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Feb. 1946 - Jan. 1947

SUBJECT: [illegible] AS AT 1 JANUARY 194[illegible]

TO : H. [illegible] (Attention Cr. Seat.)

FROM : 7 [illegible]

Ref. [illegible]/20

10 January '47

1. [illegible]

(a) Strength return as at 15 December 1946, down to Legion level, is shown at Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 8.91 %

Percentage on extraneous duty:

ANCONA	Legion	- 1.43
BOLOGNA	Legion	- 1.70
FIORENZA	Legion	- 6.94
LIVORNO	Legion	- 8.65

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 December 1946 is shown at Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	- 11.30
FIORENZA Mobile Bn	- 14.15

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FIORENZA Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	- 123 at Ferrara
	- 106 at Modena
	- 52 at Ravenna
	- 54 at Forli'
	- 5 at Rome
FIORENZA Mobile Bn	- 120 at Reggio E.
	- 100 at Parma
	- 5 at Rome
	- 1 at Monte Fiorino

2. [illegible]

No report of note

(a) On 24th December ANCONA Legion concentrated in that town 60 men belonging to ANCONA FIORENZA, BOLOGNA and PESARO Groups to carry out public security duties on the occasion of the arrival of Italian [illegible]

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ANCONA	Legion	- 1.43
BOLOGNA	Legion	- 1.70
FIORENZA	Legion	- 6.94
LIVORNO	Legion	- 8.65

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 December 1946 is shown at Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on Leave:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	- 11.50
FIRENZE Mobile Bn	- 14.15

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FIRENZE Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	- 123 at Ferrara
	- 106 at Modena
	- 52 at Ravenna
	- 34 at Forlì
	- 5 at Rome
FIORENZA Mobile Bn	- 120 at Reggio E.
	- 100 at Rimini
	- 3 at Rome
	- 1 at Ascoli Piceno

4. OBSERVATION

No remark of note

(a) On 24th December FIRENZE Legion concentrated in that town 60 men belonging to ANCONA, BOLOGNA and LIVORNO Groups to carry out public security duties on the occasion of the arrival of Italian ex-P.O.W.s from Rappelvillo. All men have returned to their permanent stations.

(b) 75 men belonging to LIVORNO and PISA Groups who were concentrated at PIETRASANTA to perform public security duties on the occasion of a political trial have returned to their permanent stations.

(c) ANCONA Mobile Bn which was on detachment in BOLOGNA Legion area ~~was~~ returned on 17 Dec. to its permanent residence (ORVIETO).

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(d) [illegible] while on [illegible] on detachment in [illegible] [illegible] area.

(e) On 17 December a motorised Coy of [illegible] [illegible] and an armoured car section were sent to [illegible].

5. [illegible]

(a) Public Opinion Situation
No material change on last report.
The resentment against the peace [illegible] on imposed on Italy a peace treaty considered unjust is growing worse, time of signature being imminent.
People are openly blaming the egoism of the Powers which, for their own interests, did not hesitate to violate the most elementary rights of Justice.
However the population is hoping that the situation will improve after the visit of the President of the Council, Mr. De Gasperi, to the United States of America.

(b) Public Opinion towards the Carabinieri
No change on previous reports.

(c) Press
The press is mainly concerned this month with the international political situation and with the Italian internal conditions.
Arguments between the various parties are frequent and often lively.
Criticism against the victor nations for the unjust treaty imposed on Italy are very.

(d) Forecast.
It is feared that the peace treaty imposed on Italy may seriously compromise the national reconstruction.

(f) Influence of the past events on the future
No change on last report.

6. Training

(a) Training of the Carabinieri
No change on last report.
Training courses of Mobile Unit are being carried out satisfactorily in spite of the many exigencies of service.

(b) Political Education of the Population
No change on last report.

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(b) Public opinion towards the Carabinieri
No change on previous reports.

(c) Press
The press is mainly concerned this month with the international political situation and with the Italian internal conditions.
Arguments between the various parties are frequent and often lively.
Criticism against the victor nations for the unjust treaty imposed on Italy are many.

(d) Forecast.
It is feared that the peace treaty imposed on Italy may seriously compromise the national reconstruction.

(f) Influence of the past events on the future
No change on last report.

4. TRAINING

(a) Training of the Carabinieri
No change on last report.
Training courses of Mobile Sun are being carried out satisfactorily in spite of the many exigencies of service.

(b) Political Education of the Population
No change on last report.

5. DISCIPLINE

(a) General Discipline of the Carabinieri
Normal.

(b) During the past month [illegible] Legion denounced a Carabiniere for manslaughter.
[illegible] Legion denounced two Carabinieri alleged to have helped an escape. Four Carabinieri have been denounced for desertion, having reported to their [illegible] with great delay after the liberation.

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(c) Pay

The wages increase decided by the Government for the army brought a certain relief which has been neutralised by the enormous increase of prices of first necessity goods. It is hoped that the cost of living may become normal in a short time.

(d) During past month Major ARTIGO Angelo commanding UNITA Group has reported from units to headquarters. No breach of discipline amongst senior officers. No promotions amongst the men officers during the past month.

6. GENERAL DISCIPLINE

See former report.

(a) Transport

During the past month the following vehicles have been handed in to repair units either because they were beyond local repair or have been unserviceable.

ALCOA LEGION

1	"Fiat" 500 car	No G.I. 055505
1	" 500 car	No CC. 6542 Unserviceable, being the property of a demobilised officer.
1	"Guzzi" 500 M/C	No CC. 6511 Unserviceable by order of H. of A.
1	"Bonelli" 500 M/C	No G.I. 60456

MALAKIA LEGION

1	"Triumph" M/C	No G.I. 102075
1	" M/C	No G.I. 99090
1	" M/C	No G.I. 63929
1	"Matchless" M/C	No G.I. 102055

MONROVIA LEGION

1	"Cagbourne" M/C	No G.I. 420402
1	" M/C	No G.I. 42015
1	" M/C	No G.I. 420410

LEGION LEGION

1	"Fiat" 1100 car	No CC. 7405 Unserviceable by order of H. of A.
1	"Guzzi-Moe" 500 M/C	No CC. 0057

(b) Clothing and Equipment

Uniformed situation

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6. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS

See former report.

(a) Transport

During the past month the following vehicles have been handed in to repair units either because they were beyond local repair or have been derequisitioned.

ALCOHA LEGION

1 "Fiat" 500 car	No S.I. 035495
1 " 500 car	No CO. 6542 Derequisitioned, being the property of a demobilised officer.
1 "Guzzi" 500 M/C	No CO. 6511 Derequisitioned by order of M. of S.
1 "Benelli" 500 M/C	No S.I. 60466

BRAVO LEGION

1 "Triumph" M/C	No S.I. 102375
1 " M/C	No S.I. 99090
1 " M/C	No S.I. 63929
1 "Matchless" M/C	No S.I. 102055

CHARLIE LEGION

1 "Greyhound" M/C	No S.I. 420602
1 " M/C	No S.I. 42043
1 " M/C	No S.I. 420410

DELTA LEGION

1 "Fiat" 1100 car	No CO. 7405 Derequisitioned by order of M. of S.
1 "Guzzi-Alce" 500 M/C	No CO. 6057

(b) Clothing and Equipment

Unchanged situation.

(c) Arms and Ammunition

BRAVO Legion received 42 barrels for L.M.G.
DELTA Legion received 300 "Beretta" automatic pistols Mod. 34 and 40 sabres.

6. MORALE

No change from last report.

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8. DOGER AND JUNGLE SECURITY SITUATION

During the past month nine murders were committed in 3rd Bde area.

P.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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SUBJECT: [illegible] OF [illegible] AS AT 15 NOVEMBER 1946.

TO : H. Q. [illegible] (Attention G.S. Sect.)

FROM : 2 [illegible] [illegible]

Ref. GS.TT./22

5 December '46

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1. STRENGTH

(a) Strength return as at 15 November 1946, down to Legion level, is shown at Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on Leave - 9.8 %

Percentage on extraordinary duty:

[illegible] Legion - 1.43
[illegible] Legion - 2.80
[illegible] Legion - 7.47
[illegible] Legion - 7.10

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 30 November 1946 is shown at Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave:

[illegible] Mobile Bn - 11.49
[illegible] Mobile Bn - 8.32 %

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from [illegible] and [illegible] Mobile Bns:

[illegible] Mobile Bn - 159 at Ferrara
- 104 at Bologna
- 55 at Ravenna
- 68 at Forlì
- 4 at Rovo
[illegible] Mobile Bn - 2 at Porretta
- 1 at Rovo

2. DISPOSITION

General situation unchanged.

(a) On 25 November '46 200 Carabinieri belonging to Siena, Arezzo, and Florence Groups were sent to Pistoia on public security duty for the Administrative Elections. All now have returned to their permanent stations.

