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To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

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6. Visitors were allowed to contact Officers, N.C.O's and men freely and directly, and to question them as to their individual opinions.

7. Included in the programme was a visit to Units during actual training, but this had to be cancelled owing to inclement weather.

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8. It is considered that the visit was successful and reached its aim.

9. Papers of all political tendencies have reported fully on the visit, and generally in favourable tones. Reports from various papers are enclosed herewith for information, and are worthy of study.

10. "Shots" were also made for the Weekly News Reel, and have since been shown in local cinemas.

D. J. P. Smith
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SUMMARY from "L'Avvenire d'Italia" (Christian Democrat)

10 November 1946

VISIT TO A RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER

Pesaro, 6 - Little is known by the man in the street about what is being done for the revival of our army.

After the first merely red tape period at the District and by Levy Commissions, the recruit remains one or three months at the CAR: one month if he is to become a specialist, three months if he has to serve in infantry. There are 11 CARs, one ⁱⁿ each territorial command and one on the way of being formed in Sicily. Each CAR may receive 4,000 men, 48,000 in total are therefore trained in every three months period. As three annual courses can then be held, 144,000 young men are trained in a year.

The 6th CAR is installed in the building of a modern barrack, considerably damaged ^{training} during the war. The equipment for theoretical and practical is notwithstanding sufficient, there is a well organized welfare office, a cinema, a library, a school for illiterate men and other recreational institutions. Democracy is applied in the CAR because a soldier from each company joins every fortnight by turn a commission for the control of quantities and cooking of rations, following food stuff materials from their origin until they are used for meals.

Instruction of recruits is carefully attended to also from the psychological point of view. CARs are trying to make the separation from civil life as pleasant as possible. They represent an experiment and time will say a decisive word about them.

SUMMARY from "LA LOTTA" (Communist)

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VISIT TO THE 6th CAR

The 6th CAR is installed at Pesaro in fairly spacious, clean, well equipped and well kept barracks.

We get soldiers to speak when they are away from their officers: they have nothing to complain about the ration which is good but rather scanty, though, admittedly, more abundant than that of civilians; they are also satisfied with their beds. They find that officers are still too rigid with them; soldiers call fascists those that are more so. Officers, in their turn, regret old times, they do not see much good in democratic innovations in barracks, they say they feel humiliated.

Officers have certainly a conservative trend, they do not feel very enthusiastic because service is hard, salary is low, so that they have continuous economic worries. That is why they are irritable with men and that is why men resent it.

It is necessary for officers to understand the new times and learn how to make discipline respected through affection and good manners. Our soldiers are good souls and they can certainly be better conquered by soft ways.

Major Federico Cattelani

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SUMMARY from "Il Progresso d'Italia" (Communist)

10 November 1946

SPIRIT OF REVIVAL IN THE REPUBLICAN ARMY

Pesaro, 6 - We felt rather suspicious when we heard that a revival movement was on the way in the Italian Army. A visit to the 6th CAR is sufficient to convince that such revival is really taking place here as in ten other similar centres.

They still represent an experiment but one realizes that old hard rules are banished and a pleasant feeling is prevailing.

There is a very smartly equipped bar with feminine decorations. The officers mess has a series of pictures illustrating meals from the stone epoch to the atomic era, while on the walls of barrack rooms weapons are reproduced ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ all their details.

The CAR boasts of a vast writing room, modern kitchens with real cooks, very clean water closets and bathrooms, with no creoline smell.

There is always a difference between theory and practice: the ration commission exists but it does not always intervene, democracy should exist but sergeants are still bullies, that elegant bar also exists but men do not have money to spend in it.

Anyhow we must admit that this CAR is very different and far superior to barracks of the time of yore.

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SUMMARY from "Il Progresso d'Italia" (Communist)

16 November 1946

YOUTH UNDER ARMS

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War years make humanity proceed at higher speed. Young men who did not participate in the war have very different ideas from old men who had a part in it.

Recruits with whom I spoke at the 6th CAR do not understand the necessity of their being trained. Those who served as partisans think they know enough and do not need to be ^{as}pested by so much theory; those of Southern provinces who had no share in the liberation struggle thought war was a monarchist evil and are astonished to see that also the Republic wants to have an army of conscripts.

Sicilians and Calabrese are particularly obstinate in saying: "We are not monarchists; our mothers, sisters and grand-fathers perhaps are, but we are nothing. What is the use of an army? We want peace and work."

