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Feb. - May 1946

MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

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Srl. No.

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Transmission

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FROM

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Signed

(A)

Major N. F. Chance

18 May 46

For Action

D. B. A. M. G.

12 B L U

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

22 MAY 46

4.078

Originator's No

Subject: Various

1 Return

I feel that with a little more thought about a little less blind adherence to regulations, the nation's best could make nations better and life much pleasant for the three small masses in civilization. A. If better nations are being shown the smaller masses should be left on by the share of the over-crowded.

B. Cannot an 'Under-Over-Crowded' be used to avoid this terrible split.

I enclose yesterday's nation chief and say you will find much to much when you think of these nations. 925 pretty a lot of humanity and a lot of back on the Government of any kind. Then the chief of the 9, and 9, 15 for they people. (S. B. 15-15)

Subject Various

1. Rations I feel that with a little more thought about a little less blinding addresses to regulations the ration Sgt could make rations better and life more pleasant for the thin small men in Civitan.
 - A. If extra rations are being given the small men should get a bigger share of the available.
 - B. Cannot as 'Under a Budget' be used to avoid this total split.

I enclose yesterday's ration sheet and beg you not to embury too much when you think of these men as 22's with a lot of heroin and a lot of heroin on the Committee of aid I enclosed apologies for their people. (3 days unpaid)

C. Flora needs checking I feel sure the ration is not getting small. (1/2 of unpaid)

2. Telephone (4th hand line) has to check no telephone have been installed.

3. Electric Light Bulbs 3217
Obliged to the violet various

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			TH or TCR	Time Cleared
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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM

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Ser. No.

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM

(A)

Originator

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For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

G.R.

Originator's No.

In front of lot of bulbs are
1 'Glow' and are the ground floor
and 12th floor are on 10th floor system
it is expected that we will be able to
and bulbs at the moment there
no light circumstances at all.

4 On Monday 13th May my class
went to leave for the high sea
and on arrival found that the
one and only ship who can carry
fuel was in Rangoon. For he had
to (P) borrow for another truck & B. D. he
a special ref. to Rangoon in order to
collect fuel for the petrol pump.
Can this be avoided in future?

There you 5216

Originator's No.

in front a lot of bulbs are
'blown' and are the ground floor
and 1st floor are on 1 cliffest system
it is complete that we have both
and bulbs at the moment I have
no light downstairs at all.

4 On Monday 13th May my dress
went to Caserio for the first time
and on arrival found that the
only and only Sept who can copy
part of the dress in Rome. Then he had
to (P) Broom for another French & Bulke
a special ref to Rome in order to
collect ref for the return journey
Can this be avoided in future.

[Signature] 5216

Ref I above an example is attached

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EXAMPLE

Under Overchest Tunnel Fork

Week	May CHANCE	CIVILIAN VECCHIA	
		OFFICERS	SERGEANTS
1 st Week	HA	Hernig	Salmon
2 nd Week	Hernig & Salmon	—	—
3 rd Week	—	Salmon	Hernig
4 th Week	—	Hernig	Salmon
5 th Week	Hernig & Salmon	—	—
6 th Week	—	Salmon	Hernig
7 th Week	—	Hernig	Salmon
8 th Week	Hernig & Salmon	—	—

Originator's No.

EXAMPLE

Under & Over chest Tunnel Fork.

Week	Msg CHDNC	CIVILIAN	
		OFFICERS	SERGEANTS
1 st week	—	Herring	Salmon
2 nd week	Herring & Salmon	—	—
3 rd week	—	Salmon	Herring
4 th week	—	Herring	Salmon
5 th week	Herring & Salmon	—	—
6 th week	—	Salmon	Herring
7 th week	—	Herring	Salmon
8 th week	Herring & Salmon	—	—
9 th week	—	Salmon	Herring
Total No of Tws	6	6	6
2/3 of entire per week.			

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		Time Cleared	Op.

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Date May 17 1946

Code No. _____

LOADING LIST. 12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

From: 199 DIT, RASC

Commodity	Amount	Commodity	Amount	Commodity	Amount
Bacon		Jam		Bread	2 loaves
Sausages		Marmalade		Biscuits	
Tea		Margarine		Meat (beef)	
Milk Powder		Mustard		" (butter)	3
Milk Tinned		Flour		Ice	
PKL		Salt		Pickles	
Syrup		Cooking Fat	2 lb		17 1/2 4
Pepper		Salmon	1 lb 1/2		3
Egg Powder		Rice	8 lb		
Mustard Powder		Fruit Dried	1/2 lb		
Baking "		" Fresh		Cigarettes	
Sauce		Onions	2 lb	Chocolate	
P. L. Meat		Cheese	1 1/2 lb	Matches	
P. Meat		Oil E. M.		Extrine Paper	
Curry Powder		Fresh Vegetables	6 lb		
Cardinal	2	Tinned "			
Herrings, 1 lb 1/2		Beans Canned			
Oatmeal		Potatoes Canned			5214
Coffee		Potatoes Fresh	2 lb		
Sugar		Vinegar			

MESSAGE FORM

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Register No.

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Industry

Transmittance (at 25°C)

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FROM

(3)

Orvinson

Q 2. (S, Look)

Per Action:

Date-Time of Origin

13 May

LA CHANC

DATE

10/10/2010 10:10:10 AM

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message instructions: 5

16 MAY 1944

Originals: 1. No

Subject - Verbs

✓ Thank you very much

Embarked in Dec 855 in payment
of June travel in W.D. Transported by my wife
and

2. Hydrophobic material

I received some fly proofing and
though it has been a very effective help in
cutting down the number of flies to
make the building fly proof - it was a
possible it had to be more if it could be
much reduced.

will day

3 Pay O.R.

1 Son of Mrs. T. & A. R. 005, 2113
are lost at sea. I got the assurance
from Mrs. Miller that the other 20
can be admitted. Please to the 20
as well to get over platform in the
to Smith for time.

Originator's No.

Subject - Varnois

3784

1 Travel on payment
Embarked is Nov 8 53 in payment
of June travel in W.D. Transport by my wife
old

2 Hydroproofing material

I received some fly proofing and
thought it has been a very effective help in
greatly lessening the mosquitoes in the house
since the building fly proofing. It is very easy
possibly cut out to be more of a whole lot
much obliged.
with love

3 Pay O.R.

Some of the 5 to 10 R. over 5213
are short of pay. I checked the accounts and
have been made for an officer to collect
cash & 12 months in 100s. The 20 in
as unable to get over picking up the
to Smith for time done

4 Transport

It is necessary that my truck
goes off the road for 2 or 3 days. Could you
possibly lend me a vehicle for 2 or 3
days for local running and other work
possibly if possible. I am working 12 hours
a week. I must be able to collect & distribute
the food resources.

