding and sleeping. Good with horses was seen. Officers have a central mess but food comes from

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accompanied Lt. Col. AVALON and Major PULLEN and later joined by Col. PATRICK C.C. District.

Arrived at CAMPBELL 0830 hr. Saw two small armored vehicles at entrance suggest these might be camouflaged for use by G.I.s.

Army Regt. is carrying out individual training and collective gun training. They cannot fire locally as country is heavily populated but have used a range at VIANGKONG.

Summary
Lot Group 120 : eight x 25 pms
1st " 130 : eight x 25 pms
2nd " 140 : twelve 40 mm 1/4 guns.

These barracks have been heavily damaged in the war, much work has been carried out to make them habitable, there is still a serious shortage of window glass. No water supply, but in addition some it was noted that our master top carved 4 days - this leads to a waste of water.

The entire barracks is kept to a high standard of cleanliness. Stores are very neatly laid out and all items seen were in excellent condition and well cared.

120 and 130 magazines were noted to be kept loaded in the stores. This practice is bad and standing the magazine springs.

Sufficient quantities of new leather jackets had been issued to battalions to enable a scale of one per man.

Spare wheels of all vehicles are kept in stores and can be taken out on signature when the driver has a long journey to perform - prevents loss by standing.

Sports kit including footballs and fencing appliances had been brought from Regt. funds. No issues obtainable. There are cinemas and dance halls in HANOI but no inside arrangements for troops in barracks. It was reported that troops are not very politically minded but that officers and senior NCOs favoured the minority.

120s are living apart from the men both for feeding and sleeping. Good 120s Messes were seen. Officers have a central Mess but food comes from mess' kitchens.

2/25000 bars of the district have been issued on a scale of one per officer and NCO. These were bought from the DISTRICT GOVERNMENT and were expensive.

Transport and guns were in a clean condition and appeared well looked after. Petrol store was in a barrack room - insufficient fire precautions were taken, there was no "NO SMOKING" sign and only two boxes of sand were to hand.

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A wireless course, of two and a half month duration, for the PEARSON DIV. had just finished. 90 students attended.

Boats are repaired at PICO MOBILE.

A large bath house with up to date equipment is ready for use but lacks fuel (lignite) The divisional Mobile bath Unit visits this barracks three days each week.

A First class Central Kitchen caters for the entire barracks. The menu for lunch today was pasta, fresh salad, tripe, mts and wine.

Lt. Col. AVALLONE reported difficulty in obtaining

- a) K.D.
- b) White overalls for NCOs
- c) Flyproofing materials
- d) Spare parts for Allied vehicles and tyres for all vehicles.

A section of D.M.A. is to set up in these barracks shortly. It will consist of about 150 personnel.

PISTOIA DISTRICT HQ.

Inspected arrangements for receiving recruits. Accommodation for 350 - adequate. At the time of inspection these buildings were not clean- egg-shells and paper etc littering the courtyard, loose straw in some barrack rooms.

It was reported that when recruits arrive the Italian Red Cross is in attendance with a canteen and also supplies free postcards.

H.W. HAMILTON

Major
GSO II

Distr. GI
G II
N/Q
CC.MR
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C.C. - file - copy
led by C.I. G.I. 179

Subject: Report on visit 27 May 1946

To: C.I.