Parties must therefore make a propaganda to persuade these men to be more reasonable. CARs are not sufficient to persuade them.

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From "Giornale dell'Emilia"
10 November 46 (liberal).

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OLD AND NEW IN 1946 ARMY LIFE.

Pesaro, November 9th.

Since March this year life in the army is changed. Did you know it? It is an historical fact, although today it may not seem so, it being fashionable to appear antimilitarist. There has been a revolution in the Italian army of the Risorgimento and of Vittorio Veneto, the Army of De Amicis and Monelli. Anglo American soldiers have beaten the Italian soldiers and the Italians have not lost time. They have adopted as model the Anglo American system of military organization and have applied it.

Not the whole system, naturally. Firstly because the allies are rich and we are poor. It would therefore not have been possible to follow their example "en bloc". Secondly, it is difficult, if not decidedly dangerous, to suddenly abandon traditions strongly knit into pages of magnificent glory, simply because a defeat, due to many reasons but certainly not to the new rundown system, disfigures the last page of such a glorious book as the Diary of the Italian Nation from the day of birth.

This is what the revolution consists in. The recruits are no longer sent from the districts to their corps. The C.A.R. have come into existence; eleven of them, as many as the territorial commands.

The C.A.R. in our area is the VI, and is stationed at Pesaro. In March of this year, in a large barracks that had a few hours before been left free by Allied troops, there arrived together the colonel in command, officers, CRS, Headquarters and Services companies and some thousands of 1924 recruits.

RETURN TO DISCIPLINE

The elections were barely two months off. The spirits inflamed by political passion, and naturally there was somebody who was interested in making mischief. No soldier loves military life. And on one point there seemed to be a general consensus: that the army should not be taken seriously. During the first week of the officers slept with their clothes on and a fully charged Tommy gun under the pillow, until one fine day a company of 250 men, including the three second lieutenants, started hostile demonstrations, poking fun at their superior officers. The slogan of "fascists" was the basis of the cries of the company of so-called partisans, and the lieutenant after having reunited his men and called

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From that day discipline, with its thousand absurdities perhaps indispensable in our climate, returned to the large C.A.A. barracks of Pesaro, and probably centuries will pass before it vanishes again.

Colonel Lucio Giurgetti told us, when I visited the Pesaro C.A.R. with other newspaper correspondents: "on the eve of the 2 June elections, I called a meeting in barracks of the representatives of the six political parties then in government and having told them that the restoration of the Army was required by their party chiefs, I asked them for their full collaboration in helping me to carry out my difficult work. Since then this collaboration has been amply afforded, first of all by the Syndic of Pesaro, before whom, after their three months training at the C.A.R., the 1924 recruits marched past in perfect order, enthusiastically welcomed by the population".

Until Sept 8th 1943 recruiting in Italy, as everyone remembers consisted in: visit to the District H.Q., medical examination and destination to the unit. Today the Districts simply send the recruits to the C.A.R., with the one hope of transforming the citizen into a soldier. After the first month of preliminary training the young recruits are attached to the training units of the various branches of the Army (artillery, engineers, motor transport) or to the units that complete the primary instruction for Infantry.

TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENT.

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The principal advantages of the new system are evidently: guarantee in training and economy in teaching (in three months 40000 recruits in the 11 C.A.R. of Italy are trained with an identical programme and therefore in the same time and manner). Moreover military life presents itself to recruits of today as much more comfortable than the Army life of past generations. First class meals (vegetable soup with meat broth or pasta asciutta, 200 grammes of meat, sausage or cheese, fresh and dried fruit, coffee, sugar, oil and six cigarettes daily; one cigarette and a sweet on Sundays) controlled by commissions composed of a noncom and a soldier per company; welfare and educational services with modern cinema theatre, gymnasium, classroom; sanitation (two groups of bathrooms with warm showers); barrack rooms with strong iron beds, sheets, pillowcases, quilts; and lastly the pay (39 lire a day) which in a small town like Pesaro that offers no amusements more attractive than those provided for by the C.A.R. is for the recruit of today and tomorrow an Army life a thousand times better than anything we have more or less known.

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SHOWING THE DISTANCES.

The old structure of the Army remains naturally intact. Today like yesterday the soldier is little more than a number, nearly completely detached from his superior. In this unfortunately the anglo-american example has been of no use. At Pesaro there is a high percentage of Sicilians and Calabrians, and therefore of poor illiterates, highly sensitive, often obsessed by the preoccupation of a young wife and children left without

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means of sustenance, at the mercy of the state administrative apparatus, which much too slowly provides for the payment of the allowances due. These fellows suffer but do not dare address themselves for counsel and help to the officers, and cannot speak with the colonel. It is necessary to attend for that the orderly room and often the subaltern does not think it worth considering the request.