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WIRELESS.		Signed.	

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.				
FROM (A)		Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
TO		(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions
				GR

Building Tree School.
Please inform the council that up to date the new contract has not started work, he was clear to start on 28 April.

Setrep Tree School.
All ranks seem content with life in Cavite and are taking care of the trouble caused by recruits in the other schools, but it is expected that there will be unrest on 7 and 2 particularly if the result is Republic.

Return a Ref. RAAC. Admin. Instructions please may be issued with an authority to its personnel check from 23rd May the latter is a staff officer for facilities being in support of operations. There has been a meeting with the staff.

✓
Cognate, No

Building: Two School.

Please inform the Council
that up to date the new contract has
not started work, he was clear & fast
on 28 April.

S. Frap Tue School.

All men can enjoy life in civilization and are for the better of the trouble caused by accidents in the both schools, but it is expected that there will be most on July 2 particularly if the result is popular.

Referring to the above instructions
please may I be advised with an
authority to purchase stock from
B.I.S. on the 23rd Nov. 1988
the better value of the
for facilities given in regard to the
matters.

There has been a method
up over the meat ration but we
each not have double two of Belle please
send it over in large 1 has \$1.00
included in arrived by 1 hour in
draw the ration

Case on 5th May has not yet received
any return can be made for 10 days more
next time.

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AS WRITTEN BY CITY RECORDS

WIRELESS

if liable to be intercepted by the enemy. Original's instructions
into enemy hands this message must be sent in cipher.

Turbidity

THE EDITOR

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THE EDITOR

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24-04

Subject: Rations.

To: Major Chance.
Major Alexander.
Sergts Mess
Civitavecchia.

12 B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military School.
May 16th 1946.

Rations.

Issues on Monday 20 May 1946 will consist of 7 days normal Monday items, 5 days normal Wednesday's items and 3 days normal Friday's items.

On Monday 27 May 1946 you will be issued with 15 days hard items, making the next issue day for these items - Tuesday 11 June '46. Thereafter 7 days hard items will be issued each Tuesday.

Fresh items will still continue to be issued on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with the exception that tinned equivalents i.e. meat fruit and vegetables, will be issued on Friday.

In consequence of this on and after June 11th transport will be required to collect Rations each Tuesday.

Coal.

During the weeks commencing 13, 20, and 27 May 1946 a double entitlement of coal will be issued, thereby making the next drawing week commence 24th June.

These alterations are necessary to facilitate the transferring of the D.I.D. to another location.

HJB/vg.

File.

5211
Major, R.A.C.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

ROME ARMA ALLIED OVERLAND
G.1 (British) Section

Tel: 66629

Capt Trevelyan

TO: Chief Clerk, 12 B.L.V.

Ref att. Enq letter gives no useful
information with the exception of the
form of appln, which I have attached.

Date

2/5/46

A.P. GRIFFIN, Sgt,
Chief Clerk
G.1 (Br)

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

Office Date Stamp

FROM

(A)

Originator

Major CHANCE

Date-Time of Origin

4 MAY 46

For Action

Major BARNARD

D. O.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

1. Letter of Officer Stop Retention Card

On April while in Naples on duty I lost a shoe because the compass reported, and published in daily newspaper, that it was a photo book containing incriminating papers including my officers stop retention card. Can't find please get replaced or in temporary chart issued before the night of 8th May.

2. Permit to transport vehicle on Sunday

As my wife is C.E. please may I permit be issued so that my truck can take her to church in Rome Sat-Sun - one Sunday per month. 5209

3. Letter of WD Transport by my wife

Enclosed is what I think is loan for money made during month of April

4. Permit for Citation NPPFL

Original: No

Home of Office Stop Reaction Card

Re April 1946 in Naples on clarity
of Cont-a single handwritten the Cont was
reported, and published in clearly newspaper,
in it was a note Cook contacting
miscellaneous papers including new
all with stops Reten clearly, Cont that please
be replaced or a temporary Chet - mailed
before the night of 8th May.

2. Permit to have WD vehicle on Sunday.

As my wife is 60 she may be
permitted to go that my truck
the has to check in Rome for a
one truck per month. 5209

3. Large of bD Transport by river

Enclaved is with the the balance
persons made during work of Aphro

4 Payment for Gasification NDFI

Excluded fuel 1000 Lbs to cover cost
of 3 bolts qm received ~~but cost 19/6~~
8/78 Lira

~~Sample Reduction~~ Continues

Order a detailed history & examination can follow please be sent to call names	PAGES 100
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Originality's Instructions:
Degree of Antiquity

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THE 20th

There's a lot of

Survival

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FROM (A)	Originator Major Chance	Date-Time of Origin 7 May 46	Office Date Stamp
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TO	(W) For Information (INFO) D/O.	Message Instructions GR
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Originator's No.

1. Having talked with George, we both think that it is necessary for me to have a certificate over Nichols' signature in order to get a new Officer's Shop Ration Card, Canyon Confusion is healthy at hot - this is so

2. Would be obliged if you could ring the hotel at REPTI and ask if they could put up Fri Set. Sublet

3. Reactions last two weeks of Billy Cray have arrived here in a kind of confliction, comments will turn on provided, as this is a shocking waste also you then two used be replaced by Jay and 97 hours Gustafson's with the presence, then kept it can be lost all may be. Good call, knows what it would be the other

5208

2. ~~We could be obliged if you could ring the hotel at R E A T I and ask if they could put us up Fri Sat & Sunday.~~

4. Could you name the checkbook for me
and ask if the company would
like to come back for the checkbook
let me know the hours by phone

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WIRELESS.		Degree of Priority.	TH or TO	
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Signed.				

10/1531

MAJOR H.J. REEFORD R.A.C.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR THE
Italian Central Military Schools

7 May 46.

Dear *Nanthe*

Many thanks for your letters (various) received today.
I have noted your remarks and have taken action where necessary.

I was very sorry to note the state in which the bully beef was sent to you, but I must explain that unfortunately the B.I.B. nowadays does not cater for small detachments such as your own. Therefore we have to use the old army formula - improvisation. Most of our containers for rations have now been used and I am afraid I shall have to ask you if it will be possible when you draw rations, for some type of receptacle to be sent, e.g. a Mess Tin etc., for such items as bully.

