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11 British Liaison Unit.

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Enclosed herewith copy of Observations and Suggestions to
No. 11 Liaison Unit, the report ending 30 Nov 46.

It is regretted that this is the only report, but owing to
sickness, and the dispersal of the Unit, from the CAF the time I
have spent there has been limited.

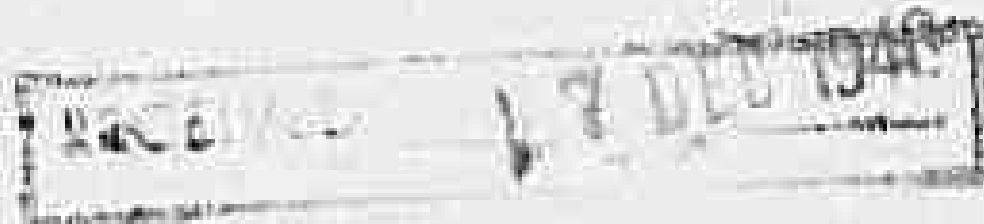
During the coming month, it is my intention to concentrate on
the Report, at the moment, I am devoting myself to the 5th Inf Regt.,
and up to now I have not been impressed.

J.R. Davis M.C.

R.R. DAVINS.
Major I.C. R.M.F.

Training Major.

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OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR C.I.R. 11 Nov. 45 No. 11. C.I.R.

Serial No.	Observations	Suggestions	Action Taken	
1.	Instructors are NOT up to the standard required for the teaching of recruits.	(a) During the coming interim period, that a Cadre be organised for DRILL. This course to be of two weeks duration. The syllabus to be:- DRILL. - FITTING OF EQUIPMENT and BAYONET TRAINING. (b) After the completion of the DRILL course, a Platoon Training course be held. The Syllabus to be:- The RIFLE The BROW GRENADES.	To be run into effect in JANUARY.	Conc subj effi numl To some to star mair
2.	Field engineering is NOT taught at the C.I.R.	In order to give the soldier some idea of field works. A Section Post be dug, and eventually extended to a PLATOON position. These positions to be revetted and be in every way a MODEL. During training these positions could be used for instructional purposes, in the handling of the weapons.		

REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR E.O. 11 Nov. 61 No. 11. G.A.R.

Observations	Suggestions	Action Taken	Remarks
are NOT up standard required teaching of	(a) During the coming interim period, that a cadre be organized for DRILL. This course to be of two weeks duration. The syllabus to be:- DRILL. - DRILLING OF EQUIPMENT and ELEMENTARY TRAINING.	To be run into effect in JANUARY.	Concentrate on a few subjects thereby ensuring efficiency. Suggested numbers five per Coy. To be inspected daily by some competent officer to ensure that a high standard of turn-out is maintained.
engineering is NOT the G.A.R.	(b) After the completion of the DRILL course, a Weapon Training course be held. The syllabus to be:- The RIFLE The BROW GRENADES.		
	In order to give the soldier some idea of field work. A Section Post be dug, and eventually extended to a platoon position. These positions to be revetted and be in every way a MODEL. During training these positions could be used for instructional purposes, in the handling of the weapons.		

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Serial No.	Observations	Sanctions	Action Taken
3.	Excessive use of Gauze.	More attention and more detailed instruction to be given in the cleaning of weapons without gauze.	
4.	Maintenance of Equipment.	Water bottles have in large numbers of cases, had their outer covering removed. These to be repaired by individuals concerned or during the interim period.	Being Done
5.	Equipment for officers.		

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officers.			There are no attachments brace for officers equipment.

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8 Nov 46

LISEN 'B' (Less Serial 11)

Subject: Observations and suggestions - 11 CAR

1. Herewith copy of report submitted by the Training Major giving his observations and suggestions in regard to 11 CAR for information.
2. This report is circulated so that the difficulties and mistakes experienced in one CAR can be seen and allow an inter-change of ideas on the means to correct these faults.

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Copy to: 11 British Liaison Unit

C.B. (Lt-Col, GS, MILA)

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OBSERVATION AND SUGGESTION FOR W.E. 19 Oct. 46.

Ser. No.	Subject	Observations	Suggestions	Action taken
1	<u>Training Stores</u>			
	a) Dummy Grenades.	At the present, training is being done, with live grenades with the detonator extracted. This practice is reasonably safe, but there is an element of danger. Furthermore when these grenades are used as live there is danger of a premature.	Dummy Grenades to be obtained or explosives removed from live, and painted white.	Being done by the Armourer.
	b) 303 Dummies.	Recruits cannot carry out elementary exercise correctly without loading the magazine.	Dummy cartridges to be obtained.	
	c) Aiming Rests.	There are on average two aiming rests per coy. It is important for every recruit to be practised in the limited time.	Can the local R.E's make these?	48 received from MILAN.
	d) Representation Miniature Targets	There is an acute shortage.	Could these be supplied, or at least one of every type, so that by some means they could be made locally.	
2	<u>Drill.</u>	The type of drill is Italian, but I consider that the squads are too small, and not sufficient attention is paid to detail.	Squads to be about 30 strong, the drill to be done by a first class instructor, with two assistants to check individuals.	To be put into operation as an experiment.
3	<u>Marketry</u> (a)	Shortage of targets	Could targets be painted on the walls.	Done.

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There are on average two aiming rests per coy. It is important for every recruit to be practised in the limited time.	Can the local R.E.'s make these?	48 received from MILAN.	
There is an acute shortage.	Could these be supplied, or at least one of every type, so that by some means they could be made locally.		Can M.M.I.A. help?
The type of drill is Italian, but I consider that the squads are too small, and not sufficient attention is paid to detail.	Squads to be about 30 strong, the drill to be done by a first class instructor, with two assistants to check individuals.	To be put into operation as an experiment.	
Shortage of targets	Could targets be painted on the walls.	Done.	

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		(b) There are minor discrepancies in the teaching.	A known expert to teach instructors during the break between courses.	
		(c) T.O.E.T. These are not being carried out.	The object of these tests, are to ensure that the recruit is sufficiently trained to ensure that he is capable of going on the range.	
4	<u>Range firing</u>			
	a) <u>Safety Precautions</u>	Not sufficient. It is appreciated that the time factor is difficult, but it is better to spend five minutes than lose a life.	1. No person allowed in front of the firing line. 2. Greater attention by coaches to ensure the rifles are unloaded. 3. When firing has finished an inspection of all arms by the Officer i/c. 4. Detailed orders for the use of Range.	
	b) Firing Points	The wooden beds are too narrow.	Where at present one bed is used, use two.	Done
	c) Grouping Practice	Not being done.	As the knowledge of a Man's Grouping capacity is the basis of all coaching. Could this be done on 30yd. range.	Lecture to select Instructors on the art of coaching.
	d) Cleaning of rifle	No hot water available for men.	A boiler built into a brick container on the range.	Being done.

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b) There are minor discrepancies in the teaching.	A known expert to teach instructors during the break between courses.		Could CESANO provide a travelling Circus?
c) T.O.E.T. These are not being carried out.	The object of these tests, are to ensure that the recruit is sufficiently trained to ensure that he is capable of going on the range.		May I have your views please.
Not sufficient. It is appreciated that the time factor is difficult, but it is better to spend five minutes than lose a life.	1. No person allowed in front of the firing line. 2. Greater attention by coaches to ensure the rifles are unloaded. 3. When firing has finished an inspection of all arms by the Officer i/c. 4. Detailed orders for the use of Range.		
The wooden beds are too narrow.	Where at present one bed is used, use two.	Done	
Not being done.	As the knowledge of a man's Grouping capacity is the basis of all coaching. Could this be done on 30yd. range.	Lecture to selected Instructors on the art of coaching.	
No hot water available for men.	A boiler built into a brick container on the range.	Being done.	

