

Subject:- Mid-Month Report as at 20th April. LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

8, L.L.U.

ROME

8/G/17

20th April 1946

To:- H.Q. M.M.I.A.

GENERAL

(a) Domestic:- Major Peak has returned from Sick Leave.
Major Downing leaves for a visit to Sardinia on
Wed. 24th. April. Duration of visit one week.
During past 14 days visits have been paid by G II
and D.A.A.Q.M.G. to the following units.

1/8 Inf. Reg.

Granatieri Coy.

8th. Work Shops

EVP Rome.

Directorate of Repairs.

Commissariato.

Genio Militare

Terni Arms Factory

Food Distributing Depot.

INTELLIGENCE

Beyond a natural preoccupation on the part of the
Italian Public, regarding the present political
situation, the proximity of the General Election,
the possibility of losing Venezia Giulia and
other Italian Territory, this H.Q. has nothing
farther to report under Intelligence.

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TRAININGC.A.R.

During a recent visit to Orvieto, Col. Gatta, O.C., raised the following points.

- (1) Instructors:- Situation at the C.A.R. is most unsatisfactory.

So far they have received less than 75% of the W.E. for instructors. Between 20% and 30% of these are unsatisfactory, either too old and ready for discharge or too illiterate to make satisfactory instructors.

Some 52 potential instructors have been found among a batch of some 400 of the recruits who have seen previous Military Service. In spite of this addition, the present deficiency is 40 W.C.O. Instructors.

Of the many already proven instructors, who Col. Gatta sent from the C.A.R. to Cesano and Manzano on Courses, only a very small percentage were returned to the C.A.R. at the end of their course, many being posted to other C.A.R.s, in spite of the fact that Col. Gatta had been promised that this would not occur.

The present deficiency of 40 instructors, plus a daily absence of some 10% of the Instructional Staff, for reasons of sickness, compassionate leave etc., result in a shortage of instructors, which is being severely felt, especially when it comes to breaking down to small squads for arms instruction.

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(2) Training Programme

Certain snags have cropped up in the training programme. The training programme for the first four weeks has been found to be beyond the capabilities of the C.A.R. in its present circumstances. The six day week of 42 hours training has been found to be a very great strain on the instructors who are forced to handle large squads owing to the shortage of good instructors. During the 4th. week the 4000 recruits of the C.A.R. are supposed to complete firing practices on the 30 yds. and 100 yds. ranges. This necessitates firing some 8000 men in a week, which is quite outside of the capabilities of the C.A.R. Col. Gatta has, however, overcome this difficulty by starting training immediately the recruit arrives and by including part of the 2nd. Weeks training in the first week, part of the 3rd. Week in the second and so on. In this way, it has been possible to start shooting in the 3rd. Week of training instead of the 4th. This, however, has severely taxed the training staff and has necessitated rather rushing the recruits training.

8 INF. REG.

All troops of the 8th. Inf. Reg., who have been engaged in the public security work, during the election period, returned to their Bns. on the 15th. of April.

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Training in the 8th Reg. has recommenced. At the present moment, W.T. and P.T. are the main considerations. The new issue of Model 91 (6.5mm) rifles has necessitated all ranks receiving instruction in handling what is paramount to being a new arm to them; A copy of the 8th Reg. new training programme will be submitted with end of month report.

The Regiment is at present well below strength and is awaiting arrival of recruits from the C.A.R. The arrival of these recruits, trained on British weapons, joining a regiment which is having instruction on what amounts to a brand new weapon to them, is liable to cause a certain amount of confusion. Officers of the Regiment are very keen to know, when and if British Arms are to be supplied to the Regiment. If such is the case, steps should now be taken to send available Officers and N.C.Os to Casano for instruction on British Arms.

Major J.G. Fehk CII
8, B.L.U.

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(1) GENERAL

(a) Domestic

Major Teak continues sick leave until the week end 5/7 April. He has, however, made daily visits to the Territorial Command H.Q. and accompanied the Asst. Chief of Staff, Col. DuOnerba, to the C.A.H. at Orvieto.

Major Downing has spent the most of the short time he has been here visiting Units and making the acquaintance of Officers in the Territorial Command. He accompanied Gen. Soldarelli, Gen. Cortellesse and Col. DuOnerba on an inspection tour of Units in Viterbo and of the C.A.H.

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It is hoped that either the G.S.O II or the D.A.A./A.M.G. will be able to visit the island soon.

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Col. Getta has evidently made considerable efforts to retain the old staff of the ex-Orvieto Re-inforcement Camp as general duty personnel within the C.A.R., a course which had much in its favour.

It is hoped that these men may be incorporated within the Coy. from the Ind. Regt. who are well below strength.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CORR

The 8th. Inf. Regt. is still supplying detachments for Public Security.

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The Coy. of the 2nd. Bn. guarding an A.H.A.R. dump at Perugia is being withdrawn.

All detachments should start returning to Bus. after the 7th. April.

Grenadier Company continues under command of the 6th. Cheshires.

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Extract from Italian Int. Report "Scandale" that have occurred in the Questura of Rome, Genoa and Milan, associated with officials of supposed "ex-partisan" origin, have swung public opinion very much in favour of the CDEI.

The Army generally is quite naturally in favour of a return of Trieste to Italian control. This frame of mind is encouraged by the normal Italian Army Officer.

The question of the Army vote is a subject of much discussion.

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(c) N.T.R.

(f) Troops dispersed for security purposes during the elections are being withdrawn.

There is some apprehension on the question of public order during the forthcoming elections.

(g) N.T.R.

(h) Extract from Italian Int. Report. "Yugoslav elements continue to arrive in Rome. Opinion is that these persons are directly associated with the forthcoming elections."

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Officers 70 Sen. N.C.O. 59 Corps. O.Rs 20

Sardinia 2. Service Units

Officers 32 Sen. N.C.O. Nil Corps. O.Rs 64

C.A.R. Officers Nil Instructors 29 Corps. O.Rs 13

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Cruisere 'Scipione' and 'Regolo', making two trips each plus civilian services have now returned the greater percentage of these men.

Morale At the C.A.R. is excellent. Week-end leaves for a percentage of the instructional staff has been organised.

Col. Gatta has pointed out that there are few recreational facilities for troops in Orvieto. He has

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He has organized a football team; a theatrical company and has every hope of forming quite a full sized orchestra and band out of the recruits. He regrets the inability to acquire any form of sports gear and is willing to buy anything he could purchase from Allied sources.

Troops in Rome are fortunate in being able to enjoy the facilities of a well organized canteen.

Between 09.00 HRS. and 21.00 HRS. all train fares are halved for troops.

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It has since been learned that the CCR have refused to accept these jeeps and therefore they will presumably go to 8 Repair Unit. It is not known who was responsible for the original instructions for disposal of these vehicles.

Clothing and Equipment

Gen. Solderelli has remarked on the faulty manufacture

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of many of the new Italian pattern boots issued to C.A.R.

Socks are nearly in holes after two days training.

Beyond these two exceptions, clothing issued to the C.A.R. has met with complete approval. It has been queried whether any form of gaiter or puttees could be issued to recruits. Gen. Soldarelli is greatly in favour of this.

British webbing equipment is in possession and in the process of distribution.

Arms and Ammunition

Attached find list of arms received by 8 C.A.R.

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Medical

The San Virgilio Hospital was visited in company with Major Harvey and no difficulties in medical supply were produced by the Commanding Officer.

OTHER 'Q' POINTS

The subject of bread led to conversation with Col.

Natiglio (Commissariato). Bread baked in Orvieto is excellent

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whereas that made by the civilian contractors in Rome is very indifferent. Supervision in Rome has been increased and an inspection will be held by Col. Rattella in the near future.

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List Received	Number		Difference	
	Assigned	Received	Excess	Deficient
Pistols .38	91	91		
Rifles	(1) 4100	(2) 4180	80	
Brens	192	193	1	
Piat	48	48		
2" Mortar	19	(3) 10		9
Stens	192	192		
Pistols, Signal	24	24		
Mag. Boxes Complete	212	212		
Cases, Bren	192	186		6
Rifle Slings	4100	4115	15	
Return Springs, Bren	192	192		
Oil Bottles	3140	3140		
Extractors	110	110		
Bren Covers	192	189		3
Cleaning Rods, Pistols	91	91		
Springs, Bren, Ejector	192	180		12
Ejectors, Bren	192	191		1

N.B:- (1) 960 complete with bayonet
 (2) 743 complete with bayonet
 (3) The remaining 9 Mortars to be withdrawn from Cesano

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Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma

UFFICIO O. A. O. M.

N° 2852 di prot. O.A.O.M.

Roma, li 3 APR 1946

Oggetto: Rapporto situazione enti dipendenti alla data del 31 Marzo.-

ALL' 8° R. I. U.

