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G3 (SL)														
G3 (Int)														
G1 (Trg)														
G2 (Trg) (Schools)														
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SOR Sigs														

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BGS														
Col AQ														
G1 (SD)														
Dep G3														
G2 (SD)														
G2 (MS)														
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G3 (SD)														
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as at 1st October 1946

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PART I - GENERAL

1. Domestic

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27 Sep. Lt Col. REDLAH visited 9 C.A.R. with W/Comd Griese to inspect newly arrived air force recruits.

2. Italian

1st Sep. Col. De Paulo assumed command 9 Inf Regt vice Lt Col. INSINNA.

PART II - G

Employment of Troops

3. Army (less CC)

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4. C.C.

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(b) Detachments have been provided for outlying towns and villages to support the civil power as required.

Training

5. Army less CC

(a) 9 Inf Regt.

Bns carried out platoon training during September. Coys in rotation from 1 and 2 Bns have been in camps in the areas of ALTAMURA and CASTEL DEL MONTE for ten days fd trg. This trg concluded with fd firing exercises. Weapon cadres giving instruction in the new weapons recently issued have been held for junior Officers and N.C.O.'s.

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(b) 9 C.A.R.

The second recruit intake completed primary trg on 24 Sep after which 1145 recruits were despatched to their respective trg centres for continuation trg.2628 recruits remain at the C.A.R. to complete the advanced course.
341 Air Force recruits have arrived at the C.A.R. and have commenced primary trg.

(c) Military Academy

The Military Academy went into Camp near POTENZA from 1 - 30 Sep which concludes the years course.The cadets proceed on a month leave after returning to LECCE on 1st Oct.

6. C.C.

Intelligence

7. Political Activity

Preoccupation with the international situation is much in evidence. The people are apprehensive of the general situation and concerned with the latest terms of the peace conference as affecting Italy. Reaction towards the latter follows the general line elsewhere dissatisfaction with territorial awards favouring France and fear for the Trieste settlement and the intransigent attitude of Yougo-Slavia. A propos of the latter,military opinion sees a future strategic weakness inthe Franch line of demarkation and the proximity of Pola from which the opportunity to undermine Trieste will arise.
These uncertainties continue to reflect unfavourably on the domestic political situation .Although there has been some slight decrease in unemployment with the commencement of various public works,the unemployment situation is still serious and seems likely to remain so until some initiative and enterprise can be infused into private business.Some strikes and demonstrations give evidence of unrest,but so far these have been settled or dispersed without incident
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8. Relations between Troops and Civilians.

No variation.

9. Morale

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10. Public Security

There has been a slight increase in cases of armed robbery. 28 cases having been reported. Arrests have been made in respect of 11 of these.
There have been 692 cases of ordinary theft with 221 arrests.
Unemployed has dropped slightly to 69762 but remains the primary cause of demonstrations and unrest.

11. Illegal Immigration.

Nothing to Report.

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12. Public Relations

This continues on the lines previously indicated.

13. Reorganisation of Genio.

(a) Stage one of S.M.E. instructions has been completed. As Genio HQ was already organised into Signals, Engineers - Works sections no modification of the previous organisation at this HQ was considered necessary.

(b) W.e.f. 1st Oct 1946 9 Sig Coy and 9 Works Coy were formed ex 109 Sig Coy and 109 Works Coy but reinforcements are awaited to complete to W.E.

PART III - A

Domestic

14. Personnel

(a) Officers
Maj. FERRO S.O.S. 7 Sep on posting to 1 B.L.U.
Maj. TIPPLE T.O.S. 1 Sep on posting as DAA & QMG
Maj. HILMAN From DAA & QMG to GSO 2 7 Sep

(b) O.R.'s
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Pte. ROWBOTHAM RASC (Clerk) TOS 7 Sep ex U.K.

Strength decreases: Cpl. RAWLING SOS 7 Sep and proceeded on "A" release

Note :- Cpl. MACKAY is due for release with A/S Gp 41 but has agreed to stay on a week or two pending arrival of replacement.

15. Personnel - Italian

TRADESMEN SPECIALISTS

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15. Personnel - Italian

	TRADESMEN	SPECIALISTS
W.E.	282	1194
Deficiency	18½ %	43%

16. Discipline

No variation.

PART IV - Q

Domestic

17. Maintenance

(a) The R.E.M.E. Service Station, D.I.D. and D.A.D.O.S. Dump in BARI closed down during the first half of the month.

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(b) Vehicles maint. Arrangements for the repair and maint of unit vehs have been made with 9 Italian repair unit wkshops but considerable difficulty in keeping vehicles roadworthy is likely owing to the general shortage of spare parts particularly for the British types.

(c) Sups. Rations now have to be collected at the airport four miles North of BARI, bread from the bakery, three miles South of BARI and meat/ice from a third point.
A vehicle and driver require to be permanently employed on collection and delivery.

Italian

18. Transport

(a) Army loss CC

(1) Veh Deficiencies

(a) There is no indication as to when units will receive vehs in accordance with new W.E.
A deficiency list is being compiled.

(b) 9 Repair Wkshops are deficient of the following vehs against old W.E.

1 motor cycle
12 trucks
1 mob. wkshop

(2) Personnel

71 drivers from the Driving Trg Centre arrived to replace the existing deficiency in 9 Autoreparto. Further training was considered necessary for the majority of these before they could be employed on driving duties.

(3) Veh Maint

The provision of spare parts has shown considerable improvement but tyres and tubes are in increasingly urgent demand.

(b) C.C.

Nothing to Report.

19. Clothing and Eqpt.

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19. Clothing and Eqpt.

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(a) Authority for the issue on repayment of new type uniform to Officers and W.O.'s referred to in our last report has now been received. As there is no Govt grant towards the 10.000 lire cost per uniform represents a considerable financial burden to the normal Officer, especially as the average requirement for Winter and Summer wear is four uniforms plus great coat.

20. (a) The tailoring store in this Command now has approx. 15.000 metres of cloth for the new winter battledress. Approx. 1200 had been made by end of Sep and it is expected that the balance of 4.300 will be completed by the end of October. This total of 5.500 will be sufficient to put the entire C.A.R. and 9 Inf. Regt into battledress.

(b) The Commissariato BARI clothing store has been inspected and found in very good shape with large quantities of nearly everything needed. For example there are 30.000 pairs of good boots, 12.000 cotton comforters (Brit. Army type).

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(b) cont.

The latter have been disinfected by washing with hot water, soap and soda and appear as good as new.
Major Cand',the officer i/c clothing stores states they are not seriously short of anything in this district.

21. Arms and Ammunition

(a) Weapons in accordance with scales and distribution laid down in App "A" of M.M.I.A. letter SD/109 of 8th Aug 1946 have been received and issued by 9 Inf Regt with the exception of 38 pistols and sniper rifles.Rifles are of U.S. pattern Washington 03 (.303calibre) and approx 60% have been received without bayonets from issuing authority.This is at present subject of correspondence between 9 COMILITER and the issuing authority.
A fuller report is awaited regarding unserviceability of a proportion of these weapons and complaints as to deficiencies in spare parts eqpt.

22. Ammunition issues from Terlizzi Depot for Inf Divs,Central schools and C.A.R.D.have been completed.Issues to eight Inf. Regiments is continuing.

23. A demand has been made on the War Ministry for 1600 nissen shelters which are required urgently in view of approaching inclement weather for ammn at present stacked without cover. In this connection it seems most unsatisfactory that A.R.A.R. have been permitted to dispose of sheltering handed over by 501 B.A.D. without regard to military requirements.

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Large quantities of cordite charges,broken open,were scattered along both sides of the road for a distance of approx 2 miles. It appears that A.R.A.R. took over several hundred half nissens in which the cordite was stored.These were sold to U.L.N.S.R. who took away the Nissens and left the cordite forwhich they had no use.
The situation presents a considerable fire risk in this dry climate.The 9 COMILITER are aware of the position.On the other hand it appears that A.R.A.R. or U.L.N.S.R. or both have been negligent in the matter.

Accomodation - Italian

25. The new block for troops in "Duca dolle Puglie" barracks is completed and provides first class accomodation for three companies. Bathrooms are especially good.

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26. Dissatisfaction continues among Officers at their inability to find accomodation for their families.

27. POL

The complaint is repeated against the quality of lubricating oil mentioned in my last report.

SUPS

28. The allowance to Units of 15 Lire per head per day is now insufficient to supply a worthwhile addition to rations owing to the rise in prices.

29. Rise in prices is creating difficulty in obtaining supplies of fresh meat as contractors are unwilling to keep to the stipulated contract owing to the increasing cost of cattle.

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30. Mortadella sausage is being issued in lieu of cheese when not available.

31. Medical

Nothing to report.

32. Movements

Rail movement was exceptionally heavy during September. In addition to movement NORTH of ex PW were added despatch of recruits from 9 C.A.R. to the Recruit Training Centres of the schools and the mov of the Military Academy to Camp.

(J.MILLIAN) Major G.S.,
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

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4 October 1946

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No 1 of 1st Jan 1946.

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Appendix 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST

General Staff

GSO II	Major J.HILLAN	H.L.I.

Branch of the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General.

DAG & QMG	Major P.S.TIPPLE	WORCS Regt.

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No 9. B.L.U? (B Type)

Authorised WE.	ORs and Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Group. ORs held surplus to
erks CD RASC.	1 Cpl. Cpl Mackay. W. 14554411. (1) 41.(G.A.) 1 Pte. Pte Rowbotham. L. 14142847. (2)74.	
Batman/Dvr.	1 Dvr Ball. D.W. T/ 3976904. (3) 43.	
M/Cyclist.		
Civilians.		
Batman/Dvr.	2. Salmandes. J. Geigar. Hans.	
Cooks.	2. Maria Montenegro. Di Fonti Carmela.	
Mess Orderly.	1. Isa Cavicchia.	
Gen Duties.	1. Pasuilli Itala.	

Remarks.

(1) G.A. one or two weeks.

Date

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APPENDIX 'B' TO M.M.I.A. LETTER.
A374 of 8 Jan 46.

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Date October. 46.

Engineers

HQ 4 Terr Engr

Commander	Col	G.PICHERO
Chief Engr Officer	Col	G.LIGASI

9 Mtn Service and Engr Stores Directorate

Director	Col.	F.SPAGONELLA
Vice Director	Lt Col	C.CAMASI
Asst	Lt Col	S.PIERO
Asst	Lt Col	G.F SILVA
Asst	Lt Col	E.FRANCHI

34 Terr Engrs Depot

C.O.	Lt Col	A.PERNICE - CARICOLA

Infantry

HQ 9 Terr Inf

Commander	Gen di Brig	T.MORIC
Deputy	Lt Col	M.[illegible]

9 Inf Regt

Commander 9 Inf Regt	Col	G.DI PAOLO
C.O. 1 Bn	Lt Col	P.LANZI
C.O. 2 Bn	Lt Col	P.[illegible]IVO
C.O. 3 Bn	Lt Col	V.[illegible]LIA
At Disposal	Lt Col	A.MELANCOLI

Mil. Academy - MODENA

Commandant	Col	R.TELAROLLI
C.O. Cadets' Bn	Lt Col	L.[illegible]ORRICO
Geog & Physics Inst	Lt Col	F.TAMBURINI
C.O. Depot	Lt Col	[illegible]
Adjutant	Lt Col	V.[illegible]VIERA
Admin Officer	Lt Col	A.[illegible]

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Director	Col	C.TARDIA
Vice Director	Ten Col	S.PETRILLO
Asst	Ten Col	C.DE SENA
Asst	Ten Col	P.FERRAJOLO
Asst	Ten Col	

74 Terr Engrs Depot

O.C.	Ten Col	A.MENICO - CANICOLLA

Infantry

10 Z Terr Inf

Commander	Gen di Brig	T.GIGLIO
Deputy	Ten Col	M.VERSACE

2 Inf Regt

Commander 2 Inf Regt	Col	G.DI PAOLO
O.C. 1 Bn	Ten Col	P.LANZI
O.C. 2 Bn	Ten Col	P.LAGHIVO
O.C. 3 Bn	Ten Col	V.LUSSERIA
At Disposal	Ten Col	A.MANCOLI

Mil. Acad Y - MACC

Commandant	Col	R.TELARDLI
O.C. Cadets' Bn	Ten Col	L.MORRICA
Geog & Physics Inst	Ten Col	F.TAMBARI I
O.C. Depot	Ten Col	[illegible]
Adjutant	Ten Col	V.OLIVIERA
Admin Officer	Ten Col	A.ARMOLANTI

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2 C.A.R.

Commander	Col	V.ROSSETTI
Vice Commander	Ten Col	P.PINTO
At Disposal	Ten Col	G.SCANCIA

Depots

2A Terr Depot - MACC

O.C.	Ten Col	R.ROBERTO
Admin Officer	Ten Col	M.CHIELLI

24 Terr Depot

O.C.	Col.	D.CICOLARPA

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APPENDIX 'G'

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STAFF LIST - 9 TERR COMD

(Lt.Cols and above)

9 Territorial Command Head-Quarters

HQ 9 Terr Comd

Commander	Gen di Div	Ugo TARCHIANI
Chief of Staff	Col	D.TALLI - REUTO
Deputy Chief of Staff	Ten Col	G.PONI
At Disposal	Gen Di Brig	G.CASTELLANO
Chief C.A.O. Office	Ten Col	A.[illegible]
Cos & Tn	Ten Col	C.ROVERSO
Org	Ten Col	V.DALL'AGLIO
V E R	Ten Col	G.[illegible]
Intelligence	Ten Col	G.GALLUZZO
Records	Ten Col	P.SERVADEI
Personnel	Ten Col	C.[illegible]
Terr Affairs	Col	C.[illegible]
Asst	Ten Col	T.CIMINO
Asst	Ten Col	L.CORTESE
Secretary	Ten Col	F.[illegible]

Artillery

HQ 9 Terr Arty

Commander	Gen di Brig	F.[illegible]
Chief Arty Officer	Ten Col	V.CLISCA
Asst	Ten Col	L. D. SANTIS

9 Arty Dir.

Director	Col	C.[illegible]
Secretary	Ten Col	G.[illegible]
Asst	Ten Col	P.CARNEO

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HQ 9 Terr Comd

Commander	Gen di Div	Ugo TALAMINI
Chief of Staff	Col	D.FLAMINI - [illegible]
Deputy Chief of Staff	Ten Col	G.PONI
At Disposal	Gen di Brig	G.CASTELLANO
Chief P.A.O. & Office	Ten Col	A.[illegible]
C-s di Tr	Ten Col	G.ROVERSO
Org	Ten Col	V.DELL'AGLIO
V.E.R	Ten Col	G.[illegible]
Intelligence	Ten Col	G.[illegible]
Records	Ten Col	P.SANTACROCI
Personnel	Ten Col	G.[illegible]
Terr Affairs	Col	G.[illegible]
Asst	Ten Col	M.CILLO
Asst	Ten Col	Z.CORTESE
Secretary	Ten Col	F.[illegible]CO

Artillery

HQ 9 Terr Arty

Commander	Gen di Brig	F.[illegible]NI
Chief Arty Officer	Ten Col	V.CIASCA
Asst	Ten Col	A. D. SANTIS

9 Arty Dir.

Director	Col	C.CARLE
Secretary	Ten Col	C.SANTELLI
Asst	Ten Col	P.CARINO

Det. Arty Sec [illegible]

C.O.	Ten Col	C.SCOTTO

Det. Arty Sec [illegible]

C.O.	Ten Col	R.TAUBER

29 Terr Arty Depot

Commander	Col	M.PETRONI
Admin Officer	Ten Col	G.ALOISI
Personnel Officer	Ten Col	[illegible]

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Districts

2 Mil. District

Commandant (Class II)	Col	C. SICLARI
Records	Ten Col	F. CORELLI
Stores	Ten Col	V. CUOMO
P. . Office	Ten Col	V. GIUDICI
O.C. Dist Unit	Ten Col	D. [illegible]

66 Mil District

Commandant (Class III)	Col	A. DE BLASIO
Records	Ten Col	F. CONSOLI
Mobilization	Ten Col	G. [illegible]

46 Mil District

Commandant (Class IV)	Ten Col	G. [illegible]
Records	Ten Col	M. LOCATO
Adm Officer	Ten Col	G. [illegible] VALLE

4 Mil District

Commandant (Class II)	Ten Col	[illegible]

5 Mil District

Commandant (Class III)	Col	C. [illegible]
Adm Officer	Ten Col	G. [illegible]
Chief Dist Officer	Ten Col	S. [illegible]
Asst	Ten Col	[illegible]

78 Mil District

Commandant (Class III)	Col	A. [illegible]
Admin Officer	Ten Col	A. [illegible]
Records	Ten Col	F. [illegible]
Stores	Ten Col	G. [illegible]

79 Mil District

Commandant (Class III)	Col	G. SCARFOGLIO
Admin Officer	Ten Col	R. [illegible]
Records	Ten Col	R. [illegible]

Medical Service

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6 Mil District		
Commandant (Class III)	Col	L. DE MARC
Records	Ten Col	F.COLAIANI
Mobilization	Ten Col	G.[illegible]CHIO
66 Mil District		
Commandant (Class IV)	Ten Col	G.[illegible] I
Records	Ten Col	L.[illegible]
Admin Officer	Ten Col	G.D [illegible] VALLE
4 Mil District		
Commandant (Class II)	Ten Col	E.[illegible]NI
5 Mil District		
Commandant (Class III)	Col	C.[illegible]SI
Admin Officer	Ten Col	G.[illegible]BI
Chief Dist Officer	Ten Col	S.[illegible]O
Asst	Ten Col	P.[illegible]O
20 Mil District		
Commandant (Class III)	Col	A.[illegible]RO
Admin Officer	Ten Col	A.[illegible]NI
Records	Ten Col	F.[illegible]DI
Stores	Ten Col	G.[illegible]
73 Mil District		
Commandant (Class III)	Col	G.ACAMPORA
Admin Officer	Ten Col	R.DI CESARE
Records	Ten Col	E.[illegible]VATI

Medical Service

2 Corps Med Directorate		
Director	Col	R.DI MARTINO -ROMANO
A.D.H.	Ten Col	L.[illegible]OSI
AD Legal	Ten Col	L.CARELLA
9 Principal Corps Hospital		
Director	Ten Col	R.CICCARO
President C.O	Ten Col	B.DEFANTINO
Secretary	Ten Col	A.PAVONI
Observation Ward	Ten Col	PARAGONA
Officers Sec	Ten Col	V.CARRARA
Medical Sec	Ten Col	A.PARRINI
Chief Pharmacist	Ten Col	R.DI [illegible]ANCIS

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8 CCI Fld Hospital

Director	Lt Col	A. [illegible]

2 Bde Commission for Persons

President	Ten Col	C. [illegible]
Asst	Ten Col	C. DE [illegible]

Commissariat Service

Base Fld Commissariat

Director	Col	R. [illegible]
Vice Director	Ten Col	A. [illegible]
O.C. Field Supply Depot	Ten Col	[illegible]

Administration Service

Pay Directorate

Director	Ten Col	[illegible]
Vice Director	Ten Col	[illegible]

Transport

9 Repair Unit RAPC

Director	Col	V. [illegible]
Recruiting Officer	Ten Col	G. [illegible]

9 Tpt Adm Unit Coy

O.C.	Ten Col	G. [illegible]

Legal

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Commissariat Service

Rail Mil Commissariat

Director	Col	G.[illegible]
Vice Director	Ten Col	A.[illegible]
C.O. Rail Supply Depot	Ten Col	[illegible]

Administration Service

Pay Directorate

Director	Ten Col	[illegible]
Vice Director	Ten Col	[illegible]

Transport

9 Remain Unit RATI

Director	Col	[illegible]
Requisitioning Officer	Ten Col	[illegible]

2 Corr Air Unit Co

C.O.	Ten Col	G.[illegible]

Legal

9 Mil Tribunal

President	Gen di Brig	[illegible]
Judge Advocate	Col	[illegible]
Judge Advocate	Col	[illegible]
Judge Advocate	Ten Col	[illegible]

Miscellaneous

609 Mov Control Area	Ten Col	G.COLOSIMO

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901 P/ Transit Camp - [illegible]

Commandant	Ten Col	[illegible]

904 P/ Transit Camp - [illegible]

Commandant	Col	[illegible]
Asst	Ten Col	[illegible]

Chief Requisition Office - [illegible]

	Ten Col	[illegible]

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Part I - General.