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5	<u>Field Training</u>	Time being wasted, owing to there not being set schemes.	Schemes to be prepared for all lessons in field training. Not to bring out more than three lessons. To be done, firstly the incorrect way, then correctly. These schemes to be rehearsed. Finally squads to practice.	
6	<u>Hygiene.</u>			
	a) Urinals and Latrines	These are very badly stained.	These stains could be removed by sulphuric acid. Could this be obtained from old batteries of M.T.	Being done.
	b) Shaving.	Large numbers of men and officers parade unshaven.	Disciplinary action against offenders.	
	c) Clothing.	No P.T. kit.	Could instructors be supplied with special clothing. K.D. slacks dyed black with cardigan or football jersey.	Being done.
	d) Barrack Rooms.	The men's bedding is enclosed in a blanket.	To permit the air to circulate around the bedding. Could the mattress be merely doubled, and the blanket folded on top?	
	e) Dining Room Tables.	Not being scrubbed.	The tables be scrubbed with sand or brick dust?	Being done
	f) Fly-proofing	Dining rooms and kitchens are not fly-proofed. Kv	Could all places where food is prepared or stored be fly-proofed, preferably with wire mesh.	Being done

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OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR W.E. 26 Oct 46.

Ser. No.	Subject	Observations	Suggestions	Action taken
1	<u>Inspections</u>	Daily inspection of men are not sufficiently precise.	The first ten minutes of the first parade in the morning be devoted to a thorough inspection parade by the Company Commander. Particular attention to be paid to dress, cleanliness and weapons.	Being done
2	<u>Weapons.</u>	The standard of cleanliness of weapons is not good.	a) Company storemen to have three days training under the Armourer. b) Company storemen to be made responsible for the maintenance of all weapons in the stores. c) A vice and cleaning rod and an old shaving brush be provided for each Company stores. d) All weapons particularly Brens to be thoroughly cleaned immediately after firing. e) Sufficient men to be detailed for one period every Saturday morning to thoroughly clean all weapons in the stores. The Company Commander to personally inspect all the weapons every Saturday.	Will be done
3	<u>Field Training.</u> (a) Not sufficient realism.		Noise effects must be used, particularly to represent the enemy.	Is there any available? Use rattles?

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	(b) Dress.		Instructors and men to wear F.S.R.O.	During the int between "call the Bn. Cmdr & Coy Cmdr to together and scanned. Bn. Cmdr. to ca demonstrations Coy. level us Coy. instruct
	(c) No definite lessons are being taught, in a particular period. The ground is being used to exploit the lessons and not the lessons to exploit the ground, thereby a lack of realism.		The ground must be carefully recced, so that the most suitable area is found to demonstrate the lessons to be taught.	

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(b) Dress.	Instructors and men to wear F.S.K.O.	During the interval between "call ups", the Bn. Cmdrs and Coy Cmdrs to get together and prepare schedule.	
(c) No definite lessons are being taught, in a particular period. The ground is being used to exploit the lessons and not the lessons to exploit the ground, thereby a lack of realism.	The ground must be carefully rechecked, so that the most suitable area is found to demonstrate the lessons to be taught.	Bn. Cmdr to arrange demonstrations on a Coy. level using the Coy. instructors.	

OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR W.L. 3 Nov. 46.

Ser. No.	Subject	Observations	Suggestions	Action taken
1	(a) Training Stores.	Instructors are not providing the correct stores for teaching lessons.	Instructors must study their books and make certain that the requisite stores for teaching the particular lessons are present.	
	(b) Dummy Detonators for 34 Grenade.	None available.	Owing to the highly dangerous nature of these Detonators, could dummies be made.	
	(c) Breach cleaning sticks.	None available.	The armorer or a local carpenter to make some. At least one to every company.	
	(d) Standing and Kneeling cover.	None available.	Walls to be built of a suitable height, in the area where the lessons are to be taught.	Being done.
2	Ranges.	Firing of P.I.A.T.	The P.I.A.T. is at present being fired on the Rifle Range.	A special range to be made. As the explosion of the bombs quick destroy the sto butts.
3	Dress.	No uniformity.	Some photographs be taken of a perfectly turned out soldier. a) Musketry order b) Walking out c) P.S.M.O. With front and rear views with detailed instructions inscribed. (one copy to every company).	

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None available.	The armourer or a local carpenter to make some. At least one to every company.		
None available.	Walls to be built of a suitable height, in the area where the lessons are to be taught.	Being done.	
Firing of P.I.A.T.	The P.I.A.T. is at present being fired on the Rifle Range.	A special range to be made. As the explosion of the bombs quickly destroy the stop butts.	
No uniformity.	Some photographs be taken of a perfectly turned out soldier. a) Musketry order b) Walking out c) F.S.M.O. With front and rear views with detailed instructions inscribed. (one copy to every company).		

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Ser. No.	Subject	Observations	Suggestions	Action taken
4	Organisation. Time of Parades.	Not sufficient time allowed for the soldier between reveille and first parade.	That the first parade start at 0730 and finish at 1130.	
	Stores.	Limited amount of training stores.	In order that the maximum numbers of stores be used, that a Weapon Training Stores be formed one for each Bn. Wherein all Training Stores be kept.	

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8 Nov 45

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Subject: Armaments Report

Reference your G/17-3 of 6 Nov 46.

The following observations are made on the enclosed report.

Week ending 19 Oct 46.

Para 1 (a) and (b): Dummy Grenades and .303 Dummies. The Ministry of War is having these made.

Para 1 (c): Targets. The Ministry of War have been given examples of the various types of targets and are having these reproduced.

Para 3 (b): The OAM Comment should be invited to send his instructors on a course at OSMANO or ask the Ministry of War for a trained instructor. There are not sufficient instructors at OSMANO to be able to provide a travelling circuit.

Para 3 (c): It is laid down that OSM's should be carried out at all CAP's on all small arms.

Week ending 26 Oct 46.

Para 3 (c): On 6 Mar 50,000 rounds of blank .303 were issued to Central Military Schools. This might possibly have been used up by now. It seems that this has been the only issue to the Italian Army and therefore does not appear to have any.

Week ending 3 Nov 46.

Para 4 (b): It is being suggested to the Ministry of War that Dummy Grenades should be made with the Dummy Grenades.

Para 5: Copies of the Pamphlet the Web Equipment. The Pattern 1937 have been indicated for and as soon as received copies will be sent to you. Meanwhile two copies have been sent to the Ministry of War for translation.

Reference your 6/1/53 of 1000 100.

The following observations are made on the enclosed report.

Week ending 10 Oct 53.

Para 1 (a) and (b): Dummy Grenades and .303 Dummies. The Ministry of War is having these made.

Para 1 (c): Targets. The Ministry of War have been given copies of the various types of targets and are having them reproduced.

Para 2 (a): The CMA Commandant should be invited to send his instructors on a course at CASUALTY or ask the Ministry of War for a trained instructor. There are not sufficient instructors at CASUALTY to be able to provide a travelling class.

Para 3 (c): It is laid down that COM's should be carried out at all CMA's on all small arms.

Week ending 26 Oct 53.

Para 3 (a): On 6 Mar 53, 600 rounds of blank .303 were issued to General Military Schools. This might possibly have been used up by now. It seems that this has been the only issue to the Italian Army and ITALY does not expect to have any.

Week ending 3 Nov 53.

Para 4 (b): It is being suggested to the Ministry of War that Dummy Detonators should be made with the Dummy Grenades.

Para 5: Copies of the Pamphlet the Web Equipment. The Pattern 1937 have been indented for and as soon as received copies will be sent to you. Meanwhile two copies have been sent to the Ministry of War for translation.

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CS, WIA.

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Subject: Training.

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To : C.S.C. I
Training
M.M.I.

6 Nov. 45

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Enclosed herewith, series of observations and suggestions in regard to No. 11 C.S.C., for the month of October.

