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REPORT ON VISIT TO MANTOPIO VERONESE - 4 CAR - ON 16-27 APR BY GSO I (TRG)

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		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>				
	(a) Do married quarters exist. ?	No	No.	No.	No.
	(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 the quarters satisfactory. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(b) Are lavatories adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(c) Are washing arrangements adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	<u>Dresses.</u>				
	(a) Are the Dress arrangements adequate. ? (Cols. 3:4:5: only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Ques.	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer				Action Recommended.
	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Permanent Staff.	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	OR's	Territorial Commanders has a scheme for conversion of existing Bks which will at least in some measure meet the needs.
Complete with 3:4 5:6					
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arrangements adequate. ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
arrangements adequate. ? (only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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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. ?	Officers + Under Officers messes will be very good in a very short time.
5.	Do messes or Clubs exist for Staff privates. ?	No.
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. <i>Majority</i> ?	
8.	Do conditions appear to be hygienic or as overcrowding dangerous ?	Overcrowding is not evident. Plenty of room.
	<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. ?	Yes.
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting.?	100%.
12.	Do 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)
<u>Station Permanent Staff.</u>	—	
any other actions on quarters or messes not in questions 1 to 3. ? s or Clubs exist for privates. ? is there any segregation and comfort for them. ?	Officers + under Officers messes will be very good in a very short time. No. No.	
<u>Station of Recruits.</u>		
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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Kitchens</u>	
13.	Have Officers' Mess and Troops' Messes got Kitchens separate from the Troops ?	Yes.
14.	Are the Troops' Kitchens adequately fitted with cooking Ranges and Appliances ?	Yes.
15.	Do suitable larders and stores exist ?	Not as good as they might be, but C.O. says plans cover improvements.
16.	Do meals appear well cooked and are they well served up ?	Yes. C.O. personally tastes the midday ration of each Bn.
17.	Do the feeders appear to be satisfied with what they are getting ?	Very -
	<u>Armouries</u>	
18.	Are Armouries adequate ? Are there Weapon Racks ?	Yes. Weapon racks just arriving.
19.	Do Armoury Storemen know their job ?	Yes.
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	Yes.
21.	Is storage of clothing etc pro-	

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Barracks' Mess and BCOs' Mess Kitchens separate from ?	Yes.	
Barracks' Kitchens adequate with cooking Ranges Stoves ?	Yes.	
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Barracks adequate ? Are Racks ?	Yes. Larder racks just arriving.	
Barracks foremen know their ? ?	Yes.	
Weapons clean ?	Yes.	
Clothing etc pro-		

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	<u>Armouries</u> (Contd)	
	perly done; are stores adequate ?	Yes - very good.
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low ?	High.
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 use (Blocked Pans or Old Corners being used) ?	No.
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores fly-proofed ?	No, but CO says he wants it done before summer.
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	

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discipline seen high ?	High.	
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Presence of insufficiency (Blocked Pass being used) ?	No.	
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	<u>Hygiene</u> (Contd)	
	te and hygienic ?	Not absolutely. Co. said he would see that there was an improvement.
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	Yes - with wood covers. But there was swill on the ground also.
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	Yes.
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Yes, but not sufficient. 1 out of 3 Bath Halls working. Other 2 under repair.
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 ?	Ce. Kvib. Co. personally tastes all food.
38.	What is clothing like, particularly boots ?	Good.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	1 per Battalion.
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	Food, Lard, Soap, Razors, Paper etc.

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Water ablutions exist for ?	Yes.	
Baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Yes, but not sufficient. 1 out of 3 Bath Halls working. Other 2 under repair.	
Water provided ?	Yes.	
Hot baths does the rest per week ?	One per week.	
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Clothing like, particularly ?	Good.	
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Canteens sell ?	Food, Canteen, soap, razors, Paper etc.	