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1. Domestic.

Nothing to report.

2. Italian.

An Italian LO reported for duty with 9 BIU. The deficiency mentioned at MMIA Conference has thus been filled.

Part II - G.

3. Employment of Troops.

(a) Army.

Releases of the 1922 and 1923 classes were replaced by 800 recruits from CARs in the North of Italy.

(b) CC.

(i) The Mobile Bn supplied the usual reinforcements in places where Public Order was threatened by unemployed demonstrations.

(ii) Operations begun two months ago against bandits in Matera Province were successfully completed, with the capture of all members of the band.

4. Training.

Army.

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9 C.A.R.

The 2nd Course at the C.A.R. began on 19 Aug. 3954 Recruits reported from the North, i.e. 136 more than the allotment.

They are of a higher educational and social standard than the previous course and taller though not so robust physically. They are quicker to learn and more amenable to discipline. The percentage of illiteracy is low. The instructional staff are much improved after the experience gained in the first course. They are confident in instruction and in handling their squads. Of the 80 recruits specially trained after the first course, 49 have qualified as instructors. The remainder are undergoing further training.

Army.

Nothing to report.

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5. Intelligence.

(a) Political Activity.

The local population is following the Peace Treaty negotiations with interest. There is some criticism of the Government by civilians, though the general attitude seems to be one of resignation and a determination to make the best of a bad job. The catchword "Risorgeremo" is frequently used and causes signs of national enthusiasm among the troops as well as with civilians.

At a concert for the troops on 23 Aug, by 9 Terr Concert Party, items concerning the political situation received the loudest applause: a skit on the 'Big Four' ending with a shout of "Risorgeremo" brought the house down.

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilans.

Remain friendly. The recruits posted from Northern C.A.Rs are mixing with the local population and are popular.

(c) Morale.

The arrival of recruits from the North of Italy has had a good effect on morale.

The release of the 1922-23 classes has removed a number of men who were disgruntled about family troubles or who were keen to go back to civil life.

(d) Public Security.

The CC Commander maintains that public security has improved slightly during August. Though this can be said for Matera Province, the number of crimes over the county show a small increase over that in July. There is little prospect of improvement until Government schemes for providing work are put into effect. Unemployed at present number over 72000, which is a reduction of only 1000 in the last 6 months.

(e) Illegal Immigration.

Nothing to report.

6. Public Relations.

(a) The activities of the Liaison Service Army Nation CEP are in process of development. The programme to foster this interest has included :-

(i) Sporting events between military, civilians and Allied teams which are reported in the press.

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(ii) Military concerts and entertainment open to civilians, the proceeds going to welfare and charitable funds.

(b) An agreement has been madewith the GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO, a leading provincial daily, for the publication of articles of military interest. The Gazzetta appears to find difficulty in allotting space in its columns, and continual pressure has to be made.

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7. Part 3 - A

7. Domestic.

Strength increase

Dvr. Ball t.c.s. 4 August 46.

8. Italian.

(a) Deficiencies

	W.E.	Deficiency
Tradesmen	259	3.4%
Specialists	1003	45.8%

Discipline

Discipline is satisfactory.

Part 4 - Q

9. Domestic.

(a) Transport

1 x 15 cwt Fordson truck and 1 Light Utility Hillman were collected from HQ MMLA on 11 August. Both these vehicles have been graded Class 3 by 651 L of C Workshops REME.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

10. Italian.

Transport.

(a) Army less CC.

(i) Consequent on releases there is shortage of 74 drivers for whom replacements from the Central Schools are awaited.

(b) C.C.

Nothing to report.

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Specialists	1003	45.8%

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Nothing to report.

Maintenance

A limited quantity of spare parts have been received but vehicle maintenance will not be maintained at a satisfactory standard until adequate replenishment is afforded.

Tyres.

Unless new tyre replacements are available shortly a large number of vehicles will be put off the road. This applies particularly to tyres for trucks FIAT 626 which form the basic group of unit transport. Vulcanisation is reported to be unsatisfactory and does not meet requirements.

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11. R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

12. R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

13. Clothing and Equipment.

(a) The new summer uniform has been taken into general use, and is generally popular. It is regarded as both smart and serviceable. By comparison the grey cloth uniform is considered only fit for fatigue purposes by those men who still await issue of the new uniform.

(b) An important moral value is attached to the provision of the new type uniform proposed for officers and Staff Sgts, over which delay in issue occasioned by Treasury objections is criticised.

(c) Issues of shorts have been satisfactory but stockings and hose-tops have not been received yet from Milan.

14. Arms and Ammunition.

(a) Ammunition issues to Divs and Central Schools are proceeding as shown on our weekly progress reports.

(b) The supply of rolling stock does not meet the demand and causus distribution to fall slightly behind the planned schedule.

During August a total of 47 wagons were received and despatched against a demand of 60 wagons.

In addition to 470 tons of ammunition despatched by rail, issues to 9 C.A.R., Bari, and to GENIO, Brindisi, were delivered by road.

15. Accommodation.

Engineers are employed on building, maintenance and repair in all the important garrisons, and particularly on property due for reoccupation after release from Allies.

16. P.O.L.

Complaint is made against the quality of lubricating oil issued from C.I.P. which is lacking in viscosity, and will result in avoidable engine wear unless an improved quality is obtainable.

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17. Supplies.

(a) The bread ration has been reduced slightly in quantity in order to increase the flour mixture and improve quality.

(b) Substitution in the ration of milled coffee for coffee beans is unpopular.

18 Medical.

Nothing to report.

19. Movements.

Although considerable additional movements of personnel by rail took place during August, all requirements were met, other than goods wagons as mentioned in para 13 (b)

(J.Millman) Major GS,
Cond. 9 B.L.U.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No 1 of 1 Jan 46 .

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Appendix 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

General Staff.

GSO II	Major H.A.R.Ferro	R.H.A.

.Branch of the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major J.Hilman	H.L.I.

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9 Territorial Command

STAFF LIST.

Amendments to App 'C' to 9 BLU Periodical Report No.11 of 1 June 46.

9 Territorial HQ

Deputy Chief of Staff	Delete	Ten.Col.	A.PESCE
	Add	Ten.Col.	G.POLI
Chief O.A.O.M.Office	Add	Ten.Col.	A.PESCE
Deputy Commander	Delete	Gen.di Brig.	G.CASTELLANO
Asst	Delete	Ten.Col.M	N.MORGESE
At Disposal	Add	Gen.di Brig.	G.CASTELLANO
Deputy Insp.H.Q.	Add	Ten.Col.	N.MORGESE
At Disposal	Add	Col.	V.VASCO

9 Military Tribunal

President	Add	Gen di Brig.	G.FOLLINI
Administrator	Delete	Ten.Col.g.m.	A.MAGGI
Advocate	Add	Ten.Col.art.	G.NOBILE

Depots

24 Terr Depot - Lecce			
Commander	Add	Ten.Col.	L.ROBERTI
Chief Matriculation Officer.	Add	Ten.Col.	R.CHELINI
28 Terr Depot			
Commander	Delete	Colonnello	V.VASCO
Admin.Officer	Delete	Ten.Col.	G.FERRI

Military Academy - Lecce

Deputy Officer	Add	Ten.Col.art.	A.ANTONANTE

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9 C.A.R.			
Vice - Comd.	Add	Ten.Col.	P.PINTO

Military Districts

3 Military District			
Commander	Add	Colonnello	C.SICLARI
4 Military District			
	Delete	Colonnello	A.RUGGIERO

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Deputy I.M.H.C.	Add	Ten.Col.	N.MORGESE
At Disposal	Add	Col.	V.VASCO

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4 Military District

Commander	Delete	Colonnello	A.RUGGIERO
Commander	Add	Colonnello	E.GRAZIANI

5 Military District

Chief Matriculation Officer.	Add	Ten.Col.	S.MARZO

46 Military District

Temp/Commander	Add	Ten.Col.	G.MONTEMURRI
Admin.Officer	Add	Ten.Col.	G.DELLA VALLE

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Pro - Forma

RETURN OF BRITISH M.T.HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

N°.	Vehicle Type.	Reg N°	Engine N°	Contract N°	Chassis N°	Effivient
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.
2.	B.S.A.500cc M/C	G.1431573	27200	No Record	WM20-35227	E.
3.	Hillman L/U 4x2	M.4498699	No Record	" "	S 1443	E.
4.	Fordson 15cwt GS 4x2.	Z.5504210	" "	" "	7145779	E.

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

Signed

3 September 46.

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Pro - Forma

RETURN OF BRITISH M.T.HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

	Engine N°	Contract N°	Chassis N°	Efficient	Local Repair	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks.
9	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.	-	-	-
3	27200	No Record	WM20-35227	E.	-	-	-
29	No Record	" "	S 1443	E.	-	-	-
10	" "	" "	7145779	E.	-	-	-

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Signed_____Major.

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Nº. 9 R.L.U. (B Type)

Authorised WE	ORs and Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Group.	ORs held surplu
Clerks CD RASC.	1 Cpl. Cpl Rawlings C.P.6018925 (1) 1 Pte.	27 (Deferred)	
Batman/Dvr.			
M/Cyclist.			

Civilians.

Batman/Dvr.	2. Ziflis Konstantinos.	Geigar Hans.
Cooks.	2. Maria Montenegro.	Di Fonti Carmela.
Mess Orderly.	1. Isa Cavicchia.	
Gen.Duties.	1. Gigliola Ferulli.	

Remarks.

(1) Departed on Release 5 Sep.

Date 3 Sep.

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APPENDIX 'B' TO AMIA LETTER
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N°. 9 B.A.U. (B Type)

Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Group.	ORs held surplus to WE.	Civilians held surplus to WE.
Cpl Rawlings C.P.6018925 (1)	27 (Deferred)		

is Konstantinos. Geigar Hans.
a Montenegro. Di Fonti Carmela.
Cavicchia.
iola Ferulli.

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AFHQ

Part I - General

1. Domestic

(a) Col. W.Pidsley, MMLA, visited 9 C.A.R. on 16 July 46.

(b) Major L.J.Harvey, DADMS MMLA, inspected Hospital stores and 9 C.A.R. (medical) on 29 and 30 July 46.

2. Italian

Nothing to report.

Part II - G.

3. Employment

(a) Army

(i) 200 men were transferred from 9 Inf Regt to Folgore Inf Div on instructions from S.M. They were men of the 1924 and younger classes.

(ii) 711 Admin Regt HQ (HR-ITI) was disbanded on 20 July.

(b) CC.

(i) Detachments of the Mobile Bn reinforced 10 towns where unemployed were causing disorders.

(ii) Operations against bandits in the province of Matera, were continued.

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4. Training

A course for 'allievi caporale' was completed at 9 Inf Regt.

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No other training took place in July.

The release took place of soldiers of the 1922, 1923 and first quarter of 1924 classes.

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5. Intelligence

(a) Political Activity.

The local newspapers are working up a feeling of resentment against the internationalisation of Trieste. There are no apparent signs of this feeling having spread to troops.

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Good.

(c) Morale.

Morale of both troops and carabinieri continues to be good.

(d) Public Security.

No change.

(e) Illegal Immigration.

On 27 July at 1815 hrs, seven Jugoslavs landed at Mola di Bari from a motorboat. They were arrested by Italian Naval Officers.

9 Terr HQ report that Jugoslavs, Greeks and an occasional Albanian, land on the shores by Bari with merchandise which they smuggle in to Italian receivers who are waiting for them. They deal in foreign currency, precious stones, sugar, coffee and tobacco. They put up at private apartments, the owners of which are paid any sum they ask, and omit to report the name of the visitor to the authorities. The Prefect of Bari has recently published a regulation obliging foreigners to report to Commissariato di P.S. Few foreigners have reported.

Part III - A.

6. Domestic

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Part III - A.

6. Domestic

(a) Release.

Cpl.clerk - Cpl.Good, left this unit on 26 July.

Pte.Rawlings deferred his release for one month and was promoted Cpl w.e.f. 26 July.

(b) Appointments.

Major J.Milman, H.L.I., arrived on 15 July 46 and assumed the duties of DAA & QMG.

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7. Italian

(a) Deficiencies.

	W.E.	Due for release	Volunteered to serve further 3 mths.	Def.
Tradesmen	201	65	1	1.5%
Specialists	654	149	4	22%

The 22 and 23 classes will be released by 15 aug. Tradesmen deficiencies are being mostly made up by employing recruits who have been in civil trades. Deficiencies in specialists will be made up on the arrival of specialist recruits from the Central Schools on 15 Sept.

(b) Discipline.

Continues to be good.

Part IV - Q.

8. Domestic

(a) Transport.

Repairs and spare parts for unit transport will in future be the responsibility of 9 Repair Unit, which is more reliable with Italian or civilian vehicles than with British military vehicles. It is considered that the holding of two civilian cars against WE, in lieu of a 15 cwt and a light utility car, is highly advisable. 52 Sub Area has no suitable civilian cars which can be transferred and they would require to be allotted from the A.C. Transport Pool.

Action-71/180 of 1 Aug refers.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

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9. Italian

Transport.

(i) Army loss CC.

Nothing to report.

(ii) Carabinieri.

Nothing to report.

10. R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

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11. R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

12. Clothing and Equipment.

Nothing to report.

13. Arms and Ammunition.

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14. Accommodation.

Italian Military property vacated by Poles is now being handed over directly to 9 Terr HQ by the Polish officer i/c derequisitioning.

15. P.O.L. Problems.

Nothing to report.

16. Supply Problems.

Nothing to report.

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18. Movements.

The situation as regards railway wagons has eased and requirements for July were met.

(H.Ferro) Major GS,
Cond. 9 B.L.U.

5 August 46.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No.1 of 1 Jan 46.

Appendix 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

General Staff.

GSO II	Major H.A.R.FERRO	R.H.A.

Branch of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major J.Hilman	H.L.I.

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Appendix 'C'

9 Territorial Command

STAFF LIST.

Amendments to App 'C' to 9 BLU Periodical Report No.11 of 1 June 46.

9 Territorial HQ

Chief of Staff	Delete	Colonello	V.PETITTI
	Insert	Colonello	M.FIAMMENGHI
Camp Cond	Delete	Ten Col	R.DUVIA
At Disposal	Add	Ten Col	P.BRANCATI
" "	Add	Colonello	A.RICCIARDI

9 Military Tribunal.

President	Delete	Colonello	C.SALVO

9 Inf Regt.

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Commander	Delete	Colonello	R.MICALETTI
	Insert	Ten Col	V.INSENNA

3rd Bn.

Commander	Delete	Ten Col	V.INSENNA

9 C.A.R.

Vice Commander	Delete	Ten Col	L.CILLI

Depots.

24 Terr Depot

Chief Records Office	Add	Ten Col	C.TERZI

25 Terr Depot

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Military Districts.

3 Military District

Commander	Delete	Colonello	A.DI MONTE
	Insert	Ten Col	V.CUONZO
District Stores Consignor	Delete	Ten Col	V.CUONZO

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4 Military District			
Commander	Delete	Ten Col	E.GRAZIANI
	Insert	Colonello	A.RUGGERO
Chief Records Office	Add	Ten Col	E.GRAZIANI
78 Military District			
Commander	Delete	Ten Col	R.DE CESARE
	Insert	Colonello	G.ACANFORA
Admin	Add	Ten Col	R.DE CESARE
Medical Services			
9 Principal Terr Hosp.			
Director	Delete	Ten Col	G.FISCHIETTI
	Insert	Ten Col	R.CIODARO
9 Terr Med War Pensions Comm.			
Member	Add	Ten Col	G.FISCHIETTI
Miscellaneous			
902 POW Transit Camp			
Commander	Delete	Colonello	G.ACANFORA
	Insert	Ten Col	B.[illegible]ZZI
Vice Commander	Delete	Ten Col	F.[illegible]ZZI
At Disposal	Add	Ten Col	D.ANGLANI
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Italian Liaison Sec. att 52 Sub Area			
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711 Admin Regt (disbanded)			
Commander	Delete	Colonello	A.RICCIARDI

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Pro - Forma

RETURN OF BRITISH M.T. HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT. 604

Nº	Vehicle Type.	Reg Nº	Engine Nº	Contract Nº	Chassis Nº	Efficient
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.
2.	Chev.8cwt H/U 4x4	M.5906866	FR. 4017086	No Record	4844520085	E.
3.	B.S.A. 500cc M/C	G.1431573	27200	" "	WB20-35207	E.
4.	Dodge 3/4 ton 4x4	M.5310905	No Record	" "	No Record	E.

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

5 August 46.

Signed

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63179	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.	-	-	-
06866	FR. 4017086	No Record	43445200B5	E.	-	-	On loan from 10 BLU.
31573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	E.	-	-	-
10905	No Record	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	-

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Signed _____ Major.

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Nº. 9 B.L.U. (B Type)

Authorised WE	ORs and Civilians employed within WE.		A/S Group.	ORs held surplus to
Clerks CD RASC.	1 Cpl. 1 Pte.	Cpl Rawlings O.F.6018925 (1)	27 (Deferred)	
Batman/Dvr.				
M/Cyclist.				
Civilians.				
Batman/dvr.				
Cooks.	2	Maria Montenegro.	Di Fonti Carmela.	
Mess Orderly.	1	Isa Cavicchia.		
Gen.Duties.	1	Gigliola Ferulli.		

Remarks.

(1) Departs on Release 21 August.

Date

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A 374 of 8 Jan 46.

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Cavicchia.
iola Ferulli.

1 August.

Date 5 August 46.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT Nº.12

as at 1 July 46.

AWL 19/7

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(iii) Recruits at the C.A.R. were employed on election duties and lost 10 days of training. They can be amply recovered, with the extension of the course now authorised.

(iv) Train guards and guards were supplied as usual.

(b) CC.RR.

(i) Were chiefly employed in the maintenance of public order or in reinforcing places where public order was threatened.

(ii) A campaign against armed bandits was continued with reduced patrols.

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4. Training.

(a) Army.

(i) 9 Inf Regt.

Training was chiefly for small arms competitions and assault course.

A month's course for junior NCOs was commenced with officers as instructors, to train replacements for NCOs of the 1922 and 1923 classes, due for release.

(ii) C.A.R.

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(b) Political Activity among Troops.

Gen di Div Boselli requested the War Ministry to relieve him of his duties, as soon as he heard the result of the referendum.

There appears to have been little or no reaction to this irresponsible gesture. The C of S seemed uncertain whether to approve or disapprove: the other Terr HQ officers were non-commital on the subject.

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((b) cont).

On 23 June, 9 Terr Cd took part in a communal ceremony to honour notable republicans of the past. Bari dignitaries headed the procession which included a bn of 9 Inf Regt and a bn of recruits: the latter's turn-out, deportment and marching was a credit to the C.A.R. staff.

(c) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Good.

(d) Morale.

(i) Morale in the command continues to be satisfactory. That of the recruits is very good.

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(e) Public Security.

