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Subject: Parrots and Others - MV/Parrots and Others

To : Kat-Lee

1. Subsequent to 11/15 dated 27 Nov. 1975.
2. At (in unclassified) are the following:
 - (1) Red/Beginning North Report as at 1 Nov. 1975.
 - (14) At page "A" is location statement of 7 Nov. 1975, and subsequent to location statement of 14 Nov. 1975, in 7 Nov. 1975, occurred down to him, and equivalent with.
 - (14) At page "B" is date line of 7 Nov. 1975.
 - (17) At page "C" is complaint to staff that of all 7 Nov. 1975, in the District of the rule of 14, 1975, and 1975.
 - (7) At page "D" is previous report on 14, 1975, and 1975.

3. At page "E" is on location, consisting of a "P.L. 1975" : this will in future certain power, photographs, or other items of P.L. 1975, incident affecting not only the 7 Nov. 1975, in 7 Nov. 1975, but also this 1975. As there will be only 1975 of such items available it is ~~expressly requested~~ that the P.L. 1975, with certain ~~items~~, be referred to this 1975, as even as possible after being seen by those interested at your 1975.

CC
O.C. 1975
14 Nov. 1975
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Subject: 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1.11.46

1. GENERAL

(a) Domestic (H.U.)

(i) Lieut. Col. C.C. MARRIS, GSO I 7 H.U., reassumed Command 7 H.U. w.e.f. 7 Oct., on his return from leave in UK.

(ii) Sub. Condr PAMEYCHENS left on Privilege UK w.e.f. 15 Oct.

(iii) I/Od. WIS and Pte. BARNELL have applied to extend their services for 6 months. Their applications have been forwarded and recommended.

(iv) The two ambulances and drivers att'd. 7 H.U. are being withdrawn. The medical orderly is staying on in PUGHSON and does duty in the U.S. M.I. room.

(v) The detachment R. Sigs is also being withdrawn. This will probably mean the cessation of the S.D.S. from BOLAKMA. The method of handling 7 H.U. mail is under consideration by 217 Area.

(b) British.

(i) Rear party HQ. GR & E left FLATFARM 28 Oct.

(ii) It is understood that the New Sub Area Vice 217 Area will definitely be at HICKSON.

(c) Italian.

A further party of Italian wives of Dr. soldiers

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(ii) Sub. Comdr ZIMMERMAN left on Privilege UK W.O.F. 15 Oct.

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(b) British.

(i) Rear party HQ. CR & B left PLAZA 28 Oct.

(ii) It is understood that the New Sub Area vice 217 Area will definitely be at RICHIONE.

(c) Italian.

A further party of Italian wives of Br. soldiers was despatched to BOLAGNA, for onward routing to UK., on 21 Oct.

(d) Visits and Liaison.

Gen. DE SIDERIS (Comd 7 T.C.) has been away on duty in Rome since 14 Oct. 46. Due to return early Nov.

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3 Oct. '46 The Adjutant General (Gen. Sir R.H.O. JOSEPH K.C.B., D.S.O., MC) paid a 3 days visit to FLORENCE.

6 Oct. '46 Brig. H.H. MORGAN paid a 3 days visit to FLORENCE and during his stay visited: -

GARTHELY Regt. (ROBERTSON Bks FLORENCE)
 COXA P.W. SQUADRON (FLORENCE)
 7 INF. Regt. (SCOTT Bks FLORENCE)
 POLKES Reg. Bn. (SCOTT Bks FLORENCE)

Brig. and Mrs. MORGAN also entertained Gen. and Mrs. FLORENCE and officers of 7 HLI to dinner on 8 Oct.

6 Oct. '46 Lieut. Col. CURTIS paid a visit to FLORENCE during which many outstanding A/Q problems were discussed.

10 Oct. '46 GSO II visited: -

COMANDO REGIONE IZMIR
 702 Accommodation Centre FISA
 1 Bty POLKES Arty Regt FISA

13 Oct. '46 GSOI accompanied Gen. FLORENCE (Comd POLKES Div.) to a religious commemorative ceremony at the POLKES Cemetery at CESTEL, DEL, RIO (Tao HQ. of the Division and of 55 HLI, Web. Apr '45) See further report at para 3 (b) vii (P.R. & Welfare)

