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Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
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III. TRAINING.

(a) ARMY LESS C.C.

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The C.A.R. is functioning in an extremely efficient manner.

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The recruits have settled down to a serious training routine and look fit and content. There is still a shortage of instructors but this deficiency will be remedied in time for the next intake. Defects are to be noticed, of course, such as an almost complete lack of cleanliness in weapons, also some rather unorthodox range-firing practices have been observed and commented on. These and some minor faults are being corrected.

The C.A.R. is without Trg films though there are two projectors, and a supply of films would do much to help an enthusiastic staff in it efforts to make training interesting.

Weapons are not zeroed owing to lack of a set of armourers tools. The matter has been referred to COMLIMTER.

The changes in WE of CAR have not yet been implimented but reinforcements are due to arrive about Oct 15th.

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The new recruits continue to behave very well and a decided improvment in tone due to their presence is to be observed in all branches.

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There is very little to report from this Area. Apart from organized strikes, all of which passed off without incident, the population of LIGURIA is calm and resigned to the consequences of the Peace.

Enquiries have failed to produce concrete evidence of Partigiani activities in the Area such as occured in the ASTI District some weeks ago.

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DOMESTIC.

Leave and WE.

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The DR, whose job was never a full time emp has been remustered as a clerk GD RASC following a successful clerks' course.

The Cpl clerk and the ex DR are both on leave in UK and are due to return shortly.

Major W G WILKINS R A arrived during the month to take over duties of Trg Major.

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ITALIAN.

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Cooks	35%
Typists	49%
Blacksmiths	75%
Nursing orderlies	41%
Fitters	65%
DRs	45%
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Linesmen	33%
Linesmen (other Arms)	44%
Sappers	16%

Discipline.

Slightly better this month. It is evident that the standard of discipline instilled into recruits at CARs is having a beneficial effect upon the Units to which they are subsequently posted.

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Pay and Morale.

These two headings are as always very much bound together. The improving morale which is everywhere apparent is heavily countered by the old problem of insufficient pay. It is claimed that with the ever rising cost of living even the forthcoming increases in pay, will not be sufficient to satisfy needs.

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The effect of the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister's recent statement regarding the fighting qualities of the It Forces has caused a noticeable improvment amongst local Units in their attitude towards the Brit.

VI. " Q " FCLTS.

DOMESTIC.

Accn.

An Offrs Mess has been set up and is now in op. An excellent Villa has been found for the purpose, where visiting Offrs may be accomodated wef the above date.

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Clothing - General.

The clothing sit in this Com Mil Terr is not at the moment satisfactory. Boots are in most cases either lacking in sufficient qty , or are of such poor quality as to be of little use. An investigation is presently being conducted and you will be infm of results in due course.

At present, however, it appears that inefficiency on the part of the Direzione Commissariato of this Com Mil Terr is responsible for this sit.

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2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt	Remarks
28663	BYRNE A.K.E.	T/Major	Devons	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP H.E.P.F.	" "	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG	On local leave for 6 days
39728	WILKINS W.G.	" "	R.A.	Trg Major	

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Ten.Col. art.	""			BETTAGLIO	Giglio
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Colonello ftr.	""	Tit.	S.G.	SALVI	Giorgio
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Colonello ftr.	""			BENZI	Camillo
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Ten.Col. art.	""	""	" "	CUGINI	Alessandro
Ten.Col. art.	""	""	" "	BERARDO	Pietro
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Ten.Col. ftr.	""			FALLINGE	Francesco
Ten.Col. art.	""			SANTOMAURO	Arturo
Ten.Col. art.	""			PIZZOCARO	Camillo
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ARTILLERY HQ

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Ten.Col. ftr. "	GANDOLFO	Angelo
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Ten.Col. ftr. "	GUJ	Silvio
Ten.Col. ftr. "	DE MASI	Vincenzo

MILITARY DISTRICT MONDOVI'

Colonello ftr. s.p.e.	OLAGNERO	Filippo
Ten.Col. Ftr. "	PARACCONE	Attilio

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42nd INF REGT DEPOT

Colonello	ftr.	S.p.c.		PESCATORI	Tito
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	Tit.S.G.	STRATA	Giovanni
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"		SCARAMUCCI	Tullio
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"		ROBOTTI	Amilcare
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"		BARTOLOMASI	Corrado
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"		ROSANO	Francesco

43 INF REGT DEPOT

Colonello	ftr.	S.p.c.	RENZONI	Bruno
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	CASABURI	Walter

7 ARTY G.a.F. DEPOT

Ten.Col.	art.	S.p.c.	DANILE	Giuseppe
Ten.col.	art.	"	CAMANGI	Cesare

29 ARTY REGT DEPOT

Colonello	art.	s.p.c.	MONTEMAGNI	Umberto
Ten.Col.	art.	"	BOVONE	Mario
Ten.Col.	art.	"	ZACHEO	Carmine

2 INF REGT

Colonello	ftr.	s.p.c. Tit.S.G.	VIGLIERO	Remigio
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	TORTORELLI	Giuseppe
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	SARTORI	Carlo

2 C.A.R. CUNEO

Colonello	ftr.	s.p.c. Tit.S.G.	RONCO	Francesco
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	LUSSENA	Guido
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	DE BOVE	Augusto
Ten.Col.	ftr.	"	SCULLI	Giuseppe

WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

Ten.Col.	medico	s.p.c.	CASTELLANETA	Vincenzo
Ten.Col.	"	"	ADAMI	Felice

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2 VET RECOVERY UNIT

Ten.Col.	cavalleria	s.p.c.	GROPPALLO	Costantino

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Ten.Col. " "	ADAMI	Felice

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2 VET RECOVERY UNIT

Ten.Col.cavalleria s.p.c.	GROPPALLO	Costantino

2 MT REPAIR UNIT

Ten.Col. art. s.p.c. S.to.A.	GARGIULO	Vittorio
Ten.Col. art. "	FIORITO	Francesco

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ARTY DIRECTORATE

Colonello art. s.p.e.		ROMANELLI	Guglielmo
Ten.Col. art.	""	COLORETTI	Carlo
Ten.Col. art.	"" S.Te.A.	GIANFRANCESCO	Enrico

ARM FACTORY - AUDIT OFFICE

Ten.Col. art. s.p.e.	S.Te.A.	PIERRI	Michele

REQUISITION OFFICE

Ten.Col. Genio s.p.e.		PAPPALARDO	G.Battista

MILITARY CENSORSHIP OFFICE

Ten.Col. art. s.p.e.		D'ACQUARONE	Mario
Ten.Col. ftr.	""	LEANDRO	Luigi

2 DVR REGT DEPOT BRA'

Ten.Col. aut. s.p.e.		SCONCIAFURNO	Raffaele
Ten.Col. art.	""	SALERNO	Ugo
Ten.Col. art.	""	DE BLASIO	Giuseppe

VEH REPAIR DIRECTORATE

Ten.Col. aut. s.p.e.		PIRANI	Enzo

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Appx " D " to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 4 Oct 46.

C O P Y

(T R A N S L A T I O N)

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA " MANTOVA "
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Ufficio Servizi

Ref. 03/5081

Varazze, 23rd Sep 46

Subject: Request of tyres and tubes.

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Direz.Gener.Art. e Mot.
Divis.Motor. - 2 Sez.
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REQUIREMENTS OF TYRES AND TUBES FOR VEHS

		Tyres	Tubes
3/4	900 x 16	90	140
3 Tons	1050 x 16	64	350
Austin-Jeep	600 x 16	128	70
M/C	325 x 19	130	220
3 Tons	750 x 20	10	10
3 Tons 4 x 4	1050 x 20	6	6
Trailer	900 x 13	10	-
Recovery veh.	1000 x 22	20	-

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 14.

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (AFHQ), Rome (A)

HQ 1 BLU

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II. 'G' POINTS

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Training is proceeding reasonably well though disappointment has been expressed at the incomplete standard of training amongst recruits from the CIR. This applies particularly to weapon training and is due largely to the shortage of trg ammo and curtailment of range courses during the period when troops and recruits were employed in preserving public order during the Elections.

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The flow of recruits commencing on 5th Aug has not yet terminated, small groups of 3-4 men still reporting daily. Total number reported to date (1 Sep) is 3979. Of this number, 350 requiring special medical examination and report were sent to Hospital at SAVIGLIANO and CANOA. Of these 50% have returned to their units marked fit for duty.

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212 men out of the 3979 were illiterate and extra courts are in hand to open a school where they can obtain the rudiments of education.

Moral-disciplinary tone is higher than that of previous intake.

EDUCATION

(a) Politically this has been a very quite month in the GCA area and interest in international and national affairs has been subservient to the call of the sea and beaches. This being so it is difficult to assess the political temperature of the masses, though it would appears that the Communist Party continues to lose ground. Ascertainable activity has been confined to local Communist Party campaigns to improve amenities affecting public services and industrial concerns and the effects of these are expected to materialize after the summer holidays.

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WE - No deficiencies

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Major HARVEY, DADMS MILA, visited GRNOC. on 21st and inspected Direzione di Sanita'.

Lt-Col A GIDEON, G-I 12 BLU, visited GRNOC on 27/28 Aug and accompanied by G-II 2 BLU visited HQ MANTOVA Div and Regtl HQ 76 Regt.

Major HE THRUPP attended MILA conference at ROME on 8/9 Aug.

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IRELAN

Deficiencies

Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under cond
Telephone mechanics	100%
Armourers & armourer mech	70
Pioneers (Engr)	2[illegible]
Drivers	63
Driver mech	80
Cooks	44
Typists	58
Blacksmiths	90
Bakers	-
Nursing orderlies	44
Fitters	79
DRs	46
Masons	64
Linesmen	36
Sappers	46

Discipline

Good and tending to improve. Highly satisfactory standards amongst new arrivals at C.R.

The following crimes were submitted to the Mil Tribunal for trial during August:-

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Other cases	4 "

Pay

Complaints about pay and cost of living continue to be heard everywhere amongst officer and men. The better type of OR will not continue to serve longer than his allotted term and the Army loses the very type necessary for its vitality and continuity.

Morale

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Public Relations

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Pioneers (Engr)	63
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Public Relations

Few visible results of efforts although there is a definite awakening of realisation of needs in this direction. Contact has been made with Br Consular M.O.I. Representative and newspapers are being forcibly fed with propaganda.

IV. '2' POINTS

DOMESTIC

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MERCEDES has now been allotted WD NO. CAE/M 5934897. Duly reported to HQ MMIA on 26 Aug.

Accn

The only Transit Accn in CENTA is now in civilian Hotels though these are not always willing to accept Br Army visitors. Rations must be brought by visiting officers for themselves and drivers as food prices continue to mount.

If accn is obtained at local Hotels, expenses can be reclaimed as "Subsistence Allowances" through officers own unit on his return.

Maint of BLU

War Ministry has instructed Comiliter to supply us with rations on demand and on repayment but further details have been requested by Comiliter from Ministry of War as to exact procedure. These are still awaited.

The Comiliter has been agreeably helpful regarding MT repairs and Engr services where necessary. The new MT pro-forma received from HQ MMIA will be taken into use forthwith.

ITALIAN

MT

The number of inefficient vehs continue to increase due to lack of tyres and spare parts for vehs of Allied Mil origin. The Comiliter announces that it is now unable to meet the main demands for replacements, spares and tyres. Reps of MLNTCVA Div have been supplied by G-II and DAAG/MG with personal letters of introduction to Br offrs in charge of various possible sources of supply, such as dumps and Veh Pks in the hope that useful items might be obtained on an "Old Boy basis".

Div Reps are also placing bids at ARAR auctions of MT veh parts, in an effort to keep as many as possible of their vehs on the road. This is an expensive procedure but War Ministry allocates plenty of cash towards the repair of vehs even though proper parts are N.A. through normal channels.

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RACC

A Rly wagon containing Bedford Engine assemblies, on repayment, for MLNTCVA Div is so long overdue that it must be presumed lost. All efforts have been made to trace it but have been completely unsuccessful.

Clothing

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Boots, too, continue to give cause for gravest concern and cases have come to light of active trg being discontinued owing to lack of boots.

An investigation of the situation is being carried out between reps of this BLU and Commissariato.

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Medical

The following percentages of over-all str were admitted to hosp during Aug 46 :-

To mil hosps 1.08%
" civ " 0.51%

The following infections cases are reported for the month :-

Typhus fever.....	1 case
TBC (Pulmonary).....	1 "
Measles.....	1 "
Epidemical parotid.....	2 cases
Syphillis.....	2 "
Gonorrhoea.....	6 "
Scabies.....	3 "

Adequate prophilactic steps have been taken in respect of infective deseases.

GENOVA

Major,
G-II.

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Appx 'A' to 2 BLU
G 5 dated 4 Sep 46.

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt	Remarks
120663	[illegible], A.K.E.	T/Major	Devons	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.P.	T/Major	S.Staffords	DAMGM	Sick in hosp (BOLOGNA)

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Appx 'B' to 2 BLU
G 6 dated 4 Sep 46.

AMENDMENT No. 4 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU G 6 DATED 3 MAY 46.

MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ

Delete :-	Ten.Col.Ftr spe	DE ROSSI	Mario
Insert :-	Ten.Col.Ftr spe	GUIDI	Annibale
	Ten.Col.Art spe Tit.S/L	CAPRONI	Giulio

HQ MANTOVA DIV

Delete :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	MORTAGLIONI	Dante
	Ten.Col. ftr spe	GALLA	Ciro

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

Delete :-	Te.Col.Amm. spe	FABRIS	Alfredo

TRANSIT CAMP GENOA

Delete :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	MINUTTI	Alberto

MILITARY DISTRICT GENOA

Delete :-	Colonello ftr spe	BOVI	Angelo
Insert :-	Colonello art spe	SELLA	Vittorio

42 INF REGT DEPOT

Insert :-	Ten.Col. ftr spe	ROSANO	Francesco

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 13.

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56975 (Genoa)
G 6

5 Aug 45.

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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome. (4)

Hq 1 BLU

II. 'G' POLTS

ORGANISATION

(b) Italian

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CCRR

Normal routine wk has been carried out. The more arduous forms of training taking place in the morning; organised bathing parties in the heat of the afternoon. Visits by C-in-C and D.A.&.M.G to Inf Regts during the month revealed no signs of slackness or ill discipline, in fact signs were evident everywhere of organised and efficient activity.

TRAINING

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) 2 CAR

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Only one week has been devoted to training this month and on 7 Jul leave for eight days was granted to all personnel who could reasonably be expected to reach their homes and return in time. Men posted to units in the NW were ordered to report direct to their regiments on the expiration of leave. Others posted to units in the South and other distant places are being despatched in organised parties from 22nd Jul and completion is expected by 2nd Aug.

The new call up will report direct from their homes to the CAR

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MMIA - 'G'
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II. 'G' POINTS

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(i) 2 CAR

Only one week has been devoted to training this month and on 7 Jul leave for eight days was granted to all personnel who could reasonably be expected to reach their homes and return in time. Men posted to units in the NW were ordered to report direct to their regiments on the expiration of leave. Others posted to units in the South and other distant places are being despatched in organised parties from 22nd Jul and completion is expected by 2nd Aug.

The new call up will report direct from their homes to the CAR between 5th and 15th Aug.

(ii) Other trgs

Normal routine trg was carried out during the first fortnight of Jul. Subsequently trg had largely to be abandoned owing to the large numbers of trg instructors that had to be detailed as escort accompanying recruits from 2 CAR and other trg cnts to their new units.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) A distinct hardening of public opinion against Britain and USA has been evident since the publication of the Peace Terms relating to Venezia Giulia and the N.W. Frontier. No disturbance or demonstrations of any kind have occured in Genoa, nor have there been reports of any hostile acts against Allied personnel. Nevertheless a frigid air is noticeable amongst the people in the streets and shops towards men in Allied uniform.

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It is to be stressed, however, that there is no evidence at the moment of any organised anti-British feeling or of propaganda amongst offrs or men and it is likely that the present condition of aloofness is due to the temperamental excitability of Italian character and will soon give way to a more reasoned attitude.

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III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Deficiencies

The WE of this HQ is now complete with the exception of the Tpt Maj; the actual present str is, however, another matter. GSO II left for UK on PRIVILEGE on 25 Jul but hopes to return by 14 Aug, the dvr-batman (also on PRIVILEGE) has not yet returned, the cpl clerk is on LILO2 and may not return to this HQ. A cpl clerk has been loaned by 1 BLU but it is believed that they will soon need him back.

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The DR has now returned from his course and a pt. clerk has been posted and TOS.

Visits

During Jul visits were paid to this HQ by ADSD and HQ, 1STAF. D.A&QMG attended a Court of Inquiry at HQ 7 AMD on 7th and 8th Jul.

ITALIAN

Deficiencies

Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under cmd
Telephone mechanics	100%
Armourers & armourer mech	82%
Pioneers (Engr)	33%
Drivers	0%
Driver mechanics	0%
Cooks	38%
Typists	66%
Blacksmiths	70%
Bakers	0%
Nursing orderlies	0%
Fitters	0%
DRs	50%
Masons	0%
Linesmen	0%
Sappers	0%

Discipline

Discipline, to judge by the number and types of cases submitted to mil tribunal for trial, is unchanged. No cases of indirect line resulting from indiscretion at the Force Twenty Terms have occ or been reported or noted.

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Bakers	[illegible]
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Morale

Morale on the whole seems to be good. As stated above under INTELLIGENCE, offrs are most upset about the decisions arrived at by the Four Power Conference regarding Trieste and, to a lesser extent, the frontier with FRANCE. A series of visits by this HQ offrs was carried out just after the decisions were announced in order to sound general opinion on the matter. From these talks and by the rather stereotyped

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arguments put up one gained the impression that the It offrs' attitude was being governed by a control policy especially during pre-announced visits to units. Where snap visits were made the attitude was still as cordial as before.

In the last fortnight, however, there has been a noticeable improvement in the attitude of It offrs. CRs have seemed remarkably little affected.

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DOMESTIC

Transport

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General

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ITALIAN

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REME

As will be seen from the above manpower deficiencies table there is a very serious shortage of specialist, technical and dvr personnel owing to the recent demobilisation. It is feared that it will be very difficult to keep up a satisfactory standard with the young and largely inexperienced recruits received in lieu.

Clothing and Kit (a)

Leather, for the repair of boots, is at present not available in sufficient qtys to meet requirements.

Arms and Ammn (a)

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77 grenades
36 "
PIAT ammn
2" Mortar (smoke) bombs
.38 Pistol ammn

Medical

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Scabies..... 2 "

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The following is a resume of points brought out at the end of the first course at 2 CAR.

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2 Bn's 300 yd range is not yet complete, nevertheless it is hoped to get through 22 out of 29 firing practices during the next course.

The Demonstration Pl has given very good results. It will, however, take at least a month to train a new pl to a satisfactory standard for the second course.

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Good value was obtained from the PT programme. Numerous matches and competitions were organised against local civ clubs. Offrs and NCOs now have their own functional gymnasium.

Instructors

There is still a deficiency in numbers of junior offrs as well as a fair number not considered suitable for their job. It is hoped to improve matters for the second course.

Eighty of the best recruits from the first course are now receiving intensive trg in order to become junior NCO instructors in the second.

2 GR and 2 Commando Militaire Territoriale are endeavoring to obtain authy for an increase of the preliminary trg period allowed for specialist personnel from one to two months.

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H.D. Dunham
for Major,
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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome (4)

HQ 1 BLU

II. 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic BLU

Nothing to report

(b) Nothing to report

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army Less CC.RR.

Normal routine has been resumed with the return of troops to their barracks after dispersal for duty during the elections.

(b) CC.RR.

All sub units have returned to barracks and are employed in normal duties less the following :-

Genoa Bn at present at Modena
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1 Coy at Parma

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These coys are engaged in preserving Public Order. Due to very large number of unemployed in these towns disturbances of a minor nature are frequent.

TRAINING

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G II (L)	

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(ii) Normal Unit training.

(b) CC.RR.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) During the month a complete lack of interest and enthusiasm was displayed in International affairs. This is probably due to reaction after the excitements of the Elections.

The only incident of note was the embarkation of about 1,400 Jews in the S.S. Beauharnais during the night 19th June. They had arrived in a number of Army type lorries and trailers, which were in the charge of a Jewish Sergeant and several ORs and had come from Milan area. They embarked without any incident, but later the ship was boarded by Police and Harbour Authorities who attempted to impound the ship and its passengers This was unsuccessful presumably because the Ships papers proved her to be of Panama origin and despite a close watch, the Beauharnais cut her cable and departed at high speed for an unknown destination at 0900 hrs the following morning. Later reports show that the ship was eventually stopped at Haifa by a Br Destroyer.

(b) Nothing to report.

(c) Relations between troops and civilians remain placid.

(d) The activities of subversive elements among troops appear to be negligeable.

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DOMESTIC

Leave and WE

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Visits

Maj MOREHOUSE, MMLA visited the unit on 23/24/25 Jun. DA/CQMG visited 7 BLU on 10/11/12 Jun.

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ITALIAN

Deficiencies.

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Pioneers (Eng)	15%
Drivers	10%
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Cooks	19%
Typists	19%
Blacksmiths	37%
Bakers	66%
Nursing orderlies	43%
Fitters	59%
DRs	17%
Masons	27%
Linesmen	17%
Sappers	-

Discipline

Discipline of the tps over the period of the elections has been surprisingly good; in particular the number of desertions, which it was feared might be high as the result of subversive propaganda, has remained constant.

A summary of crimes committed and submitted for trial to Mil Tribunal is as follows :-

Desertion	19	Cases
Armed robbery	6	"
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IV. 'Q' POINTS

DOMESTIC

MT

As already reported to you, LANCIA M. 5643114 on charge to this

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HQ was stolen from a mil lock-up garage in FLORENCE on 10 Jun. On 24 Jun 227 CMP Coy, BOLOGNA reported that they had found the veh in a city garage at RIMINI. The veh had been stolen by a Brit Army deserter (whom the CMP arrested) sold to an It civ for 150,000 Lire and was in the process of being modified when found. The It receiver was also arrested.

Whilst the CMP were removing the veh to BOLOGNA it caught fire and burned out.

A BIR cert is being fwd to this HQ by REME Wksps at BOLOGNA upon presentation of which HQ 59 Sub Area will issue a captured Ger veh in replacement, from MILAN.

The veh allowed on WE for a Brg Maj has been drawn from CASERTA Veh Pk.

TRANSPORT

MT (b)

HQ GENOVA Legion CC.RR. are having difficulty in performing their duties owing to an acute shortage of MCs (this does not incl the Mob Bn). Out of a WE entitlement of 152 machines they now hold only 27 all of which are either CEM or requisitioned. A letter (215/4 dated 29 Jun) has been addressed by Legion HQ to CC.RR. HQ, ROME on this subject and it would be appreciated if you could assist by following the matter up. ACTION

Orders have been received by Legion HQ to return to EVP, FORLI all NUMBER armd cs now held. These will be despatched by rail soonest.

Accn

The old problem of securing accn for offrs and for their families in GENOVA remains unsolved. The only assistance this HQ can and does give is to inform 2 Comando Militare Territoriale immediately if is known that properties are due to be derequisitioned by the Town Major in order that they be able to stake their claim before the Comitato Allogri get in. So far this procedure has never be n successful and the posn not look like improving until War Ministry make some firm arrangement with the Ministry of the Interior or give Comandi Territoriali powers to requisition accn for this purpose. In the meantime the posn is causing a good deal of resentment and avoidable hardship especially amongst offrs.

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Sugs

On 15 Jun 250 Kgs of sacked sugar were stolen from M.R.BOTTO barracks.

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Medical

Admissions to hosp remain constant with the following percentages of overall str :-

To Div hosps 0.71%
" MAF " 1.52%

During Jun the following infections diseases were reported:-

Parotitis (?)	2 (It. Parotite)	cases
Measles	4	"
Syphillis	4	"
Venereal Ulcer	2	"
Gonorrhoea	11	"
Scabies	9	"

A. Howard
Major,
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Apnx 'A' to 2 BLU G 6
dated 2 Jul 46.

LOCATION STATEMENT

AMENDMENT No. 2 TO APPX 'A' TO 2 BLU G 6 DATED 3 MAY 46

76 INF REGT

3 Bn - Amend to Read : NEAVI P 0425

155 ARTY REGT
IV Group- Insert : [illegible] T 2195

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dated 5 Jul 46.

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt	Appt
120663	BYRNE, A.K.E.	T/Maj	Devons	GSO II
67395	STRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S. Staffords	DAAG(P)

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MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ GENOA

Insert :- Ten.Col.ftr spe - Tit. S.G. PEDERZOLLI Bruno
" " " " - DE ROSEN Mario

MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

Insert :- Ten.Col. medico spe SOLERI Giovanni

MILITARY HOSPITAL OF GENOA

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe SOLERI Giovanni
" " " " ADAMI Felice

MILITARY HOSPITAL SAVIGLIANO

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe GENILLE SPINOLA Alessandro

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

Delete:- Ten.Col. commissario spe RIZZI Alfredo

MILITARY DISTRICT OF GENOA

Delete:- Ten.Col. ftr spe SARTORI Carlo

2 INF REGT

Insert :- Ten.Col. ftr spe SARTORI Carlo

WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

Delete:- Ten.Col. medico spe BASSI Ugo
" " " " TORAZZA Paolo
Insert :- Ten.Col. medico spe ADAMI Felice

POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

Insert :- Ten.Col. art spe D'ACQUARONE Mario

2 CMPRS ENQUIRY BOARD

Delete all reference

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 11

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G-6
5 Jun 46.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome (A)
HQ 1 BLU

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(a) Domestic BLU

No change

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"	" SAVONA	: 180 "
"	" FLORENCE	: 950 "
"	" MILAN	: 750 "
"	" BOLOGNA	: 100 "

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The sudden move from this area of the Nibbio Bn CC.RR. was

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most unexpected and rather a fast ball. At present a rear party has stayed behind, including a few drivers, and it is hoped in the event of a disturbance they will be able to run the Humbers which are still held.

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(ii) Normal Unit trg.

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Exercises in mobility have been practiced ready for the election. Driving instruction is being carried out on the Staghaunds which are all reported to be in a good condition.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Nothing to report.

(b) Situation on the French-Italian Frontier has been quiet during the last month. Only incident worth nothing was the cessation of trains between the two countries on 17 May 46, this arose over a minor dispute between frontier railway officials. Service was continued next day.