I would be greatly obliged for any assistance you could give me, particularly with regard to miniature targets.

E.R. Davis rec.

Major RVP
Officer i/c TRAINING.

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OBSERVATION AND SUGGESTION FOR W.S. 19 Oct. 45.

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1	<u>Training Stores</u>			
	a) Dummy Grenades.	At the present, training is being done, with live grenades with the detonator extracted. This practice is reasonably safe, but there is an element of danger. Furthermore when these grenades are used as live there is danger of a premature.	Dummy Grenades to be obtained or explosives removed from live, and painted white.	Being the 2
	b) .303 Dummies.	Recruits cannot carry out elementary exercise correctly without loading the magazine.	Dummy cartridge to be obtained, or made from live. These to be painted or clearly marked by some other means.	Being the are being re-cartrid painted
	c) Aiming Rests.	There are on average two aiming rests per coy. It is important for every recruit to be practised in the limited time.	Can the local R.S.'s make these?	48 and MILAN.
	d) Representation Miniature Targets	There is an acute shortage.	Could these be supplied, or at least one of every type, so that by some means they could be made locally.	

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OBSERVATION AND SUGGESTION FOR R.B. 19 Oct. 46.

Observations	Suggestions	Action taken	Remarks
At the present, training is being done, with live grenades with the detonator extracted. This practice is reasonably safe, but there is an element of danger. Furthermore when these grenades are used as live there is danger of a premature.	Dummy Grenades to be obtained or explosives removed from live, and painted white.	Being done by the Armorer.	
Recruits cannot carry out elementary exercise correctly without loading the magazine.	Dummy cartridge to be obtained, or made from live. These to be painted or clearly marked by some other means.	Being done by the armorer. Cartridges being removed from cartridge, and bullet painted white.	CANCELLING 5-11-46. Too Risky. <i>[initials]</i>
There are on average two aiming rests per boy. It is important for every recruit to be practised in the limited time.	Can the local R.B.'s make these?	48 received from MILAN.	
There is an acute shortage.	Could these be supplied, or at least one of every type, so that by some means they could be made locally.	Can M.H.I.A. help?	Handled by the armorer, but given different type

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2	<u>Drill.</u>	The type of drill is Italian, but I consider that the squads are too small, and not sufficient attention is paid to detail.	Squads to be about ^{about} 30 strong, the drill to be done by a first class instructor, with two assistants to check individuals.	To be put in operation 5566
3	<u>Musketry</u>	(a) Shortage of targets.	Could targets be painted on the walls.	Done
		(b) There are minor discrepancies in the teaching.	A known expert to teach instructors during the break between courses.	
		(c) F.O.T.T. These are not being carried out.	The object of these tests, are to ensure that the recruit is sufficiently trained to ensure that he is capable of going on the range.	
	<u>Range firing</u>			
(a)	<u>Safety Precautions</u>	Not sufficient. It is appreciated that the fact ^{TIME} fact ^{OR} is difficult, but it is better to spend five minutes than lose a life.	1. No person allowed in front of the firing line. 2. Greater attention by coaches to ensure the rifles are unloaded. 3. When firing has finished an inspection of all arms by the Officer i/c. 4. Instructions ^{DETAILED} instructions for the use of Range.	

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Shortage of targets.	Could targets be painted on the walls.	Done.	
There are minor discrepancies in the teaching.	A known expert to teach instructors during the break between courses.		Could CESANO provide a handling clinic?
P.T.S.T. These are not being carried out.	The object of these tests, are to ensure that the recruit is sufficiently trained to ensure that he is capable of going on the range.		May I have your views please. Yes. I think we might suggest about 100.
Not sufficient. It is appreciated that the time ^{fact} is ^{or} difficult, but it is better to spend five minutes than lose a life.	1. No person allowed in front of the firing line. 2. Greater attention by coaches to ensure the rifles are unloaded. 3. When firing has finished an inspection of all arms by the Officer i/c. 4. DETAILED ^{DETAILED} orders for the use of Range.		

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	b) Firing Points	The wooden beds are too narrow.	Where at present one bed is used, use two.	Done
	c) Grouching Practice	Not being done.	As the knowledge of a man's Grouching capacity is the basis of all coaching. Could this be done on 30yd. range.	Lecture Practice art 8
	d) Cleaning of rifle	No hot water available for men.	A boiler built into a brick container on the range.	Build
5	<u>Field Training</u>	Time being wasted, owing to these not being set schemes.	Schemes to be prepared for all lessons in field training. Not to bring out more than three lessons. To be done, firstly the incorrect way, then correctly. These scheme to be <u>REHEARSED</u> . Finally squads to practice.	
6	<u>Hygiene.</u>			
	a) Urinals and latrines	These are very badly stained.	These stains could be removed by sulphuric acid. Could this be obtained from old batteries of M.F.	
	b) Shaving.	Large numbers of men and officers parade unshaven.	Disciplinary action against offenders.	

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c)	Clothing.	No P.E. kit.	Could instructors be supplied with special clothing. K.D. slacks dyed black with cardigan or football jersey.	41 50 Being 5
d)	Barrack Rooms.	The men's bedding is enclosed in a blanket.	To permit the air to circulate around the bedding. Could the mattress be merely doubled, and the blanket folded on top?	
e)	Dining Room Tables.	Not being scrubbed.	The tables be scrubbed with sand or brick dust?	See
f)	Fly-proofing	Dining rooms and kitchens are not fly-proofed.	Could all places where food is prepared or stored be fly-proofed, preferably with wire mesh.	Being

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1	<u>Inspections</u>	Daily inspection of men are not sufficiently precise.	The first ten minutes of the first parade in the morning be devoted to a thorough inspection parade by the Company Commander. Particular attention to be paid to Dress, cleanliness and weapons.	Being
2	<u>Weapons.</u>	The standard of cleanliness of weapons is not good.	a) Company storemen to have three days training under the Armourer. b) Company storemen to be made responsible for the maintenance of all weapons in the stores. c) A vice and cleaning rod and an old shaving brush be provided for each Company stores. d) All weapons particularly Brens to be thoroughly cleaned immediately after firing.	Will done

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1	(a) Training Stores.	Instructors are not providing the correct stores for teaching lessons.	Instructors must study their books and make certain that the requisite stores for teaching the particular lessons are present.	
	(b) Dummy Detonators for 34 Grenade.	None available.	Owing to the highly dangerous nature of these Detonators, could dummies be made.	
	(c) Breech cleaning sticks.	None available.	The armourer or a local carpenter to make some. At least one to every company.	
	(d) Standing and kneeling cover.	None available.	Walls to be built of a suitable height, in the area where the lessons are to be taught.	
2	Ranges.	Firing of P.I.A.T.	The P.I.A.T. is at present being fired on the Rifle Range.	A speed to be the ex the be destr butts.

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3	Dress.	No uniformity.	Some photographs be taken of a perfectly turned out soldier. a) Mustetry order b) Walking out c) P.S.M.O. With front and rear views with detailed instructions inscribed. (one copy to every company).	5561
	Or selection. Time of Parades.	Not sufficient time allowed for the soldier between reveille and first parade.	That the first parade start at 0730 and finish at 1130.	
	Stores.	Limited amount of training stores.	In order that the maximum numbers of stores be used, that a Season Training Stores be formed one for each Bn. wherein all Training Stores be kept.	

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Subject: Inauguration of the Barracks of 11. B.A.R.

11 British Liaison Unit

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The proceedings opened with an inspection of all recruits by General de Lastiglioni.

