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CREMONA Inf Div

21 Inf Regt

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Comd | Col | FERRARIS | Giuseppe |
| 2 i/c | ~~Col~~ | ~~CERVESCHI~~ | ~~Giorgio~~ |
| OC I Bn | Lt Col | SCOTTI | Dino |
| OC III Bn | Lt Col | GRACCHIA | Pietro |
| | ~~Lt Col~~ | ~~CHIOCCHETTI~~ | ~~Leonardo~~ |

22 Inf Regt

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Comd | Col | D'AMICO | Augusto |
| 2 i/c | Lt Col | PINTO ← Col COLTANI, G | Pasquale |
| D.C. III Bn | Lt Col | FERRIGNO. | Gaetano |
| 7 Arty Regt | | | |
| Comd | Col | TEL | Giovanni |
| 2 i/c | Lt Col | MARCHETTI | Gino |
| OC II Bty | Lt Col | BOCCHINO | Luigi |
| OC III Bty | Lt Col | DI BITONTO | Francesco |
| OC IV Bty | Lt Col | SORDI | Emanuele |
| OC VI Bty | Lt Col | MUTINI | Salvatore |
| OC I Bty | Lt Col | VARRONE | Angelantonio. |
| 1 Alpini Regt | | | |
| Comd | Col | MUSSO | Carlo |
| SUSA Bn | Lt Col | MELLANO. | Pietro |
| SALUZZO Bn | Lt Col | CURLO | Vittorio |
| AOSTA Bn | Lt Col | AMBROSIANI | Alessandro |
| No 1 C.A.R. | Col | ZOZZOLI | Giuseppe |

MILITARY DISTRICTS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Comd | 41 | Mil Dist | TURIN | Col | CIACCIO | Luigi |
| " | 98 | " " | CHIVASSO | Col | ORLANI | Giovanni |
| " | 70 | " " | PINEROLO | Col | MAFFEI | Ernesto |
| ~~" ~~ | ~~77~~ | ~~" ~~ | ~~IVREA~~ | ~~Lt Col~~ | ~~PEZZI~~ | ~~Leopoldo~~ |
| " | 75 | " " | VERCELLI | Col | CIOTTI | Giovanni |
| " | 24 | " " | NOVARA | Col | THELLUNG de COURTELLARJ | Giuseppe |
| " | 86 | " " | CASALE | Col | TABELLINI | Guido |
| " | 1 | " " | ALESS | Col | MARTINENGO MARQUET | Riccardo |
| " | 74 | " " | TORTONA | Lt Col | PANIGADA | Felice |
| " | 77 | " " | IVREA | Col | JALLA | Davide |

RECORDS OFFICES

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 i/c | 21 Inf Regt | Col | MARETTI | Enrico |
| " | 22 " " | Col | SCIORELLA | Giuseppe |
| " | 3 Alpinin Regt | Col | CASTAGNA | Lelio |
| " | Honf Lt Cav Regt | Col | BOLI | Quirino |
| " | 7 Arty (Fd) Regt | Col | G.I | Paolo |
| " | 1 Arty (Alpini)Regt | Col | BECCARIA | Germano |
| " | 1 Arty (Hy Fd)Regt | Lt Col | LEPORATI | Gustavo |
| | | | | Pietro |

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| Comd | | Col | D' AMICO ← Col COLTANI, G | Augusto |
| 2 i/c | | Lt Col | PINTO | Pasquale |
| O.C. III Bn | | Lt Col | FERRIGNO. | Gaetano |
| 7 Arty Regt | | | | |
| Comd | | Col | TEL | Giovanni |
| 2 i/c | | Lt Col | MARCHETTI | Gino |
| OC II Bty | | Lt Col | PICCHINO | Luigi |
| OC III Bty | | Lt Col | DI BITONTO | Francesco |
| OC IV Bty | | Lt Col | SORDI | Emanuele |
| OC VI Bty | | Lt Col | NUTINI | Salvatore |
| OC I Bty | | Lt Col | VARRONE | Angelantonio |
| 1 Alpini Regt | | | | |
| Comd | | Col | MUSSO | Carlo |
| SUSA Bn | | Lt Col | MELLANO | Pietro |
| SALUZZO Bn | | Lt Col | CURLO | Vittorio |
| AOSTA Bn | | Lt Col | AMBROSINI | Alessandro |
| No 1 C.A.R. | | Col | ZOZZOLI | Giuseppe |

MILITARY DISTRICTS

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| Comd 41 | Mil Dist | TURIN | Col | CLACCIO | Luigi |
| " 98 | " " | CHIVASSO | Col | ORLANI | Giovanni |
| " 70 | " " | PINEROLO | Col | MATTEI | Ernesto |
| ~~" 77~~ | ~~" "~~ | ~~IVREA~~ | ~~Lt Col~~ | ~~MEZZI~~ | ~~Leopoldo~~ |
| " 75 | " " | VERCELLI | Col | CIOFFI | Giovanni |
| " 24 | " " | NOVARA | Col | THELLUNG de COURTELLARJ | Giuseppe |
| " 86 | " " | CASALE | Col | TABELLINI | Guido |
| " 1 | " " | ALESS | Col | MARTINENGO MARQUET | Riccardo |
| " 74 | " " | TORTONA | Lt Col | PANIGADA | Felice |
| " 77 | " " | IVREA | Col | JALLA | Davide |

RECORDS OFFICES

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 i/c 21 | Inf Regt | Col | MARETTI | Enrico |
| " 22 | " " | Col | SCHIRELLA | Giuseppe |
| " 3 | Alpinin Regt | Col | CASTAGNA | Lelio |
| " | Nonf Lt Cav Regt | Col | BONI | Quirino |
| " 7 | Arty (Fd) Regt | Col | GAI | Paolo |
| " 1 | Arty (Alpini) Regt | Col | BECCARIA | Germano |
| " 1 | Arty (Hy Fd) Regt | Lt Col | LEPORATI | Gustavo |
| " 1 | Arty (Hy) Regt | Col | RAPAZZINI | Pietro |
| " 1 | Rly Regt | Lt Col | RECUPERO | Edoardo |
| " | Engr Regt | ~~Col~~ Col | ~~DE FIDELIO~~ RECUPERO | ~~Quintillo~~ Edoardo |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Terr Med War Pensions Comm | Lt Col | CARBONE | Teresio |
| 1 Principal Terr Hosp | Lt Col | TAPPI | Primo |
| Mil Hosp NOVARA | Lt Col | SALVATI | Giuseppe |

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INTER-BRANCH MINUTE SHEET

| Date | Pass to Branch/Section | Ref Folio | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10th | A1G | 13 | Page 6. Arms. Clearing material for? Why. I have spoken with Col Wh. |
| 11th | G1 Training | 14 | Pt II para 4 (iii) Infantry Training ~~and~~ thought all Units had a Record Book for entering shoots. Why. |
| 11 | BGS | 14 | Pt II - para 4 - Artillery. The basis is if someone who knows something about Gunnery matters has been found - para 5 Intelligence. What do you think of this? |
| 11 | Col A/G | 14 | Pt III. para 8. What do you think about the suggestion? |
| | | | Part IV from 13. Unit dropping Rivers, Has anyone else thought of this? |
| | | | Part V from 14. Ammunition Col agrees to my remarks on 11 BLU report. |
| 11 | BGS - Col A/G | 14 | There are some very good points made in Appx D. I think it would be an excellent thing to send a copy of Appx D to all BLUs for information. |

