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1. The call-up was very successful. The CAR received more recruits than expected though the arrival of some of them after 1 Apr rather upset the programme. The CAR was generally satisfactory and well organized, and the Comd. and his staff had obviously made great efforts. He was very interested in the welfare of his recruits, and judging from their cheerfulness his work had evidently been very successful.

The main problems were:-

- (a) Shortage of instructors.
- (b) No accommodation for married families.
- (c) A rather tight fit in the accommodation at COMO.
- (d) Shortage of Tpt, and poor condition of the vehs held.

2. INSTRUCTORS

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3. ACCOMMODATION

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(i) COMO

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(ii) BRESCIA

Rather better than COMO, and more spacious. Good barracks, excellent class rooms, and, when finished, a good canteen and recreation building. With 6 Coys it is just right, and I don't think the accommodation of an extra Coy would be possible or advisable.

4. LOCATION

No change is recommended - I don't think the split is any serious disadvantage, and I think both COMO & BRESCIA are suitable from the trg point of view. As far as I could ascertain no trouble had been experienced, but from

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a political point of view BRESCIA may not be as healthy a place as some others in that area.

5. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Although the standard of instruction was not high and the shortage of instructors was serious, I thought the instructional staff were doing quite well, and at any rate they were extremely keen. Both the Comd and his 2nd i/c (at BRESCIA) seemed very good.

6. ADM STAFF

I think certain additional adm personnel are necessary for a split C.A.R. such as this, and may be equally necessary in the case of a C.A.R. which is located in one town in two Barracks 5 or 6 kms apart. In some cases the division of the adm personnel between the 2 locations is not entirely satisfactory, and employment of civilians, particularly in cockhouses, is the result.

7. CONCLUSION

If the extra accommodation can be provided at COMO and something can be done for married families, I think this will be a very good C.A.R.

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Major,
C.S.O 2 (Trg)

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Report on Inspection of No 3 C.A.R. on 27 Apr. 1946.

Inspecting Officer Rk. Major Name ED LUCKOCK

Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer			
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	OR's
1.	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u> <u>Married quarters. Complete cols 3:4:5:6</u>	No married quarters available. The Comdt & the B&V are hoping that the Transatlantic Hotel will become available for this. It would take approx 70 families, but it is still requisitioned by the Allies - (earmarked for Gt. etc)			
	(a) Do married quarters exist. ?				
	(b) What percentage are so housed. ?				
	(c) Is this accom adequate and cheap ?				
	(d) Are quarters far from Barracks. ?				
	(e) Is transport provided to move to and from Barracks. ?				
2.	<u>Single quarters.</u>				
	(a) Is accom satisfactory. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(b) Are latrines adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	No.	No
	(c) Are washing arrangements adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	No	No
3.	<u>Messes.</u>				
	(a) Are the Mess arrangements adequate. ? (Cols. 3:4:5: only)	Yes	Yes	None	/

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far from Barracks. ?					
provided to move to and					
only.					
adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	No.	No	
arrangements adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	No	No.	
arrangements adequate. ? (only)	Yes	Yes	None	/	

Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u>	
4.	Have you any observations on Single quarters or messes not covered in questions 1 to 3. ?	No.
5.	Do messes or Clubs exist for Staff privates. ?	No.
6.	If not is there any segregation or extra comfort for them. ?	No - entirely with recruits. ✓
	<u>Accommodation of Recruits.</u>	
7.	How are recruits accommodated. Single Tier ? Double Tier ?	All in double tier.
8.	Do conditions appear to be hygienic or is overcrowding dangerous ?	Yes. No particular overcrowding. Shortage of latrines & ablutions. ✓
	<u>Mess Halls.</u>	
9.	Do separate Mess Halls exist for Privates and Graduates of permanent Staff and recruits. ?	No.
10.	Are Mess Halls furnished. ?	Tables & forms.
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting.?	100%
12.	How many have to eat standing or in the open. ?	None.

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Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended. (3)
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er ?	No.	
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e mess Halls exist for and quarters of permanent recruits. ?	100%	
Halls furnished. ?	None.	
can be accommodated sitting. ?		
have to eat standing or in ?.		