- R O M A -

I) - DISLOCAZIONE DEI REPARTI -

a) Costituzione di reparti:

Formation of New Units

- Si sono costituiti:

- Scuola Cooperazione varie armi (Civitavecchia)
- Autogruppo Speciale per la Scuola della Motorizzazione (Roma Cecchignola)

b) Scioglimento di reparti:

Dissolved

- Si sono sciolti:

- Scuola Istruttori Varie Armi (Lanziano)
- 2° Compagnia Trasporti Speciali (Casano)

c) Contrazione di reparti:

Change of designation

- La 266^a Compagnia Servizi Generali A.C. si è contratta sulla forza di 1 plotone ed è passata a far parte integrante della 268 Compagnia Autieri A.C.

d) Passaggio di dipendenze:

Change of command

- La Scuola Specialisti Meccanici ed Operai di Artiglieria è passata alla dipendenza della Scuola di Artiglieria di "Bracciano".

II) - IMPIEGO DEI REPARTI -

I reparti nella quasi totalità della forza su richiesta dei Prefetti delle varie provincie, vengono tenuti ancora a disposizione delle autorità di pubblica sicurezza in occasione delle elezioni amministrative.

Presso il C.A.R., in attesa della venuta delle reclute, si è completato l'addestramento agli istruttori (sottufficiali e graduati) e si è provveduto a formare degli altri allo scopo di ripianare le deficienze rispetto all'organico.

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8/9/17 (14)

Subject:- Fortnightly Progress Report No.78, BRITISH LIAISON UNIT,
ROMEH.Q. M.M.I.A.

8/G/17

20th. March 1946Herewith Report No.7 as at 15th. March 1946I GENERAL

(a) The illness, during the past ten days, of Major Peak GII, has of necessity rather curtailed the activities of the B.L.U. and the arrival of a D.A.A. & C.M.G. in the person of Major Downing, is most opportune and has greatly simplified the situation.

Liaison with the Territorial Command continues to be satisfactory..

The vetting, by this H.Q. of all requests originating from B.A.A.C. for repair and maintenance work; required to be carried out by the Genio Militare, Rome is working out quite satisfactorily. There has been a marked reduction in the number of requests and the extent of the work called for.

(b) The commander of the S.I. Calabria Division has been requested to report on the possibilities of organising a C.A.R. capable of handling up to 1500 recruits at one time on the island of Sardinia. The suggested locality is the Serrasecca Barracks at Sass-ari.

An officer from 8 B.L.U. will be visiting Sardinia in the near future.

The Call-Up has started satisfactorily in the Rome Territorial Command and some 500 recruits have reached the C.A.R. at Orvieto, to date.

In spite of the large quantity of Anti-Conscription propaganda which has been in circulation for some time in Italy, the morale of the recruits seems quite high. However, many cases of malnutrition have already come to light and quite a large number of young men have been turned down owing to their not conforming to the physical standard required. The majority of these cases are under weight.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS(a) Army Less CCRR

No changes since last report. Still considerable numbers of the 8th Inf Regt are employed on Public Security Detachments during the Election Period.

(b) CCRR No change since last report

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both in Italy and Sardinia in the dispute in Trieste and great importance is attached to the work of the Allied Boundary Mission, at present in Trieste.

(d) Politics among troops N.T.R.

(e) Subversive Elements

Extract from report by Col. Massia, Chief of Intelligence, Rome Territorial Command.

"Thousands of copies of Stalin's reply to Churchill's speech made recently at Fulton U.S.A. have been circulated by the Italian Communist Party, in an endeavour to give a one sided picture of the situation at present existing between Great Britain and Russia.

(f) Public Security N.T.R.

(g) Economics Recent rain has improved the Electrical Power situation in the Rome district.

Reports from several parts of Italy, promise a good harvest this year. Particularly in Central Italy, in the Puglia Region and in Sardinia.

III 'A' Points Nil

IV 'Q' Points Nil

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TRAINING(a) Army less CCRR

Training in the 8th Inf Regt is practically at a standstill as a result of the large numbers at present employed on Public Security Work, during the Elections.

(b) CCRR N.T.R.INTELLIGENCE(a) Activities viz a viz other countries

Extract from report by Col. Massia, Chief of Intelligence, Rome Territorial Command.

"Concerning Austria, the atmosphere has cleared up after the favourable English declaration on the subject of Alto Adige and after the reconfirming by Prime Minister De Gasperi of the absurdity of Austrian claims. (end of extract)

Relations with France are still not good and alarm still exists in the minds of many Italians, as a result of territorial claims made by France some time ago.

Although these claims have not been discussed either in the French or Italian press for some time, they have not been forgotten by a large portion of the populace.

(b) Frontier Activities

A number of unconfirmed reports have been received in Rome of a traffic of arms and ammunition on the Adriatic coast. Arms and ammunition are presumed to be coming from the Balkans.

(c) Relations between troops and populace

In the Rome Territorial Command, relations between the troops and the populace remain, on the whole, cordial and between the populace and the CCRR, quite good.

A report received from CCRR legion 2 Commander at Cagliari states that elections on the island are proceeding satisfactorily and have so far been held in 16 communes in the Province of Cagliari, in 8 communes of the Province of Sassari and in 12 of the Province of Nuoro. All without incident.

Results, so far, show a small majority to the Christian Democratic Party.

Within the Rome Territorial Command, elections have been held in 436 communes without incidents of any importance.

A slight advantage has been gained by the Christian Party here also, with 165 communes against Socialist and Communist, combined gains, of 121 communes.

A very lively interest indeed is being shown

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SUBJECT: German Italy Process Report No.

File 8/8/67

8 DIVISION LIAISON UNIT
ROME

RE: ITALY, ROME

Herewith Report No. 5 as at 1st. March 1955
8/8/67
5th March 1955

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GENERAL

This L.G. is in course of settling down in its new offices located at the 10th Territorial Command, 12 Via IV. This move should result in a much closer liaison with the Territorial C.C. than has been possible previously. The arrival of the British C.C. has slightly reduced the staff problem. The unit, however, is still denied the services of its DAA & JAG, who is attached to 7 SM, Florence.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS
(a) Army Loan CCs

In view of the proximity of the forthcoming local elections in Italy, Prefects of many Provinces have already called for detachments of troops to be placed at their disposal, during the election period. The main reason for this demand, during the shortage of CCs and police for public security work, is the noise are made direct to General Bolderelli at the Territorial Command and only he can authorize the detachment of troops for this purpose. Numbers called for up to and including the 7th. March are given below.

Unit	Number of troops involved	Refect at whose disposal, Notes troops have been placed
1 Bn 6th Inf Reg	80	1st line
1 Bn 8th Inf Reg	250	Macerata
C.A.S. Orvieto	50	Perini
3 Bn 8th Inf Reg	50	Torano
" " " "	100	Perugia

(b) CURN

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No change since last report. Still far too many employed on Extraneous duties other than proper police functions. Matter is being investigated.

The arrival of two British C.I. has slightly reduced the staff problem. The unit, however, is still needed in services of Lt Col. S. G. G., who is attached to 7th, 1st Division.

TRAINING

(a) Army base COM.

In view of the proximity of the forthcoming local elections in Italy, Prefects of many provinces have already called for detachments of troops to be placed at their disposal. During the election period, the main reason for this demand, is the acute shortage of G.I.s and police for public security work. These demands are made direct to General Solferelli at the Territorial Command and only he can authorize the detachment of troops for this purpose. Numbers called for up to and including the 7th, March are given below.

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1 Bn 1st Inf Reg	50	Let into
1 Bn 5th Inf Reg	250	Macerata
C.A.S. Orvieto	50	Perugia
3 Bn 5th Inf Reg	50	Perugia
" " " "	100	Perugia

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(b) COM

No change since last report. Still for troops employed on Extremes Duties other than proper Police Functions. The whole matter is being investigated by the COM, Liaison Section.

TRAINING

(a) Army base COM.

As a result of the large number of extremely duties being carried out by the 5th, Inf. Reg., including those shown in the paragraph on Employment of Troops, training within the Regiment, at the present moment, is at a very low ebb. 590 men alone are so far committed in aid to Civil Power detachments.

Situation at the C.I. is satisfactory and the preparation of training set up, equipment and programmes is well advanced.

Internal Security Division - Calabria are running messes for driver, education, turners, soldier, education.

(b) CONC

No change since last report.

INTERNAL SECURITY

(a) Activities via a viz other countries

Extract from report by Col. Maria, "Intelligence", some Territorial Command.

The news that Tito's forces on the Yugoslavian frontier have recently been reinforced, has caused a great deal of alarm in the hearts of the Italian public, who feel very strongly against the Yugoslavian's claims of Trieste.