I will try to ring through to Rieth but if you give my name to Colangelo, the Manager, he will fix you up O.K.

Reference the various points on my visit :

Meat Ration: This, I understand, has now been improved. I got the opportunity of seeing it before it leaves this H.Q.

Tin Beefroot, 7 lb. No smaller amounts are available and therefore I have suggested to the Q.M. that on issuing beefroot he only sends one tin to Civitavecchia and it will be up to you to liaise with Major Alexander etc., to divide it.

Italian Rations. Capt. Lucchi will visit Civitavecchia on the 3rd and 16th of each month, with rations, cigarettes, pay and miscellaneous points, etc. H

H.A.F.I. Attached are a few perfumes for indexing. Further supplies are available from the H.F.I.

Coal. Issues will commence this week. Please arrange to collect after Thursday.

Flyproofing. I have sent you the remainder of our supply and trust it will be at least sufficient for the bedroom. 307

Electric Light Bulbs. Already delivered.

Further issue of tin will be made next week.

Please inform Major Alexander, where necessary, of the above.

Major Geoffrey

CHANCE

Yours

[Signature]

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Capt. W.R. Trevelyan,
12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian Central Military
Schools.

9th May 1946.

Dear *Toby*

Col Mackay has asked me to send you this copy of the report on the disturbances at Civitavecchia. As it is the only copy available, perhaps you could kindly return it to us when you have finished with it.

Major C.F. Baumann M.B.E.
G.S.O. 2 (L) H.Q.
M.M.I.A. Rome.

Yours Sincerely

Robert Trevelyan
5206

mal/MB.



RISERVATA PERSONALE

N. 2000 (208) 1940
(D.L. 1940)

Cesano di Roma, 11 9 maggio 1940

COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI

Ufficio Personale e Segreteria
Sezione Riservato

Al Sig. Colonnello MACRAY
Comandante del 12 B.L.U.

S E D E

Riposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 55/ris. 11/5/40

Div. Sez. N.

Oggetto: Ammutinamento avvenuto alla Scuola Artie-
ri - M. Civitavecchia.

Per doverosa conoscenza trasmetto copia
della relazione n°55 prot. Ris. in data 8 c.
m., inviata dal Sig. Generale Comandante allo
Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito.



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. L. Malavani)

Malavani

5205

Tutti i più importanti atti sono registrati al numero di protocollo
e l'ufficio del capo di stato maggiore

SECONDE CENTRALI MILITARI
C.O.M.A.H.D.O.
Il Generale Comandante

RISERVATA PERSONALE
Personel to Regia Romana

no 55 di prot. n. 1
Cesano, 11 8 maggio 1945
OGGETTO : Ammutinamento avvenuto alla Scuola Artigiani del Genio (Città vecchia).-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
- Segreteria del Generale Addetto - R.O.M.A.
AL COMANDO MILITARE TURKISTAN - R.O.M.A.

Sabato 4 corr., verso le ore 19,40, il Comando del Presidio di Città vecchia veniva avvisato che una massa di reclute della Scuola Artigiani era uscita dalla caserma Aurelia (sita al Km. 78 sulla Via Aurelia) e si avviava verso Città vecchia in segno di protesta per il cattivo tenore di vita dei presenti cattivi trattenuti.

Immediatamente il Generale Mattioli, Comandante il Presidio di Città vecchia, si avviava incontro ai sopradetti militari che raggiungevano a circa 3 Km. e mezzo prima di Città vecchia, arretrati in colonna abbastanza ordinata ed acuti al seguito tutti i loro effetti.

Dai primi contatti avuti con i militari (intorno a 500 per circa alla metà di quelli recentemente giunti) il Generale Mattioli apprendeva che le ragioni principali di malcontento erano le seguenti :

- essere alloggiati in zone malariche ed in una caserma lontana 6 Km. dal centro abitato di Città vecchia, e chiedevano quindi di essere trasferiti nella caserma della scuola di artiglieria "Duca d'Aosta";
- essere stati iniettati contrariamente alle promesse loro fatte al C.A.R. di prevenzione, lontani dalle rispettive regioni di appartenenza;
- rancio cattivo, o quanto meno, molto meno buono di quello già avuto presso il C.A.R. di prevenzione;
- cattive condizioni igieniche : spazio ristretto in camerata, poca acqua, coperte sparse e piene di insetti.

Alla emergenza intimazioni del Generale Mattioli di ritornare in caserma e non esibirsi del reato di diserzione, tutti rispondevano che non potevano tornare alle loro case ma bensì al C.A.A. di prevenzione dove si erano trovati bene.

In questo primo intervento, il Generale Mattioli è stato coadiuvato

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

- Segreteria del Generale Addetto - ROMA

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

- ROMA

Subito 4 corr., verso le ore 19.40, il Comando del Presidio di Cittavecchia veniva avvisato che una massa di reclute della Scuola Artieri era uscita dalla caserma Aurelia (situa al Km. 78 sulla Via Aurelia) e si avviava verso Cittavecchia in segno di protesta per il cattivo rancio ed altri pressanti cattivi trattamenti.

Immediatamente il Generale Mattioli, Comandante il Presidio di Cittavecchia, si avviava incontro al sopradetti militari che raggiungeva a circa 3 Km. e mezzo prima di Cittavecchia, marcianti in colonna abbastanza ordinata ed esenti al seguito tutti i loro effetti.

Dai primi contatti eufici con i militari (intorno a 500 parti circa alla metà di quelli recentemente giunti) il Generale Mattioli apprendeva che le ragioni principali di malcontento erano le seguenti:

- essere alloggiati in zona malarica ed in una caserma lontana 8 Km. dal centro abitato di Cittavecchia, e chiedevano quindi di essere trasferiti nella caserma della scuola di artiglieria "Don d'Aosta";
- essere stati inviati contrariamente alle promesse loro fatte al C.A.R. di provenienza, lontani dalle rispettive regioni di appartenenza;
- rancio cattivo, o quanto meno, molto meno buono di quello già avuto presso il C.A.R. di provenienza;
- cattive condizioni igieniche: spazio ristretto in camerata, poca acqua, coperte sporche e piene di insetti.

Alle energiche intenzioni del Generale Mattioli di ritornare in caserma e non lasciarsi del resto di diversione, tutti rispondevano che non volevano tornare alle loro case ma bensì al C.A.R. di provenienza dove si erano trovati bene.