There is also the question of 24 hours guard duty at the barracks entrance in the full kit including the bugler; there is the orderly corporal, the orderly serjeant, the orderly officer. But this more or less applies even to the Anglo Americans.

Federico Gardi.

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SUBJECT: Position for Firing

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22 Oct 46TO : 12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Forwarded for your information and necessary action
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*G. H. Connell, Major RA*Major General,
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GENERAL

1. The call-up was rather delayed. Recruits were still arriving during the first week of training. There is a strong Communist element from EMILIA and considerable trouble has been encountered.

The C.A.R. needs a strong Commander which is not the case at present. The Officers appear to be afraid of the men and discipline is distinctly low.

This is borne out by the fact that the Commander has not yet allowed the issue of rifles to recruits. He has the backing of the General at Territorial HQ on this and I need hardly mention that the effect of this decision makes the teaching of musketry quite ludicrous. Instructors are attempting to teach squads of 30 - 40 recruits with one rifle in the squad.

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ACCOMMODATION

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'Q' have since obtained the release of these barracks so the situation at PESARO can now be considerably eased.

MESSING

3. The standard of Messes is bad. The Officers live in an hotel in the middle of the town and I thought the messing very bad. The Officers have the same rations as the ORs but the cooking is not so good. No attempt has been made to augment the rations. Poor pay was the answer.

OR's messing was satisfactory although the bread issue caused some dissatisfaction. Seemed quite all right to me.

TRAINING

4. Definitely low standard. I do not see any hope of the preliminary training being completed in time for the departure of recruit specialists.

A most peculiar contraption described as a rifle rest for aiming was being used. It consisted of a tripod on top of which sat a cushion. The rifle was then rested on the cushion and an aim laid. It appears to me that someone at H of W (I say H of W as I understand it is a general issue) has got hold of the wrong idea and has issued elbow rests in lieu of aiming rests. I watched one unfortunate instructor taking about 4 - 5 minutes to 3x31 correct aim!!

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5. The Commander has not sufficient energy. Unless he is changed very soon I visualise much more serious trouble at PESARO. The recruits are slack, untidy, and pay no attention to the Officers. Saluting is practically non-existent.

W. Chisholm

CSO II (Schs)
G. Trg.

Report on Inspection of No 6 C.A.R. on 15450 1946.

Inspecting Officer Rk. MAJ. Name. R.P. CHRIST

Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer			
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u>	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior WCO's	OR's
1.	<u>Married quarters. Cols 3:4:5:6:</u>	<i>Only a few are accommodated. Fano offers better possibilities.</i>			
	(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>	<i>Far too crowded. Impartation that Bomacks at FANO be released to Italiani. Very poor. More outdoor latrines under construction. Yes.</i>			
	(a) Is accom satisfactory. ?				
	(b) Are latrines adequate. ?				
	(c) Are washing arrangements adequate. ?				
3.	<u>Messes.</u>	<i>Officers are hotel in town. Not good.</i>			
	(a) Are the Mess arrangements adequate. ? (Cols. 3:4:5: only)				

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	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u>	
4.	Have you any observations on Single quarters or messes not covered in questions 1 to 3. ?	<i>See 1</i>
5.	Do messes or Clubs exist for Staff privates. ?	<i>Not separate for recruits</i>
6.	If not is there any segregation or extra comfort for them. ?	
	<u>Accommodation of Recruits.</u>	
7.	How are recruits accommodated. Single tier. ? Double tier. ?	
8.	Do conditions appear to be hygienic or is overcrowding dangerous. ?	<i>Definitely overcrowded. Building near Dining hall is at present used for sleep</i>
	<u>Mess Halls.</u>	
9.	Do separate Mess Halls exist for Privates and Graduates of permanent Staff and recruits. ?	<i>See 8 above</i>
10.	Are Mess Halls furnished. ?	
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting.?	<i>Recruits eating in the open at present.</i>
12.	Do many have to eat standing or in the open. ?	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Kitchens</u>	
13.	Have Officers' Mess and WCs' Messes got Kitchens separate from the Troops ?	Yes <i>Yes in Hotel in Troops' Mess. - then have one large Cookhouse.</i>
14.	Are the Troops' Kitchens adequately fitted with cooking Ranges and Appliances ?	<i>Yes.</i>
15.	Do suitable larders and stores exist ?	<i>Yes.</i>
16.	Do meals appear well cooked and are they well served up ?	<i>Yes.</i>
17.	Do the feeders appear to be satisfied with what they are getting ?	<i>Yes. Bread seems sufficient but is usual source of complaint.</i>
	<u>Armouries</u>	
18.	Are Armouries adequate ? Are there Weapon Racks ?	<i>One large room contains all C.A.R. arms. No racks in room.</i>
19.	Do Armoury Storemen know their job ?	<i>One Warrant Officer appears to know - doing very good work.</i>
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	<i>Yes.</i>
21.	Is storage of clothing etc pro-	<i>Yes.</i>

