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REPORT ON VISIT TO NO. 7 C.A.R. (SIENA)
ON 16 - 27 APR 46 BY GSO I (TRG)

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Inspecting Officer Rk. Lt Col Name. Medlaun

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>				
	(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) Is accom satisfactory. ?	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>				
	(a) Are the mess arrangements adequate. ? (Cols. 3:4:5: only)	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 mess halls? Single quarters or messes not covered in questions 1 to 3. ?	None exist, but could be constructed by Sottuffici at PIAVE Bks if the Troops therein housed were moved.
5.	Do messes or Clubs exist for Staff privates. ?	No, but the Recruits canteen is very adequate & these men do not require ble.
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. FEW ? Double tier. MAJORITY ?	In La Marmora there is enough space at present though the summer heat may make a difference in the other Bks I think Bks are too crowded & that the situation would be impossible in very hot weather.
8.	Do conditions appear to be hygienic or as overcrowding dangerous ?	
	<u>Mess Halls.</u>	
9.	Do separate Mess Halls exist for Privates and Graduated of permanent Staff and recruits. ?	No.
10.	Are Mess Halls furnished. ?	Yes 100%
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting.?	100%.
12.	Do many have to eat standing or in the open. ?	No. all seated.

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Halls furnished. ?	Yes:	
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	<u>Kitchens</u>	
13.	Have Officers' Mess and NCOs' 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 ?	Yes
16.	Do meals appear well cooked and are they well served up ?	Yes
17.	Do the feeders appear to be satisfied with what they are getting ?	Yes, though there were grouses about the bread ration. I was satisfied that this was not warranted.
	<u>Armouries</u>	
18.	Are Armouries adequate ? Are there Weapon Racks ?	Armouries adequate. Racks are under construction. Spare weapons are kept in armouries.
19.	Do Armoury Storemen know their job ?	Weapons inspected were clean.
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	Yes.
21.	Is storage of clothing etc pro-	Yes.

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Do Storemen know their work ?	Weapons inspected were clean.	
Are weapons clean ?	Yes.	
Is the clothing etc pro-	Yes.	

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	<u>Armories</u> (Contd)	
	perly done; are stores adequate ?	Stores were very neat and orderly for my inspection.
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low ?	Very 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 accn (Blocked Pans or Odd Corners being used) ?	No. The Banacks and Area outside were exceptionally clean.
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores fly-proofed ?	No.
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	Water and containers are supplied and there is every sign that Messing

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	<u>Hygiene (Contd)</u>	
	to and hygienic ?	are made to scrub their utensils after each meal.
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	Yes. but there is very little Swill !
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	Yes.
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Yes.
35.	Is hot water provided ?	Yes.
36.	How many hot baths does the recruit get per week ?	One, but he may have other cold baths.
	<u>Welfare</u>	
37.	What is the general standard of Messing ?	Excellent by Italian Standards.
38.	What is clothing like, particularly boots ?	Excellent. The uniforms are new & made from captured German material. Boots were in good order. Gaiters should be issued.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	Yes.
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	Bread, sweets, various sausages, Ham & fruit and nuts.

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(Contd)		
Hygienic ?	are made to scrub their utensils after each meal.	
Ill Bins used ? Are they ?	Yes. but there is very little service !	
Water ablutions exist for ?	Yes.	
Hot baths ? Are they sufficient ?	Yes.	
Water provided ?	Yes.	
Hot baths does the rest per week ?	One, but he may have other cold baths.	
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Canteens exist ?	Yes.	
Canteens sell ?	Wine, sweets, various sausages, Ham etc. Fruit and nuts.	

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	<u>Welfare (Contd)</u>	
41.	Are there any special recreation rooms ?	Yes. A room was being fitted for use by recruits. Work is also progressing on a Casa del Soldado in the town. Needs money.
42.	Are they furnished ?	Yes - meagerly.
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	See questions 41 and 42.
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit: (a) Indoor ? (b) Outdoor ?	Yes, but only draughts etc. Yes, but very little equipment.
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the C.A. welfare ?	The local Communist Club entertains the soldiers. C.O. does not like this but puts up with it till the C.A. Soldado is ready.
46.	Are there cinema shows or concerts ?	Yes, a centre band has been formed & a cinema is hoped for shortly.
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lighted ?	Not heated.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is M 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 ?	I should think so from what I have seen & C.O. assures me he does.
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	Sierra hospital for very urgent cases and ambulance evacuation to Florence for others.
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	There were 4 men in hospital. But I understand that a measles epidemic has since broken out.
	<u>Transport</u>	
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Good.
54.	Are garages adequate ?	Yes, though all vehicles not under cover.
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	Yes. They were very clean inside & out.
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?	Yes - I saw a filter of sorts tinkering with an engine which I was told had been reported unsatisfactory on inspection.
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?	Yes - mainly due to Petrol shortage!!
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for inspections and Recces ?	Insufficiently. Cars for Bn Comd are imperative.