In questo primo intervento, il Generale Mattioli è stato contraddetto da alcuni ufficiali della Scuola Artieri ed in particolare dal Ten. Col. Silvestri ed Autilio. Il Colonnello De Matteis, comandante la Scuola, era invece assente essendosi recato a Bracciano, dove tuttora risiede la propria famiglia.

Poco dopo giungeva sul posto una pattuglia di CC. RR., troppo numerosa per fronteggiare la massa che intanto proseguiva la propria marcia verso la Stazione di Cittavecchia ed allora il Generale Mattioli dava ordine che la

./.

Stazione fosse subito prelevata da CC.NN. e da militari della Scuola Artilleria, provvedendo nel contempo a far affluire sul piazzale della Stazione il maggior numero possibile di automazzi e parlare una seconda volta alle reclute per indurle a ritornare in caserma.

Giunta infatti la colonna alla Stazione di Civitavecchia, il Generale Mattioli invitava una seconda volta i militari a desistere dal loro proposito, spiegando loro lo stato di miseria in cui versa il paese tutto, citando ad esempio le stesse famosi distruzioni di Civitavecchia e soggiungendo che se inconvenienti si erano effettivamente verificati, si sarebbe fatto tutto il possibile per eliminarli e in particolare avrebbe personalmente preso a cuore il loro trattamento, cercando di migliorare il rancio e proponendole Superiori Autorità una eventuale migliore sistemazione in nuovi alloggiamenti.

Affluivano intanto i primi automazzi ordinati ed allora il Generale Mattioli esortava i militari a rientrare subito sopra per ritornare in caserma dove sarebbe stato distribuito loro altro rancio a complemento di quello già distribuito nel pomeriggio che non era riuscito buono.

La truppa, che intanto si era raccolta abbastanza disciplinata intorno al Generale Mattioli, persuasa che le Superiori Autorità si sarebbero interessate per il loro trasferimento nella caserma "Don D'Aosta", cominciarono a dar segni di comprensione ed a salire sugli automazzi che iniziavano subito il trasporto in caserma ultimando alle 23 circa.

Dai numerosi contatti avuti con i militari, il Generale Mattioli intonava che il principale vero motivo di malcontento, a parte la causa occasionale del rancio, era l'isolamento della caserma ed il sentirsi esposti al pericolo della mazzetta, sia per le numerose tabelle apposte dagli alleati nella zona, sia per l'obbligo fatto a tutti di prendere ogni mattina al caffè una pastiglia di chinino.

Altre ragioni di malcontento conionale:

- la limitazione di libertà imposta ai militari della 6^a Cp. per il verificarsi di due casi di morbillo;
- la impossibilità, dato l'isolamento della caserma, di avere contatto con donne.

Ultimato il trasporto, il Generale Mattioli si recava in caserma per assistere alla distribuzione del rancio, tenendo subito dopo rapporto agli ufficiali, presenta il Colonnello De Matteis che nel frattempo era giunto in caserma.

Il Generale Mattioli esortava perciò tutti gli ufficiali al massimo tatto e comprensione verso le reclute - evidentemente noi disposte - e pregandoli di adoperarsi con tutti i loro mezzi per far sì che gli inconvenienti lamentati venissero eliminati.

Interrogato il Colonnello De Matteis e gli altri ufficiali, se nei giorni precedenti avessero osservato un certo malcontento, questi hanno

tutto ad esempio le stesse tante distinzioni di civiltà vecchia e soggiungendo che se incontinenti si erano effettivamente verificati, si sarebbe fatto tutto il possibile per eliminarli e in particolare averse persone e preponderante le loro trattenute, cercando di migliorare il rancio e proponendole Superiori Autorità una eventuale migliore sistemazione in nuovi alloggiamenti.

Affluivano intanto i primi automezzi ordinati ed allora il Generale Mattioli esortava i militari a sentirsi subito sopra per ritornare in caserma dove sarebbe stato distribuito loro altro rancio a complemento di quello già distribuito nel pomeriggio che non era riuscito buono.

La truppa, che intanto si era raccolta abbastanza disciplinata intorno al Generale Mattioli, persuasa che le Superiori Autorità si sarebbero intese per il loro trasferimento nella caserma "Don D'Adda", cominciarono a dar segni di comprensione ed a scendere sugli automezzi che iniziavano subito il trasporto in caserma ultimandolo alle 23 circa.

Dai numerosi contatti avuti con i militari, il Generale Mattioli intanto associava che il principale vero motivo di malcontento, a parte le cause occasionali del rancio, era l'isolamento della caserma ed il sentirsi esposti al pericolo della malaria, sia per le numerose tabelle apposte dagli alleati nella zona, sia per l'obbligo fatto a tutti di prendere ogni mattina al caffè una pastiglia di chinino.

Altre ragioni di malcontento non totale :

- la limitazione di libertà imposta ai militari della 6^a Cp. per il verificarsi di due casi di morbillo;
- la impossibilità, dato l'isolamento della caserma, di avere contatto con donne.

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Interrogato il Colonnello De Matteis e gli altri ufficiali, se nei giorni precedenti avessero osservato dei sintomi di malcontento, questi hanno risposto che effettivamente alcune reclute si erano lamentate per il rancio e la malaria ed che gli ufficiali si erano adoperati per far opera di persuasione e sentire presunti pericoli.

Fatti gli stessi ufficiali hanno poi concordemente escluso che il malcontento fosse stato preordinato da una specifica azione politica. Sottinteso è peraltro il fatto che nel momento in cui la colonna uscita dalla caserma è passata sulla via Aurelia una autovettura che ha lanciato molti colantini di carattere sovversivo.

Inferente di quanto era avvenuto alla caserma Aurelia, ho messo al corrente il Comiliter di Roma, l'ispettorato del Genio e lo S.M.A., che mi sarei recato sul posto per fronteggiare la situazione che dalle notizie susseguenti emerse dal Generalissimo Mattioli e dal C.A.A., sembrava molto grave in quanto i militari amministratori, pur avendo aderito all'invito del Generalissimo di rientrare in caserma, avevano posto un termine di tre giorni per ottenere il loro trasferimento alla caserma "Dopo l'hostia": esso avrebbe avuto successo in atto il proposito di rientrare al C.A.A. di provenienza.