(b) On 26 November '46, 100 Carabinieri belonging to Ascoli Piceno, Macerata and Pesaro Groups, and one Company of Bologna Mobile Bn, were sent to [illegible] on

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(a) Strength return as at 15 November 1946, down to legion level, is shown at Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 3.32 %

Percentage on compassionate duty:

ANCONA Legion - 4.45 %
BOLOGNA Legion - 2.00 %
FIRENZE Legion - 7.47 %
LIVORNO Legion - 7.10 %

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 30 November 1946 is shown at Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn - 10.40 %
FIRENZE Mobile Bn - 8.22 %

The following Carabinieri are on attachment from BOLOGNA and FIRENZE Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn - 109 at Parma
- 104 at Modena
- 55 at Ravenna
- 66 at Forlì
- 4 at Rome
FIRENZE Mobile Bn - 2 at Porretta
- 1 at Rome

2. [illegible]

General situation unchanged.

(a) On 25 November '46 200 Carabinieri belonging to Siena, Arezzo, and Florence Groups were sent to Pistoia on public security duty for the administrative elections. All are now returned to their permanent stations.

(b) On 26 November '46, 100 Carabinieri belonging to Ancona Group, Ancona and Pesaro Groups, and one Company of Bologna Mobile Bn, were sent to Ancona to perform public security duties on the occasion of the regional meeting of the "Uomo qualunque" party. All are now returned to their permanent stations.

(c) On 29 November '46, 75 Carabinieri belonging to Livorno and Pisa Groups and one company of Florence Mobile Bn, were sent to Prosperto to carry out public security duties during a political trial.

(d) Rome and Rome Mobile Bns are still on detachment in Bologna Legion area.

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3. [illegible]

(a) Public opinion situation
No change on last report.
Great irony there still prevails more resentment against the peace proposal.

(b) Public opinion towards the Government
No change on last report.

(c) Press
The press is mainly concerned this month with the International situation and the internal economical problems of Italy.
Arguments between the various parties are growing harder.
Every unfavorable news on the discussed peace treaty reported from New York increases the resentment toward the powers.
Harsh criticism is being made by the press of the advance par loc on the conference between Sr. Togliatti and General Tito.

(d) Forecast
The above quoted situation keeps the parties on the alert and it is not impossible that it may be the source of some troubles, particularly, if the peace treaty which is going to be imposed on Italy will compromise its political and economical future.

(e) Influence of the recent events on the future
No change on last report.

4. [illegible]

(a) Training of the Government
No important change on last report.
Training courses at Rome are continue with good results in spite of the several categories of service.

(b) Political education of the population
Unchanged situation.
After the recent defeats suffered by the Christian Democratic Party during the last administrative elections it is to be remarked that there is a decrease in membership of this party with a noticeable increase of Communist and "Uomo qualunque" parties membership. This demonstrates that the political tendencies of the population lie in two opposite directions and, even if this clarifies the present situation, it could bring, on the other hand, a violent clash between the two adverse parties.

5. [illegible]

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[redacted] and [redacted] problems of Italy.
Arguments between the various parties are growing bitter. Only unfavorable news on the disembarkation beach twenty reported from now forth increases the resentment toward the powers.
Harsh criticism is being made by the press of the adverse war loss on the conference between Gen. Toglietti and Marshal Tito.

(d) Movement

The above general situation keeps the parties on the alert and it is not impossible that it may be the source of some trouble, particularly, if the peace treaty which is going to be imposed on Italy will compromise the political and economical future.

(e) Influence of the past events on the future

No change on last report.

4. [illegible]

(a) Training of the Carabinieri

No important change on last report.
Training courses at Rabbio Lake continue with good results in spite of the several outgoings of service.

(b) Political education of the population

Unchanged situation.
After the recent defeats experienced by the Christian Democratic party during the last administrative elections it is to be remarked that there is a decrease in membership of this party with a noticeable increase of Communist and "Uomo Qualunque" portion membership. This demonstrates that the political tendencies of the population lie in two opposite directions and, even if this clarifies the present situation, it could bring, on the other hand, a violent clash between the two adverse portion.

5. [illegible]

(a) Discipline of the "Arma" Moral

(b) During the past month Florence Legion denounced a Carabiniere for stealing and for not having reported a crime. These offenses were committed at Viareggio on 1944 and only now have they been detected. Another Carabiniere has been denounced for abandoning his place of duty in time of danger.
Leghorn Legion denounced a Carabiniere for stealing and another military for desertion.

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(c) [illegible]

The difficult conditions of the personnel are growing worse due to the constantly rising cost of living.

(d) Personnel

During the past month the reserve Colonel [illegible] Guido reported to Florence from Grosseto Group [illegible]. He has been put at disposal of the Legion [illegible] being employed in the Western Lines for every co-ordination.

No breach of discipline amongst senior officers.

6. [illegible]

(a) Transport

During the month of November the following vehicles, being beyond local repair, have been handed in to the Inefficient vehicle park of Bologna Interventiole S/Hop.

[illegible]

1	"Bergmann" M/C	No [illegible]
1	" " " "	No [illegible]
1	"Motoblass" M/cycle	No [illegible] 102053

A "Fiat 634" load carrier No [illegible] 010171, being of a type not included in the Italian Army [illegible] has been handed in to Bologna Truck Pool.

[illegible]

The following vehicles in need of major repairs have been handed in to Bologna Repair Unit.

1	"Fiat 621" load carrier	No [illegible] 0356692
1	"O.M." load carrier	No [illegible] 162964
1	"Gilera 500" M/cycle	No [illegible] 00475
1	" " " " "	No [illegible] 1759

On orders received from [illegible] of [illegible] the following vehicles have been demobilitioned and returned to the civilian owners.

1	"Fiat 500" car	No [illegible] 6564
1	"Gazzi" M/cycle	No [illegible] 6909

[illegible]

A "Lancia" car No [illegible] 7012 has been demobilitioned and returned to the civilian owner.

[illegible]

On orders received from [illegible] of [illegible], a "Fiat 508" car No [illegible] 7413 has been demobilitioned and returned to the civilian owner.

[illegible] vehicles, being beyond local repair,

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(a) Transport

During the month of November the following vehicles, being beyond local repair, have been handed in to the inefficient vehicle park of Bologna Motorvehicle S/ Dep.

[illegible]

1 "Bedford" S/C	No 16[illegible]
1 "	No 2[illegible]
1 "Motobloc" M/cycle	No S.I. 10[illegible]

A "Fiat 508" load carrier No S.I. 0[illegible], being of a type not included in the Italian army, has been handed in to Bologna Truck Pool.

[illegible] LEGION

The following vehicles in need of major repairs have been handed in to Bologna Repair Unit.

1 "Fiat 626" load carrier	No S.I. 0[illegible]
1 "O.M." load carrier	No S.I. 16[illegible]
1 "Bianchi 500" M/Cycle	No S.I. 60[illegible]
1 " " " " "	No S.I. 17[illegible]

On orders received from H. of M. the following vehicles have been demobilised and returned to the civilian owners.

1 "Fiat 508" car	No CC. 6[illegible]
1 "Gazzi" M/cycle	No CC. 5[illegible]

[illegible] LEGION

A "Lancia" car No CC. 7012 has been demobilised and returned to the civilian owner.

[illegible] LEGION

On orders received from H. of M. a "Fiat 508" car No CC. 7[illegible]3 has been demobilised and returned to the civilian owner.

The following vehicles, being beyond local repair, have been handed in to 7 Repair Unit [illegible].

1 "Fiat 1100" load carrier	No S.I. 39[illegible]
1 "B.M.W. 750" M/cycle	No CC. A[illegible]
1 "Gnome 175" M/cycle	No S.I. 277

(b) Clothing and Equipment

Unchanged situation prevails owing due to the natural consumption of the clothing.

(c) Arms and Munitions

No change on last report.

As mentioned in previous reports, the issue of automatic pistols to complete U.S. is urgently required.

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7. MORALE

No change on last report.

8. CRIME AND PUBLIC SECURITY [illegible]

During the past month one murder was been committed in the Ibb area.

9. GENERAL

The departure of Polish troops from the [illegible] District caused the civil population to hope that this would improve the local housing problem which is particularly severe in the Aden province. It is reported however that the families of Polish troops are to be moved to Aden, by order of the Allies, this has given rise to resentment amongst the local population. The Mayor of Aden has asked both the President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister of Internal Affairs for their assistance in having these Polish personnel moved from the district.

Max Hamilton

H. G. HAMILTON
Major
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SUBJECT: [illegible]/[illegible] OF [illegible] MARCH AS AT 1 NOVEMBER 1946

TO : H.Q. F.M.T.A. (Attention [illegible] Sect.)

FROM : 7 BRITISH MAISON UNIT

Ref. [illegible]/42

5 November 46

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1. STRENGTH

(a) Strength return as at ~~15~~ October 1946, down to Legion Level, is shown at Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 9.25 %

Percentage on extraneous duty:

ANCONA Legion	-	1.43 %
BOLOGNA Legion	-	2.80 %
MONTEROTONDO Legion	-	3.05 %
LAGHOUAT Legion	-	6.21 %

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 October 1946 is shown at Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	-	10.90 %
FLORENCE Mobile Bn	-	11.81 %

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	-	127	at Ferrara
	-	107	at Forlì
	-	130	at Parma
FLORENCE Mobile Bn	-	124	at Grosseto
	-	2	at Torre Del Quinto
	-	12	at Rome

2. ORGANIZATION

No important moves of personnel have taken place during the month. GENOA and ROME Mobile Bns remain on detachment in the BOLOGNA Legion area.

3. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Public Opinion Situation

The news of the peace treaty terms for Italy has provoked a further wave of resentment against the Allies who are accused of breaking their

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(a) Strength return as at 15 October 1946, down to Legion Level, is shown at Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 9.25 %

Percentage on extraordinary duty:

ARMEN Legion	-	1.43 %
BOLOGNA Legion	-	2.08 %
[illegible] Legion	-	8.05 %
[illegible] Legion	-	5.21

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 October 1946 is shown at Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	-	10.90 %
FLORENCE Mobile Bn	-	11.81 %

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	-	127	at Ferrara
	-	107	at Forlì
	-	130	at Parma
FLORENCE Mobile Bn	-	124	at Grosseto
	-	2	at Torre Del Quinto
	-	12	at Rome

2. ORGANIZATION

No important moves of personnel have taken place during the month. GENOA and ROME Mobile Bns remain on detachment in the BOLOGNA Legion area.

3. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Public Opinion Situation

The news of the peace treaty terms for Italy has provoked a further wave of resentment against the Allies who are accused of breaking their promises in the terms of the Atlantic Charter, which, it is said they used as a lure to induce the nation to fight for what was supposed to be Italy's interests but was, in fact, only in the Allied interest.

(b) Public opinion towards the Carabinieri

Prestige and esteem for the Carabinieri is continually increasing among the population.

(c) Press

The press is mainly concerned this month with the peace treaty terms and the economical situation in Italy.

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The political differences between the various parties of the Government grow stronger daily, this is particularly noticeable in the o posing policies of the Christian Democrats and the Communists. The removal of the united action pact between Socialists and Communists has come as a great blow to those who hoped that the Socialists would adopt a strong anti-Communist attitude. However this pact is not considered to be very strong owing to the widely differing opinions and policies of the two parties.

The inevitable policy of compromise which the Government has had to adopt has had a bad influence on the non democracy.

(d) Forecast

The above mentioned situation causes the parties, who fear to be overshadowed, to be constantly on the alert in order to retain their political independence. It is difficult to forecast how this delicate situation will develop.

4. TRAINING

Training continues within the Mobile Unit with satisfactory results in spite of the many duty commitments. A drive is being made throughout the Unit to improve the condition of the existing transport.

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) General Discipline of the "Arma"

Normal, no change on last report.

(b) During the past month the following breaches of discipline were dealt with:-

A Carabiniere of the [illegible] Legion for desertion;
A Carabiniere of the [illegible] Legion for disobedience with violence to an officer.
Six Carabinieri for desertion - these men should have reported for duty immediately after the Liberation, five of these were dismissed and one is still serving.

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(c) Pay

Difficulties reported in previous reports are increasing due to the constantly rising cost of living.

(d) Personnel

During the month Major [illegible] Carlo reported from the LAMPO Legion to take command of the [illegible] Group.

No breaches of discipline amongst senior officers.

6. GENERAL REMARKS

(a) Support

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(d) Forecast

The above sentional situation causes the partisan, who fear to be overwhelmed, to be constantly on the alert in order to retain their political independence. It is difficult to foresee how this delicate situation will develop.

4. TRAINING

Training continues within the mobile zone with satisfactory results in spite of the many duty assignments. A drive is being made throughout the zone to improve the condition of the existing transport.

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) General Discipline of the Army

Normal, no change on last report.

(b) During the past month the following breaches of discipline were dealt with:-

A Carabiniere of the MONGA Legion for desertion;
A Carabiniere of the BIANCA Legion for disobedience with violence to an officer.
Six Carabinieri for desertion - these men should have reported for duty immediately after the liberation, five of them were discharged and one is still serving.

(c) Pay

Difficulties reported in previous reports are increasing due to the constantly rising cost of living.

(d) Personnel

During the month Major SCIACCA Carlo reported from the LAZIO Legion to take command of the LAZIO Group.

No breaches of discipline against senior officers.

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(a) Transport

On orders received from Min. of War two motorcycles have been de-requisitioned and returned to their owners by the ANCONA Legion.

B.S.A.	500	Italian No	00.6910
C.M.	15	" "	00.6902

By orders of 7 Territorial Command the LAZIO Legion have de-requisitioned and returned to owners two cars beyond local repair

Fiat	508	Italian No	00.7412
Fiat	500	" "	00.7422

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LAMBERT Legion has handed in to 7 Repair Unit a Motorcycle G/E 350 No XI 2011 as being beyond local repair.

Due to service needs the deficiencies in W.S. of transport should be urgently supplied.

(b) Clothing & Equipment

No change on last report.

(c) Arms & Ammo

Automatic pistols to complete W.S. are urgently required.

7. FORCE

No change.

8. PUBLIC SECURITY SITUATION

During the past month 5 murders have been committed in 3rd Bde area.

Wehlquder
Major

H. W. HAMILTON
Major
G.S.O. II

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SUBJECT: END/BEGINNING OF MONTH REPORT AS AT 1 OCTOBER 1946

TO : HQ M.P.I.A. (Attention CC.AR. Sect.)

FROM : 7 MOBILE LEGION

Ref. CC.AR./29

7 October 1946

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1. STRENGTH

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(b) Percentage on leave - 11.46 %

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FLORENCE Legion	-	8.50 %
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(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 30 September 1946 - Apnx "B".

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BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	-	14.40 %

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn	-	120 at Ferrara
	-	131 at Forli'
	-	143 at Parma
FLORENCE Mobile Bn	-	120 at Grosseto

2. ORGANIZATION

No change on last report. Genoa and Rome Mobile Battalions remain on detachment in Bologna area.

3. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Public Opinion Situation

News of the Paris peace conference provokes bitter criticism of the Allies who are accused of breaking their promises.

(b) Public Opinion towards the Carabinieri

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The press is mostly interested in the Peace Treaty and economical internal situation in Italy. Many articles have appeared showing resentment to the Allies for the

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One of the more bitter comments is that, without regard to the Atlantic Charter or for the injustice to Italy, the Allies are bartering Italian territory in order to satisfy other countries whose support is considered necessary to achieve their purposes.

It is reported that, at the cost of Italy, the French boundary has been extended in order to ensure French support to England and America against Russia.

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All these factors affecting the internal situation are said to have provoked an enormous rise in prices, which in turn has caused delay in rebuilding and general reconstruction resulting in an increased number of unemployed.

(d) Forecast

It is reported that the a/m internal situation may create serious disorders and it is feared that the extremists may try, by violence, to overthrow the present government.

4. TRAINING

Training of Mobile Bns is being carried out normally and results are satisfactory. The political education of the people is improving in spite of the serious difficulties of the times.

5. ADMINISTRATION

General Discipline of the "Arma"

(a) Normal, no change on last report.

(b) During the past month the Ancona Legion tried a NCO and a Carabiniere for selling rationed food. A NCO was brought to trial for not reporting a crime. A NCO and a Carabiniere were tried for attempted corruption.

Two Carabinieri of the Bologna Legion were brought to trial on charge of theft.

Leghorn Legion have remanded a Carabiniere for desertion.

(c) The difficulty of insufficient pay is increasing owing to the constantly rising cost of living. This hits married Carabinieri very hard.

(d) Personnel

No breach of discipline amongst senior officers.

6. GENERAL REFLECTIONS

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By order of M. of W. the Ancona Legion have handed back two requisitioned cars to their owners. Leghorn Legion have delivered one Fiat car to 7 Repair Unit as being beyond local repair.

(b) Clothing & Equipment

The situation is slightly improved but is still unsatisfactory. Indents have been forwarded for winter requirements but have not yet been met.

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(c) Arms & Ammo

Pistols remain in short supply and are urgently required.

During the month 380 rifles and 20 L.M.G.s have been handed in to 7 Artillery Directorate for repair.

Leghorn Legion have returned 82 rifles, 29 L.M.G.s, and 2 machine pistols to 7 Artillery Directorate as being surplus to W.E.

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Annex "C" to 7 BAD letter
Ref. OL.[illegible]/[illegible] of 7 Oct. 1945

7 BRITISH ARMORED UNIT
[illegible]
Tel. [illegible] - 23

Subject: Report on visits to units in Florence

19 September 1945 - [illegible] and [illegible] of the 7 B.A.U. visited [illegible] Central School and [illegible] Mobile Unit at Florence.

(a) A conference was held with col. [illegible] C.O. Central School who explained his duties and the functions of the school. The next course for M.G.'s will start on 15 November '45 when approx 750 students are expected. The students will be split into three coys of foot guard kart and one squadron of mounted Bersaglieri. The latter will carry out their specialist training at "Dell'Aquila" Barracks.

The question of pay was discussed at length and it was learned that for a single man the pay was satisfactory but was not adequate for a married man.

No arrangement had been made for accommodation of students families during their nine months course.

(b) Major [illegible] conducted the party on a visit to the Mobile Unit at "Dell'Aquila" Barracks. An impressive display was seen in the training of Armored Car crews and M/Cyclists. A high standard of maintenance was noted in all vehicles.

Major [illegible] stated that his main deficiencies were sixty crash helmets fitted for wireless, twelve Browning Med. M.Gs for armored cars and spare parts for Ford G.M.C. armored cars. A further conference on this subject will be held in this HQ. in the next few days and a full report will be submitted.