Relations with Austria are rather strained at the present as the result of this country's claims relating to "Alto Adige".

A number of Italians who have been resident in Switzerland for many years, have recently been expelled from this country for no apparent reason.

Resentment is felt against France, especially over the claims of "Ventimiglia", and of extract.

(b) Frontier Activities

N.F.S.

(c) Relations between troops and populace

No change since last month's report

(d) Political current among troops

N.F.S.

(e) Subversive elements

N.F.S.

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Domestic:- 6902077 Fus. Battalion C; Battalion driver, is due for release during the next few days, being A/S Group 27.

02E have posted 1 Liaison Clerk, A/S Group 55 and 1 Motor Cyclist, A/S Group 15. They reported for duty on 27th Feb.

Deficiencies in O.N.'s against the N.F.S. - 1 Cpl. Clerk

Italian

Discipline:-

Discipline within the Territorial Command remains fairly satisfactory and very few serious breaches of discipline have

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news that also forces on the Yugoslavian frontier have recently been reinforced, has caused a great deal of alarm in the hearts of the Italian public, who feel very strongly about a visit to Yugoslavia's claim on Trieste.

Relations with Austria are rather strained at the moment as the result of this continuing claim relating to "Alto Adige".

A number of Italians who have been resident in Switzerland for many years, have recently been expelled from the country for an apparent reason.

Discontent is felt against France, especially over her claim of "Mentelupia", and of extract.

(b) Frontier Activities

(c) Relations between troops and population

No change since last month's report

(d) Political current among troops

(e) Subversive elements

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Domestic: 3382097 Ins. Martin G; Nathan Driver, in due for release during the next few days, being A/S Group 27.

OZE have posted 1 learner Clerk, A/S Group 55 and 1 Motor Cyclist, A/S Group 36. They reported for duty on 27th Feb.

Deficiencies in O.R.'s against the C.E. - 1 Cpl. Clerk

Italian

Discipline:

Discipline within the Territorial Command remains fairly satisfactory and very few serious breaches of discipline have been reported during the month.

One case of a sergeant in the 6th Inf. Reg; making a public speech of a communitarian nature at Viterbo was reported. The sergeant in question was severely punished.

Morale

Morale remains surprisingly high, bearing in mind, the low rates of pay; high cost of living etc.

The increase from 5 lire to 15 lire per day of the of the troops subsistence allowance has definitely had a very good effect on morale.

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now completely deficient of CBR staff.

Gen SOLDANAL, Rose Fort Commander wants the BLU to move into his BN in Via 20, where he has made available the necessary offices etc. It is proposed to move at the end of the month.

During a recent visit to the DAN ORTIGO, Brig M. W. 5513 B33, expressed himself as being satisfied with the weapons being used. All essential repair work at the centre should be completed by the end of the month.

II. THE ARMY AND THE CDR

(a) ARMY LEAD CDR : No changes reported during the last 14 days.

(b) CDR, EXTRAMURAL B3333

- (i) Outside Regt Coeli Prison - 23 men.
- (ii) Military Prison of Forte Bocca - 1 officer and 45 men.
- (iii) 4.2 Gunning Unit: 100 men and escorts of trucks - 4 officers and 50 men.

All the above are provided by the Rose Legion Mobile Battalion, who have about 17% on leave of various kinds including 3% in hospital.

TRAINING

(a) ARMY LEAD CDR :

8 Inf Regt are being called up to provide an excessive number of guards, escorts for personnel, rail and transport, often for long periods. This is definitely interfering with training, and quite large numbers of men are involved.

An investigation is being made, with a view to ensuring that those guards etc and in some cases hunting them over to CDR and the police. Practically all instructors for the DAN have now completed their courses.

(b) CDR, Rose Battalion :

Instruction not proceeding satisfactorily. Motorised and motorcycle Companies have their men constantly employed on various duties.

Motor Cycle Coy's need vehicles to retain what they were taught at the trg school.

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January. Instruction of Tank Coy very slow. Instructor absent all

At OSIANO -

70 men finished m/c course
23 " " m/c course.

At present at OSIANO School -

1 HQO } 4 weeks m/c course.
12 men }

1 CPT } 40 days Armoured Car Course.
3 HQOs }

At CIVITAVECCHIA -

1 HQO } 8 weeks m/c course.
3 men }

At CECCHEGGIO -

1 CPT } 8 weeks wireless course.
2 men }

Radio Battalion - The usationfactory, men seldom present as they are used as reinforcements for other units.

Course :

CECCHEGGIO
1 CPT }
2 HQOs } wireless course.
4 men }

CIVITAVECCHIA

1 CPT } m/c course
5 men }

OSIANO

1 HQO Armoured Car Course.

REMARKS

(a) Activities via a viz other countries.

Extract from a report by Col. MASSA, "Intelligence" Rome Terr Command: "It is considered advisable to stress the presence of numerous Slav and Albanian elements in Rome, which are headed by GAMA and carry out espionage activities and open communistic propaganda in collaboration with communist elements of the Italian Communist Party."

Slav and Albanians have reached this country in numbers not closely known and have spread out all over ITALY and are particularly in the cities of ROME, MILAN, NAPLES, ANCONA, BOLOGNA, GENOA, MILAN, TRIESTE and PALERMO, evidently in accordance with a prearranged plan, probably in view of the ITALIAN political elections. 1098

It is easily deduced that the activities of these elements are guided by the international communist organization, connected with MOSCOW by TITO, and of extract.

(b) Frontier activities M.I.P.

(c) Relations between Tps and populace.

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At CIVILIANITY - 1 MOO } 8 weeks MC course.
3 men }

At CROCHINGOLA - 1 OFFR } 8 weeks wireless course.
2 men }

Radio Reception - 875 unsatisfactory, men holden present as they are used as reinforcements for other units.

Courses : CROCHINGOLA 1 OFFR }
2 MOOs } wireless course.
4 men }

CIVILIANITY 1 OFFR } MC Course
5 men }

CROCHINGOLA 1 MOO assumed MC course.

DISCUSSION

(a) Activities via a viz other countries.

Extract from a report by Col. MASLIA, "Intelligence" Rome 1937
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(b) Frontier activities N.I.P.

(c) Relations between the and populace.

Little change to report. Relations between the and populace in RHG remain on the whole cordial.

Relations between populace and GORVA remain quite good. The populace sees in them the only safeguard of public order.

Relations between populace and police are not at all good, and a great mistrust of the police seems to exist.

Ex-partisans, are despised by most of the population who hear only too often of acts of brigandage etc being carried out by ex-partisans. A dim view is taken of the activities of a considerable number of ex-partisans into the police.

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(d) Political current enemy groups. N.Y.R.(e) Subversive elements.

A considerable amount of Communist propaganda is circulating in Rome at the present moment, headed by a weekly paper printed in Rome, entitled L'Internazionale.

(f) Public Security. N.Y.R.(g) Economics. N.Y.R.(h) Other Points. N.Y.R.III A Points

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IV B Points

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S	B.L.H. WOMB
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- (1) - : Italian political situation in general with regard to the efficiency of the Army.

The Italian political situation, in view of the near at hand political elections, appears to be divided into two wide sectors : general public opinion and C.L.N.

The first clashes with the second because it is self elected, ^{while} ~~although~~ it would govern demagogically, and because it would create, with the existence of its organisation, now rendered useless by the end of the war, the forced coalition of contrasting parties which are completely apposite in their idealic, social and economic, conceptions. If the C.L.N. reaches, in the Government, an agreement for a determined political and economic activity, in practice this agreement is often reduced, sometimes to the extent of vanishing, because of the divergent theses of the individual parties and the necessity of their respective directorates and secretariats to keep themselves to already established programme lines.

The C.L.N., in turn, considering that it represents the will of the people, bases each of its political activities on this conviction which is erroneous because of two essential facts : even in the provinces the authority of the C.L.N. is self relegated; the parties which are springing up in Italy are not only the six today represented in the C.L.N.

Two phenomena may therefore occur in the political elections :

If the compulsory vote approved by the Consulta is approved by the Government, it is to be expected that the parties of the C.L.N.

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will find themselves in the minority in the face of the popular will, which will undoubtedly support the parties of the right which do not form part of the C.L.N.

If the compulsory vote collapses, the elections will take place in a regime of apprehension and with a revolutionary spirit which will coerce the popular will.

Is the Army, including the CC.RR Corps, in a position to meet this situation should it exceed the limits of normality? The reply may be in the affirmative, but only to a certain extent.

The available strength is too weak; it is still poorly armed; it is today spread out over too many services which render moral cohesion and military training, difficult.

There are still too many differences of economic morale nature between units and units which have the same duties and should therefore have the same entitlements, to the harm of the cohesion which forms one of the essential elements of strength in an Army which may tomorrow be called upon to meet an exceedingly difficult situation.