Security has improved due to the activity of the CC.RR. Cases of armed robbery were reduced to 14. CC.RR patrols effected 10 arrests including the chief of an armed band operating in Matera (P23) district: the members of this band later surrendered to the CC.RR.

Demonstrations continue to be held by unemployed, chiefly unemployed ex-POWs, with subsequent disorders, robberies and casualties. Unemployed have been reduced to about 40,000.

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Part III - A.

6. Domestic.

(a) Release.

(i) The following left this unit during the month :-

DAA & QMG	Major J.B.Aylward.	Release	14 June.
Dvr/Batman	Pte.Tessyman.	Release	7 June.
M/Cyclist	Dvr.Rose.	Python 36	7 June.

(ii) The following are due to leave :-

Cpl.Clerk	Cpl.Good.	Release	25-31 July.
Pte.Clerk	Pte.Rawlings.	Release	25-31 July.

(b) Leave.

Major H.Ferro returned from 14 Days leave in Malta on 5 June.

7. Italian.

(a) Deficiencies.

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Tradesmen	248	4.4%
Specialists	789	21%

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Part IV - Q

8. Domestic.

(a) Transport.

Truck 15 cwt 4x2 Fordson, was certified BLR. A Chevrolet 8 cwt H/U 4x4, was received on temporary loan from 10 BLU, until a replacement is received. A replacement in the form of a light utility car would be more suitable for this unit than a 15 cwt. In addition it would be more economical.

Action.
My 71/154 of 27 June refers.

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(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

9. Italian.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army less CC.RR.

9 Transport Admin Coy is deficient of 1/18 motor-cycle and 15/80 trucks. It has 2 cars in excess of WE (16).

9 Amb Scc is deficient of 1 truck.

Maintenance of vehicles has improved and drivers are now familiar with the task system which appears to be adhered to correctly, after visit by EME, 10 BLU.

A few tyres and spare parts have been received, and though there are a number of vehicles still off the road, their arrival has been encouraging.

(b) CC.RR.

No change from last month.

Maintenance continues to be good.

10. R.E.M.E.

Capt. W.J.Rindl, EME, 10 BLU, inspected the REME side of 9 Terr Cd and Bari Legion CC.RR on 12-15 June, including C.A.R.

11. R.A.O.C.

Nothing further to report.

12. Clothing and Equipment.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

One summer uniform is in the course of being issued to each soldier, in khaki for C.A.R. personnel, and in grey for all others. C.A.R. recruits are issued

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(b) CC.RR.

CC.RR are also being issued with khaki clothing.

13. Arms and Ammunition.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

Ammunition from 501 BAD to Italian Divs and military schools began to be moved on 1 July 46.

The move to the railway station is being done by 44 trucks supplied by the Min. of War.

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(4a) cont).

An allotment of railway wagons has been obtained, from Bari Station.

Escorts are provided by squads of 10 men sent from each div receiving supplies.

Loading parties have been detailed from 9 Terr Cd.

P.O.L. is being issued from military stocks as follows :-

Petrol and Diesel Oil - 312 B.P.S.S., Bari.
Lubricating Oils and Grease - 372 Petrol Pln, Bari.

under authority GHQ 4001/Q1 of 17 June 46.

(b) CC.RR.

37 mm Ammo was drawn from 501 BAD.

It is planned to draw the 37 mm reserve for the Arty Directorate, Bari, on 5 July, following a request from C.O.O., 501 B.A.D. My 64/96 of 29 June refers

14. Accomodation.

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16. Supply Problems.

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18. Movements.

The number of railway wagons and ~~trucks~~ ~~allotted~~ to the 'Delegazione Trasporti' is still limited by the coal supply. However, owing to decreasing Allied military requirements, there were 1,116 wagons available this month as against 1,010 in May. This figure included 473 wagons which conveyed 13,470 ex-POWs to their home districts.

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5 July 46.

(H.Ferro) Major GS.
Cond. 9 B.L.U.

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APPENDIX 'C'
I July 46.

9 Territorial Command
STAFF LIST.

Amendments to App 'C' to 9 BLU Periodical Report No.II of I June 46.

9 Territorial Headquarters.

Commander	Delete	Gen di Div	G.Boselli
	Insert	Gen di Div	V.Tabellini

ENGINEERS

9 Wks Services & Engrs Stores Directorate

Asst	Add	Ten Col	G.Carrasi

DEPOTS

27 Terr Depot

Commander	Delete	Ten Col	V.Donadeo
	Insert	Ten Col	S.Marzo
Chief Records Office	Delete	Ten Col	S.Marzo

MILITARY DISTRICTS

46 Mil Dist

Commandant	Delete	Col	R.Candidia
	Insert	Ten Col	G.Della Valle

MISCELLANEOUS

904 POW Transit Camp

Vice Comd	Delete	Ten Col	V.Senna
	Insert	Ten Col	E.Iezzi

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APPENDIX 'D'

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

Ref 20/46

27 June 46.

To : HQ. Allied Commission,
Bari.

Reference telephone conversation Lt.Col. Vining - Major Ferro, herewith report on the incident at Foggia between American M.P. and CC.RR. :-

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The patrol consisted of 9 CC.RR. under a Sergeant-Major, mounted in a three-ton lorry.
The American M.P. had not been informed of the patrol.

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The CC.RR. fired a burst in the air from a Beretta automatic rifle, in an attempt to make the car stop.

3. The car contained some American soldiers who reported to the Military Police Foggia that an attempt had been made by bandits to stop them on the road.

4. At 0230 approx. two jeeps containing three American M.Ps. arrived from Foggia and took the CC.RR. in their truck back to the M.P. station. The two parties could not make themselves understood to each other owing to language difficulty and the 10 CC.RR. were marched into the detention room.

5. Civilians who had witnessed the incident reported to CC.RR. station Foggia.
At 0330 approx. the CC.RR. sgt-major on duty attempted to enter the American station to explain. He was stopped at the door by the policemen on duty, and told the affair would have to be dealt

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3. The car contained some American soldiers who reported to the Military Police Foggia that an attempt had been made by bandits to stop them on the road.

4. At 0230 approx. two jeeps containing three American M.Ps. arrived from Foggia and took the CC.RR. in their truck back to the M.P. station. The two parties could not make themselves understood to each other owing to language difficulty and the 10 CC.RR. were marched into the detention room.

5. Civilians who had witnessed the incident reported to CC.RR. station Foggia.
At 0330 approx. the CC.RR. sgt-major on duty attempted to enter the American station to explain. He was stopped at the door by the policeman on duty, and told the affair would have to be dealt with by the officer in charge, in the morning.
At 0500 hrs. the CC.RR. Officer i/c Foggia detachment went to the American station, and was dealt with similarly to the sgt-major.
At 0830 hrs. the same CC.RR. Officer reported the incident to the Adjutant, Foggia Air Base, who said he would inform the Provost Marshal.
At 1030 hrs., 25 June, the 10 CC.RR. were released from the detention room, with apologies.

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6. The CC.RR. in the area are considerably upset by the incident, which they feel has been most humiliating. The Commander of the Bari Legion informs me that the people of Foggia are angry about the treatment meted out to the CC.RR. patrol, when it was in the act of taking action against bandits who have been a menace in the area.

(H.Ferro) Major GS.
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

HF/gf

Copy to : CC.RR. Liaison Officer.
10 British Liaison Unit, Naples.

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Translation. APP. 'D'

529th AIR SERVICE GROUP
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
APO 780 U.S. ARMY

FOGGIA, 27 June 1946.

Subject : Incident occurred between Carabinieri and M.Ps. in Foggia.

To : OC Carabinieri HQ FOGGIA.
for information :
To : HQ Legione Territoriale Carabinieri BARI.
Questura FOGGIA.

1. I wish to apologise for the incident that occurred on 25 June 46 between Italian policemen and members of the American Military Police.
The fault is interely of the American Police and this office accepts full blame.

2. I am very sorry that, as OC Military Police, I was not informed immediately so that we could have avoided the embarassing situation. Suitable measures have been taken to ensure that similar incidents are not repeated in future. In any case where the Italian Police are involved, I shall be informed at once by my men and shall contact the Foggia Questura who will deal with the case. However in no case will a policeman be disarmed and imprisoned.

3. The American Police, on duty at the time, had not much experience and did not understand the seriousness of their action. Actually they have been suitably instructed and measures have been taken against them.

4. I take this opportunity of complimenting your men for the wise manner in which they acted, in order to avoid incidents between the police forces.
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It was a great insult to them, but they met the situation with the greatest delicacy. I hope we may have the honour of working in close collaboration with these men, in the future. 788

5. Again I apologise and hope that this incident will in no way damage the cooperation between the two police forces.

sgd. Robert W.Clark.
Capt.,A.C.-Provost Marshal.

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RETURN OF BRITISH M.T. HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

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1.	Ford ¼ ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW 79013	V.9013	No Record	E.
2.	Chev.3cwt H/U 4x4	M.5906866	FR.4017086	No Record	4844520085	E.
3.	B.S.A. 500cc M/C	C.1431573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	E.

Certified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated a
AB 406 have been inspected and found correct.

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Signed _____

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Reg N°	Engine N°	Contract N°	Chassis N°	Efficient	Local Repair	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks.
5663179	GPW 79013	V.9013	No Record	E.	-	-	-
5906866	FR.4017086	No Record	4844520085	E.	-	-	On loan from 10 BLU.
1431573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	E.	-	-	-

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Signed A Fsero. Major.

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Nº. 9 B.L.U. (B Type)

Authorised WE	ORs and Civilians employed within WE.		A/S Group.	ORs held surplus
Clerks CD RASC.	1 Cpl. Cpl Good A. 6297558	(1)	36	
	1 Pte. Pte Rawlings O.P. 6018925	(2)	27 (Deferred)	
Batman/Dvr.				
M/Cyclist.				
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.				
Cooks.	2 Maria Montenegro.		Di Fonte Carmela.	
Mess Orderly.				
Gen.Duties.	1 Gigliola Ferulli.			

Remarks.

(1) Departs on Release 25-31 July.
(2) " " " 25-31 July.

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Ferulli.

July.
July.

Date 5 July 46.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT N°11
as at 1 June 46.

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Part I - General.

1. Domestic.

Major J.B.Aylward is due to proceed on release on approx 14 June 46. It is requested that his replacement as DAA & QMG should be appointed as soon as possible.

This unit will also be losing one private clerk and one driver-batman on release, and one motor cyclist on Python during the first or second weeks of June. Replacements are urgently required.

Part II - G.

2. Employment.

(a) Army.

Since 10/5/46, one Coy at BARI and one at TRANI have been held in readiness.

155 men were employed as train guards, and about 80 as guards on the various military establishments and depots.

(b) CC.RR.

3 Officers and 179 ORs and two armoured cars were employed in patrol clashes with bandits during the month. During the fighting one Officer was seriously wounded.

Re-inforcements have been sent to BERNALDA, TARANTO and MATERA during the month to maintain public order.

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3. Training.

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3. Training.

(a) Army.

This consisted of the following :-

(i) 9 Inf Regt.

Maintenance of Public Order - Rules governing the use of military forces for the above task has been explained to troops.

Arms - Deeper technical knowledge of the weapons has been obtained.
Miniature range firing practices and throwing of hand-grenades has been carried out.

Games - P.T., athletics and the continuation of the football league.

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(ii) C.A.R.

Major R.P.Christie inspected the training side of 9 C.A.R. on 24 May including the open range at ALTAMURA.

(b) CC.RR.

Continues to be satisfactory.
Major Marsh, CC.RR. Sec, M.M.I.A., visited the Legion over the period 28-30 May.

4. Intelligence.

(a) Political Activity.

All parties have stepped up their election campaigns during the past month, and particularly so during the last week, and the leaders of all the main parties have visited BARI. TOGLIATTI (Communist) was very poorly received and adherents to the "Uomo Qualunque" and right wing parties appear to have by far the greatest following.

(b) Political Activity Among Troops.

No activity is apparent.

(c) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Relations continue to be good between the two.

(d) Morale.

O.Rs.- Morale remains satisfactory.

Officers - They are still very worried about the result of the referendum.

(e) Frontier Activity.

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Nothing further since last month's report.

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(g) Public Security.

560 incidents of robbery occured during the month, 254 suspects being arrested.

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Part III - A.

5. Domestic.

(a) The following personnel will be leaving this unit on the approx dates as shown :-

DAA & QMG	Major J.E.Aylward	Release	14 June.
Clerk	Pte. Rawlings.	Release	June.
Dvr/Batman	Pte. Tessyman.	Release	7 June.
M/Cyclist	Dvr. Rose.	Python 36	7 June.

Replacements are urgently required for the above.

(b) Leave - Nothing to report.

6. Italian.

(a) Deficiencies.

Tradesmen - 6.6% - (WE-75)

Specialists- 16.4% - (WE-559)

(b) Discipline.

Continues to be satisfactory and to improve. Military Tribunal offences were down to 20 of which 8 were desertions.

Part IV - Q.

7. Domestic.

(a) Transport.

Truck 8 cwt is not required at the moment owing to the likely lack of drivers during the first half of June. — 10 BLU letter H/T/1 of 25/5 (copy to 9BLU) refers.

(b) Accommodation.

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Nothing to report.

8. Italian.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army less CC.RR.-
Deficiencies on W.E. :-

9 Transport Admin Coy	-	M/Cycles	- 2
		Cars	- 2
		Trucks	- 11
9 Amb Section	-	Trucks	- 1

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— (ii) CC.RR.-

10 lorries have been received from the SPA Works TURIN during the month.
Fitness state of vehicles has improved.

(b) Supply.

Reserves of POL have been built up at BARI, LECCE and TARANTO to meet any emergency.

9. R.E.M.E.

As always lack of tyres and spare parts are causing a loss of efficiency.

Heavy pressure has been brought to bear on the Ministry of War by 9 Terr HQ, but the result has been negligible.

10. R.A.O.C.

(a) Socks.

The sock situation at the C.A.R. has again deteriorated and many recruits have now none to wear.

(b) Boots.

The reserve of 3% originally issued to C.A.Rs has been found to be completely inadequate, stocks are now completely exhausted and many boots in the possession of the recruits are in an extremely poor state of repair.

Both (a) and (b) were brought to the notice of Major R.P.Christie on his visit to the C.A.R.

(c) Ammunition.

(i) For CC.RR Legions.

.30 amm for all Legions less PALERMO transported by lorries of MANTOVA Division on 16 May.

.30 amm for PALERMO railed on 19 May.

37 mm became available on 27 May at 501 B.A.D., and it is hoped to begin loading on 4 June.

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(i) For CC.RR Legions.

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.30 amm for PALERMO railed on 19 May.

37 mm became available on 27 May at 501 B.A.D., and it is hoped to begin loading on 4 June.

Our 64/64 dtd 28/5 (copy to M.M.I.A.) refers.

The final figures of 37 mm amm available at 501 B.A.D. are as follows :-

APc - 6543
HE - 23780
Can. 2520

Breakdown figures as per your signal Q/OS/490 of 29 April will be met except the Artillery Directorate at BARI will hold as reserve only the following :-

APc - 3579
HE - 8280
Can.- 2520

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(ii) Italian Armed Forces.

(a) No grenades N°77 are available from 501 B.A.D.

(b) 501 B.A.D. will begin ferrying the large consignment of ammunition released to the Italian Army from BITONTO to TERLIZZI very shortly. It will be forwarded to its various destinations as railway space becomes available.

11. Medical.

The fly situation in this area will be a menace. If DDT could be obtained from Allied sources it might lessen the problem, and it has been suggested to 9 Terr HQ that they write to the Ministry of War on this point.

12. Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

13. Movements.

Of the 450 wagons despatched by 9 Terr HQ 80% were used for commissariat purposes.

560 wagons were used for the transit of 45000 men during the month.

Major GS.
Comd. 9 B. .U.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

No ammendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report Nº 1 of 1 Jan 46.

Appendix 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

General Staff.

GSO II	Major H.R.FERRO.	RMA.

Branch of the Adjt General and Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major J.B.AYLWARD.	RTR.

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H9. 9 L.L.U. (B Type)

Authorised WE	ORs and Civilians employed within WE.		A/S Group.	ORs held surplus to WE
Clerks GD RASC.	1 Cpl. Cpl Good. A. 6297158		36	
	1 Pte. Pte Rawlings.O.F. 6018925	(1)	27	
Batman/Dvr.	1 Pte. Pte Tennyman.L. 3715205	(2)	31	
M/Cyclist.	1 Pte. Dvr Rose.H. T/10597077	(3)	44	
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.	1			
Cooks.	2	Rota Luigina. Brandoline Geny.		
Mess Orderly	1	Di Fonte Carmela.		
Gen; Duties	1	Ferulli Cigliola.		

Remarks.

(1) Deferred Release under Gentlemanb Agreement. (Departs in June)
(2) Departs on June 7.46. (On Release)
(3) Departs on June 7.46. (On Python)

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A [illegible]M of 8 Jun 45.

N9. 9 B.L.U. (B Type)

Civilians employed within WE.		A/S Group.	ORs held surplus to WE	Civilians held surplus WE.
[illegible]l Good. A. [illegible]		35		
[illegible]e Rawlinge.O.P. [illegible]	(1)	27		
[illegible]e Teesyman.L. [illegible]	(2)	31		
[illegible]yr Rose.E. [illegible]	(3)	44		

[illegible]Luigina. Brandoline Geny.
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Gentleman's Agreement. (Departs in June)
(On Release)
(On Python)

Date 4 June 45.

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1.	Ford 4/4 ton 4x4	M.5363179	GPW 79013	No Record	V.9013	E	
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS	Z.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E	
3.	B.S.A. 500 cc M/C	C.1431573	27200	[illegible]20-35227	" "	E	

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

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79	GPW 79013	No Record	V.9013	E	-	-	-
9379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E	-	-	-
1573	27200	WME0-35227	" "	E	-	-	-

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Signed _____ Major.

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Subject : Periodical Reports.

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9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

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10 May 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME. (4 copies)

Herewith Appendix 'E' to 9 B.L.U. Periodical Report No.10, which was omitted.

(H.Ferro) Major GS.
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

Copy to : 10 B.L.U.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT No.10
as at 30 April 46.

Part I - General.

1. DOMESTIC. - Staff List 9 BLU attached at Appx.'B'.

2. ITALIAN. - The Comd. Terr. Engrs., Col. Mario TANFERNA, was releived of his appointment owing to the unsatisfactary progress of work on the CAR. Col. TANFERNA is further mentioned in the Intelligence para.

Part II - G.

3. EMPLOYMENT.

(a) Army - A coy of troops was held in readiness in each town where admin. elections took place, up till 10 April.

One coy provided train guards and fatigue squads.

230 men were employed as guards in the various military establishments and depots.

(b) CC.RR- Re-inforcements of a pl. was sent to each town during admin. elections.

CC.RR continued to provide night patrols at Bari, in conjunction with C.M.P.

4. TRAINING.

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Training was as follows :-

Small Arms - rifle, automatic rifle, pistol, with practices on miniature and S.A. ranges. 1 Bn. completed handgrenade tg. on the ranges.

Maintenance of Public Order - instruction and half day exercises on the ground.

Ceremonial Drill

Competitions - preparations for squad competitions in (a) rifle shooting after 18 km. route march, and (b) inf. assault course.

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Games - P.T., athletics tg. and inter-unit football league, which began during the month.

Officers - lectures by senior officers Weds. and Fris.

N.C.Os - Map-reading and lectures by officers Weds. and Sats.

(ii) C.A.R.- Report on C.A.R. attached at Appendix 'E'.

(b) CC.RR - Apart from training of specialists, no organised training is done.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Political Activity.

The Communist Party celebrated the 1 May by marching through Pari in a well organised column of about 2000 persons. The procession, headed by a band, received no applause and only a passing interest from onlookers.