Interest was aroused by the arrival in the Tenda and Briga zone of an Investigation Commission. The Commission included eight members of the four nations, Great Britain, U.S.A., Russia and France. The population hoisted flags and assembled in the Municipio Square. The Commission spoke with the various officials and toured the area.

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III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

WE

Owing to the closing of existing offrs accn in GENOVA it has become necessary to move into alt billets and to engage civ lab to run these. The unit is now up to WE in this respect and has temporary authy from HQ 59 Area to hold one cook in excess of WE entitlement.

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Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under cond
Telephone mechanics	20%
Armourers & armourer mech	37%
Pioneers (Engr)	-
Drivers	14%
Driver mechanics	11%
Cooks	7%
Typists	7%
Blacksmiths	5%
Bakers	17%
Nursing orderlies	11%
Fitters	9%
DRs	14%
Masons	17%
Linesmen	-
Sappers	-

Discipline

No change; conditions are fairly good and no trouble has been experienced so far over the election period.

The following crimes were submitted to the Mil Tribunal for trial during May :-

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Morale

There is apparently a belief prevalent amongst CRs that should the "COUSUMMA" result in a Republican victory, they will be absolved from their oath of allegiance to the Army. The belief is being fostered, it is claimed, by "outside elements".

Mantova Div and, until recently, the CCIR Mob Bn have been holding a series of "flag-showing" parades in and around GENOVA. The high standard of turn-out and convoy discipline of MANTOVA Div as well as the meteoric speeds achived by the CCIR contingents' vehs appear to have impressed the public and will certainly have had a beneficial effect on the morale of the tps themselves.

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IV. 'G' POINTS

DOMESTIC

MT.

A release note for one 15 cwt GS has just been received from you. This veh will be collected from CAS/ASA as soon as possible.

LANCIA M 5643114 having just come out of wksps is now back again owing to faulty reassembling of the CHC. The necessary parts are available in GENOVA and it is hoped that 2 Comando Militare Territoriale will foot the bill.

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General

Autly has been requested from 8 Base Comd Paymaster to open an Imprest account. It is hoped that this will shortly be received as 37 Town Major, upon whom this HQ has up to now depended, will close on 1 Jul.

ITALIAN

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In order the more speedily to complete outstanding engr wk at the CAR two further pls of 4 Engr Coy have been dot to FOSSANO and att to 3 Recruit Bn.

Major,
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2 Inf Rect

1 and 2 Bn : Amend to read :- Genoa P. 0147

3 Bn : Amend to read :- Mondovi 0 0952

128 Territorial Military Hosp

Amend to read :- Genoa 0 9748

76 Inf Rect

Rect HQ : Amend to read :- Savona 0 6139
1 Bn : " " " :- Savona 0 6139
2 Bn : " " " :- Imperia T 1994
3 Bn : " " " :- Genoa 0 9849

CC.RR.

Mobile Bn CC.RR. :- Delete all reference
Legione CC.RR. :- Amend to read :- Genoa 0 9949

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67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG

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C 6 dated 5 Jun 46

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU C/6 DATED 3 MAY 46.

Hq INF DIV MANTOVA

Delete :-	Generale di Brigata in spe	BOLOGNA	Guido
Insert :-	" " " " "	CORDERO di MONTEZEMOLO	Alberto
	Ten.Col. art.spe	BERARDO	Piero
		ARACRI	Renato

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Delete :-	Ten.Col. medico spe	DE BERNARDO	Francesco

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MILITARY DISTRICT SAVONA

Insert :-	Ten.Col. art.spe	GANDOLFI	Alberto

MILITARY DISTRICT MONDOVI'

Delete :-	Ten.Col. ftr.spe	SAVIGLIANO	Andrea

42 INF REGT DEPOT

Insert :-	Ten.Col. ftr.spe	BARTOLOMASI	Corrado

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TO : ROMA ROME

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2 BRITISH DIVISION UKF

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Subject:- 2 BLU Progress Report No. 10

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G 6

3 May 46

To:- HQ Land Forces Sub Com AC (MMIA), Rome

Ref this HQ Progress Report No. 10 dated 3 May 46 enclosed herewith.

1. It has been thought advisable to include only one copy of Appx 'E' to the a/q Report on the grounds of security. Copies have, however, been retained by this HQ and if desired these will be forwarded on receipt of instructions from your HQ.

Appx 'E' is Secret

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2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
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2 May 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Com AC (NAML), Rome (4) ✓
HQ 1 BLU

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(ii) Little trg has been done throughout Inf Div Mantova primarily due to mov and reshuffling of units. The shortage of trg arm has handicapped range work but it is understood that this situation will improve within the next few days.

/2. (b) CC.RR.....

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With the recent arrival of the 'Staghounds' CC.RR are busily engaged in try personnel. Within the Mobile Bn the standard of try is improving due to the Bn being concentrated together at Sturla Bks, previous to their change of loca try was done but that was about all.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activity and back slapping has been going on in a big way just recently due to the recent anniversary of the liberation of GENOA. Principal participants in all displays who seemed to have sprung from all sorts of odd corners were ex-partisans. Thanks were given, after many gratifications bestowed upon the gentlemen in red scarves, to the Allies for their part in the liberation.

Russia favoured favourably when the Russian Consul accompanied by the Vice Sindaco visited various cemeteries where lie the remains of Russian partisans, lots of speeches were made winding up with grateful thanks to "our strong friend Russia" for their part in the liberation.

(b) Situation on the French Frontier is satisfactory. In the Comune of PIGNA N 9304 a large amount of French propaganda in the form of slogans were posted on the wall and side walks by pro French sympathisers. These have since been erased by order of the Italian authorities. There was no comment or any incidents reported.

(c) Relations between the troops and populace remain fairly good. It is worthy of note that during the festivities on the first anniversary of liberation day in GENOA., though joyful and peaceful were the crowds that accumulated coupled with lots of long winded speeches by various party speakers, not one report gave any account whatsoever of the part the Combat Groups played along side the Allies. Partisans carried the day with a galaxy of red patterns portrayed mostly around the neck. Statues erected to the memory of some great men, distributed liberally around Genoa, came in for their share of red kneckwear.

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(d) Little political current among troops. Reports from units have stated that men have been found to be paying visits to the local Communist Party, this has occurred amongst new recruits at the C.M.R.

(e) Territorial Bn are of the opinion that subversive activity is being carried out within units, they report that civilians are approaching servicemen and in turn getting the worker types to broadcast their propaganda for them. Unit Commanders appear to differ in this matter and state that the first signs, of which there are few, are being immediately stamped on. The propaganda served up is the age old [illegible] families etc.

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(a) Activity and back slapping has been going on in a big way just recently due to the recent anniversary of the liberation of GENOA. Principal participants in all displays who seemed to have sprung from all sorts of odd corners were ex-partisans. Thanks were given, after many gratifications bestowed upon the gentlemen in red scarves, to the Allies for their part in the liberation.

Russia favoured favourably when the Russian Consul accompanied by the Vice Sindaco visited various cemeteries where lie the remains of Russian partisans, lots of speeches were made winding up with grateful thanks to "our strong friend Russia" for their part in the liberation.

(b) Situation on the French Frontier is satisfactory. In the Commune of PIGNA N 9304 a large amount of French propaganda in the form of slogans were posted on the wall and side walks by pro French sympathisers. These have since been erased by order of the Italian authorities. There was no comment or any incidents reported.

(c) Relations between the troops and populace remain fairly good. It is worthy of note that during the festivities on the first anniversary of liberation day in GENOA., though joyful and peaceful were the crowds that accumulated coupled with lots of long winded speeches by various party speakers, not one report gave any account whatsoever of the part the Combat Groups played along side the Allies. Partisans carried the day with a galaxy of red patterns portrayed mostly around the neck. Statues erected to the memory of some great men, distributed liberally around Genoa, came in for their share of red neckwear.

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(d) Little political current among troops. Reports from units have stated that men have been found to be paying visits to the local Communist Party, this has occurred amongst new recruits at the CLR.

(e) Territorial HQ are of the opinion that subversive activity is being carried out within units, they report that civilians are approaching servicemen and in turn getting the weaker types to broadcast their propaganda for them. Unit Commanders appear to differ in this matter and state that the first signs, of which there are few, are being immediately stamped on. The propaganda served up is the ore old material, pay, lodging, families etc.

(f) Armed bandits have been active of late and have carried off one or two large hauls. CCIR have been very prompt and active and have carried out arrests of many wanted men. A copy of a report, received by the Public Safety Officer AC Liaison Team from the Squadra Investigativa, was forwarded to this HQ for information. (Att copy at ANNEX 'F'). The matter was investigated and both the Questura and PSS were approached to find their views. The general opinion is that, although apparently well conducted, considerable underground activity is being operated. Reliable sources state that members of the P.C.I. are

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instructed to maintain cordial relations with other party members and by so doing influencing the general population before the Elections and showing the good conduct and discipline of the party.

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III. 'A' POINTS

DOMESTIC

General

With the recent adjusting of the WE of 'g' Type BLUs this HQ is now showing a deficiency of a Tp Major. It is hoped that this vacancy will soon be filled. The CAR of this Territorial HQ is a considerable distance from Gonoa and to visit satisfactorily, it is necessary to waste two days to have one day at either Fossano or Cuneo.

For the past two weeks the DMA&QMG has been in hospital but it is anticipated that he will be fit to come out at the beginning of next week.

Leave

G-II, CC and DR are due for leave shortly, none of the a/m have taken leave within the last six months.

ITALIAN

Deficiencies

Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under cond
Telephone mechanics	30%
Armourers & armourer mech	44%
Pioneers (Engr)	-
Drivers	28%
Driver mechanics	26%
Cooks	7%
Typists	8%
Blacksmiths	7%
Bakers	15%
Nursing orderlies	11%
Fitters	14%
DRs	23%
Masons	45%
Linesmen	5%
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DRs	23%
Masons	45%
Linesmen	5%
Sappers	-

Discipline

No change from last report.

The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal :-

Desertion	26
Crime	19

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Discipline amongst the troops, during the anniversary of liberation day and the further Fiesta of Labour Day, was good, no disturbances were reported. CCRR patrols were active and satisfactory.

Morale

Unchanged. The accomodation problem is becoming day by day more acute. This, coupled with the age old problems of pay, uncertainty etc, is affecting morale.

Though every opportunity is used to point out, by this HQ, the reason for these difficulties, not much attempt is made to grasp and understand. It is noticeable that the junior officers appear to understand and appreciate conditions as they stand, much more than their seniors.

IV. 'G' POINTS

DOMESTIC

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Situation of unit transport is not good. It is hoped that LANCIA (WD 5643114) will be on the road within the next seven days. AUSTER 4x4 (1520215) has been a problem and it is hoped that another seven days will see it fit for the road. REME wksps in Genoa could not supply a bit and nor could any other official channels. However the G-II in desperation sought out a likely friend in Milan who, on the 'old boy' basis, produced a new engine. All was well until it came to the fitting of the water pump which was promptly ruined very effectively. An SOS has gone out to the same friend who has promised to help. Tpt has been borrowed from Territorial HQ which has not been very useful so consequently returned. One car is at present on loan from 3 BLU.

Accn.

It is thought that very shortly the Albergo Columbia, the present residence of the Officers of this HQ, will close. Accn has been found in the space of two apartments, one for DALAGHE and wife, whilst the other will be held for G II plus any visiting officers. ORs are already comfortably billetted.

Italian.

(a) A serious shortage of tubes and tyres for Jeeps, Utilities and M/Cs is constantly reported by Inf Div Mantova. Ord 1 BLU are dealing with the matter.

(b) CC.NN Legion have received 11 Jeeps one of which is for the Mobile Bn. No disposal instructions have yet been received in respect of the 10 Humbers which have been replaced by 12 Staghounds.

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The 26 Rec Sec was disbanded on the 15 Apr 46.

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Clothing - Kit

Little change. Territorial HQ have stated that the recent arrival of equipment has been effected and that very little reserve is held.

Arms & Ammn

(a) At present officers are allowed to carry a personal weapon on training only. SMM were asked for approval to be armed throughout their tour of duty irrespective whether they are on trg or other duties. No response has yet been received. However instructions have been received to the effect that officers wishing to be granted a licence for carrying arms when in civilian clothes may apply to HQ where the licence will be issued and duly granted. Territorial HQ point out that if an officer wishes to be armed throughout some necessary period of duty he must, at the moment, don civilian clothes.

(b) Ammn is waited for the 'Staghounds'.

CEM

NTR.

Medical

Sanitary conditions are good. Cases of small-pox broke out just recently in GENOA; a drive for vaccination occurred, firstly by the civilians and then by the Army. No cases of small-pox among military personnel have been reported.

The following venereal and contagious diseases are reported:-

Syphilis	-	5
Venereal Ulcer	-	5
Gonorrhoea	-	25
Scabies	-	11

The Prefettura, Questura and CCs have been asked to stop the number of uncontrolled prostitutes that are wandering around Army billets.

14 cases of measles are reported from CUNEO amongst the recruits at the CAR, the necessary precautions have been taken.

