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Subject:- TRAINING: 8TH. INFANTRY REGT.
(1ST. GRANATIERI)

① TRG
 8 British Liaison Unit,
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19th July 1946.

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

Reference your letter TRG/27/8 of the 10th. July, herewith details requested.

(1) One course only, consisting of 11 Officers and 12 N.C.O.s of the 8th. Infantry Regt. was held at the C.A.R. Orvieto from 13th. to 26th. May.

(2) This action was prompted by the knowledge that British Small Arms are to be issued to this Regiment and was carried out with the full knowledge of the General Commanding at the request of the Colonel of the Regiment.

The B.L.U. was also informed and no objection was raised by us.

(3) It is pointed out by the Territorial Command that these Officers and N.C.O.s did not receive separate instruction at the C.A.R. but joined in the Weapon Training being given to the recruits: nor was normal training interfered with in any way.

RD/eg.	W.H.
G.I.	
GSO II	
TRG M.M.I.A.	
File : TRG/24/8	
Date : 19/7	

② R. Downing, Major.
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GENERAL

1. The call-up was successful. Training commenced according to schedule. This C.A.R. is very good in all respects. Great keeness is shown by the Commandant and his staff and this is having an obviously good effect on the recruits.

ACCOMMODATION

2. Large airy barracks in very good condition.
No space is wasted and although rooms appear to be over-crowded this is offset by the height of rooms and large window arrangements. Plenty of fresh air. Suggested recruits slept "head to foot".
Kitchens are First class and generally speaking the messing was good. Work is still in progress on dining-halls - at present only 75% can sit down at one time.
NCOs mess is excellent - much higher standard than in some British barracks.

HYGIENE

3. Ablutions and bath arrangements are first class.
Latrines are still a bit smelly but disinfectant is applied liberally.
A considerable amount of money was spent on acid to clean out urinals and "squat" latrines.

The problem of laundry is a ~~sour~~ point with the Commandant. In one of the barracks there is a complete modern laundry in excellent condition. Ministry of War have apparently refused to grant a sum of money to staff and run this. Instead they suggest a local contract. Commandant feels that one method is just as expensive as the other and considers his idea much more suitable. I agree with him.

TRAINING

4. The programme is adhered to and recruits are extremely smart in drill and turn-out.
The standard of instruction is average although some of the junior NCOs are definitely bad. When taking squads in drill the instructor is inclined to dance about and move round with squad. When I told one sergeant to stand still and control the squad by voice alone he was quite lost after 30 secs with the squad gradually disappearing out of sight. Instruction on weapons was good. I called out one recruit from a squad to repeat a lesson on the Bren. He was much better than the instructor. It later transpired that he had 4 years previous service and had fought in the desert. I pointed out to the Commandant that this recruit and several others like him might well be used to assist during the temporary shortage of instructors. He agreed.

P.T. arrangements were excellent as the C.A.R. had full use of the gymnasium used before the war as the Ladies Physical Training Academy. There is also an excellent swimming pool. Preparation for the tactical training are well in hand and ranges are nearing completion.

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CONCLUSION

5. An excellent training centre in all respects. I recommend that all C.A.R. commanders visit this one and develope their own on similar lines.

H. B. -
 GSO II (SCHS),
 Major.

Report on Inspection of No. 8 C.A.R. on 1946.

Inspecting Officer Rk. MAT. Name. CHRISTIE. R

Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ (6) _____			
		Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	CR's
<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u>					
1.	1. <u>Married quarters.</u> Complete cols 3:4:5:6				
	(a) Do married quarters exist. ?				
	(b) What percentage are so housed. ?				
	(c) Is this accommodation adequate and cheap ?				
	(d) Are quarters far from Barracks. ?				
	(e) Is transport provided to move to and from barracks. ?				
2.	2. <u>Single quarters.</u>				
	(a) Is it satisfactory. ?	YES	YES	YES	YES
	(b) Are latrines adequate. ?	"	"	"	"
	(c) Are washing arrangements adequate. ?	"	"	"	"
3.	3. <u>Messes.</u>				
	(a) Are the mess arrangements adequate. ? (cols. 3:4:5: only)	"	"	"	"

Report on Inspection of No 8 C.A.R. on 1946.

Inspecting Officer Rk. MAT. Name. CHASST-E. R.P.