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| HQ | GA Training | 14 | Pt II para 4(iii) - I thought all Units had a Record Book for emptying shoots. |
| " | BGS | 14 | Pt II para 4 - Artillery. The Units & Formations who know something about Gunnery matters has been demanded. para 5 Intelligence. What do you think of this? |
| " | Col A/Q | 14 | Pt III. para 8. What do you think about the suggestion? Part IV para 13. Unit drying Rooms. Has anyone else thought of this? Part V para 14. Answer has been given to my Remarks on 11 RED report. |
| " | BGS & Col A/Q | 14 | There are some very good points made in Appx D. I think it would be an excellent thing to send a copy of Appx D to all BLUE for information. |

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Report No 18 dated 4 Jan 47

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STAFF LIST - ITALIAN OFFICERS

1 Territorial Bn

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cond | Gen | [redacted] di Piolenza | Emanuele |
| Chief of Staff | Col | [redacted] | Giuseppe |
| Asst Chief of Staff | T.Col | [redacted] | Emanuele |
| "Consegue Addetto" | Brig Gen | [redacted] | Franco |
| 'I' Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Alfredo |
| Services Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Giuseppe |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Remo |
| Personnel Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Giovanni |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Ettore |
| T.A.V. Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Ernesto |
| Cond Arty | Brig Gen | [redacted] | Luigi |
| Cond Engrs | Brig Gen | [redacted] | Giovanni |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Luigi |
| Director Medical Services | Col | [redacted] | Giovanno |
| Director of Supplies | Col | [redacted] | Luigi |
| Vet & Remount Directorate | Lt Col | [redacted] | Claudio |
| Director Administration | Lt Col | [redacted] | Alfonso |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Comd | Gen | [redacted] | Emanuele |
| Chief of Staff | Col | [redacted] | Giuseppe |
| Asst Chief of Staff | T.Col | [redacted] | Pasquale |
| "Generale Addetto" | Brig Gen | [redacted] | Franco |
| 'I' Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Alfredo |
| Services Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Giuseppe |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Remo |
| Personnel Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Giovanni |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Ettore |
| T.A.V. Section | Lt Col | [redacted] | Emanuel |
| Comd Arty | Brig Gen | [redacted] | Luigi |
| Comd Engrs | Brig Gen | [redacted] | Giovanni |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Luigi |
| Director Medical Services | Col | [redacted] | Giovanni |
| Director of Supplies | | | |
| | Col | [redacted] | Luigi |
| Vet & Remount Directorate | Lt Col | [redacted] | Claudio |
| Director Administration | | | |
| | Lt Col | [redacted] | Alfonso |

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"CREMONA" Inf Div

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C O C | Gen. | [illegible] | Giuseppe |
| Chief of Staff | Lt Col | [illegible] | Ignazio |
| Senior Officer for G.H. | | | |
| | Col | [illegible] | Umberto |
| 'I' Section | Lt Col | [illegible] | Alfredo |
| Personnel Section | Lt Col | [illegible] | Riccardo |
| 21 Inf Regt | | | |
| Cond | Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |
| 2 i/c | Lt Col | [illegible] | Dino |
| CC I Bn | Lt Col | [illegible] | Mario |
| 22 Inf Regt | | | |
| Cond | Col | [illegible] | Gustavo |
| CC III Bn | Lt Col | [illegible] | Gaetano |
| 7 Arty Regt | | | |
| Cond | Col | [illegible] | Giovanni |
| 2 i/c | Lt Col | [illegible] | Gino |
| CC II Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Melchiorre |
| CC III Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Francesco |
| CC IV Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Emanuele |
| CC V Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Angelantonio |
| CC VI Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Salvatore |
| 1st Dragoons Armd Car | Lt Col | [illegible] | Ugo |
| No 1 C.M.P. | Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |
| Military Districts | | | |
| Cond 41 Mil Dist [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Luigi |
| " 98 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Giovanni |
| " 70 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Ernesto |
| " 77 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Emilio |
| " 75 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Giovanni |

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| Personnel Section | Lt Col | RUGGIERO | Riccardo |
| **21 Inf Regt** | | | |
| Cond | Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |
| 2 i/c | Lt Col | [illegible] | Dino |
| CC 1 Bn | Lt Col | [illegible] | Pietro |
| **22 Inf Regt** | | | |
| Cond | Col | [illegible] | Gustavo |
| CC III Bn | Lt Col | [illegible] | Gaetano |
| **7 Arty Regt** | | | |
| Cond | Col | [illegible] | Giovanni |
| 2 i/c | Lt Col | [illegible] | Gino |
| CC II Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Melchiorre |
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| CC IV Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Emanuele |
| CC V Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Angelantonio |
| CC VI Bty | Lt Col | [illegible] | Salvatore |
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| **No 1 C.d.P.** | Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |
| **Military Districts** | | | |
| Cond 4th Mil Dist [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Luigi |
| " 90 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Giovanni |
| " 70 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Ernesto |
| " 77 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Emilio |
| " 75 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Giovanni |
| " 24 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] Di [illegible] | Giuseppe |
| " 6 " " [illegible] | Col | [illegible] | Guido |

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OFFICERS Inf Div

Records Officer

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C A/C 21 Inf Regt | Col | [illegible] | Gildo |
| " 22 " " | Col | [illegible] | Pietro |
| " 4 Alpini Regt | Col | [illegible] | Lelio |
| " 1 Arty (Alpini) Regt | Col | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| " 7 Arty (Fd) Regt | Col | [illegible] | Gennaro |
| " 1 Arty (Mtn Fd) Regt | Col | [illegible] | Enrico |
| " 1 Arty (Hy) Regt | Col | [illegible] | Angelo |
| " Mtr Regt | Col | [illegible] | Pietro |
| " Engr Regt | Col | [illegible] | Carlo |
| | Col | [illegible] | Edoardo |

Army Med Gen Hospitals Comm

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Col | [illegible] | Nicola |

1 Principal Gen Hosp

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Col | [illegible] | Arturo |

Mil Hosp Nurses

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |

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|---|---|---|---|
| " 1 Arty (Alpini) Regt | Col | TECCHIOLA | Gennaro |
| " 7 Arty (Fd) Regt | Col | MANCINI | Enrico |
| " 1 Arty (Fy Fd) Regt | Col | GRAZIOTTI | Angelo |
| " 1 Arty (Fy) Regt | Col | MORANDINI | Pietro |
| " Mty Regt | Col | CAVALLO | Carlo |
| " Engr Regt | Col | RICCIONO | Edoardo |

Corps Med Tor Napoleone Corps

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Col | DI NIGRO | Nicola |

1 Motorized Corps Hosp

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Col | [illegible] | Arturo |

Mil Town Battalion

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |



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(b) Shortage of Sottufficiale. the grave deficiency is being slowly improved as regards number by the posting of NCOs, returned from P.O.W. For the present, However, this is purely a paper improvement as these latter NCOs, do not know the new weapons or our methods.

(c) Shortage of Specialists due to many going on Congedo.

(d) Posting of new recruits and reorganisation of units consequent on the instructions recently received re closing down of companies within Bns etc. also the reorganising of all three Bns in the Infantry Regts so as to take recruits simultaneously instead of one Bn being a cadre, one having recruits and the third Anziani.

(e) Shortage of suitable accn for indoor trg such as Gymnasiums etc which are very necessary in winter.

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1 British Liaison Unit
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PART I - GENERAL

1. N.T.R.

PART II - 'G'

2. ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic - N.T.R.

(b) Italian

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The new Recce Regt formed at PLOMBOLO at the end of Nov at present has about 300 men i.e. short of accomodation and vehs.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

No abnormal employment. Normal guards and detachments.

4. TRAINING

Specialist trg of the new Signal Bn suffers from lack of properly equipped lecture rooms, although a lot has been done by the unit. There is also a shortage of Signal Trg Pamphlets and of stores such as telephones for trg, expendable stores such as torches and batteries and spare parts such as valves etc all of which have their effect on the general efficiency.