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1. Present DAI & JAG, G II, Lt. SURGES, accompanied by Col. ANTONINI (O.C. PRINCEPA DA BASSO) Col. CAZZI LARI (O.C. FLORENCE District)
2. 3rd Coy - 1st Bn. GUARDIA REGIA strength 89. Employed on guard duties in PRINCEPA DA BASSO. On arrival Coy was formed up for inspection, dressed in long trousers and ID shirt. A short turn out. Barrack rooms were clean and kits neatly laid out, beds are laid down throughout the whole day. Latrines clean and water functioning. Monthly P.F. training carried out. Inspected a pleasant, bright mess room which is also used as recreation room - men sit at small tables for four persons, mess gaily decorated and had the atmosphere of a club rather than the normal military dining hall. Kitchen in the open - not very clean, dirty utensils and too much smell wasted. No meat store - it was stated that meat is inspected by M.I. daily and cooked immediately but it is considered a meat safe is necessary.
3. Army Directorate of 7 T.O. but works under and effects releases on orders from H of W. Employees 5 officers, 200 military drivers, 395 civilians and 6 civilian armed guards. Inspected a large metal salvage dump of old cars etc. Salvaged steel helmets (Italian) were being repainted and repainted ready for issue. Large salvage and dump was being sorted, some live ammo, Italian, German and Allied which can be re-issued. Inspected Saddlery store of 5,000 pack saddles and harnesses etc - kept in good condition. Excellent Carpenters shop which was turning out furniture for canteens at 7 T.O. SUMMA. All stores were very neatly kept and in good condition - all articles coded. Visited Tool making workshop and a large armory containing salvaged weapons, Italian, German and Allied, the majority of which were in serviceable condition (rifles, stens, 3in mortars). Excellent canteen for civilians also dining hall - civilians given one meal per day in barracks. Dances are held every Saturday and Sunday for both civilians and military. Excellent hot baths for civilians and military once per week.
4. 7 Repair Coy. Not CC Major TURNER - Col. MURRAY was also present, three hundred civilians are employed. Inspected tyre repair shop - all recommissioned but not ready for issue as it is necessary for these tyres to stand for two months after vulcanisation. Daily released on authority of H of W, and not 7 T.O. An excellent repair shop was visited capable of functionally all jobs; eg. a complete new steel body had been made from scrap and fitted to a car. All machinery had been examined put in running order by approving scraps. Many spare parts are manufactured on the spot.
5. Military Prison. holds twelve officers and 105 CE's. Prisoners awaiting trial - some political prisoners have been there for ten - twelve months. Canteen for

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ED long trousers and ID shirt. - A shirt torn out. Barbed wire was down and its neatly laid out, beds are laid down throughout the whole day. Latrines clean and water functioning. Monthly P.S. training carried out. Inspected a pleasant, bright mess room which is also used as recreation room - run off at small tables for four persons, mess gully decorated and had the atmosphere of a club rather than the normal military dining hall. Kitchen in the room - not very clean, dirty utensils and two mesh walls wasted. No meat store - it was stated that meat is inspected by M.O. daily and cooked immediately but it is considered a meat safe is necessary.

3. Army Directorate of 7 T.O. but messes under and effects released on orders from H of W. Employees 5 officers, 200 military drivers, 300 civilians and 6 civilian armed guards.

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Inspected Saddlery store of 5,000 pack saddles and harnesses etc - kept in good condition. Excellent German saddles and which was turning out furniture for cantons at 7 T.O. NIMA.

All stores were very neatly kept and in good condition - all articles coded. Visited Tool making workshop and a large laundry containing salvaged weapons, Italian, German and Allied, the majority of which were in serviceable condition (rifles, shot, 3in mortars).

Excellent canteen for civilians also dining hall - civilians given one meal per day in barracks. Dances are held every Saturday and Sunday for both civilian and military. Excellent hot baths for civilians and military once per week.

4. 7 Repair Coy. 1st OC Major THURM - 1st PARLIANO was also present, there - hundred civilians are employed.

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An excellent repair shop was visited capable of practically all jobs; eg. a complete new steel body had been made from scrap and fitted to a car. All machinery had been checked out in running order by providing scraps. Many spare parts are manufactured on the spot.

5. Military Prison. holds twelve officers and 105 O.A.s. prisoners awaiting trial - some political prisoners have been there for ten - twelve months. Orders for all types of serious crimes, murder rape and robbery.

Visited chapel built by prisoners. Prisoners take three baths a week, and eat twice a day, normally soup with meat once a week. Saw two Lt. Colonels in prison for collaboration. It was stated that only one man has escaped.

6. 7 Transport Coy responsible for all maintenance of all transport in 7 T.O. strength; 8 officers and 197 ORs. Barbed wire in dirty condition, floors need scrubbing.

44 recruits have arrived from C.A.R.'s at BARI and BARI for an ME course. They are billeted in a large stable without windows, and very unhealthy and hot. There is sufficient accommodation for them in barracks rooms above and they should be sent there.

Small NCO's Mess, but clean.

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Water functioning in all latrines and they were clean in the surface but smelt badly, dining tables in mess mess were filthy and need scrubbing. Trunks laid out on mess beds were very dirty.

7. District HQ. Plains S. SURFLO - Employs 2 officers - 5 NCOs and 90 civilians.

Adequate arrangements had been made to receive recruits. The barracks kitchens, latrines etc were clean and in good order. A canteen is run for civilian employees and military on a cooperative basis - prices lower than outside.