17 Oct. '46 Capt. NELSON (S.C. ISEA) visited POLKES Div. workshops, 7 T.C. workshops and Director of Repair 7 T.C.

21 Oct. '46 C.O.C. French Tps in ALGERIA visited FLORENCE. His A.D.C. visited 7 HLI.

24 Oct. '46 GSO I visited 7 C.A.R. SIERA and SIERA Military District HQ.

See separate
 Report HLI/25
 of 25 Oct '46

The following visits were made by S & T Officer 7 HLI: -

10 Oct. '46 No. 184 Transport Supply Coy "POLKES" Div. COVENTRY Bks FLORENCE and "POLKES" Bn

See HLI/31 GLO
 of 11 Oct '46

11 Oct. '46 Ufficio Servizi "POLKES" Div. FLORENCE

14 Oct. '46 No 76 Food Distribution Depot-LEGNEN

See HLI/31 GLO
 of 15 Oct '46

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702 Accommodation Centre FIM
1 Bty POLISH Arty Regt FIM

13 Oct. '46 GSOI accompanied Gen. PLACENT (Good WILSON Div.) to a religious commemorative ceremony at the VICTIMS Cemetery at CASER, DEL RIO (New Hq. of the Division and of 55 HMV, Feb-Apr '45) See further report at para 3 (b) vli (P.R. & Welfare)

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11 Oct. '46 Ufficio Servizi "POLARIS" Div. FLORENCE

14 Oct '46 No 78 Food Distribution Depot-FLORENCE See RMV/ST/GLO of 15 Oct '46

27 Oct '46 No. 6 Food Distribution Depot. WILSON See RMV/ST/GLO of 31 Oct.

30 Oct. '46 No. 7 Food Distribution Depot. FLORENCE See RMV/ST/G 10 of 31 Oct '46

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2. "G"

(a) OrganizationDomestic (MIA)

(i) Sgt. MARIN, late Chief Clerk 7 RM, at present on Release leave in US, has applied to rejoin the Army and 7 RM.

This matter has been taken up with OZS and was discussed with Ident. Col. GARRINS. His return is being closely followed up by this HQ.

(ii) With the close down of 217 Area it is considered that it will probably be necessary to make use of Italian channels of Communication, vide WIA letter Ref. 1500/1/1 of 4 Sept. 46 and this HQ. Letter ref. RM/74 of 24 Oct. This matter has been discussed with 7 R.O. and they are willing to put all their facilities at our disposal.

(iii) Italian. R.O.(b) Employment of troops

(i) FORGERS Div. Normal guard duties. Instructors have been sent to 7 Medical Coy at INTRA to train recruits.

A Field Hospital and disinfecting Unit has been sent to FORTE S. STEFANO to assist the civil authorities in an epidemic of typhoid fever. Engineers have been sent to FORTE S. STEFANO to assist the civil authorities in repairing damage caused by a violent storm.

(ii) 7 Inf. Regt. Normal guard duties on barracks and installations. Station duties under the Italian R.O. at FIVIERE Station.

(iii) 7 Signal Coy. All trained soldiers employed as telephone exchange and W/T operators.

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(iii) Italian. H.Q.H.

(b) Employment of troops

(i) POLICIA Div. Normal guard duties. Instructors have been sent to 7 Medical Coy at MUCCA to train recruits. A field Hospital and disinfecting Unit has been sent to POREO S. SERRAIO to assist the civil authorities in an epidemic of typhoid fever. Engineers have been sent to POREO S. SERRAIO to assist the civil authorities in repairing damage caused by a violent storm.

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(c) Training

(i) "MILITARY" Div.

(a) Infantry. Two recruits have completed Pl. Trg. and commenced Coy Trg. Field firing by sections has been carried out. Selected good shots have been trained on snipers rifle.

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One transport exercise on road column discipline has been made. Instruction on weapons and army regulations continues. P.T. and sports are carried out regularly. Old soldiers Bn. have carried out revision of individual m's, tactical route marches. Completed fire practices on rifle and MM. Courses are being run for HQs and W/T operators. Officers TTTs are held weekly.

(n) Artillery. Three days live firing has been carried out on the range at ARCHO di GROSINO. 1925 class recruits have commenced advanced artillery training. Officer TTTs are being run.