The Engineer Bn suffers from lack of properly equipped workshops for the instruction of Mechanics, Carpenters and Plumbers and there is a shortage of Mine Detectors and Compasses.

The new Recce Regt has not received its vehs.

General Trg has suffered in the past month for the following reasons :-

(a) Shortage of petrol, which besides affecting general trg has also had an effect on the trg of Drivers and units are now getting very short of Drivers.

The shortage of petrol particularly affects Alpini Regts an important part of whose trg has to be done in mountain country.

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5. INTELLIGENCE - (d) Cont.

I understand however from 1 Terr Cond that some more glass and stoves have just been received. No blame for the delay can be att to them, because 1 Terr Cond asked last spring for a grant to put barracks in order for this winter, but only got a grant a short time ago, by which time glass was almost unobtainable up here. Some unit commanders have shown a lot of initiative in improvisation but there has been a lack of drive by Regtl Commanders over the question of comfortable unit canteens and Recreation Rooms.

Notes made by the G HI and myself on our inspection of all barracks recently have been gone into by both Generals and improvements are to be expected in the near future.

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(b) That the lodging allowance is now completely out of date.

(c) Frontier Activity

Very little. The snow has closed many of the passes to Contraband activities.

(f) Public Security

Has improved.

(g) Illegal Arms

From 10 Nov to 10 Dec a number of weapons held illegally have been requestrated (see appx 'L')

PART III - 'A'

6. GENERAL

Domestic - Deficiencies - 1 Sgt Clerk GD
1 L/Cpl Clerk RAOC
1 L/Cpl Clerk RAEC

Italian - Deficiencies - (see Appx 'J')

7. DISCIPLINE - No change

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PART III - 'A'

6. GENERAL

Domestic - Deficiencies - 1 Sgt Clerk GD
1 L/Cpl Clerk RAOC
1 L/Cpl Clerk RAEC

Italian - Deficiencies - (see Appx 'H')

7. DISCIPLINE - No change

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8. WELFARE

The Welfare Grant. An official distribution has now been laid down and the serving soldier should greatly benefit as a result.

Two new Casa del Soldato have just been opened in TURIN and ALESSANDRIA. This should prove a great attraction. The one in TURIN will be expanded as money is available.

Sport has fallen off owing to many of the best footballers in unit teams going on Congedo and also to the hard weather recently experienced.

Welfare - At present the allowance of 1 kilo per man for cooking is also supposed to cover heating of baths.

Unless the stoves are specially constructed for burning wood, this allowance is insufficient for cooking and there should be a separate and additional allotment of wood for heating baths.

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Recently a fund was opened to provide amenities for soldiers for Christmas, but it met with little support from the civilian population.

Heating of Barracks

A further supply of stoves has been received and it is hoped that very shortly units will at least have their minimum requirements met.

It is understood that fuel will be issued according to the size of the room to be heated.

PART IV - 'Q'

Transport

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(b) Italian - The main deficiencies are :-

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 410 | 292 | 111 | 72 |
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| 3 Ton | 159 | 85 | 74 | 22 |

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| 1 C..R. | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 12 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| 15 Cwt | 18 | 21 | +3 | 6 |
| 3 Ton | 5 | 5 | - | 3 |

| 4 Alpini Regt | WE | Held | Deficient | Offf the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 17 | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| 15 Cwt | 44 | 27 | 17 | 2 |
| 3 Ton | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

1 Terr Comd (incl CC)

| | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 745 | 121 | 607 | 48 |
| 15 Cwt | 480 | 226 | 254 | 47 |
| 3 Ton | 127 | 85 | 20 | 42 |

Recce Regt - Att at Appx 'G' are the Veh. Deficiencies of the new Recce Regt.

10. Accommodation

(a) Domestic - The work by Italian Engineers converting flats into married quarters for ORs is practically completed.

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11 R..C.C. Problems - N.T.R.

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Cremona Div still await their final allocation of 1000 Greatcoats from [illegible]. Their vest and pullover deficiencies are 1000 and 400 respectively; a request to the Ministry of War has already been made. Cremona are complete in respect of Battle dress.

Socks - Material is very poor and the life of a pair of socks is

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12. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT (Cont.)

Boots - Present stock of boots in Magazzino V.M. is approx. 28000 pairs all types. The Opificio Militare held approx 11,806 pairs in stock. For info the Opificio have manufactured 50,107 Pairs of Boots over the past 12 months and repaired 9,054 in the same period.

Cremona Div received 1,997 pairs of the 2,000 allocated. They appear to be a mixed bag of English and American boots, repaired in most cases; the English boots might have been good if they had been properly baled for despatch and real care and maintenance taken in the late Store House in NAPLES. The majority have only been repaired once and in many cases the repairing consists only of studding. But they are absolutely bone dry and consequently as hard as iron; instead of lasting for the prescribed period of 10 months, the Ordnance M.O. gives them only three months life and approx 14 days before they require major repairs.

The American boots are rubber soled in most cases and are definitely not fit for use until they have been thoroughly overhauled by the Opificio Militare, which means a further waste of materials.when proper care etc in the first instance would have met the case. (some 6,000 pairs of American boots received from Bari a matter of six months ago were in the same condition.)

The position is now that instead of being in a relatively good state for boots, Cremona will be worse off, because an issue to last 10 months will last only approx 3 months. If an issue of two pair of boots were possible, I am convinced that there would be a saving in repair materials in quite a short time. At present there are so many boots needing repairs that the 20% reserve held by Dns is insufficient to enable boots to be repaired at once. Furthermore the monthly Grindery allotment is used up very quickly and there is a period during which many boots are becoming U/S and unfit for further repairs before the next allotment arrives.

General - The Opificio Militare V.M. are not suffering from any special shortages at present. Sufficient material is held to keep work going at medium pressure. Leave etc over the Holiday period is having its effects, but naturally this is only temporary and no great importance can be attached to it.
I regret to say that Major PESSION is leaving very shortly. He has undoubtedly worked extremely hard under very trying conditions; shortages of material etc, power cut offs have been his lot during the past 12 months, but he has managed to keep things going in a very efficient manner. The workers too are very sorry to lose him as their Direttore.
The Magazzino V.M. is progressing well and the smooth running continues to improve. There are still shortcomings in some ways but generally speaking there is no reason at all why it should not become a very efficient organisation

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13. ARMS & AMMUNITION

Arms - Cremona are in the process of redistributing arms within the Div. The formation of new Regts has resulted in considerable deficiencies, especially rifles of which approx 3,000 are required. Presumably the Ministry of War have the present position under control.

Ammunition - Terr Cond are awaiting 20 Truck loads. Approx date of receipt is not yet known.
Cremona have received sufficient to cover 2nd line which is now complete. There are very small deficiencies at units. More ammunition is expected during the coming year from Allied sources. The ministry of War are opening new dumps to receive this amn and it is to be hoped that generally the position will improve tremendously.

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15. P.O.L. - N.T.R.

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| Opthalmic | 5 | | 5 |
| Ear, Nose & Throat | 18 | | 18 |
| V.D. | 32 | 25 | 57 |
| Skin disease | 24 | 3 | 27 |
| Mental | 9 | | 9 |
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12. [illegible]

[illegible] Arsenal

The Genio have completed the re-roofing of the long hanger which was mentioned in my previous report, and now the Arsenal carpenters are making doors and window frames to complete the repairs, also certain repairs to the floor are being carried out. These extra items are not of major importance and the hanger is almost ready for use. It is planned to move certain 'B' Vehicle repairs accross to this hanger during January 1947.

A large Inspection pit has been dug and is now nearing completion, this will greatly assist the repair programme at present laid down.