Following the arrival of S.E. the Cardinal and civil dignitaries among whom were the High Commissioner of Sicily the Vice Prefect, il Questore, the Director of Education and representation of ex soldiers and war veterans societies the parade was drawn up on four sides of memorial stone erected in memory of "Giro Sciarra" a Sicilian soldier who was awarded the Gold Medal in the last war and in whose honour the Barracks have been named. After the dedication of the stone by the Cardinal addresses were delivered by General de Lastiglioni and Colonel Alfieri Commandant of the C.A.R. This was followed by R.F. demonstrations by two Companies and a mock attack under cover of smoke by members of the staff of the C.A.R.

The guests were then conducted on a tour of the barracks where much originality had been displayed in their decoration and there obviously existed a keen spirit of competition between Companies.

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This tour of the barrack gave about 500 of the recruits opportunity to change into P.A. kit and by the time the party reached the "Campo Ginnastico" a foot-ball match was in progress and one of the most enthusiastic gymnastic displays which I have ever witnessed was in full swing - with the C.A.R. dance orchestra "giving of its best".

After this followed a distribution of ice cream to the recruits and everyone else present and a recruit carried round his dinner tray among the guests and invited them to sample the fare which we were assured was exactly his correct ration.

The proceedings ^{with} terminated by a short address and benediction by S.E. the Cardinal.

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I. THE CALL-UP

This call-up was 100% successful. The full number of recruits was obtained. There were no serious incidents during the call-up period and the morale and discipline of recruits was high.

II. GENERAL REMARKS ON THE C.A.R.

All comments on the C.A.R. are completely overshadowed by the fact that the buildings are at present incomplete by over 50% and are unlikely to be completed for at least 6 months.

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- Dining Halls (men feed in the open)
- Showers (Mobile Bath Unit provides showers as a temporary expedient)
- Recreation Rooms
- Canteen
- Officer's Mess and Quarters
- NCOs Mess and Quarters
- Gymnasium
- Armourers shops
- Parade grounds within the Barrack Area.

- (f) Medical accommodation and arrangements are adequate with the exception of certain medical stores shortages which are being rectified by Territorial Command.

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V. DETAILS OF ACCOMMODATION AT TEMPORARY BARRACKS

With the exception of a certain amount of over-crowding, which will adjust itself in May on the departure of the non-infantry elements, accommodation is reasonably adequate but suffers from the disadvantage that the recruits share a Barracks with an Internal Security Unit whose general standard of clothing and equipment is considerably lower than that of the recruits. This is bound to have an adverse effect on morale.

VI. TRAINING

- (a) The lack of readiness of the C.A.R. in every way and the necessity for improvisation in all fields has resulted in the training programme being behind schedule.
- (b) Training on the whole however appears to be thorough, within the limits set by the rather poor quality of many of the instructors particularly in the junior ranks. The bearing of the men on parade is smart and soldierly and a general appearance of organised activity is very noticeable throughout the parade grounds during working hours.
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Report on Inspection of No. C.A.R. on 19

Inspecting Officer Rk. 5556

Note NR means Not yet ready but will be OK when

Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer (3) (4) (5) (6)			
		Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	
1.	<u>Accommodation Permanent Staff.</u> <u>Married quarters. Cols 3:4 5:6:</u>				
	(a) Do married quarters exist. ?	Few	nil	nil	
	(b) What percentage are so housed. ?	30 %	—	—	
	(c) Is this accom adequate and cheap ?	No	—	—	
	(d) Are quarters far from Barracks. ?	C.O Only	—	—	
	(e) Is transport provided to move to and from Barracks. ?	Tram & bus serve	—	—	
2.	<u>Single quarters.</u>				
	(a) Is it satisfactory. ?	30 Officers	NR	Barrack Rooms	
	(b) Are latrines adequate. ?	Yes	NR	OK	
	(c) Are washing arrangements adequate. ?	No baths	NR	OK	
3.	<u>Dresses.</u>				
	(a) Are the dress arrangements adequate. ? (Cols. 3:4:5: only)	OK but on small side	OK	mess in Dining Hall	

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

Inspecting Officer Rk. 5558

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer				Action Recommended. (7)
	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
1. Accommodation Permanent Staff.	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	OR's	
2. Quarters. Do 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th?	Few	nil	nil	—	
3. Married quarters exist. ?	30 %	—	—	—	
4. Percentage are so housed. ?	No	—	—	—	
5. Accommodation adequate and cheap ?	C.O. only	—	—	—	
6. Quarters far from Barracks. ?	Tram & bus serve	—	—	—	
7. Transport provided to move to and from barracks. ?					
8. Quarters.	30 Officers	NR	Barrack Rooms	Barrack Rooms	
9. Bathing arrangements. ?	Yes	NR	OK	OK	
10. Washing arrangements adequate. ?	No baths	NR	OK	OK	
11. Mess arrangements adequate. ?	OK but on small side	OK	Mess in Dining Hall		
12. (3:4:5: only)					

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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. ?	<i>Officers</i> Mess not yet in use. It appears cramped. I should be examined after has been in use for a month
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>N/A</i> All 48 Per Functional Barrack Room
8.	Do conditions appear to be hygienic or is overcrowding dangerous ?	During peak period (First month of course) There is definite overcrowding.
	<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. ?	Not yet
11.	How many can be accommodated sitting.?	N.R. Should be adequate accommodation for all when complete.
12.	Do any have to eat standing or in the open. ?	All at present

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Question. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended. (3)
<u>Permanent Staff.</u>		
Observations on as. or, assess not tions 1 to 3. ?	<u>Officers</u> mess not yet in use. It appears cramped. I should be examined after it has been in use for a month	Report from BLU in May
ubs exist for ?	No	
any segregation for them. ?	No ✓	
<u>Recruits.</u>		
accommodated. ? ? appear to be hygienic arrangements ?	Nil all 48 Per Functional Barrack Room. During peak period (first month of course) There is definite overcrowding.	
Halls exist for quarters of permanent staff. ?	No	
furnished. ?	Not yet	
accommodated sitting? eat standing or in ?.	N.R. Should be adequate accommodation for all when complete. All at present	

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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
14.	Are the Troops' Kitchens adequately fitted with cooking Ranges and Appliances ?	NR
15.	Do suitable larders and stores exist ?	NR
16.	Do meals appear well cooked and are they well served up ?	Fair. should improve when kitchens are completed
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 ?	NR. No Weapon Racks at present
19.	Do Armoury Storemen know their job ?	Not yet used to British Arms.
20.	Are stored weapons clean ?	Still kept in their boxes in gear until they are issued owing to lack of armour at present.
21.	Is storage of clothing etc pro-	OK. in Company stores

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Officers' Mess and WCs' Mess- Kitchens separate from s ?	Yes	
Troops' Kitchens adequa- ted with cooking Ranges stoves ?	NR	
Larders and stores ? ?	NR	
Food appear well cooked and well served up ?	Fair. Should improve when kitchens are completed	
Fooders appear to be satis- fied with what they are get- ting ?	Mainly yes.	
Ammunition racks adequate ? Are Weapon Racks ?	NR. No Weapon Racks at Present	Report from BLU should be called for in May
Do Storemen know their ? ?	Not yet used to British Arms.	
Are weapons clean ? Is clothing etc pro-	Still kept in their boxes in grease until they are issued owing to lack of ammunition at present.	
	OK. in Company Stores	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Armouries</u> (Contd)	
	perly done; are stores adequate ?	
	<u>Hygiene</u>	
22.	Does hygiene discipline seem high or low ?	Fair
23.	Are there proper latrines and urinals ?	Yes
24.	Do these work ?	No water at present available on Top Floor
25.	Are numbers of seats adequate ?	Occupants of Top Floor have to use down stairs latrines causing overcrowding
26.	Is there any evidence of insufficient latrine accn (Blocked Pans or Oil Corners being used) ?	Insights of these latrines were clean.
27.	Are Kitchens and Food Stores flyproofed ?	Team HQ arranging water supply for top floor by outside, deep trenches have been provided for day time
28.	Is there a plentiful supply of running water in Cookhouses ?	NR are fouled by workmen
29.	Is Cookhouse drainage good ?	Yes
30.	Are Mess-halls flyproofed ?	Yes
31.	Is the "Washing Up" system adequate ?	NR