Questo particolare si venne anche confermato dal Comandante del C.A.A. di Civitavecchia, Terzi Mattia, al Comando Presidio di Civitavecchia, insieme alle sue vive preoccupazioni per l'eventualità di un ripetersi del tentativo di allontanamento.

Ho conferito in seguito col Colonnello De Mattis presente il Generalissimo Mattioli, e dopo una visita ai locali della caserma, ho fatto riunire tutti gli ufficiali, sottufficiali e militari della scuola, parlando loro in modo molto esplicito in merito agli inconvenienti che avevano originato l'incidente (mancanza di confusione del rancio, alloggiamenti) facendo ben risaltare la gravità della mancanza commessa e le gravissime conseguenze che avrebbero potuto ricadere su tutti col ripetersi dell'accaduto.

Essa in libertà la truppa, mi sono intrattenuto con numerosissimi militari che hanno voluto prospettarmi personalmente le loro situazioni, dando immediate disposizioni in tutte le questioni che, quale comandante, ho potuto risolvere immediatamente.

Nel complesso, durante tutta la mia visita, la truppa non ha dato segni di indisciplina.

Successivamente ho visitato il giro di ispezione di locali e quindi mi sono recato alla caserma "Socile" per esaminare la possibilità di sistemare una parte delle reclute anche in tale caserma evitando così un eccessivo affollamento nella caserma Aurelia.

Dopo l'accurata visita compiuta, ho disposto che le ultime reclute provenienti dal C.A.A. di Brescia e Cremona, che dovevano giungere in serata, fossero sistemate in quest'ultima caserma che, in un secondo tempo (e cioè dopo ultimati i lavori già in corso), dovrà anche accogliere un'altra delle compagnie attualmente alla caserma Aurelia che così verrà alleggerita di altri 250 militari e consentirà una migliore sistemazione alle truppe che vi rimarranno.

Essendo così formata una precisa idea dell'ambiente e della responsabilità, sono convinta della necessità di un immediato allontanamento dalla Scuola del Colonnello De Mattis, che indubbiamente non ha svolta alcuna azione di comando sui propri uomini e mi è apparso stanco, sfiduciato, coi nervi scossi e non più in condizioni di reggere il comando della scuola in un modo così delicato.

Ho pertanto disposto che il Colonnello De Mattis ceda il comando al

zio avrebbero messo in atto il proposito di rientrare al C.A.R. di provenienza.

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Ho pertanto disposto che il Colonnello De Matteis ceda il comando al Ten. Col. Silvestri (il più anziano dei Ten. Col. della scuola) che a mio parere può tenere il comando, in attesa che vi venga destinato un altro Colonnello in possesso di tutti i requisiti necessari.

Convinto anche della necessità di sostituire il Ten. Col. Fisicaro, capo dell'Ufficio Addestramento, che ho notato perfettamente intonato col Colonnello De Matteis, nel prospettare in ogni momento difficoltà di ogni genere senza peraltro farsi mai parte diligente per superarle con quella energia e

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iniziativa che la situazione del momento richiede, ho disposto perché anche questo ufficiale venga temporaneamente sostituito dal Maggiore del genio Bardi - attualmente in servizio presso l'Ufficio Addestramento del Comando Scuole Centrali - in attesa di poterli destinare al loro elemento di esperienza opportuna.

Azione tenace di allontanamento da parte delle reclute della Scuola riguardanti la sistemazione ed il rancio, sono effettivamente conseguenti allo scarso interesse ed alla deficiente azione di governo disciplinare del Comandante della Scuola il quale, non pagando di persona in un momento così difficile, come quello dell'arrivo delle reclute, ha momentaneamente gravemente ai suoi principali doveri di comandante.

Per questo, oltre che con l'allontanamento, sarà da me punto con una severa punizione disciplinare dopo che avrà esaurito altri particolari riguardati la sua deficiente azione di comando, nelle circostanze che dettero motivo al tentativo di allontanamento da parte delle reclute.

Anche il non completo addestramento dei locali, dovuto alla interruzione per oltre un mese dei lavori di sistemazione delle caserme per colpa del Ministero della Guerra che non fornì tempestivamente i fondi occorrenti, ha influito sullo stato d'animo delle reclute, depresso per l'allontanamento dal C.A.R. regionali.

Sono fermamente convinto però che, più che le cause sopracitate, ha avuto influito a determinare la grave mancanza collettiva la propaganda sovversiva propagata come veleno da elementi venuti con le reclute e che seguendo un loro piano evidentemente prestabilito e ben determinato, non tralasciano occasione alcuna per svolgere opera dannosa alla coesione disciplinare del reparto per renderli facili al collasso.

Per la individuazione di questi elementi, che a detta di molti ufficiali e sottufficiali, lavorano sodo con molta abilità, ho preso provvedimenti.

Porterò ancora nei prossimi giorni la mia particolare attenzione sulla Scuola Artieri; ritengo però che dopo l'intervento immediato ed energico del Generale Artieri ed il rapporto da me tenuto ieri mattina a tutti i militari della Scuola, durante il quale ho insistito molto sulla necessità di una ferma disciplina da parte di tutti in questo particolare momento che attraversa il paese, sia da escludere la eventualità di incidenti del genere di quello avvenuto sabato 4 corrente.

IL COMANDANTE
CORRISPONDENTE DI BELLETTA S. ROMEO



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SUBJECT: Armoured Cars.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools
(Tel: ROME 66748/9)

Ref: AG/10/1447

15 April 46.

To: Comando
Scuola Centrale Militari.

Copy for information to:
Comandante
Scuola Autoblindo
Torre-del-Quinto.

1. I attach hereto report by my D.A.D.M.E. on the cannibalization of Staghoude which has taken place since these vehicles were taken over from the British. It is clearly established throughout the Army that cannibalization is unauthorized and a serious offence. While appreciating the enthusiasm which has enabled the Comandante of the Autoblindo School to get five cars on the road in place of six with minor components missing, there is a grave danger that, with the limited amount of knowledge and experience with this class of vehicle available, that serious damage will be done. The practice will therefore cease.
2. Reference is made to paragraph 5 of the attached letter, and it is not understood how six vehicles could have been accepted from another unit, each of which was deficient of some essential component. Had the take-over been carried out in a proper way, the subsequent complaints which have been made about the condition of these vehicles would not have been called for.
3. Attention is further drawn to paragraph 7 and it is hoped that no unauthorized mechanic will, under any circumstances, attempt to adjust this highly complicated mechanism.
4. It is requested that orders be given by Comando Scuola at the earliest possible date on the lines of the above comments.