The Director of the Arsenal was called to ROME for a conference at the War Ministry, during December. He returned very pleased with the results as he now has War Ministry backing in discharging his undesireable employees. The War Ministry and FIAT have also agreed to assist each other in the supply of materials which are not available on the open market, and also to pass work to each other where necessary.

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Cremona Div Workshops

The reshuffling is almost complete in this workshop and all departments are settling down in their new locations.

Capt CARRA who was in the Italian Tank Corps has been posted to the new AFV Schools and his place in the workshopd has been taken by Capt MINARDI who was 2 i/c under Capt CARRA. Capt MINARDI is a very serious minded and conscientious officer and no trouble is expected.

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A.D. 21 Infantry Regt

Considerable clearing up of the site of this workshop has been done recently and it can almost be considered a model I.D.

The W.O. i/c who was a most efficient man has recently been posted to C.R.E. on compassionate grounds. The new W.O. has arrived and is settling down quite happily. All mechs. have great confidence in him.

Certain stores have been scrounged from the M.T. Vehicle Park and the storemen are now busily sorting them.

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate

A report for Cremona Div haveboen received during this month. Herewith a brief list of classification.

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| 2 Coy 144 Genio Bn | Poor |
| Sect Sussistenza | Outstanding |
| 1 Auto 44 Reparto Tpt | Average |
| 2 Auto 44 Reparto Tpt | Average |
| 44 Coy Teleradio | Average |
| 77 Coy 144 Bn Gennio | Average |
| Officina Reparto Trasporti | Average |
| Mortar Coy 22 Inf Regt | Average |
| HQ 22 Inf Regt | Average |
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| 5 Gruppo 7 Arty Regt | Outstanding |
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Certain improvements have been made to the site by the unit but only 30% of the vehs are under cover. All guns are under cover and sheeted up. A Tpt defect book is kept but no entries had been made since 31 Oct 46. The Tpt Officer stated calmly that there had been no defects. The unit is short of drivers, yet drivers are carrying out engine changes in unit lines with the approval of the Regtl M.T. Officer. Special tools such as Breast Braces and twist drills are in the posession of the drivers and not in the I.D. AB 412's asked for could not be found and the 6 officers "connected" with the unit Tpt were competing with each other in inventing excuses as to why certain things had not been done and why other things could not be done.

The CRE is arranging a course of instruction in M.T. for all these officers, and the W.O. i/c I.D. has been given one month to make a big improvement in the supervision of the Regtl Repair Programme.

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Permissive Repair Schedule

It is felt that the schedule as produced will be of the greatest assistance to L/D'S etc. It is comprehensive and very clear.
There are a few points which perhaps go to far for an L.D.
They are :-

Page 2 para K :- Replacing of Piston Rings, Gudgeon Pins and retainers.

Page 2 para L :- Replacing connecting rods, small end bushes and big end bearings.

These items call for more technical skill than will usually be found in a L.D. In addition the man hours required for the above repairs would be greatly in excess of the time laid down for an L.D consequently other important 1st line work would be neglected.

This is the opinion of the R.E.M.E Officer 1 B.L.U. and it is considered that apart from the above, the schedule is excellent and is a most useful document for the Italian Army.

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## STAFF LIST

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**Branch of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General**

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| DAA & QMG | Major G. | PERRY | R.E. | R SIGNALS |

**Services**

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| ORD | Capt | C.H. | ASHS (X) | R.A.O.C. |
| REME | Capt | R.J. | HORNBY | R.E.M.E. |

**Italian Increment to BLU**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.O. | Capt | E. | DEL CARRETTO | Italian Army |
| " | Lt | L. | SPADARO | " " |

(+) Not yet arrived.
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STAFF LIST - ITALIAN OFFICERS.

Amendment No 2

4 Alpini Regt

Susa Bn — Delete ' Lt Col LLIANO Pietro ' and
Insert 'Lt Col SARTEAN Antonio'

Records Officer

Rly Regt — Delete ' Lt Col RICCIARDO Edoardo ' and
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## Rates of Pay

| | Lieut Wife 1 Child | 2 Children |
|---|---|---|
| Monthly Pay | 8930 | 8930 |
| CareVita | 2668 | 3029 |
| Military Allce | 1218 | 1218 |
| | 12816 | 13177 |
| Indemnita | 1020 | 1020 |
| | 13836 | 14197 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Recruit | --- | 395 | --- | 120 | 976 | --- | --- | 1491 |
| On posting as U.C.R | 2739 | 1800 | --- | 120 | --- | 620 | 2573 | 5152.50 |
| 3 years | --- | 2040 | 61.50 | 120 | --- | 620 | 2573 | 5414.50 |
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## ITALIAN DEFICIENCIES SPECIALISTS & TRADESMEN

| | Officers | NCOs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 C.A.R. | 4 | - |
| 4 Alpini | 23 | 80 |
| 21 Inf Regt | 6 | 92 |
| 22 Inf Regt | 18 | 124 |
| 7 Arty Regt | 13 | 44 |
| Recce Regt | 24 | 41 |
| 144 Arty Bn | - | - |
| 44 Bn | 7 | 9 |
| 44 Tpt Coy. | 2 | - |
| O.F.P. | - | 3 |
| Div Workshops | - | - |
| 1 Arty Gruppo | 1 | - |
| 1 Repair Unit | 1 | - |
| Direz. Commissariato | 4 | - |

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## CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL

### Province of Turin

| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles | 9 |
| " automatic 'Berretta' Cal 9 | 1 |
| S.M.G. 'Thompson' | 1 |
| Hand Grenades | 41 |
| Revolvers | 1 |
| Magazines for automatic weapons | 3 |
| Cartridges, Carbine | 40 |
| " automatic weapons | 185 |
| Mortar Bombs | 1 |
| Tubes of Gelatine | 7 |
| Boxes of Tritolo | 2 |

### Province of Aosta

| | |
|---|---|
| L.M.G. 'Bren' | 1 |
| Revolvers | 2 |
| Pistols, automatic | 1 |
| Cartridges for automatic pistols | 6 |

### Province of Novara

| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles(mostly U/S) | 23 |
| L.M.G. | 6 |
| Automatic Rifles 'Berretta' | 1 |
| Spare Barrels for L.M.G. 'Bren' | 6 |
| Projectiles A.A. | 85 |

### Province of Vercelli

| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles | 3 |
| Pistols | 3 |
| Pistols, automatic | 1 |
| Magazines for automatic pistols | 4 |
| Cartridges for automatic pistols | 23 |
| Boxes and hand grenades | 10 |
| Mortar Bombs | 1 |
| Cases for mortar bombs | 1 |

### Provinces of Alessandria and Asti

| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles | 38 |
| A.A. Gun German, 88 mm | 1 |
| Automatic Pistols | 8 |
| Machineguns A.A. 20mm | 2 |
| Pistols | 6 |
| Hand Grenades | 7 |
| Guns 'Sten' | 2 |
| Spare Barrels for automatic weapons | 7 |
| German Rifles | 1 |
| Barrels for German Rifles | 246 |

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| " automatic weapons | 185 |
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Province of Aosta

| | |
|---|---|
| L.M.G. 'Breda' | 1 |
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| Pistols, automatic | 1 |
| Cartridges for automatic pistols | 6 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles(mostly U/S) | 23 |
| L.M.G. | 6 |
| Automatic Rifles 'Berretta' | 1 |
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| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles | 3 |
| Pistols | 3 |
| Pistols, automatic | 1 |
| Magazines for automatic pistols | 4 |
| Cartridges for automatic pistols | 25 |
| Bombs and hand grenades | 10 |
| Mortar Bombs | 1 |
| Cases for Mortar Bombs | 1 |