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LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 2 BLU	Genoa	C 971478
No. 2 Territorial HQ	Genoa	
Artillery HQ	Genoa	O 964487
Artillery Directorate	Albenga	O 980470
		O 3812
Medical Directorate	Genoa	O 964487
128 Territorial Military Hosp	Genoa	P 007465
HQ Engr	Genoa	O 973478
Districts		
16 Military District	Genoa	
40 Military District	Cuneo	O 978476
71 Military District	Savona	N 8654
79 Military District	Mondovi	O 6039
		O 0952
2 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Genoa	
1 Bn	Bolzaneto	O 996471
2 Bn	Genoa	C 9555
3 Bn	Cuneo	O 972476
		N 8654
Inf Div Mantova		
Div HQ	Varazze	O 6844
76 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Savona	
1 Bn	Savona	C 5838
2 Bn	Imperia	C 5838
3 Bn	Genoa	P 2095
		O 9548
114 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Chiavari	
1 Bn	Chiavari	P 2837
2 Bn	Sampierdarena	P 2837
3 Bn	Saluzzo	O 9448
		N 8483
104 Engr Bn HQ	Albissola Marina	O 6342
CC.RR.		
Mobile Bn CC.RR.	Genoa	P 011469
Legione CC.RR.	Genoa	O 977489

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Dated 3 May 46

STAFF LIST

2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Rep't	Appt	Remarks
219902	DUFFY, F.P.	T/Maj	D.L.I.	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E.F.W.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAAG(M)	Hosp

Appx 'C' to 2 BLU
C/6 dated 5 May 46.

Staff List of all Italian Offrs of the rank of Lt Col and above within 2 Territorial area

MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ GENOA

- Generale di C.A. in spe	FORGIERO	Arnaldo
- " " Brigata in spe	MAGLIANO	Emilio
- " " " " "	MARTINENGO	Enrico
- Col. art.spe funz.S.M.	CHIAVARINO	Guido
- Ten.Col.art.spe funz.S.M.	MICHELOTTI	Domenico
- " " ftr.spe tit.S.G.	MARESCO	Alberto
- " " art.spe " " "	MONACO	Giuseppe
- " " art.spe " " "	PERINO	Umberto
- " " ftr.spe " " "	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
- " " ftr.spe " " "	VERCESI	Antonio
- " " art.spe	DEFFACLIO	Giulio
- " " ftr.spe	SCATELLI	Guido
- " " ftr.spe	PIROLA	Mario
- " " ftr.spe	SCALA	Giuseppe

HQ INF DIV "MANTOVA"

- Generale di Brigata in spe	BOLOGNA	Guido
- " " " " "	MONACCI	Ettore
- Col. ftr.spe	SALVI	Giorgio
- " ftr.spe	BENZI	Camillo
- " art.spe	MARINI	Silvio
- Ten.Col. ftr.spe	GUALANO	Antonio
- " " ftr.spe	BATTAGLINI	Santo
- " " ftr.spe	SENTIERI	Mario
- " " ftr.spe	CELENTANI S.MARTINO	Remigio
- " " ftr.spe	SCURO	Aristide
- " " ftr.spe	GALATI	Ciro
- " " ftr.spe	PALANGE	Francesco
- " " art.spe	SANTOMAURO	Arturo
- " " art.spe	CUGINI	Alessandro
- " " art.spe	PIZZOCARO	Camillo

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2 OFFRS ENQUIRY BOARD

- Generale di Brigata in spe	DE LORENZIS	Ugo
- Colonnello ftr.spe	LISSONI	Pasquale
- " art.spe	PAVESI	Isidoro

ARTY HQ

- Col. art.spe tit.S.G.	AMICI	Ugo
- Ten.Col. art.spe	LACI DI FEUDONOVO	Alfredo

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- " " art.spe " " "	MONACO	Giuseppe
- " " art.spe " " "	FORNARO	Umberto
- " " ftr.spe " " "	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
- " " ftr.spe " " "	VERCESI	Antonio
- " " art.spe	BETTAGLIO	Giglio
- " " ftr.spe	CONSILLI	Guido
- " " ftr.spe	PAROLA	Mario
- " " ftr.spe	SCALA	Giuseppe

HQ INF DIV "LAMTOM."

- Generale di Brigata in spe	DOLOGM.	Guido
- " " " " "	MONACCI	Ettore
- Col. ftr.spe	SALVI	Giorgio
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- " art.spe	MARINI	Silvio
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- " " ftr.spe	CELEBRINI S.MARTINO	Romigio
- " " ftr.spe	SCURO	Aristide
- " " ftr.spe	GALTA	Ciro
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- Col. art.spe tit.S.G.	ALBICI	Ugo
- Ten.Col. art.spe	LUCI DI FEUDOMOVO	Alfredo

ENGINEER HQ

- Colonnello Genio spe	AMODIO	Mario
- " Genio spe	TONELLI	Gian Fernando
- Ten.Col. Genio spe	SPIGNO	Federico
- " " Genio spe	D'AURIA	Francesco

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MILITARY MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	DE BERNARDO	Francesco
- " "	medico spe	D.V.	Arturo
- " "	medico spe	FISICHELLA	G.Battista

MILITARY HOSPITAL GENOA

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	SCHIRA	Giovanni
- " "	medico spe	FINCA	Edoardo
- " "	medico spe	NICCOLOSI	Antonio

MILITARY HOSPITAL SAVIGLIANO

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	LOMBARDI	Salvatore

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

- Colonnello	Commissario spe	GIULLANI	Pietro
- Ten.Col.	Commissario spe	PETTURA	Antonio
- " "	Sussistenza spe	PELLIZZA	Giuseppe
- " "	Amministraz.spe	FARRIS	Alfredo
- " "	Commissario spe	RIZZI	Alfredo

DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE

- Ten.Col.	Amministraz.spe	GUZZO	Salvatore

TRANSIT CAMP GENOA

- Colonnello	cav.spe	OMETTI DI MARCORENGO	Paolo
- "	ftr.spe	DI STEFANO	Salvatore
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	SCRAGNI	Antonio
- " "	ftr.spe	CARUNA	Angelo
- " "	ftr.spe	TRIPODI	Michelangelo
- " "	ftr.spe	RIGHETTI	Alberto

MILITARY DISTRICT GENOA

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	BOVI	Angelo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	SANTORI	Carlo
- " "	ftr.spe	GANDOLFI	Angelo
- " "	ftr.spe	GANDIOSO	Sebastiano

MILITARY DISTRICT SAVONA

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	ZUNINI	Arturo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	BENEDETTI	Luigi
- " "	ftr.spe	FAZIO	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spe	DE PASQUALE	Mario
- " "	art.spe	NOVELLI	Archimede

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- " "	medico spe	NICCOLOSI	Edgardo
			Antonio

MILITARI OSPEDALE SAVIGLIANO

- Ten.Col.	medico spe	LONGHI	Salvatore

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

- Colonnello	Commissario spe	GIULIANI	Pietro
- Ten.Col.	Commissario spe	BERTURA	Antonio
- " "	Sussistenza spe	PELLIZZA	Giuseppe
- " "	Amministraz.spe	FARRIS	Alfredo
- " "	Commissario spe	RIZZI	Alfredo

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- " "	ftr.spe	GAUDIOSO	Sebastiano

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- " "	art.spe	DE PASQUALE	Mario
- " "	art.spe	NOVELLI	Archimede

MILITARY DISTRICT CUNEO

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	BORGOGNI	Attilio
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	VARESI	Pier Alessandro
- " "	ftr.spe	GUY	Silvio
- " "	ftr.spe	DE MASI	Vincenzo

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MILITARY DISTRICT MONDOVI'

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	CLAGNARO	Filippo
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	SALGHELLO	Andrea
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	PALLOCCHI	Attilio

42 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe tit.S.G.	PESCATORI	Dito
- " "	ftr.spe	STRAMI	Giovanni
- " "	ftr.spe	SCALZAMUCCI	Emilio
- " "	ftr.spe	ROBOTTI	Giovanni
		SOLDANO	Vincenzo

43 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	BERTONI	Bruno

7 ARTY REGT G&P DEPOT

- Ten.Col.	art.spe	DANILI	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spe	CALLIGI	Cesare

29 ARTY REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	art.spe		
- Ten.Col.	art.spe	MONTELIANI	Umberto
- " "	art.spe	BOVONE	Mario
		ZACHEO	Carmine

2 INF REGT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	VIGLIERO	Romitio
		TORTORELLI	Giuseppe

2 TRAINING CENTRE CUNEO

- Colonnello	ftr.spe		
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	RONCO	Francesco
- " "	ftr.spe	LUSETTI	Guido
- " "	ftr.spe	DE BOVE	Augusto
		SCULLI	Giuseppe

WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

- Ten.Col.	medico spe		
- " "	medico spe	CASTELLANETA	Vincenzo
- " "	ftr spe	BASSI	Ugo
		TORRESI	Paolo

POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	ftr.ris.	LEVIDRO	Luigi

VET RECOVERY UNIT

- Ten.Col.

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- Colonnello [illegible]		[illegible]	
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe tit.S.C.	SCHILLACI	Tullio
- " "	ftr.spe	ROSATI	Giovanni
- " "	ftr.spe	SCALINO	Vincenzo
- " "	ftr.spe		

43 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello ftr.spe		PERRONI	Bruno

7 ARTY REGT C.E DEPOT

- Ten.Col.	art.spe	DANIELI	Giuseppe
- " "	art.spe	CARINGI	Cesare

29 ARTY REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello	art.spe	MONTEMAGNI	Umberto
- Ten.Col.	art.spe	BOVONE	Mario
- " "	art.spe	ZACCHEO	Carmino

2 INF REGT

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	VIGLIERO	Romivio
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	TORTORELLI	Giuseppe

2 TRAINING CENTRE CUNEO

- Colonnello	ftr.spe	RONCO	Francesco
- Ten.Col.	ftr.spe	LUSTRA	Guido
- " "	ftr.spe	DE BOVE	Augusto
- " "	ftr.spe	SCULLI	Giuseppe

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WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

- Ten.Col.	medico spc	CASTELLANETA	Vincenzo
- " "	medico spc	RASSI	Ugo
- " "	ftr spc	TORRES	Paolo

POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	ftr.ris.	LEANDRO	Luigi

VET RECOVERY UNIT

- Ten.Col.	cav.spe	GROPPALLO	Costantino

2 MT REPAIR UNIT

- Ten.Col.	art.spe S.Tc...	GARGIULO	Vittorio
- " "	art.spe	FIORITO	Francesco

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ARTY DIRECTORATE ARRENG.

- Ten.Col.	art.spe	COLORETTI	Carlo
- " "	art.spe S.Te.A.	GIANFRANCESCO	Enrico

AIR FACTORY - AUDIT OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	art.spe S.Te.A.	PIERRI	Michele

REQUISITIONING OFFICE

- Ten.Col.	genio spe	PAPPALARDO	G.Battista.

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1.	HUMBER Staff 4x4.	1520215	-	Yes	-	
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Appx 'E' to 2 BLU
G-6 dated 3 May 46

SECRET

Secret personal Pro-Memoria

Genoa, 25 April 46

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According to the informations the movement commands of armament in abundance. Such armament is concentrated in localities of the outer sphere of the town, known only to a few selected and trusted persons. Many arms are also imported clandestinely from Jugoslavia and discharged on the Adriatic coast.

It is also maintained that lists have been made of persons to be eliminated, such persons belonging to right wing parties or being former fascists.

The hidden activity of the left wing parties are not completely ignored by the exponents of the other political parties, who are said to be rather preoccupied with it. There is also anxiety among the population and there is talk about a second wave of blood-shed.

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Subject:- Progress Report No. 9.

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56375 (Genoa)
G 6

7 Apr 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Com AC (MMIA), Rome.
1 BLU

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II. 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

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MMIA-'G'
FILE: 2/37/2
DATE: 2/23/4

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have been met with annoying innumerable breakdowns thus incurring a great loss of time and patience. However, the unit tpt is now dependable and lost time will be made up.

(ii) Normal inter-unit try.

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III. 'A' PORTS

DOMESTIC

Leave

This HQ will close on Monday 22 Apr 46 in accordance with HQ 59 Area instructions.

Comm

Residence telephone numbers of offrs of this HQ are now as follows:-

G II	-	GENOVA 61041	Ext 416
DAA & QMG	-	" "	" 415 - 417

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Deficiencies

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Bakers	18%
Nursing Orderlies	10%
Fitters	15%
DRs	19%
Masons	40%
Linesmen	8%
Sappers	-

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/3. Discipline.....

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Discipline

During Mar 46 the following crimes were committed and put up for trial :-

	Theft of govt property.....	7 cases
	Disposal of mil eqpt on charge.....	6 "
	Desertion and disposal of mil eqpt on charge.....	26 "
(i)	"Appropriazione indebita".....	2 "
	Theft, simple.....	1 "
	Insubordination.....	1 "
	Refusal to obey an order.....	1 "
	Assault of civ police.....	1 "

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Supp

Infm has been received that wef 15 May the coffee issue to the It Army is to cease on orders from War Ministry. It is to be feared that this move will cause grave discontent especially in view of the recent decrease in the price of that commodity sold to the civs which would indicate a better national availability. It would be appreciated

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if cancellation of this issue could be confirmed. ACTION
2 Comando Militare Territoriale complain that even if War Ministry had to stop the issue of coffee, they might at least have waited until after the general elections to do so.