(2) : Italian activity in relation to Yugoslavia, Austria, and Switzerland.

There are reasons for resentment in respect of Austria and Yugoslavia. No entitlement is accorded the first nation, much less any historic legitimacy, in its requests. The Brenner and Alto Adige returned to Italy after a victorious war which called for sacrifices which are still not forgotten and produced injuries which are still not healed.

In respect of the second nation, excluding the cities of Trieste, Fiume, and Zara, which are primarily Italian for historic and ethnic reasons, and which are recognised as Italian also in their material exterior aspect, a right is recognised to the free discussion on territories in which, in effect, the Slav population is in the majority. The politics practised by Tito, who did not wish to arrive at any direct negotiations, and the annoyances committed by his armies in respect of the Italians in Venezia Giulia, have created a dangerous feeling of resentment, easily changeable into detestation, and have revived a dangerous nationalism which may be the source of disorders and also, one day, of war.

In respect of Switzerland, relations of absolute cordiality are reciprocated.

(3) - Frontier activities.

The frontier activities in respect of the Nations referred to in para. 2 are already illustrated by such as has been pointed out in said paragraph.

The frontier with France remains to be considered. The French requests do not appear to be justified. If conceded, they will undoubtedly create serious bad feeling. Militarily and also, in part, economically (electric power production), they would place Piemonte in the hands of France. The recent statements of Bidault, however, give rise to hope that the concession of regional independencies to the areas in question would remove the danger of a direct cession.

(4) - Relation between soldiers - civilians with regard to the CC.RR - Police - Partisans and farmers.

~~Between Army and civilian pop~~

Between Army and civilian population, between Army and farmers, relations seem ~~and~~ inclined, generally, towards cordiality, even though the drop in discipline in the troops is very noted and criticised by the population which would like to see the Army return to its better traditions of form and substance, even though contributing very little to this return.

Relations between carabinieri and population are cordial enough. The population sees in them the only safeguard of public order.

The police however is not always favourably regarded. They call to mind too much Fascism and the Nazi-Fascist period.

The partisans are hated, in general, some of them having ruined, by brigandish actions, the memory of their heroic contribution to the war of liberation. The population takes a particularly bad view of the admission of a considerable number of them to the police.

(5) Political outlook of the troops in general.

The great majority are non political due to orders given by the higher authorities in addition to their own sentiments, and this non political attitude is maintained by the provincial military authorities. In some units, however, there must be noted an active communistic and socialistic propaganda which is also actuated by the publication of small daily publications supporting subversive and anti-monarchic ideas. The non political attitude to which the Army tends, however, does not impede the majority of them, especially in the staffs and the most morally sound part, being of monarchic tendencies in that it sees in the monarchy an institution which can be assured, in the immaturity of the country towards another form, order, discipline, serenity of work, and legality.

(6) - Subversive elements.

There exists a tenacious anti-national and anarchic propaganda which is also led by a weekly paper printed in Rome, "L'Internazionale", which is based on ideas completely contrary to the sound spirit of the people and averse to those which are the principle basis of a state such as order, legality, religion, politics, love of the country, and military service.

There is also a determined anti-monarchic campaign based, more than on determined political factors, on calumny, libel, and inclined to a demagogic spirit.

A favourable view is not taken, especially by the population, of the presence in Italy, and particularly in Rome, of Slav, Albanian, and Balkan, elements, bound up with international communism, causers of disorders (they are, for example, blamed for the recent disorders at Andria and Minervino Murge, and it also thought that they are the source of origin of the arms which are circulating in large numbers in Italy and the weapons which are being supplied to the E.V.I.S. in Sicily), and many of whom often appear to be implicated in brigandish and swindling enterprises.

(7) - Public security

There is an ever growing increase in the country of common delinquency, black market, corruption, and banditry. One has the impression that the Police are insufficient or corrupt and that often the higher ranks do not wish to take action. The fact that they are given milk and water orders and not orders of decisive intervention for the suppression of delinquency is considered indicative of the inefficiency of the Government which appears to have been bought over by the demagogic elements of the left. 1092

(8) - Economic point of view.

Italy is essentially a poor country. This poverty is aggravated by the present situation. Inflation of the currency, even if denied by the Government, is in force. The difference between wages and the cost of living has reached the highest level. Life for the middle and working classes is unsustainable. The situation of pensioners is really tragic.

The black market is growing ever larger, in view of the impotency of the forces of order and perhaps, in some cases, also of the same absence of any authority.

Free trade would undoubtedly cause the collapse of the black market and would contribute a great deal to the replacing in order of the country. The typical case of cheese is noted, the price being recently "decontrolled". Parmesan cheese, for example, dropped from 1,600 to 800 lire per kilo.

(9) - Other useful information from the point of view of collaboration.

It is considered advisable to stress the presence of ~~an~~ numerous Slav and Albanian elements in Rome which are headed by the OZNA and carry out espionage activities and open communistic propaganda in collaboration with communist elements of the Italian Communist Party.

The Slavs and Albanians who have reached this country, in numbers not closely known, spread out all over Italy and particularly in the cities of Rome, Bari, Palermo, Naples, Ancona, Bologna, Genoa, Milan and Udine, evidently in accordance with a pre-established plan, probably in view of the Italian political elections.

It is easy to deduce that the activities of these elements are guided by the international communist organisation, connected with Moscow by Marshal Tito.

O. Danin Cpl.

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TRANSLATION

8 B.L.U. ROME.
G II <i>YH</i>
A/Q <i>Yorloughly Reparto</i>

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FROM: Rome Military Territorial Command

REF: 1317

TO: 8 B.L.U., M.M.I.A.

DATE: 17.2.46

SUBJECT: Situation report on the units under command
as at the 17th. inst.

1) - LOCATION OF THE UNITS

a) - Movement of units

- The "Garibaldi" Regiment ("Folgore" Division), formerly located in the area of jurisdiction of this H.Q., has been transferred to Sicily for public order duties;
- the H.Q. of the 8th. Infantry Regiment has been transferred from Viterbo to Rome (Regina Margherita Barracks)
- the transfer is taking place of a company of the 11/8 from Viterbo to Orvieto at the disposal of the R.T.C.;
- The 53rd. CC. RR cadet company has been transferred to the area of jurisdiction of this H.Q., being stationed at Gaeta;

b) - Disbandment of units.

The following are disbanded:

- the 6th. Port detachment - Cagliari
- the 14th. Special Ration Depot - Cagliari *1083*
- the 143rd. Military Territorial Hospital - Chieti

c) - Changing of units:

- the 182nd. Military Territorial Hospital of Arpino has become a detached section of the main military hospital of Rome;
 - 91st. Field Hospital, Orvieto, has become the Garrison M.I. Room
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2) - EMPLOYMENT OF THE UNITS

Normal activities.

The drivers training course at the units of the "Calabria" I.S. Division, referred to in the last report, is finished.

Courses are being held at the same Division for telephone operators, medical orderlies, buglers.

The units expect to intensify weapon training, to carry out firing exercises and to carry out detailed instruction on the regulations to be followed in the event of employment on public order duties.

Practically all the instructors intended for the instruction of the new recruit contingent, have been drafted to the Orvieto R.T.C.

3) - EFFICIENCY OF THE UNITS

a) Equipment

The materials used for the manufacture of clothing items especially footwear, is of very poor quality; the work, moreover, leaves much to be desired and therefore after barely 3 months of use they are in a bad condition, nor, on the other hand, can a careful maintenance be effected in view of the dearness of raw materials;

b) Billeting.

The situation is continually improving.

4) - DISCIPLINE

On the whole, satisfactory, with a tendency to improvement.

5) - MATERIALS SITUATION

No change.

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6) - MORALE

No change from the last report.

7) - POLITICS

Nothing important to mention on the matter.

A general indifference is noted towards the political manifestations.

8) - GENERAL NOTES

The battalions of the territorial Infantry regiment cannot attend to training with the whole of their war established strength, as is necessary.

The are called on to perform too many guard and various other duties which daily reduce the strength which takes part in training.

The duties of providing escort for rail or road transport, for example, employ large numbers of personnel, often for long periods; there are even escorts which only return to the battalion after a week, in view of the length and slowness of the journey, a long wait at the destination, and, sometimes, employment on a new escort duty with a devious return itinerary.

To eliminate this inconvenience it would seem advisable to change the guard platoon into a guard company with a war establishment such as to permit of the carrying out of the normal guard and escort duties without resorting to the Infantry battalions.

Sgd. SOLDARELLI

G.O.C.

O. Danin Cpl.

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SUBJECT: Fortnightly Progress Report No. 4.