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Beds and "Bunks" separate from ?	There is a separate room in Hotel in Town.	
Kitchens adequate with cooking Ranges ?	N.C.S. - There is one large kitchen.	
Orders and stores ?	Yes.	
Food well cooked and served up ?	Yes.	
Food appear to be satisfactory that they are getting ?	Yes. Bread seems sufficient but is usual source of complaint.	
Adequate ? Are there ?	One large room contains <u>all</u> C.A.R. arms.	
Men know their ?	No racks in rooms.	
Rooms clean ?	One Warrant Officer supervises arms - doing very good work.	
Clothing etc pro-	Yes.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Armouries</u> (Contd)	
	Early lane; are stores adequate?	
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low?	<i>Low. due to overcrowding</i>
23.	Are there proper latrines and urinals?	<i>Yes but not enough.</i>
24.	Do these work?	<i>Yes.</i>
25.	Are numbers of seats adequate?	<i>No.</i>
26.	Is there any evidence of insufficient latrine use? (Blocked pans or odd corners being used)?	<i>Yes</i>
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores flyproofed?	<i>No. Action will be taken.</i>
28.	Is there a plentiful supply of running water in Cookhouses?	<i>Yes.</i>
29.	Is Cookhouse drainage good?	<i>Yes</i>
30.	Are Mess-halls flyproofed?	<i>No Action will be taken.</i>
31.	Is the "Washing Up" system adequate?	

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Contd)		
Are stores adequate ?		
Discipline seem hi- ?	<i>Low. due to over-crowding</i>	
Proper latrines and ?	<i>Yes but not enough.</i>	
k ?	<i>Yes.</i>	
of seats adequate ?	<i>No.</i>	
Evidence of insuffi- - seen (Blocked drains being used) ?	<i>Yes</i>	
and Food Stores fly- ?	<i>No. Action will be taken.</i>	
Sufficient supply of in Cookhouses ?	<i>Yes.</i>	
Drainage good ?	<i>Yes</i>	
Is flyproofed ?	<i>No Action will be taken.</i>	
"Up" system adequa-		

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Hygiene</u> (Contd)	
	te and hygienic ?	No. No hot water provided. ✓
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	No signs of swill or swill bins
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	Not sufficient. ✓
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Yes. R
35.	Is hot water provided ?	Yes
36.	How many hot baths does the recruit get per week ?	One
	<u>Welfare</u>	
37.	What is the general standard of Messing ?	Good
38.	What is clothing like, particularly boots ?	Good.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	One large. Poorly stocked.
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	Rolls. - Coffee - Vins - Sausage. Miscellaneous (Paper blades etc)

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
ntd)		
enic ?	No. No hot water provided. ✓	
ins used ? Are they ?	No signs of smell or dirt bins	
ablutions exist for ?	Not sufficient. ✓	
ths ? Are they suf- ?	Yes. R	
r provided ?	Yes	
baths does the re- er week ?	One	
general standard of ?	Good	
thing like, particu- ? .	Good.	
s exist ?	One large. Poorly stocked.	
eens sell ?	Bkts. - Coffee - Vins - Sausage. Miscellaneous merchandise (Razor blades 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 large room. Suitable for dancing, sports.
42.	Are they furnished ?	Very little
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	See 41.
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit: (a) Indoor ? (b) Outdoor ?	Not nearly sufficient in this line. Football - Volley ball.
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the C&A welfare ?	No.
46.	Are there cinema shows or concerts ?	Cinema are proposed. One dance has been held.
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lighted ?	No. Yes.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is MI Room complete ? Is there a reception centre ?	Hospital 200 yds. from Barracks.
49.	Is MO keen on his job ?	Yes.