Medical

Apart from one case of measles in 2 Inf Regt no cases of contagious disease have been reported. The incidence of VD for the last 15 days appears to be much as before :-

Primary syphilitis.....	9
Venereal ulcer.....	2
Gonorrhoea.....	17
Scabies.....	17

The percentage of total str of admissions to hosp are as follow :-

To mil hosps.....	1.65%
" civ "	0.70%

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Maj Gen,
G II.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

101630 B

FRM : 2 BLU

TO : MEA ROLE

REF : A1

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REF PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 6 PART A (NINE) (.) SAID PARTY WERE NO CASUALTIES

AMONG THE PLATOON 104 MEMBER NOW PRESENT AND TO (A G A I N) IS AS

STATED A I R O L E TO MEET RALLY LEADER (.) SEARCH CONTINUES

CAPABLE DISMANTLE BUT N O T LAUNCH MISSILES (.) NEED OF ABOVE

NOTED LOCATION ABOVE

Equal value already

DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : G/37/2

INFO : MOB

Col. GS	
GSO I (SD)	
Dep. G3	
GSO II (S[illegible])	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (W[illegible])	
GSO III (SD)	
[illegible]	
G (Trg)	

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

051100 B

FROM : 2 BEU

TO : MEDITERRANEAN

INFO : 1 BEU

REF : G/6

UNCLASSIFIED

REF PROGRESS REPORT 8 PAGE 5 PART 4 LAST LINE OF TPT (A) (.)

PARA (.) FOR SEIL READ BUY

DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : G/37/2
G/37/2/A

INFO : A
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Col. GS
G- [illegible]
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8 April 1946
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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome.

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DATE: 2/8/4
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TRAINING

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) Trg Ests

On the 15 Mar the call up took place and the new intake reported for duty. The administrative machine worked very efficiently and process of checking, washing, clothing, etc, was well laid on, on no side did this HQ observe any inefficiency. The number of men reporting was a much higher percentage than anticipated.

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It was hoped that that the call up would be completed by 28 Mar but has been delayed for a few days. The total figure up to date is 2,491. SMRE have informed Territorial HQ that deficiencies will be made up from other Districts. To obtain the necessary infm regarding ranges was a difficult task. CAR and Genio Militare were constantly changing the locations until at last infm was finally extracted. All the 30 yd ranges are now complete, work is progressing satisfactorily on the open ranges which in one case was not difficult owing to a range already being in existance. Another Eng Coy has been sent to Cuneo to speed the work up. Field firing ranges have not as yet been definitely settled but this HQ is assured that they will be ready in time, therefore, as soon as the definite sites become known infm will be forwarded.

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(b) Very little activity on the Franco-Italian frontier. Quite recently posters were found displayed at various points in Ventimiglia. Copy of poster att as Appx 'E'. The matter was investigated thoroughly by the CCRR and found to be rubbish, not one of the incidents stated

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by the poster was found to be correct. CCRR det in that area state that an organised French propaganda machine is into being but is not meeting with any great amount of success. Further infm on restriction of movement within the 25 km zone is reported under 'A' of this report.

(c) Relation on the whole continue to be good. Rumour Mongers and Defamers were quick to seize on the unfortunate incident which occurred quite recently in the dispute between the Army and the 'UITE'. This incident was covered in Report No.7. Fortunately sympathy was with the Army and relations are good once more.

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The recent elections were carried out extremely well, no incidents of any importance were reported. CCRR on duty at various polling booths carried out their tasks efficiently and quietly, it did much to encourage the growing feeling of security the people, generally, are beginning to feel in the CCRR.

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a certain amount of hard work for it is necessary in one case to instal
a new exchange.

(g) A meeting has taken place at the Prefettura for examining
the future scheme of building a reservoir onthe river TANARO. Prefects
and officials of various towns attended. The work is anticipated to
last from five to ten years and will cost approximately ten thousand
million lire.

The recent decision by the Government to cut the wages
of the Apprenticed Warders has and is causing concern. Apparently
after they have paid the messing they have left fourteen lire per day

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to live on, not only did the decrease cause objection but also the ruling that as the new rate of pay started wef some date in October the extra money over paid would be paid back to the Government. This has caused a sudden desertion of warders and no one to replace them, consequently outbreaks have increased.

III. 'A' POINTS

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Desertions.....33
Other crimes (incl theft).11

Recent rfts to 2 Inf Regt incl a heavy proportion of bad types such as ex deserters and personnel having served sentences as civs. Stringent measures were taken by the regt comd and matters are now under control.

From all sides come reports of the excellent discipline and

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morale of the recruits under training at the CAR. This is most encouraging and, if politics can be kept in abeyance, there is no reason why this state should not continue .

Morale

The 1921 class has at last been disposed of and with it goes one of the more serious bad influences on morale. Now, with the warm season started and the gradually improving accn sit, morale of the men should improve. Morale of offrs is still, however, poor and it is thought that only when their troubles (personal accn, pay, domestic worries attributable to war conditions etc) are settled will their attitude improve and have the good effect it should have on the morale of ORs.

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GE GENOVA has provisionally promised to loan to MANTOVA a 117 ft length of Bailey br for trg purposes. MANTOVA Div had been asking for this for some time.

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Clothing (a)

There has recently been an improvement in receipts of clothing. Comando Militare is still worried about the differences in colour and design which units have to put up with but it is anticipated that once clothing of recruits at the CAR has ended the sit elsewhere will improve.

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All wk on accn is now practically finished. A certain amount of wk still remains to be done in most barracks on ablution arrangements and the finishing touches put to the decoration and furnishing of messes, club rooms and canteens. Some of the above ~~delay~~ was due to the civ contractors' running out of funds at a crucial moment and having to wait for an adv of one million lire from War Ministry before wk could continue.

(ii) Stores

No typewriters have yet been received from War Ministry (4 are allowed on G 1098) so at present the CAR is jogging along with difficulty with one borrowed machine.

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War Ministry have stated that offrs meses will have to be est at the expences of the offrs themselves. They state they will make an initial loan but that this loan will have to be paid off at a rate of 2.5% monthly by the offrs concerned. At present offrs messes are being run by civ caterers.

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LOCATION STATEMENT

AMENDMENT No. 2

After 114 Inf Regt add :-

1 Bn - Chiavari - P 2837

No 2 Inf Regt delete:-

Genoa 996471
Bolzaneto 0 9555
Genoa 972476

Insert:- Genoa 0 011469
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Staff List of 2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt or Corps	Appoint-ment	Remarks
219902	DUFFY, F.P.	T/Major	DLI	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E.P.F.	T/Major	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG	

Appx 'C' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated Apr 46.

AMENDMENT No 3 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU G/6 DATED 5 JAN 46

2 TERRITORIAL HQ

Delete :- Ten.Col. ftr. spe. — SOLDANO Vincenzo

2 OFFRS ENQUIRY BOARD

Delete :- Col. ftr. spe. — RETUENA Augusto
Add :- Col. art. spe. — PAVESI Isidoro

MED HQ

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DISTRICT HQ SAVONA

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" " " " — DE MASI Vincenzo

7 GAF AFTY DEPOT

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FOREIGN POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

Delete :-Ten.Col. ftr. ris. — RESSIA Pietro
Add :- " " " " — LEANDRO Luigi

FOREIGN TELEGRAPH & CABLE CENSORSHIP OFFICE

Delete :-all detail

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REQUISITION OFFICE

Add :- Ten.Col. Genio spe. PAPPALARDO G. Battista

MANTOVA

155 ARTY REGT

Delete :- Ten.Col. art. spe. PALOMBARINI Sergio
Add :- " " " " PIZZOCARO Camillo

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TEXT OF A PROCLAMATION POSTED IN VENTIMIGLIA COMMUNE (IMPERIA PROVINCE)

CITIZENS,

We think wise to bring before you the events of these last few days, so everybody may know all about it.

Few days ago the French flag was hoisted on the Church Tower of Isolabona and a great demonstration Pro-France was held, then a plebiscite ~~xx~~ was held and gave the following results : 900 habitants, 850 were for France. AtvDOLCEACQUA, PIGNA, CASTELVITTORIO, the population wrote their ideas and feelings for France.

At SOLDANO and S.BIAGIO the citizens removed all placards with Italian names and changed in French, also shops changed their insigna.

What does all this prove ? that the 90% of our people wishes to be annected by France, which will give them work, bread well-being and freedom.

CITIZENS, let us shout all of us who wants to become friends without consideration of the dirty Southerners who infest our country and in dispect of those who became rich illegaly and who are only too strong interested that French Justice keeps as far away as possible.

VIVA LA LIBERTA' VIVE LA FRANCE

VIVA FOR A FRENCH VENTIMIGLIA

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EXTRACT FROM "IL LAVORO NUOVO"
DATED 20 MAR 46.

Appx 'F' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated Apr 46.

UN COLONNELLO PUNTO
PER UNA LETTERA AL "LAVORO NUOVO"

UNA INTERROGAZIONE
AL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

Nel gennaio scorso abbiamo pubblicato una lettera del colonnello Edmondo Laureri, relativa alla ricostruzione dell'Esercito, che sosteneva doversi, per la riduzione dei quadri degli ufficiali superiori e generali, basare non tanto su limiti di eta' quanto sulle qualita' degli ufficiali stessi, eliminando chi non ha partecipato ad operazioni di guerra, chi non ha reagito agli attacchi dei tedeschi e ha ordinato di gettare le armi, chi ha prestato servizio nell'esercito repubblichino ed infine chi si e' macchiato di scorrettezze di vario genere.

Soggiungeva la lettera che "une riduzione di quadri con l'abbassamento dei limiti d'eta' realizzerebbe un ingiusto favoreggiamento per gli ufficiali del corpo di Stato Maggiore; ingiusto perche' e' proprio detto coppo il maggiore responsabile delle umiliazioni subite dall'esercito". E precisava: "Sono principalmente responsabili dello sfasciamento dell'esercito nel settembre '43 gli Stati Maggiori dei Corpi d'Armata e Divisioni. Erano colonnelli di S.M. quasi tutti i comandanti dei reggimenti della IV Armata arresasi a pochi tedeschi tra l'8 e il 10 settembre '43.

Ora dal Comando Militare di Genova si e' comunicato al colonnello Laureri che "signor Ministro della Guerra lo ha punito con dieci giorni di arresti semplici per il seguente motivo:-

- Ufficiale in S.P. inviava a un quotidiano di Genova una lettera che venne pubblicata nella quale erano contenute critiche ed accuse nei riguardi dello Stato Maggiore che esulavano dalla sua competenza specifica. Contravveniva in tal modo a disposizioni regilamentari che prescrivono all'ufficiale di riflettere, prima di pubblicare uno scritto, sulla responsabilita' che assume e di contenere i propri giudizii in un riserbo tanto piu' prudente quanto maggiori sono l'importanza e la delicatezza della materia trattata".

Ora in interviste pubblicate sabate scorso dalla "NUOVA STAMPA" e domenica dal "TRIBUNO DEL, POPOLO" il ministro della guerra, on.Brosio, la pena diversamente dal colonnello Laureri, quando al settembre '43 che egli vagamente considera come "l'effetto logico inevitabile dello sfaldamento di una situazione politica e morale".

Ma si puo' discutere sulla reazione che a tale sfaldamento dovevano opporre gli Stati Maggiori. E in proposito non si puo' negare "competenza specifica" al colonnello Laureri, quattro volte decorato al valore. Ma e' interessante notare che in quelle interviste il Ministro Brosio dichiarava: "finora sono stati radiati o allontanati per collaborazionismo 433 ufficiali fra i quali 348 generali e superiori. La selezione continua". E parlando della chiamata della classe '24 e dell'invio in congedo della '21 e della '22 diceva: "In tal modo l'Esercito si riduce e non aumenta, si democratizza perche' vi si immettono forze nuove che sono state a contatto fino a ieri con l'atmosfera politica del paese".

E soggiungeva: "Quanto all natura reazionaria dell'Esercito, non nego che molti ufficiali siano tuttora monarchici ma escludo che l'Esercito svolga attivita' politica o sia strumento di interessi dinastici o di parte. Non tollero infrazioni alla apoliticita' dell'Esercito e sono certo che esso, di fronte all'esito del referendum, fara' il suo dovere; ne assumo la responsabilita' ".

Come si concialiano queste liberali e democratiche affermazioni colla punizione di un ufficiale che invocava per l'appunto la radiazione dei collaborazionisti e dei compromessi coll'antico regime e la formazione di un esercito nuovo all'unisono collo spirito del tempo ? Se viviamo in regime di liberta', come si puo' negare ad un ufficiale superioere il diritto di parlare chiaro in materia ?

Sarebbe dunque vero che al Ministero della Guerra chi comanda nonostante

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le relazioni, e' ancora l'antico Stato Maggiore ?

Per chiarire questi punti interrogativi l'On.Canepa ha presentato alla presidenza della Consulta la seguente interrogazione, chiedendo, a norma del regolamento, risposta scritta perche', dato il grande numero (oltre cento) di interrogazioni orali gia' inscritte e la brevita' di vita che ancora resta alla Consulta, difficilmente si arriverebbe a tempo per svolgere l'interrogazione stessa in assemblea.

AL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA - Per sapere se non ritenga in contrasto col vigente regime di liberta' e collo spirito democratico del nuovo esercito la punizione inflitta al colonnello Edmondo Laureri per una lettera pubblicata dal giornale " IL LAVORO NUOVO".