(b) Political Activity among Troops.

No activity is apparent, either among troops or recruits, apart from a moderate interest in the Referendum.

(c) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

The popularity of Army troops has increased since the days of the Admin; elections, when their presence had a beneficial effect on the people.

The CC.RR are beginning to lose favour on account of their failure to curtail crime and black market activities.

(d) Morale.

Officers - morale of officers has deteriorated owing to their belief that the referendum will result in a Republic being declared. Their future appears to them more uncertain than ever.

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O.Rs - morale remains satisfactory.

Recruits - morale is good.

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(e) Frontier Activity.

For the last 2 months there have been rumours in Bari that arms and ammunition from across the water, are being landed from fishing boats on the Adriatic coast on either side of Bari, and that they are of Russian origin. No trace of evidence has been found to substantiate the rumour, nor have any arms, other than of British, American or German origin, been reported as seen.

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(f) Illegal Immigration.

Nothing to report.

(g) Public Security.

Crimes with violence increased from 37 in March, to 46 in April. Arrests decreased from 36 to 18.

(h) Additional Political Activity.

Col. TANFERNA, Comd. 5 Terr Engrs., was relieved of his appointment on account of his Communistic sympathies, rather than for the unsatisfactory progress of work on the C.A.R., which was the official reason given. The Terr. Comd. could not afford to have a communist in control of territorial communications, if trouble broke out on 2 June.

Col. TANFERNA wears the British M.C., which he earned in 1917.

Part III - A.

6. DOMESTIC.

(a) War Establishment now correct.

(b) Leave - Nothing to report.

7. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies.

Tradesmen - Up to W.E.

Specialists- 34.69 %

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(h) Additional Political Activity.

Col. TANFERNA, Comd. 9 Terr Engrs., was relieved of his appointment on account of his Communistic sympathies, rather than for the unsatisfactory progress of work on the C.A.R., which was the official reason given. The Terr. Comd. could not afford to have a communist in control of territorial communications, if trouble broke out on 2 June.

Col. TANFERNA wears the British M.C., which he earned in 1917.

Part III - A.

6. DOMESTIC.

(a) War Establishment now correct.

(b) Leave - Nothing to report.

7. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies.

Tradesmen - Up to W.E. 774

Specialists- 34.69 %

(b) Discipline.

Discipline is satisfactory throughout the command. It is good in 9 Inf Regt.

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Part IV - Q

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Nothing to report.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

Deficiencies on W.E. :-

9 Transport Adm Coy	- Cars 2	- Trucks 10.	
9 Amb. Section	- Truck 1	- Ambulance 1 (stolen in Rome).	

10. R.E.M.E.

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So far as the C.A.R. is concerned, as things stand at the moment, ever puncture repairs have to be carried out in W/shops; a first aid kit, however small, would be of enormous advantage.

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(a) Socks.

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The present scale per man is two pairs. This should be increased to three during the next fortnight, but no "pezze da piedi" available.

M.E.F.A Q.103 of 16/4 refers.

(b) Boots.

Issues as per a/q letter, and repairs are being carried out locally, but boots are wearing badly which in the main is thought to be due to the leather used being too new.

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(e) Ammunition.

Ammunition has now been railed to C.A.Rs, less :-

Grenades 36 - 25% awaiting collection from B.A.D.

Grenades 77 - Not mentioned on GHQ Release Note, MMIA TRG/42/ of 15/4 refers and therefore not released.

12. ACCOMMODATION.

Nothing to report

13. MOVEMENTS.

Owing to the return of POWs now being virtually complete, more railway wagons have become available for other purposes. Of the 775 wagons despatched by 9 Terr HQ during the month, 70% were used for Commissariate Services.

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(H.Ferro) Major GS.
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No.1 of 1 Jan 46.

Appendix 'B'.

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

General Staff.

GSO II	Major H.R.EBRRO.	RMA.

Branch of the Adjt General and Quatermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major J.B.AYLWARD.	RTR.

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Appendix 'C'
1 May 46.

9 Territorial Command
STAFF LIST.

Amendments to App 'C' to 9 BLU Periodical Report N°.4 of 1 Feb 46.

9 Territorial Headquarters.

Assistant	Delete	Colonello	S.SFORZA
	Insert	Ten Col	A.PESCE
Comd 9 Terr Inf	Add	Gen Brig	T.MOGGIO
Personnel	Delete	Ten Col	F.GRECO
	Insert	Ten Col	G.TRECROTOLI
Army Res Offrs.	Delete	Ten Col	G.TRECROTOLI

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Chief Engr Offr	Delete	Colonello	A.PISANI

MILITARY ACADEMY.

9 C.A.R.

Vice Comd	Add	Ten Col	L.CILLI
Asst Comd	Add	Ten Col	G.SCARCIA

DEPOTS

30 Terr Depot.

Amend to read :-

Comd		Ten Col	G.NOBILE
Admin		Ten Col	A.ANTONANTE

MILITARY DISTRICTS

3 Mil Dist

C.C. Detention Bks.	Add	Ten Col	V.GIULIANI

4 Mil Dist.

Comd	Delete	Colonello	A.RUGGERO
	Insert.	Ten Col	E.GRAZIANI
Mobilisation	Delete	Ten Col	E.GRAZIANI

66 Mil Dist

Asst	Delete	Ten Col	A.MUSCETTOLA
	Insert	Ten Col	G.Rossito

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MISCELLANEOUS

1 POW Recep Centre

Attached	Delete	Ten Col	G.NOBILE

3 POW Recep Centre

Comd	Delete	Colonello	E.BELLANTE

MEDICAL

9 Principal Terr Hospital

Opthalmic Wing	Delete	Ten Col	G.TERROTODI

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Pro - Forma

RETURN OF BRITISH M.T. HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Ser N°.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair
1.	Ford 4/4 ton 4x4	M.5653179	GPW 79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-
2.	Ford 15cwt 4x2 GS	2.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E	-
3.	B.S.A. 500 cc.M/C.	C.1431573	27200	WM20-35227	" "	E	-
4.	Stendard 2str 4x2	M.6175574	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?

Certified the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated a
AB 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Signed

Date 4 May 46

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Pro - Forma

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RETURN OF BRITISH M.T. HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Efficient.	Local Repair	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks
1179	GFW 79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	-
1379	V.9019	" "	No Record	E	-	-	-
1573	27200	WB2C-35227	" "	E	-	-	-
1574	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?	?	Inf. not received

Vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and spected and found correct.

Signed _____ Major

Appendix 'E'
- 7 May 46.

Report on 9 Terr C.A.R.
as at 1 May 46.

Arrival of Recruits.

1. Recruits from the military districts of CATANIA, MESSINA, REGGIO CALABRIA, CATANZARO and COSENZA arrived in daily batches varying from 50 to 500, instead of the regular number notified.

2. From 400 to 500 dribbled in after 1 April , thereby causing a certain amount of confusion: eventually they all caught up on the programme.

3. Squads for instruction had to be larger than envisaged, owing a deficiency of 52% of junior N.C.O. instructors.

Training Programme.

4. Training began on 1 April and was completed on 27 April. Rifle practice on miniature ranges was completed only for those recruits who were to be posted to arms other than infantry: the reason being that the miniature ranges were completed late. No other part of the programme was omitted.

5. There was found to be no time for revision or for coaching of backward recruits.

6. The recruits gained a good knowledge of foot drill, arms drill and the handling of small arms. A fair proportion obtained creditable results on the 30 yard range.

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8. Instructors on the whole were poor. The instructors courses they attended did not appear to have eradicated old ideas and habits: the success of the few exceptions who were good instructors indicates that the weakness was due to the quality of the instructor rather than to faulty training. Instructors generally improved as the course proceeded. Those that did no have been reported on as unsuitable: they include 2 Bn Comds., 4 subalterns, 4 NCOs, and 13 'graduati'. 765

9. The morale of instructors is adversely affected by :-

A. The uncertainty of their future.

B. The lack of lodgings for their families.

C. Their pay.

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10. Officers and senior NCOs are to be given an instructor's allowance. It is considered that the privilege should be extended to 'graduati' who share the onus of work and some of the responsibility with the senior NCOs.

11. There are about 15 tg. pamphlets used, where the Italian translation is not easily assimilated by the NCOs. They can well do with simplification.

12. The C.A.R. Comd. has suggested that instructors be authorised to wear a distinctive sign. This would be an excellent move in the C.A.R., where instructors and admin. staff are in daily contact with recruits.

Training.

13. No weakness has been apparent in the methods of training, when they have been applied correctly. The lack of efficiency that exists can be attributed entirely to the lack of leadership determination and efficiency on the part of the instructors.

Stores.

14. The scale of tg. stores for C.A.Rs arrived after the course had started. Completion of equipment is being slowed down by the lack of explanatory diagrams for workmen. No .303 dummy rounds were issued with the ammunition. Most of the recruits were without bayonets, only a few of which were received.

Services.

15. The services were functioning while parts of the barracks were still being re-conditioned, with temporary accommodation which was often cramped. The services staff worked well under this disadvantage.

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The recruits could well do with a more generous ration. They were mostly undernourished when they arrived, and did not appear to acquire their full physical vigour by the end of the first month. The midday meal is satisfactory but their second meal requires augmenting.

17. Clothing - The 4200 sets of clothing received by the C.A.R. proved insufficient to fit each recruit with his proper size, even though there were exchanges of clothes between units. The quality of socks and towels was poor: in addition boots did not wear well.

The clothing repair service functioned well.

The ration of 250 gr. of soap per head was found to be insufficient.

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18. Personnel — The admin personnel were insufficient in number owing to the C.A.R. being spread over 3 Casernes. The additions required are to be included in a request to the Min. of War.

The commandant of the C.A.R. considers that a total of 4246 officers and men is an unwieldy number, and wants fewer recruits next time. It is thought that the staff should find their work easier, after the experience they have gained.

(H.Ferro) Major GS.
Coud. 9 B.L.U.

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(H.Parra) Major G.S.
Cmdg. 9 B.I.H.

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No. 9 B.L.U. (B Type)

Authorised WE		Ors and Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Group ORs held surplus to WE	C
Clerks GD RASC.	1	Cpl. Cpl.Good.A. 6297658 (1)	36	
	1	Pte. A/L/Cpl Rawlings.C.F. 6018925 (2)	27	
Batman/Dvr.	1	Pte. Pte.Tessyman.L. 3715206 (3)	31	
M/Cyclist.	1	Pte. Dvr.Rose.R. 2/10097077 (4)	44	
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.	1			
Cooks	2	Rota Luigina.		
Mess Orderly	1	Caccuci Elena		
Gen;Duties	1	Brandolino Geny.		

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Remarks.

(1) Attached for training as clerk RASC.
(2) Deferred release under Gentleman's Agreement.
(3) Departs on release in June.
(4) Departs on Python in June.

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d.A. 6297558 (1)	36	
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yman.L. 3715205 (3)	31	
e.R. 2/10097077 (4)	44	

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as at 15 April 46.

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GENERAL.

Major J.B.Aylward reported on 11 Apr 46 and assumed the duties of DAA & QMG, vice Major F.J.A.Clark, who left on release the previous day.

C.A.R.

1. Generale di Brig. Moggio assumed the duties of Inf Commandant, 9 Terr Cd., a week ago. His responsibilities include the C.A.R. to which he is devoting a good deal of his time. He seems keen, active and co-operative.

2. Recruits.

The number allotted to 9 Terr C.A.R. was exceeded by the arrival of recruits after the 1 April 46. The surplus was reduced by dispatching 90 recruits to Legnano Inf Div. and 90 to Friuli Inf Div: they were men who had served 2 months or so in a previous call up.

In addition 31 of the 147 volunteers were found to originate from Calabria and were sent to 10 Terr C.A.R. at Avellino.

There are now 3636 recruits at the C.A.R, which is the number originally catered for.

They appeared somewhat tired after the first week's training and are not expected to gain their second wind before the third week. Considering they are mostly countrymen their lack of stamina has been surprising and it is hoped that regular meals will improve them.

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3. Accommodation.

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Is still crowded, though gradually easing. Barrack rooms for two companies have been completed and occupied, while those for two more companies are nearly ready.

Officers.

Are still without their proper accommodation. They understand the situation and have accepted it with good spirit. The officers mess is expected to be completed by the end of April.
In the meantime they continue to mess with officers of 9 Terr. H.Q. a half-mile away by tram.

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4. Equipment.

Rifles arrived in time for instruction in the second week. De-greasing was done by Squad instructors, in the absence of armourers (there is one armourer).

Web equipment- only 800 pairs of basic pouches were received. The remainder, in the proportion of one pair per recruit, were utility pouches and a demand has been submitted for their exchange; a sufficient number being retained for Bren gun instruction.

5. Selection Committee.

The committee for alloting recruits to the different arms of the service meets daily to examine recruits. their first meeting was held on 3 April 46. They have remarked on the scarcity of technicians, and on the low standard of the ones there are.

6. Instructors.

Instructors have more than their share of work to do, owing to deficiencies against the establishment.

There is no doubt they are keen. They are gaining confidence and are showing an increasing interest in their sub-units: a general improvement and increase in effectiveness is apparent all round.

The earmarking of potential NCO's among the recruits is being done carefully in all squads. The C.O.R. Commandant is confident that he will have a sufficient number to complete his establishment of instructors for the second call-up.

(H.Ferro) Major.
GS.

16 April 46.

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9 ELU PERIODICAL REPORT No.8

as at 31 March 46.

I GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC (ELU).

Major F.J.A.Clark is due to proceed on release on 10 Apr 46. It is requested that his replacement as DAA & QMG should be appointed early.

2. ITALIAN.

Opening of CAR - By the 1 April 3387 recruits had reported at the CAR, from the districts of Sicily and Calabria: 2[illegible] were returned to their homes as unfit for military service. In addition 140 volunteers were enlisted. They came from the local district of Puglie, where there was no call-up and belong to the 1925, 26 or 27 classes.

An initial classification of recruits shows that 10% are keen to be soldiers, 80% have accepted their call-up without pleasure or resentment, and 10% have reported unwillingly.

Generally the recruits are small in stature though sturdily built: a good number appear to be undernourished. The great majority are 'contadini' and 20% are illiterate.

Married recruits number 17%: on the whole they are unhappy about the fate of their wives, who will have to work for their living while the husband is away. The recently authorised allotment of relief from communes will be a boon in this respect, though it is generally considered to be much too little.

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It is understood that the Min. of War has an allotment of footballs for CARs. Unless they are issued immediately they will be too late for use in the first month, when they are most urgently needed. Footballs bought locally cost the prohibitive price of 4700 lire and the CAR only possesses one.

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3. ORGANISATION.

Nothing to report.

4. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army.

(i) A force of 16 Off. and 343 ORs were stationed at ANDRIA (099) during unemployed disturbances from 6 to 13 March.
(ii) 123 men were employed as train guards and on fatigues.
(iii) Troops at coy. strength were held in readiness on Sundays in the various towns where administrative elections took place.

(b) CC.RR.

(i) 6 Off. and 367 ORs remained attached to the Palermo Legion, during the month.
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(iii) CC.RR. continued to take part in night patrols in Bari, with British troops, arresting a number of people out after curfew (24.00 hrs) and holding up trucks loaded with contraband goods.

5. TRAINING.

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(ii) Other Troops - 9 Inf. Regt. underwent training in Bn. drill, maintenance of public order including day and night exercises and weapon training. Musketry classification was begun.

(b) CC.RR.

Nothing to report.

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6. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Politics - The troops are beginning to take an interest in the question of Monarchy v Republic, on which they will have to vote. A monarchy is more popular with those men who have one year or more to serve in the Army. The general approach to the question is that of individual security and there appears to be a current idea that a republic may decide to have no Army at all. As one bright 'sergente maggiore' summed it up:- 'If there is no King, there will be no-one to fight for'.

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilians -

(i) Army - Good relations are reported from districts where elections have been held. In one locality a coy. of troops were greeted with shouts of "Viva l'Italia", while in another they were given food and wine by civilians.

(ii) CC.RR.-Relations are friendly.

(c) Morale - Married soldiers are constantly worried about conditions affecting their families. The morale of un-married troops continues to be satisfactory.

Officers are generally depressed about the very low standard of living they have to accept for themselves and for their families.

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III 'A'

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies against W.E.

ORs - one pte., clerk.
Cpl.Good.A. was attached on 19 March for training as clerk RASC.

(b) Leave.

No report.

8. ITALIAN.

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Specialists	32.4%	(WE - 1006)

(b) Discipline.

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Military Tribunal offences for the month were down to 24, of which 16 were desertions.

(c) Leave Problems.

No report.

(d) Pay.

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No report.

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9. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Nothing to report.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to Report.

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10. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army (less CC.RR.).

Deficiencies on W.E. are:-

9 Terr Adm Coy. - Cars - 2 Trucks - 6
9 Amb Car Sec. - Ambulance - 1 (stolen in Rome)

(ii) CC.RR.

The 12 heavy trucks recently allotted to the mobile bn. are being overhauled at 9 Repair Unit.

(b) REME Problems.

Lack of tyres is still the most pressing problem.

(c) RAOC Problems.

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(d) Clothing and Equipment.

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(ii) CC.RR.

The recent supply of clothing and boots has improved the turn-out of the CC.RR.

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(e) Arms and Ammunition.

(i) Army.

9 CAR has received a consignment of British Arms from Naples as follows:-

Pistols	91
Rifles	4097
Sten Guns	192
Bren Guns	192
Mortars 2"	19
PIATs	48
Signal Pistols	24

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Cleaning material for these weapons has also been received.

Other units are receiving their allotment of Arms and Ammunition, but the cleaning materials supplied by the Min. of War are found to be insufficient, especially in the case of 9 Inf Regt who are firing practices on the ranges.

A number of Officers and WOs.1, who lost their pistols during the war, are still unprovided with them. Pistols are therefore held centrally in units and issued to individuals only when they are to be used.

(ii) CC.RR.

All CC.RRs. are armed with a 91 musket and 72 rounds. The majority of them also have a Beretta 34 pistol and 28 rounds. In addition, Breda .30 automatic rifles are being issued in the proportion of 1 rifle to every 5 CC.RR. 200 rounds are issued with each rifle.

Finally, handgrenades are being issued to units in the proportion of 20 to every 5 CC.RR.

The mobile bn. has it's unit allotment of Arms, in addition to individual weapons, i.e.

Breda MGs Mod 37	-	5	- with 1000 rds per gun.
Breda MGs Mod 30	-	46	- with 2000 rds per gun.
Breda Aut Rifles 38	-	66	- with 80 rds per gun.
Handgrenades	-	100	-
Tanks 'M 15'	-	12	- (4 on the road and 8 in W/Shops).

(f) C.E.M.

Nothing to report.

(g) Accommodation.

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Handgrenades	- 100	-
Tanks 'M 15'	- 12	- (4 on the road and 8 in W/Shops).

(f) C.E.M.

Nothing to report.

(g) Accommodation.

The situation has improved slightly during the month as accommodation was vacated by Allied troops. 755

9 Terr HQ reports that necessary repairs to accomodation were held up by lack of funds from the Ministry.

(h) P.O.L.

Supplies from CIP are reported to be working smoothly.

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(i) Supply Problems.

It is reported that the substitution of chili con carne and sardines in brine for corned beef is disliked by the troops.

Allied requisitioning makes it difficult to find adequate forage in Apulia.

Food Distribution Dept

It is proposed to move 53 FDD from Brindisi to Lecce, where there are more units to be served.

(j) Medical Problems.

Rations of both soap and fuel for hospitals are considered inadequate. In view of the approach of the warm season the necessity for cleanliness is important and the minimum requirements are as follows:-

	Allotment.	Required.	Remarks.
Wood for heating water	800 grams	1000 grams	per head daily.
Soap	250 grams	400 grams	per head monthly

(k) Movement Problems.