SUBJECT: END/BRIEFING OF MONTH REPORT AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 1946

TO : H.Q. M.M.I.A. (Attention CC.RR. Sect.)

FROM : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref. CC.RR./29

Florence 5 Sept.'46

1. STRENGTH

(a) Strength Return, as at 15 August 1946, down to Legion level - Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 7.83 %

Percentage on extraneous duty:

ANCONA Legion - 1.24 %
BOLOGNA Legion - 2.80 %
FLORENCE Legion - 0.50 %
LEGHORN Legion - 5.45 %

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 August 1946 - Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave

FLORENCE Mobile Bn - 12.13 %
BOLOGNA Mobile Bn - 14.30 %

The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mobile Bns:

BOLOGNA Mobile Bn - 124 at Ferrara
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FLORENCE Mobile Bn - 116 at Palermo
- 50 at Massa
- 49 at Arezzo

2. ORGANIZATION

No material change.
On 14 August '46 100 military of the Legion Cmd Coy left Florence for Sienna on reinforcement duty for the "Palio". They came back on 17th.
Genoa Mobile Bn is still detached in Bologna Legion Territory.
The complete Rome Mobile Bn arrived at Bologna on 28 August'46.

3. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Public Opinion Situation

Public opinion criticized the attitude of the Communists towards the action of the Italian representative at the Peace Conference. Harsh criticism has been also provoked

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(b) Public Opinion toward the Carabinieri
Prestige and esteem for the Carabinieri is continually increasing among the population.

(c) Press
The press is mostly interested in the Peace-Treaty and in the serious economical situation of Italy.
Resentment towards England and U.S.A., who are accused of having broken their promises made during the war, is increasing.

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The people clearly show their aversion to France for its rapacity and excessive demands. Many think that, indirectly France is supporting Yugoslavia.
Hints are being made by the press about the serious possible consequences that may be derived from such unjust treatment of Italy, in view of the instability of the international politics.

(d) Forecast
In spite of talks and promises it is feared that the Peace Treaty which is going to be imposed to Italy will be too hard and this will weaken the new Italian Republic.

(e) Influence of past events on the future situation
It is reported that the behaviour of the co-belligerants toward Italy may entail bitter surprises for the Anglo--americans and especially for France in the eventuality of a new war, as it would be very difficult to change the public opinion after such hard delusions.
Neither is it possible, the Italians think, to neglect the strength of 47 million inhabitants. The opinion that Italy should be neutral in the eventuality of a new war is spreading more and more.

4. TRAINING

Courses have re-commenced at Mobile Bns but are not running smoothly at present owing to constant demands made for service of personnel in connection with preservation of law and order.
Training for the average Carabiniere, outside the Bns, is non-existent and the situation is the same as reported several months ago.

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) General Discipline of the "Arma"
Normal

(b) During past August Ancona Legion courtmartialled a Carabiniere alleged to be responsible for theft and embezzlement. Another Carabiniere has been denounced for desertion and illegal wearing of badges of rank.
Florence Legion denounced a Carabiniere for desertion..

(c) Pay
No change on last report.

(d) Personnel
Major MANNUCCI BENINCASA, previously Liaison Officer to P/S S/Com. A.C. at Bologna, has temporarily taken command of the Modena Group.

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Bologna Mobile Bn has delivered to 6 Repair Unit the 12 tanks M.15/42 that have been substituted with Armoured cars.

(b) Clothing & Equipment
Clothing and Equipment situation is generally improving.

(c) Arms & Ammunition
No change.

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7. MORALE

No change on last report.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION

No change in the general situation.
In the first part of August the Ancona Legion arrested 15 members of a gang accused of stealing.
In the area under the jurisdiction of 3rd Brigade there have been nine murders this month. Two murderers have been caught.

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SUBJECT: END/BEGINNING OF MONTH REPORT AS AT 1 AUGUST 1946

TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. (Attention CC.RR. Sect.)

FROM : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref.CC.RR./29

Florence 7 Aug'46

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1. STRENGTH

(a) Strength Return, as at 15 July 1946, down to Legion level - Appx "A"

(b) Percentage on leave - 4.41 %

Percentage on extraneous duty;

ANCONA	Legion	-	1.33 %
BOLOGNA	Legion	-	4.50 %
FLORENCE	Legion	-	8.74 %
LEGHORN	Legion	-	6.56 %

(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 July 1946 - Appx "B".

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The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mobile Bns:

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FLORENCE Mobile Bn	-	156	at Massa
	-	116	at Palermo
		40	at Pisa

2. ORGANIZATION

No material change.

3. INTELLIGENCE

Relations between CC.RR. and public continue to improve. CC.RR. report that the appointment of DE NICOLA as President has been well received in this area. Increasing resentment towards the Allies, particularly England and U.S.A. as result of terms of Peace Treaty, is alleged, and Italians maintain that many of the promises made to them when they became co-belligerants are not being carried out. CC.RR. contend that in the eventuality of a further crisis in Europe the Allies are not likely have the assistance or sympathy of the Italians.

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5. ADMINISTRATION

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(b) Pay

While there is no particular problem the position in general has not improved. A revision and simplification of rates of pay is long overdue.

(c) Personnel

Lt. Col. GRUDI discharged
Lt. Col. RUCCI, formerly discharged, now re-enlisted and at disposal of 7 Terr. Command.
Major STARA discharged (own request).

7. MORALE

Alleged to be deteriorating. Apart from the many difficulties confronting members of the CC.RR., i.e., low pay in comparison to increasing cost of living, poor conditions of many barracks, etc, practically 50 % of the 3rd Bgde are still awaiting results of epuration and discrimination. It is strange to think that officers and men of an organisation responsible for maintaining law and order, should themselves, after more than a year since cessation of hostilities, still be faced with the uncertainty of their own future. In the interests of the CC.RR. Service as a whole these proceedings should be expedited. List of percentages of such personnel in 3rd Bgde at Appx "C"

8. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION

No change in general situation. The month has been noteable for the numerous strikes and demonstrations which have taken place in this area, and the CC.RR. have been fully occupied in attending to these matters. No subsequent disorders have been reported. It is understood that experience here has shown that Questura personnel are not competent in dealing with such situations and as usual the responsibility is left to the Carabinieri.

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SUBJECT: END/ENDING OF MONTH REPORT AS AT 1 JULY 1946

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TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. (Attention CC.RR. Sect.)

FROM : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref:CC.RR./29

Florence 5 July'46

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(c) Strength return of Mobile Bns, as at 30 June 1946 - - Appx "B".

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FLORENCE	Mobile Bn	- 2.55 %
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The following Carabinieri are on detachment from BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mobile Bns.

BOLOGNA	Mobile Bn	- 460 at NAPLES
FLORENCE	Mobile Bn	- 368 at NAPLES
		27 at PISA

2. ORGANIZATION

No material change.

3. INTELLIGENCE

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No incidents of note were reported during the election period, and the results satisfied the majority of the population in this area.

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4. TRAINING

Owing to moves of Mobile Bns the training courses have been suspended temporarily.
No change in general situation.

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Discipline
Good. No serious breaak of discipline.

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(c) Personnel

Following changes in appointments of Senior officers occurred during the past month.

Lt. Col. BORGHETTI to BOLOGNA External Group in place of Major GIULIANI (discharged).

Col. PORCIANI to Mobile Bns Group FLORENCE in place of Lt. Col. BONI (at disposition of FLORENCE Legion Command).

6. GENERAL DEFICIENCIES

Distribution of Khaki uniform should be expedited if it is to be of any service this summer.

7. MORALE

Satisfactory.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION

No improvement in general situation. Several unemployed demonstrations and one or two strikes of short duration occurred at various towns without causing any subsequent disorder. Seven murders were committed in the 3rd Bgde area. In three of these cases the persons responsible have been arrested. There is no decrease in the number of armed robberies in spite of the increasing arrests made by the Carabinieri.

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Genoa Mobile Bn is still in MODENA.
The General Election, and aftermath, has occupied practically all the resources of the CC.RR. during the month. Generally speaking there is little change in the situation as reported in previous monthly report.

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Distribution of Medal Ribbons should be expedited if it is to be of any service this summer.

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SUBJECT: MOD/BRIEFING ON MONTHLY REPORT AS AT 1st JUNE 1946

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TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (Attention CO.RR. Section)

FROM : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Reference CO.R./29

Florence 5 June '46

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1. Strength

(a) Strength Return as at 15 May 1946, down to Legion level - Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 5.21 %
Percentage on extraneous duty
ANCONA Legion - 1.86 %
BOLOGNA Legion - 6.60 %
FLORENCE Legion - 9.82 %
LEGHORN Legion - 6.48 %

(c) Strength Return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 May 1946 - Appx "B"

(d) Percentage on leave:
FLORENCE Mobile Bn - 1.44 %
BOLOGNA Mobile Bn - 0.95 %

The Mobile Bns are now up to strength. Personnel have returned from detachment and at Florence the strength was made up by transferring carabinieri from the Legion HQ. Coy to re place those on duty at Palermo. Latter are now on detachment from Legion HQ. Coy.

2. Organization

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Transport received by the Legions and Mobile Bns during the past month has been most satisfactory, and an important factor in assisting final preparations for the elections. The provision of efficient transport has such a great effect on the all-round improvement of the organization that it is hoped it will be possible to continue the present rate of distribution.