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Kitchens</u>	
13.	Have Officers' Mess and NCOs' Messes got Kitchens separate from the Troops ?	Yes. - quite good
14.	Are the Troops' Kitchens adequately fitted with cooking Ranges and Appliances ?	Yes - incl electric potato-peeler.
15.	Do suitable larders and stores exist ?	Yes.
16.	Do meals appear well cooked and are they well served up ?	Yes - very good.
17.	Do the feeders appear to be satisfied with what they are getting ?	Yes.
	<u>Armouries</u>	
18.	Are Armouries adequate ? Are there Weapon Racks ?	Rather small - No weapon racks so far, but are on order.
19.	Do Armoury Storemen know their job ?	Fair - little knowledge of Brit weapons.
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	Yes.
21.	Is storage of clothing etc pro-	Yes.

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Kitchens and Mess Halls Kitchens separate from mess?	Yes. - quite good	
Kitchens adequate with cooking Ranges etc?	Yes - incl electric potato-peeler.	
Barracks and stores ?	Yes.	
Food well cooked and all served up?	Yes - very good.	
Mess appear to be satis- fied with what they are get- ting?	Yes.	
Weapon racks adequate? Are they on Racks?	Rather small - No weapon racks so far, but are on order.	
Storemen know their weapons?	Fair - little knowledge of Brit weapons.	
Weapons clean?	Yes.	
Clothing etc pro-	Yes.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Armouries</u> (Contd)	
	perly done; are stores adequate ?	Stores were sufficient for the small quantity clothing held.
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low ?	Average.
23.	Are there proper latrines and urinals ?	Yes, but not nearly enough.
24.	Do these work ?	Yes.
25.	Are numbers of seats adequate ?	No.
26.	Is there any evidence of insufficient latrine accn (Blocked Pans or Odd Corners being used) ?	No.
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores flyproofed ?	Not yet - to be done soon.
28.	Is there a plentiful supply of running water in Cookhouses ?	Yes.
29.	Is Cookhouse drainage good ?	Yes.
30.	Are Mess-halls flyproofed ?	No.
31.	Is the "Washing Up" system adequate ?	Yes.

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
(Contd)		
Are stores adequate ?	Stores were sufficient for the small quantity of clothing held.	
Is discipline seen here ?	Average.	
Are proper latrines and ?	Yes, but not nearly enough.	
Work ?	Yes.	
Are seats adequate ?	No.	
Any evidence of insufficiency seen (Blocked Pans being used) ?	No.	
Pans and Food Stores fly- ?	Not yet - to be done soon.	
Is plentiful supply of water in Cookhouses ?	Yes.	
Is drainage good ?	Yes.	
Are walls flyproofed ?	No.	
Is "Washing Up" system adequate ?	Yes.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Hygiene</u> (Contd)	
	Is and hygienic ?	
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	Yes. No. There didn't appear to be very much swill.
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	No. definitely short.
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Showers and a few baths.
35.	Is hot water provided ?	Yes.
36.	How many hot baths does the recruit get per week ?	One per week.
	<u>Welfare</u>	
37.	What is the general standard of Messing ?	Good.
38.	What is clothing like, particularly boots ?	Shoes particularly poor. Boots fair. Otherwise quite good.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	One (Civilian Contractor)
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	Well stocked, wine, food, sweets, note-paper, pens, brushes, cleaning materials, etc.

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Welfare (Contd)</u>	
41.	Are there any special recreation rooms ?	One small writing & reading room.
42.	Are they furnished ?	A few tables & forms.
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	Only the Canteen.
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit: (a) Indoor ? (b) Outdoor ?	No. Football only.
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the GAR welfare ?	No.
46.	Are there cinema shows or concerts ?	No.
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lighted ?	No heating.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is MI Room complete ? Is there a reception centre ?	Yes. 7 beds for sick personnel.
49.	Is MO keen on his job ?	Yes.