(o) Engineers. Continued first period of training for two sapper Coys. Pioneers and signal personnel commenced second period of training. Recruits of 1925 class carried out infantry training including section approach and attack courses. A driving course is being run for recruits holding civilian driving licenses.

(11) 7 Inf. Regt.

Fifteen days intensive training has been carried out on a platoon level, approach, attack and defense schemes together with patrolling were performed. Three route marches of 20-24 kms have been completed this week.

Weapon training on Italian arms continues. A few British arms are held by each Coy and training is being carried out on these, remainder will be issued when this training is completed. Four Officers TTTs have been held this month.

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(iv) General. Reports have been received from both 7 Terr. Cond. and "PUGGOTT" Div. on the training of recruits received from GARS. These reports were received too late to be included in this monthly report but will be forwarded separately in the next few days. Letter TTY/27 of 10 Sept. refers.

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(a) Intelligence.

- (1) No coolness has been noted on the part of Italian officers or civilian although the local newspapers have published several articles against the alleged harsh treatment meted out to Italy in the peace treaty terms.

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3. "A"(a) Domestic (RMH)(i) DeficienciesOfficers.

1 Capt. R.A.O.C.

CRs

RASC Sjt. 1
 Duty HQO Sjt. 1
 Cook AGC 1
 RASC L/Cpl. Clerk 1
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(ii) Welfare.

Four Cinema shows and three dances have been held during the month at the CRs billet. These were all well-attended and the farewell dance to G.R. & E on 4 Oct. a great success.

(iii) Civil Labour.

A Sjt. Inspector from 2900 C.L.U. (SALONICA) visited the RMH on 30 Oct. He was both helpful and highly satisfied with the accounting and administration of Civil Labour in the Unit.

(b) Italian.(i) Deficiencies in Strength

10. 7 Sanitary Command
Medical Directorate
Vehicle Repair Directorate
Vet. and Remount Depot
Artillery Command
7 Inf. Regt.
VI Bns Group (UN-IV)
Engrs. Coy (7 Sig. 7 Sappers)

14% below W/S
 2% " " " " " "
 13% " " " " " "
 19% " " " " " "
 27% " " " " " "
 54% " " " " " "
 7% " " " " " "
 4% " " " " " "

(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

- RASC Sgt. 1
- Duty WCO Sgt. 1
- Cook ACC 1
- RASC L/Cpl. Clerk 1
- REMS L/Cpl. Clerk 1

(14) Reliefs.

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(14) Civil Labour.

A Sgt. Inspector from 2900 G.L.U. (MILAN) visited the BLU on 30 Oct. He was both helpful and highly satisfied with the accounting and administration of Civil Labour in the Unit.

(b) Italian.

(1) Deficiencies in Strength

IR. 7 Territorial Command	14 below W/E
Medical Directorate	2 "
Vehicle Repair Directorate	13 "
Vet. and Remount Depot	19 "
Artillery Command	27 "
7 Inf. Regt.	54 "
VI Bns Group (IR-IV)	7 "
Engs. Coy (7 Sig. 7 Sa. pers)	4 "

(14) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Command

- M.T. Drivers
- Mechanics
- + Other Specialists
- + Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, turners.

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(iii) Discipline is definitely improving.

(iv) Env. Nothing to report.

(v) Morale. The terms of the peace treaty and the alleged ingratitude of the allies for the help given by Italy during the war is the cause of bad feeling.

(vi) Leaves. Nothing to report.

(vii) Public Relations and Welfare.

(a) GSO I visited 7 GAR soldiers' Club (CASA DEI SOLDATI) at GENOVA on 24 Oct. and was satisfied that winter arrangements for welfare and entertainment are well in hand.

(b) Italian Army Exhibition

A ceremony to open the Italian Army Exhibition took place on Sunday 15 Oct. at 1730 hrs in the PALAZZO VECCHIO and was well attended by the local authorities, both civil and military.

This exhibits are mostly photographs and maps showing the history of the Italian forces from the days of the C.I.L. to the present day. The whole Exhibition was very well displayed and showed clearly the continuous activities of the Italian Army since the liberation.

Many photographs were shown of Italians co-operating with British Commanders during the battle; these photographs usually included some ILL representative.

There was a conspicuous absence of any photographs or mention of the King of Italy, throughout the complete exhibition.