The decrease in the number of returned POWs has made more wagons available for other purposes. Of the 700 wagons despatched by 9 Terr HQ during the month, 55% were used for Commissariat services. In addition, there were 684 box cars carrying 53550 military personnel.

(l) Tail Piece.

From an Italian soldier:-

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(H.Ferro) Major.
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APPENDIX 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMLAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No.1 of 1 January 46.

APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON STAFF LIST.

No amendments to Appendix 'B' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No.3 of 1 February 46.

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APPENDIX 'B'

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APPENDIX 'C'

1 April 46.

STAFF LIST.

Amendments to APPENDIX 'C' to Periodical Report N°4 of 1 Feb 46.

ARTILLERY

903 Detached Arty Sec.

Commander	Delete	Ten.Col.	P.TURINO
	Insert	Ten.Col.	C.SCOTTO

ENGINEERS

9 Eng Sec Terr HQ.

Commander	Delete	Colonello	E.TANFERNA
	Insert	Colonello	C.LIGGERI

DEPOTS

27 Territorial Depot.

Records	Add	Ten.Col.	P.CHELINI

24 Territorial Depot.

Commander	Add	Colonello	C.SICLARI

MILITARY DISTRICTS

38 Mil Dist.

QM	Add	Ten.Col.	G.GARBEROGLIO

MEDICAL

9 Principal Terr Hospital.

Medical Wing (att)	Delete	Ten.Col.	L.BARNABA
Orthopedic Wing	Delete	Ten.Col.	F.DE RAFFAELE
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166 Terr Mil Hospital.

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Director	Delete	Ten.Col.	D.DE CATA

TRANSPORT

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9 Repairs Unit.

Requisitioning Offr.	Add	Ten.Col.	G.PESCE

LEGAL

9 Military Tribunal.

Judge Advocate	Delete	Ten.Col.	C.SCOTTO

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... T.T.C. No. 3

Serial	Subject	Remarks	
A.1.	Name and Location of Barracks (with M.E.).	Caserme Falange, Milano and S.Pasquale, at Bari. M.E. 1420866.	
A.2.	Maximum number that can be accommodated	4500	
A.3.	Sleeping accommodation - number of :-		
	Single bunks	3000	
	Double bunks	—	
A.4.	Condition of Buildings	Falange	Milano
		Completed	1/3 completed. 2/3 began to be vacated by aviazione on 1 April. This part of the barracks is in fairly good condition and shall require minor repairs only.
	Percentage Weatherproof	100%	100%

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	Remarks
on th N.R.).	Caserme Falvinge, Milano and S.Pasquale, at Bari. S.R. 1420404.
hat ated	4500
odation -	3000
ildings	Falvinge: Completed Milano: 1/3 completed. 2/3 began to be vacated by aviazione on 1 April. This part of the barracks is in fairly good condition and shall require minor repairs only. S.Pasquale: Work on complete overhauling begun on 16 Mar.46, by a contractor from Rome. Barracks are in poor condition and are not likely to be ready for occupation before the end of April.
herproof	100% / 100% except doors + wind.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
A.5.	Has satisfactory accommodation been found for :-	
	(a) Stores	In Gen. Palanga - stores for the whole F
	(b) Armoury	Accomodation earmarked in Gen. Milano.
A.6.	General Condition and State of readiness, i.e. percentage complete :	Palanga / Milano
	(a) Cook Houses	50% / 30% (temporary coo in use)
	(b) Latrines	100% / 50%
	(c) Ablutions	100% / 50%
	(d) Recreation Rooms	50% / 50%
	(e) Institute	75% (in use) / 50%
	(f) Messes	NCO's 100% / requires re-decora Officers not furnished / and furniture. yet.
A.7.	Provision of :	50% / 6 small plots o in use.
	(a) Parade Grounds	one range begun on 1 Apr: / one range work
	(b) 30 Yards Range	on a 30 day programme of work.
	(c) Other Training Facilities	Ground available for minor tactical t.s. at 300 m. range at Altamura being built unde

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	Remarks		
actory ion been found			
	In Gen. Palonga - stores for the whole C.A.A.		
y	Accomodation earmarked in Gas. Milano.		
ndition and State ss, i.e. percentage	Palonga	Milano	S.Pasquale
ouses	90%	30% (temporary cook-house is in use)	Taken down completely for renewal by end A
es	100%	50%	30%
ons	100%	50%	30%
tion Rooms	80%	50%	30%
ute	70% (in use)	50%	30%
	NCO's 100% Officers not furnished yet.	requires re-decorating and furniture.	30%
of :	30%	4 small plots of ground in use.	3 small plots of 50x yds in use.
Grounds	one range begun on 1 Apr: on a 20 day programme of work.	one range work begun	one range-work begun
ds Range			
Training Facilities	Ground available for minor tactical t.e.t Bari and Altamura. 300 m. range at Altamura being built under supervision of Genio.		

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
B.1.	Have the following scales been received, and are the appropriate number of stores in proportion to the maximum number of men been received, or, if not, percentage to date :	
	(a) Accommodation Stores	100% except for kitchens and messes, where these have been made up by local purchase.
	(b) Training Stores	90% deficient.
	(c) Arms and Ammunition	100% received.
	(d) Clothing	100% received.
	(e) Boots	100% received - one pair per man.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
C.	Brief Notes on progress made on :	
	(a) Heating	The boiler for heating water in bath rooms is in act That at Cas.S.Pasquale has been fitted, but is not y
	(b) Lighting	C.Falange - complete. In the other two Caserme there barrack rooms occupied: barrack huts (temporary) at supplied with lamps.

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Progress	Remarks
	The boiler for heating water in bath rooms is in action at C.Falanga, and C.Milano. That at Cas.S.Pasquale has been fitted, but is not yet in action.
	C.Falanga - complete. In the other two Caserme there is lighting in the barrack rooms occupied: barrack huts (temporary) at Cas. S.Pasquale are supplied with lamps.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
D.	Percentage progress to date or provision of necessary —	
	(a) Food Supplies	Working smoothly.
	(b) Fuel	The open grates, used until cook-houses are ready, o wood fuel. The allotment shall be sufficient when all cook-hous
	(c) Medical Stores	Complete.
	(d) Sanitary-Stores	Complete.

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	Remarks
gress to date f necessary —	
ies	Working smoothly.
	The open grates, used until cook-houses are ready, consume a great deal of wood fuel. The allotment shall be sufficient when all cook-houses are in working order.
ores	Complete.
tores	Complete.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
E.	Permanent Staff : (a) Married Accommodation	Not yet available.
	(b) Single Quarters	Officers and NCOs are accommodated in the space avail... gradually owned as successive barrack blocks are com...
	(c) Officers Mess	...is to be in use. Plans, when the previous have ... at present officers use the mess of 5 Tpt. Squadron ... by them.
	(d) Sergeants Mess	...temporary in use. Plans in the ... food from the unit's cookhouse and use a barrack ...
	(e) General	The permanent staff is deficient of 14 officers and ... NCO's are good by comparison with the junior NCO's ... not really suitable as instructors.

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	Remarks
mmodation	...not yet available.
ers	Officers and NCOs are accommodated in the space available, the situation being gradually eased as successive hostel blocks are completed.
s	It is to be in use, shortly, when the civilians have moved out (1 April). At present officers use the mess of 2 Pnr.Regiments in Hari, to which they go by train.
ess	Officers' mess at Uak, Polangi is in use. The mess of the other two bns. get their food from the men's cookhouse and use a hostel room as a dining room.
	The permanent staff is deficient of 1 officers and 1st NCOs. The senior NCO's are good by comparison with the junior NCO's, about 1/3 of whom are not really suitable as instructors.

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RETURN OF BRITISH MT. HELD BY 5 BRIT H LI AGE UNIT.

Ser.No.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Efficient.
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.1063179	81A7 013	No Record	V.7013	Y.
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	A.[illegible]	V.5015	"	" No Record	Y.
3.	M.T.A. M/Cycle	A.1431573	27300	8820-35427	" "	Y.
4.	Standard 2 ntr 4x4	A.[illegible]574	No Record	No Record	" "	?

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and
and A.F.408 have been inspected and found correct.

Sign

Date...5. Apr. 1940

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E BRITISH ARMY UNITS BY A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

...k.No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Efficient.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local repair.	Remarks.
563173	9F8.7 013	No Record	V.7013	Y.	-	-	
[illegible]	V.7013	" "	No Record	Y.	-	-	
1431573	27200	9R26-35727	" "	Y.	-	-	
[illegible]	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?	?	Inf.not yet received.

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Signed.....Flight Major.....

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No.....9.....B.L.U. ('B' Type)

Authorised WE.		ORs & Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Gp.	ORs held surplus to WE.	Ci
Clerks GD RASC.	1 Cpl 1 Pte	Cpl Good A. 6297658 (1)	36		Fe
Batman/Dvr.	1 Pte	Dvr. Rawlings.C.P. T/6018925 (2)	27	Pte. Pace.G. (3)	
M/Cyclist.	1 Pte	Dvr. Rose.R. T/10697077	44		
Civilians.					
Batman/Dvr	1				
Cooks.	2	Rota Luigina.			
Mess Orderly	1	Rota Maria.			
Gen. Duties	1	Brandolino Geny.			

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REMARKS.

(1) Attached 19 March for training as clerk RASC.

(2) Employed as clerk - deferred release under Gentleman's Agreement.

(3) Returns shortly to MALTA.

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letter A 374 of 8 Jun 45.

N°.....9.....B.L.U. ('B' Type)

Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Gp.	ORs held surplus to WE.	Civilians held surplus to WE.
ood A. 6297653 (1)	36		Ferulli Gigliola
Rawlings.C.P. T/6018925 (2)	27	Pte. Pace.G. (3)	
Rose.R. T/10697077	44		

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Maria.
dolino Geny.

Date : 4 April 46.

REMARKS.

training as clerk RASC.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT No.7

As at 15 March 46.

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C.A.R.

1. The state of the C.A.R. has not altered appreciably since the last report.

2. On 15 Feb 46, the workmen provided by contractors began to decrease in numbers.

3. On 20 Feb 46, contractors declared they could no longer proceed unless some of their expenses were refunded.

4. Every pressure was brought to bear on the Min. of War, who, though they authorised expenditure, explained that they were finding it almost impossible to persuade the Treasury to part with any money. Eventually 11,000,000 lire were released on 12 Mar 46. Contractors were paid a sum on account (bills are 10,000,000 lire up to date), the remainder being held by 9 Terr Comd. against their next demand.

5. Work was resumed on 15 Mar 46.

Italian Air Force.

6. A long struggle by the Min. of War with the Air Ministry, and the personal intervention of Gen. Cadorna, resulted in an order for the 800 Air Force personnel to move out of Caserma Milano by 1 Mar 46, if necessary into tents. The order was not carried out, the reason given was that the valuable Air Force stores in Cas. Milano could only be moved into a suitable building. Suitable storage was provided by 9 Terr Comd. in Lecce, and I am informed that the Air Force has begun to move today.

7. The lack of co-operation displayed by the Italian Air Force has been considerable.

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Situation.

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9. The arrangements are as follows :-

Cas. Falanga - to take one and a half bns.

Cas. S.Pasquale - one bn. to be accommodated in the wooden huts existing between barrack blocks, until the latter are ready.

Cas. Milano - Half a bn. to be accommodated in the barrack blocks that have been prepared, i.e. the ones that were not occupied by Air Force personnel or stores.

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Delay.

10. The delay of one month that has occurred was due to the lack of confidence of contractors in the Italian Authorities. I am informed by Gen. Boselli that it is not by any means certain that the Treasury will grant any sum further to the 11 million lire they have paid, though the War Ministry has authorised a total expenditure of 38 million.

11. The passive attitude adopted by the Italian Air Force over Cas. Milano, was only finally overcome by a visit from Gen. di Brig. Liuzzi from Min. of War, and has further delayed progress by a fortnight. They were first requested to move 2½ months ago.

(H.Ferro) Major.
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Herewith Appendix "E" to 9 BLU Progress Report n°6, which was left out.

(H.FERRO) Major.
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MEDIA - 'G'
FILE: G/37/9
DATE: 14/3

Col. GS
GSO I (D)
Dep. G3
GSO II (S)
GSO II ( )
GSO II ( )
GSO II ( )
G (Trg)

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APPENDIX 'B'

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B/37/9

REPORT

on the visit of Major H.Ferra, 9 BLU,
to the Military Royal Academy, LECCE,
on the 15 Feb 46.

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GENERAL.

1. Arriving at 10.30 hrs, Gen. C.Boselli, 9 Terr Comd., Col. Petitti C of S. and I were conducted by the commandant, Col. Belardini, through the various classes, grounds and living accommodation.

2. Great keenness was apparent both on the part of members of the staff and on that of the cadets, who numbered 324. 155 cadets were in their second year, after two years interruption of their curriculum: a number of them wear decorations earned as partisans. The remainder were in their first year, some being still in civilian clothes: the latest arrival had been at the Academy for three days.

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3. All instructors were officers, except a few civilian 'professors'. The syllabus contains a comprehensive list of subjects, foot drill, arms drill, P.T. and games.

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The classes contained from 50 to 80 cadets each: some of them must have found it difficult to see what was written on the blackboards.

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Bren Gun
Thompson S.M.G.
2" Mortar
6 pdr. A/T Gun
25 pdr. Gun-How

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The bulk of the equipment taught is obsolete.

ACCOMMODATION.

6. The Academy is housed in a barrack block that used to hold an Arty Regt. The building is in good condition, though much adaption has had to be done. Dormitories consist of barrack rooms with 2 or 2½ feet spacing between beds.

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P.T. and GAMES.

7. P.T. and recreation are held in the afternoon. The C.I. is a captain who has done a P.T. course; the other instructors are subalterns, none of whom has attended a P.T. course, but who are supervised by the C.I.

8. Instructors wear uniform, including breeches and boots, unless they derive from combat divisions and wear battle-dress.

9. Besides P.T., there was medicine ball, gym. horse work, putting the weight, throwing the javelin, "shooting" at goal with a soccer ball and 100 m. sprints.

10. P.T. exercises were of the old-fashioned type, long ago discarded in the British Army. Instruction consisted of explanation, which was detailed and tedious, followed by the performance of the exercise. There was no demonstration by the instructors. Cadets were kept too long at each exercise.

It says a lot for their keenness that they carried out the movements conscientiously.

CADETS.

11. Most of the cadets in the second year are Southern Italians. The figures calculated from the official list are:-

N. of Rome	-	13%
Rome	-	29%
S. Italy	-	29%
Sicily	-	29%

Figures for first-year cadets are not available. I was given to understand they were similar.

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"The subjects for courses must essentially consist of:-

A. The various military subjects.

B. Subjects basic to science, distributed thus:-

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(i) For infantry - basic subjects for the degree in economic-commercial science.

(ii) For arty. - basic subjects for the degree in physics, and a part of the degree in chemical and mechanical engineering.

(iii) For engineers- subjects for the degree in civil engineering and in electromechanical engineering.

The above subjects, reduced in numbers compared to the universities, are necessary above all, to give prestige to the officer, to facilitate his exit into civil life and to allow for the eventual evolution of military technicians of a high scientific value".

13. The length of the whole course has not finally been decided by the Min. of War.

The extension of courses to 4 or 5 years, as recommended above, would appear to be a reversion to the pre-war system with its proved disadvantages.

CONCLUSION.

14. The Academy is conducted by officers who appear keen and imbued with zest for the New Army, while maintaining the traditions of the Old Army.

In many ways the Academy is working on out-of-date ideas, in which there is a traditional belief.

The system for training cadets needs modernising in parallel with the training development that is producing C.A.Rs.

15. It is recommended that the weapons listed in para 5, be made available for the Academy.

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PART ONE - GENERAL

1. No Report.

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2. Employment of Troops.

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Maintenance of Public Order - a platoon of CC.RR. were sent to Andria on two occasions during the month, and to Minervino Murge on one occasion, to restore public order.

3. Training.

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A rehearsal for the arrival of recruits was held on 28 Feb. It was very well organised by the Comdt., Col. Rossettini and worked smoothly though too slowly. It was proved that the speed of the progress is governed primarily by the rate at which documentation is accomplished, and secondarily by the number of barbers available, i.e. 12.

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(ii) 9 Inf Regt.- Completed their 3rd stage of training according to the directive issued by the Terr Comd. It included Bn. drill, with a ceremonial march through the town on two occasions instruction in automatic weapons, .91 rifle practices on the range at Trani, P.T. and games.

The period of 2½ months training which the regiment has undergone has had a noticeable effect on the physical well-being, deportment and morale of the unit.

(iii) Other Units - A course for maintenance of vehicles was completed at 9 Repair Unit. One N.C.O. per company or small unitattended in addition to one officer from each company, furnished with vehicles.

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(ii) During a soccer match at Trani, some civilians seated near two Italian soldiers, made loud remarks derogatory to the Italian soldier. The two troops, of 1/9 Inf Regt., promptly beat up two of the civilians. The anti-Army talk ceased.

Comment - The two incidents above were caused by individuals and had no support from the crowd, who continue to be friendly towards the troops.

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(c) Internal Security.

There were 1145 robberies committed in February and 319 arrests were made.
There were 25 robberies with violence committed by armed individuals or small armed bands. There were no arrests in this category.

The number of unemployed in February was 85000.

PART THREE - A.

5.DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies against W.E.

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(b) Leave - Nil.

6.ITALIAN.

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Tradesmen	14.5%	(W.E. 393)
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An analysis of the 92 Military Tribunal cases during the month, shows:-

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(c) Leave Problems - No Report.

(d) Pay- Soldiers, when employed to restore public order, receive an allowance of 7 centesimi a day under a decree of 1907, which has not yet been revised.

(e) Morale - Continues to be satisfactory except in the case of one or two isolated units where the officer i/c was found to take no interest in his men's welfare.
The bearing and turn-out of 9 Inf.Regt. has improved visibly as a result of their 10 weeks training.

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PART TWO - Q.

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport - 9 BLU is complete to WE. All vehicles are efficient.

(b) Accommodation - No report.

8. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport - (i)Army less CC.RR.- Deficiencies on WE:-

9 Terr Adm Tpt Coy. Cars 2 Trucks 14
9 Amb Car Sec. Ambulances 4

(ii)CC.RR.- No change in situation reported last month.

(b) REME Problems -(i) There is still a serious shortage of tyres. Many vehicles are being employed without spare wheels, with a consequent loss of efficiency to the service
(ii) 9 Ter. Adm Tpt Coy does not possess a recovery vehicle, and has to employ ordinary trucks for recovery. The Ministry has been requested to supply one.

(c) RAOC Problems - No report.

(d) Clothing & Equipment - (i)Army less CC.RR. - Priority has been given to the CAR, for which adequate stocks are now ready, including a fatigue dress for each recruit. For other troops under command there is no change in the situation. It is again represented that the 5% reserve of boots is inadequate.

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(ii) CC.RR.- No report.

(f) C.E.M.- No report.

(g) Accommodation - No urgent problems have arisen.

(h) P.O.L.- The CIP difficulty mentioned last month has been overcome by implementation of the Ministry of War order to maintain a Command reserve. In addition, all units have been ordered to keep a reserve equivalent to three full tanks per vehicle held.

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(i) Supply Problems -(i)There has been a shortage of cheese this month. Negotiations are in progress for obtaining it from local resources.
(ii)The EDDs at Bari, Taranto and Foggia were visited during the month. The first two are satisfactory, but it has not yet been possible to find better accommodation for the unsatisfactory depot at Foggia. 54 Area have been asked to help.
(iii)DIDs have not been issuing vegetables on the authorised scale of 16 oz to BR-ITIs. The matter has been taken up with CRASC 54 Area.