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	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer				Action Recommended.
	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Officers	Senior C's	Junior NCO's	CR's		
<i>This matter is at present under consideration by Gen. HQ.</i>					
<i>Only a few families are in quarters at present.</i>					
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 Staff Quarters. 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. ?	Share with Recruits.
	<u>Accommodation of Recruits.</u>	
7.	How are recruits accommodated. Single Tier ?	A little crowded but good under arrangements and men are high & air
8.	Are conditions appear to be hygienic or likely to render dangerous. ?	
	<u>Mess Halls.</u>	
9.	Do separate Mess Halls exist for Privates and Graduates of permanent Staff and recruits. ?	No. All share same Mess Halls
10.	Are Mess Halls furnished. ?	Yes
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting. ?	75% or more.
12.	How many have to eat standing or in the open. ?	By the time the bus for home arrive the first few hours have for their meal.

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Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended. (3)
ion Permanent Staff.		
ay close relations be ... bers or classes not questions 1 to 3. ?	No.	
Clubs exist for tes. ?	No	
ere any segregation comfort for them. ?	Same with Recruits.	
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uits accommodated.? as appear to be hygienic dangerous. ?	A little overcrowded but good under arrangements and rooms are high & airy	
less halls exist for Graduates of permanent recruits. ?	No. All above same these halls	
ls furnished. ?	75% of present.	
e accommodated sitting.? to eat standing or in ?.	No. By the time the last few hundred arrive the first few hundred have finished their meal.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Kitchens</u>	<i>5672.</i>
13.	Have Officers' cooks and WO's' messes got Kitchens separate from the Troops ?	YES.
14.	Are the Troops' Kitchens adequately fitted with cooking Ranges and Appliances ?	YES - EXCELLENT MODERN EQUIPMENT.
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 - A few complaints on the quality of bread.
	<u>Armories</u>	
18.	Are armouries adequate ? Are there Weapon Racks ?	Weapons all issued to Company. Equipment held by stores for armymen. Remits after being a day or two behind bed.
19.	Do Armury Storemen know their job ?	As far as keeping arms clean - yes. Ability to repair arms seems slight. No spares.
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	Yes.
21.	Is storage of clothing etc pro-	

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rs appear to be s- what they are get- ?	YES - A few complaints on the quality of bread.	
adequate ? Are Racks ?	Weaps all issued to Company. Company has big store for supplies. Recnts after long by being a very bad.	
foremen know their ?	As far as keeping arms clean - yes. Ability to repair arms seems slight. No spares.	
weapons clean ?	Yes.	
clothing etc pro-		

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Armouries</u> (Contd)	
	perly no; are stores adequate ?	YES. YES.
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low ?	STANDARD.
23.	Are there proper latrines and urinals ?	YES. - SMALL A BIT - DISINFECTANT SYSTEM
24.	Do these work ?	YES
25.	Are numbers of seats adequate ?	NO SEATS. ITALIAN "CROUCH" SYSTEM.
26.	Is there any evidence of insufficient latrine action (Blocked Pans or odd corners being used) ?	NO.
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores flyproofed ?	NO SIGN OF FLIES IN STORES - ADVISED FLYING OF NETTING OVER WINDOWS
28.	Is there a plentiful supply of running water in Cookhouses ?	YES
29.	Is Cookhouse drainage good ?	YES
30.	Are Mess-halls flyproofed ?	SAME CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATION AS 27 ABOVE
31.	Is the "Washing Up" system adequate	NO. MAJS. HAVE NOT APPROVED C.A.R. REQUEST
		BOILER TO PREPARE HOT WATER

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Questionario (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
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proper latrines and ?	YES. - SMALL A BIT - DISINFECTANT SUPPLY LOW	
ork ?	YES	
s of seats adequate ?	NO SEATS. ITALIAN "CROUCH" SYSTEM.	
any evidence of insuffi- cient screen (Blocked Pens hers being used) ?	NO.	
ns and Food Stores fly- ?	NO SIGN OF FLIES IN STORES - ADVISED THE FIXING OF NETTING OVER WINDOWS	
a plentiful supply of water in Cookhouses ?	YES	
use drainage good ?	YES	
walls flyproofed ?	SAME CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATION AS IN 27 ABOVE	Q. to advise
"Washing Up" system adequa-	NO. M.P.W. HAVE NOT APPROVED C.A.R. REQUEST FOR M.P.W. OF THIS. BOILER TO PREPARE HOT WATER	success,

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Hygiene</u> (Contd)	
	to and hygienic ?	
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	There appears to be no swill as we have it All food is consumed.
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	YES
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	GOOD SHOWER ARRANGEMENTS.
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 ?	CLOTHING EXCELLENT.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	BOOTS : BAD FIXING OF HOOKS - NOT ENOUGH RIGS TO ALLOW FOR REPAIRS
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	ONE LARGE - VINO - SAUSAGE - ROLLS - NOT A GOOD SUPPLY - EXPENSIVE -

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Are they exist for they suf- as the re-	There appears to be no swift as we have it All food is consumed. YES GOOD SHOWER ARRANGEMENTS. YES ONE +	
standard of particu- ?	Good CLOTHING EXCELLENT. BOOTS : BAD FIXING OF HEELS : NOT ENOUGH RESERVE TO ALLOW FOR REPAIRS ONE LARGE . VINO - SAUSAGE - ROLLS - NOT A GOOD SUPPLY - EXPENSIVE .	

