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3. ORGANIZATION OF CAR.

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 - (ii) Inoculations.

- (iii) Holidays.
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Ref this Branch letter G/TRG/1 dated 7 Jan 46.

The Editors Meeting to discuss compilation of the handbook "Italian Army Training and Training Establishments" will be held tomorrow, 1 Feb, at 0915 hrs in the MMA Conference Room.

Assistant Editors as nominated in para 6 of a/m letter are requested to attend.

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