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Metric	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Stores adequate ?		
Discipline seen here ?	Fair	
Latrines and ?	Yes	
Seats adequate ?	No water at present available on Top Floor. Occupants of Top Floor have to use down stairs latrines causing overcrowding. Inspects of other latrines were clean.	Refer from BLU should be called for in May.
Evidence of insufficient (Blocked Pans being used) ?	Few JQ arranging water supply for Top Floor by pumps. Outside, deep trenches have been provided for day time but	Pumps.
Food Stores fly-proofed ?	NR are fouled by workmen	
Adequate supply of water in Cookhouses ?	Yes	
Drainage good ?	Yes	
Flyproofed ?	NR	
Up" system adequate ?	NR	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Hygiene (Contd)</u>	
	to and hygienic ?	NR
32.	Are Swill Bins used ? Are they flyproof ?	Improved at present
33.	Do adequate ablutions exist for all ranks ?	Yes but no water on top floor. See comments on 24-27.
34.	Are there baths ? Are they sufficient ?	NR
35.	Is hot water provided ?	NR
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 ?	Fair
38.	What is clothing like, particularly boots ?	Clothing OK. Boots giving much trouble as heels are badly secured to uppers & tend to slip out. Much repair necessary.
39.	What Canteens exist ?	NR
40.	What do Canteens sell ?	NR

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
Contd)	NR	
Hygienic ?	Improvised at present	
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Canteens exist ?	NR	
Canteens sell ?	NR	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer
	<u>Welfare</u> (Contd)	
41.	Are there any special recreation rooms ?	NR
42.	Are they furnished ?	NR
43.	Has the recruit any comfort outside his barrack room ?	NR
44.	Are games laid on for the recruit:	
	(a) Indoor ?	Not yet owing to accommodation
	(b) Outdoor ?	Football ground being prepared. No sports kit yet held.
45.	Do any charitable organisations help the CAR welfare ?	NO
46.	Are there cinema shows or concerts ?	Not yet owing to lack of accommodation
47.	Are Barrack rooms heated ? Lighted ?	Lighting OK. Heating unnecessary.
	<u>Medical</u>	
48.	Is MI Room complete ? Is there a reception centre ?	Yes. Each Bu has a good MI Room. CAR has a small reception centre & Hospital
49.	Is MO keen on his job ?	Very good

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	<u>Medical</u> (contd)		
50.	Does he make frequent hygienic inspections of barracks, latrines etc ?	Yes	
51.	What arrangements exist for the evacuation of personnel to hospital ?	Military Hospital in Palermo is nearby.	
52.	What is the average sick rate ?	Normal but for an epidemic of mumps. Adequate isolation measures were taken for them.	
	<u>Transport</u>		
53.	What is the condition of transport ?	Poor. Transport is very much below establishment consequently is in continual use allowing little time for maintenance. There is a deficiency of mechanics.	
54.	Are garages adequate ?	NR Temporary garages in overflow barracks.	
55.	Are vehicles properly maintained ?	See 53	
56.	Is there any evidence of Mechanical Inspection ?		
57.	Is there any check on use of transport ?		
58.	Do Senior Officers have use of transport for inspections and recess ?		

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	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
periodic Lari- ? for the to ho- ? ok rate ? of trans- ? ? maintained ? of Recha- ? use of tra- ? use of ons and ?	Yes Military Hospital in Palermo is nearby. Normal but for an epidemic of mumps. Adequate isolation measures were taken for this. Poor Transport is very much below establishment consequently is in continual use allowing little time for maintenance. There is a deficiency of fuel. NR Temporary Garages in overflow Barns. See 53	Report required from BLU in May

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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 GAR solved its problems?	No marked shortage of Officers & Subalterns Graduate 30 deficient
60.	How big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads ? (b) Drill Squads ? (c) PT Squads?	20 } 2 Squads sometimes combined
61.	What are the arrangements for wet weather instruction?	Nil at Present. Dining Halls to be used when ready Overlow Barracks has overhead cover in closed state
62.	Are supplies of training stores and gadgets ample? Rifle range ? Targets (are they painted on walls) Bayonet Training sticks etc.	Not yet
63.	Is there an Assault Course ?	Under Construction
64.	Give details of ranges Minature 30yds - open ?	Three 30 yards One Open range
65.	How many targets at each ?	None yet ready
65	What is the general standard of weapon training. ?	Arms only issued the day before visit

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Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Action Recommended (3)
<u>TRAINING</u> <u>Open Training</u> view of known shortage of instructors how has CAR solved its problems? big are:- (a) Weapon Training Squads ? (b) Drill Squads ? (c) PT Squads? What are the arrangements for weather instruction ? Are supplies of training stores and cadets ample ? Rifle marks ? Targets (are they painted on walls) Bayonet Training sticks etc. Is there an Assault Course ? Give details of ranges Minimum 30yds - open ? How many targets at each ? What is the general standard of weapon training. ?	No marked shortage of Officers & Sergeants Graduates 30 deficient 20 } 2 Squads sometimes combined Nil at Present. Dining Halls to be used when ready Canteen Baracks has overhead cover in dining stalls Not yet Under Construction Three 30 yards One Open range None yet ready Arms only issued the day before visit	

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Serial (1)	Questionnaire (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer	Rec
66	<u>Weapons Training (Contd)</u> What is the condition of Arms ? Is there evidence of Daily Inspections and Cleaning. ?	} see 65.	Ref B
67	Are cleaning materials in good supply. ?	Not yet	
68	What is the Armourer situation. ? <u>Physical Training.</u>	No British Trained Armourers yet.	Mo W
69	Is this taken seriously. ?	Fair but see 70.	
70	Is there any evidence of Br methods and the CESANO IT School. ?	Officer + NCO instructors from CESANO Expected in a few days time.	Ref B
71	Is there any machine. ?	No	
72	Is it properly equipped. ?	—	
73	Any inter-squad competition - Boxing, Cross country runs, Wrestling, sports. ?	Little organisation at present	
74	Are progress graphs maintained. to show changes in weight and ability. ?	Records are kept.	

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Training (Contd)		
Condition of Arms ? Evidence of Daily ? and Cleaning. ?	} see 65.	Report required from BLU in May.
Materials in good ?	Not yet	
Armourer situation. ?	No British Trained Armourers yet.	Matter under discussion with Ministry
Training.		
Taken seriously. ?	Fair but see 70.	
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Serial (1)	Questionnaire. (2)	Answer or Remarks of Inspecting Officer.
75	<u>Tactical Training.</u> Does Tactical doctrine conform generally to Br ideas? (formations, use of ground with the Brs, an action etc, judging distance, indication and recognition etc.)	Instruction has only reached elementary drill stage at time of visit
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 ?	Varying. Standard of Graduate is rather low
80	Have adequate reserves of ground been made, and is ground selected in every way suitable. ?	Yes. Intense cultivation Hampus choice but the best ground available has been secured & selected.
81	Is the landing instruction thorough and is the compass taught. ?	No Compasses available.
82	<u>Range Courses.</u> A Range Course has been laid down by the D. of W. Is it used. ?	Not yet received from Ministry.
83	Do Instructors on the firing points insist on proper firing positions. ?	Firing not yet started.

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34	<u>Range Course (Contd)</u> Are registers kept. ? <u>General.</u>	See 83.
85	Do you think as a result of this inspection that the CAR is well situated or do you recommend any change. ?	When completed CAR will be on the whole satisfactory but rather cramped.
86	Do you think the Instructional Staff are doing their job. ?	If intakes of 40,000 or over are to continue overflow accommodation should be
87	Is there any possibility of effecting economies in the Staff, particularly the Adm Staff. ?	86 On the whole, and in spite of many difficulties due to lack of readiness of accommodation & equipment. Instructors appear to be working hard & results are beginning to appear.
88	Is there evidence of full co-operation with the staff from the Territorial Commander, or vice versa ?	87. Too early yet to give an opinion.
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Land Force Sub Commission,
A.O. (A.M.L.A.) RUM.
Reference: M/5/6
1 July 1946.