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Special recreation ?	One large room. Suitable for dances, concerts, etc.	
Furnished ?	Very little	
Any comfort out- look room ?	See 41.	
Room for the recruit: ?	Not nearly sufficient in this line.	
Sports ?	Football - Volley ball.	
Recreational organizations ?	No.	
Shows or con- certs ?	Concerts are proposed. One dance has been held.	
Is heated? Lig- hting ?	No. Yes.	
Is there a ?	Hospital 200 yds from Barracks.	
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 ?	No sanitation by is kept. Advised M.O. on this matter.
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	Hospital is quite close.
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	60 daily. ✓
	<u>Transport</u>	
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Good.
54.	Are garages adequate ?	Yes
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	Yes.
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?	No evidence of this but vehicle looked good.
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?	Commandant assures me this is done.
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for Inspections and Recces ?	Shortage of cars for this purpose. 3 more cars required for Battalion Commander.

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Remarks	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Frequent hygienic barracks, latrines?	No sanitation by is kept. Addressed M.O. on this matter.	
as exist for the personnel to hospital?	Hospital is quite alone.	
Average sick rate?	60 daily. ✓	
Condition of transport?	Good.	
Auto?	Yes	
Properly maintained?	Yes.	
Presence of mechanical?	No evidence of this. Car vehicle looked good.	
Check on use of transport?	Commandant assures me this is done.	
Do we have use of inspections and?	Shortage of cars for this purpose. 3 more cars required for battalion command.	

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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?	<i>This is definitely a problem. Squads are far too large and instructors are bad.</i>
60.	How big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads? (b) Drill Squads? (c) PT Squads?	<i>30-40 40 No P.T. seen during inspection.</i>
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction?	<i>There are a few large garage sheds which are used on wet days. Otherwise barrack rooms are used.</i>
62.	Are supplies of training stores and gear etc ample? Rifle racks? Targets (are they painted on wall?) Bayonet Training sticks etc.	<i>In process of construction. - Yes. Not enough.</i>
63.	Is there an Assault Course?	<i>No.</i>
64.	Give details of ranges Minature 30yds - open? How many targets at each?	<i>No construction work has been started. The sites appear to be satisfactory.</i>
65.	What is the general standard of weapon Training?	<i>Very bad. Rifles not yet issued and instructors attempt lessons with <u>ONE</u> rifle</i>

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Question	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Shortage of the CAR solv-	<i>This is definitely a problem. Squads are far too large and instruction are bad.</i>	
Training Squads ? squads ? ids?	<i>30-40 40 No P.T. seen during inspection -</i>	
Arrangements for action ?	<i>There are a few large garage sheds which are used on wet days. Otherwise barracks rooms are used.</i>	
Training stores ?	<i>In process of construction.</i>	
They painted walls fencing sticks etc.	<i>- Yes. Not enough.</i>	
Alt Course ? ranges	<i>No.</i>	
Rds - open ? at each ?	<i>No instruction work has been started. The sites appear to be satisfactory.</i>	
al standard of ?	<i>Very bad. Rifles not yet issued and instruction attempts lessons with <u>ONE</u> rifle</i>	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	R
66	<u>Weapon Training (Contd)</u> What is the condition of Arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	<i>Good.</i> <i>All in Ammunition.</i>	
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?	<i>Not received yet. ✓</i>	
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	<i>One W.O. To much work for him.</i>	
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	<i>None in progress during my inspection.</i>	
70	Is there any evidence of Br , methods and the GRS. T & T School. ?	<i>C.A.R. Commander assured me that this was being carried out.</i>	
71	Is there a gymnasium. ?	<i>No.</i>	
72	Is it properly equipped. ?	<i>—</i>	
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, Cross country runs, Wrestling, Sports. ?	<i>No.</i>	
74	Are progress graphs maintained. to show changes in weight and ability. ?	<i>No. - Commander will see to this</i>	