(c) Ceremony at CASTEL DEL RIO Cemetery

GSO I at the invitation of Gen. PIANORI (Colonel PIANORI Inf. Div) went to CASTEL DEL RIO on Sunday 13 Oct. to attend a

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(vi) Laureo. Nothing to report.

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(c) Ceremony at GASAL DEL MONTANO Cemetery

GSO I at the invitation of Gen. FIABORESI (Comd FALCONE Inf. Div.) went to GASAL DEL MONTANO on Sunday 13 Oct. to attend a ceremony and Reunion Mass at the RESCUE Div. Cemetery, which is very well laid out and cared for. There are 115 graves of all ranks, Italian during the period after the FALCONE Div. had taken over the line from 6 Brit. Arm. Div. in Feb. 45. Italian General Officers present were:

Gen. CENICA	(Comd 6 F.C. also Rep of M. of W)
Gen. MERRINI	(Rep. Comd 7 F.C.)
Gen. ROMEO	(Former Comd MONTANO Div.)
Gen. MERICI	(Former Comd MONTANO, in C.I.F. a later of FALCONE Combat Grp)
Gen. SCATTINI	(Inspector of Inf. M of W)

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Almost all Commanders Staff Officers, and many other officers of POLICE Div. were present, including former Lt. Comdr. of the SAN MARCO Regt. There was also a guard of honour, and Band, of the POLICE Div. and few ex-volunteers were wounded.

Special arrangements have been made by POLICE Div. to transport bereaved members of soldiers' families to the cemetery of whom there were a considerable number.

The ceremony, which was most impressive, was conducted by the Vicar-General (MARTIN TROSSI) who gave a stirring address, followed by Gen. FLAMINI, from the altar, followed later by a War widow who expressed gratitude on behalf of all bereaved present. Copies of the POLICE Magazine, together with a Commemorative Medal and pictures, were presented to all present.

The ceremony was well reported in local papers (including the presence of the G.S.O. I) See also "PR Packet".

- (a) Aid to the population of PORTO S. STEFANO
The population of PORTO S. STEFANO (already damaged by bombing during the war) has been infected by an epidemic of typhus. This District has now been damaged by plague and floods which caused very great damage and casualties. 7 Terr. Comd. sent a Field Hospital of the "SALVAGE" Div. and an Engineer Unit to remove the rubble (See para 2 G. (b))

4. "G" (a) Domestic (ELU)

- (i) Transport. For full details see return forwarded under ELU/23 dated 1 Nov. Of the three vehicles allotted by ELU, the 3 Tonne has arrived, no news has been received about the arrival of the H.V.P. from 4 ELU, and Jeep allotted was collected and arrived 7 ELU on 29 Oct. in good condition.

- (ii) Accommodation. This was the subject of a conversation with Col. GUSTINI during his visit to FLORINCE, and of subsequent telephone calls. GAO I and A/Q visited the U.S. Consul FLAMINI, to discuss this matter but the position is still obscure.

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4. "G" (a) Domestic (MU)

- (i) Transport. For full details see return forwarded under MU/23 dated 1 Nov. Of the three vehicles allotted by MIA, the 3 Tonner has arrived, no news has been received about the arrival of the H.V.P. from 4 MU, and Jeep allotted was collected and arrived 7 MU on 29 Oct. in good condition.

- (ii) Accommodation. This was the subject of a conversation with Col. GUYTON during his visit to MARONCHI, and of subsequent telephone calls. GPO I and A/Q visited the U.S. Consul MAJORS, to discuss this matter but the position is still obscure. Letters to the Town Major BOVARD and the U.S. Consul (copies MIA, ref MU/9 dated 23 Oct. 45) have been sent asking them to clarify the position.

In the meantime a Villa, as alternative accommodation for the Pr. CRs of this Unit, is held requisitioned by the Town Major, BOVARD. This has been hitherto occupied by British personnel of G.R. & E and is in reasonably good order.

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(b) Italian.

- (i) Transport. Requests have been sent to the Ministry of War for delivery of at least a part of the outstanding vehicle mortgages on the W/R of 7 Inf. Regt. and for the replacement of 3rd and 4th class vehicles of 7 Repetir Unit. The large deficiencies in types remain unchanged - the Ministry of War have been informed.