H.W. BAILEY
Major
GRC II

2/ May 44

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/25

Florence, 18 May 1946

Subject : Military Prison Weekly Duty Visit

To : 233 Town Major

Ref. your TM/5/34 dated 13 April 1946.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in your a/m letter, I today visited G Military Prison, FLORENCE.
2. AF C 371 has been forwarded to G 1. (Br) RAAC in respect of the above visit.
3. I also visited 20 Garrison Guard Room where there were four prisoners, one of whom was an Indian Soldier.

There were no complaints.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
LMA & QMB

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/25

Florence, 8 May 1946

Subject : Military Prison Weekly Duty Visit

To : R.A.A.C. for G I (R)

233 Town Major's letter ref TM/5/34 dated 13 April 1946 refers.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in the a/m letter I today visited "G" Military Prison - Florence.
2. A/C 571 is enclosed herewith.

LA 44
[Signature]
D.S.L. GUGNON
Major
DAA & GIG

Copy: 233 Town Major

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To : G.I.

Visit to 1st Bn. MARIO BENT. on 16 May 1946

1. Present

G. I. G.I. Lt. BRANCHI

2. Tour

Arrived MONTENAPOLI 0915, party met by Capt GARRA (G.C. 4 Coy) and Lt. ROSSINI.

Bn. Cmd. was not available owing to Div. sports.

3. Layout of Bn.

Bn. Hq.	LATERINA Camp
Hq. Coy 1st Coy 4 Coy	Hqs and about 20 men of each Coy at MONTENAPOLI remainder employed on guard duties.
2nd Coy 3rd Coy	LATERINA Camp
Strength of Bn. approx 400	

4. MONTENAPOLI

- (a) Fabrica "MONTENAPOLI" visited Coy stores and barracks rooms.
- (b) ex G.I.L. Casa del Fascio building, visited Hq. Coy Hq., Signal Pl. (18) Pioneer Pl. (22) insufficient latrines and ablutions, one 3 seat latrine in the open and one ablution bench of 4 taps. Open refuse dump next to latrine encourages flies, only cleared once a week - not sufficient. Inspected ration store, it was stated that bread was arriving two or 3 days after being baked, stale.
- (c) ROMA MONTENAPOLI houses M/1 (Autobus-pello), 1st and 4th Coys. All Bn. transport concentrated here, 10 Jk tons and 16 x 15 Cwt. trucks and 7 carriers were seen. LAD at ALBA stated to be busy and unable to take in repairs immediately, several vehicles awaiting repair.

5. Laterina Camp

- (a) Concentration Camp for about 80 political prisoners (Italian) and about 800 Italian citizens of ALBA ADIGI who fought with German S.S. They have one meal a day of 400 grams bread and a soup, meat once

3. Visit of Bn.

LATERINA Camp

Bn. HQ.

HQ. Coy
1st Coy
4. Coy

Hqs and about 20 men of each Coy at
MONTESANO
remainder employed on guard duties.

2nd Coy
3rd Coy

LATERINA Camp

Strength of Bn. approx 400

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Inspected ration store, it was stated that bread
was arriving two or 3 days after being baked, stale.

(c) ROMA MONTESANO houses 1/1 (Anticampello), 1st
and 4th Coys. All Bn. transport concentrated here,
10 3x tons and 16 x 15 Cwt. trucks and 7 carriers
were seen. LAD at MONTESANO stated to be busy and
unable to take in repairs immediately, several
vehicles awaiting repair.

5. LATERINA Camp

(a) Concentration Camp for about 80 political prisoners
(Italian) and about 800 Italian citizens of ARGO
ADAMS who fought with German S.S. They have one
meal a day of 400 grams bread and a soup, meat once
a week. Their rations are augmented by parcels sent
by their relations and friends. Visited the camp
with Col. JENNIS.

(b) 2nd and 3rd Coys Bn. carrying out guard duties.
Visited barrack rooms and officers quarters -
clean condition. No mess for HQ, HQs mess opens
next month, officers mess functioning.
There is an excellent place for an HQs recreation
room but no furniture has been supplied and it is
not in use as such. Mobile canteen visits the camps
once a week and films are shown every three or four
days.

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6. General

Turn out of all personnel was smart. Coy stores were well kept and cures in good condition. All rucks are in possession of M.D. (one per each shorts, long and one shirt) as in is about 35 underwear. There are no shortages in this line. Boots are sent to PACO Mobile for repair, no canteens are held by Pna, but at Regt Hq.

Kitchens could be greatly improved with a little ingenuity and more attention to hygiene, they are on a very basis and are mostly in the open and made in their from petrol drums or an open fire.