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Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

SUBJECT :- Armoured Cars.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: Rome 66348/9)

Ref :

15 April 1945.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. Reference Appendix 'A' to 12 B.L.U. Letter AQ/10/1334, dated 3 April '45.

2. On Monday 3 April, Cpl Miller and Cfn Dale were sent to Torre di Quinto to inspect the non-running Stagbounds.

3. Cpl. Miller reports that only 4 Stagbounds are actually off the road.

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2, 3 and 4, Forward driving gear & do not engage.

4. The following components were, at one time missing from various cars but unauthorised cannibalisation has taken place, so that all items are now missing from one car.

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- (b) Fuel Pump.
- (c) Voltage Regulator.
- (d) Fan.
- (e) Water Pump.
- (f) Tyre and Inner Tube.

5. There is a strong appearance of slowness in "taking over" drill if six vehicles have been accepted from another Unit each deficient of one of the above items.

6. Though the cannibalisation has in effect put 5 cars on the road, the Unit lines is not the locality for this action. Such work

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12 British Liaison Unit.

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6. Though the cannibalisation has in effect put 5 cars on the road, the Unit lines is not the locality for this action. Such work if done at all, should be carried out by the 155 Workshop.
7. With regard to the 3 cars on which forward drive cannot be engaged. It is pointed out that the gear boxes are *entirely* *fully* automatic in forward gears and control or gear changing is carried out by springs and oil pressure. All linkages are critical to a high degree, and controls should only be examined and/or adjusted by specialist personnel.

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MAJOR H.J. RAMFORD, R.A.C.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT for the Italian
Central Military Schools,

C. M. P.

3 April 1946.

Dear *Bill*SUBJECT: Armoured Cars.

I have now completed the investigation with regard to the Armoured Car position and results are as follows:-

We have a total of 23 Staghouads and 7 Daimler Scout Cars (Dingo's). Of the 23 Staghouads, 7 are non-runners. All the Dingo's are in running condition and all the Staghouads have complete armament. A list showing Vehicle makers, armament, faults and remarks is at Appendix 'A' attached.

With regard to the non-running Staghouads I am given to understand that, as the Italians have no spares for these vehicles, in order to get some vehicles back on to the road they intend to cannibalize parts from other non-running cars. I would like to have a ruling from you if this can actually be implemented.

The position with regard to the Armoured Cars has never been made very clear; that is to say, whether they are on loan or whether they are to be handed over. I am given to understand they were handed over to the Italian Army in Bologna, prior to our collection, but I would like to have something definite on paper from you.

Yours *cm**Harry*
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Major E.W. Bradley, Dmiskn.
R.Q. Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC (MIA).

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APPENDIX "A"

To: 12 BLN Letter 10/1334
 dtd. 3 Apr. 46.

NON-FIGHTING STAGHOUSES.

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Armament.</u>	<u>Fault.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
P.215516	ALL	U/S Dynamo.	Exchange.
P.215399	ALL	Gaskets burnt.	Awaiting Spares.
P.225482	ALL	Gaskets blown.	Awaiting Spares.
P.215152	ALL	One tyre and inner tube U/S.	Exchange.
P.235604	ALL	Gaskets.	Awaiting Spares.
P.116913	ALL	Clutches need adjusting.	Specialist Job.
P.117000	ALL	Fuel Pump U/S.	Exchange.

DAMLER SCOUT CARS (DINGOS)

207015	206836	206952	206872	207083
207041	206261			

All Scout Cars running at the moment but two new sets of points are needed for the Distributors. Also acid and distilled water needed for the batteries.

STAGHOUSES REMAINS.

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Armament.</u>
P.215594	ALL ⁺⁺⁺
P.225511	"
P.116886	"
P.116407	"
P.225305	"
P.214100	"
P.116301	"
P.116943	"
P.235633	"
P.215150	"
P.116746	"
P.116931	"
P.215532	"
P.215220	"
P.116482	"
P.225313	"

⁺⁺⁺ 'ALL' under Armaments designation ONE 37 mm. and THREE .50 Browning M.Gs.

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Major H.J. Bamford, I.A.C.

12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools,

C. H. F.

Ref: 10/1257

25 March 1946.

Dear Colonel

1. I enclose herewith remainder of the Staff Tables in respect of Training Equipment and Stores for the Italian Training Centres, as follows:

- List 'A' -- Weapons, including .22 Rifle.
- List 'B' -- All other equipment and stores.
- List 'C' -- Spares List for one year.
- List 'D' -- Requirements of Ammunition, by types.
- List 'E' -- Requirement for Training H.Q.

2. I would like to add a few miscellaneous notes on the tables, for your guidance.

General. (a) It has been assumed throughout that all items enumerated will arrive with spares to normal scale, e.g. Rifles will arrive complete with Bayonets, Bombards and Oil Bottles, Pull-throughs, etc., etc.

(b) You will note that I have included your figures as per H.K.I.A. letter SD.109 dated 6 Dec. 45 in the AMMUNITION FOR ONE MONTH column (c) and NOT in the TOTAL column (d). I consider in this form it is very much easier to read. The figures required of these items, especially weapons and vehicles, are lower, in the majority of cases, than those quoted in your letter. This, I think, is on the right side as it was arranged that your figures represented a conservative estimate of requirements.

(c) Vocab and Part numbers have been added in the REFERENCES Column (f) wherever possible.

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(c) Vocab and Part numbers have been added in the MATERIALS Column (r) wherever possible.

(d) Requirements for the Armoured Car Schools have been added to the Infantry School requirements and a note to this effect added in the REMARKS Column (r).

(e) The ammunition table (List 'D') represents the total required for the period. Ammunition actually held has not been included as it will probably be fired in the next few weeks and therefore expended. Similarly, any other expendable items in the lists have been treated in the same way and amounts held - Column (o) - not completed.

(f) A list of MAINTAIN WARFARE EQUIPMENT has also been included, marked 'Appendix X'. This was not included in List 'B' as it was thought that in all probability this equipment would not be forthcoming.

(g) No consideration has been taken of a possible H.Q.'s School.

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- (b) Regarding Victors MSB, as opposed to other weapons, most items of spares and equipment have been included.
- (1) It has been assumed in all cases that students will arrive at the Schools equipped normally, as soldiers.
- (3) Armoured Cars have not been included as the majority of Armoured Cars are either already here or in process of being collected.

3. I would like to thank you for the loan of the Corporal Clerk, who has given us invaluable assistance in the typing of the tables.