(ii) Arms and Amm.

- (a) POLOGNA Div. Deficiencies in 1st and 2nd line a.m. holdings have been made up. Further stocks of amm. are arriving to complete the increased /%. 3-inch Mortars have now been replaced by 81 mm Mortars. Eight Mortars have been issued to the regimental mortar Coys of both MARIO and GALTABIANI Regts. Amm for these mortars is expected daily. 2250 sets of web equipment have been received from the Artillery Directorate of NAPLES. Forty eight MARIO 37 M. Gs have been received from the Artillery Directorate of VERONA. Twenty four have been issued to each the GALTABIANI and the MARIO Regts, to replace victors M.Gs at present held.

(b) 7 Inf. Regt.

All British arms have now been checked and hand-over. These arms will be issued as soon as the web equipment arrives.

(iii) Clothing and Equipment.

The new khaki winter uniforms (Model 45) are being manufactured locally in order to issue a second winter uniform to all troops in 7 I.C. This second uniform will be used as a walking-out dress. The issue of the normal khaki or grey-green winter uniforms to all units has been completed.

(iv) Rations and Fuel.

(ii) Arms and Ammunition.

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(iv) Rations and Fuel.

Local civilian contracts have been made for the supply of fuel and food for the financial year. The Military Bakery at KIRORI has been fully repaired and will start to supply all units in the FLORENCE Area on 1 Nov. 46. Contracts for the supply of fresh meat to troops in the FLORENCE Area, and pasta for troops in all 7 T.O. are under consideration.

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(v) Barrack Stores

Canvas mattresses and pillows are being manufactured and issued to Units as soon as they are made. 7 GAR is being given priority in these items. All demands by 7 Terr. Command for tables and chairs have now been met. Large quantities of salvaged barrack equipment has been received and are being checked. Contracts have been made for the supply of drinking water, electricity and the cleaning of sewers for units in 7 Terr. Command.

(vi) Accommodation.(a) PLASANCE

A water tank has been installed and repairs carried out at ISMAYNO CHINLOO PARACHUTES. Five fighting appliances have been installed at all stores and depots.

Minor Repairs are being carried out at VIKINGO WHEATON Barracks (Medical School) GIBBOING Factory (Commissariat SCANDINGI and NOVEMANO Barracks.

(b) ALBATO.

A 30x range is being built for use by 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R

A 300x range will be complete in the near future. Repairs are being made to the roof of FLAME Barracks.

(c) PISTOIA

Windows are being replaced in a kitchen (for 600) installed at CASERIA FORTICIALE.

(d) PISA

Repairs are being made to balconies on the ex MILITIA Barracks.

(e) BUCCA

Barrack rooms repairs are being carried out at UMBERTO I Bks.

(vii) E.O.L.

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(vi) Accommodation.

(a) PIORRELL

A water tank has been installed and repairs carried out at INSTITUTO CRISTICO RAFAELACUICO. Fire fighting appliances have been installed at all stores and depots.

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(vii) P.O.L.

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(viii) Medical

A Mela Hospital and disinfecting Unit of the FORACU Div. was sent to ROVERO S. STEPHEN (GUERONNO) to assist

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civil population infected by typhoid fever. These installations at all locations in 7 feet, 0.001, have been inspected during the month. 7.1. precautions have been increased. In cooperation with the medical corps, the medical corps and the medical corps. 13 Bell Trucks of captured Medical Equipment arrived at the location during the month of October. 12 Bell Trucks of Medical Corps and Equipment moved from Manila during October. Medical supplies in excess of 5 buildings belonging to the Medical Corps (MILITARY MEDICAL CORPS), which are urgently required by the Medical Corps. Authorities for Medical and Veterinary services from MEDICAL and Allied Corps, are provided in order.

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Miscellaneous.

An Engineer unit and supplies from the Medical Div. have been sent to assist the MEDICAL to assist the civil population suffering by a storm.