Province of Alessandria and Asti

| | |
|---|---|
| Carbines and Rifles | 58 |
| A.A. Gun German, 88 m/m | 1 |
| Automatic Pistols | 8 |
| Machine-guns A.A. 20m/m | 2 |
| Pistols | 6 |
| Hand Grenades | 7 |
| Guns 'Sten' | 2 |
| Spare Barrels for automatic weapons | 7 |
| German Rifles | 1 |
| Barrels for German Rifles | 246 |
| Cartridges, automatic, 9m/m. | 12492 |
| " for carbines and rifles | 3856 |



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PROVINCES OF ALESSANDRIA AND ASTI - (CONT)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amn Belts FIAT of 100 rounds | - | 7 | |
| Cartridges, Pistol | - | 58 | |
| Machine Gun German, Cartridges | - | 100 | |
| Magazines, various for automatic Weapons | - | 8 | |
| Mortar Bombs | - | 1 | |
| Magazines, Pistol various | - | 6 | |
| Tubes of Gelatine | - | 39 | |
| Boxes of Detonators | - | 2 | |
| Plastic | - | 10 | Kg |
| Fuse | - | 6 | |
| Cases, amn, Automatic Weapons | - | 270 | |
| Cartridges Machine Gun | - | 89 | |

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## DEFICIENCIES OF VEHS - RECCE REGT.

| Vehicle | W.E. | Held | Deficient |
|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 30 | 2 | 28 |
| Cars | 6 | - | 6 |
| Light Cars | 33 | - | 33 |
| Heavy Vehs | 23 | 8 | 15 |
| Armoured Cars | 11 | 4 | 7 |
| Light RECCE Cars | 60 | - | 60 |
| W/T Trucks | 2 | - | 2 |
| Water Tanks | 1 | - | 1 |
| Trailers | 4 | - | 4 |

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1 British Liaison Unit
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4 Dec 46

1 B.L.U. PERIODICAL REPORT No 17
(as at 1 Dec 46)

PART I - GENERAL

1. N.T.R.

PART II - 'G'

2. ORGANISATION

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(i) Signals Bn - The formation of an Engineer Corps Signal Branch (First Stage) is gradually progressing. There now exist at Engineer HQ, Terr Comd, a Sapper Section and a Signal Section. In addition, an officer has been detailed to organise a Works Section. In Cremona Div, the Signals Office has been detached from thhe Ops Section at HQ. The new Signals Bn is housed in its own barracks and consists of a skeleton HQ and one company.

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Training suffers from :-

(i) Lack of adequate trg appliances and expedients, except at the CAR, and even there they are in short supply.

(ii) Lack of sufficient instructors resulting in lack of individual attention.

(iii) Lack of common doctrine in the Army as a whole, i.e. Officers and NCOs who have returned from being POWs do not know our weapons or trg; while British methods learnt by junior officers are not enforced by seniors through lack of knowledge. The impetus should come from above.

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(iv) Lack of organisation in trg, forethought and preparation of lessons and exercises.

In addition, the lack of education and quickness varies considerably between North and South. The CAR course should result in a certain standard being reached by the worst, not the best. At present many essential parts of the trg have to be hurried, particularly Tests of Elementary Trg - Range Work.

It would seem advisable in view of the grave shortage of instructors and trg stores, to increase the CAR trg period by a fortnight, so as to ensure a sound basic trg for all soldiers.

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(d) Morale

The factors that contribute to the low morale in No 1 Terr Command are summarised below :-

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(a) Worried and unsettled owing to doubts about the future - promotion - lodgings - pay - clothing.

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Result - The officer is dissatisfied and does not put 100% into his work.

Permission to retire was requested by a few junior officers. It was not granted by Ministry of War.

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The shortage is even more acute than the shortage of officers. Remarks in Para (d)(i)(a)(b) above also apply to the NCO.

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The Money Grants for repairs to bks will cover glass for windows - repairs to cookhouses - water supply, but will not provide stoves in sufficient quantities. All units are short. In any case, the fuel allotment is insufficient. There is a big difference in comfort between CARs and units.

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(d) Boots - One pair per man means in effect that the soldier will always have wet feet this winter.

Vests - Not issued enough to Alpini (see para 13)



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(c) Cost of living and lack of welfare. There is no equivalent to our NAAFI. The Italian soldier's pay does not allow him to purchase razor blades, toothpaste, soap etc, without stinting himself of other things which he prefers to spend his money on, i.e. occasional bread - biscuits - salami - wine. Welfare Grants do not go to improve the lot of the serving soldier, but are paid in Grants in Aid.

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The recent increase in pay and allotment of an Xmas bonus have been received fairly well. Married CC are worried over the continued difficulty of obtaining lodgings for their families.

(e) Frontier Activity

Illegal crossing of the frontier continues unabated. A number of arrests have been effected at Ventimiglia.

The majority of these emigrants are labourers and peasants from Veneto and Southern Italy.

(f) Public Security

Though there has been a slight decrease this month, in the number of crimes committed, public security has not appreciably improved. Prices continue to rise and discontent is spreading.

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(g) Illegal Arms

Small quantities of arms and ammunition were confiscated by the CC in cooperation with the Civil police, in the provinces of Turin, Asti and Alessandria.

PART III - [illegible]

6. GENERAL

Domestic - Deficiencies - 1 Sgt Clerk G.D.
1 L/Cpl Clerk RAOC
1 L/Cpl Clerk [illegible]

Cpl Clerk as reported in Report No 16 who was due for UK leave proceeded to UK on 9 Nov 45.

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| Italian - Deficiencies (Expressed as a Percentage) | Officers | Sottufficiali |
|---|---|---|
| | 13 | 48 |

Figures for Specialists and Tradesmen not yet available.

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7. **DISCIPLINE** - No change.

8. **WELFARE**

(a) Arrangements are in progress with the local Director of Education for the institution of classes for illiterates. In addition the Arsenale is considering the possibility of instituting courses in 'Arts and Crafts'.

(b) Inter-unit football is played.

(c) The 'Cremona' Div mobile cinema gave eight performances before it broke down this month. The breakdown was popular because the films shown are anti-diluvian and men generally have to be detailed to attend.

(d) Good work has been done by the Corpo Assistenza Femminile (C.A.F.) in the hospitals, including advice on the improvement of cooking methods, contributions for increase of messing, the issue of woollen mattresses and extra blankets to T.B. patients and of indoor games and Illustrated Papers.

Fretwork laboratories for convalescents have been arranged in two Turin hospitals. 5 sets of tools are available and 3-ply wood has been supplied gratis by FIAT.

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(e) Heating of Barracks - Stoves

Units put in a demand for the number of stoves considered necessary. This number was considerably cut as stoves were not available and the difference between numbers requested and numbers which will eventually be issued is rather more than 200 for the Division while the difference between numbers asked for and numbers actually in provision is about 350.

Note: 150 are due from Rome. Not yet received.

Wood

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Baths

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No special allotment made.

If a unit is fortunate enough to have a boiler which heats shower baths they have to take the fuel from the allotment for cooking.

As this allotment is in many barracks insufficient owing to cookhouse stoves being designed for coal and consequently wasteful in practice the bath house is rarely used.

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Welfare Grant

Up to date no portion of the grant has been used in purchase of stoves - wood - furniture etc for unit canteens.

It has practically all been spent on grants to Families or to individuals

PART IV - 'G'

9. Transport

(a) Domestic - Since the last report the following vehicles have been received as reported in this units letters G 2/2 dated 13 and 27 Nov 45; with the receipt of these vehicles the unit is now up to WE plus 1.

With the exception of the 3-ton Load Carrier which was Class I, the Jeep and Number 4x4 are Class III.