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	<u>Welfare</u> (Contd)	
41.	Are there any special recreation rooms ?	Part of Canteens are furnished with writing tables + chairs etc.
42.	Are they furnished ?	See 41.
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	Yes. See 41.
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit:	
	(a) Indoor ?	Yes.
	(b) Outdoor ?	Yes. Football Basket ball.
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the C/R welfare ?	Not yet. C.O. hopes to contact certain useful elements in Verona.
46.	Are there cinema shows or concerts ?	Yes - in Barracks and free.
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lighted ?	Not heated but radiators are installed. Rooms are lighted.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is MI Room complete ? Is there a reception centre ?	Yes.
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 ?	Not sufficiently. Saw urine outside Dining Rooms and food on floors of Bk rooms. All bats etc were very clean.
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	Verona hospital + ambulance.
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	Very small.
	<u>Transport</u>	
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Good except for tyre shortage for small vehicles.
54.	Are garages adequate ?	Yes.
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	No.
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?	
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?	None apparent as CO wanted his Car + it was not being used by some one else.
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for Inspections and Recces ?	Yes within limits of Tyres. See 53

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	<u>TRAINING</u>	
	<u>Weapon Training</u>	
59.	In view of known shortage of Instructors how has CAR solved its problems?	On a modified "School System".
60.	How big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads ? (b) Drill Squads ? (c) PT Squads?	14 to 16. ditto. Rather large - about 12 boys.
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction?	Quinnia Halls + Lecture Rooms.
62.	Are supplies of training stores and gadgets ample ? Girls rifle ? Targets (are they painted on walls) Bayonet Training sticks etc.	Much better than elsewhere & improves from day to day. Excellent. I recommend this pattern to all CARs. yes. Targets were kept painted on walls.
63.	Is there an assault course ?	No.
64.	Give details of ranges Minature 30yds - open ? How many targets at each ?	6 x 6 at 30' with 2 spares (not very good) Open range not seen.
65.	What is the general standard of weapon training ?	Graduates are bad which lowers standard. Otherwise slightly better than others seen.

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66	<u>Weapon Training (Contd)</u> What is the condition of Arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	Quite good. Yes, but not by higher ranks.	
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?	C.O. improves.	
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	Not satisfactory.	
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	No. ✓	
70	Is there any evidence of Br methods and the CES to LT School. ?	Practically none.	
71	Is there a gymnasium. ?	No.	
72	Is it properly equipped. ?	—	
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, Cross country, etc., Wrestling, Sports. ?	No.	
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, fire and recon, in section etc, Judging distance, Indication and recognition etc.)	Not seen, but long discussion with Training Officers leads me to believe that the methods will be adopted + are well understood.	
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 recesses of ground been used, and is ground selected in every way suitable. ?		
81	Is the reading instruction thorough and is the compass taught. ?		
82	<u>Range Courses.</u> A Range Course has been laid down by the 2 of W. Is it used. ?	Not seen.	
83	Do Instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	Not seen.	

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84	<u>Range Course (Contd)</u> Are registers kept. ?	—
85	<u>General.</u> Do you think as a result of this inspection that the GRI is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	Excellent situation
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	Yes, but usual problem of Cpls.
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the Adm Staff. ?	— See separate letter.
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation between the GRI and the Territorial Command, or vice versa ?	Yes.

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To: Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC
(MMIA) Rome

Headquarters

4 BLU BOLZANO

Ref 4/GB/2-61

Mar 7 '46

Ref your TNG/1 dated 12 Jan '46, and further to my signal 4/GB/2 of 2 Mar '46, attached herewith are the details of C.A.R. called for:-

1. Brief description of Barracks and Ranges.
2. Plan of Barracks showing lay-out in detail.
3. Map showing locations of Barracks, Ranges etc.

RG M. 1. 1.
File: TNG/27/4.
Date: R/11/2

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GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Fmn)

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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TRANSLATION

No.4 Military Territorial Command

BOLZANO

Ops. and Training Section

Ref 01/5549/ADD/D-1

Mar 4 '46

Subject: "recruits Training Centre
(Barracks - Ranges)"

To: HQ 4 BLU BOLZANO

Ref 4/GB/2-19

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Ref (a) above. Closed Range. There is one permanent firing point which is under cover, and to alter the range for varying practises the targets are moved nearer or further out according to requirements. Maximum range - 400 Metres. 20 targets.

Ref (b) above. Open Range. This is the normal open long range. Maximum range - 500 Metres. 12 targets.

Ref (c) above. There are 12 separate 30 Yd Ranges.

NOTE No Field Firing Range has yet been found.

[Signature] Lt.Col.
G.S.

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