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7° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE

P R O G R A M M A

**DEL CORSO INFORMATIVO PER SOTTUFFICIALI
DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE (VII)
DI FIRENZE**

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- osservazione del terreno e localizzazione del nemico (1 periodo)
- stima delle distanze (1 periodo)
- formazioni del plotone fucilieri ed esercitazione schematica di attacco ispirante del plotone (2 periodi)
- esercitazione di attacco di una squadra sul plastico (1 periodo)
- esercitazione di attacco di pattuglia sul plastico (2 periodi)
- movimento ed osservazioni notturne (la esercitazione sarà svolta nelle prime ore della sera (1 periodo)).-

3) - Argomenti vari (2 periodi):

- quesiti di tattica (1 periodo)
- quesiti di armi (1 periodo)

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7° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE

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**DEL 1. CORSO INFORMATIVO PER UFFICIALI
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METODO DI ADDESTRAMENTO CHE SARA' SEGUITO DURANTE IL CORSO
E CHE COSTITUIRA' PARTICOLARE MATERIA D'INSEGNAMENTO ALLO
INIZIO DEL CORSO, PER I GRADUATI ALLIEVI.-

L'attività addestrativa sarà svolta mediante:

- lezioni;
- dimostrazioni;
- esercitazioni.-

Ogni lezione avrà le seguenti fasi successive:

- spiegazione;
- dimostrazione;
- esecuzione;
- ripetizione;
- interrogazione.-

In ogni lezione l'istruttore dovrà porsi tre quesiti e trovarne la soluzione:

1°- cosa deve insegnare

2°- cosa deve imparare
l'allievo

(dividendo gli argomenti in tre gruppi, a seconda della loro importanza:
- argomenti che DEVONO } essere cono_
- argomenti che DOVREBBERO } sciuti dagli
- argomenti che POTREBBERO } allievi

3°- cosa ha imparato l'allievo.-

L'istruttore terrà presenti ed applicherà le cosiddette "3 regole d'oro" :

- 1°) - usare i sensi degli allievi e fare lavorare più sensi alla volta;
- 2°) - fare lavorare il cervello sollecitandone per gradi l'interesse;
- 3°) - fare domande PRIMA, DURANTE, DOPO lo svolgimento della lezione.-

Ad ogni graduato frequentatore del corso saranno distribuiti, a cura del C.A.R.:

- un quaderno per appunti;
- una matita.-

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Modalità di svolgimento del corso -

Sarà svolto ad Arezzo (III battaglione del 7° C.A.R.)-

Durata: 20 giorni, dal due al 21 dicembre 1946-

Attività giornaliera addestrativa:

giorni feriali: 6 periodi (dalle 8 alle 10,45 e dalle 14 alle 16,45);

giorni festivi: 3 periodi (dalle 8,30 alle 11,45)-

Periodi complessivamente disponibili: 114 -

- addestramento formale (individuale e di reparto) periodi	20
- addestramento al combattimento....."	20
- educazione fisica....."	20
- armi e tiro....."	36
- regolamenti....."	18
totale "	114

I graduati frequentatori, in base al loro numero complessivo, saranno suddivisi in gruppi, in modo da avere, per ogni gruppo, il seguente numero massimo di Allievi:

- addestramento formale; armi e tiro..... 15
- addestramento al combattimento, educazione fisica e regolamenti....30

Il numero degli istruttori (ufficiali e sottufficiali) dovrà essere tale da consentire la stessa attività addestrativa di tutti i gruppi contemporaneamente -

Nella suddivisione in gruppi dovrà, essere osservata, nei limiti del possibile l'omogeneità organica, in relazione all'ente di appartenenza dei graduati frequentatori.-

F. mtr. (lev. 4.ª - 7.ª)	Mosch. aut. Thompson	Sfruttamento del terreno	Esercitazione pratica stima delle distanze	
Com. A. A.	Com. A. A.	Gue. D. - P. P.	Gue.	Es. P. P.
Formazioni delle squadre fucilieri		F. mtr. (Lezione 8ª)	F. mtr. (pr. add. ad.)	Assistenza guida
Com. D. - P. P.		Alb. A. A.	Alb. D. - A. A.	Com. C. S.
Lezione di tiro fucile a 200 y.		Attacco del plotone	Organico plotone fucilieri	
Es. P. 300		Gue. C. S.	Loa.	D. - P. A.
Difesa della squadra	F. mtr. (add. recipr.)	Mortaio da 2" (funzionamento)	Mortaio da 2" (funzionamento)	Bombe a mano
Com. C. S.	Com. Es. A. A.	Alb. A. A.	Alb. A. A.	Com. A. A.
Proced. tattici				
Com. C. S.				
Lancio di bombe da 36		Espedienti per indic. bersagli	Tiro col bersaglio panoramico	
Es. P. 300		Gue. P. A.	Com.	D. - P. P.
Attacco squadra su plastico	Baionetta e bastone	Tiro col mortaio da 2"		Ore 18 - 19 Movimento e osservazione notturni
Com. A. A.	Com. D. - P. P.	Baz.	Es. P. 300	Gue. D. - Z. P.
Attacco del plotone sul plastico		Esercizi col fucile e bastoni	a disposizione	a disposizione
Gue. D. - A. G.		Fer. D. - P. A.		