All Legions in 3rd Bgde have received the first

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(a) Strength Return as at 15 May 1946, down to Legion Level - Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 5.21 %
Percentage on extraneous duty
ASCARI Legion - 1.86 %
BOLOGNA Legion - 6.50 %
FIORENZE Legion - 9.82 %
LAMPEDUSA Legion - 6.49 %

(c) Strength Return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 May 1946 - Appx "B"

(d) Percentage on leave:
FIORENZE Mobile Bn - 1.44 %
BOLOGNA Mobile Bn - 0.95 %

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All Legions in 3rd Bgde have received the first delivery of Bianchi bicycles.

Mobile Bn. Commanders are very satisfied with the Staghound Armoured Cars. Exercises have been held, and from all accounts, the public have been visibly impressed.

There is no material change in telephonic communications.

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3. Intelligence

Relations between the public and CC.RR. continue to be satisfactory.

The General Election has been the main topic of interest, but no untoward incidents have been reported and at present there are no indications of any threatened disorder on a large scale.

CC.RR. report a noticeable trend in support of the Monarchy, but add that opinion is divided as to whether or not disturbances will result in the event of a victory for the Monarchy.

On 15 May at Arezzo a meeting held by the Monarchist Party was repeatedly interrupted in spite of appeals from leaders of local Communist and Republican parties. A member of the Communist Party removed the Italian flag from the balcony used by the speakers. The flag was recovered by a soldier of the "MEDO" Regiment and replaced on the balcony.

On 22 May at Agliana (Pistoia) unknown persons fired several shots against the Communist Party office. No persons injured.

On 27 May at Gallusso (Florence) a hand grenade was thrown against the Communist Party office. Some shots were also fired. No persons injured.

4. Training

No change in general situation. It is recommended that steps be taken towards reviving the monthly refresher courses formerly held at Legion HQ's.

A training course for heavy motor car drivers, and another for "Staghound" armoured car drivers, has been completed by Bologna Mobile Bn. Results satisfactory.

A training course for wireless operators for "Staghound" is being held by same Bn.

5. Administration

(a) Discipline

Good. No serious breach of discipline.

(b) Pay

As previously reported.

(c) Personnel

No change in appointments of Senior Officers.

6. General Deficiencies

As previously reported.

Mobile workshops for Legions and Recovery Vehicles

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As previously reported.

(c) Personnel

No change in appointments of Senior Officers.

6. General Deficiencies

As previously reported.

Mobile workshops for Legions and Recovery Vehicles for Mobile Bns are urgently required.

7 Morale

Satisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation

There is no material change in the general situation. Three murders were committed during the month. In two

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of those where the motive arose from family disputes the persons responsible were traced. In the third case the motive was robbery and investigations are proceeding. The main problem is the prevalence of armed robberies, but the CC.RR. are having better results with detections and this should ultimately have the desired effect. The following are some of the more serious crimes which have been committed and in which the authors have been traced by CC.RR.

1 May Porto S. Giorgio. Several thefts amounting to 600.000 lire. 9 persons arrested and 150.000 lire recovered.

1. May S. Elpidio a Mare (Ascoli Piceno). Wine thefts amounting to 800.000 lire. 4 persons arrested and 400.000 lire recovered.

1 May. Calciana di Prato (Florence). Armed robbery. Money and valuables, total 500.000 lire. 5 persons arrested and a third identified.

4 May. Grosseto. Two persons arrested alleged to have been involved in plot to assault local prison and assist escape of some political prisoners. Proceedings are also being instituted against seven prisoners alleged to be involved in the conspiracy.

4 May. Ponte Elvella. Armed robbery. Motor car and valuable stolen. Three persons arrested and car recovered.

5 May. Treja. Three members of an armed gang suspected of committing many crimes, arrested after gun fight with CC.RR. One of the criminals was wounded. Resulting from this action arms and stolen property were recovered.

8 May. Falcovara Marittima (Ancona). CC.RR. arrested 6 members of a gang responsible for numerous thefts of tyres, petrol, clothing etc, mainly Allied property. Proceeding are also being taken against several receivers.

9 May. S. Giovanni d'Asso (Siena). Two armed individuals raided bank and forced the cashier to give them 45.000 lire. Thieves arrested and stolen property recovered.

17 May. Ferrarosan. Three members of gang of criminals arrested after gun fight with CC.RR. One prisoner wounded.

17 May. "Fiume Cesano" Senigallia (Ancona) CC.RR. detected a gang of about 20 individuals awaiting opportunity to raid a train loaded with Allied goods, approaching Moretta Railway Station. After a gun fight, during which one of the criminals was wounded, the Carabinieri arrested 11 persons, and later recovered a large amount of stolen property, the result of previous crimes committed by the gang, also numerous special tools used for opening railway wagons

9. General

On 25 May 1946 the Lazio Mobile Bn arrived at Ancona,

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[illegible] 4 persons arrested and 400.000 lire recovered.

1 May. Calciana di Prato (Florence). Armed robbery. Money and valuables, total 300.000 lire. 3 persons arrested and a third identified.

4 May. Grosseto. Two persons arrested alleged to have been involved in plot to assault local prison and assist escape of some political prisoners. Proceedings are also being instituted against seven prisoners alleged to be involved in the conspiracy.

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17 May. "Fiume Oscuro" Senigallia (Ancona) CC.RR. detected a gang of about 20 individuals awaiting opportunity to raid a train loaded with Allied goods, approaching Moratta Railway Station. After a gun fight, during which one of the criminals was wounded, the Carabinieri arrested 11 persons, and later recovered a large amount of stolen property, the result of previous crimes committed by the gang, also numerous special tools used for opening railway wagons

9. General

On 25 May 1946 the Lazio Mobile Bn arrived at Ancona, and on 27 May 1946 the Genoa Mobile Bn arrived at Modena to act as reinforcements during the period covering the general Election.

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Due to the effort of Major W. H. WHITE, DA & QMG 6 B.L.U. a sufficient number of radio sets were obtained, on loan, to enable all Provinces in Bologna Legion to be in wireless communication with their Legion HQ. He also obtained a quantity of 37 M.M. ammunition for the armured cars of the Bologna and Genoa Mobile Bns (20 rds each vehicle).

W. GREENHOUGH
Major
7 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT: END/DISBANDING OF MOBILE BNS AS AT 1st MAY 1946

TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (Attention CC.RR. Section)

FROM : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Reference CC.RR./29

Florence 7 May 1946

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1. Strength

(a) Strength Return as at 15 April 1946, down to Legion level - Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 5.54 %
Percentage on extraneous duty
ANCONA LEGION - 3.06 %
BOLZANO LEGION - 6.60 %
FLORENCE LEGION - 15.47 %
LEGHORN LEGION - 9.00 %

(c) Strength Return of Mobile Bns, as at 30 April 1946 - - Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave -
FLORENCE Bn - 5.19 %
BOLZANO Bn - 4.63 %
Members of the Mobile Bns are still on detachment at Palermo, Pistoia, Ferrara, and Reggio Emilia.

2. Organization

(a) CC.RR. Brigades - Value and usefulness.
Reference CC.RR. Branch M.M.I.A. Conference 13 Mar. 1946 and discussion regarding Divisions and Brigades. If one considers the duties laid down for a Bgde Commander, it will be seen that an efficient Commander performs a most useful and essential service. He is a necessary link between the military and civilian Authorities, his respective Legions, and G.H.Q. He has a personal knowledge of the officers in his Bgde and can assess their value in relation to the particular area where they perform their respective duties. On this latter point it is suggested that, in all cases, G.H.Q. should obtain a Bgde Commander's opinion before issuing instructions for transfers of officers, and so avoid instances whereby officers, who are doing good work, have been removed, solely to facilitate the necessary transfer of some other officer. Resulting from my experience and contact with the 3rd Bgde I am firmly of the opinion that [illegible] Bgdes, and have Legions as separate units

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(b) Temporary Officers
Detailed list of Temporary Officers in 3rd Bgde - - Appx "C"

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It is suggested that the position regarding future of temporary officers of CC.RR. should be classified as soon as possible, in the interests both of the Service and of the officers concerned. Many of the latter are desirous of becoming regular officers but so far no instructions have been issued on this subject.

3. Intelligence

A new publication, "[illegible] E POPOLO", printed at Siena, also handbills, were distributed at Florence, Pistoia, and Siena. The newspaper publishes a criticism of the Florence Legion Commander which is alleged to have been written by a group of carabinieri.

4. Training

No change in the general situation.

The training course for motor car and motor cycle drivers, held by Mobile Bn Bologna, ended during April. Results reported to be satisfactory.

5. Administration

(a) Discipline
Two CC.RR. deserters have been arrested and are to be tried by court martial. One for impersonating an officer, and the other for illegal possession of arms. At Ancona an N.C.O. is alleged to have incited carabinieri to disobey orders. Case pending.

(b) Pay
As previously reported. No particular problem.

(c) Personnel
On 30 April 1945 Lt Col. [illegible] was discharged. (Own request).

6. General Deficiencies

Legions are experiencing difficulty in obtaining sufficient P.O.L. from local Chambers of Commerce to provide for the additional transport being made available to them.