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Subject:- Progress Report No 7.

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II. 'G' POINTS

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No change

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TRAINING

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) Trg Ests

An instrs course has recently come to a close at the CAR. The course was of good value, the standard of the students being very high. A good methodical programme was adhered to both by offrs and NCOs.

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(ii) Inclement weather has ruined any vigorous outdoor trg. WT has been carried out in limited indoor periods. A Fd Shoot by 155 Arty Regt is coming off very shortly.

(b) CCRR

With the increase in MCs the Mobile Bn are getting down to some serious trg. It appears that they have a shortage of trained riders, but this shortage is in the process of being overcome.

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Linesmen (Power)	–
Sappers	–

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Discipline

A circular was recently issued by the UNIONE ITALIANA TRANVIE ELETTRICHE stating that in future It tps would be obliged to pay fares on all municipal tpt. Though the fares were very low the principle of the thing displeased the local tps to no small extent. A delegation to the Prefetto was organized and a spontaneous outburst of military ire took place in Piazza De Ferrari which resulted in the disarming and rout of a MANTOVA Div picket. Order was, however, soon restored and on the following day a joint announcement was made by the UITE and the Prefetto that on certain lines tps were to continue to be carried free of charge and the fares on all other lines were to be cut by 2/3. Though the disturbances were regrettable, the prompt conciliatory action taken by the civ authys points to a greater cooperation with the military.

The attitude of the tps in view of the forthcoming adm elections continues to be passive.

IV. 'Q' POINTS

DOMESTIC

Accn

New accn in the form of a furnished flat has been secured for the ORs of this HQ.

Tpt

All MT is on the rd and working very satisfactorily.

ITALIAN

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Order was, however, soon restored and on the following day a joint announcement was made by the UITE and the Prefetto that on certain lines tps were to continue to be carried free of charge and the fares on all other lines were to be cut by 2/3. Though the disturbances were regrettable, the prompt conciliatory action taken by the civ authys points to a greater cooperation with the military.

The attitude of the tps in view of the forthcoming adm elections continues to be passive.

IV. 'Q' POINTS

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RAOC

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II. 'G' POINTS

ORGANISATION

ACTION

(a) Domestic (BLU)

No change

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(b) Italian

No change

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CCRR

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MMIA - 'G'
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(ii) WT of all arms is being carried out. Indents have been made for sig material for the trg of sig personnel of Inf Regts. GOC Inf Div Mantova is concerned with the future trg of the 104 Engr Bn, he states that it is important to procure a B.B. to train his offrs in the bridging sec, this matter has already been referred to HQ MMIA.

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(b) CCRR

A second course of 56 dvrs is being carried out within the Mobile Bn. Personnel are attending courses for, ftrs, wireless ops, MT (Mechs) and Police duties. The trg received on the a/m course will enable the Legion to have capable elements, who in turn will be capable of trg other personnel.

INTELLIGENCE

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their WE is noticeable but this will sort itself out soon. In outlying districts relations are not as good as they might be, notices painted on the walls have proclaimed that " The CCRR are Fascists", this appears again to have been the work of youths but in these districts the prestige of the CCRR is still low.

(d) Very little political activity is evident amongst tps. Steps are being taken within Territorial HQ to provide an equivalent of ABCA which appears to be having some effect to the good.

(e) No outward signs of subversive elements, if any at all, most confined to men of the 1921 class who are restive due to their long service and in some cases a bad influence amongst the men.

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(b) ITALIAN

Deficiencies

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Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under comd
Telephone mechanics	10%
Armourers & armourer mech	46%
Pioneers (Engr)	–
Drivers	22%
Driver mechanics	17%
Cooks	5%
Typists	12%
Blacksmiths	5%
Bakers	11%
Nursing orderlies	22%
Fitters	12%
DRs	1%
Masons	10%
Linesmen (other arms)	–
Linesmen (Signal)	9%
Linesmen (Power)	–
Sappers	–

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still more propaganda, of a one-syllable and factual type, were made, the real facts would be understood and the difficulties borne in a far better spirit by the average It soldiers than at present is the case.

The problem of offrs accn is still acute. If matters do not improve this HQ may have to take unileteral action, similar to the BRIGHTON "Vigilantes" in forced billeting.

IV. "Q" POINTS

(a) DOMESTIC

MT

LANCIA 5643114 is now out of wksps with a new engine. The MC has been received so that now the unit is up to WE in MT.

(b) ITALIAN

MT (b)

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Arms and Amn (b)

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The difficulties mentioned in Report No 5 in connection with the collection of 39,888 rds of SAA from VERONA have now been overcome and the amn is being collected at once.

Accn

As a result of the recent handing over to the

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It Army of STURLA barracks a large number of civilian buildings in GENOVA have been derequisitioned by 2 Comando Militare Territoriale. It is hoped that this will help to improve the Army's relations with the civ population.

NOTE

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(iii) Accn Stores

All accn stores are now available at different engr dumps. These are being sent to FOSSANO and CUNEO.

(iv) Firing Ranges

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Wk on these is being intentionally held up to give priority to getting barrack accn ready in good time. Wk will be commenced on 10 Mar but should not take long as very suitable sites in the beds of the rs GESSO and STURA are available. Manufacture of targets and other stores for ranges has been proceeding for some time.

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ACTION (+)

(v) Sports Eqpt

These are being prepared within the "quadrangles" of the barracks themselves.

In addition to the sports stores already on hand, a sup has been sent to the CAR and a grant of 90,000 AML for use in this direction has been made by War Ministry.

(vi) Clothing

Stocks of clothing will be available in time to equip the first intake. As only one suit of uniform is available per man efforts are being made to get a War Ministry release for overalls for use on trg and fatigues. Your help in securing this release would be of value. (+)

(vii) Arms

Brit trg weapons etc are now being received at the CAR.

(viii) Medical

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(x) Footnote

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LOCATION STATEMENT

AMENDMENT No 1

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Add :- 114 Inf Regt
3 Bn - Saluzzo - N 8483

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Staff List of 2 BIU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt or Corps	Appointment	Remarks
219902	DUFFY, F.P.	T/Maj	DLI	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP, H.E. F.F.	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG	

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AMENDMENTS No 2 TO APPX 'C' TO 2 BLU G/6 DATED 3 JANUARY 46

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2 TERRITORIAL HQ

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2 OFFRS ENQUIRY BOARD

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Add :- " " " — BIGLIA Albino

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TRANSIT CAMP, GENOA

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Add :- " " " " — TRIPODI Michelangelo gio

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WAR PENSION MEDICAL BOARD

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Add :- " " " " — GANDOLFI Alberto

114 INF REGT

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Add :- Col. ftr. spe. BENZI Camillo
Ten. Col. ftr. spe. CELEBRINI di S.Martino Remigio

155 ARTY REGT

Add :- Ten. Col. art. spe. tit. S.G. CUGINI Alessandro

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Brit MT held by 2 BLU

Serial No	Veh Type	Reg No	E	LR	BLR	Remarks
1	HUMBER Staff 4x4	1520215	yes	-	-	
2	LANCIA ARDEA req - sal	5643114	yes	-	-	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

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NO.....2.....B L U ('B' TYPE)

Authorised W.E.		OR & Civilians employed within WE	W/S CP	OR held surplus to WE.	W/S CP	Civilian
Clerks CD RASC	1 Cpl 1 Pte	Cpl SPARKSMAN ROVATI Luigi (civ) in lieu (i)	36			CARD
Batman/Dvr	1 Pte	Gnr SEERS	44			
Motor Cyclist	1 Pte	Gnr HALL	53			
Civilians						
Batman/Dvr	1 ✓	PIOVANO Mario (civ)				
Cooks	2					
Mess Orderly	1					
General Duty Man	1					

REMARKS

Date :

(i) These are It civs emp since the foundation of MMIA out station. Both fully occupied on clerical duties, interpreting and translations; both are qualified interpreters and are certified as being essential.

(ii) Not yet decided whether central billet will be est for offrs & ORs this Unit. Depends upon future accn policy in GENOVA.

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1 BLU.

I. 'G' POINTS. ACTION

ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic (BLU).

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CCRR

Little change. A coy of 104 Eng Bn is now working at FOSSANO and CUNEO constructing ranges and trg stores. No Italian guards are being provided for Allied installations.

(b) CCRR

Normal.

TRAINING.

CCRR

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TRAINING.

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) Trg Ests.

The CAR is progressing extremely well. The allotment of barracks have now being decided as can be seen on att appendix. They are all in excellent condition. Its staff and instructors are now all present, a cadre has commenced for the instructors to ensure uniformity.

Other tps and CCRR

Normal inter unit training is satisfactory.

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III. 'A' POINTS.

(a) DOMESTIC

Deficiencies

The cpl clerk RASC previously on loan from 1 BIU on the WE of this unit has now been confirmed in his appointment. The unit is still deficient of an RASC pte clerk.

Leave

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(b) ITALIAN

Deficiencies

Specialists, Tradesmen etc	Percentage of deficiencies in total manpower under comd
Telephone mechanics	10%
Armourers & armourer mech	45%
Pioneers (Engr)	-
Drivers	22%
Driver mechanics	17%
Cooks	5%
Typists	12%
Blacksmiths	5%
Bakers	11%
Nursing orderlies	22%
Fitters	12%
DRs	1%
Masons	10%
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Pioneers (Engr)	-
Drivers	22%
Driver mechanics	17%
Cooks	5%
Typists	12%
Blacksmiths	5%
Bakers	11%
Nursing orderlies	22%
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Linesmen (other arms)	-
Linesmen (Signal)	9%
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Sappers	-

Discipline

Just as 3 GT Coy seemed to have reached a rock-bottom level in discipline, unmistakeable signs of improvement are being noted. It is hoped that these will continue.

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ACTION

Trouble is being experienced with personnel of the 1921 class. These have got to hear that the demobilization of their class has been put off and consequently are using every method they can to make their further stay in the Army as leisurely as possible.

In general, unit offrs maintain that discipline, and consequently morale, would be materially improved if only all It offrs would treat their men with more camaraderie and a more understanding attitude. Except amongst combat troops this spirit is still badly lacking though it is noted with satisfaction that the CAR appears to be stepping off on the right foot in this direction.

IV. 'Q' POINTS.

(a) DOMESTIC

Tpt

The MC due to this HQ on WE is urgently required now that GENOA Locality Sigs office has virtually closed. 2 BIU sig AC 20 of 12 Feb

The necessary part has now been obtained for LANCIA 5643114. It is estimated that the veh will be on the rd by 24 Feb.

(b) ITALIAN

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Lists are being compiled by 2 Comando Militare Territoriale of all the material so far recovered by 26 Commissione Ricuperi. Although hasteners keep arriving from all sides this must necessarily be a lenghty job if the lists are to be at all accurate.

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Accn

Cases have been reported, through 405 Town Major, of the Commissione Alloggi of GENOVA extorting bribes (sometimes amounting to 20,000 AML) from civilians in order that they be allocated quarters in the town recently derequisitioned by the Allies. If this is the case the outlook for the It Army offrs trying to obtain accn through the Prefettura for their families looks pretty grim. Enquiries are being made by this HQ.

No decision has yet been reached by Claims & Hirings Directorate regarding the date of de-requisition of the properties occupied by MANTOVA Div (see previous report). Hastening action is being taken as the matter is becoming urgent.

Sups

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1 BLU.

I. 'G' POINTS.

ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic (BLU).

No change.

FILE: G/37/2
DATE: 8/3/2

(b) Italian.

The departure of General Frattini to assume a new appointment was regretted both by this HQ and the staff of Territorial Command. The vacancy thus incurred has been filled, but as yet the successor has not arrived. Gen Bologna, GOC Inf Div Mantova, has temporarily assumed command of Territorial HQ. Units are now looking to Territorial HQ as the guiding authority and deal correctly through the normal channels, thus raising the prestige of the HQ.

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Routine guards on Italian installations are still being carried out, these have been cut down considerably within the last two weeks. 2 Inf Regt bear the brunt of guards called for by Territorial HQ but these are gradually diminishing. Road repair to Route 1 in the Mantova Area are still being carried out by 104 Eng Coy.

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FILE: [illegible] 2/37/2
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of men stated. On arrival at the prison the troops found that prisoners were attempting to storm the gate being held by CCRR and prison guards, as the prisoners were armed, troops opened fire, killing two and wounding two, this repulsed any attempt to make a break from the inside of the prison. Efforts were made by the prison authorities to settle the matter. At 0145 hrs on the 8th Jan 46, a strong force entered the prison and in a short time all prisoners were once again under lock and key. Extra guards were installed by 2/76 Inf Regt who later withdrew leaving 50 men who were eventually withdrawn on the 24th Jan 46. No casualties were suffered either by the CCRR or 2/76 Regt. The attempt to break out appears to have been made by prisoners serving long term sentences.

(b) CCRR.

No further changes in employment of CCRR other than reported in above para.

TRAINING.

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Work is progressing satisfactorily at the CAR. Every effort is being made by Territorial HQ to make it a first class show and results indicate the determination to do so. The zone of Cuneo and Fossano is very good for training, ranges are within easy reach of all barracks. The climate is good with reasonable hygienic arrangements. The barracks chosen are in very good condition and need no major repairs. In all cases the barracks provide for ample space for drill, individual training and sports.