Con. - Magg. Conenna.
 C. S. - Circolo Sottufficiali.
 Gue. - Cap. Guerrini.
 Loa. - Ten. Loasses.
 P. A. - Piazza d'Armi.

P. P. - Poligono Pescaia.
 P. 300 - Poligono 300 y.
 Z. P. - Zona posteriore Caserma.
 D. - Dimostrazione.
 E. - Esercitazione.

- osservazione del terreno e localizzazione del nemico (1 periodo)
 - stima delle distanze (1 periodo)
 - formazione del plotone fucilieri ed esercitazione schematica di attacco aggirante del plotone (2 periodi)
 - esercitazione di attacco di una squadra sul plastico (1 periodo)
 - esercitazione di attacco di un plotone sul plastico (2 periodi)
 - movimento ed osservazioni notturne (la esercitazione svolta nelle prime ore della sera (1 periodo).-
- 3) -Argomenti vari (2 periodi)
- cenni sull'organizzazione e sul funzionamento dei servizi dell'Esercito Italiano (1 periodo)
 - cenni sui procedimenti tattici nell'ambito delle minori unità (fino al battaglione) (1 periodo).-

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comes into effect accomodation will be rather overcrowded due to extra offices and stores etc required.

- (b) Barracks occupied at present have been repaired but are very cold with stone floors etc. Lack of accommodation does not permit of rest rooms etc. (only small canteens) and there is no warm room in which soldiers can spend their leisure.
- (c) It is estimated that 90 million lire is required to complete repairs to this barracks - the M. of W won't play.

7, Intelligence

Officers report that there is no political interests amongst their troops.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORINIA
Tele: 24618-23

Confidential

16 Dec. 1946

To: DIA & G2

Subject: Report on MEGATA range - GERM in use by 7 G.A.R.

Ref. DIA letter A/9 38 of 27 Nov. 46 (personal to you).

1. In order to discuss this subject I have visited Staff Offices of 7 G.A.R. and Col. GROSSO (G.O.F. 3) 7 Terr. Comd.
2. The question of the closing of the MEGATA range on the grounds of it being a nuisance to the civil population was first brought to the notice of 7 G.A.R. last September when a civil delegation of citizens of GERM came to this office. After hearing their ^{story} ~~case~~ I decided it was a matter for an entirely Italian decision (agreed by you at the time) and advised them to see 7 Territorial Command.
3. I learnt from Col. GROSSO that a conference was held on the subject of 7 Terr. Comd. between Gen. DE SILVE and the civil delegation. The matter was then referred to the Ministry of War and a further conference was held in 1946 between Gen. DE SILVE, civil reps of GERM and a high ranking officer of the Ministry of War. Points discussed at this conference are contained in 7 Terr. Comd. letter, herewith attached at Annex "A".
4. My impressions gained from Italian Officers was that a few civilians wish the MEGATA range to be closed for their own personal interests and that, although they appear to have the support of the Sindaco of GERM it

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is not the general wish of the people of EREMA. The local rifle Association (a civilian body) bears out this view in their letters.
 attached herewith as Annex "B & C".

5. The points relating to public relationship, welfare etc. referred to in Col. PETERSEN's letter, were stressed by me in my conference with Chief of Staff 7 Territorial Const. who is in complete agreement that all reasonable measures should be taken to foster good relations between the military and civilians but he gave me to understand that it was the opinion of 7 Terr. Const. that this protest was a "put up job" for the personal benefit of a few interested civilians to gain their own ends.
6. The Chief of Staff stated that this matter had been discussed on the highest levels and that the decision given by the Min. of War was that the PESHKATA range should continue to operate. In view of this 7 Terr. Const. consider the matter to be closed.