CC.RR. report that there is no noticeable improvement in telephonic communications, as very few repairs have been effected. It is suggested that, if at all possible, the proposed wireless communication should be inaugurated before the General Elections.

Shortage of Beretta pistols and ammunitions for same, especially at Bologna, Ancona, and Livorno.

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7. Morale

Satisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation

A copy translation of report on Public Safety, received from Col. RIVERA, 3rd Bde Commander, attached - Appx "D".

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During the month 7 murders were committed in 3rd Bde territory. There is no material change in the general situation, in spite of the encouraging increase in percentage of detections made by CO.KR.

9. General

Proposed to form CO.KR. Sect. at each Group HQ. for use on duties of mobile road blocks.

W. CROSSMOUGH
Major
7 B.L.H.

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SUBJECT: [illegible] REPORT OF [illegible] AS AT 1ST APRIL 1946

29 : [illegible] (Question [illegible] Section)

[illegible] : 7 [illegible] DIVISIONAL CIRCLE

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Reference [illegible]

Florence 5 April 1946

1. Strength

(a) Strength Return, as at 15 Mar 1946, down to Legion Level - Appx "A"

(b) Percentage on leave - 4.21 %
Percentage on extraneous duty
ANGERA Legion - 5.06 %
BERGAMA Legion - 7.50 %
FIRENZE Legion - 15.78 %
LUCERA Legion - 9.71 %

(c) Strength Return of Mobile Bns, as at 31 March 1946 - - Appx. "B"

(d) Percentage on leave
FLORENCE Bn - 2.7 %
BOLOGNA Bn - 4.78 %

The members of the Florence Mobile Bn, who were on detachment at Rimini since December 1945, have been recalled. Otherwise there is no change in the situation and far too many of the personnel are still on detachment in various localities.

2. Organisation

It is not possible to recover any more CC.RR. from extraneous duties until such time as some efficient organisation exists to take over duties of Railway Police, prison guards etc.

Another drain on the service is the number of CC.RR. engaged guarding prisoners detained in civilian hospitals. Hospital authorities are requested to concentrate such patients in one or two wards, if practicable, to reduce number of guards, but in many instances the number of guards necessarily employed is out of all proportion to the number of patients.

Suggested that such duties be performed by Questura Agents or Special Coy CC.RR.

3. Intelligence

Relations between public and CC.RR. satisfactory. No unusual incidents have been reported in connection with [illegible] activities both to date within Ord Bde.

(a) Strength return, as at 15 Apr 1946, [illegible]
Level - Appx "A"

(b) Percentage on leave - 4.21 %
Percentage on extraneous duty
[illegible] Legion - 3.08 %
[illegible] Legion - 7.93 %
[illegible] Legion - 15.79 %
[illegible] Legion - 5.71 %

(c) Strength return of Mobile Sqn, as at 31 March 1946 -
- Appx. "B"

(d) Percentage on leave
[illegible] Sqn - 2.7 %
[illegible] Sqn - 4.73 %

The members of the Eritrean Mobile Sqn, who were on detachment at Asmara since December 1945, have been recalled. Otherwise there is no change in the situation and far too many of the personnel are still on detachment in various localities.

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3. Intelligence

Relations between public and CC. RR. satisfactory. No unusual incidents have been reported in connection with ~~[illegible]~~ elections held to date within Xel Dgale Area.

The holding of Municipal Elections on "staggered" dates has been of great assistance in enabling CC. RR. to effect necessary concentration of strength in the various areas as elections were held.

4. Training

No change in situation.

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5. Administration

(a) Discipline
Good.

(b) RAF
No particular problem.

(c) Personnel
Major GIANO Umberto has been appointed commander of ANCONA Group in place of Lt Col. ROSSA Ottaviano. Latter at disposal of Legion Command of ANCONA.
Lt. Col RS. [illegible] appointed [illegible] Legion in place of Lt. Col. [illegible] who is on leave pending discharge.

6. General Administration

As previously reported.
During the period 3 Feb. to 4 March 9 trucks were allotted to [illegible] Legion. To date only 3 have been actually received by the Legion.
Uniform situation has improved. All members of 3rd Bgde are now provided with uniform clothing.

7. Morale

Satisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation

In spite of many arrests made by the CC. RR. during the month there is no appreciable change in the crime situation. Ten murders have been committed within 3rd Bgde area during past month and armed robberies continue with decreasing regularity. Strikes of short duration and unemployed demonstrations have occurred in many localities but no untoward incident has arisen from these.
Between 8th and 11th March the CC.RR. of Lucca and Viareggio identified and arrested 12 members of a gang alleged to be responsible for committing 9 robberies and 5 murders during the period November 1945 to January 1946.
On 13th March CC.RR. arrested several members of the gang responsible for the assault on the village of Savigno (Bologna) on 11 Dec'45.
On 16th November 1945 an armed band of 12 individuals raided the village of Montano Station (Bologna) disarmed the Carabinieri and committed many thefts.
On 20th March the CC.RR., assisted by Bologna Questura, arrested nine of the criminals and have identified the remainder.
On 4th march the CC.RR. of Isola (Macerata) identified two Polish soldiers alleged to be responsible for robbery and murder of an Italian civilian. Soldiers handed over to Polish [illegible].

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9. General

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6. General Deficiencies

as previously reported.

During the period 5 Feb. to 4 March 9 trucks were allotted to Polish Legion. To date only 3 have been actually received by the Legion.

Uniform situation has improved. All members of 3rd Div are now provided with uniform clothing.

7. Health

unsatisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation

In spite of many arrests made by the [illegible] during the month there is no appreciable change in the crime situation. Ten murders have been committed within 3rd Div area during past month and armed robberies continue with depressing regularity. Strikes of short duration and unemployed demonstrations have occurred in many localities but no unusual incident has arisen from these.

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9. General

(a) [illegible]

Brigade and Legion Commanders favour the adoption of a coupon scheme to enable [illegible] to obtain [illegible] direct from [illegible] depots for general purposes. This is not a new idea as in former years [illegible] officers were issued with coupons for this purpose, while for general use [illegible] was purchased direct by [illegible] from [illegible], and no difficulties were experienced.

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(b) Motor-cycles for CO.RE.

To date [illegible] Mobile Bn has received 38 motor cycles of the 60 allotted.

[illegible] Mobile Bn is still without motor-cycles.

(c) Maintenance and repairs

Reference CO.RE. Bulletin No 1 of 2nd April regarding permission for purchase of civilian tyres from open market. It is understood that [illegible] CO.RE. have cancelled this permission. (Their letter No 63/2 - C.R.N. [illegible]/110 of 30th March refers) as they are negotiating direct with the firm [illegible] for supply of tyres and inner tubes.

[illegible]
Major
7 B.L.S.

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SUBJECT: END/BEGINNING OF MONTH REPORT AS AT 1ST MAR 1946

TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (Attention CC.RR. Section)

FROM : 7 British Liaison Unit.

REF: CC.RR./29

Florence 6th Mar 1946

29

1. Strength.

(a) Strength Return, as at 25th Feb. 1946 down to Legion level Appx "A".

(b) Percentage on leave - 4.57%
Percentage on extraneous duty:

ANCONA	Legion	- 1.7%
BOLOGNA	Legion	- 1.3%
FLORENCE	Legion	-17.47%
LEGHORN	Legion	9.71%

(c) Strength Return of Mob. Bns, as at 28th Feb. 1946 - Appx "B".

(d) Percentage on leave:

FLORENCE	Bn	- 3.67%
BOLOGNA	Bn	- 3.30%

The Mob. Bns cannot be considered a very effective reserve for use in emergency, as practically 50% of each Bn. is on detachment on instructions of General Command.

2. Organisation.

Situation same as previously reported. Improvement in the efficiency of the Service depends on the provision of the various supplies which have been requested by the CC.RR.

3. Intelligence.

Relations between public and CC.RR. remain satisfactory. CC.RR. officials report that there are signs of improvement in public morale; and that the major part of the general public do not seem to be interested in politics.

CC.RR. contend that public opinion, generally is not favourable to National Liberation Committees, as in many instances latter have committed abuses and excesses similar to those of the Fascists.

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Percentage on extended duty.

ANCONA	Legion	- 1.7%
BOLOGNA	Legion	- 1.3%
FLORENCE	Legion	-17.47%
LEGHORN	Legion	9.71%

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4. Training.

No improvement in the general situation. Training courses at Legions remain suspended owing to lack of instructors.

Training in Mob. Bns satisfactory, except that Florence Bn is still without motor-cycles and cannot give practical instruction to drivers.

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5. Administration.

(a) Discipline
Good. No serious breach of discipline.

(b) Pay
General complaint that wages are too low in comparison to cost of living, more especially in the case of married men with families.

(c) Personnel
No change in appointments of senior officers. Promotions have been blocked since September 1943 and this creates some discontent among officers elligible for advancement.

6. General Deficiencies.

Please see previous fortnightly reports. Anticipated that by mid-March all members of LIVORNO Legion will be provided with uniform.

The 4000 uniforms being made locally at BOLOGNA will be completed by end April and uniform situation for this Legion will then be satisfactory.

Indents for necessary clothing and equipment have been submitted to General Command by all Legions of 3rd Rgde.