(j) Medical Problems-(i)The daily ration of 800 gr of wood per patient in military hospitals is considered only just adequate for cooking purposes, and inadequate for heating baths as well.
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(k) Movement Problems- There has been some improvement in the supply of rolling stock for military purposes, although still more is needed. Sufficient box cars are still not available for the movement of returned POWs. During the month 9 Terr HQ despatched 900 wagons, of which 60% were carrying Commissariat materials. In addition 633 box cars were despatched, carrying 31,850 men, mostly returned POWs.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report Nº 1 of 1 Jan 46.

APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

No amendments to Appendix 'B' of 9 BLU Fortnightly Report Nº 3 of 1 Feb 46.

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APPENDIX 'C'

1 Mar 46.

STAFF LIST.

Amendments to APPENDIX 'C' to Periodical Report N°4 of 1 Feb 46.

9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.

Transport	Delete	Ten Col	N.GALLELLI
	Insert	Colonello	V.SPORTARO
Attached	Insert	Ten Col	N.GALLELLI

ENGINEERS.

9 Wks Services & Engrs Stores Directorate.

Assistant	Insert	Ten Col	N.FERRAJOLO

INFANTRY.

9 Inf Regt.

Attached	Insert	Ten Col	A.BIANCOLI

BR-ITIS.

711 Adm Regt.

CC 774 Engr Coy	Delete	Ten Col	G.PAPPALARDO

MILITARY ACADEMY.

Physics Instr.	Insert	Ten Col	T.SALAZAR

9 C.A.R.

Commander	Delete	Ten Col	A.BIANCOLI
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DEPOTS

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25 Terr Depot.

Admin	Insert	Ten Col	G.D'ANDREA

26 Terr Depot.

Commander	Delete	Colonello	A.MANIERI

27 Terr Depot.

Records	Insert	Ten Col	S.MA[illegible]

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APPENDIX 'C'

Staff List Amended (cont).

MILITARY DISTRICTS.

38 Mil Dist.

Admin	Delete	Ten Col	E.RINALDI
	Insert	Ten Col	A.MANIERI
Records	Insert	Ten Col	E.RINALDI

66 Mil Dist.

Commander	Delete	Ten Col	G.COZZOLI
	Insert	Colonello	A.DE FELICE
Admin	Insert	Ten Col	G.COZZOLI

46 Mil Dist.

Commander	Insert	Colonello	R.CANDIDA
Admin	Insert	Ten Col	G.DELLA VALLE

MISCELLANEOUS.

1 POW Recep Centre.

Attached	Insert	Ten Col	G.NOBILE

MEDICAL.

9 Principal Terr Hospital.

Medical Wing	Delete	Ten Col	N.CARRARA
	Insert	Ten Col	A.PERRINI
(att)	Insert	Ten Col	L.BARNABA
Officers Wing	Insert	Ten Col	N.CARRARA

124 Terr Mil Hosp.

Director	Delete	Ten Col	L.BARNABA

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LEGAL.

9 Military Tribunal.

President	Insert	Colonello	C.SALVO

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 TERR CAR as at 1 March 46.

Serial	Subject	Remarks
A.1.	Name and Location of Barracks (with M.R.)	Caserme FALANGA, MILANO, San PASQUALE. MR. P420804
A.2.	Maximum number that can be accomodated	4500.
A.3.	Sleeping accommodation- number of:	
	Single bunks	3900.
	Double bunks	-
A.4.	Condition of buildings	Work at CAR was ceased on the 20 Feb. when the 10 the War Ministry had been expended. Authorisati was granted after a visit to Rome by the Deputy G re-commenced on the 28 Feb. The situation there from that shown in Progress Report as at 15 Feb 4
	Percentage weatherproof	Lost time is to be made up by increasing the numb

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 TERR CAR as at 1 March 46.

Serial	Subject	Remarks
A.5.	Has satisfactory accommodation been found for:	
	(a) Stores	Yes
	(b) Armoury	
A.6.	General condition and state of readiness i.e. percentage complete:	
	(a) Cook houses	
	(b) Latrines	
	(c) Ablutions	
	(d) Recreation rooms	As ~~x~~ last report
	(e) Institute	
	(f) Messes	
A.7.	Provision of:	
	(a) Parade Grounds	No change
	(b) 30 yds Range	No change
	(c) Other Training Facilities	No change

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 TERR CAR as at 1 March 46.

	Remarks
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	As ~~at~~ last report
	No change No change No change
activities	

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 ITEM CAN AS AT 1 MARCH 46.

Serial	Subject	Remarks
B.1.	Have the following scales been received, and are the appropriate number of stores in proportion to the maximum number of men been received, or, if not, percentage to dates	
	(a) Accommodation Stores	100% received, except for kitchens and messes.
	(b) Training Stores	10% in course of preparation.
	(c) Arms and Ammunition	None
	(d) Clothing	100%
	(e) Boots	100% at scale of one pair per man.

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 TEAM CAN as at 1 March 45.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
9.	Brief notes on progress made on:	
	(a) Heating	No change
	(b) Lighting	No change

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
D.	Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary —	
	(a) Food Supplies	Commissariat report they are complete.
	(b) Fuel	do do do do
	(c) Medical Stores	One month's supply.
	(d) Sanitary Stores	Complete.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
5.	Permanent Staff:	
	(a) Married Accommodation	None.
	(b) Single quarters	Same as last report.
	(c) Officers Mess	Awaiting approval by Min. of Nat.
	(d) Sergeants Mess	do do do do
	(e) General	Sufficient accommodation will be available for arrive. The programme now contemplates comple

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PROGRESS REPORT...2 TERM CAT 28 40 1 March 40.

	Remarks
odation	None.
e	Same as last report.
	Awaiting approval by Min. of War.
	do do do do
	Sufficient accommodation will be available for the recruits when they arrive. The programme now contemplates completion by 1 April.

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PRO - FORMA

RETURN OF BRITISH MT.HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Ser.N°.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficien
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW.79013	No Record	V.9013	E.
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	Z.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E.
3.	B.S.A. M/Cycle	C.1431573	27200	WM20-35227	" "	E.
4.	Standard 2 str 4x2	M.6175674	No Record	No Record	" "	?

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

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APPENDIX 'D'

PRO - FORMA

TN OF BRITISH MT.HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local Repair.	Remarks.
M.5663179	GPW.79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	
Z.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	
C.1431573	27200	WLM20-35227	" "	E.	-	-	
M.6175674	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?	?	Inf.not yet received.

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een inspected and found correct.

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NO.....9.....B.L.U. ('B' Type)

Authorised WE.		ORs & Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Gp.	ORs held surplus to WE. Ci
Clerks GD RASC.	1 Cpl 1 Pte			
Batman/Dvr.	1 Pte	Dvr.Rawlings.C.P. T/6018925 (1)	27	Pte.Pace.C. (2)
M/Cyclist.	1 Pte.	Dvr.Rose.R. T/10697077	44	
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.	1			
Cooks.	2	Rota Luigina.		
Mess Orderly	1	Rota Maria.		
Gen. Duties	1	Brandolino Geny.		

REMARKS.

Date : 1

(1) Employed as clerk - deferred one month under Gentleman's Agreement.

(2) Returns shortly to MALTA.

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letter A 374 of 3 Jan 46.

NO.....9.....B.L.U. ('B' Type)

Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Gp.	ORs held surplus to WE. Civilians held surplus to WE	
			Ferulli Gigliola
Rawlings.C.P. T/6018925 (1)	27	Pte.Pace.G. (2)	
Rose.R. T/10697077	44		
Luigina.			
Maria.			
Adolino Geny.			

REMARKS.

Date : 1 March 46.

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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

PERIODICAL REPORT No5.
as at 15 Feb 46.

C.A.R. - The Progress Report for 9 Terr. C.A.R. is attached.

It will be noticed that work is considerably behind the programme originally visualised. The reasons are:-

A. The barracks were not released as soon as was hoped; occupants will now be cleared as follows:-

Caserma Milano - Italian Air Force personnel will be removed by the 21 Feb.

Caserma S.Pasquale - Two thirds of the barracks are unoccupied. The remainder will be cleared by the 1 Mar.

Caserma Falanga - Was finally cleared of remnants on the 8 Feb.

B. The civilian contractors were employing insufficient men. This matter has now been taken in hand personally by the Terr. Commander, who has ordered contractors to provide workmen for every building.

(H.Ferro) Major.
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15 Feb 46.

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GS.

15 Feb 46.

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As at 15 Feb. 1946.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
A.1.	Name and location of Barracks (with M.R.)	Caserme FALANGA. MILANO, S.PASQUALE. M.R. P 420804.
A.2.	Maximum number that can be accommodated	3900
A.3.	Sleeping accommodation - number of:	
	Single bunks	3900 (including staff).
	Double bunks	Double bunks were made of wood: They were old and unhy With the increased accomodation available in S.Pasqua longer required and have been returned to store.
A.4.	Condition of buildings.	S.Pasquale Barracks are not in such good condition as Caserme, owing to the depradations of burglars, who i have removed doors and windows. Renovation is proce
	Percentage weatherproof	100% for all three Caserme.

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PROGRESS REPORT 9 Terr..... T.T.C. SERIAL N° 5

	Remarks.
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buildings.	S.Pasquale Barracks are not in such good condition as the other two Caserme, owing to the depradations of burglars, who in some places have removed doors and windows. Renovation is proceeding.
anti-aircraft	100% for all three Caserme.

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As at 15 Feb. 1946

PROGRESS REPORT .....9..Tank.....T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
A.5.	Has satisfactory accommodation been found for:	
	(a) Stores	C.A.R. Ration store in C.Falanga; bn.ration stores in
	(b) Armoury	Clothing store in C.Falanga. In C.Falanga. Request to include Armoured in W.E. has
A.6.	General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage complete:	FALANGA / MILANO
	(a) Cook Houses.	50% / 30%
	(b) Latrines	80% / 50%
	(c) Ablutions	80% / 50%
	(d) Recreation Rooms	50% / 30%
	(e) Institute	50% / 30%
	(f) Messes.	80% / 30%
		Officers & Sgts. Messes are without furniture.
A.7.	Provision of:	
	(a) Parade Grounds.	Falanga 80% ready- The other two still have to be l
	(b) 30 Yards Range	The civil contractors were requested on the 13 Feb.
	(c) Other training facilities	the job; 35 are at present employed here. 6 sites have been earmarked and 'Genio' has made pl. Same as for last report:in addition arrangements ar
		fighting, gym, and fencing for officers.

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SERIAL N° 5

PROGRESS REPORT .....9..Tav.....T.T.C.

	Remarks.
...en found	C.A.R. Ration store in C.Falanga; bn.ration stores in each barracks. Clothing store in C.Falanga. In C.Falanga. Request to include Armoured in W.E. has been made to Min.of War.
...n and state ...e. percentage	FALANGA / MILANO / S.PASQUALE
...	50% / 30% / 30%
	80% / 50% / 10%
	80% / 50% / 10%
...Rooms	50% / 30% / 30%
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...ange	The civil contractors were requested on the 13 Feb. to put more men on
...ning Fortifications	the job; 35 are at present employed here.
	6 sites have been earmarked and 'Genio' has made plan for work.
	Same as for last report:in addition arrangements are being made for bayonet fighting, gym, and fencing for officers.

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PROGRESS REPORT .....9.TERR.....T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
B.1.	Have the following scales been received, and are the appropriate number of stores in proportion to the maximum number of men been received, or, if not, percentage to date:	
	(a) Accommodation stores	Same as last report.
	(b) Training stores	None. Terr.H.Q. are awaiting allotment f
	(c) Arms and ammunition	None. do do
	(d) Clothing	3600 sets and 3600 part worn, have been r uniforms are too small to be worn by any arranging for replacements.
	(e) Boots	100%. One pair per man is considered i scale is required to enable repai Terr. H.Q. have asked Min. of War

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PROGRESS REPORT .....1.TERR.....T.T.C.

SERIAL No. 5

Subject	Remarks.
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Accommodation stores	Same as last report.
Training stores	None. Terr.H.Q. are awaiting allotment from Min.of War.
Arms and ammunition	None. do do
Clothing	3600 sets and 3600 part worn, have been received. Some of the uniforms are too small to be worn by any man; Commissariato is arranging for replacements.
Boots	100%. One pair per man is considered insufficient: 20% over present scale is required to enable repairs to be carried out. Terr. H.Q. have asked Min. of War for 2 pairs for each man.

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... 9 Terr. T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
C.	Brief notes on progress made on: (a) Heating.	Preparations for heating water in bathrooms have C.Falanga. In the other two Caserme, boilers ha
	(b) Lighting	FALANGA: 50% complete MILANO: 50% complete 30 we ir ro of

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... 9 Tour T.T.C. SERIAL No. 5

	Remarks.
on progress g. ting	Preparations for heating water in bathrooms have been completed in C.Falanga. In the other two Caserme, boilers have yet to be overhauled. **FALANGA** 50% complete **MILANO** 50% complete **S.PASQUALE** 30%. Wires and plugs were removed by burglars, in the unoccupied barrack rooms, i.e. in two thirds of the Caserma.

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... 3 Terr. T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
D.	Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary -	
	(a) Food Supplies	Same as last report.
	(b) Fuel	Terr. H.Q. are awaiting allotment from Min. of Supply is being held in reserve.
	(c) Medical Stores.	100%
	(d) Sanitary stores	Indented for.

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... 9 Terr. ..... T.T.C.

SERIAL No 5

	Remarks.
progress to date on of necessary - Supplies	Same as last report.
cal Stores.	Terr. H.Q. are awaiting allotment from Min. of War; in the meantime a supply is being held in reserve.
ary stores	100%
	Indented for.

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PROGRESS REPORT .... 9 Terr ..... C.A.R.

As at 15 Feb.1946.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
E	Permanent Staff:	
	(a) Married Accommodation.	The Prefect is unable to supply accomodation unt the Allies. Buildings are starting to be rele leave the area.
	(b) Single quarters	Same as last report.
	(c) Officers Mess	The C.A.R. Officers Mess is in the Caserma Mila furnishing it has yet to be decided by Min. of policy of doing so at the officer's expense is
	(d) Sergeants Mess	Accomodation has been earmarked for a Bn.Sgts.M Caserme.
	(e) General.	(1) It is not possible to have good Officers & grant is made by Min. of War. (2) Min. of War has notified Terr HQ. that the increased by 50 O.Rs. - (3) Demonstration P. l. from the Inf. Regt. is unsuitable for the purpose, on account of rifle in use. If it is possible to supply rifles, they can be trained by one of the C.A.R. The Terr. Comd. is keen to use his platoon from someone else's command.

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PROGRESS REPORT ....9 Terr..... C.A.R.

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	Remarks.
: ccommodation. ersonnel ions lines	The Prefect is unable to supply accomodation until it is released by the Allies. Buildings are starting to be released gradually as troops leave the area. Same as last report. The C.A.R. Officers Mess is in the Caserma Milano. The question of furnishing it has yet to be decided by Min. of War. The present policy of doing so at the officer's expence is not feasible. Accomodation has been earmarked for a Bn.Sgts.Mess in each of the 3 Caserme. (1) It is not possible to have good Officers & Sgts. Messes unless a grant is made by Min. of War. (2) Min. of War has notified Terr HQ. that the Perm. Staff is to be increased by 50 O.Rs. - (3) Demonstration P. I. from the Inf. Regt. is being trained up, but is unsuitable for the purpose, on account of the different type of rifle in use. If it is possible to supply them with British rifles, they can be trained by one of the instructors now at the C.A.R. The Terr. Comd. is keen to use his own men rather then a platoon from someone else's command.

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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

PERIODICAL REPORT N°4 as at 1 FEB 46. Sheet 1.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 2/37/9
DATE 8/3/2.

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1. GENERAL - Nil.

2. 'G'

Employment of Troops.

(a)Army - 230 men of the 9 Inf Regt. were employed in train escort duties, under the command of the Commissariato. They were changed over in platoons periodically, in order to get their share of training.

On three occasions during the month men were used for the maintenance of public order, in Bari and Trani. They were withdrawn to barracks after two days, in each case, in accordance with the new system in use whereby troops used as reinforcements to CC.RR. are withdrawn as soon as public order is restored.

100 men were employed on fatigues in the Command.

The remainder continued the training begun in December.

(b)CC.RR.- In addition to their normal police duties, the following extraordinary services were carried out:-

4 Officers and 250 CC.RR. were sent to reinforce the Palermo Legion.

1 Officer and 50 CC.RR. were sent to reinforce the Brindisi force on the 27th Jan.

100 CC.RR. took part in periodical night sweeps for bandits, organised by 54 Area, in mixed patrols of the Dorset Regt., C.M.P. and CC.RR.

Training.

(a)Army - 9 Inf Regt. completed the second phase of their training programme, which included instruction in duties in aid of the civil power.

CAR.- The work on re-conditioning is proceeding satisfactorily except in the case of the Caserma Milano, which still holds the "Centro d'Alloggio" for 800 Italian airmen.

54 Area Commander has personally investigated the question of the Caserma S.Pasquale and has now arranged to hand it over by the 15th March, as requested.

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Four Officer instructors have reported to 9 Terr HQ.

(b)CC.RR.- Two courses of instruction were held at Legion HQ.s:-

(i) For junior officers - technical professional duties, with senior officers as instructors.

(ii) For selected men - the removal and destruction of explosives.

For the remainder one hour's training in police duties is held daily and one drill parade a week.

The mobile battalion continued the training of specialists - W/T operators, drivers, M/Cyclists, driver mechanics.

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Intelligence.

Relations between troops and populace continue to be friendly.

Public security is generally unstable. Armed bands continue to operate in the smaller towns and in villages, the majority of victims being farmers living in isolated houses. The largest armed band reported by CC.RR. consisted of 10 men. CC.RR. have made some arrests in cases of minor thefts but none of armed bandits.

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3. A.

(a) DOMESTIC.

Replacement.- Capt.F.J.A.Clark (176466), R.Ir.Fus., reported ex 1 BLU on 24 Jan to take up the appointment of DAA & QMG.

Deficiencies.- 1704061 Bdr.Aiken,A., departed on release 28th Jan, and S/6348370 L/Cpl.Nichols.A.G., is due for release on 4th Feb.

Leave.- T/10697077 Dvr.Rose.R., on seven days local leave returned 1st Feb.

(b) ITALIAN.

Defieiencies.- Officers 4%
O.Rs. 10%
Tradesmen 5%
Specialists 38%

Discipline.- No Report.

Leave Problems.- The 10% leave quota proves inadequate for ensuring that every man has a regular leave every six months. Terr HQ would like it raised to 20%. The restriction to the Terr. Commander alone of the power to grant compassionate leave causes hardship, especially where an urgent case is delayed while the request goes slowly through official channels. The delegation of this power to lower formation commanders would be of benefit.

Pay Problems.- The pay increases, although generally welcomed, have not brought much relief to officers, especially those not living with their families, who still find themselves in great financial difficulties.

Morale.- Conditions as reported last month remain constant.

Other A Points.- Military personnel employed with Districts, depots, stores and prisons numbering some 50 Officers and 650 O.Rs in this command, complain of the fact that they receive a smaller pay and worse rations than other soldiers. A soldier thus employed is expected to work just as hard as his more fortunate colleague on the W.E. of units and cannot understand the technical difference. It is un satisfactory that such a distinction should have to exist.

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4.Q.

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[illegible] BLU is still deficient of one M/C.

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4.Q.
(a) DOMESTIC.
Transport.- 9 BLU is still deficient of one M/C.

Accomodation.- No Report.