Barrack stores are tidily kept but not sufficient attention is paid to flyproofing.

Meat: Accommodation and stores should be made available to eat up M.Ds and ORs messes. These are non-existent.

Hotel VAPOR is used as officers mess at LINDAVANCE but is not requisitioned. Officer are paying 1-300 (one-thousand) lire per month for sleeping accommodation in private houses. Hotel should be requisitioned immediately. 4 Officers families at LINDAVANCE entirely at officers expense. Barrack rooms at LINDAVANCE were not in a clean condition, dirt in corners etc. Majority of billets are weather proof but in need of windows.

17 May 46



H.W. HOUGHTON
Major
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To : G.

Visit to BALDISSERA Barracks and BELVEDERE Fort. - ENROUTE 14 May 1946

Present G.I G.II CC.RR. Rep. Lt. STORACE

The party arrived at BALDISSERA Barracks at 0800 hrs and were met by Col. RAVE HA (Bde Comd), Lt. Col. GRASSINI (Legion Comd), Major PIANI (O.C. Mobile Bn.)

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Inspected barrack rooms which were clean and tidy. Only a few men were in possession of cupboards and shelves, Bn. Comd. stated that difficulty was being experienced in procuring these and other accommodation stores such as dining tables and forms. Latrines smelt very badly in this part of the barracks due to lack of running water in either latrines and ablutions (8 latrines per 180 men).

Telephones. The Mobile Bn. has only one telephone which is totally inadequate in a barracks of this size and would be a great hindrance if the Bn. were called out in an operational role. A request has been submitted for another telephone but so far no action has been taken to supply it.

M/T. Wkshps. were visited and found to be in a clean condition. Tools were well cared for and the shops appeared to run efficiently.

11 Armoured Cars were inspected, they were clean and in good condition. One car was chosen at random and gave a short demonstration of its capabilities. Another demonstration was given of driving an armoured car on to a lorry.

An M.T. course (duration one month) is being prepared.

Maps. Bn. Commander complained of shortage of maps, he had managed to scrounge a few from Institute Geographic and 7 BMT but these were inadequate for his needs.

Kitchens. were in the open, and were not well run or clean. Food was uncovered and flies were everywhere. An internal kitchen is available but is badly damaged, and it is estimated that a grant of 70,000 (seventy thousand) lire is necessary to put in working order. Work should be commenced immediately in preparing meat safes and flyproofing all food stores. Chile con Carne is not liked, but Bacon is popular. Menu for the lunch meal today was Pasta, fresh salad, roast meat, fruit, wine.

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To : Col.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: MN/25

Florence 13 May 1946

Subject: Staff Capt R.E.M.E.'s Technical
Report on Visit to WILCOX Artillery Regt. LUCA - 9 May 1945

To: 7 Territorial Command

Ref. this HQ. MN/25 dated 10 May 1946 of para 6. (j). Below are notes and comments made by Staff Captain R.E.M.E. who accompanied me on the visit.

1. Unit (a) Maintenance. Satisfactory, but there were several cases of the use of incorrect lubrication, for example grease was frequently being used instead of oil C 600. This was due to incorrect and inadequate instructions from C.I.R.
- (b) Vehicles off Road. The percentage was fairly high, due almost entirely to lack of spare parts. Considerable initiative was shown by Unit and Workshop personnel in obtaining spares locally. The control of vehicles awaiting repair was excellent.
- (c) Vehicle Discipline. Good. There was ample evidence of increased control of Unit.
2. Workshops. (a) Two L.A.D.s whose combined W.E. was 24. There was a deficiency of 10 in personnel.
- (b) The L.A.D. was well laid out and there was evidence of plenty of initiative.
- The Mount in charge was fully conversant with R.E.M.E. organisation.
- (c) The L.A.D. was equipped with two Machinery Lorries (above W.E.) These are of definite advantage as they make local manufacture of parts possible, thus easing the spare part position. The use of these Machinery Lorries should be encouraged.
3. Many wireless sets were not working owing to lack of spare parts and charging sets.
4. There was no green paint available for painting guns.
5. General. (a) A good keen show with lots of initiative but handicapped by lack of spare parts and technical instructions.
- (b) A good deal of trouble was being caused owing to incorrect oil and lubricant issues.

To : 7 Territorial Command

Ref. this HQ. BUJ/25 dated 10 May 1945 para 6. (f). Below are notes and comments made by Staff Captain R.E.M.E. who accompanied me on the visit.