The Ministry of War,
Director of Military Mater.

In continuation of this office letter No. M/5/7 dated 28 June 46.

Herewith an extract from a report received from C.O. No. 12 B.L.U.
regarding the C.A.R. at Palermo.

Will you please take the necessary action.

Copy to: "C" Training.

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Harvey

Major,
A.A.M.B.,
B.M.L.A.

REG. M. M. L. A.
File: 10/1/4
Date: 7/1/4

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Action Taken: Some hot water is being provided for rinsing mess kits.

Water storage tanks are being installed.

Swimming has been arranged during P.M. periods.

- b) Flies. At present the barracks are completely fly-infested. Cookhouses are inadequate and there is no proper fly proofing of food storage.

Barrack rooms are at present so overcrowded and the tiers of beds so constructed that it is impossible to move them for cleaning purposes. As a result groups of anywhere up to 50 or 60 flies collect on scraps of dirt on and under the beds.

Action Taken: No food is allowed into the barrack rooms under any circumstances.

- c) Dining Halls. These are insufficient and the recruits are obliged to eat in the open in a fly-infested area.

- d) Cook Houses. Fly-proofing and preparation rooms urgently required.

Method of dishing out is very slow and the food invariably cold.

Immediate action required from Rome to remedy above points.

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II C.A.F.

Training Office.Wire Netting - Needed.

PALESTINE 24-6-46

Mess Rooms:	34 Windows	146 x 130 Metre.
OHs Kitchen:	16 "	146 x 130 "
Canteen :	10 "	146 x 130 "
HCOs Kitchen		
& Mess :	1 Window	141 x 141 "
Bath Rooms & Latrines)	No 3 Barracks	32 Windows 141x141 Metre
) "	4 "	16 " 141x141 "
) "	5 "	16 " 141x142 "
) "	6 "	16 " 141x141 "
Officers Mess:	12 Windows	141x141 Metre.

The wire netting for the supply store is being constructed.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Antonio Alfieri)

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Subject: Training 11. C. R. PALERMO.

Major W. P. CHANCE,
The Royal Irish Fusiliers,
Att: 11 B.I.U.
Palermo
C.R.V.

To : C.I. Training,
H.Q., C.M.I.A.
Rome.
C.M.F.

Copy enclosed for:-

B.C.S.,
H.Q., C.M.I.A.
Rome.

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GENERAL.

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The instructors are all working very hard, but also under great difficulties.

1. ACCOMMODATION.

Owing to local shortages labour strikes and the lack of payment of contractors by the Ministry of War, the building is only progressing very, very slowly.

Sufficient money has not been approved by the Ministry of War to commence work on the P.I. Training Area and Rifle Range or the additional barrack accommodation.

Accommodation is totally inadequate for the vast number of recruits being trained, this takes into consideration the fact that many recruits are living in the barracks of the 139th Regiment: it has been reported to me that this is a very bad regiment and is affecting the morale of the recruits.

At present 58 men are sleeping in each section of the barracks rooms in double tier beds, with all beds touching.

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- 2,008 recruits.
- 200 volunteers, or recruits in lieu
- 297 permanent staff.

These figures were arrived at after taking the following facts into account:-

- 1) Present state of buildings.
- 2) Making use of all class rooms for accommodation and constructing "Egyptian type" sun shelters on the training area.
- 3) The accommodation in 139th Regiment's barracks still being retained.
- 4) Allotting bed space at the rate of 110 cms: per man i.e. 90 cms: width of bed, 30 cms. between beds.
- 5) Using only single beds as ceilings are too low for double tier beds.
- 6) Use of metal "Italian type" barrack beds. The present wooden constructions hold bugs and lice.

b) Allocation to 11 C.A.R. of a large nearby barracks (Caserma Allievi Ufficiali, capacity 1,200 men) at present occupied by Police.

The addition of this barracks would solve the majority of our most urgent problems.

It might be possible to accommodate the Police in the part of the 139th Regiment's barracks, at present occupied by recruits: I think that the Police's present barracks are larger than are necessary. Owing to sickness I have been unable to inspect this barracks or to contact the Police authorities.

2. HYGIENE.

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Water storage tanks are being installed.

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Although a non-malarious area. Mosquito nets would be useful for keeping off flies.

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English Films with Italian translations.

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3rd	B.475.	Camouflage and field craft.
4th	B.4++.	Use of fire.
5th	B.211.	Louse
6th	B.433.	House to house fighting
7th	B.445.	Sanitation in the field
8th	B.765.	You too can get malaria
9th	B.447.	Care of the soldier. (if this film has been Italian dubbed).
10th	B.648.	Ski Champions in Action
11th	B.3000.	Great moments in sport

The last 2 films are not of training importance, but tend to lighten the programme.

All other available training films which are considered ⁵⁵valuable for recruits would be welcomed.

- b) Training Areas. The training areas are too far away from the barracks and a lot of time is being wasted marching too and from training areas.

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Action taken:- The Colonel has acquired 2 large fields near the barracks, one suitable for P.I. the other for weapon training and fieldcraft.

c) P.I. The P.I. has suffered greatly owing to the fact that there is no sports equipment.

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Action taken:- Sports kit has been purchased in Naples, but so far has not arrived.

It is hoped that it will be sufficient for the next intake.

Any sports equipment which can be provided by Rome would be a great asset.

- d) Weapon Training. Weapon training has been greatly hampered by lack of equipment and ammunition. The instructors have however done a great deal of improvisation since the arrival of the new commandant.

The following equipment is urgently required:-

Aim correctors are required to the scale of one per squad.
303 drill cartridges required to scale of 10 per recruit.

I.I.A.I. There are no drill bombs, no inert bombs and no practice shot.

These are required urgently as the scale of live ammunition is so small.

- e) Ammunition and Explosives.

General. There is shortage of ammunition and explosives, the latter although promised have not yet arrived.

The main deficiencies are enumerated below:-

1. 2 inch Mortar. H.M. none held - a small quantity is required for demonstration purposes.

I.I.A. & Parachute. none held a small quantity is required for demonstration purposes.

Smoke. There is only enough ammunition for 17% of the recruits to fire 2 bombs each. This I consider totally inadequate.

2. Grenades. No.36. Enough held on the scale of one live grenade per recruit. Sufficient extra grenades are urgently required to make practice grenades and sectional models.

No.77. None held. I consider these of the most vital importance for assault course training and section fieldcraft. Can some be issued immediately.

Explosives, detonators, primers, safety fuse etc: as for 77 Grenade. These have been promised but have not arrived.

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Type	Establishment	Already received	Remarks.
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2 inch Mortar	+8	19	Figure received is totally inadequate.
P.I.A.T.	+8	48	

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When received:- 2 sights
damaged. 1 shoulder piece
broken. 5 carrying handles
broken. 3 bi-pods damaged.
13 spare barrels missing.

Pistol

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g) Armourer.

There is a civilian armourer who says that he is not very experienced in British weapons, but it is impossible to judge his ability because he is unable to work owing to complete absence of tools and spare parts.
These are urgently required.

4. CLEANING AND EQUIPMENT.

Each recruit is at present in possession of:-

- 1 green winter battle dress - at present used for training.
- 1 suit K.B. (Italian type) for ceremonial and walking out.
- 1 pr. boots, with 10% reserve.