(b) Italian - The main deficiencies are :-

| Cremona Inf Div | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 410 | 297 | 113 | 73 |
| 15 Cwt | 966 | 604 | 362 | 136 |
| 3 ton | 159 | 85 | 74 | 29 |

| 1 Cav.R. | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 12 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 15 cwt | 18 | 21 | +3 | 6 |
| 3 ton | 5 | 5 | - | 2 |

| 4 Alpini Regt | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 17 | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| 15 Cwt | 45 | 18 | 27 | 3 |
| 3 ton | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

1 Horse Coy (Incl 21.)

| | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | | | | |

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or to individuals



9. Transport

(a) Domestic - Since the last report the following vehicles have been received as reported in this units letters Q 2/2 dated 13 and 27 Nov 46; with the receipt of these vehicles the unit is now up to WE plus 1.

With the exception of the 5-ton Load Carrier which was Class I, the Jeep and Number 4's are Class III.

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| 1 Cadre | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 12 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 15 cwt | 16 | 21 | +3 | 6 |
| 3 ton | 5 | 5 | - | 2 |

| 4 Cadre Rgt | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 17 | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| 15 Cwt | 45 | 18 | 27 | 3 |
| 3 ton | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

1 Mtr Cond (incl Cm.)

| | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 783 | 140 | 625 | 48 1448 |
| 15 Cwt | 401 | 219 | 252 | 38 |
| 3 ton | 124 | 85 | 39 | 21 |

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10. Accommodation

(a) Domestic - The Italian Engineers are still carrying out necessary maintenance and repairs and converting flats already requisitioned in Married Quarters for ORs. The work although slow in progress is being carried out very satisfactorily.

(b) Italian

Barracks - The Money Grant allowed for repairs to barracks before winter, asked for last Spring, only just received.

Now glass is hard to get except at exorbitant prices.

Result - Barrack Rooms, Dining rooms etc, still without glass

Cookhouses - Most stoves are uneconomical. They were originally intended to take coal, and as coal is now non-existent, wood has to be used in lieu.

It is thought that conversion, although it would involve a large initial outlay, would most probably affect a big saving over a period.

Supply of Materials

There is too much paper and Red Tape.

Delay is usual. See Para 13(Note)

Indents for essentials such as Grindery for Boot Repairs - Pullthroughs - Oil - Flannelette etc for cleaning weapons are never fully met.

Fuel - Allowance of 1 Kilo per man per day for cooking is insufficient to provide two hot meals plus morning coffee unless

(a) Stoves are very good and economical.

(b) Numbers large enough(as at CAR) to provide enough fuel.

Allowance of 10 Kilos for stoves insufficient to keep a fire going all day. 15 required.

11. R.E.M.E. Problems

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Vehicle mechanics tool kits are now in production and progress is reasonably good. Slight hold ups are being experienced owing to the shortage of raw materials on the open market. It is hoped however that these shortages are only temporary.

Stores racking is well into production, and all that is necessary now are the orders and quantities from the Italian Army.

All data has been taken for the British pattern stocks and dies and it is planned to commence production early in Dec.

The engine overhaul programme is rather at a standstill at the present moment owing to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary reboring machines etc. Authority has been received from the War Ministry for the purchase of the necessary test beds, subject to the availability of these beds on the civilian market and the price being the same as it was when they were originally requested; it is hoped to get them installed and working by the New Year.

The making of petrol tank and radiator caps for Allied pattern vehicles is held up owing to the non availability of sheet brass on the civilian market. It is hoped that this shortage is only temporary.

Approximately 100 Dodge steering worms and arms have been completed and despatched to OARE Bologna. This contract should be completed by 1/4 Dec.

Powers of local purchase vested in the Director of the Arsenal have been increased from 15.000 lire to 30.000 lire and the clause restricting purchases of similar materials for three months has apparently been waived. This increase is a great help but owing to the value of the lire today it is hardly sufficient. The Director has written a letter to Artillery Directorate pointing out that before the war the Director could spend up to 8.000 lire and he has illustrated the rise in prices with the pre-war price and the present day price. The average cost today is 10 times as much and he is asking for his power to be increased at least to 50.000 lire.

A further difficulty is that frequently the Arsenal write to War Ministry asking permission to buy certain items and quoting the price. The War Ministry reply possibly three months later giving approval to spend a certain sum of money on the project. During this three months prices have risen

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1st Reparto Riparazione

It is proposed to move the workshops from it's present site in Caserma Cavalle to the Officio Approvigionamto where there is an excellent workshop site. The present workshop will be handed over to the G.I. Coy who are at present occupying some stables. It is hoped that this move will take place during December.

Lieut PAGANINI the O.C. W/shops has visited Rome regarding his posting to Piacenza, and the posting still stands. It is regretted that this officer will be leaving as he is very efficient and will be a great loss to this Command.

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Capt CARTA has been granted one months leave.

Oppificio Militare Torino

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12. R.A.O.C. Problems N.I.R.

13. Clothing & Equipment,

Clothing - With special reference to Progress Report No 16, material for the new type B.D. has been received, the transaction being completed early this month. Quantity in hand is 6.000 metres, and Major i/c states that it represents approximately 5.600 suits. These should be completed by the end of Dec.

242 Greatcoats have been manufactured at the Oppificio during this month; a further 500 are being manufactured at Verona, and have already been allocated as follows :-

Div Fant 'Cremona' - 2500
Div Fant 'Folgore' - 500

The issue to Cremona will complete Recruits and replace U/S.

Commissariato states that Vests have been issued as far as possible, but only to independent Regts. Cremona are still deficient and have been obliged to issue orders to reallocate Vests and Pullovers within the Div, e.g. those men with two vests and one pullover to be relieved of either the pullover or one vest, and those items to be issued to men without; each man as far as possible will have either one vest and one pullover or two vests. More vests become available each month when, as men are released, vests and pullovers are withdrawn and reissued after cleaning, etc. Commissariato states that in spite of this he still needs 1500 vests to equip recruits to the above scale.

The Battle Dress has been received fro Naples for Cremona, and this completes their requirements.

Socks - Although there seems to be ample stocks available in Italy, the quality is very poor. Cremona received an issue of 10.000 prs only a short time ago, but these are useless. They have submitted a demand for a further 10.000 prs, and requested that they be of good quality only. Meanwhile U/S Allied woolen socks are being remitted on reissue.

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The leather position for manufacture and repairs should show considerable improvement during the next 5 or 6 weeks. The following assignments have been made :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6000 leather soles, ex 557 BOD | - | Received |
| 200 Quints for soles and 15000 ft for uppers | - | Expected within 2 or 3 days |
| 245 Quint. and 45000 ft | - | Expected shortly |

The total assignment will produce approximately 12000 prs.

General - The Magazzino V.E. report that issues and receipts are proceeding satisfactorily, and apart from shortages in various items no undue difficulties are being experienced. The general state of the Caserma has improved immensely over the last six months, and is now fit to stand any kind of inspection.

The Oppifizio Militare continues to work in its own efficient way; production has dropped during the past month, but this is due to lack and materials, and not to any particular person. The Major i/c states that the leather exported should last at least six weeks, and has no knowledge of receipts after that time.

Note .. typical example of delay in issue is shown as follows:-

(a.) Commissariato, Div Cremona, demanded 8000 prs of boots on 21 Sep.

(b) The GOC, Div Cremona, wrote to the Ministry of War(Gen Pelligra in particular) on the 20 Oct.

(c) The latter authorised issue on 30 Oct.

(d) The Naples Magazzino received order to despatch boots on 21 Nov.(Note: The Torino Magazzino has 23000 prs, plus 12000 prs in the Oppifizio Militare)

(e) Commissariato, Div Cremona, received information stating that boots left Naples on 29 Nov.