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Scenario (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Special recreation ?	One small writing & reading room.	
Heated ?	A few tables & chairs.	
Any comfort out- door room ?	Only the Canteen.	
Open for the recruit:		
Dr ?	No.	
Door ?	Football only.	
No organisations Welfare ?	No.	
A shows or conc- ? ?	No.	
Is heated ? Lig- ? ?	No heating.	
Canteen ? Is there ? ?	Yes. 7 beds for sick personnel.	
Is job ?	Yes.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Medical (contd)</u>	
50.	Does he make frequent hygienic inspections of Barracks, latrines etc ?	Occasionally. The state of the barracks was reasonably good.
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	By ambulance to Como Civil Hospital.
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	25-30 - mostly minor injuries & complaints.
	<u>Transport</u>	
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Poor.
54.	Are garages adequate ?	Yes.
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	} Yes.
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?	
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?	Use of transport is limited by lack of petrol.
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for Inspections and Recces ?	Only one car available. ✓

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	
	<u>TRAINING</u>		
	<u>Weapon Training</u>		
59.	In view of known shortage of Instructors how has CAR solved its problems?	A great shortage of Graduates has meant too large squads. The Comd accepted this as inevitable for the 1st intake and was making full use of every instructor. (See also Covering notes)	
60.	How big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads? (b) Drill Squads? (c) PT Squads?		
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction?	Very few facilities at the moment, as all spare space had to be given up to accommodation of recruits. With a certain amount of reconstruction, adequate rooms could be made available (see covering notes)	
62.	Are supplies of training stores and targets ample? Rifle racks? Targets (are they painted on walls) Bayonet Training sticks etc.		
63	Is there an Assault Course?	Not yet, but it is hoped to have one in the near future.	
64	Give details of ranges Miniature 30yds - open? How many targets at each?		
65	What is the general standard of weapon training?	No miniature range. 4 30-yds ranges with 8 targets each. One range of 300 metres (8 targets) very close to the Box. Fairly good, considering the shortage of good instructors.	

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	<u>Weapon Training (Contd)</u>	
66	What is the condition of Arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	Reasonably good. Yes.
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?	No - it was reported that there was a shortage of oil & flannellette.
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	One civilian, with very little knowledge of Brit weapons.
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	No.
70	Is there any evidence of Br methods and the GSE 10 FT School. ?	Very little.
71	Is there a gymnasium. ?	No.
72	Is it properly equipped. ?	—
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, Cross country, Wrestling, Sports. ?	Only football.
74	Are progress graphs maintained, to show changes in weight and ability. ?	No.

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer.
	<u>Tactical Training.</u>	
75	Does Tactical doctrine conform generally to Br ideas? (formations, use of ground, rifle and Bren, in section etc, staging distance, indication and recognition etc.)	Not applicable at time of visit, as recruits were still undergoing 1st 4 weeks Primary Training.
76	Are the Br Battle drills taught. ?	
77	Is the Sand table used. ?	
78	Is instruction on the ground really thorough. ?	
79	Are Instructors completely 'au fait' with our methods ?	Yes - I discussed this question with Comd, who assured me that all preparations for the Tactical Trg had been made. Not yet applicable.
80	Have adequate recesses of ground been made, and is ground selected in every way suitable. ?	
81	Is Reprehending instruction thorough and in the compass taught. ?	
82	<u>Range Courses.</u> A Range Course has been laid down by the 2 of W. Is it used. ?	Only 5 rds grouping with rifle and 5 rds grouping with Bren had been possible.
83	Do Instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	Too few instructors & consequently not enough coaching & supervision. Range discipline was quite good.

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84	<u>Range Course (Contd)</u> Are registers kept. ?	Yes.
85	<u>General.</u> Do you think as a result of this inspection that the C.M. is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	See separate notes.
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the Adm Staff. ?	
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation with the help of the Territorial Council, or vice versa. ?	Yes.