8/11/48
Fortnightly Progress Report
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British Liaison Unit

ROME

8/3/47

6 Feb 45

HQ MIA, ROME

I GENERAL

(a) Domestic. No change in the situation since last report. Acute shortage of staff is being seriously felt and liaison side of the PLU is suffering as a result.

(b) Relations with 8 Terr HQ continue to be satisfactory.

Gen SOLIMANLI has great confidence in the scheme for the new ITALIAN Army, and in giving it his whole-hearted support. The morale generally of the Terr HQ is satisfactory and continues to improve within the Terr Command. The General, however, is still very office-bound, as a result of the extraordinary amount of paper work which daily flows into his office and with which only he seems capable of dealing. There is nowhere near enough decentralization of responsibility in the HQ.

Col DUNNARD, Assistant Chief of Staff, does seem to get out and about a fair amount, visiting and inspecting Units within the Command.

High priority has been given to the organizing and equipping of the GAR and both Gen SOLIMANLI and G II 8 HQ have paid visits to the Centre during the last ten days. satisfactory progress is being made and all work will be completed in time for the first call up.

II ORGANIZATION

(a) Domestic. ICR

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EMBASSY OF INDIA

(c) Army. 8 Ind Div

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REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL(a) Army - 3 Inf Regt

1st Bn in UNR is engaged on Guard and Escort duties. 50% of the Bn are available, daily, for normal training.

2nd Bn is doing normal try, with the exception of 1 Coy engaged in Guard duties on ARAN Durg at PANGGA.

3rd Bn loses one Platoon on Guard duties at General Macao, ROM, is doing normal training.

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Reg HQ 5 Inf Reg moving to Chacarra Regina Margarita, MORE, on 2 Feb 46.

Garibaldi Regt of Peligro Div, located MEXQUA and OITIA in GARIBOLLO is at present moving to SICKLY to carry out Police duties there.

(b) COMR MEX

TRAINING

(a) Army less COMR. Div. Inst.

(i) Arrangements at the GAR are going ahead satisfactorily and will be completed by 1st March.

(ii) Col GARIA, CC the GAR reduced the following points:

1. New personnel staff instructions at the GAR be provided with some sort of special distinguishing mark, such as an arm-band, or badge.
2. New authority be given to form an extra Coy in the 3rd at the GAR, in order to deal with men who miss their first week of recruit training through sickness, compassionate leave, etc.

Action.
By 8/2/7
5 Feb Refers

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Other Top

Training of 8th Inf Regt continues satisfactorily. Daily Company drill and PT parades are doing much for discipline. It has reached a good standard and most companies will be in the Rifle Regts during February. Shortage of rifles is a great problem. The present short-carabines are in many cases long past the serviceable stage and are dangerous to fire.

(b) COMR - MEX.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activities via a via other countries - MEX

(b) Frontier Activity - MEX

(c) Relations between troops and populace. No change to reports in this direction. No incidents between troops and populace, on any scale, have been reported during the month. Relations between COMR and populace remain, on the whole, good.

(d) Politics current among troops. Little to report, General tendency in anti-communist. Prisoners of War from RUSSIA arriving in MORE in large numbers, provide their own anti-

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(11) Col MTH, as the MR raised the following point:

1. May personnel staff instructions at the end be provided with some sort of special distinction, such as an award, or badge, or ribbon.
2. May authority be given to turn an extra day in the 3 days of the day, in order to deal with men who have their first weeks of training through sickness, compensatory leave, etc.

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(d) Political current among troops. Little to report, general tendency is anti-communist. Prisoners of War from RUSSIA arriving in GMR in large numbers, provide their own anti-communist propaganda.

(e) Subversive elements - MR

(f) Public Security. Appears to be reasonably satisfactory. Very little trouble on any scale and few cases of robbery during January.

(g) Economic. Prices generally have shown a slight tendency to drop during January.

Scale of the unemployed are steadily being swollen by returning POWs.

(h) Other 'I' points. MR

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Domestic.

(a) No change in situation, since last report. Still deficient of DRYES and all in CR staff.

ITALIAN

Discipline - An improvement in discipline has been noted during the month, especially in the case of the 8th Inf Regt, where the Regimental Commander has been carrying out a drive with this view in mind.

An improvement in turn-out in the Regiment has resulted from a reshuffle of units, and the difference in dress is now a Company one, and not as previously an individual one.

Leave. There are a large number of men in the REGTC awaiting leave or discharge to TRIEST, FANTIA, and LIBIA.

Pay problem. Nothing to add to those already reported by MIA.

Morale. A slight improvement has been noted in morale during the last month. Improvement in the living conditions of 8th Inf Regt, resulting from the moving from VILLERO of one Bn to ROMA and one Bn to AQUILA, has already had a good effect on the morale of the Regiment.

The present programme of the Terr Comd of moving units into better accommodation as it becomes available from the ALLIES, is bound to result in an improvement in the morale of the troops.

The increase to 15 lire per day of the troops' subsistence allowance will permit the officer to augment the daily ration of his troops and will have a beneficial result on morale. On the other hand, low pay, shortage of funds for welfare purposes, bad feeling caused by disparity in rates of pay between various units in the Army, are all factors contributing to the present low standard of morale.

IV

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Domestic.

Transport. MTR

Accommodation. MTR

ITALIAN.

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Leave. There are a large number of men in the REGT. awaiting leave or discharge to RECONCANTONIA, KENIA and LINTA.

Pay Problem. Nothing to add to those already associated by LINTA.

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Domestic. Transport. MR
Accommodation. MR
Travelling.

(a) Army leave CORP. 8th Admin Transport Coy is still deficient of vehicles within the RE.

There are still a large number of vehicles off the road through lack of tyres and spare parts.

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SUBJECT: Reports and Returns.

8 British Liaison Unit,
(ROME)
8/G/16
6 Feb 1946

TO : HQ N.M.I.A. - ROME

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Staff List 8 B.L.U.
Return of British M.I.
Ops and Civilian Return.

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for January.

J. H. Keane
G II
8 B.L.U.

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(2147)

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Fortnightly Progress Report No 3

British Liaison Unit
ROME
8/6/47

Jan 46

IN HQ., ROME

Herewith Progress Report No 3 as at 15th Jan 46.

I. GENERAL

(a)

This EIU has been functioning with the ROME Territorial Command since Nov 45 and although a considerable period has elapsed, progress to-date has been rather slow. This situation has arisen as the result of the acute shortage of staff in EIU. This HQ is now reduced to a GSO II and no other staff whatever. Naturally with the accumulation of paper work and normal fortnightly and monthly reports and returns, a great deal of time is of necessity spent in the office and not outside on actual liaison work.

(b)

In spite of the above however, a number of units in the ROME Territorial Command have been visited during the last fourteen days. The general standard found has been reasonably good bearing in mind the difficulties under which many of the units are working.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a)

ARMY LOSS CO. RE

No important changes in the employment of troops in the ROME Territorial Command have taken place during the last fourteen days.

(b)

CO. RE

No important changes during the last fourteen days. They are carrying out normal duties required of them.

TRAINING

(a)

ARMY LOSS CO. RE

Situation at the C.A.E. CAV LHO is satisfactory. Cal

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- (a) This HQ has been functioning with the HNS Territorial Command since Nov 45 and although a considerable period has elapsed, progress to-date has been rather slow. This situation has arisen as the result of the acute shortage of staff in B HQ. This HQ is now reduced to a GSO II and no other staff whatever. Naturally with the accumulation of paper work and normal fortnightly and monthly reports and returns, a great deal of time is of necessity spent in the office and not outside on actual liaison work.
- (b) In spite of the above however, a number of units in the HNS Territorial Command have been visited during the last fourteen days. The general standard found has been reasonably good bearing in mind the difficulties under which many of the units are working.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

- (a) ARMY LOSS CO. HQ
No important changes in the employment of troops in the HNS Territorial Command have taken place during the last fourteen days.

- (b) CC. HQ

No important changes during the last fourteen days. They are carrying out normal duties required of them. 1080

TRAINING

- (a) ARMY LOSS CO. HQ
Situation at the C.A.R. ONVIERO is satisfactory and the barracks will be ready in good time. Col GATTA, CC., the C.A.R. is a very efficient officer who has had a great deal of experience in the running of training establishments. The barracks at ONVIERO were previously occupied by the 302 Reinforcement Centre which Col GATTA commanded and the change-over to C.A.R. has been simplified by the fact that this quite efficient organization was already in existence. Practically the complete staff, which has been in the Centre for over a year has been absorbed into the C.A.R. Numbers attending courses I and II at ONVIERO and MANUELAMA are as follows :-

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IV. TRAINING (a) (continued)

1st course 14 officers 40 NCOs
2nd course 26 officers 115 NCOs.

The training of the 8th Inf Regt is continuing satisfactorily.