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14. Arms & Ammunition

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Arms

The general position has recently been reviewed by Ministry of War; they have issued new holdings and the divn are in process of checking and re-distributing. All surplus arms will be issued to Comando Territoriale for Independent Regts, and any deficiencies will be issued from Naples. The handover is to take place immediately arms are received, and will be completed by the end of the month following.

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15. C.E.M.

The following have been recovered :-

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| Machine guns . . . . . | 2 |
| Mauser Pistols . . . . . | 1 |
| Thompson L.M.G.. . . . . | 1 |

16. P.O.L. - N.T.R.

17. SUPPLIES N.T.R.

18. MEDICAL

The following cases were admitted to hospital :-

| | Turin | Novara | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
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| Contagious Diseases | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Surgical | 58 | 24 | 82 |
| Opthalmic | 5 | - | 5 |
| Ear, Nose and Throat | 12 | - | 12 |
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9 Nov 46

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1 B.L.U. PERIODICAL REPORT No 16
(as at 1 Nov 46)

## PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC

1 B.L.U. is now isolated in TURIN with no welfare or recreational facilities, an ever lengthening postal service, an uncertain and diminishing supply of N.A.A.F.I. commodities and a shortage of fuel.

Hasten now in progress to relieve heat misery.

Asked for from G.1+A → A grant is required for Welfare & Recreation. The time has come when dry rations and N.A.A.F.I. supplies should be drawn in bulk for 2 or 3 months. Married families are now drawing rations including fresh items, once a week, a state of affairs which is ludicrous. The scheme outlined in Land Forces Sub Comm. letter to 3 District dated 2 Oct 46, subject "Administration N.A.A.F.I. & B.L.U.s" should be implemented at the earliest possible moment as far as this unit is concerned. ) ACTION A 5 of 23 Sept refers

Being done now by G.1+Q.

## PART II - 'G'

2. ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic - N.T.R.

(b) Italian

(i) Corps of Signals - preparations have been completed in Cremona Div to separate the Signals Coy from the Engineer Bn on 1 Nov 1946, to place the Engineer Bn under command of Div Engineer HQ and for the functioning as a separate entity of Signals HQ at Div HQ.

(ii) Other Units :-

Inf Regts :-

(a) Anti - Tank - Coy - has been detached from Regts.

(b) Rifle Bns - strengths have been reduced to T.E. 1439

(c) Cadre Bns - the new instructions from S.M.E. to

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Asked for from G.H.Q. → A grant is required for Welfare & Recreation. The time has come when dry rations and N.A.A.F.I. supplies should be drawn in bulk for 2 or 3 months. Married families are now drawing rations including fresh items, once a week, a state of affairs which is ludicrous. The scheme outlined in Land Forces Sub Comm. letter to 3 District dated 2 Oct 46, subject "Administration N.A.A.F.I.A. & B.L.U.s" should be implemented at the earliest possible moment as far as this unit is concerned. } ACTION A 5 of 23 Sept refers

Being done now by G.H.Q.

PART II - 'G'

2. ORGANISATION

(a) Domestic - N.T.R.

(b) Italian

(i) Corps of Signals - preparations have been completed in Cremona Div to separate the Signals Coy from the Engineer Bn on 1 Nov 1946, to place the Engineer Bn under command of Div Engineer HQ and for the functioning as a separate entity of Signals HQ at Div HQ.

(ii) Other Units :-

Inf Regts :-

(a) Anti - Tank - Coy - has been detached from Regts.

(b) Rifle Bns - strengths have been reduced to T.E. 1439

(c) Cadre Bns - the new instructions from S.M.E. to bring the Cadre Bn in each Regt up to establishment are being studied, as are the instructions contained in S.M.E. letter 4/2345/Scov forwarded under M.M.I.A. Q.003 of 22 Oct 46.

(d) Support Coys - Anti-Tank Pls have been replaced by MG Pls

(e) Bn HQ Coys - Pioneer Pl has been converted into Recce Pl.

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7 Arty Regt

6 Pdr Anti - Tank Coys from Inf are being trained with V/7 Arty Gruppo.

Signal Coy - as in Part II G para (b) sub para (i)

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(iv) A recruit uses one rifle while at the C..R. and hands it in when he leaves. He is re-issued with another on reaching his FU. Both of them are British Rifles.
If he is to have real confidence in his personal weapon he should keep one rifle throughout his service. Would it be possible for the C..R. to keep the armoury envisaged in S.M.E. letter No 4/2943/Serv of 3 Oct 46 forwarded under your Q.003 of 22 Oct 46.

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Weapon Trg - Para (iv) Continued.

When each batch completed their army trg the unit would hand in their rifles to the workshops, who after overhaul would issue to C.A.R.

C.A.R. would keep in mineral jelly until issue to recruit.

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(iii) To publish cases of ill treatment received by serving soldiers as they occur.

The Valenza (MESSANDRI) section of the socialist party held an 'Anti Military Day' on the 20 Oct

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INTELLIGENCE para (b)

(b) Political Activity Among Troops

Troops manifest a trend towards left wing politics, which is apparently the result of anti-conscription propoganda.
Recruits at the C.A.R. are unaffected.

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PART III - '_'

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SERVICE NCOs

| Italian - Deficiencies - | Unit | Offrs | ~~ORs~~ |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | Cremona Div | 14 | 249 |

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PART IV - 'Q'

9. **Transport**

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| Cremona Inf Div - | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 397 | 296 | 101 | 56 |
| 15 Cwt | 291 | 252 | 39 | 47 |
| 3 Ton | 376 | 335 | 41 | 65 |

| 1 C.A.R. | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 12 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| 3 Ton | 5 | 5 | - | 2 |
| Trucks | 18 | 22 | + 4 | 5 |

| 4 Alpini Regt | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 65 | 13 | 52 | 3 |
| 3 Ton | 10 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Trucks | 157 | 33 | 124 | 2 |

1 Territorial Command (incl CC.)

| | WE | Held | Deficient | Off the Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 662 | 98 | 564 | 44 |
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13. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

(a) Clothing - The new type of Battle-Dress has been issued to the C.A.R. at C.S.M.E (5000 Suits). Material for B.D. for the other troops in Terr Command has not been delivered because manufacturers require payment before they will issue. Troops are therefore wearing Winter Dress, old pattern.

Terr Command has taken the matter up with the War Ministry.

Opificio Militare V.E. hopes to complete Greatcoats by 10 Nov 46. Vests - No issue of vests appears to be contemplated other than to Alpini. Although in the South of Italy vests may not be necessary it would appear they are essential for troops in the North. Fatigue Dress - In order to save uniforms from getting wet and enable trg to be carried out in all weather, it is recommended that the linen Fatigue Dress should be used for trg. I have suggested this to Terr HQ and am also making a point of the provision of Unit drying rooms.

Boots - The situation as regards boots is bad. This is due to several causes among the chief ones being :-

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14. ARMS & AMMUNITION (Cont)

2" Mortars - There are not enough 2" Mortars to enable adequate instruction to be given in this weapon.

Armourers - There is one armourer who has no armourer's tools or foresights. Weapons are not zeroed and the shooting which I have seen is naturally enough of a poor standard.

15. C.E.M.

The following have been recovered :-

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|---|---|
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| Bren M.G. mod 4-1 | 1 |
| Bren M.G. Mk II | 11 |
| Sega Hitler Aut Rifle | 4 |
| Maxim Pistol, German | 1 |
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| Hotop Rn M.G. Cal 6 5 | 3 |
| German Aut Rifles Mod MG | 2 |
| French M.G. Mod 24/29 | 1 |

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17. SUPPLIES - N.T.R.