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Serial (1)	Questionarie (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Welfare (Contd)</u>	
41.	Are there any special recreation rooms ?	LARGE ROOM HALL ABOUT 500.
42.	Are they furnished ?	YES. TABLES & CHAIRS.
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	LITTLE.
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit:	
	(a) Indoor ?	VERY LITTLE IN THIS LINE.
	(b) Outdoor ?	FOOTBALL - BASKETBALL - VOLLEY BALL
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the C.R. welfare ?	NO. BUT GRANT IS MADE BY M.Y.C.
46.	Are there cinema, shows or concerts ?	MERITIS & CINEMAS IN BARRACKS - EXCELLENT
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lit- hted ?	HEATED - NO, LIGHTED - YES.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is M.T Room complete ? Is there a reception centre ?	HOSPITAL IN BARRACKS - GOOD CONDITION
49.	Is MO keen on his job ?	YES.

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
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rnished	YES. TABLES & CHAIRS.	
ruit any comfort out-track room ?	LITTLE.	
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Indoor ?	FOOTBALL - BASKETBALL - VOLLEY BALL	
Outdoor ?	NO. OUT GRANT IS MADE BY M.Y.C.	
itable organisations or welfare ?	THEATRE & CINEMA IN BARRACKS - FREQUENT.	
cinema shows or conc-		
?		
rooms heated ? Lig-	HEATED - NO, LIGHTED - YES.	
?		
complete ? Is there	HOSPITAL IN BARRACKS - GOOD CONDITION	
a centre ?		
on his job ?	YES.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Act Rec
	<u>Medical</u> (contd)		
50.	Does he make frequent hydraulic inspections of barracks, latrines etc ?	YES	
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	NOT APPLICABLE SEE 48.	
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	50 daily	
	<u>Transport</u>		
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Good	
54.	Are garages adequate ?	YES	
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	YES. LACK OF SPARES HOWEVER	
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?	YES.	
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?	NOT ABLE TO CHECK THIS POINT	
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for Inspections and Recce's ?	YES.	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>WEAPONS TRAINING</u>	
	<u>Capon Training</u>	
59.	In view of known shortage of Instructors how has C.R.C solved its problems?	LARGER SQUADS GOOD RECRUITS (WITH PREVIOUS SERVICE) INSTRUCT ON MINOR SUBJECTS.
60.	How big are:- (a) Capon Training Squads ? (b) Drill Squads ? (c) PT Squads?	20-25 35-40 30 - usually in 3 sections.
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction ?	RECREATION ROOMS - BARRACK ROOMS
62.	Are supplies of training stores and gear to ample ? Rifles etc ? Targets (are they - into - on - like) Bayonet Training sticks etc.	{ IN PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION
63.	Is there an assault course ?	NO.
64.	Give details of ranges Minature 30yds - open ?	(a) ONE LARGER IN BARRACKS - NOT YET COMPLETED (b) OTHERS WILL BE SITED IN RIVER VALLEY - NOT FOR
65.	How many targets at each ?	(a) 25-30 - Too large for safety - therefore advised
	What is the general standard of weapon Training.	To have more constructed and to limit the number Good.

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Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
<p>own shortage of now has G.R. solv- ings?</p> <p>upon Training Squads ? 11 Squads ? Squads?</p> <p>arrangements for instruction ?</p> <p>of training ex- ample ?</p> <p>notes ? (re: the painted on walls)</p> <p>Training sticks etc.</p> <p>assault Course ?</p> <p>of ranges re 30yds - open ? gates at each ?</p> <p>general standard of ing. ?</p>	<p>LARGER SQUADS GOOD RECORDS (WITH PREVIOUS SERVICE) SUBJECT ON MINOR SUBJECTS.</p> <p>20-25 35-40 30 - usually in 3 sections.</p> <p>RECREATION ROOMS - BARRACK ROOMS</p> <p>IN PROGRESS OR CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>(a) ONE LARGE IN BARRACKS - NOT YET COMPLETED (b) OTHERS WILL BE SITED IN RIVER VALLEY - NOT COMPLETED. (c) 25-30 - Too large for safety - therefore advised Commandant to have more constructed and to limit the number on long range.</p> <p>Good.</p>