(b)ITALIAN.
Transport.- Army less CC.RR - A maintenance drive has been in progress during the month, and maintenance courses for MT Officers and NCOs have been prepaired. Sufficient copies of the 'Maintenance and Inspection' book are not available. Also greatly needed are pumps and pressure gauges.

- CC RR - Most of the 8 Allied MT held by the Legion are off the road. The Mobile Bn has 12 heavy Italian vehicles.

REME Problems - No report.

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RAOC Problems.- No Report.

Clothing and Equipment.- Army less CC.RR.- No improvement is noticed since last month's report, and none can be expected until the suggestions contained therein can be put into practice. In the meantime Terr. HQ is trying to establish small unit reserves.

- CC.RR.- There is a noticeable improvement in the quality of new clothing received.

Arms and Ammunition.- Army less CC.RR.- No Report.

- CC.RR.- Each Carabiniere has a carbine and 72 rds, and most have also a pistol and 28 rds. A distribution of one Breda LMG and 200 rds and 20 grenades per 5 men is in progress. 8 of the 12 armoured cars of the Mobile Bn are at present off the road.

C.E.M.- No Report.

Accomodation.- At present all cities in the command report insufficient military accomodation, and the position can only improve gradually as the Allies restore military property. The Commander 54 Area is taking a personal interest in this problem. Particular difficulty is met in Foggia, where the Distretto Militare and the 9th Arty Depot have not yet been able to set up in the city.

CAR.- The Italian Air Force have not not yet been moved away from Caserma Milano.

P.O.L. Problems.- It is unsatisfactory from the Military point of view that CIF closes entirely from Saturday midday to Monday morning, and on all holidays. Arrangements should be made for a reduced staff to be available continuously to meet military needs. It is also highly unsatisfactory that Army MT can be immobilised any time CIF workers choose to strike, especially as such a strike might be the very occasion when the Army's services were most required. A further difficulty is the fact that CIF's instructions sometimes vary from those received by the Army on petrol matters.

ACTION Ref. 65148

Supply Problems.- During the first half of the month there was no rice ration and no other item supplied in lieu. Boot polish and dubbin are still not supplied.

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Medical Problems.- The large numbers of TB cases among the [illegible] PWs and internees exceed, and are likely to continue

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C.E.M.- No Report.

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ACTION
Ref. 65/48

Supply Problems.- During the first half of the month there was no riot ration and no other item supplied in lieu. Boot polish and dubbin are still not supplied.

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Medical Problems.- The large numbers of TB cases among the returned PWs and interness exceed, and are likely to continue to exceed the hospital space and special treatment available. Since this is likely to be a long-term problem , there is a great need for special military TB Centres, capable of dealing with all military patients.
Military hospitals outside the W.E. are suffering greatly from inadequate rations and lack of essential medecines, with which the civilian authorities are not able to supply them.

ACTION
Ref. 75/2

Movement Problems.-No Report.

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APPENDIX 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU
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APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST No 3.

General Staff.

GSO 11	Major H.R.FERRO.	RMA.

Branch of the Adjt General and Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major F.J.A.CLARK.	R.Ir.Fus.

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APPENDIX 'C'

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Italian Lt.Cols and above with
9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

Commander	Gen di Div	C BOSELLI
Deputy Comdr	Gen di Brig	G CASTELLANO
Asst	Colonello	F SFORZA
Asst	Ten Col	N MORGESE
Chief of Staff	Colonello(SG)	V PETITTI
Deputy C of S	Ten Col(SG)	V INSINNA
Ops & Trg	Ten Col(SG)	G ROVETTO
Org	Ten Col	V DELL'AGLIO
V & R	Ten Col	G INTRONA
Records	Ten Col	P SELVAGGI
Services	Ten Col	B CORTESE
Transport	Ten Col	N GALLELLI
Intelligence	Ten Col	G GRAMAZIO
Personnel	Ten Col	F GRECO
Army Res Offrs	Ten Col	G TREROTOLI
Terr Affairs	Colonello	C LAPENNA
Asst	Ten Col	T CILLO
Camp Comdt	Ten Col	R DUVIA

ARTILLERY

9 Arty Terr HQ

Commander	Gen di Brig	F SABINI
Chief Arty Offr	Colonello	O COLLI-LANZA
Asst	Ten Col	V CIASCA
Asst	Ten Col	E DE SANTIS

901 Arty Directorate

Director	Colonello	C GRANDE
Secretary	Ten Col	G SANTELLI
Asst	Ten Col	P CARINO

903 Detached Arty Sec

Commander	Ten Col	P TURINO

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Commander	Colonello	F CAMERINA

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9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Commander	Colonello	E TANFERNA
Chief Engr Offr	Colonello	A PISANI

9 Wks Services & Engrs Stores Directorate

Director	Ten Col	R FINZI
Vice Director	Ten Col	S PIERRO
Asst	Ten Col	U DA SILVA
Requisitioning Offr	Ten Col	F DUMA

INFANTRY

9 Inf Regt

Commander	Colonello	R MICALETTI
CO 1 Bn	Ten Col	P MANZI

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Staff List (cont).

BR-ITIS

711 Adm Regt.

Commander	Colonello	A.RICCIARDI.
OC 744 Engr Coy.	Ten Col.	G.PAPPALARDO.

MILITARY ACADEMY.

Commandant.	Colonello	R.BELLADINI.
Cadet Bn Comdr.	Ten Col.	L.MORRICA.
Inst Geog & Physics.	Ten Col.	F.TAPPARINI.
OC Depot.	Ten Col.	M.SERRA.
Adjutant.	Ten Col.	G.PRIVITERRA.

9 T.T.C.

Commander.	Ten Col.	A.BIANCOLI.

DEPOTS.

24 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Ten Col.	L.ROBERTI.

25 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Colonello.	D'CICCIMARA.

26 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Colonello.	A.MANIERI.

27 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Ten Col.	P.GABALLO.
Admin.	Ten Col.	V.DONADEO.

28 Terr Depot.

V.VASCO.

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28 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Colonello.	V.VASCO.
Admin.	Ten Col.	G.FERRI.

29 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Colonello.	M.PERRONE.
Admin.	Ten Col.	G.ALOISI.
Records.	Ten Col.	M.ABBADESSA.

30 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Ten Col.	A.ANTONATE.

31 Terr Depot.

32 Terr Depot.

Commander	Ten Col	A PERNICE-CARIGLIA

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Staff List (contd)

2 Terr Depot(contd)			
86 Terr Depot	Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

MILITARY DISTRICTS

3 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A DI MONTE
Records	Ten Col	F CONTINI
Stores	Ten Col	V CUONZO
4 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A RUGGIERO
Mobilisation	Ten Col	E GRAZIANI
5 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	C GARRISI
Admin	Ten Col	G FABI
38 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A NIGRO
Admin	Ten Col	F RINALDI
66 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Ten Col	G COZZOLI
Asst	Ten Col	A MUSCETTOLA
78 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Ten Col	R DE CESARE

MISCELLANEOUS

1 POW Recep Centre		
Commandant	Ten Col	G DE TURRIS
3 POW Recep Centre		
Commandant	Colonello	E BELLANTE
Welfare	Ten Col	N MAFFEI
"Tuker" Camp		
Commandant	Colonello	G ACANFORA
Vice Commandant	Ten Col	V BANNA
Chief LO 52 Area	Ten Col	P BRANCATI

MEDICAL

9 Med Direct Terr HQ		
Director	Colonello	R DE MARTINO-ROSARCI
ADH	Ten Col	L AMBROSI
ADLegal	Ten Col	L GARZIA

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5 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	C GARRISI
Admin	Ten Col	G FADI
38 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A NIGRO
Admin	Ten Col	F RINALDI
66 Mil Dist		
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Vice Commandant	Ten Col	V SANNA
Chief LC 52 Area		
	Ten Col	P BRANCATI

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ADH	Ten Col	L AMBROSI
ADLegal	Ten Col	L GARZIA
9 Principal Terr Hospital		
Director	Ten Col	G FISCHIETTI
President CMC	Ten Col	S INFANTI
Secretary	Ten Col	A PAVONE
Ophthalmic Wing	Ten Col	G TREROTO
Observation Wing	Ten Col	P PARAGO
Medical Wing	Ten Col	N CARRA
Chief Pharmacist	Ten Col	R DE B
Orthopaedic Wing	Ten Col	F DE R
124 Terr Mil Hosp		
Director	Ten Col	L BARI
166 Terr Mil Hosp		
Director	Ten Col	D DE

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Staff Lists (contd)

MEDICAL (contd)

222 Terr Mil Hosp		
Director	Ten Col	A MANISRI

COMMISSARIAT

9 Comm Direct Terr HQ.		
Director	Colonello	G OCCHIPINTI
Vice Director	Ten Col	A MEALE
9 Military Bakery		
Commander	Ten Col	E GIAMPAOLO
9 Food Dist Depot		
Commander	Ten Col	M VITELLI

PAY

9 Pay Directorate		
Director	Ten Col	N RICCARDI
Vice Director	Ten Col	A ATTOLINI

TRANSPORT

9 Terr Adm Tpt Coy		
Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

LEGAL

9 Military Tribunal		
Judge Advocate	Colonello	G GRILLI
Judge Advocate	Colonello	P TRAVERSA
Administrator	Ten Col	A MAGGI
Mil Tribunals	Ten Col	C SCOTTO

MOV CONTROL

609 Mov Control Area	Ten Col	2C P COLOSIMO

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Field	Subject	Remarks.
E	Permanent Staff:	
	(a) Married Accomodation.	No place has yet been found. Bari Prefect has not been able to allot accomodation yet.
	(b) Single quarters	Accomodation is being prepared in C.A.R.
	(c) Officers Mess	In C.A.R. an estimate of expenses involved is being submission to Min. of War, with the object of procuring of their ruling that the expenses for furnishing Officers concerned
	(d) Sergeants Mess	Accomodation earmarked in C.A.R. As regards accomodation a ruling has been asked for from Min.of War. Only chairs and tables are available.
	(e) General.	The establishment of C.As. allowed on the staff insufficient in view of the duties being carried Terr.H.Q. is preparing an appreciation of minimum Min.of War.

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ers Mess	In C.A.R. an estimate of expenses involved is being prepared for submission to Min. of War, with the object of proving the impracticability of their ruling that the expence for furnishing shall be met by the Officers concerned
nfo Mess	Accomodation earmarked in C.A.R. As regards necessdation stores a ruling has been asked for from Min.of War. Only chairs and tables are available.
al.	The establishment of C.Rs. allowed on the Staff is found to be insufficient in view of the duties being spread among three barracks. Terr.H.Q. is preparing an appreciation of minimum requirements, for Min.of War.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks.
D.	Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary -	
	(a) Food Supplies	Commissariate is in a position to supply rations Arrangements are complete to draw from reserves authorises the quota for C.A.I.
	(b) Fuel	Terr HQ have asked Ministry for allotment.
	(c) Medical Stores.	Direzione Sanità has been ordered to prepare fo inoculations and has now reported it has all the They also have stores ready for issue to 3 A.I. barracks) and a 20 bed infirmary.
	(d) Sanitary stores	Direzione Sanità is preparing stores.

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... T.T.C.

	Remarks.
progress to date s of necessary - upplies l stores. ary stores	Commissariate is in a position to supply rations to the C.A.R. Arrangements are complete to draw from reserves until War Ministry authorises the quota for C.A.R. Tor HQ have asked Ministry for allotment. Direzione Sanita has been ordered to prepare for vaccinations and inoculations and has now reported it has all the stores ready. They also have stores ready for issue to 3 M.I.Rooms(one in each barracks) and a 20 bed infirmary. Direzione Sanita is preparing stores.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks.
C.	Brief notes on progress made on:	
	(a) Heating.	No heating is considered necessary for Bari until next winter. Heating have therefore been postponed till the autumn.
	(b) Lighting.	Electric lighting is being installed at Caserma Falang Work on Milano will be commenced when Falanga is compl

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PROGRESS REPORT .....T.T.C.

	Remarks.
es on progress ing.	No heating is considered necessary for Bari until next winter. Preparations for heating have therefore been postponed till the autumn.
hting	Electric lighting is being installed at Cesarea Palanga and is 30% ready. Work on Bitonto will be commenced when Palanga is completed.

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PROGRESS REPORT .....T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
B.1.	Have the following scales been received, and are the appropriate number of stores in proportion to the maximum number of men been received, or, if not, percentage to date:	
	(a) Accomodation stores	100% except for Officers Mess and Sgts Mess been received.
	(b) Training stores	None.
	(c) Arms and ammunition	None.
	(d) Clothing	100%
	(e) Boots	100%

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Clothing	100%
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Serial	Subject	Remarks.
A.5.	Has satisfactory accommodation been found for:	
	(a) Stores	Yes } In barracks of U.A.R.
	(b) Armoury	Yes }
A.6.	General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage complete:	PALANGA. / MILANO. / S.PASQUALE.
	(a) Cook Houses.	30% / In use by / In use by
	(b) Latrines	30% / Italian / British u
	(c) Ablutions	30% / Air Force. / under 54
	(d) Recreation Rooms	50%
	(e) Institute	50%
	(f) Messes.	50%
..7.	Provision of:	
	(a) Parade Grounds.	Milano - 10%, Palanga - 50%, S.Pasquale - Still culti
	(b) 30 Yards Range	Three sites selected, work not yet commenced.
	(c) Other training facilities	Sites selected. Work on rifle range at Bari not ye Officers Mess, 197 Airlifts Camp still has to be rele

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PROGRESS REPORT .....T.T.C.

	Remarks.		
...een found	Yes Yes } In barracks of C.A.R.		
...n and state ...e. percentage	PALANGA.	MILANO.	S.PASQUALE.
...	30% 20% 30%	In use by Italian Air Force.	In use by British units under 54 Area.
...Rooms	50% 50% 50%		
...nds.	Milano - 10%, Palanga - 50%, S.Pasquale - Still cultivated.		
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9 British Liaison Unit

CONFIDENTIAL

Periodical Report No 3
As at 15 Jan 46

22 JAN 46 G

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Part I - GENERAL

NIL

Part II - "G"

1. Training

C.A.R. - Re-conditioning is progressing, except in that part of the Milano barracks still occupied by the Italian Air Force.
The greater part of the stores required for the functioning of the C.A.R., has been collected by the various directorates - Commissariat, Engrs, Arty, and Medical. The are held at the disposal of the Commandant C.A.R.
Information is required for fixing rifle-rests, as to whether the rifles issued to recruits will be of British or Italian pattern.

ACTION
9 BLU 5/20
of 16 Jan
refers

A plan has been completed with details of accommodation in the C.A.R., at Caserma Falanga e Milano.
48 men are allotted to each barrack room which would normally take 16 men. This has been done by using two-tier bunks and reducing the spacing between each, to about 6 inches. This disadvantage will be avoided if additional accommodation is made available. Application for the Caserma S Pasquale, Bari, was made on the 27th Dec by HQ MMIA to 3 District.
In view of the importance of men being properly accommodated in the C.A.R., it is requested that pressure be exerted on 3 District to release the Caserma S Pasquale.

ACTION
9 BLU 55/8
of 16 Jan
refers

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Part III 'A'

NIL

Part IV 'Q'

FILE: G/27/9
DATE: 22-1-46

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ACTION
9 BLU 55/6
of 16 Jan
refers

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Part III 'A'

NIL

Part IV 'Q'

FILE: G/37
DATE: 6/2/44

Italian

Mov Problems - The allotment of railcars by the Delegazione Trasporti, Bari, to the Commissariato is working unsatisfactorily owing to the difficulty in allocating wagons as between Italian Armed Forces and Civilians.
9 Terr HQ has been advised to take the matter up with the Ministry of War, with a view to obtaining a working agreement with the Italian State Railways.

(H FERRO) Major
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9, British Liaison Unit,
EARI.

5 Jan 46.

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SUBJECT:- Returns.

TO:- HQ.MMIA.

Ref App'D' to MMIA Directive No 2 dated 7 Dec 45, and SD/113 of 27 Dec 45, herewith Fortnightly Report and Intelligence Report, with Appendicies 'A','B','C' and 'D'.

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(H.FERRO) Maj,
GS.

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FILE: G/37/9
DATE: 8/9/1.

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FORTNIGHTLY REPORT

For period ending I Jan I946

I. GENERAL

(a) Domestic - 9 BLU has settled down in Bari. Liaison is now running smoothly with the local British HQ, 9 Terr HQ, and the CC RR Legion HQ.

(b) Italian - 9 Terr HQ is co-operating well: the whole staff appears keen to get on with the job. Generale Boselli has volunteered the statement that he has little hope for the success of the scheme for the new Italian Army. He considers that the Italian is not a soldier by nature, he cannot be made into a soldier in one year : that the only solution is to have a regular Italian Army. However he is determined to give his wholehearted support to the MMIA scheme.

2. G

Organisation

(a) Domestic- The WE for officers in 9 BLU is insufficient to compete efficiently with the work on hand.
Both the G 2 and the DAA&QMG should spend a proportion of their time, out on liaison duties and visits. It has not always been possible to adopt such a course on account of the volume of office work that has to be dealt with.
Office work increases,unless the officer concerned can get about on visits and efficiency is bound to deteriorate over a period.
It is suggested that a Staff Capt should be added to the WE. He would deal with routine correspondence and minor office work, thus giving the other two officers more time for visiting and inspecting.

ACTION

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ACTION

(b) Italian - The system of centralisation of responsibility in use at 9 Terr HQ causes a good deal of loss of time and effort. All letters issued from the HQ are signed by the Chief of Staff, except a few which are signed by the Deputy C of S. An average of I½ hrs daily is spent by him signing letters: it would take him longer if he read through every one he signs.
Terr HQ has given two reasons against altering this system. They are:-
(i) It can only be altered by authority of the Min of War.
(ii) The officers of the Terr Staff are not reliable enough for them to be given the responsibility.

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It is recommended that the question be considered by the Min of War with the object of:-

(i) Decentralising responsibility down to heads of branches (Capi d'uffici) ACTION

(ii) Introducing the system whereby letters sent down to units, are signed by the staff officers concerned.

If the two points are accepted, the much harassed Chief of Staff would be in a position to apply his energy more suitably to his proper duties.

Employment of troops

(a) Army - At the beginning of the month the Ist and 3rd Bns of 9 Inf Regt were held in readiness at Taranto and Andria respectively, to deal with public disorders.
By the 10 Dec the 3 Bns had been concentrated for training as follows:-

1 BN - TRANI
2 BN - BARI
3 BN - BARI

(b) CC RR - Personnel of the mobile bn were sent to the following towns from Bari to restore public order:-

ANDRIA (C99) - 100 men on 1 Dec reinforced by 100 men from the Naples bn.
Andria is still labouring under political disorder so the 200 CC RR have remained there.

NOCI (P 64) - 25 men sent as a precautionary measure; they are still there.

FOGGIA (J 21) - 100 men to Foggia and neighbourhood to deal with politico - economical disorders.
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The 1st and 3rd Bn are in their 4th week, the 2nd bn in its 3rd week of training. Progress in all cases is satisfactory.

T.T.C. - Most of the Admin staff for the T.T.C. has been detailed they are in action working on the detailed layout and arranging for supplies, services and equipment. Besides the Commandant, Ten Col A. Biancoli there are 7 officers, 6 NCOs and 59 men. The reason for the small proportion of NCOs is that they are being carefully selected.

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M.T.T.C (contd)

Work on repairs is proceeding satisfactorily and the building should be ready for the instructional staff by the Ist Feb.

(b) CC RR - On the I8 Dec, 300 recruits were mustered to Carabinieri, on completion of their course.

The standard of arms drill, on the passing out parade was high.