1. Unit III (a) Maintenance. Satisfactory, but there were several cases of the use of incorrect lubrication, for example grease was frequently being used instead of oil C 600. This was due to incorrect and inadequate instructions from C.I.P.
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(c) This was particularly so in the case of C. 600. Arrangements have been made for demonstrations on gun and sight test for both 17 lbr and 25 lbr to be given. Technical Task and date cards will be issued.
(d) It is hoped to visit this unit again on 16 May.

Very much for
D.S.L. PROCTOR
Major
D.A. & G.H.

7 BRITISH LEADERSHIP UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: HHS/25

Florence, 12 May 1946

Subject : Hygiene

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Major HARVEY D.A.D.M.S. recently made a visit to 7 T.C. and copy of his report is attached.
2. From this you will see that it is essential that transport is supplied from time to time to the Hygiene officer or D.A.D.M.S. 7 T.C.
3. Your confirmation that such transport will be supplied is requested.
4. Action should be taken on the remainder of the report where necessary.


D.A.L. GUNSON
Major
DAA & GD

Copy to D.A.D.M.S. MEHA
Internal : L.O. R.A.M.C.

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Florence, 10 May 1946

Subject : Visits

TO : GSO I

Below is given a short summary of notes made at the visit to part of the Folgore Arty Regt. and District HQ. at Lucca on 9 May 1946.
Technical Report by Sc REFE is att'd.

Present. GSO I. DAA & QMR. S.C. REFE and O.C. Folgore Arty Col. BUZZARI.
Col..... O.C. Lucca District.

It is suggested that points marked "7 TC" should be passed to them in a letter asking them to take action where possible and a general report submitted on "Visits" at the end of the month.

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This has been caused by the move of V Group from MONTECATINI to these barracks which has necessitated old stables being turned into barrack rooms and resulted in general overcrowding.

This overcrowding leaves no space for Mess Rooms, Canteens or Recreation Rooms and the converted stables have not even got hooks for the men to hang up his kit.

There are no officers quarters at any of the barracks in LUCCA, nor has any accommodation married or single, been requisitioned.

Officers have to make their own arrangements which they find extremely costly.

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(c) Medical. The small Regimental Hospital appeared to be well run and clean and the MD to be keen.

(d) Rations. On the day of visit at least the menu appeared good and adequate but rations are always supplemented by private purchase.

2. UTHERNO I or S. ROMANO barracks occupied by R.H.Q. FOLGORE Arty Regt. and No. 2 Group.

(a) Accommodation. Barrack rooms very fair and adequate. Kit neat and well laid out.

Stores adequate and well arranged.

A small NCOs Mess is functioning.

Space for men's Mess rooms but these have not been set up as no tables or stools are available.

Kitchen poor and smoky, needs repair badly.

No canteen or reading rooms.

(b) Sanitation. Hot baths once a week.

Cleanliness of latrines could be much improved.

Too much garbage lying about.

(c) Rations. Menu on day of visit. Menus were very fair.

Kitchen bad and smoky and requires immediate repair.

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They gave an excellent impression, the accommodation and arrangements were really good and everything spotlessly clean.

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that shown at Genl. CADORNA's inspection in January last.

(b) In order to safeguard the troops health, flyproofing of kitchens and food stores at least, should be carried out immediately.

(c) No boot or clothing repair facilities are available at Lucca and it is for consideration whether it would not pay for these to be set up.

(d) The sum of L 50,000 allotted by 7 T.C. for repairs and improvement is

totally inadequate even for bare necessities.

(e) An impression was gathered that "Welfare" for both officers and CRs had received very little thought and the Welfare Officer of 7 TC and or FOLGORE Div. should make an immediate inspection.

(f) some sort of requisitioning should be carried out to provide reasonable quarters for officers and to avoid their having to pay comparatively large sums for rooms in private houses.

(g) Although the Communist Club, was next door to one of the barracks and it was reported that there was very little political activity in LUCCA and troops were not interfeed with.

Bathhouse
Red inspection
Rifle and
15 line p.d.

7 HONORARY LIAISON OFFICER
PLACEMENT

REF: JEA/25

PLACEMENT: 20 May 1946

Subject: Visits by GSO I to Division of 7 Territorial Command

To: 7 Territorial Command

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1. Ref. the programs of above visits forwarded under your letter Ref. 1669/op Prot. of 5 May 1946. The first two visits were carried out successfully on 7 and 9 May.

2. In the hope that they may be of interest and useful to following motion and comments are forwarded.

3. 7 May 46. GSO I and GSO II visited:

(a) MR. WILLIAM DAV.