4. Whilst it is hoped that these tables will be of some assistance to you, the delay in submitting them to you is very much regretted but the project was considerably greater than was at first envisaged.

Yours

W.L. Medley

Lt.Col. W.L. Medley,
R.A.
Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MCA).

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MAJOR H.J. BARNFORD, R.A.C.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT for the
Italian Central Military Schools

G. M. F.

23 March 1946.

Dear Colonel

I enclose herewith Special Interim List Parts I and II,
for your G.M.Q. conference tomorrow.

The list includes :-

- (a) Requirements for 5.5" guns complete.
 - (b) Ammunition for 5.5" guns, complete.
 - (c) Requirements for Bailey and Pontoon Bridging.
 - (d) Requirements of Special Signal Stores.
 - (e) Requirements of 17 A.A. equipment.
- These items are NOT included in any of the other tables.

You will no doubt appreciate that many of the items
enumerated in the rest of the tables are required urgently to enable
efficient training to take place, but I have divided the items for
the Interim List as per our conversation last week.

I hope that your G.M.Q. conference will meet with success

Yours

Lt.Col. W.L. Medlam,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

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16 March 1946.

The Land Forces Sub Comm,
 A.C. (M. H. I. A.)

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Colonel.

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
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(A) Operation.

All transport details are received from the Transport Section, Central Schools, separately by the two units and the equivalent of A.B. 246 is kept standing between a man, vehicle number, time in and out and distance run. Work tickets are made out and those inspected were in order. In the case of 2 G.S. Coy the work tickets are made out in the Company Office and then passed to platoons. It is felt that this is unnecessarily relieving the platoons of their responsibility, since inspectors A.B. 246 (work book) should be authorized by each platoon and work tickets issued by each platoon. Company offices only detailing vehicles from platoons in accordance with availability.

There were no "availability boards" in either 2 G.S. Coy Office or 1500 Transport Platoon. It was suggested by the Transport Officer that these should be taken into use for details and details were shown as to a method of laying out such boards.

(B) Administration.(1) A.B. 442.

A.B. 442 was not in use though new ones were in 2 G.S. Coy Office and vehicles had been signed over. The books were not complete. It was suggested that covers be placed over the books to prevent their disintegration through original cover becoming stained with oil and grease.

(2) A.B. 446.

These were in use, though when inspected were found to contain only records of platoon inspections and the G.O. 2 G.S. Coy explained that they never accompanied a vehicle to workshops and that neither did workshops record them for recording workshops' inspections.

(3) A.B. 449. Record of future platoon A. Inspection Department for 1 year.

This form is not in use and there were no records showing when a vehicle was to have platoon or workshop inspection. Names should be maintained in each platoon office.

(4) Oil Chart.

There were no charts showing various grades of oil to be used in different engines together with mileage changes.

(5) New Charts.

There were no charts showing the number and times of tyres issued or on change to different vehicles.

(6) Work Tickets.

The 16 Work Ticket is carried out only when vehicles are off the road for a maintenance day. A large chart is displayed showing the different tasks and approximate days. It was suggested that the task for the following day for lorries and motor cycles be displayed on G.O. Part I orders each day.

(vii) Oil Store.

There were three 5-gallon drums of oil in the same room used as the ration store (see section 3). In view of the proximity of the petrol point there should be no need for any oil store in Coy Lines.

(viii) Tyre Store.

40 Tyres were in the store of various sizes. Two tyres were shown to the inspecting officer that were mounted over with vehicle from an "efficient vehicle park" as they had large patches in them, rendering them quite useless. There were a considerable number of damaged tubes in the store. There were 16 4/8 tyres in the store.

(ix) Anti-Aircraft Precautions.

Vehicle radiators are drained every night.

(x) Tools.

There are no tools with vehicles.

(xi) Camouflage & superstructures.

Most vehicles are without either superstructure or camouflage, though those are on demand.

(c) VEHICLE PARKING.

(i) Parking.

A large proportion of vehicles are parked under cover on hard standing. The rest are parked on hard standing in the open. There is a great deal of dust that blows about when the weather is fine and which will affect maintenance to a considerable degree.

(ii) Fire Points.

There are a few fire points though the number is not adequate. Water buckets were empty.

(iii) Guards.

A guard of 4 H.O.C. and 6 men is mounted each night. Owing to shortage of personnel these guards fall heavily on H.O.C.'s.

(iv) Maintenance Work.

There is no separate park for daily maintenance or minor repairs.

(v) Speed Limit.

There is no speed limit laid down for Coy Lines and it is suggested that a board be erected displaying a speed limit of 40 miles per hour.

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(x) Tools.

There are no tools with vehicles.

(xi) Overhead A superstructures.

Most vehicles are without either superstructures or overhangs, though these are on demand.

(c) VEHICLE PARKING.

(1) Parking.

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(ii) Fire Points.

There are a few fire points though the number is not adequate. Water buckets were empty.

(iii) Guards.

A guard of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men is mounted each night. Owing to shortage of personnel these guards fall heavily on N.C.O's.

(iv) Maintenance Park.

There is no separate park for daily maintenance or minor repairs.

(v) Speed Limit.

There is no speed limit laid down for City limits and it is suggested that a board be erected displaying a speed limit of 10 ¹⁹⁰ kilometres per hour.

(vi) Booking in and out.

There is a man posted at the exit to book vehicles in and out.

(d) REPAIRS.

The two units are at present attached to 155 Platoon Workshop for maintenance and a certain amount of maintenance is done in civilian garages (40,000 lire limit per vehicle per 5 months). 2 C.I. Coy 1/5 Platoon is in process of forming, though no personnel have been posted so far. Two Workshop Technical Vehicles, one 35 years old and one 32 years old, have been received to date - both very short of tools.

3. DISCIPLINE.

(A) DISCIPLINE.

The discipline generally appeared lax. N.C.O.s and men were walking around with no hats on, battle dress blouses unbuttoned and untucked. 40 pairs of overalls are badly needed by the company for men to wear whilst doing maintenance. There have been an incident for one month. The boots of the men inspected were good. One pair is kept in store and one pair with the men

INSIDE.

(1) Cookhouse.

The men's cookhouse needs improvements. There was only 1 "Boyer Stove" in which a brew of midday meal was cooking for the midday meal. The chimney is not led outside and the whole cookhouse was filled with smoke, producing an atmosphere in which it was impossible to work, since one's eyes became affected almost immediately. The cookhouse was very blackened and needs whitewashing. There was no separate preparation room. The cook sleeps in one corner of the cookhouse. Fresh meat is purchased twice times per week.

