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C.A.R. - Reports - Correspondence

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SUBJECT :- Report on Recruits ex C.A.R.'s

9 British Liaison Unit  
BARI

Ref :- 5/34

17th October 1946

H.Q. 9 Terr Command.

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#### PART "A"

(a) Infantry

- (1) Ref Para 3. Reason for the 50 % deficiency in the number of recruits expected by the Division.
- (2) Para 4 (b) Reasons for acceptance by recruiting offices of recruits of low physical and mental grades. ( Particularly from the point of view of these C.A.R.'s who now receive recruits from this area.
- (3) Para 5 (b) Difficulties which contribute to deficiencies in the standard of training reached.
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PREF "A"

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(5) ~~PARA 8 & 9 - Arty and Engrs~~

In view of the short period spent at C.A.R.'s by recruits for those areas do you consider that any effective steps can be taken at the C.A.R.'s to remedy the points mentioned.

(5) (e) I would appreciate some information regarding the various arrangements which will be effected at our C.A.R. when recruits are posted, including medical and kit inspections and details of movements.



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posted/.....

- (b) A copy of the personal avals of clothing and eqpt in possession of recruits on posting is requested for information of this office.

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(J. MILMAN) Major,  
Comd 9 B.L.U.

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- (1) Par 3 Ragioni per la deficienza del 30 % sul numero delle reclute attese dalla Divisione.
- (2) Par 4 Ragioni per l' accettazione da parte degli uffici di Legnano delle reclute 5(a) di basso grado fisico e mentale. (Particolareggiato)

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- (2) Par 4 Regioni per l' accettazione da parte degli uffici di leva di reclute (B) di basso grado fisico e mentale. ( Particolarmente del 80 % di visto di quei C.A.R. che ora ricevono reclute da queste aree).
- (3) 5(b) Difficolta' che contribuiscono alle deficienze nel grado di addestramento raggiunto.
- Par 7 Regioni di deficienza nel vestiario ed equipaggiamento nelle reclute del C.A.R. ( al richiedo la vostra speciale attenzione su questo punto in vista di un futuro spostamento delle reclute del secondo corso ).
- (4) Par 8 Non comprendo pienamente questi punti poiche' ero a conoscenza che i reparti ricevevano reclute specializzate dalle scuole centrali e non direttamente dal C.A.R. ad ogni modo un piu' esatta discriminazione da parte degli uffici di leva nello scegliere le reclute,



reclute/.....

appare necessario.

PARTI B & C -- ANGILOTTA E CANTO

In vista del breve periodo trascorso al C.A.R. dalle reclute di coteste armi, considerate che qualche passo concreto si possa fare per rimediare a punti accennati.

(5) (a)

Si gradirebbe ottenere qualche informazione concernente i provvedimenti amministrativi che saranno effettuati al vostro C.A.R. quando le reclute saranno trasferite, informazioni riguardanti visite mediche, ispezioni di equipaggiamento e particolare dei movimenti dello truppo.

(b)

Si richiede che una copia dell' assegnazione di vestiario ed equipaggiamento in possesso delle reclute trasferite, sia trasmessa a questo Ufficio per conoscenza.

Fco :- Maggiore J. MILLAN  
Comandante il 9<sup>a</sup> B. L. J.

In vista del breve periodo trascorso al C.A.R. delle reclute di cotesto armi, considerate che qualche passo concreto si possa fare per rimediare a punti accennati.

(5) (c)

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Fto :- Maggiore J. LIZMAN  
Comandante il 9 B. L. J.

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5/5. SUBJECT :- Standard of Recruits (Inf Call Up)

2 British Infalson Unit  
BARI

Ref :- 5/44

16 Nov 46

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*See also 5/5/3.*

Ref your 4499/Op of 4 Nov 46.

1.

As this report only relates to recruits of 9 C.A.R. it is evident that you have misunderstood para 5 of my 5/54 of 17 Oct 46.

2.

A report is required on the quality of the recruits received by units of this Sect Comd after completion of their trg at other C.A.R.'s.

Particular emphasis is laid on the standard of trg, discipline, morale etc of inf recruits to 9 Inf Regt.

The report should deal briefly with the following points:-

- (a) Etiquette and Intelligence
- (b) Standard of trg - <sup>incl</sup> all formal drill, P.T., weapon trg and shooting, rd trg and battle drill. Regulations.
- (c) Standard of trg of specialists and tradesmen.
- (d) Discipline.
- (e) Admin points - Deficiencies against notified allocations.
  - State of personal clothing and eqpt on arrival.

3.

It would be appreciated if a short report on these lines could be forwarded as soon as possible.

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(J. WILSON) Major,  
Comd 9 Bn.



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 9 British Invasion Unit  
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Ref: 5/5/1

10th May 1946

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 SUBJECT: - Resistance (the call up) on 2 C.A.N.

LAST PARTS OF COMMISSION A.C.

(1946.1.1.)

1. Ref your 28/17 of 19 Sep 45. Outstanding report on resistance received on 9 C.A.N. by Japanese Division.

I have investigated the points raised in the report as shown in copy attached.

2. A report on resistance received by the East Coast from other C.A.N.'s is being completed and will be forwarded when ready.

(J. M. T. H. H.) Major,  
 9th Div.

5/5/1  
 1. Ref your May/27 of 19 200 1st. Forwarding report on results received on 2 C.A.B. by Legation Division.

I have investigated the points raised in the report on items in cases attached.

2. A report on results received by the Fort General Area other C.A.B.'s is being completed and will be forwarded when ready.

(J. L. L. L. L.) Major,  
 2001 9 BIL.

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ATTN to 9 EBU Letter  
 Dated 10 May 1946

All references relate to Letter EBU report.

1. Part A

(a) Para 3

30% deficiency in number of recruits  
 joining Div is attributed to :-

(a) 12% by wastage on account of medical rejects.

(b) 18% by absence from out-of-course leave of whom  
 the majority eventually reached the Division.  
 The position was aggravated by the fact that the  
 majority of recruits came from local areas.

This high rate of absence should not be set as  
 recruits of second call up came from distant  
 parts, and out-of-course leave is not being  
 granted.

(c) ~~Para 4(b)~~  
 and 5 (a)

The low physical and intelligence level is  
 stated to have been partly due to bad selection by  
 district recruiting officers, which is being remedied;  
 and partly to the general lower standards found in  
 this part of Italy, from which recruits of the first  
 call up were drawn.

(c) ~~Para 5(b)~~

The following remarks relate to the :-

(a)

Excessives of instructions which has almost  
 disappeared.

(b)

Lower standard of recruits already mentioned.

(c)

Loss of time during the period of the June  
 referendum when recruits were used for I.S. duties.

(a) ~~Para 7~~

Deficiencies in clothing and type of recruits as  
 stated to have been due to causes beyond local control.

The present position in Italy

1. Part A

(a) Para 3

The following in number of recruits joining in the period of 1947-1948:

- (a) 12% by means of recruits joining.
- (b) 10% by means of recruits joining.

The high rate of recruits joining in the period of 1947-1948 is due to the fact that the majority of recruits joining in the period of 1947-1948 are from the United States and Canada.

(b) 1. Para 4 (a)  
and 5 (a)

The low physical and intelligence level of recruits joining in the period of 1947-1948 is due to the fact that the majority of recruits joining in the period of 1947-1948 are from the United States and Canada.

(c) 1. Para 5 (b)

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- (b) 10% by means of recruits joining.
- (c) 10% by means of recruits joining.

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(d) 1. Para 7

Recruits joining in the period of 1947-1948 are from the United States and Canada.

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(e) 1. Para 8

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2. Para 9 and 10

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