W. H. Hamilton
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Encl:

Visit 12 Dec. 1946 Campana Regt. NOVEMBER

1. General.

2 Bns. at NOVEMBER
1 Bn. moving from NOVEMBER to NOVEMBER, complete regiment
will be concentrated at NOVEMBER by end of month.

Regt. Mortar Coy at NOVEMBER

2. Employment

1st Bn. (Old Soldiers)

(a) One Coy at NOVEMBER ¹⁰ on permanent guard duties.
In this case there are only 10 inmates with a complete Coy to
guard them. This Coy will remain as it is proposed to concentrate
inmates from all Italy in this camp in the near future.

(b) One Coy are employed on permanent guard duties on barracks,
barracks, stores and the railway station in NOVEMBER.

(c) One Coy (Mortar Coy) is five for training together with Hq. Coy
(Carriers, Mortars etc.)

(d) Coys shown at (b) & (c) are changed round weekly.

3. Strength

Regt. 2150 against 7/3 of 2250 but during the month soldiers
of 1924 class are being released. (?)

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Unit to 1 Inf. Regt. Summary 12/10/66

1. Organization

Strength of Regt. 1400
4/3 1560

Composition (a) Present. 1st Bn. 614 soldiers

2nd Bn. Recruits

3rd Bn. 614

(b) Future 5 normal Bns each with one active Coy.

2. Training

(a) 1st Bn. 614 soldiers.

1. Tactical exercises without firm lines ⁵ less carried out by each Coy and Bn.

Revision of range practices.

Coy commander of Route march and tactical exercises of

Coy as advance guard.

Bn. scheme of occupation of defensive positions.

(b) Recruit Bn. 3 platoons of 614 (reg. sec. reg. finishing in tactical exercises without firm lines.

Revision of range firing.

710 recruits have arrived from 7 CBR Bn. to this Bn.

It is the first opportunity the Bn. has had to get first

hand criticism of recruits from the local C.A.R. Battalion

as

C.A.R. of the opinion that these recruits trained at

still show a higher standard of training and discipline

than those received from any C.A.Rs.

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Organization (a) Present. 1st Bn. Old soldiers

2nd Bn. Recruits

3rd Bn. B. Co.

(b) Training is provided for each of the three Bns.

2. Training

(a) 1st Bn. Old soldiers.

1 tactical exercise without fire has been carried out

by each of the three Bns.

Revision of map exercises.

Very common of the South march and tactical exercise of

Very common march.

The absence of occupation of defensive positions.

(b) Recruits Bn. Standardizing of the Bn. see the following in tactical exercises without fire.

Revision of range firing.

The recruits have arrived from 7 CAR. Since the 1st Bn.

This is the first opportunity the recruits had to get first

hand criticism of recruits from the local C.O.s. It is

C.O.s ^{are} of the opinion that these recruits trained at

SIPA show a higher standard of training and discipline

than those received from any other C.O.s.

(c) Cadet Bn.

This Bn. consists of only a skeleton Bn. 1st and a Coy Bn.

For men detached and employed on semi-permanent work duties

In fact, there is no actual training or courses running. This

situation will be rectified when the new system is at least 1

(d) is put into effect.

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(ii) General (i) Owing to shortages of rifles and the weapons being approx 10 hrs. from the barracks range firing has had to be considerably curtailed. Provision has been made for one 500 yds to be built in the vicinity of the barracks and it is hoped that this new range will be started early in January.

(iii) IV. Arms are arriving from the port at

RAIFES

in an incomplete condition, instances are that rifles have arrived without bayonets and I.M.s without magazines. Equipment is being delivered in *lots & drabs*, the main deficiency being bayonets, hence. Rifles have been stored but not yet received.

Heretofore bayonets being used as no rifles have been delivered.

A certain revision of rifle training has been necessary for recruits among whom *SMLE* they have been accustomed to the *win* rifle and now, as they are in a territorial regiment, they have been issued with rifles of diverse types

3. Employment

(a) Normal guard duties.

(b) 100 men at 7 C.A.P. S.M.R. for general duty etc.

(c) 100 men at *IMV* for active allegiance and for duty with local Command.

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