The battle dress and woollen shirts are much too heavy for wear during training in such a hot climate. I have suggested and the colonel has requested that P.F. shorts, singlets and shoes be issued and used for normal training. This would be more hygienic and improve the standard of training.
The issue of shorts has been approved, but not yet received.
These are required urgently.

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The reasons for the great difference between these 2 establishments are in my opinion, the following:-

1. From beginning Orvieto had an excellent colonel commandant.
2. Orvieto had ideal accommodation with plenty of space.
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4. Orvieto had a virtually unlimited supply of money for improvements taking into consideration the fact that they had to spend very little money on buildings, cinemas, theatres, gymnasiums etc.
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N. S. CHANDR, Major
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Att. 11.B.L.U.

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II CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO REGIUTE

UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

RETI METALLICHE OCCORRENTI

Palermo 25-6-346

REPETITORI: finestre n. 34

m. 146x130

Messa 200ms: 1400ms 1400ms

CUCINE TRUPPA: finestre n. 16

m. 146x130

OKS Kitchen

SPACCIO: finestre n. 10

m. 146x130

OKS Canbreen

OKS Kitchen and NCOs Mess Tables

cucine sotterranei e locali mensa: finestre n. 1 m. 141x141

OKS 200ms and 1400ms = 370. 370ms OKS: 1400ms 1400ms

GABINETTI E LAVATOI = 30 osservette: finestre n. 32 m. 141x141

" " " = 40

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" " 16

" 141x141

" " " = 50

5.14

" " 16

" 141x142

" " " = 60

6.14

" " 16

" 141x141

OKS 200ms and 1400ms

MENSA SIG. UFFICIALI: finestre 12 m. 141x141

Per il magazzino vettovagliamento sono già in costruzione leretti per

tutte le finestre.

The 1400ms settings for the supply store are

Under construction



IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Antonio Alfieri)

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copy made by
1400ms

Palermo 24-8-946

UFFICIO ADESTRAMENTO

REFETTORI: finestre n. 24 m. 146x130 Mess Tables: Windows n.

CUCINE TRUPPA: finestre n. 16 m. 146x130 ORS Kitchen n.

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GABINETTI E LAVATOI = 300. Gabinetti: finestre n. 32 m. 141x141

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tutte le finestre.

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IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Antonio Alfieri)



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Copy provided to
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Recommendation

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JECT : 11 CAR

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)

TRG/27/11

27 May 46.

TO : 11 BLU.

Ref your G/17 dated 20 May 46.

1. Information has been received from the Ministry of War that Colonel ALFIERI Antonio (Infantry) is being appointed in place of Col. LONGO.

2. Ref para 6 of your letter. Copy of the training Programme for week 13-19 May 46 was not attached to your letter as stated - please forward.

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

REF. NO. M. I.
File: T/G/24/11
Date: 2/27/6.

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Major Luckock.

"A" are replying to
the War Ministry letter
~~say~~ that we have no
objection to the change.

Inform H B L that
Lt ALFIERI of the Infantry
is being appointed.

~~Also inform H B L that~~

mmH.

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Subject: 11. C.A.R.

File: TRG/27/11
Date: R/24/6

CONFIDENTIAL

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
G/17To : Land Forces Sub-Com. AC
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

20 May 46.

TO :
GSO I
GSO II (M.M.I.A.)
GSO II (M.M.I.A.)

I have read from previous 11. B.L.U. Progress Reports that the situation at 11. C.A.R. has not been regarded as satisfactory for some time and that suggestions have been made for the replacement of the Commandant Colonel Longo Francesco.

From my own observations I consider that the criticisms levelled at this Officer are entirely justified and that his replacement is now most urgent if the first batch of recruits is going to achieve anything like the required standard of training in time.

The actual building of the C.A.R. has made good progress and although conditions are still somewhat crowded, there are now an adequate number of showers in working order etc. and there is really nothing lacking which would interfere with training.

General slackness is, however, apparent everywhere and the organisation of training and the training programmes leaves much to be desired.

When I was taking leave of the Commandant and some of his Officers, on the occasion of my last visit to 11 C.A.R., a number of recruits, hatless, and for the most part with their hands in their pockets, gathered round to listen to the conversation. When I asked that they should be ordered to move away the Commandant turned and more or less drove them away himself - as we passed the gate a member of the guard was "picking out" a dance tune on the trumpet.

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In these matters we can help, but I feel that if the Commandant was really up to his job any help as elementary as this should not be necessary.

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has been ALFIERI Antonio

Regarding a possible successor to Colonel Longo, Major General de Castiglioni suggested that he had an officer in view for the appointment - an Artillery Officer of high intellectual attainment - but I do not think that this is quite what is required and I would respectfully suggest that the appointment be left with the Ministry of War.

Finally I am not clear about the position of General GIANGRECO Francesco at H.Q. 11 Terr. Command.

He is described as Inspector of the C.A.R. but the present state of 11 C.A.R. does not suggest that his services are particularly valuable.

W. Sykes
W. SYKES, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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REPORT ON VISIT TO NO. 11 (PALMIRA)
C.A.R. 11-12 APRIL 46 BY B.G.S. JEMIA

I. THE CALL-UP

This call-up was 100% successful. The full number of recruits was obtained. There were no serious incidents during the call-up period and the morale and discipline of recruits was high.

II. GENERAL REMARKS ON THE C.A.R.

All comments on the C.A.R. are completely overshadowed by the fact that the buildings are at present incomplete by over 50% and are unlikely to be completed for at least 6 months.

This is in no way due to the local Territorial Commander and his staff who have done all they can to get the necessary work carried out.

The fault lies in the original selection of C.A.R. ROCCA for the C.A.R. So much work was required to put this very incomplete Barracks into a state to hold 4,000 men and provide all the necessary installations for a training centre that it should have been obvious that the Barracks could not possibly be ready in time.

This was recognised and reported by No. 11 RLU from early January onwards.

III. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

Owing to lack of accommodation at C.A.R. LA ROCCA only half the recruits (2 Battalions of 3 Companies each) are quartered there. The remaining half (4 Battalions of 6 Companies) are temporarily quartered 2 miles away in another Barracks which they share with an Infantry unit of the AGSTA I.S. Division.

IV. DETAILS OF ACCOMMODATION AT C.A.R. LA ROCCA

For complete details see Appendix 'A'.

- (a) The Barracks are filled with workmen during working hours.
- (b) Incomplete buildings and piles of construction material etc. alternate with completed buildings in occupation of C.A.R.
- (c) Water pressure is insufficient at present to provide water for lavatories and ablutions on the top storey. These are consequently not in use and those on the ground floor are over-crowded. Territorial Command hopes to overcome this by a temporary pumping arrangement shortly.
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- Showers (Mobile Bath Unit provides showers as a temporary expedient)
- Recreation Rooms
- Can'teen
- Officer's Mess and Quarters
- NCOs Mess and Quarters
- Gymnasium
- Armourers Shops
- Parade grounds within the Barrack Area.

(f) Medical accommodation and arrangements are adequate with the exception of certain medical stores shortages which are being rectified by Territorial Command.

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V. DETAILS OF ACCOMMODATION AT TEMPORARY BARRACKS

With the exception of a certain amount of over-crowding, which will adjust itself in May on the departure of the non-infantry elements, accommodation is reasonably adequate but suffers from the disadvantage that the recruits share a barracks with an internal security unit whose general standard of clothing and equipment is considerably lower than that of the recruits. This is bound to have an adverse effect on morale.

VI. TRAINING

- (a) The lack of readiness of the C.A.R. in every way and the necessity for improvisation in all fields has resulted in the training programme being behind schedule.
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- (d) P.M. instruction has been hampered by the absence of certain trained instructors but an officer and JCC instructor from CHANNO are due to arrive shortly.
- (e) There appeared to be a general tendency for instructors to keep their squads standing during periods of a "lecturette" nature instead of allowing them to sit down.
- (f) Ranges and Assault courses are not yet complete.