(b) CC.MI

No information available.

INTELLIGENCE(c) Ascertainable activities of ITALIANS via a via other countries.

N.T.R.

(b) Frontier Activity

N.T.R.

- (c) It is evident that the feeling of the civil population towards the Army is not as good as it should be. The Army has lost its prestige in the eyes of the people, who feel that they have been let down. Until the Army can be put on a respectable footing again and regain the confidence of the people, this feeling is liable to remain. No serious incidents between troops and populace have been reported within the NCM Territorial Command.

(d) Political Current among troops

There is no apparent political activity on the part of the troops.

(e) Subversive Elements

A certain amount of hard feeling is caused among the troops by misleading articles appearing in the extremist press against the Army.

(f) Public Security

Some concern is being shown with regard to public security and it is felt that the elections will be a real testing time.

No information available.

ITALIAN

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via a via other countries.

N.T.R.

(b) Frontier Activity

N.T.R.

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III A

Domestic

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ITALIAN

N.T.R.

IV B

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N.T.R.

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N.T.R.

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SUBJECT: Portnightly Progress Report No 3

8 British Liaison Unit

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Herewith Progress Report No 3 as at 15th Jan 46.

I. GENERAL

(a) This unit has been functioning with the ROAM Territorial Command since Nov 45 and although a considerable period has elapsed, progress to date has been rather slow. This situation has arisen as the result of the acute shortage of staff in 8 BUL. This HQ is now reduced to a GSO II and no other staff whatever. Naturally with the accumulation of paper work and normal fortnightly and monthly reports and returns, a great deal of time is of necessity spent in the office and not outside on actual liaison work.

(b) In spite of the above however, a number of units in the ROAM Territorial Command have been visited during the last fourteen days. The general situation found has been reasonably good bearing in mind the difficulties under which many of the units are working.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(c) ARMY LESS OP. NR

No important changes in the employment of troops in the ROAM Territorial Command have taken place during the last fourteen days.

(b) CL. RR

No important changes during the last fourteen days. They are carrying out normal duties required of them.

TRAINING

(c) ARMY LESS CL. RR

Situation at the G.L.R. OP. NR is satisfactory

(a) This unit has been functioning territorially since Nov 45 and although a considerable period has elapsed, progress to date has been rather slow. This situation has arisen as the result of the acute shortage of staff in 8 BLS. This HQ is now reduced to a GSO II and no other staff whatever. Naturally with the accumulation of paper work and normal fortnightly and monthly reports and returns, a great deal of time is of necessity spent in the office and not on actual liaison work.

(b) In spite of the above however, a number of units in the ROE Territorial Command have been visited during the last fourteen days. The general standard found has been reasonably good bearing in mind the difficulties under which many of the units are working.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) ARMY LESS CO. RA

No important changes in the employment of troops in the ROE Territorial Command have taken place during the last fourteen days.

(b) CO. RA

No important changes during the last fourteen days. They are carrying out normal duties required of them.

TRAINING

(a) ARMY LESS CO. RA

Situation at the C.A.R. ONVLETO is satisfactory and the barracks will be ready in good time. Col GATTA, CO., the C.A.R. is a very efficient officer who has had a great deal of experience in the running of training establishments. The barracks at ONVLETO were previously occupied by the 802 Reinforcement Centre which Col GATTA commanded and the change-over to C.A.R. has been simplified by the fact that this quite efficient organization was already in existence. Practically the complete staff, which has been in the Centre for over a year has been absorbed into the C.A.R. Numbers attending courses I and II at ONVLETO and MARILANA are as follows:-

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II TRAINING (a) Continued)

1st Course 14 Offrs 40 NCOs
2nd Course 26 Offrs 115 NCOs.

The training of the 8th Inf Regt is continuing satisfactorily.

(b) OVER

No information available.

DISCUSSION

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vis a vis other countries.

N.T.R.

(b) Frontier Activity

N.T.R.

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with a view to other countries.

N.T.R.

(b) Frontier Activity

N.T.R.

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III A

Domestic

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ITALIAN

N.T.R.

IV A

Domestic

N.T.R.

ITALIAN

N.T.R.

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Major

SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

3 British Liaison Unit,
Rome.

6/6/47

5 Jan 46.

To: H.Q. M.P.I.A.

Reference your 15/11/47 of 27 Dec, 45.

Herewith Progress Report as at 1 Jan, 46 as requested.

I. General.

(a) Domestic

Little new to report since mid-month Progress Report was submitted. Owing to Christmas holidays, only eight working days were available during second half of the month.

(b) ITALIAN

The following units have been distributed in Rome Territorial Command during the month:

1 Battaglione Speciale Granatieri	-	RMS
250 Reserve Reparto Salario	-	AQUILA
1 Compagnia Controllo Truppe	-	ADRS (Provincia)
7 " "	-	RMS
Reparto Italiano compl. scuola Polizia Militare	-	RMS
Distaccamento Italiano scuola Polizia Militare	-	RMS

The following units have been formed:

884 Compagnia Corso	-	MEGARA
Compagnia Speciale Granatieri	-	RMS
816 Reparto Italiano per scuola Polizia Militare	-	RMS

II. 6 Points

Training

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Reference your AB/143 of 27 Dec. 45.

Herewith Progress Report as at 1 Jan, 46 as requested.

I. General.

(a) Domestic

Little new to report since mid-month Progress Report was submitted. Owing to Christmas holidays, only eight working days were available during second half of the month.

(b) Italian

The following units have been disbanded in the Territorial Command during the month:

1 Battaglione Speciale Carabinieri	-	ROME
250 Sezione Reparto Balserie	-	AQUILA
1 Compagnia Controllo Truffe	-	ANZI (Provincia)
7 " " "	-	ROME
Reparto Italiano empl. Scuola Polizia Militare	-	ROME
Distaccamento Italiano Scuola Polizia Militare	-	ROME

The following units have been formed:

884 Compagnia Cecchi	-	PERUGIA
Compagnia Speciale Carabinieri	-	ROME
846 Reparto Italiano per Scuola Polizia Militare	-	ROME

II. 6 Points

Training

1. T.T.C. OSVIENO. Repair work etc., will be completed by the end of January.

Col. GATTA, present C.O. 802 Reorganisation Centre OSVIENO has been appointed C.O. of the new T.T.C.

2. The trg of 3 I.S. Regt, located at ROME, VIAREGGIO and AQUILA, is continuing satisfactorily. Owing to large number of recruits, trg is of necessity in elementary stages and consists mainly of Drill, M.T., and M.T. Equipment situation is satisfactory.

Intelligence

Police patrols within Rome Terr. Command have been

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increased and a closer check is being kept on the movements of all military personnel.

III A Points

Exemption

No DIA & CMC has yet arrived.

Clerk 1080760 W/MAr Davis R.I. (N. 11A) A/S Group 25 (no for return to U.S. for discharge during next few days.

D.I. 1243732 Pte. Matheson C. (N.I.I.) A/S Group 25. When posted to 8 N.I.I. was on a course. He has not yet reported. He is due for return to U.S. for discharge during next few days.

Detachment/river 698077 Pte. Matheson C. (N.I.I.) A/S Group 27. Not yet reported. Arriving for release officers, Capt. Boyle. No personnel on leave or are for leave in the near future.

IV C Points

Exemption - Transport

Transport situation has improved. A vehicle is available daily from the N.I.I.A. pool. I now hope to spend more time visiting the various units in the Command.

No accommodation problem.

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W. J. Peak
Major
C.S.O. II.

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Appendix A to B.D.L.H. Progress Report
(8/6/47 dated 5 Jan, 1946)

Reference: para 4 (a) of para 113 dated 17 Dec, 45.

Location: 6 British Liaison Unit - 9/9 H.H.A., ROMA.

Reference: this H.A. Liaison Unit, Italian Units under Rome Territorial Command, (8/6/47 dated 4 Dec 45), the following is a list of assignments for the month of December, 1945:-

Unit.	New Location.
1st Battalion, 8 Reg. Frontier	LIVIA
Compagnia Speciale Carabinieri (Newly formed)	Caserta Nuova, ROMA
816 Reparto Italiano per Scuola Polizia Militare (Newly formed)	Geolipola, ROMA
85 Sezione Italiana elicotteristica.	Via Centro Esercito, 8 ROMA
6 Sezione Ispettorato Antiterroristica	Giardin Regio Carabinieri, ROMA
871 Compagnia Genio (Newly formed)	PERORA
1 Battalion Carabinieri	Genova 11074 ROMA
Italian 2nd Reparto Sperimentale (New 2nd Coy)	AVULIA
1 Compagnia Carabinieri Truffa	Aree (PROMETHE)
7 Compagnia Carabinieri Truffa	Geolipola, ROMA
Reparto Italiano Genio. Scuola Polizia Militare	Geolipola, ROMA

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SUBJECT: WEST ITALIAN INTERIA ARMY PROGRESS REPORT No. 1

LARGE FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)

6/3/5

17 Dec 45

Ref your letter AG 091.711 C(SD)-O dated 2 Nov 45.