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		Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	OR's
1.	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u> <u>Married quarters. (Cols. 3:4 5:6:)</u>	No married quarters available. Unit is planning to accommodate (sleeping only) 8-10 Officers' families in some spare accommodation in the barracks.			
	(a) Do married quarters exist. ?				
	(b) What percentage are so housed. ?				
	(c) Is this accom adequate and cheap ?				
	(d) Are quarters far from Barracks. ?				
	(e) Is transport provided to move to and from Barracks. ?				
2.	<u>Single quarters.</u>				
	(a) Are latrines adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(b) Are latrines adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(c) Are washing arrangements adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes.
3.	<u>Messes.</u>				
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	SENIORS	Senior PCO's	Junior PCO's	OR's	
Permanent Staff.					
Quarters exist. ?					
Are so housed. ?					
Quarters adequate and cheap ?					
From Barracks. ?					
Need to move to and					
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Quarters adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes.	
Quarters adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	None	/	

Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u>	
4.	Have you any observations on mess hall quarters. Single quarters or messes not covered in questions 1 to 3. ?	No.
5.	Do messes or Clubs exist for Staff privates. ?	No - Same facilities as for recruits.
6.	If not is there any segregation or extra comfort for them. ?	No.
	<u>Accommodation of Recruits.</u>	
7.	How are recruits accommodated. Single Tier. ? Double Tier. ?	All in single tier.
8.	Do conditions appear to be hygienic or is it becoming dangerous ?	No serious overcrowding and barracks rooms are large & airy.
	<u>Mess Halls.</u>	
9.	Do separate Mess Halls exist for Privates and Graduates of permanent Staff and recruits. ?	No.
10.	Are Mess Halls furnished. ?	Tables & forms.
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting.?	100%
12.	Do many have to eat standing or in the open. ?	None.
		Mess halls are spacious tables on which reconstruction work had not begun. When finished they should be very good.

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on Permanent Staff.		
observations on or ... not questions 1 to 3. ?	No.	
Clubs exist for ... ?	No - Same facilities as for recruits.	
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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Kitchens</u>	
13.	Have Officers' Mess and NCOs' Messes got Kitchens separate from the Troops ?	Yes - rather small & cramped, and not particularly clean
14.	Are the Troops' Kitchens adequately fitted with cooking Ranges and Appliances ?	Yes, including electric potato-peeling machine.
15.	Do suitable larders and stores exist ?	Yes.
16.	Do meals appear well cooked and are they well served up ?	Yes - very well.
17.	Do the feeders appear to be satisfied with what they are getting ?	Mainly Yes.
	<u>Armouries</u>	
18.	Are Armouries adequate ? Are there Weapon Racks ?	Generally rather small. Weapon racks were ordered but had not arrived.
19.	Do Armoury Storemen know their job ?	Fair - little knowledge of British weapons. Storemen seemed very keen, and armouries were generally tidy & well ordered.
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	On the whole Yes.
21.	Is storage of clothing etc proper ?	Yes.

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Kitchens and Mess-houses separate from ?	Yes - rather small & cramped, and not particularly Clean.	
Kitchens adequate with cooking Ranges ?	Yes, including electric potato-peeling machine.	
Barracks and stores ?	Yes.	
Food well cooked and well served up ?	Yes - very well.	
Food appears to be satisfactory what they are getting ?	Mainly Yes.	
Stores adequate ? Are there racks ?	Generally rather small. Weapon racks were ordered but had not arrived.	
Storemen know their weapons ?	Fair - little knowledge of British weapons.	
Weapons clean ?	Storemen seemed very keen, and armories were generally tidy & well ordered.	
Clothing etc provided ?	On the whole Yes.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Armouries</u> (Contd)	
	perly done; are stores adequate ?	Very little clothing requires to be stored.
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low ?	Average.
23.	Are there proper latrines and urinals ?	Yes.
24.	Do these work ?	Yes.
25.	Are numbers of seats adequate ?	Yes.
26.	Is there any evidence of insufficient latrine accn (Blocked Pans or Odd Corners being used) ?	No.
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores flyproofed ?	Not yet.
28.	Is there a plentiful supply of running water in Cookhouses ?	Yes.
29.	Is Cookhouse drainage good ?	Yes.
30.	Are Mess-halls flyproofed ?	No.
31.	Is the "Washing Up" system adequate ?	Yes.