GU. RE. CORREY BRIGADE DIV.

(VICTORIO VASCO MEX. (PLACEMENT)
(CONRA S. GIGANO

(1) 1st Gen. FLORES (Div. Comd.), Lt. Col. DE KORTING
(C. of S.), Col. RAVINCH (C. of S. BRIGADE Div.)

(11) Div. H. Offices, amenities (including good
fencing iron/steel, canvas etc), G.H.'s
barracks, stores and general lay-out
of the H. appeared excellent and orderly.

(b) GAMERIN RE. CORREY BRIGADE DIV. (PLACEMENT)

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examination of the whole Regt. in these Hs.

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ADDITION

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to : 7 Territorial Command

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(a) HQ. THIRTEEN DIV.
CO. HQ. CENTRAL MILITARY DIV.
ATTENDING VISITOR GEN. (P/CHIEF)
COLONEL S. GILBERT

(1) Met Gen. HANCOCK (Div. Comd.), Lt. Col. IN HANCOCK
(C. of S.), Col. RAVINCH (Comd. Cavalry Regt.)

(11) Div. HQ. Offices, ammunition (including good
sending over/ammunition, antiaircraft etc), O.I.'s
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(b) GANGADY REGT., OVERLAND DIV. (P/CHIEF)

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smell which pervaded the whole area, the only
3 latrines whose lids were opened were found
to be filled to high with excreta and paper that
they could not possibly have been further used.
Col. RAVINCH stated that he had already had
trouble with these latrines and had recently
had to clear them by cutting away a number of loads.
It is strongly urged that an Engineer and
Medical Officer of 7 S.O. be sent to inspect
and supervise the necessary work on these
latrines, especially in view of the oncoming
hot weather.

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(iv) Medical. The small Regimental Medical Bay appeared well-run, clean adequately equipped, and supervised by a keen Medical Officer.

(v) Latrines. On the day of the visit the latrine appeared good and adequate, but latrines have always to be supplemented by private purchases, or bargaining, to an extent which represents more than the soldiers allowance of 15 Lira per day ("highly variable rates")

(c) S. BOUND (or UNBOUND?) Regt. (occupied by Regt. II). 12th Army Regt. and 11 Army Co)

(1) Accommodation

- Barracks-rooms were spacious and tidy, the men's beds and beds being neat and well laid-out
- Stoves adequate and well-kept.
- A small N.C.O.'s room is functioning, but there are no men's dining halls; although an attempt is made to make the requisite tables, benches etc are not available.
- The main kitchen is inadequate and dirty and urgently requires repair.
- A smaller kitchen used by the "regimental band" of the Regt. has to use petrol, oil, etc. owing to the inefficient state of the one small cooking stove.
- There are no O.R.'s canteens or reading/recreation areas due to the lack of necessary furniture and equipment.

(11) Sanitation

- Hot baths available for each man once per week
- Cleanliness of latrines could be much improved and drainage improved to be clogged in many places by rubbish, food waste etc.
- There was much garbage lying about in certain open places, thereby causing a bad smell and attracting flies.

(12) Latrines: as for para 4 (a) (v)

(c) Garage/HQ. (used as a Reception and "Screening" Centre for recruits on first call-up by the District)

- (1) Excellent, clean, well-kept, and well-equipped accommodation, where new recruits (after 70 days of training) are housed.

(b) S. BROWN (or WALTER I.) W.S. (occupied by Regt. II. 124. Arty. Regt., and II Arty Co)

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- Barracks-rooms were spacious and tidy, the men's beds and beds being neat and well laid-out.
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- A small H.Q.'s room in front, but there was no men's dining hall; although sufficient space is available the requisite tables, benches etc are not available.
- The main kitchen is inefficient and dirty and urgently requires repair.
- A smaller kitchen used by the "Royal Garrison" of the Regt. has to use petrol, cooking oil etc the inefficient state of the one will costing above.
- There are no O.R.'s outdoors or reading/recreation rooms due to the lack of necessary furniture and equipment.

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- Overflows of latrines could be much improved and drainage improved to be clogged in many places by rubbish, food waste etc.
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(111) Water: as per para 4. (a) (v)

(c) CHURCHILL H.S. (used as a Reception and "Screening" Centre for recruits on first call-up by the District)

- (1) Excellent, clean, well-kept, and well-equipped accommodation, where new recruits (approx 70 per day) spend over 15 days) are received, fed, accommodated, medically examined etc before going on to O.A.L. (proceeds takes 3-4 days for each man)

- (11) The greatest credit is due to Col. HERRIDGE (District Officer) who has clearly realized the great importance of giving incoming recruits a good first impression of the Army and of its efforts to prepare for their comfort and welfare.