Herewith this HQ Progress Report No. 1.

The Report deals in detail with progress made to date in the organization and training of the ITALIAN ARMY and of the CC.RR.

ITI-ITI category troops only are considered.

US-ITI and BR-ITI categories, which are a decreasing commitment, are only mentioned in passing.

L. E. Downing

Major General
MIA

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CONFIDENTIALLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.,
(MILIA)ITALIAN INTERIM ARMY PROGRESS REPORT No 1
15 Dec 45I. GENERAL

1. Authority. This report is based on AFHQ instructions AG 091.711 G(SD)-0 dated 2 Nov 45 entitled "Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government". It is intended for information and record purposes only. Future reports will be issued as and when the situation demands.

II. HANDOVER

2. ITALIAN ARMY. In accordance with the above instructions, responsibility for the organization, training and administration of the ITALIAN Interim Army, including the GCR, was handed over to the ITALIAN Government at 2400 hrs on 14 Nov 45 (vide MILIA Directive No 1 of 8 Nov 45). Operational command of troops stationed in territory not handed back to the ITALIAN Government (which included the five combat divisions and of 808 C.S. Br), remained in the hands of Allied Force Headquarters. The Order of Battle on that date is shown in ITALIAN Army Strength State No 5/15.

3. Military Mission.

(a) The Land Forces Sub Commission of the Allied Commission (MILIA), together with the five British Liaison Units formally attached to the five combat divisions, were from the same date reorganised or regrouped as outlined in new War Establishments to provide:

(i) The Headquarters of an Allied Military Mission within the Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

(ii) A British Liaison Unit (either Type A or B) with each of the eleven ITALIAN Territorial Commands.

(b) The duties of the Sub Commission and of the Military Mission as laid down in AFHQ Directive AG 091.711 GCR-0 dated 3 Dec 45 have been made known to officers concerned and relevant information from this Directive has been passed in appropriate form to the ITALIAN Ministry of War, vide MILIA Directive No 2 of 7 Dec 45.

III. ORGANISATION

4. Strengths. The actual strength of the ITALIAN Army on 15 Nov 45 compared with the authorised ceiling was as follows:-

	<u>WE</u>	<u>Strength</u>
(a) Local Reserves	15,000	12,858
(i) Three Internal Security Divs		
(ii) Ten Independent Regts	25,000	25,953

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(i) Three Internal Security Divs	25,000	25,953
(ii) Ten Independent Regts	50,000	49,963
(b) Five Infantry Divisions	9,000	4,662
(c) Command	31,000	21,762
(d) Administration	10,000	10,256
(e) Training	65,000	66,724
(f) OC.FHQ	205,000	192,178

Note: These figures do not incl the following tps employed by the Allies:

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United States US - ITIS 10,2
 British BR - ITIS 32,867

5. As a result of further detailed examination of requirements, permission was requested in IDIA G/3/1 dated 1 Dec 45 to decrease (a) (ii) above by 2,500 and to increase (e) by the same figures, leaving the grand total of 205,000 unaltered.

6. Detailed requirements (within framework)

Discussion is in progress with the Ministry of War on the whole range of the reorganisation project, including, inter alia :-

(a) The reorganisation of inf bns and regts in such a way that bns and regts of both Inf Divs, Internal Security Divs and Independent Regts shall be on exactly the same WE and therefore interchangeable.

(b) Details of the WEs of the above units.

(c) The reorganisation of the Inf Dive, with particular reference to the introduction of a recon element and an increase in arty, with consequent minor increases in communications and services.

(d) Detailed WE of Adm units.

(e) Detailed WE of Trg Bsts.

(f) Reorganisation of CC.RR. (This is inevitably proceeding slowly pending posting to this HQ of the necessary officers of the new "CC.RR. Section" and pressure of work in connection with the Italian Army proper).

7. Breakdown of Adm Units Interim Army (Ceiling 31,000) as worked out in detail and agreed with Ministry of War is as follows:-

(a) Medical	5731
(b) Commissariat	2330
(c) Arty Directorate	1077
(d) MT Corps	8323
(e) Engineers	5289
(f) Signals	1748
(g) Movements	517
(h) Veterinary and Remounts	386
(j) Military Tribunals	350
(k) Military Penal Insts	669
(l) Military Geographical Inst	28
(m) Welfare	90

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- (b) Details of the VEs of the above units.
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- (f) Reorganisation of CC.RR. (This is inevitably proceeding slowly pending posting to this HQ of the necessary officers of the new "CC.RR Section" and pressure of work in connection with the Italian Army proper).

7. Breakdown of Adm Units Italian Army (Totaling 31,000) as worked out in detail and agreed with Ministry of War is as follows:-

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(b) Commissariat	2330
(c) Arty Directorate	1077
(d) MT Corps	8323
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(f) Signals	1718
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(l) Military Geographical Inst	28
(m) Welfare	90
(n) Repatriated PW Camps	2600
(o) Transit Camps	478
(p) Salvage Dets	132
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8. CC.RR.

The responsibility for organization and trg of CC.RR passed to MILIA on 1 Nov 45 (ATHQ AG 014.12 GEC-O dated 14 Oct 45 refers).

A CC.RR Sec of 12 Officers will be added to the WE of MILIA.

Pending the arrival of these Officers, certain exploratory discussions have taken place between this HQ on the one hand and the Ministry of War and GHQ CC.RR on the other.

Rough Staff Tables have been prepared based entirely on existing Italian figures and WEs.

It is apparent that very considerable reorganization is necessary.

9. Equipment Tables.

Provisional equipment tables for the Interim Italian Army incl CC.RR were submitted to ATHQ with MILIA letter SD/109 of 6 Dec 45. These were based on such agreement as has so far been reached with Ministry of War, and are liable to modification when firm decisions have been given on the WEs concerned and the source and types of equipment to be provided.

10. The Ministry of War.

It is apparent that the organization of the War Ministry and SUPRE is cumbersome and not entirely suitable to the needs of the future Italian Army.

It would not be advisable to effect any major reorganization immediately, while the Army itself is in a state of flux, but certain essential readjustments are being recommended with a view to preparing the way for a complete overhaul at the proper time.

Up to date the only reorganization recommended is the formation of a Training Directorate; the separation, within the GENIO branch, of Engineers and Signals for all operational purposes; and the removal from the Artillery branch of all the REME and Tpt functions which the Artillery now combines, a separate Directorate to be formed to deal with these functions.

It is not considered opportune to hurry the bigger reorganization of the Ministry of War and SUPRE until the formations, units and Training Establishments of the Army have themselves been reorganized and given time to settle down. This inversion of the normal process of reorganization is unavoidable in present circumstances.

On the other hand, the reorganization of the Ministry of War and SUPRE presents a considerable problem, requiring much exploration and study. It is proposed to commence a full examination now with the War Ministry officials, so that an agreed out and dried plan can be ~~ready~~ ^{ready} in detail, for implementation when the time is ripe. The eventual outcome will require Italian legislative sanction.

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IV. TRAINING.

11. Territorial Training Centres.

- (a) A VE has been produced by the Ministry of War which will raise the figure for the Military Staff to take advantage of the additional 2,500 granted from the IS Rest ceiling. This is now being implemented.
- (b) The training of instructors proceeds entirely according to plan and will probably produce a surplus which could be posted to weak units (Independent Bcos etc) to raise the standard there.
- (c) Programmes are being worked out. British I.T.C. programmes are being forwarded from UK for comparison.

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(d) Opening of T.T.O.s in February is dependent mainly on provision of accommodation and equipment (see paras 20 and 23).

Schools as under will cater for advanced and basic training of recruits and courses for officers and NCOs. A cadet OTU will be established as a school for intensive corps training after the cadet has completed out of an military academy.

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| (a) <u>The School of Infantry</u> | - CEEBO (in situ) |
| (b) <u>School of Artillery</u> | - VECCO (in situ) |
| (c) <u>School of Engineering</u> | - Temporarily at CEECHICOMIA,
later at VECCO T. |
| (d) <u>School of Signals</u> | - CEECHICOMIA (in situ) |
| (e) <u>Motorisation and Mechanisation</u> | |
| Driving and Maintenance School | - CEECHICOMIA |
| Repair, Recovery and Motor
Mechanics School | - CEECHICOMIA |
| Instructors and Motor School | - ROVE |
| Electrical and Mechanical School | - CIVITAVECHIA |
| (f) <u>Administration School</u> | - RIETI (moves on about 15 Jan) |
| 1st School
2nd School
Police School | School of Hygiene (includes cadres
for Commissariat and Medical
Schools.) |
| (g) <u>School of Tactics (all arms)</u> | - CIVITAVECHIA (moves on
about 15 Jan) |

13. Training Equipment.

- (a) Lists of basic training requirements for Allied sources have been prepared and fwd to GHO as Staff Tables.
- (b) Ministry of War state that no great difficulties need be anticipated with regard to stores from IT/LLIN sources.