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Hygiene (Contd)</u>	
	te and hygienic ?	
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	No. No.
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	Yes.
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Sufficient Showers, and a few baths.
35.	Is hot water provided ?	Yes.
36.	How many hot baths does the recruit get per week ?	At least one Shower per week.
	<u>Welfare</u>	
37.	What is the general standard of Messing ?	Very good.
38.	What is clothing like, particularly boots ?	Soles very poor quality, boots poor, otherwise fairly good.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	One (Civilian Contractor)
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	Very well stocked with Wine, food, razors, Soap, ink, note paper, pens, cleaning materials, etc. Prices Seemed quite reasonable - Considerably lower

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	<u>Welfare (Contd)</u>	
41.	Are there any special recreation rooms ?	One small writing room # and one small reading room. A few tables & chairs.
42.	Are they furnished ?	
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	None other than Canteen.
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit: (a) Indoor ? (b) Outdoor ?	None so far. Football only.
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the GMR welfare ?	No.
46.	Are there cinema shows or concerts ?	No.
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lighted ?	No heating. Barrack rooms well lit.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is MI Room complete ? Is there a reception centre ?	Yes. Yes. 9 beds for sick personnel. Slight shortage of med supplies.
49.	Is MO keen on his job ?	Yes.

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	<u>Medical (contd)</u>	
50.	Does he make frequent hygienic inspections of barracks, latrines etc ?	Doubtful, as the general standard of hygiene throughout the barracks was not very high.
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	By ambulance to BRESCIA Civil Hospital.
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	25-30 per day, most of which are very minor complaints.
	<u>Transport</u>	
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Poor.
54.	Are garages adequate ?	Yes.
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	} not seen.
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?	
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?	Shortage of petrol restricts the use of the few vehicles available.
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for inspections and Recces ?	Only one car available.

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Evidence of medica- tion ?		
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Doctors have use of Inspections and ?	Only one car available.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>TRAINING</u>	
	<u>Weapon Training</u>	
59.	In view of known shortage of Instructors how has C&R solved its problems?	Owing to the large deficiency of graduates, all Squads were too big. There was, however, evidence of full use of available instructors not being made as I saw one Squad of 35 being taken by a Subaltern with a graduate standing by as an onlooker.
60.	How big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads? (b) Drill Squads? (c) PT Squads?	
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction?	} Approx 30-35
62.	Are supplies of training stores and gadgets ample? Rifle marks? Targets (are they painted on walls) Bayonet Training sticks etc.	
63.	Is there an assault Course?	Excellent classrooms in a large block. Also, there is ample space in the old stables, part of which are used as Mess hall (See 10) No. Various training aids were on order, but had not arrived. No targets had been painted on walls, and I suggested to the Comdt that this should be done. Not yet - one is planned when materials are available. No miniature range - suitable space is available in the Bks. 30 yds - 18 targets. Open - rather far from Bks.
64.	Give details of ranges Miniature 30yds - open? How many targets at each?	
65.	What is the general standard of weapon training?	

Fairly good, considering the shortage of instructors.

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	<u>Weapon Training (Contd)</u>	
66	What is the condition of Arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	Quite good - I saw no really dirty weapons. Yes.
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?	No sign of any oil & 4x2. Evidently cleaning materials are improvised.
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	Bad - only one civilian ^{with} has very little knowledge of Brit weapons.
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	No.
70	Is there any evidence of Br methods and the CES NO PT School. ?	Very Very little.
71	Is there a gymnasium. ?	No.
72	Is it properly equipped. ?	—
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, Cross country runs, Wrestling, Sports. ?	Only football so far.
74	Are progress graphs maintained. to show changes in weight and ability. ?	No.

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75	<u>Tactical Training.</u> Does tactical doctrine conform generally to Br ideas? (formations, use of ground rifle and arm, in section etc, staging distance, indication and recognition etc.)	Visit took place during 1st 4 weeks Primary training, and no tactical trg was seen. I discussed the subject with the Co. and my impression was that he was fairly well conversant with what was required.
76	Are the Br Battle drills taught. ?	
77	Is the Sand Table used. ?	
78	Is instruction on the ground really thorough. ?	
79	Are Instructors completely 'au fait' with our methods ?	
80	Have adequate records of ground been made, and is ground selected in every way suitable. ?	Due to the late arrival of weapons & ammo, recruits had only been able to fire S&S grouping with rifle and S&S grouping with Bren.
81	Is mapreading instruction thorough and is the compass taught. ?	
82	<u>Range Courses.</u> A Range Course has been laid down by the N of W. Is it used. ?	
83	Do Instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	Too few instructors. No sign of any proper coaching on the firing point.