7. Morale.

Satisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation.

There has been a slight decrease in number of crimes and offences reported to CC.RR. during past fortnight. Only two major crimes were committed.

At Castel d'Argile (Bologna) a civilian was murdered by unknown assailants. Alleged political motive.

At Bertinoro (Forli) a civilian was murdered by unknown assailant. Motive not known.

9. General.

Detailed return of ammunition required by Legions and Mob. Bns for all purposes at Appx "C". Indents have been submitted. Understand the ammunition is not available.

The [illegible] relating to present

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officers elligible for advancement.

6. General Deficiencies.

Please see previous fortnightly reports. Anticipated that by mid-March all members of LIVORNO Legion will be provided with uniform.

The 4000 uniforms being made locally at BOLOGNA will be completed by end April and uniform situation for this Legion will then be satisfactory.

Indents for necessary clothing and equipment have been submitted to General Command by all Legions of 3rd Bgde.

7. Morale.

Satisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation.

There has been a slight decrease in number of crimes and offences reported to CC.RR. during past fortnight. Only two major crimes were committed.

At Castel d'Argile (Bologna) a civilian was murdered by unknown assailants. Alleged political motive.

At Bertinoro (Forli) a civilian was murdered by unknown assailant. Motive not known.

9. General.

Detailed return of ammunition required by Legions and Mob. Bns for all purposes at Appx "C". Indents have been submitted. Understand the ammunition is not available.

The more important points relating to present day difficulties of CC.RR. have been fully dealt with in previous reports, and until it is known what policy is to be adopted regarding questions of transport, communications, etc., and the requirements of the CC.RR. in all directions have been met, these reports are likely to become a repetition as the supplies being received by CC.RR. today, while of some assistance, do not improve the general situation.

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SUBJECT: MID MONTH REPORT AS AT 15 FEBRUARY 1946

TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (Attention CC.RR. Section)

FROM : 7 British Liaison Unit

REF: CC.RR./29

Florence 20 Feb 1946

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1. Strength.

(a) Strength Return, as at 31 Jan 46, down to Legion level at Appx "A".
(b) Percentage on leave - 4.75
Percentage on extraneous duty

ANCONA Legion	- 1.7
BOLOGNA "	- 1.3
FLORENCE "	-18.1
LIVORNO "	- 5.4

(c) Strength Return of Mobile Bns at Appx "B".
(d) Percentage on leave - 4.80

2. Organization.

No improvement in situation.
Majority of personnel engaged on extraneous duties are acting as Railway Police.
Suggested replacement by CC.RR. Special Force similar to that employed on guard duties at Allied dumps (Appendix "A"), or else present ceiling of 65'000 be increased to allow for numbers engaged on such special duties. At present they are part of the authorised strength but so far as their service to the CC.RR Organization is concerned they might just as well be struck off strength. Provision of adequate, and efficient, transport is most pressing need until such time as this is made available there is not likely to be any noticeable progress in the organization, as most problems arise from present lack of transport. Requirements of 3rd Brigade have been submitted.

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3. Intelligence.

Relations between CC.RR. and public remain satisfactory. CC.RR. Officials state public morale is as good as can be espected in view of economic situation. They view the forthcoming Municipal and Government Elections wish certain amount of concern and are hoping everything possible will be done before them to improve the organization of the CC.RR. In their opinion the CC.RR. are regarded as an "Instrument of the Monarchy" by extreme political

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parties, and because of this they anticipate serious difficulties during the general excitement caused at election time.

4. Training.

In previous fortnightly report it was stated that monthly refresher courses were held at respective Legion HQ. It has since learned that such courses were suspended some months ago, reason being lack of experienced staff coupled with impossibility of withdrawing men from ordinary duties to attend such training courses, owing to present demands on the service, and the limiting factor of the 65.000 ceiling. Training of the Mobile Bns is stated to be proceeding satisfactorily. Apart from this it will be seen that the only training a carabiniere receives is that given by his station Commander when exigencies of the service permit. It seems safe to say that very little, if any, training, outside of the CC.RR. Schools is being given at present. A stardandised Instruction Book issued free to all members of the CC.RR. would be of great assistance in prevailing circumstances. The Instruction Book published by the 3rd Bgde is issued on payment, but it is not compulsory to purchase the book.

5. Administration.

(a) Discipline.
Improving. No serious breach of discipline. Minor offences have decreased. There is no delay in dealing with any disciplinary offence.

(b) Pay.
Situation same as reported previously.

(c) Personnel.
Major Argenziano, Group Commander, RAVENNA, is to be suspended pending result of Screening Commission.

6. General Deficiencies.

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Minimum clothing requirements of Legions, necessary to equip each member of service with one complete outfit, - Appx "C".
Number of bicycles in possession of CC.RR. is insignificant and most of them lack tyres or spare parts.
Following are minimum requirements of Legions.

ANCONA	-	651
BOLOGNA	-	1234
FLORENCE	-	778
LEGHORN	-	696

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Above is estimated on basis of four for each Legion HQ. Two for each Bgde, Group, Company and "Tenenza" HQ. Three for Stations with strength up to 10 CC.RR. Five for Stations having from 11 to 25 CC.RR. and seven for each Station with strength of more than 25.
At FLORENCE Legion HQ. there are 2170 pairs of new British Army boots, sizes too large or too small for CC.RR. They have been there since Oct. 1945. On Nov. 16th 1945 the Legion communicated with General Command and instructions were given by Ministry of War to the Italian Military Depot to change the boots. On Jan. 8th 1946 latter informed CC.RR. they were unable to supply alternative sizes. At cost of 600 lire a pair plus expenses of sowing thread, these boots can be made serviceable, but the project was held up awaiting authority from Rome. In view of the urgent necessity for footwear the Legion Commander has now given instructions for 1000 pairs to be altered and has informed CC.RR. HQ. ROME according by. May latter be requested to expedite issue of authority for the boots to be altered so that they may be put into use without furter delay.

7. Morale.

Satisfactory.

8. Public Safety Situation.

Total number of all crimes and offences remains unchanged but there has been a slight decrease in number of major crimes committed.
At Funo Angelato (Bologna) on 6th inst. a civilian was murdered by unknown assailants.
At Anzola (Emilia) on 7th inst. a factory employer, exponent of Democratic Christian Party murdered by unknown assailants.
At Portoferrara di Portomaggiore (Ferrara) on 10th inst. after CC.RR. had arrested six civilians suspected of committing crime, about 200 persons assembled created a disturbance, and attempted to liberate the prisoners. CC.RR. reinforcements

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Unemployed demonstrations took place at Florence (4th inst.), Pescia (7th inst.) and Montecatini Terme (7th inst.). No incidents.

Undoubtedly there is a certain amount of undetected crime being committed which is not reported to the police and until the latter are more mobile and better equipped they are greatly handicapped in their attempts to improve the situation.

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9. General.

Estimated that further 30% increase in supply of P.O.L. for general purposes is necessary.
Mobile Bns receiving sufficient for present needs.
No regular CC.RR. of 3rd Bgde are employed on guard duties at Allied dumps. Special CC.RR. companies are being constituted in each Legion by retaining older groups up to and including that of 1923. Total authorised strength of such companies in 3rd Bgde is 155 (Officers and men). They are not included in 65'000 ceiling.
It would be appreciated if CC.RR. Liaison Officers could be informed of all supplies that have been allotted to their respective Bgdes. This would assist in tracing reasons for delay in distribution or collection.

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7 [illegible] STATION UNIT

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Subject : [illegible]

To : [illegible]

1. Reference your [illegible] of [illegible] Jan 46 herewith additional information to Monthly Report already submitted.

2. Manpower (Para 1 refers)

ANZUK Legion - Strength return from to Company Level at Appendix "A"

3. Mobility. (Para 3 refers)

ANZUK Legion - List of vehicles and airframe requirements - Appendix "B"

4. Fuels. (Para 3 refers)

Monthly allotments - General use.

	Petrol	Oil	Lubricant
Japanese Legion	7625 kg.	320 kg.	170 kg.
ANZUK Legion	5715 litres	NIL	200 litres

Mobile Ins.	Japanese	ANZUK
Petrol	18600 kg.	18600 kg.
Diesel	12000 "	12100 "
Lubricant	1400 "	1400 "
Heavy Diesel Oil	298 "	290 "
Grease	80 "	80 "
Kerosene	900 "	900 "

Allotments for Mob Dn. vary monthly and laid down by Ministry of War. February allotment not known.
Supplies stated to be insufficient to meet requirements to follow.

5. Communications. (para 4 refers)

ANZUK Legion 44 Stations without telephone. Further 35 stations

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have telephones but cannot operate until repairs effected to telephone lines.

6. Arms and Ammunition (Para 7 refers)

ANZUK Legion.

(a) Automatic Weapons.

Issued	105
Stock	40 (now being distributed)

Standard Pistols (ANZUK mk 1934.)