14. Military Academy.

Ministry of War want to re-establish this academy at ROVERA. The suitability of this arrangement is questioned as it is far from other centres near ROVE, with consequent loss of facilities for inspections and demonstrations. Ministry of War may agree to SPOLERO, but even this is a bit distant. The present course at LEGGE continues.

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(c) Motorisation and Mechanics

Driving and Maintenance School - CECCHIGNOLA)
 Repair, Recovery and Motor)
 Mechanics School) all in Milan)
 Instruction and Maintenance School - ROVER)
 Electrical and Mechanical School - CIVITA'VECCHIA)

(d) Administration School

Adm. School School of Systems (includes cadres
 for Commissariate and Medical
 Police School Schools.)

(e) School of Tactics (all arms) - CIVITA'VECCHIA (moves on
 about 15 Jan)

13. Training Equipment.

(a) Lists of basic training requirements for Allied weapons
 have been prepared and fwd to CMO as Staff Tables.

(b) Ministry of War states that no great difficulties need
 be anticipated with regard to stores from ITALIAN sources.

14. Military Academy.

Ministry of War want to re-establish this Academy at
 MODENA. The suitability of this arrangement is questioned as it is
 far from other centres near TOLLE, with consequent loss of facilities
 for inspections and demonstrations. Ministry of War may agree to
 SPOLTO, but even this is a bit distant. The present course at LEGGE
 continues.

V. DEMobilisation15. Manpower.

Up to the present date the 1919 and 1920 classes have been
 demobilised. The ITALIAN authorities are anxious to demobilise the 1921,
 22 and 23 classes as soon as possible, but for our advice in the matter
 would probably do so allowing the strength of the Army to fall to some
 80,000. Further demobilisation will not, however, take place until after
 the next call-up.

The annual intake system will be based on a four monthly
 call-up of 40,000; the first will take place in the middle of February 1945
 and will be composed of the men of the 1925 class the 2nd and 3rd four months
 of the 1923 class, from those parts of ITALY not yet called up (i.e. all
 except SARDINIA, PUGLIA and LUCANIA who are now serving).

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There are no registers in existence for the 1926, 1927 and 1928 classes, but these are being prepared and will be ready by the end of 1946.

16. Conditions of Service

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19. Officers

Methods by which the standard of Officer in the Italian Army can be improved have been the subject of much correspondence and many conferences between MILA and the Ministry of War.

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It has been pointed out to the Ministry of War that it is essential that useless and inefficient officers be compulsorily retired, and some form of accelerated promotion introduced. Both steps require the passing of a legislative decree.

The decree covering compulsory retirement has been drawn up and submitted to the Council of Ministers. The terms under which it is proposed to retire Officers are so generous however that the decree is meeting with opposition from the Treasury Minister.

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- (b) The control of the issue of vehicles and of No.1 Special Transport Coy is now in the hands of SUPRE but it is found necessary to keep close touch with their agencies in this matter and our advice is much appreciated.

- (c) Bids for F.O.I. and methods of distribution will be a War Ministry responsibility from 1 Jan 46. It is anticipated that a certain amount of Allied assistance will be needed for some time especially during the winter as the War Ministry will be living from hand to mouth with no reserves.

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22. Supplies.

(a) Maintenance of US-ITI categories ex US depots commenced w.o.f. 1 Nov 45.

(b) On 10 Nov 45 Food Sub-Commission AC notified that it would be possible to obtain from civil imports or indigenous resources all Interim Army requirements of supplies previously of Allied origin excepting Flour (including Macaroni requirements), P/Meat and Fish and Pepper. It was stated however, that these last named items could be repayed from civil imports in the New Year.

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(d) The Ministry of War has been experiencing considerable difficulty in obtaining release of the items from civil depots as only a portion of December requirements had been delivered by 30 Nov 45. Every effort is being made by MITA through AC and AIC channels to expedite these deliveries.

(e) Maintenance of ER-ITI Service Troops ex British Depots commenced w.o.f. 15 Nov 45.

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The provision of Arms and Ammunition is still subject to high level discussion.

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In this manner, penicillin, which has not been available from British stocks for supply to the Armed Forces will be procured. In the meanwhile, arrangements have been made for the training of three Italian military surgeons in the use of this new drug.

(b) Information has been received that the German Pharmaceutical Institute and Stores Depot at LERNNO will be turned over to the Italian Government when no longer required by the Allies. It is hoped, ultimately, that the Italian War Ministry will be able to resume production of medical stores in the Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare FLORENCE with equipment and stores from LERNNO.

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(c) The Medical Services ceiling for the administration of the Interim Army has been reviewed and agreed with the War Ministry.

During the past month three BR-ITI Evacuation Hospitals not required for the Interim Army have been put up for disbandment.

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Appendix M to MILA
Letter G/5/3 dated
17 Dec 45.

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VI LOCATIONS.

25. Locations on 15 Nov 1945 were as follows:-

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF
(a) CENTRAL COMMAND Ministry of War SARE Central Military Schools Military Academy Mech Specialists School	ROME " CESANO LEONE ROME	17/F. 7566 17/F. 7566 17/F. 6507 24/L. 5402 17/F. 7566
(b) TERRITORIAL COMMANDS No. 1 (TURIN) Territorial HQ CREMONA Inf Div 24 Inf Regt (CREMONA) 22 " 7 Arty Regt 1 Independent Regt	TURIN " ASTI VERCELLI CHIERI TURIN	7/J. 0550 7/J. 4307 7/J. 5353 7/J. 1422 7/J. 0350
No. 2 (GENOA) Territorial HQ MANTOVA Inf Div 76 Inf Regt MANTOVA 2 Independent Regt	GENOA VAREZZA SAVONA GENOA	10/O. 9548 10/O. 6844 10/O. 6040 10/O. 9548
No. 3 (MILAN) Territorial HQ LEGHNO Inf Div 66 Inf Regt (LEGHNO) 69 " 11 Arty Regt 144 Inf Regt (MANTOVA) 3 Independent Regt 251 Adm Div	MILAN INTRA " SONDRIO BRESCIA COMO BRESCIA MILAN	4/K. 2365 5/K. 6507 5/K. 6507 5/E. 8240 5/F. 0568 4/E. 1805 5/T. 0568 4/K. 2365
No. 4 (BOZZANO) Territorial HQ TREVIGLIO Inf Div 87 Inf Regt (TREVIGLIO) 88 " 35 Arty Regt	BOZZANO TREVIGLIO BRESSANO DI CARPI S. DOMENICO TREVIGLIO	5/A. 2672 5/A. 9117 5/G. 2538 6/T. 8749 5/I. 7725

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(b) TERRITORIAL CO-UNITES No. 1 (TURIN) Territorial HQ CREMONA Inf Div 21 Inf Regt (CREMONA) 22 " " 7 Arty Regt 1 Independent Regt	TURIN " ASTI VERCELLI CHIVERI TRIN	7/J. 0330 " 7/J. 4307 7/J. 5353 7/J. 1422 7/J. 0330
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No. 5 (UDINE) Territorial HQ 5 Independent Regt	UDINE PIRELLA	6/G. 4120 8/G. 5447

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No. 8 (ROME) Territorial HQ CALABRIA Internal Security Div 5 Bde (CALABRIA) 58 Inf Regt (CALABRIA) 80 " " 6 Bde 236 Inf Regt 40 Inf Regt 3 Independent Regt	ROME CAGLIARI (SARDEGNA) 30/X. 7981 IGLESIAS " 30/X. 2994 CAGLIARI " 30/X. 7981 IGLESIAS " 30/X. 2994 SASSARI " 28/X. 4150 TEMP. P. " 28/X. 2957 SASSARI " 28/X. 4150 VIMERO 15/I. 4126	17/F. 7566 30/X. 2994 30/X. 7981 30/X. 2994 28/X. 4150 28/X. 2957 28/X. 4150 15/I. 4126
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No. 10 (NAPLES) Territorial HQ 10 Independent Regt 227 Abt. Regt 743 1st Regt (For S. LEO) 744 1st Regt	NAPLES NAPLES CAVA dei TIRRENTI TORRE del GRECO S. GIOV. a TENDUCCI	19/N. 2350 19/N. 2350 19/N. 6033 19/N. 3143 19/N. 2548
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