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Re
66	<u>Armen Training</u> (Contd) What is the condition of Arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	Cleaning materials had not arrived Generally weapons are in a bad state though lack of maintenance.	
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?		
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	Awaiting return of Armorer from course.	
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	Yes.	
70	Is there any evidence of Br methods and the C.S. C.I.T School. ?	Yes	
71	Is there a gymnasium. ?	Yes. An excellent one	
72	What is the physical training. ?	Yes	
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, Cross country runs, Wrestling, Sports. ?	Not reached this stage - will be held.	
74	Are progress graphs maintained. to show changes in weight and ability. ?	Weight and height only. C.A.R. Commandant enthusiastic over this.	

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Question	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended.
(Contd)		
Condition of Arms ?	Cleaning materials had not arrived	
Condition of Daily and Cleaning.	Generally weapon are in a bad state due to lack of maintenance.	
Material in good order. ?	Waiting return of transit Answer from base.	
Warmer situation. ?		
Training. ?	Yes.	
Evidence of Br the T.S. O.D.T	Yes	
Position. ?	Yes. An excellent one	
Condition. ?	Yes	
Condition - country, roads, ports. ?	Not reached this stage - will be late.	
Graphs maintained. Is in weight and ?	Weight and height only. C.A.R. Commander authorizes over the	

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Serial (1)	Questioning. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer.
75	Tactical Training. Does tactical doctrine conform generally to British? (formations, use of small rifle and bayonet, in action etc, judging distance, indication and recognition etc.)	
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 'at fait' with our methods ?	
80	Have adequate records of ground been made, and is ground selected in every way suitable. ?	
81	Is the reading instruction thorough and is the compass taught. ?	
82	Range Courses.	
83	A Range Course has been laid down by the C. of W. Is it used. ?	
84	Do Instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	

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Ques.	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer.	Action Recommended. (3)
Training. Teaching conform to rules? (formations, drill etc., etc., marching, discipline, and recognition etc.)		
Battle drills taught. ?		
Table used. ?		
On on the ground high. ?		
ers completely in our methods. ?		
recesses of ground is ground suitable for suitable. ?		
Instruction in the compass taught. ?		
Wire has been laid of W. Is it used. ?	Not connected.	
is on the firing on proper fir- ? ?	Preparation appears to be on not sound lines	
	Not yet used.	
	Not connected	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
84	Range Course (Cont.) Are registers kept. ? General.	Will be kept.
85	Do you think as a result of this inspection that the G.M. is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	Yes. No change
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	Yes
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the Admin Staff. ?	No
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation between the men from the instructional Course, vice versa	Yes.

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8° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
ROME

REC'D 25 MARCH
1946

Subject: 25000 Map C.A.R. 23rd. March 1946

H.Q.

C. I. A.

M.M.I.A.

(a) Find enclosed 1:25000 Map of Crvieto
and surrounding district showing,

1. C.A.R.
2. Short and long ranges
3. Training and Field Firing Areas

(b) Your TRG/151 dated 18th. March refers

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/151
Date: R 25/3

29 Feb. 1946
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TO SEE
GSO I
GSO I (Int.)
GSO II (Fms.)

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SUBJECT: C.A.R. Orvieto

G (IRG) - MMIA	
G.S. I	
G.S. II	
G.S. III (M)	
Col. Gatta, Trg.	
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8 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
(Rome)

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5th Feb 46

TO : G. TRAINING MMIA

During my recent visit to the a/m training Centre, Col. Gatta, the O.C., raised the following training points.

1. Could members of the permanent staff of the C.A.R. be provided with same special distinguishing mark, such as an arm-band or badge, to distinguish them from the recruits. I feel that this is a good idea but that it should also be uniform throughout all C.A.R.s.
2. May authority be given for the formation of an extra recruit Coy, say in the 3rd Bn, to deal with recruits who for reasons of sickness, compassionate leave etc, miss part or the whole of their first few weeks of training.

This Coy could also deal with particularly backward recruits, who during the first weeks of training show themselves not to be up to standard and in need of extra tuition.

Col. Gatta estimates that the Coy would be appx. 300 strong. He suggests that the training personnel for this Coy could be found from the present training staff within the W.E.

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What below on separate copy
is what I think should be done
in this case
for the time being
Frank. Mayo
G. II
8 BLU

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(6 above)

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I agree that instructors ~~must~~
need some distinguishing mark.
Sugget they w. be asked opinion
as to cheapest and easiest
method.

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