A rifle range allotment has been acquired from RAOC at Marietta (P I7). The two days a week asked for, commencing 20 Dec, have so far been exceeded, and the CC RR are shewing keenness in their much needed range practice.

NOTE - para Intelligence contd sheet 4/

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Intelligence

(a) Ascertainable activities of Italians viz a viz ~~xkx~~ other countries.

On 20 Dec, the Italian citizen BATTISTICH Roberto was arrested in Alberobello (P 74) as an espionage agent on behalf of the Germans.

On 2I Dec MARINO Guiseppe was arrested at Tursi (U I8) for the same reason. Enquiries are continuing.

(b) Frontier Activity- Nothing to report.

(c) Relations between troops and populace.

The CC RR are respected by the people. The greater propertion of the people, who are law - abiding, rely on the CC RR to keep down the activities of bandits, which are fairly numereus in the area.
The troops of 9 Terr Cd are on friendly terms with the populace.

(d) Political current among troops.

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(b) Frontier Activity- Nothing to report.

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The CC RR are respected by the people. The greater proportion of the people, who are law - abiding, rely on the CC RR to keep down the activities of bandits, which are fairly numerous in the area.
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Order was restored by the police who made a few arrests.

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(f) Public Security - is at a disadvantage owing to the number of bandits in the area, operating singly or in small bands of 2 to 8 men, and nearly all armed with pistols, rifles or automatic weapons.

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Intelligence (contd)
Public Security

The CC RR are re-acting vigorously and with some success. They would do better if they had more men at their disposal.
In December there were 1198 cases of robbery.

(g) Economics

The economic situation has deteriorated during the month.
Food reserves are small, transport is insufficient for the exchange of supplies between provincies and regions, the cost of living has gone up 15% over the figure for November and now compares with the highest in Italy, agricultural and industral unemployment has increased, as has the number of currency notes in circulation.
Agriculturally there is a scarcity of chemical fertilisers, seeds, forage for animals especially in those places where it has been requisitioned by the Allies.
The olive oil industry is depressed on account of the limited electric power available for machinery.
Industries lack raw materials, coal, sufficient electrical supply and sufficient transport for their goods.
Black Marketing is on the decrease owing to the development of selling co-operatives. Olive oil is the outstanding exception: a steady flow is finding its way to the North of Italy, in spite of all attempts to curb it.
The ranks of unemployed have been swelled by the demobilisation of returned POWs. Their number should increase further when the seasonal picking of olives has been completed. The attempt to relieve unemployment by new public works is not proving successful on account of lack of raw materials. The number of unemployed for December is 86,550 of whom 44,864 are agricultural workers.

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PRO - FORMA

RETURN OF BRITISH MT. HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Ser.No.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Effic
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5661179	GPW.79013	No Record	V.3013	
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	T.4959179	V.3019	" "	No Record	

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

Date 5 Feb 1946

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APPENDIX 'D'

FMO - FOGGIA

OF BRITISH MT.HELD BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local Repair.	Remarks.
M.5661179	GPW.79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	
M.4959379	V.9019	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	

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PROGRESS REPORT 1 Tour Zone ..... No 1 Camp.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
A.1.	Name and location of Barracks (with M.R.)	Group of three barrack blocks - Caserma FALANGA, 2. 3.PASQUALE - the last of which has yet to be relea M.R. - P 420804
A.2.	Maximum number that can be accommodated	4500.
A.3.	Sleeping accommodation - number of: Single bunks Double bunks	Correct figures are not available until 3.Pasquale been released.
A.4.	Condition of buildings. Percentage weatherproof	Windows damaged and without panes; lavatories, lat out of order and requiring repairs and fittings. 90%

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location s (with R.R.)	Group of three barrack blocks - Caserma FABRIA, MILANO and S.PASQUALE - the last of which has yet to be released by 54 Area. R.R. - F 420804
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ccomodation: - nks nks	Correct figures are not available until S.Pasquale barracks have been released.
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Weatherproof	90%

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(a) Domestic - There is one deficiency against WE. It is that of DAA&QMG, who left for UK on Python on the 29th Dec. ACTION

Release - The following are due for release as stated :-

1704061 Bdr Aiken A Chief Clerk...18-20 Jan (Gp 26)
S/6348370 L/c Nichols AG Clerk " "

They are the two clerks on the WE of 9 BLU; the replacement of at least one is necessary this month ACTION

(b) Italian

Deficiencies - no report

Discipline - no report

Leave Problems - none, leave is granted every six months for a period of 7 days exclusive of travelling. Soldiers are provided with a free train journey to and from their homes.
In addition a soldier may get extra leave to attend to any urgency in the family.
Pay Problems - All ranks look forward to improved rates of pay in the future.

Morale - The allotment of a BLU to the command has given rise to an air of expectancy of better things to come, with all ranks.
Confidence in their leaders - Senior officers have little confidence in their political leaders. They take a poor view of the Min of War: they would be happier if he were an Army man, who they consider, would be better suited to look after their interests.
Confidence in their Military leaders is fair. There is a tendency to place greater faith in MMIA. The attitude is that "we can get our leaders to play better if we get MMIA backing"
Living conditions- are cramped, owing to most of the available accommodation being occupied by the Allies. Unmarried officers in Bari live in a low-grade hotel which they call the Flea House (Pidocchiaio): they shall have to stay there until the Allied Forces are reduced in numbers.

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Entertainment consists of a welfare variety show, a mobile cinema- well attended, and canteens at Lecce, Taranto, Trani and Bari/
There has been a shortage of food for canteens ever since rations have come from Italian sources. The Min of Food has been asked to make an allocation from SEPRAL.
The shortage of funds makes it difficult to improve amenities for entertainment.
Family affairs - Conditions in soldiers families are affected by the high cost of living.
The facility with which extra leave is granted does a lot to alleviate worry on this score.

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A (contd)
Italian morale

In general morale is fairly good, in spite of adverse conditions. The system whereby troops of the 9 Inf Regt were kept idling in towns for periods of 2 to 3 weeks at a time, in case public disorders broke out, was having a depressing effect on them. Their concentration in barracks for general training is now having good results.

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Difficulties encountered are the obtaining of ~~x~~ spare parts, timber, calcium carbide, and canvas.
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The work of the repair unit is hampered by the poor standard of maintenance in units: there is a tendency to let minor faults develope into major ones before having them attended to.
Units do not send in vehicles for routine inspection: the number of repairs made for dented mudguards radiators etc;, indicates a low standard of driving discipline.
A mobile repair shop has just been authorised by the Min of War. It should prove useful in dealing with minor repairs, thereby leaving the Repair Unit free to deal with major repairs.

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Italian - Transport (contd)

Terr HQ have been advised to institute a system of daily maintenance in units, and to conduct short courses in maintenance for drivers. It is intended to have the system reviewed and, if necessary improved when the REME officer from the parent BDE VISITS Bari.

3 EVP - all vehicles with pneumatic tyres were found blocked off the ground.

Holdings as at 27 Dec 45 were 2 ambulances, 3 medium trucks, 1 tractor, 1 gun tractor, 2-11ton Trailers, 1 9-ton trailer, 1 horse transporter van and 2 generators.

CC RR - have received 11 trucks at the end of Dec from the Min of War. Their problem of having 13 old trucks off the road, has thus been solved.

REME problems - vide Army Transport, above.

RAOC problems nothing to report

Clothing and Equipment

Army - The soldier is issued with one suit of uniform and one pair of boots. When an article is in need of repair he hands it in and receives another in return, from the Central Depot.

In practice the system has several disadvantages

(i) The cloth of which uniforms are made is of a quality that tears easily. The soldier has no means of repairing minor tears, so he goes on wearing the uniform until it is torn badly enough for exchange.

(ii) The exchanged articles from the Central Depot are generally badly repaired and soon get U/S

(iii) The soldier wearing his one suit continuously has little chance of keeping it smart: in fact he is generally quite shabby in appearance

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It is therefore submitted that the following system be considered for adoption :-

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1; Each soldier will be issued with two uniforms and two pairs of boots.

2. OC units will be responsible for the serviceability of the articles for a period of one year.

3. In order that OC units shall be able to carry out their responsibility, they will be authorised to engage by contract, a tailor and a shoemaker, with assistants according to the size of the unit.

The unit tailor and shoemaker will be directly responsible to the OC unit for the efficiency of repairs.

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CC RR - nothing to report

Arms and Amn - nothing to report

C.E.M. - nothing to report

Accommodation

T.T.C. - the collecting and distributing centre for Italian Air Force personnel (800) men) is still in existence at the Caserma Falanga e Milano Bari. The place it occupies is urgently required for the TTC. May the War Ministry be asked to transfer it elsewhere, without delay. ACTION

P.O.L. - Despite strict control of issues by the Ufficio Servizi, Terr HQ complains that the allocation of POL is not sufficient. It has been noted however, that essential transport is still running at the end of the month.

Supplies - The food depot visited was well laid out, and well run. The roof tiling was in need of repairs that are within the capacity of the Direziene Lavori de Genie. The Commissariato has taken the necessary steps.
The recent release of flour from 22 CRASC and its en-routing to Calabria and Sicily entailed hard work and fast movement for the Deposito Speciale Viveri, a job which they completed satisfactorily.

Medical - nothing to report.

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Appendix "A"

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

LOCATION STATEMENT

(For troops down to Bns or equivalent units).

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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT — BARI

UNIT	LOCATION
MILITARY ACADEMY	LECCE
9 TERRITORIAL HQ	BARI
9 TERR.TRAINING CENTRE	BARI
9 INF.REGT.HQ	BARI
1 BN	TRANI
2 BN	BARI
3 BN	BARI
9 ARTY.TERR.HQ	BARI
901 ARTY.DIRECTORATE	TARANTO
9 ENGR.SEC.TERR.HQ	BARI
9 WORKS SERVICES & ENGRS, STORE DIRECTORATE	BARI
9 MED.DIRECTORATE	BARI
9 COMM.DIRECTORATE	BARI
9 TERR.REPAIRS DIRECTORATE	BARI
9 VET & REMOUNT DIRECTORATE	BARI
24 TERR.DEPOT	LECCE
25 " "	BARI
26 " "	BARI
27 " "	LECCE
28 " "	MONOPOLI
29 " "	BARI
30 " "	LECCE
31 " "	RODI GARGANICO
32 " "	TRANI
88 " "	BARI
3 MILITARY DISTRICT -C1.2	BARI
4 " " C1.3	S.SEV(FOGGIA)
5 " " C1.3	LECCE
38 " " C1.3	POTENZA
66 " " C1.3	BARLETTA
78 " " C1.3	TARANTO
46 " " C1.4	CAMPOBASSO
CC.RR BARI LEGION HQ MOBILE Bn	BARI
BR-ITI-711 ADM.REGT.HQ	BARI

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APPENDIX: 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST No 2

General Staff

GSCII Major H.A.R. FERRO RA

Branch of the Adjt General & Quartermaster General

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Italian Lt Cols and above with

9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

Commander	Gen di Div	G BOSELLI
Deputy Comdr	Gen di Brigata	G CASTELLANO
Asst	Colonello	F SFORZA
Asst	Ten Col	N MORGESE
Chief of Staff	Colonello (SG)	V PETITTI
Deputy C of S	Ten Col (SG)	V INSINNA
Ops & Trg	Ten Col (SG)	G ROVETTO
Org	Ten Col	V DELL'AGLIO
Vet & Remounts	Ten Col	G INTRONA
Records	Ten Col	P SELVAGGI
Material Arty, Genio,etc	Ten Col	B CORTESE
Material Tpt	Ten Col	N GALLELLI
Intelligence	Ten Col	G GRAMAZIO
Personnel	Ten Col	F GRECO
Army Res Offrs	Ten Col	G TREROTOLI
Terr Affairs	Colonello	G LAPENNA
Camp Comdt	Ten Col	R DUVIA

ARTILLERY

9 Artillery Terr HQ

Commander	Gen di Brigata	F SABINI
Chief Arty Officer	Colonello	O COLLI LANZA
Asst	Ten Col	V CIASCA
Asst	Ten Col	E DE SANTIS

901 Arty Directorate

Director	Colonello	C GRANDE
Secretary	Ten Col	G SANTELLI
CC 903 Det Sec	Ten Col	P TURINO

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

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Ops & Trg	Ten Col (SG)	G ROVETTO
Org	Ten Col	V DELL'AGLIO
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ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

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Chief Engr Officer	Colonello	A PISANI

9 Wskps Services & Engrs Store Directorate

Director	Ten Col	R FINZI
Vice-Director	Ten Col	U DE SILVA

INFANTRY

9 Regiment

Commander	Colonello	R MICALETTI
OC 1 Bn	Ten Col	P MANZI

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Staff List: (contd)

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OC 711 Admin Regt	Colonello	A RICCIARDI

MILITARY ACADEMY

Commandant	Colonello	R BELARDINI
Deputy Comdt	Ten Col	P VERATTI
Cadet Bn Comdr	Ten Col	L MORRICA
Inst Geog & Hist	Ten Col	F TAPPARINI
OC Depot	Ten Col	M SERRA
Adjutant	Ten Col	G PRIVITERA

9 T.T.C.

Commandant	Ten Col	A BIANCOLI

DEPOTS

24 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	E ROSSI
Admin	Ten Col	L ROBERTI
25 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	D CICCIMARRA
26 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	A MANIERI
27 Terr Dep		
Commander	Ten Col	P GABALLO
Admin	Ten Col	V DONADEO
28 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	V VASCO
Admin	Ten Col	G FERRI
29 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	M PERRONI
Admin	Ten Col	G ALOSI
Records	Ten Col	M ABBADESSA
30 Terr Dep		
Commander	Ten Col	A ANTONATE
32 Terr Dep		
Commander	Ten Col	A PERNICE CARIGLIA

MILITARY DISTRICTS

3 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A DIMONTE
Records	Ten Col	F CONTINI
Stores	Ten Col	V CUONZO
4 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A RUGGIERO

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Stores	Ten Col	V CUONZO
4 Mil Dist		
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Mobilisation	Ten Col	E GRAZIANI
5 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	C GARRISI
Admin	Ten Col	G FABI
Balkan Returnees	Ten Col	M STAGNI
38 Mil Dist		
Commandt	Colonello	A NIGRO
Admin	Ten Col	F RINALDI
46 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Ten Col	G DELLA VALLE
Records	Ten Col	L IACAMPO

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Staff List (contd) Appendix 'C'

Military Districts

66 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	R QUARANTA
Recc is	Ten Col	G COZZOLI
Aegean Returnees	Ten Col	A MUSCETTOLA
78 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	G ACANFORA
Admin	Ten Col	R DE CESARE
POW Reception Centres		
1 Centre		
Commandant	Ten Col	G DE TURRIS
3 Centre		
Commandant	Colonello	E BELLANTE
Welfare	Ten Col	N MAFFEI
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Director	Ten Col	L BOLLA

COMMISSARIAT

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Director	Colonello	G OCCIPINTI
Vice - Director	Ten Col	A MEALE
9 Military Bakery		
Consignor	Ten Col	E GIAMPAOLO
9 Food Dist Depot (Reg)		
Consignor	Ten Col	M VITELLI

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Staff List (contd)

PAY

9 I y Directorate		
Director	Ten Col	N RICCARDI
Vice-Director	Ten Col	A ATTOLINI

MOTOR TRANSPORT

9 Terr Adim Tpt Coy		
Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

LAW

9 Military Tribunal		
Judge advocate	Colonello	G GRILLI
Judge advocate	Colonello	P TRAVERSA
Judge ~~advocate~~	Ten Col	A MAGGI
~~Judge advocate~~	Ten Col	C SCOTTO

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PRO - FORMA.

RETURN OF BRITISH M.T. HELD BY 9 BRIT.LIAISON UNIT.

Ser.No	Vehicle Type	Reg No	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (L R)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)
1.	Ford Car 4 x 4	M.5663179	E	-	-
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4 x 2	Z.4959379	E	-	-

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

Signed.

Date 1. Jan. 1945

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APPENDIX 'D'

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9 British Liaison Unit
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HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
R O M E.

Ref App 'D' to MMIA Directive No 2 dated 7 Dec 45.

Herewith Fortnightly Report Serial No 1, as at the 15 December 1945.

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Dep. G3	
GSO II (SD)	
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GSO II (Wi)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO III (ORB)	
G (Trg)	

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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FORTNIGHTLY REPORT Serial N° 1.
for period 1 - 15 Dec 1945.

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226 P.O.W. Camp, ALTAMURA
and
Caserme Falanga e Milano, BARI.

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Its conversion into a T.T.C. would entail 6 months work at a considerable cost.

Though it cannot be used at present it is worth consideration as a long term proposition and 9 Terr. H.Q. is submitting an appreciation to the Ministry of War.

Recce has shown there are no other suitable barracks in the area, so use shall have to be made of -

Caserme Falanga e Milano - on the outskirts of Bari.

They consist of two barrack blocks (plan attached) capable of accommodating 3456 men, in addition to offices for the administrative and instructional staff.

There is no room for stores, mechanical and mule transport, N.C.O's mess or officers quarters, so building shall be necessary, unless the release of further accommodation is made by 3 District.

There are some small pieces of ground around Bari where minor tactical training can be carried out, though recruits will have to be transported to the vicinity of ALTAMURA for the final stages of training.

The Bari rifle range, 300 m., known as "Poligono di tiro di Fesca" can be repaired at an estimated cost of 1,640,000 lire. The firing point is walled up and incorporated into a building used as an Officers Mess for 197'Air Lifts' Transit Camp. The reconditioning of the range is conditional on the release of the Air Lifts Mess.

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Repairs to damage caused by bombing 2.12.43 and the Bari explosion 9.4.45. - 4,000,000 lire
Building of guard room, refuse containers and some lavatories - - - - - - - - 4,000,000 lire

Part 2 - Time required - 90 days.
Construction of garage for 24 trucks, stables for 20 mules and shed for 10 carts - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 9,500,000 lire
Construction of 4 store rooms - - - - - 14,000,000 "
Cleaning and surfacing parade ground - 20,000,000 "

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Re-conditioning of T.T.C. (Cont).

Part 3 - Time required - 120 days.
Construction of M.I. room, N.C.O's Mess
and officers quarters - - - - - - - - - 52,320,000 lire

About 200 yards East of Caserma Falanga, there are two barrack blocks. They are:-

Caserma S. Pasquale - occupied by 4 Med. Regt. R.A., a coy. R.E., a Sec. of Italian pioneers and a pl. of German P.O.W.

Caserma Tommaso Porcelli - occupied by 12 C.R.A.S.C. with 3 coys; and 300 vehicles, operating on dock clearance.

If either of the above barracks were made available to the T.T.C., Parts 2 and 3 of the estimate would be unnecessary. In view of the impractical sums involved, every effort should be made to obtain the release of one of them.

HQ 54 Area have assured me that there is no other place in Bari where the above units can be accommodated. While it is appreciated that 12 C.R.A.S.C., must operate from Bari, it is thought possible that 3 District can find accommodation elsewhere for 4 Med. Regt. R.A., thus releasing the Caserma S; Pasquale for the T.T.C.

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* May application by HQ MMIA please be made accordingly.

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Progress up to 15 Dec 1945

1. HQ 9 Terr Cd has requested authority from the Ministry of War to carry out their programme according to the estimate, with a request for immediate authorisation of Part I thereof.

2. They have agreed to commence work forthwith on Part I, before authority is received from the Min.of War, and to accelerate the work for completion by the 25 Jan.

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4. The surfacing of the parade grounds is not considered justified in view of the cost involved (20,000,000 lire). Orders have been issued for the grounds to be cleared of plants and trees: the surface is to be levelled and battened down, without cementing. The surface should be rarely muddy, in view of the low rainfall in this part of the country.

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