The following barracks are chosen and work pratically completed:-

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The final allocation of the barracks will be made by Centre Commander, Col Ronco who will take up residence by 15th Feb 46.

As soon as information becomes available as to the final allotment of barracks the names of those chosen will be forwarded. It is hoped that recruits will report direct to Cuneo thus leaving vacant Fossano for units of Inf Div Mantova due to arrive in the area soon.

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(ii) Other tps.

Normal W/T routine work is progressing in units. Inf Div Mantova have been able to carry out more advanced training now that they are no longer responsible for guards on Allied Installations

Territorial HQ have asked this HQ to assist in the procuring of a Bailey Bridge for the purpose of training in the Engr Bn. This has not been possible but it is hoped that this difficulty may be overcome by approaching Inf Div Cremona to assist as it is believed that they are in the possession of one.

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Training is being carried out but not on a grand scale, instructors are being trained who in turn will take cadres within the unit. With the impending move of the Mobile Bn to Sturla barracks, training has ceased. On completion of the move training will be able to start on a larger scale owing to the good location of the barracks and the unit being concentrated for the first time.

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(a) Relations between Italy and France in this area are good. The usual suspicion is still directed towards Russia. The frequent reference to the Peace treaty has aroused great interest and appears to be the main point of discussion.

(b) In the area of the French Frontier there has been little of any activity. Relations are good, no struggle between political parties is apparent and public order is calm.

Difficulties are encountered in general communications and liaison facilities owing to damage due to the war and recent bad weather in that zone. The population feel that the progress of reconstruction is too slow and that the authorities in Central Italy are inclined to leave aside the task of re-establishing civil life to normal. In the vicinity of Valle Roja it is reported that there are little active politics being carried out and that the few extreme left elements are on good relations with CCRR and local authorities.

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CCRR

Relations between the populace and CCRR are improving. The legion have been very effective of late in rounding up wanted criminals and have shown efficiency in recent minor demonstrations and general breaking of law. The general public have noticed this through the medium of the press and their confidence is slowly returning.

Civil Police

Relations between civilian police and civilians are very good. The civil police comprise of traffic duty men and they are most efficient. What other duties are involved is not known but the sight of white helmets and good clothing is striking to the eye and is noticed with a certain amount of pride by the civilians.

(d) Generally speaking it is noticeable that the troops do not follow any set politics. Attempts are made by the Communist Party to spread the communist creed among the troops, any success they may have gained is due to the condition of the soldier which is already well known. The present units outside the Inf Div Mantova are a more mixed lot of men and if party propagenda has been driven home any where, these units are more vulnerable to attack. OC 1/2 Inf Regt has taken an active interest in the men's re-action within his bn and has managed to persuade the majority of his men to stay away from dances and functions held by the Communist Party which appear to be an excuse to get at the men and show what a fine lot of chaps they are.

(e) Nothing to report

Public Security

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Afternote

GOC Inf Div Mantova agrees with the proposal of a demonstration Pl for the CAR and is prepared to cooperate and assist any others in difficulty. However he feels that he must first receive permission from the new Territorial HQ Commander who has just arrived as successor to Gen Frattini. Further confirmation will be forwarded.

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III. 'A' POINTS.

(a) DOMESTIC

Deficiencies etc

In accordance with instrs from MMIA the REME Trg Incr was sent off to CESANO by rd on 30 Jan to join 12 BLU. Two men were retained in GENOA, Cfn RICCARDO and Cpl MILLER, the former proceeding on release on 31 Jan and the latter having been given a vacancy on LIAP by HQ 59 Area on 5 Feb 46.

Notification has been received that a L/Cpl clerk will be posted to this HQ to fill the vacancy of Cpl Clerk RASC on WE. L/Cpl SPARKSMAN (on loan from 1 BLU) has up to now filled this post with efficiency and keenness and therefore a strong request has been placed by 1 BLU to HQ 59 Area on behalf of this unit for his retention.

Leave

No change since last report.

Comn

A weekly air service, operated by the IAF has started between ROME (LAGO BRACCIANO) and GENOA (SAMPIERDARENA). The aeroplane leaves ROME every Monday morning and GENOA every Wednesday morning. The aircraft used is a CANT seaplane, a machine which, so far as the public is concerned, appears to enjoy a rather dubious reputation for safety.

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Discipline

From the following resumé of crimes brought up for trial through 2 Comando Territoriale in Dec 45, a fair picture can be gained of the state of discipline in this area.

(i)	Desertion and illegal disposal of mil stores	33
(ii)	Theft	1
(iii)	Sedition, revolt	7
(iv)	Failing to obey orders	3
(v)	AWOL with veh	6
(vi)	Resisting arrest	2
(vii)	Not reporting to unit upon posting	2

Items (i) above are, as usual, the most serious offences though the number stated cannot cover the large number of offences that go undetected.

Leave

Leave conditions are, on the whole, satisfactory. Slight difficulties are sometimes experienced by Sardinians who have to be sent to NAPLES for sailing. In Dec 45 over 1000 personnel were either granted leave or demobilized.

Pay

Cost of living continues to rise thereby further reducing the already small purchasing power of the pay of the It Army personnel. This naturally has the effect of tempting the less trustworthy elements to commit thefts etc.

The meagre pay is particularly felt by personnel of the MANTOVA Div who for a long time were paid an extra 40 AML per day Combat Pay. The contention of GOC MANTOVA Div is that if pay of the whole It Army (NOT only ex-Combat Gps) were increased the benefits that would accrue not only in discipline and general behaviour would amply warrant the added hy expenditure to the government.

Another complaint put fwd is that the cumulative rate of travelling expences (6,90 AML per day) paid to veh dvrs on long trips is insufficient, when coupled with their day's ration, to allow them to get one good hot meal in the 24 hrs. This is quoted as being the reason for so many dvrs entering into petty black-market deals in the way of transporting civilians or civilian loads for financial reward.

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Leave

Leave conditions are, on the whole, satisfactory. Slight difficulties are sometimes experienced by Sardinians who have to be sent to NAPLES for sailing. In Dec 45 over 1000 personnel were either granted leave or demobilized.

Pay

Cost of living continues to rise thereby further reducing the already small purchasing power of the pay of the It Army personnel. This naturally has the effect of tempting the less trustworthy elements to commit thefts etc.

The meagre pay is particularly felt by personnel of the MANTOVA Div who for a long time were paid an extra 40 AML per day Combat Pay. The contention of GOC MANTOVA Div is that if pay of the whole It Army (NOT only ex-Combat Gps) were increased the benefits that would accrue not only in discipline and general behaviour would amply warrant the added hy expenditure to the government.

Another complaint put fwd is that the cumulative rate of travelling expences (6,90 AML per day) paid to veh dvrs on long trips is insufficient, when coupled with their day's ration, to allow them to get one good hot meal in the 24 hrs. This is quoted as being the reason for so many dvrs entering into petty black-market deals in the way of transporting civilians or civilian loads for financial reward.

Notification has just been received that the supplementary ration allowance has been increased for all ranks from 5 to 15 AML per day. It is anticipated that this will have a really beneficial effect not only on rations but also on morale. LIGURIA is a notoriously improductive region and up to now great difficulty has been experienced in spending even 5 AML per day economically.

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Morale

In spite of efforts, both by 2 Comando Territoriale and by this HQ to boost the "New Army" spirit, the men, and to a certain extent also the officers, of the present army have so far noticed little improvement and in certain cases even deterioration of conditions. This has had a detrimental effect on morale generally, which, at present cannot be described as satisfactory.

The reasons are many; one is the low rate of basic pay and allowances already referred to above. Other reasons are the poor quality and quantity of clothing; inevitable comparison with the excellent treatment efforded to Allied tps as well as the increasingly noticeable lack of the beneficial influence which a measure of Allied control had on the Italian Army up to the beginning of the year; the mistrust felt for the Army by the general public; poorness of rations and lastly the worry, for a large number of men and officers, regarding their families' welfare.

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(b) ITALIAN

Transport (a)

Owing to the present dearth of spares an increasing

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number of vehs are becoming VOR, the deficiency in tyres is particularly felt. The 60 days maint spares which it is hoped will soon be available will greatly assist matters as ample eqpt exists for the repair of those vehs VOR but not BLR.

The energetic steps taken in an effort to instill some form of discipline into 3 GT Coy (ex Gruppi fail unit now under comd MANTOVA Div) met with an initial reverse when one of the pls, which had been formed from all the best available men, given good offrs and even sup with a certain amount of good clothing from the depleted MANTOVA Div stocks, was ordered to proceed from GENOA to BOLZANETO to take up fresh and better quarters. On arrival at BOLZANETO it was found that two of the drivers, complete with vehs and loads, had disappeared.

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MANTOVA Div have not yet received the badly needed allocation of 5000 greatcoats. If only a small Qty, say 400/600 were issued to them for really essential purposes it would be a help. At present rfts are being received from CESANO all of whom are in possession of a greatcoat which indicates that there must be some small availability somewhere.

Clothing and Eqpt (b)

The present clothing posn of the CCRR is so serious that a number of men are serving in their mufti clothing. ...../

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Arms and Amn (b)

Sup of Italian arms for the CCRR is insufficient for their I.S. functions. This has led to a "brutta figura" being put by CCRR pickets sent out to deal with armed brigands most of whom bristle with everything from Brens to Lugers.

However, advice has been received of an allotment of 500 automatic rifles, shortly due to arrive. This will materially ease the sit.

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The only complaint from 2 Comando Territoriale under this heading is the shortage of barrels and other containers. Distribution is carefully supervised by 2 Comando Territoriale and is also examined by this HQ.

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Sups

Apart from a general dissatisfaction felt regarding food and, up to 1 Feb 46, the insufficiency of the supplementary ration allowance, two points are often put fwd as being the cause of complaints:-

(a) That the issue of P.Meat has been largely superceded by the issue of M & V on a weight-for-weight-per-tin basis. This means that the individual, instead of receiving so many grams of meat per day as his ration, only gets a far smaller qty of meat, the balance of weight being made up by various vegetables and juices all of which could quite easily be purchased locally.

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Both funds (supplementary ration allowance) and MT to collect rice from ALESSANDRIA where it is quite cheap and plentiful, are available but regulations do not permit of this being done.

Medical

There is a shortage of M.O.s in this Territory and also of certain medicinals, particulars of which are not yet available.

A/Q General

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Appx 'A' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated 4 Feb 46.

LOCATION STATEMENT

No change.

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Appx'B' to 2 BLU G/6
dated 4 Feb 1946

Staff List of 2 BLU

Personal Number	Name	Rank	Regt or Corps	Appointment	Remarks
219902	DUFFY FP	T/Maj	DLI	GSO II	
67395	THRUPP HEPF		S.Staffords	DAA&QMC	

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Appx "C" to 2 ELU
G/6 dated 4 Feb 46

STAFF LIST

The following amdt is made:-

Delete :-

Generale di Divisione Enrico Frattini

Insert :- Generale di Corpo d'Armata Arnaldo Forgiero

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Appx 'D' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated 4 Feb 1946

Brit MT held by 2 BLU

Serial No.	Veh Type	Reg No.	E	LR	BLR	Remarks
1.	HUMBER Staff 4x4	1520215	yes	-	-	-
2.	LANCIA ARDEA req - sal	5643114	-	yes	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B.412 and A.B.406 have been inspected and found correct.

signed... [signature] Major...
Unit.....2 BLU.....

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GENOVA.
Tel: 56575
G 6
17 Jan 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA), Rome.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CCRR.

Inf Div Mantova are completely free of guards apart from their own committments. 2 Inf Regt are still being employed on various dumps and installations of Territorial HQ, these are in the process of being cut down.

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(b) CC.RR.

The CCRR are very much spread out at their various stations, they are employed in their normal duties but owing to a deficiency in personnel are committed to a large extent.

TRAINING.

(a) Army less CCRR.

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Since the last report was rendered Fus WRIGHT has returned to this BLU, O2E having decided that his A/S gp was 26c instead of 25. This decision was not contested by this HQ as a further delay would probally have resulted had the matter been fought through official channels.

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A relief dvr-batman has been posted to this HQ also a DR, the latter being fully equipped with the exception of his MC.

Efforts are being made through 2 District to get rid of the REME Trg Incr att to this Unit. With the small staff of this HQ it is not possible to control these 8 men properly.

Leave

Major HE THRUPP now awaits your authy to proceed on SEWLROM.

ITALIAN.

Deficiencies

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ITALIAN.

Tpt (b)

The MT sit of the CCRR Legion is very poor, the average holding of vehs being the equivalent of 3 vehs per bn str. Efforts are being made to obtain further MT.

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This is essential if the CCRR are to function properly in their IS role.

A large number of MCs are being collected from FOLIGNO and CAPUA by a local Ger SP GT Coy. Amongst these are the total amount for the Liguria CCRR. They will be collected as soon as they arrive in PIACENZA EVP.

REME

During a visit to 2 REPARTO RIPARAZIONI with ADME MMLA it was noted that there was a danger of flooding, should there be any hy rains, as the result of the previous collapse of a part of the dam site above the wksp.

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A reply is awaited from 59 Area to a letter from this HQ requesting that the date of derequisition of all buildings occupied by Mantova Div in the VARAZZE area whilst under op comd 2 District be extended to 31 Dec 45.