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	<u>TRAINING</u>	
	<u>Weapon Training</u>	
59.	In view of known shortage of Instructors how has Cdt solved its problems?	By & large the squads are too big, but the instruction is fair. I attribute this to the chief instructor who is a fine doc.
60.	How big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads? (b) Drill Squads? (c) PT Squads?	17 to 20. Sometimes 16, sometimes 18. ditto.
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction?	There are plenty of indoor instruction rooms and dining halls can be used.
62.	Are supplies of training stores and gadgets ample? Rifle targets? Targets (are they painted on walls) Bayonet Training sticks etc.	No. Very bad, but this is recognised & steps are being taken. No. but I suggested this & it will be done. yes.
63.	Is there an assault Course?	Not yet. They have requested details.
64.	Give details of ranges Minature 30yds - open? How many targets at each?	Min. Nil. 30'. 3 of 6 Targets - 1 of 12.
65.	What is the general standard of weapon Training?	Not too good, but recruits did know a good aim & were handling weapons confidently.

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Own shortage of how has C.R. solved this?	By & large the squads are too big, but the instruction is fair. I attribute this to the chief instructor who is a live wire.	
How many Training Squads? All Squads? Squads?	17 to 20. Sometimes 16, sometimes 18. ditto.	
Arrangements for instruction?	There are plenty of indoor instruction rooms and dining halls can be used.	
Where are training stores kept?	No. Very bad, but this is recognized & steps are being taken.	
Are they painted on walls? Training sticks etc.	No. but I suggested this & it will be done. Yes.	Make a suggestion to the staff to standardize equipment.
Assault Course? of ranges 30yds - open? gets at each?	Not yet. They have requested details. Min. Nil. 30'. 3 of 6 Targets - 1 of 12.	Send details to the staff.
General standard of g.	Not too good, but recruits did know a good aim & were handling rifles confidently.	

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	<u>Weapon Training (Contd)</u>		
66	What is the condition of arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	Yes, evidence of cleaning but I am not certain that inspections are thorough.	le
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?	No, Co. did not know that oil + flannel was now at Hukrai Supply.	let
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	Bad.	
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	No. done fully dressed + consists mainly of waist, arms + legs about.	P. cl
70	Is there any evidence of Br methods and the CFS, NO LT School. ?	No.	
71	Is there a gymnasium. ?	No.	
72	Is it properly equipped. ?	-	
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, cross country runs, Wrestling, Sports. ?	Not yet, but my suggestion was enthusiastically received.	
74	Are progress graphs maintained, to show changes in weight and ability. ?	No -	

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Maine	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended.
(Contd)		(3)
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Arms in good ? Weather situation. ?	No, Co. did not know that oil + flannel was now at Hawaii Supply. Bad.	Letter in. ofw.
Uniforms ? Uniforms. ?	No. done fully dressed + consists mainly of wearing arms + legs about.	P.T. inspection from Cess and to town.
Presence of Br ? CPSI NO IT ?	No.	
Arms. ? Arms. ?	No.	
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75	<u>Tactical Training.</u> Does Tactical doctrine conform generally to Br ideas? (formations, use of ground, fire and area, etc., in section etc, judging distance, indication and recognition etc.)	I saw no Tac Trng, but in discussions with C.I. I got impression that he wanted more information on Br. methods. I think they were he used.
76	Are the Br Battle Drills taught. ?	No evidence yet.
77	Is the Sand Table used. ?	Not yet, but it exists.
78	Is instruction on the ground really thorough. ?	Not seen.
79	Are Instructors completely 'au fait' with our methods ?	Not known.
80	Have adequate pieces of ground been used, and is ground selected in the most suitable. ?	Yes, but Trng areas are rather distant.
81	Is Repreading instruction thorough and is the compass taught. ?	It will be.
82	<u>Range Courses.</u> A Range Course has been laid down by the A of W. Is it used. ?	Yes, but failure of ammunition has set this back for 1 st month now.
83	Do Instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	I think this will be all though I saw no firing.

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2. Drills taught. ?	— no evidence yet.	
3. Used. ?	Not yet, but it exists.	
4. On the ground ?	Not seen.	
5. Completely or methods ?	Not known.	
6. Areas of ground ground selec- available. ?	Yes, but Ing areas are rather distant.	
7. Instruction the- compass taught. ?	It will be.	
8. Has been laid W. Is it used. ?	Yes, but failure of arm has set this back for 1 st month now.	
9. In the firing proper fir- ? ?	I think this will be all though I saw no firing.	