Issued	1111
Stock	NIL

(b) Medium machineguns (BRITISH Sub machine guns)

ANZUK Legion 420

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TO : HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (Attention CC.RR. Section) REF: CC.RR./29 3

FROM : 7 British Liaison Unit Florence 7 Feb.1946

1. Strength.

(a) Detailed strength return down to Company level-Appx "A" ANCONA LEGION to follow.
(b) Location and strength of Mobile Battalions- Appx "A".
(c) 4.75% on leave. Impossible to reduce this figure without risk of deterioration in health and morale. Peace time leave ceiling 10% of total strength. Even this was considered too low in practice and as the present-day figure is only 5% it will be seen this is an absolute minimum.
Following are employed on extraneous duties.(Authority Hq. CC.RR. Rome).

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Port of ANCONA		19	"
Concentration Camp LATERINA		42	"
Italian State Rlys	(ANCONA	8	"
	(FLORENCE	78	"
	) LIVORNO	14	"
	) BOLOGNA	8	"

Consideration might be given to replacements by Italian Military Guards, and releasing above for normal police duties.
From 8 to 10 hours daily, CC.RR. Regulations stipulate minimum of 6 hrs and maximum of 10 hrs during the 24. All split duties.

2. Uniform Clothing.

FLORENCE and ANCONA Legions are in satisfactory condition, but LIVORNO and BOLOGNA are very badly off. At LIVORNO there are 350 carabinieri without any uniforms but this is in hand and it is hoped they will be provided before end Feb. Shortage of cots, kitchen equipment, bedding owing to unsatisfactory system whereby provision is made by civilian firms under Contract to Ministry of Interior at rate of so much per man per day. Understood question of these supplies now under consideration with a view to supplying direct from Ministry of Interior.
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3. Mobility.

List of vehicles and minimum requirements etc. at Appx "B".

P.O.L.

(a) For general use from Camera di Commercio.
(b) For Mobile Bn. from Territorial Command.

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(c) Monthly allotment - General use & Mob. Bn.

	Petrol	Oil	Lubrificant
BOLOGNA Legion	20000 litri	3000 litri	800 litri
LIVORNO "	to follow.		
FLORENCE "	9455 litri	4420 litri	300 litri
ANCONA "	to follow.		

Above are total supplies. Figures not available respectively for general use and Mob. Bn.

(d) Bgde Commander states supplies are not adequate but further additional requirements not known at present.

4. Communications.

(a) Normal civilian telephone service depending on availability of service locally.
Number of stations without telephones, in Legions:

BOLOGNA	250
LIVORNO	146
FLORENCE	127
ANCONA	to follow.

(b) Stations without telephones rely on private users. Hours of service dependent on duty hours of local civilian exchange, in most cases day-time only and no service during public holidays.
CC.RR. stations are also located in districts which have no telephone service.

(c) In FLORENCE 15 CC.RR. stations have use of private line owned bu Ministry of Interior, but not exclusive to CC.RR.
No CC.RR. private lines in existence.

(d) Foot - messenger, bicycle, or motor-cycle in cases of urgency.

(e) All CC.RR. stations should have telephone installed
A private CC.RR. line to Company level if practicable.

Proposed use of wireless Communication to Group level great asset, but time is factor.

5. Rations.

(a) Rations drawn by Company HQ. from Military Dumps when located in same town. Otherwise rations drawn by Group HQ. who attend to suballocation. Company HQ. distribute [illegible]

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BOLOGNA Legion HQ. draw for own personnel, also Int. and Ext. Group of MODENA and Mobile BN.
Rations retained at respective HQ. for single men and distributed fortnightly to married men.
Withdrawals made every 15 days.

(b) Distributed by available CC.RR. transport.

(c) Present lack of suitable transport. In ANCONA Province not possible to supply some outlying stations owing to insufficient transport. CC.RR. concerned exist on local purchases . No problem.

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6. Accomodation.

(a) Lack of ecoient barracks in Provinces of RAVENNA, FORLI, BOLOGNA, LEGHORN, due to war damage.
(b) Condition poor, especially barracks owned by civilians. Latter not inclured to effect necessary repairs as rents paid are too low.
(c) Barracks owned by State, or civilians. Under contract respective owners responsible for maintenance. State buildings maintained by local Authorities (Genio Civile.) High costs and lack of materials difficulty necessary to increase rents paid by CC.RR. to assist civilian owners of barracks to maintain buildings in reasonable state of repair.

7. Arms and Ammunition.

(a) Automatic weapons

Issued	416
In stock	3

Standard pistols

Issued	2984	
In stock	200	(now being distributed)

(b) Minimum requirements (BERETTA Sub-machine gun)

ANCONA	to follow	
BOLOGNA	1620	(not yet assigned)
FLORENCE	241	(assigned but not yet arrived)
LIVORNO	405	(not yet assigned)

Standard pistols mk 1934

ANCONA	850
BOLOGNA	2500
FLORENCE	174
LIVORNO	1169

(c) Ammunition for automatic weapons as scaled against M.A. not sufficient to maintain regular supply to stations. No ammunition available for training purposes.

(d) Regular instruction in use of arms given as Legion and other HQ. Range practice impossible unt l ammunition is provided for the purpose.
All CC.RR. are supplied with musket, either mk 91 or mk 38.

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(b) Training proceeding satisfactorily. Training officers assigned direct from Ministry of War and assisted by local CC.RR. personnel. Courses in driving and maintenance held regularly. Course for motor-cyclists at FLORENCE delayed as there is only one motor-cycle available.
(c) Good.

(d) Serviced by Territorial HQ. workshops. Workshops for small repairs being opened by BOLOGNA and FLORENCE Mob. Bns. Latter held up as locality not decided on.

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(e) No spare parts. Supplied when available by Army Depots or bought on open market.
(f) All vehicles provided with regular documents. No opportunity of inspecting same.
(g) After training, CC.RR. attached to mobile Bns. are employed at HQ. offices and are a reserve in case of need, always as units.
On orders from General Command they may be used as reinforcements anywhere in the country.
At present the following are on detached service, on orders of General Command.

BOLOGNA MOB. BN

FERRARA	160	mm
MODENA	80	"
REGGIO EMILIA	60	"

FLORENCE MOB. BN

LUCCA	25	mm
PISA	50	"
PALERMO	112	"

(h) No opportunity of judging. Bgde Commander considers they can operate efficiently but suggests substitution of armoured cars in place of tanks as latter are not suitable for public service.

9. General supplies.

Supplies are now drawn from Military Depots at Legion level. Difficulty arises from system in use at present whereby a Legion HQ receives instructions from ROME to draw from a certain Military Depot which may be anywhere in the country, often necessitating long journeys to effect collection.
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FERRARA	160	men
MODENA	50	"
PORTO GRILIA	50	"
FLORENCE MOB. BN		
LUCCA	26	men
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10. Redundant Stations.

Brigade and Legion Commander are adamant that it is not advisable, at present stage, to consider closing any stations. They stress the necessity of reinforcing outlying stations wherever possible.
Personally I think this question could well be left in abeyance until such time as CC.RR. communications and transport have visibly improved. Owing to present condition of latter it would be impossible to close a station without seriously effecting the efficient

Policing of the district concerned.

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11. Training.

When exigencies of service permits all carabinieri receive tuition on all subjects, for one hour each day during their period of duty. Tuition given by respective Station Commander.
At each Legion HQ. monthly courses are held where instruction in all subjects is given by specialised staff.
8% of Legion strength attend monthly.
A book of instruction (appx "C) has been published by 3rd Bgde to assist in standardising the training within the Bgde.

12. Deficiencies.

Up to strength throughout but employment of carabinieri on extraneous duties (para 1 (c)) aggravates an already difficult situation, caused by present day demands on CC.RR.

13. Discipline.

Good. The local CC.RR. are exceptionally well turned out.

14. Pay Problems.

No particular problem but general complaint that pay for all ranks is not sufficient in comparison to present cost of living. Owing to present intricate scale of wages a great deal of administrative work is necessary. Revision and simplification of rates of pay would be a great benefit.

15. Morale.

Taking into consideration present situation of CC.RR. morale, generally speaking, is good.

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Relations between public and CC.RR. in general good. In EMILIA Region (Provinces of FERRARA, RAVENNA and FORLI) certain difficulties arising from local politics and the long standing "partisan" question, as in these areas many of the latter are still employed as auxiliaries in Questura. Instances have occurred recently where individuals have been arrested by CC.RR. on criminal charges and local party leaders, generally Communist.

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16. Intelligence.

Relations between public and CC.RR. in general good. In EMILIA Region (Provinces of FERRARA, RAVENNA and FORLI) certain difficulties arising from local politics and the long standing "partisan" question, as in these areas many of the latter are still employed as auxiliaries in Questura. Instances have occurred recently where individuals have been arrested by CC.RR. on criminal charges and local party leaders, generally Communist, have taken the opportunity of rousing public feeling against the CC.RR. and organising demonstrations. From the public security angle the same areas present difficulties arising from the delicate political situation, and it is unfortunate that the BOLOGNA Legion should be in the worst position regarding uniform clothing etc.. as it is here that a well equipped body of police is most essential. There is nothing to report regarding public security in the remainder of the Bgde area.

17. General.

It will be appreciated that there has not been sufficient time for through discussion on many of the points raised, also it has been necessary to rely on figures etc. supplied by Bgde Commander without opportunity of a spot check.

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In some cases information is still awaited from legions a pointer on present CC.RR. communications.
The report is somewhat lengthy owing to necessity of covering points previously included in BLU report.

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