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6. General Notes and Remarks on above visit.

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- (c) Closely allied with (a) and (b) above, it is suggested that unit and formation Medical and Hygiene Officers should make frequent inspections of all units to ensure (or report to the competent authorities) the necessary conditions of sanitation and hygiene.
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Confidential

Ref: FLN/25

Florence, 1 May 1946

Subject : Visits

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. At a recent interview between Genl. DE SIMONE and Major GREGSON, the question of the GSO I of this FLU (Col. C.C. MARCES) visiting all units in 7 Territorial Command was discussed.
2. It is suggested that Tuesdays and Thursdays in each week are suitable days for these visits.
3. It is fully realised that owing to the re-grouping of the troops in 7 T.C. it might be advisable to postpone this programme for some time, but Col. MARCES is prepared to start the programme on Tuesday next the 7th May.
4. It is again emphasised that these visits all in no way inspections and their object is to meet Commanding and other Senior Officers of units and to actually see on the ground where the various units are located .
5. Would you please prepare and forward a programme for the visits you suggest might be carried out during the month of May.

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D.E.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QM

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

CONFIDENTIALREF: BLU/25Florence, 2 April 1946

Subject : Visits.

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Maj-Genl. L. BROWNING CB. OBE. MC. will pay a short visit to 7 T.C. on 10th and 11th May.
2. His Programme is as follows:-

Fri May 10th	Arrive Florence Approx 1700 hrs Spend Friday night Excelsior Hotel FLORENCE
Sat May 11th	Leave Excelsior Hotel 08.45 hrs. Arrive SIENA (LA MARMORA Barracks) 1030 hrs. Visit C.A.R. 1030-1230 hrs. Leave C.A.R. for South 1230 hrs.
3. During his visit to the C.A.R. yesterday, 29 April, CSO 2 7 BLU advised the Commandant to submit to 7 BLU a suggested detailed programme for Genl. BROWNING inspection.
4. It is requested that a Staff Officer of 7 T.C. be detailed to meet Genl. BROWNING at LA MARMORA barracks at 1030 hrs on 11th May and to accompany him on his visit.


D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QM

7 BRITISH LAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLM/25

Florence, 26 April 1946

Subject : AF. C. 371

To : G 1 (HR)
HQ. R.A.A.C.

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Herewith AF. C 371 only completed by me on my visit to
"G" Military Prison.


H.W. HAMILTON
Major
G S O II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: ELI/25

Florence, 26 April 1946Subject : VisitsTo : O.C. Troops - Florence

- ELI 22 24
1. In accordance with instructions contained in your letter TM/5/34 dated 17 April 46 herewith report on visit to 20 Garrison Guard Room.
 2. I visited 20 Garrison Guard Room at 11.5hrs 26 April '46 and inspected 6 prisoners. They had no complaints. The guard room was kept in a clean, orderly fashion.
 3. Para (3) of your above quoted letter has been complied with.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSC II

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Suggested programme for visit of Lt.Col. MEDLAM17 and 18 April 1946Wednesday 17 April 1946

0900 hrs.	Visit HQ. 7 B.I.U.
0930 "	Move off for SIENA
1045 "	Meet Col. COLLIVA - Commanding 7 C.A.R. Speak of training difficulties.
	Visit LA MARMORA Barracks
	PIAVE "
	MAZZINI "
	SAN MARCO "
1230 "	Lunch
1330 "	Visit Ranges (vicinity of LA MARMORA)
1415 "	To BASTIONI FORTEZZA (1st Bn.) Instruction : Holding and aiming rifle.
1500 "	To Piazza d'Armi (2nd Bn.) Instruction : Cleaning and Stripping STEN
1600 "	Leave SIENA For FLORENCE

Thursday 18 April 1946

0830 "	Leave Excelsior
0945 "	Arrive 7 C.A.R. to Training zone of 3rd Bn. Instruction : Saluting with and arms.
1045 "	To Piazza d'Armi. Instruction, rifle, trigger pressing
1145 "	Visit Meals at LA MARMORA
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Lt. Col. MEDLAM will be accompanied by GSO I or GSO II, and
Lt. STORACE.