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These properties had previously been derequisitioned with a back date to 17 Jul 45 (actually the date of first occupation by MANTOVA). This move naturally created a good deal of confusion and ill-feeling.

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HQ Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA), ROME.

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I. 'G' POINTS.

ORGANISATION.

(a) Domestic (BLU).

Little can be reported on the 'G' side during the past fourteen days. The only item of interest was an order produced by HQ 5th Area to the effect that all units (British) no matter how small would produce a defence scheme and a certificate to certify that the scheme had been put into operation at least once before the 21st Dec 45.

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Little news of interest is available at present. Inf Div Mantova are very anxious to forget the formation of No. 2 Italian Cinematograph Unit, this unit was ordered to be formed as far back as Aug 45 but although the unit is formed in personnel the equipment is still forth coming. No. 2 District have been asked to forward NELs and SELs but no reply has yet been received.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CCRR.

Both Inf Regts of Mantova up till 31 Dec 45 have more or less been fully committed with guard duties on Allied

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Installations. 114 Inf Regt are still in the Milan-Como Area and are expected to return under command of Mantova in the very near future. 76 Inf Regt have been completely relieved of guard duties and are in the process of re sorting and pulling in their outside detachments. 155 Arty Regt have handed over their duties and are expected to be brought in from Piacenza shortly. 104 Eng Bn are mainly working on the repairing of Route 1 in the Albenga Area, other parties are working hard to improve accomodations occupied by the division, they are working steadily on barracks to make further space accomodable. 2 Inf Regt are mostly employed on various duties ranging from guards on their own installations, at present they are greatly dispersed and not in very easy localities to visit, their guard duties are in the process of being cut down which will help as far as training and morale are concerned.

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(b) CC.RR.

Little training has been done during the past fourteen days. The CC.RR. are in the region of 200 men deficient in their WE and they are mostly taken up with routine duties. It is hoped to start driving classes in the near future.

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INTELLIGENCE.

(a) The general public feeling towards their nearest neighbours France is not antagonistic, most people understand that France must have a grudge against Italy for their premeditated attack in 1940. It is very strongly felt that providing France makes no territorial frontier demands a greater brotherly relation will exist between the two Nations. Prior to this war the French Frontier along the Maritime Alps was recognised as the most peaceful territory in Italy, freindly relations were very prominent and the general outlook points to return to that basis as soon as possible.

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Morale is not good, the men have no faith in their officers and feel neglected, the economical situation is worrying both officers and men, they are inclined to worry more over their families than their duties. Poor wages and poor equipment are mainly responsible for bad morale. A more fuller report is being compiled on the CCRR in conjunction with Territorial Command and will be forwarded at a later date.

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(d) The majority of the Army are young men of a mature age, their latin blood brings them easily to follow the general opinion dominating that particular moment. In this case the Communist Party has a clear field and continually serve up propaganda in the matter of condition in the Army and though their propaganda is of an exagerated nature it is being successfully swallowed. An alternative to this situation is by keen study by the officers of the men's re-action and by having educational periods to improve their outlook. Gen Frattini has appreciated this situation and has ordered all officers to take an active interest in the needs and welfare of the men.

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The remnants of the REME Trg Incr to 56 BLU are still att for adm purposes to this HQ. The personnel is gradually being whittled down by releases but the balance, 8 ORs, are now being profitably employed assisting and advising 2 (It) Repair Unit.

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Leave

Major Thrupp has applied to GHQ for permission to proceed to UK on "End of War" Leave but no reply has yet been received.

ITALIAN

Deficiencies

No accurate percentages of deficiencies by trades can be given in this report as the infm is not yet to hand. These will be given in the next report.

Morale

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Clothing & Crd.

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It has still not been possible to procure greatcoats for the Mantova Div. 5000 are urgently needed especially as it is now getting really cold in Liguria. None are available at BOD and their offer to issue leather jerkins in lieu was turned down by DDOS 2 District.

Amn

Clearance of dangerous amn (all nationalities) from the magazines in the outskirts of GENOVA is now all but complete.

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Though this clearance is not strictly the responsibility of the Italian Army their freely given help has been of great assistance to the Allied orgs concerned.

Shattering explosions throughout GENOVA during the festive season indicated that the civilians, too, assisted to the best of their ability though the loudest explosions of all were attributed to the Royal Navy.

CEM

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LOCATION STATEMENT

No 2 PLU	Genoa	971478
No 2 Territorial HQ	Genoa	964487
Artillery HQ	Genoa	980470
Artillery Directorate	Albenga	0 3812
HQ Eng	Genoa	973478
Medical Directorate	Genoa	964487
128 Territorial Military Hospital	Genoa	007465
Districts:-		
Military District	Genoa	978476
Military District	Savona	0 6039
Military District	Mondovì	0 0952
Military District	Cuneo	N 8654
No 2 Inf Regt	Genoa	996471
No 1 Bn	Bolzaneto	0 9555
No 2 Bn	Genoa	972476
No 3 Bn	Cuneo	N 8654
Inf Div Mantova		
HQ Mantova	Varazze	0 6844
76 Inf Regt		
Regt HQ	Savona	0 5838
No 1 Bn	Savona	0 5838
No 2 Bn	Sampierdarena	0 9448
No 3 Bn	Genoa	0 9548
104 Eng Bn		
HQ	Iosno	0 4221
CC.RR.		
Mobile Bn CC.RR.	Genoa	994470
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Staff List of 2 BLU.

Personal Number	Name		Rank	Regt or Corps	Appoint-ment	Remarks
219902	DUFFY	FP	T/Maj	DLI	GSC II	
67395	THRUPP	HEPF	T/Maj	S.Staffords	DAA&QMG	
256815	SEWELL	BEH	T/Capt	RACC	CO	(i)

(i) Temporarily att from 10 BLU for liquidation outstanding MANTOVA Div Ord Services.

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Staff List of all Italian Offrs of the rank of Lt Col and above within 2 Territorial area.

HQ COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE GENOVA

- Generale di Divisione in spe	FRATTINI	Enrico
- Generale di Brigata " "	MARTINENGO	Enrico
- Colonnello art. spe di S.M.	CHIAVARINO	Guido
- Ten. Col. art. spe di S.M.	MICHELOTTI	Domenico
- " " ftr. " tit. S.G.	MONTESORO	Alberto
- " " art. " " " "	MONACO	Giuseppe
- " " art. " " " "	FORNARO	Umberto
- " " ftr. " " " "	DE GIORGIO	Alberto
- " " ftr. " " " "	VERCESI	Antonio
- " " ftr. "	CAMPANELLA	Aldo
- " " art. "	BETTAGLIO	Giglio
- " " ftr. "	MORETTA	Cesare
- " " ftr. "	PAROLA	Mario
- " " ftr. "	SOLDANO	Vincenzo
- " " ftr. "	SCALA	Giuseppe

2 OFFRS ENQUIRY BOARD

- Generale di brigata in spe	DE LORENZIS	Ugo
- Colonnello ftr. spe	LISSONI	Pasquale
- " " "	RETEUNA	Augusto
- " " "	AIESSI	Manlio
- Ten. Col. art. "	SALERNO	Ugo
- " " " "	DE BLASIO	Giuseppe

ARTY HQ

- Colonnello art. spe tit. S.G.	ALMICI	Ugo
- Ten.Col. art. "	IACI DI FEUDONOVO	Alfredo

ENGR HQ

- Colonnello Genio spe	AMODIO	Mario
- " " "	TORELLI	Gian Fernando
- Ten. Col. " "	SPIGNO	Federico
- " " " "	D'AURIA	Francesco

MEDICAL HQ

- Ten.Col. medico spe	DE BERNARDO	Francesco
- " " " "	BAVA	Arturo
- " " " "	CALIGARIS	Carlo

MIL HOSP

- Ten.Col. medico spe	SOLERI	Giovanni

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COMMISSARIATO HQ

- Colonnello commissario spe	GIULIANI	Pietro
- Ten. Col. " "	ROTTURA	Antonio
- " " susa. "	PELLIZZA	Giuseppe
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ADM HQ

- Ten. Col. amministraz. spe	GUZZO	Salvatore

TRANSIT CAMP, GENOA

- Colonnello cav. spe	ODETTI di Marcorengo	Paolo
- " ftr. "	DI STEFANO	Salvatore
- Ten.Col. " "	SORAGNI	Antonio
- " " " "	CARANFA	Angelo
- " " " "	CELEBRINI di S.Martino	Remigio

DISTRICT HQ, GENOA

- Colonnello ftr. spe	BOVI	Angelo
- Ten. Col. " "	SARTORI	Carlo
- " " " "	GANDOLFO	Angelo
- " " " "	GAUDIOSO	Sebastiano

DISTRICT HQ, SAVONA

- Ten.Col. ftr. spe	BENEDETTI	Luigi
- " " " "	FAZIO	Giuseppe
- " " art. "	DE PASQUALE	Mario

DISTRICT HQ, CUNEO

- Colonnello ftr. spe	BOZZOLA	Attilio
- Ten. Col. ftr. spe	VANNI	Pier Alessandro

DISTRICT HQ, MONDOVI'

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- Ten.Col. " "	MAGLIANO	Andrea

42 INF REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello ftr.spe tit.S.G.	VIGLIERO	Remigio
- Ten.Col. " "	GHILARDI	Reginaldo

43 INF REGT DEPOT

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7 GAF ARTY DEPOT

- Ten.Col. art. spe	BENEDETTI	Giuseppe
- " " " "	DANILE	Giuseppe

29 ARTY REGT DEPOT

- Colonnello art. spe	MONTEMAGNI	Umberto

2 INF REGT

- Colonnello ftr. spe	CIOTOLI	Giuseppe
- Ten.Col. " "	SANTARELLI	Mario
- " " " "	POLITELLI	Roberto

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RTO GENOA		
- Ten. Col. ftr. spe	OCCHIUTO	Giuseppe
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- Colonnello medico ris.	PIVETTI	Francesco
- Ten.Col. " "	BASSI	Ugo
- " " " spe	TORAZZA	Paolo

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FOREIGN POSTAL CENSORSHIP OFFICE

- Ten. Col. ftr. ris.	RESSIA	Pietro

FOREIGN TELEGRAPH & CABLE CENSORSHIP OFFICE

- Ten. Col. ftr. ris.	LEANDRO	Luigi

2 MOB VET REC UNIT

- Ten. Col. cav. spe	GROPPALLO	Costantino

26 REC COMMISSION

- Ten. Col. art. spe	ZACHEO	Carmine

MT REPAIR DIRECTORATE

- Colonnello aut. spe	IACOD	Alberto

2 MT REPAIR UNIT

- Ten.Col. art. spe S.Te.A.	GARGIULO	Vittorio
- " " " "	PIERRI	Michele

ARTY HQ, AIRENGA

- Colonrello art. spe	SIMONE	Beniamino
- Ten. Col. art. spe	COLORETTI	Carlo

ARMY AMN FACTORY (REAR PARTY)

- Colonnello art. spe	MONTEFINALE	Gabriele

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76 INF DIV

- Colonnello ftr. spe	SALVI	Giorgio
- Ten. Col. " "	SEURO	Aristide
- " " " "	GAETA	Ciro
- " " " "	PALANGE	Francesco

114 INF REGT

- Colonnello ftr. spe	GIORDANO	Aldo
- Ten. Col. " "	BATTAGLINI	Sante
- " " " "	SENTIERI	Mario

155 ARTY REGT

- Colonnello art. spe	RAVAGLI	Mario
- Ten. Col. art. "	SANTOMASO	

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2 MT REGT GRP

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- " " " "	REZZESI	Renzo
- " " " "	PALOMBARINI	Sergio

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Appx 'D' to 2 BLU
G/6 dated 3 Jan 46.

Brit MT held by 2 BLU.

Serial No.	Veh Type	Reg No.	E	LR	BLR	Remarks
1.	HUMBER Staff 4x4	1520215	yes	--	--	--
2.	LANCIA ARDEA req - sal	5643114	--	yes	--	--

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Signed.....
Unit.....

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Training within 2 Inf Regt is more or less NIL. A lot of hand work will be required by senior officers of the Regt to create a Regt spirit and team work.

Morale in the Regt is not high mainly because of their previous role as Guard Bns and their constant duties which required

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separation of units down to section level.

Guard Duties on Allied Installation will be taken over from Italian Troops in the very near future. 2 District have given instructions that the take over will be completed by the 30 Dec 45, it is hoped this will occur to enable Coys and Pls to come more actively under command of their respective HQs.

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Note that the Comitato Ricuperi which is entirely a civilian organization should not be confused with the 26 Commissione Ricuperi a unit under command of 2 Comando Territoriale. 26 Commissione Ricuperi is at present relatively non - functional as most of its officers are under arrest for black market dealings etc. Urgent steps are being taken by this HQ to get the unit onto its feet again.

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2. -HORSES FOR CC.RR.

30 horses have been alloted by HQ 2 District for the Genova CC.RR. Arrangements are now being made for their reception and maintenance. They will be despatched from MONZA by HQ 2 District.

3. -INSPECTIONS.

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ORDNANCE BRANCH.

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with the exception of a few minor units, the compilation of the "Marching out" States for A and B vehicles and controlled stores of Mantova Div.

2. Heavy receipts (90 light tons) of all notes of Ordnance stores from BSD have been reported by Mantova Div.

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