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TRG M. M. M.
File - 785020/11
Date: 2/7/57

TO S E
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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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21 APR 1946

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27 March 1946

Ref: PAL/G/1.

Subject :- Map - Trg. Areas.To :- H. J. M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

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2 TRG/34.

Ref. your Signal TRG/151 dated 18 Mar. 46
and received on 25 March 46.
Attached is the required information.

Mr. Hector
R. E. HECTOR, Major
G. S. O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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File :	TRG/27/5525
Date :	27/3/46

Received in the phone
 by T.R. & D. at 1935
 in the office of T.R. & D.
 From R.D. O. 15/3.

To for action M.D. 17 H.D. Rome for the day.
 address from R.D.O. Palermo 14/5 H.D.
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Unclassified. GR A.B.T. R.G. & C.
 Labours returned to work at
 Car today. Car will still
 not be ready for 15 March.
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 made. ACK - ACK - NIG not
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FROM: RDO NAPLES.

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ACTN: HQS MMIA ROME FOR MEDLA H.

FROM: RDO PALERMO..141545.

ACTN: RDO NAPLES.

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BE READY FOR 15 MAR. ALTERNATIVE ARRANGMENTS FOR BATHING AND FEED-
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3/11 PERSONAL FOR MEDIAN ALL WORK ~~ON C A N~~ SUSPENDED
DUE TO GENERAL STRIKE IN PALERMO ~~TRYING TO GET MILITARY~~

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THAT C A N WILL BE ABLE OPEN ON 10 MARCH 46 DUE TO LACK

OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY WHICH IS NOT YET COMPLETE IN BDO
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TRG M. A. I. A.

File: 11G/27/11

Date: 4/12/46

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO
SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

G. Luzzi

N° 1424/R/4 di prot. Add. Roma, 5 marzo 1946
OGGETTO: C.A.R. Palermo.

Palermo R.T.C.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(risp.f. TRG/27/11 del 23 febbraio 1946)

R O M A

we report that the CAR R.T.C. at Palermo
Si assicura che il Centro addestramen
will be ready to function w. e. f.
to reclute di Palermo sarà pronto a funzio
15/3/46
nare a partire dal 15 marzo p.v..

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- G. Luzzi - a. p. d.

(Col. O. Baglinacini)

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/G/1.

March 1946.

Subject :- Training Handbook.

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

RECEIVED 8 MAR 1946
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G. Log.

Ref. your TRG/1 dated 12 Jan. 46.
Herewith plans and map as requested in
your para 1.

In Envelope
alt.

R.E. Hector
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

RECEIVED 18 FEB 1946

Ref: PAL/G/17.

14 February 1946

Subject :- C.A.R. - 11 Territorial Command.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Rome, C.M.F.
(Att. Lt.Col. I)

File
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R. B. Hector
R.B. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

Copy to : B.G.S. (for info.).

SUBJECT :- No 11 CAR SICILY

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
TRG/27/11

23 Feb 46

Ministry of War

1. Attached is a copy of Report from No 11 Territorial Command to No 11 BLU.
2. Will you please forward your comments on this report and state what steps will be taken to get matters right to ensure that CAR is ready to function on 15 Mar 46.

WLM/ell

Internal

'Q' (less Report)

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

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From:- Mil. Territorial Command, Palermo. Ref:- ?

To:- No.11 B.L.U. Date:- 6th. Feb. 46.

Subject:- Formation of Recruit Training Centre.

1) Barrack Accommodation.

1) On or about the middle of November 45, after ~~SMHE~~ had ordered to carry out simultaneously the call up of the 2nd. and 3rd four months of the class 1924 and to create, in the Military Territorial Commands, the regional training centres, the Military Territorial Command of Palermo was faced with the problem of accommodation for double the strength estimated (4000 men instead of 2000).

That problem is not a simple one to solve since ~~any~~ none of the Barracks at Palermo can accommodate a strength above 2000 men.

Hence, we had two alternatives:-

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- or proceed, without delay, with the repair works to be done at Della Rocca Barracks.

This last solution offered the following advantages:-

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- c) sufficient space of land available for the construction (at a later date) of other plants (class rooms, theatres; sports grounds etc) which are essential for the life of the centre.

The G.O.C. decided to carry out, however, the second solution and, after having informed the M. of W., he ordered that the repair works be started immediately.

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2) The time estimated for the completion of works ^{exceeds} ~~is more than~~ that available (several weeks) in accordance with the date of arrival of the recruits and, the contractor employed to carry out said work stated that by that date, the barracks, even if not completed, can be used by the whole strength arriving.

3) At the time being, notwithstanding delays in the work caused by the non-departure of goods trains during the first fortnight of January, (and that delayed the arrival at Palermo of construction material) it is thought that by the 15th March it will be possible to accommodate the whole of the contingent.

This Command has already taken into consideration the possibility of accommodating part of the strength (2000 men) in another barracks, should there be delay in the repair works to be carried out.

A detailed discussion to which Major Hector (LL BLU) will be invited, is estimated to take place by the 15th. Feb. 46. Basing on the results of said ~~MM~~ discussion, the necessary decisions will be taken in agreement with MMLA.

4) Yards and firing ranges.

The Directorate of Engineer Works will be immediately approached with a view to get, at least, one of the internal yard and 3 firing ranges (30 yards) repaired.

II) Barrack stores and furniture of the Centre.

Of all the barrack stores and furniture required for the centre, only the 2000 double tear beds for troops accommodation, are being made and these will be ready by the end of ^{February} ~~January~~ 1946.

For the making of the rest of the furniture required, the following is pointed out:-

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- 1) Further to instructions issued by this Command, on 3th. Dec., the Comm/to Directorate of Palermo pointed out to the M. of W. the necessity of equipping the Recruit Training Centre with furniture required for the functioning of said centre (messes furniture, furniture for officers billets, etc.). At the same time, the Comm/to Directorate requested, (should the M. of W. be ~~unable~~ unable to assign said material) the assignment of the necessary funds for the purchase of the material from the market.

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Finally, the Comm/to Directorate, pointed out that this Command, in estimating the requirement of the centre, took into account the views of SARE (see letter 32270/Serv dated 10/11/45) on formation of Recruits Training Centres: i.e. "not only a static accommodation but also one which offers a good standard of living and comforts which must secure the welfare of the soldier in the new organisation of the Army".

2) While waiting for the Ministry's decisions, this Command, in order to render more hastily the making of the furniture, arranged to share the work between the Engineer Directorate (through the dependant laboratory) and the Comm/to Directorate (through private contractors).

On 22nd. Jan. a teleprint was sent to the M. of W. for the issue of the necessary funds. Enclosed herewith is a programme of work for the preparation of the furniture required.

Later on, the M. of W. sent two signals dated the 27 and 29th. Jan. respectively, and the following was pointed out:-

a) in view of the Balance Sheet, office furniture for R.T.C. should be obtained from what available in Depots, using as much as possible salvaged material and reporting any possible deficiency which is strictly necessary;

b) always on account of the Balance Sheet, it was impossible to complete with furniture, officers and NCOs billets. The furniture scale of these billets should have been cut down as under:-

- one single bed, one locker (Type NCO), one small table, two chairs and cleaning kit - for officers' quarters.
- one locker and one stool for every two NCOs - for NCOs quarters

All the furniture should have been drawn from stocks available at Comm/to Directorate, limiting the purchase to ~~articles~~ strictly necessary.

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In reply to the teleprints referred to above, the Comm/to Directorate pointed out (on 29th. Jan.) that office and mess furniture requested was ~~xxx~~ strictly necessary and that no availability existed in the Depot. On 3th. inst., it pointed out that only the single beds could be made ready for the officers and NCOs ~~xxxx~~ quarters.

We await for the decisions of the M. of W.

Sgt. Rabre.

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