(11) Mess Room.

There is no mess room for the men. The inspecting officer was present at the midday meal and the men ate their food in the open air in the vehicle sheds or billets. A mess room should be provided, with tables and forms.

(C) RATION STORE.

The ration store is in the mess room as the unit store, and was in a dirty condition. The rations were not stacked and a bag of flour was on the floor, 1 inch away from the tires drums of old referred to in Section 2 (b) (vii).

(D) WET ROOM.

Clothing and boots were in racks though there were no "bin cards" in use. A pile of clothing was in one corner which the Inspecting Officer was informed was to be cleaned. 1157's were found up-to-date. These are maintained in duplicate - 1 with the soldier and 1 with Platoon.

(E) Sleeping Quarters.

Billets were inspected and found to be currently apportioned to numbers accommodated. Beds were not made up nor kits laid out. The C.O. Guy pointed out that sleeping accommodation is going to be changed. The key 189 billet was inspected and is a large shed with concrete floor. Men sleep on cut and lighting and heating is installed this should be an improvement.

(F) LATRINES.

Latrines were of the "squat" type and were adequate for the number of men. Some of them were damaged and their condition was very dirty on the whole. The C.O. explained that there was trouble with the water flush system.

(G) ABLUATIONS.

The ablutions were adjoining the latrines and consist of a large pipe running horizontally round the wall over a trough placed waist high. 40 holes punched in this pipe provide 40 separate washing places. No bowls are held by the Company for men to wash. These should be supplied at the waste of

There is no mess room for the men. The inspecting officer was present at the midday meal and the men ate their food in the open or in the vehicle sheds or billets. A mess room should be provided, with tables and forms.

(C) RAITHE STONE.

The ration store is in the same room as the unit store, and was in a dirty condition. The rations were not stacked and a bag of flour was on the floor, 1 inch away from the three dress of oil referred to in Section 2 (B) (vii).

(D) UNIT STORE.

Clothing and boots were in racks though there were no "bin cards" in use. A pile of clothing was in one corner which the inspecting officer was informed was to be cleaned. 1157's were found up-to-date. Linens are maintained in duplicate - 1 with the soldier and 1 with Platoon.

(E) Sleeping Quarters.

Billets were inspected and found to be correctly apportioned to numbers accommodated. Beds were not made up nor kits laid out. The C.O. Ogy pointed out that sleeping accommodation is going to be changed. The new billet was inspected and is a large shed with concrete floor. When altered out and lighting and heating is installed this should be an improvement.

(F) LATRINES.

Latrines were of the "squat" type and were adequate for the number of men. Some of them were damaged and their condition was very dirty on the whole. The C.O. explained that there was trouble with the water flush system.

(G) AMUSEMENTS.

The salutations were adjoining the latrines and consist of a large pipe running horizontally round the wall over a trough placed waist high. 40 holes punched in this pipe provide 40 separate washing places. No bowls are held by the Company for men to wash. These should be supplied at the scale of one per ~~man~~ place.

(H) WELFARE:

There are no welfare amenities for the men. It was suggested that a room might be set aside for recreational purposes, fitted with chairs and a radio applied for.

The C.O. stated that the men have not any family troubles. At the moment two men are up for compassionate release and one man has gone on compassionate release. The special money prizes are, in this unit, allotted to men whose families are in need.

The C.O. asked whether a recreational vehicle could be authorized every two days to convey men to home, leaving at 1800 hrs. and returning 2359 hrs.

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At the time of the inspection the position was as follows :-

(a) 1500 Independent Transport Flats.

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(v) 20.3. 007.

Assessment.		Vehicles.			W
Personal.	Hill. (in str- ength.	Vehicles.	W.M. On str- ength.	Defi- cient plant	Sur- plus plant
Major, OC.	1	0	16	8	8
Capt. 2 1/2	1	1	20	1	19
Subaltern officers.	7	1	104	47	57
Agts. station.	1	1			

15-ent.	1	1	-
Platoon Accountant	1	1	-
Platoon Clerk	3	1	2
Platoon Clerk	34	35*	5
Platoon Clerk	1	1	-
Platoon Clerk	6	5	1
Platoon Clerk	37	29	8
Platoon Clerk	1	1	-
TOTAL	48	39	9

*2 of this number of vehicles encountered several hundred ago have not been struck off strength.

(b) 26.7. Day.

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Personnel.	Ill. On str- ngth.	Defi- cient.	Vehicle.	W.M. On str- ngth.	Defi- cient plus Reserve
Major, CO.	1	-	1	16	8
Capt. 2 L/c	1	-	1	20	19
Subaltern Officers.	7	1	6	104	57
Sgt. Admin.	1	1	-	-	-
Sgt. Medic.	1	1	-	-	-
Sgt. Na. Ser.	1	-	-	-	-
Sgt. Na. Ser.	2	-	-	-	-
Admin. Opl.	1	1	-	-	-
Clerk.	5	-	-	-	-
Barber.	1	-	-	-	-
Cook.	5	2	-	-	-
Der. 2e team.	4	-	-	-	-
W/Opl. 1st	16	-	-	-	-
Opl. 1st	16	4	-	-	-
Der. Medic.	13	-	-	-	-
Der. 1st	128	59	-	-	-
TOTAL	216	70	146	140	56

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Volumes.

5. IMPROVING OFFICIALS' EFFICIENCY AND SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT.

In addition to the above, demands for tools and enclosures and superstructures should be heeded.

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Electric cable.	2	-	2	-	-	1	-
Welders.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Vulcan- izers.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	12	-	12	-	2	2	1

5. IMPROVING OFFICER'S OPINION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

The inspection took place at a time when the accommodation was being re-allotted and a partial re-organization of the layout was taking place. 2 G.I. Coy is deservingly short of personnel, especially of Subaltern Officers, Driver Mechanics, Wipers and other Workshop trades. In addition, a great deal of R.M. work is needed in the way of cookhouse facilities, improvements to billets, etc. However, this does not explain the unsoldierly appearance of the men or the condition of the cookhouse, latrines, retail store, etc. There is need of a tightening of discipline, better lay-out and organization of cookhouse, billets, latrines, stores, etc., provision of welfare amenities for troops and the bringing up-to-date of the vehicle documentation.

In addition to the above, demands for tools and canopies and superstructures should be heeded.

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