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended.
Training (Contd)		(3)
Condition of Arms ?	Good.	
Evidence of Daily and Cleaning. ?	All in Armoury.	
ing materials in good ?	Not received yet. ✓	
Armourer situation. ?	One W.O. Too much work for him.	
Training.		
en seriously. ?	None in progress during my inspection.	
Evidence of BR the GRS. O RT ?	C.A.M. Commander assured me that this was being carried out.	
Gymnasium. ?	No.	
ly referred. ?	✓	
Qualification - country arm, ports. ?	No.	
graphs maintained. ges in weight and ?	No. - Commander will see to this	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer.	Ac Re
75	<u>Tactical Training.</u> Does tactical doctrine conform generally to Br ideas? (formations, use of ground, rifle and Bren, etc. in section etc., jumping distance, indication and recognition etc.)	<i>Not reached this stage yet.</i>	
76	Are the Br Battle drills taught. ?		
77	Is the Sand table used. ?	<i>None prepared. Advised on usefulness of this.</i>	
78	Is instruction on the ground really thorough. ?	<i>See 75.</i>	
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. ?	<i>Good training ground along coast.</i>	
81	Is mapreading instruction thorough and is the compass taught. ?	<i>See 75</i>	
82	<u>Range Courses.</u> A Range Course has been laid down by the 3. of W. Is it used. ?	<i>Not commenced.</i>	
83	Do instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	<i>N/A.</i>	

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	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer.	Action Recommended. (3)
do conform (formations, area, etc.)	<i>NAV recorded this stage yet.</i>	
is taught. ?		
?	<i>None proposed. Advised on usefulness of this.</i>	
ground		
?	<i>See 75.</i>	
ely		
ods		
ground		
selected.	<i>See training ground along coast.</i>	
in this		
taught. ?	<i>- See 75</i>	
load		
it used. ?	<i>NAV commenced.</i>	
ring		
fir-	<i>N/A.</i>	
?		

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
84	<u>Range Course (Contd)</u> Are registers kept. ?	N/A.
85	<u>General.</u> Do you think as a result of this inspection that the C.A. is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	Essential that more barracks accommodation be obtained. <u>Some</u> barracks suitable.
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	C.O. seems very slack. Recommend that he be changed.
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the A.C. Staff. ?	No.
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation with the A.C. for the territorial command, or vice versa. ?	Yes.

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Comaire.	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended.
(Contd.) S kept. ?	N/A.	(5)
as a result of this that the C.O. is well do you recommend any ?	Essential that more barracks accommodation be obtained. Some barracks suitable.	
the Instructional ing their job. ?	C.O. seems very slack. Recommend that be changed.	
possibility of eff- cies in the Staff, the A. Staff. ?	N/A.	
of full ca- tionally from the company, or vice versa ?	Yes.	

Subject : 6 CAR - PESARO

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7 MAR 1946

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : Vicksburg 119
Ref : G/7/1
5 Mar 46

To : Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(NMIA) - R O M E

Ref your letter TRG/1 dated 12 Jan 46.

1. Attached herewith at Appendix "A" plan of 6 CAR - PESARO, barracks, showing lay-out in general; and at Appendix "B" plan of training areas and ranges to be used by this CAR.

2. This information is strictly provisional. Completion of the structural repairs and alterations planned for the barracks, and experience and further reconnaissance of training areas will produce alterations in detail to the information given in the attached appendices.

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SUBJECT :- C.A.R. - UDINELand Forces Sub Comd A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)NOTED
TRG/27/5

21 Jan 46

5 BLU
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Ref Fortnightly Report - 5 BLU of 6 Jan 46 (in which recommendation was made that no "call-up" should take place in UDINE Province).

1. This matter has been forwarded to APM for decision.
2. In anticipation, however, of a decision to include UDINE in the "call-up" War Ministry are going ahead with arrangements for UDINE intakes being trained at :-
 - (a) SACHE (1 bn)
 - (b) WYRNA (HQ and 2 Bns)
3. It is requested therefore that the supervision of preparation of these training centres be carried out as follows :-
 - (a) SACHE - 5 BLU
 - (b) WYRNA - 6 BLU

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Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT :- Handbook - Italian Army Training
and Training Establishments

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(K.M.I.A.) ROME
TRG/1

12 Jan 46

LIST 'B' (Loss 12 BLU)

Copy to :- 12 BLU to Central Military Schools

Ref G/TRG/1 of 7 Jan 46.

see folio 3
for reply.

1. The following info is required :-
C.A.Rs (new designation for T.T.Cs)
 (a) Plan of barracks showing lay-out in detail.
 (b) Map showing reserved military areas, ranges and
 rd firing zones.
2. Other info on C.A.Rs as detailed in the above quoted
 letter will be obtained by this HQ direct from Ministry of War.
3. In those Territorial Areas where the locality of the
 C.A.R. is settled every effort will be made to obtain the maximum amount
 of detail and the info requested in para 1 should reach this HQ not later
 than 28 Jan 46.

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