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84	<u>Range Course(Contd)</u> Are registers kept. ?	Yes.
85	<u>General.</u> Do you think as a result of this inspection that the CMI is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	} See separate notes.
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the Adm Staff. ?	
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation with the CMI from the Territories, Comdants, or vice versa ?	Yes.

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SUBJECT: C.A.Rs.

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19 June 46

It is noted that, according to the Training Handbook, the No. 3 C.A.R. located at COMO and BRESCIA, is in a temporary location only.

It is requested that the C.A.R. now be allowed to remain in these two locations, as it has been found, from the experience of the first course, that no better locations or accommodation can be found in LOMBARDY.

Considerable money has been spent by the Ministry of War on both barracks and also the project for classrooms in the attics of the DE CRISTOFORIS BARRACKS at COMO has been approved, and, when this has been completed, two Bns will be located at COMO and the third Bn at BRESCIA.

At BRESCIA, where the training facilities are not quite as good as COMO, there is other accommodation, but at COMO where the training facilities are good, no other accommodation is available, therefore the merging of the two detachments is not considered practicable.

It is the opinion of the C.A.R. Comd. that, if the best results are to be obtained, the C.A.R. must remain in its present location, and this HQ is fully in agreement with this suggestion.

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1. The following points, based on visits to the CAR's of COMO and UNSCWA are forwarded for your information and such action you may consider necessary as regards onward transmission to the Commandants concerned.

2. INSTRUCTORS

Although there is an acute shortage of instructors, the situation is being aggravated by the fact that full use is not made of the few who are available. It is quite common to see a squad of about 60 men, for example, being instructed by a Sergeant with an Officer and two NCOs standing by and putting in a word here and there.

The correct procedure could be to divide up the squad into four, which would not only ensure more individual tuition, but would also enable the instructors themselves to work without interruption. The turn out and method of giving orders on the part of certain instructors leaves much to be desired. Instructors should be scrupulously well turned out, and should thus set an example to the recruits; and no instructor should ever give an order to a squad while he himself is standing at ease or walking about.

An instructor who is smart will not only gain the confidence of the men, but they will unconsciously copy him and thereby become smart themselves.

When a large squad is unavoidable, instructors must speak loudly so that all can hear. I have noticed several cases of instructors speaking only to the centre of a squad, whilst those on the flanks cannot hear a word of what is going on.

3. INTERUPTIONS

Once a lesson has started, there should be no interruption. Should the Commandant, when visiting squads under instruction, wish to criticise the instructor's methods, he would be well advised to wait until the break at the end of the lesson, when he can call the instructors together and point out any faults.

To criticise an instructor in front of the recruits is a bad mistake, and the recruits will instantly lose confidence in their instructor.

This point was brought out in the War Ministry Directive, and is most important.

4. DISCIPLINE

When the men are under instructions they must be made to realise that they are 'on parade'. There must be no talking and lounging about. An instructor who has not got his squad in hand is quite useless, and they liberties with him and waste their time.

Call out from a parade unless genuinely concerned by an NCO.

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sick, in which case he should be accompanied to the medical room by an NCO.

5. VEHICLES.

Neither of the C&R's has sufficient to ensure smooth working. Both
report that they are below establishment in this respect and furthermore
that some of their vehicles are non-runners.

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2 Apr 46

No further progress reports in respect of the constructional work being carried out at the "DE CRISTOFORIS" Barracks, COMO and "GIANNI" BARRACKS, are required by this HQ.



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13 Mar 46.

Final rehearsals have been held at both the DE CRISTOFORIS and OTTAVANI Bks of the CAR and both are now ready for the reception of recruits.

The only serious shortage at present are the arms which we have been informed leave NAPLES for COMO by rail on the 18 Mar 46.

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and Training Establishments.

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12 Mar 46.

Ref your letter TRG/1 of 12 Jan, and your signal TRG/149 of 27 Feb 46.

Att herewith plan of DE CRISTOFORIS Bks COMO, and plan of OTTAVIANI Bks
BRESCIA, also maps showing reserved military areas, ranges and fd firing zones.

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