Distribution: G.S.O. I
G.S.O. II
G.I. (Training) MMIA
Commandant 7 C.A.R.
Lieut. STORACE

NOTES ON VISIT OF COL. KERR 22 March 1946.

7 T.C.

Spoke with Gen. De Simone who raised following points :

C.A.R.

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General Pislorski stated that he was worried over lack of equipment, arms & spares. Col. Kerr said these should be ready in 30 days.

O.C. states there is some trouble with local ~~spares~~ but they are kept under control.

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FOLGORE

CC.RR. HQ.

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CC, RR. HQ.7 INF. REGT.

run a good canteen
 This Barracks ~~seems to be in good condition.~~

Coy

In Florence only 1st Bn, 1 Coy & HQ of 1st Bn. .
 Total 605 see ranks
 W.E. 904.

Deficiencies are accounted for by release of 1921 class.

A good band and canteen (5000 Lire profit per month).

Col. Kerr will try to get 35 Battle Dresses for the band.

G I
 G II
 DAA & CAG
 CC, RR.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/25

Florence, 11 March 1946

Subject : Inspections

To : 7 Territorial Command (By Hand)

ADME

Please note that Lt.Col. A. BLUNT, ADME MMIA will visit the
FOLGORE workshop on Friday next, March 15th at 0900 hrs.

D.S.L. GREGSON
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Major
7 BLU

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Copy: HQ, FOLGORE Div.

VISIT to 7th IND. REGT. HQ. on 29/1/1946

C.O. COL. TAMONE.

LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) Regt. HQ. HQ. 1st Bn. 4 Coys 1st Bn. 1st & 2 Coys 2nd Bn.	} } { {	FLORENCE
(B) HQ. 2nd Bn. 3rd & 4 Coy 2nd Bn.	{	LATERINA
(C) HQ. 3rd Bn. 1st Coy. 2nd & 3rd Coys. 4th Coy.		PISA COVERCIANO PISA LEGHORN

Weekly training reports and all activities of Regt. furnished to 7 Territorial HQ.

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3 attending courses at CESANO.

(B) ORs. Actual strengths are:- 1 Bn. 437
2 Bn. 542
3 Bn. 453

C.O. states 5% sick and on leave.
Strengths therefore below W.E. of 700 per Bn.

CLOTHING:

Good: Shortage of boots.
Green B/D throughout.

FOOD:

Very fair. Two meals daily at 11.30 hrs. and 17.00 hrs.
Minestrone figures largely with "Bully".
Spaghetti three times weekly.
Fresh meat scarce. Bread good.
W.e.f. 1st Feb. "allowance for local purchasing" increases from 5 to 15 lire.
A well - organised canteen is in the barracks.

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Each man in possession of a rifle plus 72 rds and 28 rds in reserve.

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ARMS/AMMO:

Each man in possession of a rifle plus 72 rds and 28 rds
in reserve.
Regt. also possesses Beretta, Sub/MG. and Breda light M/Gs.
Rifle oil scarce and weapons hardly clean.

TRANSPORT:

W.E. is 5 vehs. per Bn.
5 vehs. to Regt. HQ.
Total of 25.

In possession: 6 vehs. in PISA.
2 vehs. in LATERINA.
5 vehs. in FLORENCE.
Total of 13.

Petrol allocation from 7 Territorial HQ. sufficient.

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INTER-COMMUNICATION is bad.

No telephones installed at PISA: local Prefect has put Bn. on extremely low priority in reallocation of new local exchange lines.

LATERINA Coys also out of contact.

Col. TAMONE has requested priority from "TETI" but no success.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS.

In FLORENCE, the discipline appears better than one might expect.

Saluting is prompt: dress is neat and fairly clean. The uniformity of clothing is evident.

Barracks (CASERMA BALDISSERA) are shared with CC.RR.

MOBILE Bn. In a fair state of repair. Work is in progress on re-fitting windows and frames.

Lighting is not fitted throughout the buildings: nor are latrines. New ones are being built.

General cleanliness of barracks is good.

A shortage of proper beds affords excuse for not "laying out" individual soldier's equipment.

Stores are kept clean and good tally system in force.

Only a small stock of clothing sufficient to meet immediate needs is kept in hand.

Central M.I. Room functioning.

Plans in progress for setting-up a small hospital.

Medical supplies, according to Capt. M.O., are not good.

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BOLOGNA COPY TO YOU MAJOR GREGSON WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE AS
UNLIKELY COL MARKES WELL ENOUGH *One British Driver*
will accompany GREGSON.

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