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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 C&A is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	I recommend the evacuation of the 3 small Barracks, if necessary using the Cadorna Bldg at Arezzo.
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	They are trying really hard.
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the Adm Staff. ?	I am writing a separate report on this
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation with and help from the Territorial Command, or vice versa. ?	Yes-

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SUBJECT : Pamphlets on Italian Army Regulations

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MILA)

TRG/42/1

10 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. In the CAR training programme, several periods are allotted to the teaching of Italian Army Regulations. It has been reported that at the moment the instructors at 7 CAR have no pamphlets for guidance on this subject.
2. Will you please investigate, and issue additional pamphlets if necessary?
3. It has been suggested that a short pamphlet, dealing only with the subject to be taught to recruits in accordance with the training programme, should be printed and issued to all CARs.

Bluckoch
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Date 11 MAY 1946

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Florence, 15 April 1946

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17 APR 1946

Subject : 7 C.A.R. Training

To : M.M.I.A.

7 Territorial Command (Your 1344 /Add dated 6 April 46 refers)

1. Ref. telecon (LUCKOCK-HAMILTON) of 13 April 1946.

2. S.A.T. Volume I, pamphlet No.18, page 2 states;

"T.O.E.Ts are designed to ensure that men have reached an efficient standard before they begin range practices!"

In contradiction to this statement the Ministry of Wars' pamphlet "Programme per l'addestramento delle reclute ai C.A.R. per l'anno 1946" lays down that firing practices will be carried out before T.O.E.T.S. (for references to firing practices see pages 7 & 9, and for references to T.O.E.T.S. see pages 11 & 12)

3. It is thought that the time allotted to firing practices is insufficient on the grounds that;

(a) There are 2 firing practices with .22 rifle, 8 firing practices with rifle, 6 firing practices with L.M.G.

(b) About 3,500 recruits are to be excersised.

(c) The time taken up in marching to and from the ranges which are, of necessity, some distance from the barracks.

4. 7 T.C. have suggested that some of the periods, taken up by theoretical training in the 2nd and 4th week of advanced training, should be utilised for range practices.

May rulings please be given in points raised in paras (2) and (4)

TO SEE	5.
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GSO II (Ich)	
GSO II (Fmn)	

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 27/7
Date : 18/4/46

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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SUBJECT: Training Material for GAB.

LAND FORCE HQ-300, AC. (211)

TRM/27/7

16 APR 46

TO : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Re your letter dated 12 Mar 46.

1. Air Materiel - Some have been requested from HQ and it is hoped that they will be supplied.
2. Training Materials - Ministry of War state that 170 copies of each pamphlet entitled were issued on 10 Mar 46. Please investigate whether they are available at the GAB or whether they are being held at Herr Good H. Ministry of War have today been requested to issue additional copies if necessary.
3. 2nd Mortars - The average issue to each GAB is 12 (out of a total of 48 or 52). Owing to non-availability in the theatre, additional 2nd Mortars are unlikely in the immediate future.

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Aluechock
Major General,
M. H. I. A.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU / 35/F

Florence, 12 April 1946

Subject : Training stores 7 C.A.R.

To : H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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1. During a recent visit to 7 C.A.R., SEDNA it was noted that initiative was being used in manufacturing training stores. They are however unable to improvise "Aim Correctors" and it is considered essential that these should be supplied.
2. Lack of pamphlets is hindering training. The greatest need at the moment is for pamphlets on "MOM", "2" MORTAR" and "GERMAN" translated into Italian. May steps please be taken to obtain a supply for 7 C.A.R.
3. Four wagon loads of arms arrived at the beginning of April. The only serious shortage in arms is of twenty nine "2" Mortars". Will you please state when these can be expected.

W Hamilton Major

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
G.S.C. II

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GSO I	
GSO II (Ech)	
GSO II (Finn)	

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TRG M. M. I. A.	
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/35 E

Florence, 18 Feb. 1946

Subject : Demonstration Platoons for C.A.R.

To : MIIA

*see also for
reply*

Kind-month report as at 15 Feb. para 3 (b) forwarded under BLU/20 dated 18 Feb. 1946 refers.

1. ✓ As instructed at the MIIA conference of 28 & 29 Jan. a Demonstration Platoon for C.A.R. SIENA has been arranged for.
2. { A second Demonstration Platoon has also been detailed in case this was required for a Territorial Command not having an Inf. Div.
3. { Both these platoons will be provided by the POLCORE .
4. Will you please state if the Platoon referred to in para 2 above will be required and should continue training.

G (RG) - MIIA	
G.S.O. I	<i>LM</i>
G.S.O. II (C)	<i>LM</i>
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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

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Ref: BLU/35

Florence, 26 Jan 1946

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To : M.M.I.A

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Ref. NMIA letter TRG/1 dated 12 January 1946.
Enclosed are the following:-

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| U.S.O. II () | |
| <p>Chief Clerk G. T. G.</p> <p>File _____ Date 28</p> <p>Reg. 211 1940</p> | |

(a)	LA MARMORA	=	3300
(L)	MAZZINI	=	330
(c)	PIAVE	=	<u>400</u>
	Total		4030

The accommodation in LA MARMORA is subject to the provision of double tier beds.

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