18. MEDICAL - The following cases were admitted to Hospital :-

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| Surgical | 41 | 38 | 79 |
| Ear, Nose and Throat | 27 | - | 27 |
| V.D. | 36 | 13 | 49 |
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| Mental | 10 | 2 | 12 |
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| 1 British Liaison Unit | TURIN |
| HQ No 1 Territorial Command | TURIN |
| HQ Cremona I-2 Div | TURIN |
| HQ 21 Inf Regt | ASTI |
| " " " I Bn | TURIN |
| " " " II Bn | ALESSANDRIA |
| " " " III Bn | NOVI LIGURE |
| HQ 22 Inf Regt | VERCELLI |
| " " " I Bn | BIELLA |
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| HQ 7 Arty Regt | TURIN |
| " " " I Bty | TURIN |
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| " " " IV Bty | TURIN |
| " " " V Bty | COMO |
| " " " VI Bty | CUNEO |
| 144 Engrs | TURIN |
| 54 Hygiene Section | VERCELLI |
| 84 Field Hospital | VERCELLI |
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| " " " VI Bty | CUNEO |
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| HQ 1 Alpini Regt | VENERIA |
| " " " SUSA Bn | TURIN (Coy at VENARIA) |
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| Pack Transport Coy | ALESSANDRIA |
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| | CASALE |

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By agreement with the Commanders of Terr Comd and Cromwell Div, The GSO I and II have a discussion every week or 10 days with the Chiefs of Staff regarding points noticed on visits to units.

A list of the points already discussed are given below :-

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4. Too much directions of simple Firing Exercises. In my opinion, the senior NCO and section learn more if set a problem which they have to solve themselves. Officers then act as Safety Umpires and only interfere if safety precautions are endangered.
Criticism afterwards
or if stage of training reached is not sufficiently advanced, Section Commanders can be taken over the ground first, argue out the best methods of carrying out the exercise, and then carry it out with their sections.

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More time is lost than gained in my opinion.
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1. In view of shortage of ammo more value could be obtained in training Officers if each shoot were criticised by the Gruppo Commander or by an Officer detailed by him.

2. Though layers on the whole are well instructed and efficient, gun drill is slack and needs attention. Smart gun drill is the basis of discipline in artillery units.

3. 25 Pounders should be calibrated as soon as possible.

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## NOTES

Interior Economy. Care of Weapons etc.

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BARRACKS Barrack rooms of Compagnia Comando Reparto Servizi not yet finished.
Glass required in many places.
Stoves " " " "

WELFARE More books required in library.
Some more football boots wanted.

QUERY I saw some old boots being made into football boots at the Opificio. Are any of these available?

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NOTES MADE AT C...R.

More attention should be paid to Firing Instruction. The first essential is that rifles and Brens should be zeroed by a marksman. Individual attention should be given on the Firing Point with reference to :-

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Alpini Bns

The recruits received are now all Piemontese and Trg is proceeding very much better than it used to when Alpini recruits included men from non - mountainous regions. Amm for British weapons has not arrived yet.

Artillary

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The hostile feeling against Anglo - American noted last month is spreading to foreigners , particularly to Slavs and French, on account of their attitude at the Paris Conference on matters affecting ITALY. 1425

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(b) Political Activity Among Tps

The older soldiers tend to favour left - wing political parties, who conduct propaganda against obligatory Military service.

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Illegal emigration and smuggling continue. A number of persons were caught trying to cross the frontiers, in the hope of finding employment in Switzerland or in France.
Reports from police agents across the frontier indicate that the Gendarmerie allow men to enter if they can prove they are skilled labourers. The reports refer to French Industrial zones only.

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(f) Public Security

The situation has improved slightly, though the number of cases of robbery and theft is still high.

The notice of the Council of Ministers' decision to increase penalties for crimes against Public Security, has been well received.

PART III - 'A'

Domestic

The following vacancies exist against the T.E. of this unit :-

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| Sgt | RASC | Clerk | |
| Cpl | REME | Armourer | (Posted but not yet arrived) |
| L/Cpl | RAOC | Clerk | |
| L Cpl | REME | Clerk | |
| Pte | RASC | Clerk | (Posted but not yet arrived) |

Italian

Deficiencies in specialists are not yet available.

Discipline

The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal

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Other 'A' points

Public Relations - N.T.R.

PART IV - 'Q'

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## PART IV - 'Q'

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Further investigations are being carried out by this Terr Comd.

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Italian

Main points in Cremona Inf Div Tpt is :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 397 | 296 | 229 | 67 |
| 15 Cwt | 291 | 252 | 195 | 57 |
| 3 Ton | 376 | 335 | 271 | 64 |

Main points at 1 C.T.R.

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 22 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 15 Cwt | 83 | 58 | 40 | 18 |
| Cars | 21 | 19 | 15 | 4 |

Main points in Terr Comd Veh State for No 1 C.A.R.

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 12 | 4 | 4 | |
| 3 Ton | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Trucks | 18 | 22 | 16 | 6 |

R.E.M.E.

Div Workshops 'Cremona'

The armourers shop was called upon to visit the 4 Alpini Regt and carry out a small arms inspection. Herewith report as submitted by the O.C. Workshops. All weapons requiring repairs have been called into W/shops and repairs are being carried out as soon as possible.

| Type | W.E. | Inspected | Serviceable | Called into W/shops | B.E.R. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Enfield Rifles | 541 | 520 | 391 | 129 | 4 | |
| Brens | 54 | 54 | - | 54 | - | |
| TMG | 94 | 88 | 78 | 10 | | X |
| LMG | 12 | 8 | 5 | 3 | - | |
| 2" Mortar | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | |
| 3" Mortar | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | - | |
| Pistol '38' | 23 | 20 | 20 | - | - | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 Cwt | 291 | 252 | 195 | 57 |
| 3 Ton | 376 | 335 | 271 | 64 |

Main points at 1 C.T.A.

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 22 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 15 Cwt | 63 | 58 | 40 | 18 |
| Cars | 21 | 19 | 15 | 4 |

Main points in Terr Comd Veh State for No 1 C...R.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 12 | 4 | 4 | |
| 3 Ton | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Trucks | 18 | 22 | 16 | 6 |

R.E.M...

Div Workshops 'Cremona'

The armourers shop was called upon to visit the 4 Alpini Regt and carry out a small arms inspection. Herewith report as submitted by the O.C. Workshops. All weapons requiring repairs have been called into W/shops and repairs are being carried out as soon as possible.

| Type | W.E. | Inspected | Serviceable | Called into W/shops | D.L.R. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Enfield Rifles | 541 | 520 | 391 | 129 | 4 | |
| Brens | 54 | 54 | - | 54 | - | |
| TSMG | 94 | 88 | 78 | 10 | | X |
| 2" Mortar | 12 | 8 | 5 | 3 | - | |
| 3" Mortar | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | |
| Pistol '38' | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | - | |
| | 23 | 20 | 20 | - | - | |

(X) all require new barrels.

The arms of this unit are in quite a good state of maintenance. The damage found was not due to carelessness but to usual recruit trg, e.g. the large number of rifle butt plates which were found broken.

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Tyre Maintenance

The latest tyre pressue lists have been circulated and it has been suggested that Div CC.RR. institute road patrols with instructions to stop vehicles, check tyre pressures and examine for even loading. This has been agreed to and patrols are now out checking these points and also watching for furious and dangerous driving. The supply of new tyres has not yet begun though an order was placed 2 month ago. Tyre shortage is acute.

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30 Tons have been received during the last 2 months, and 60 tons are expected. This is for Cremona Div. to complete 1st. and 2nd line. Cremona have also requested Training Amm. and it is thought that a percentage of the 90 Tons is for this purpose. Territorial Command have asked Ministry of War to clarify the position. Can this question please be expedited.

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Boots.

Position remains satisfactory, but it would appear that full use of the 20% reserve is not being made. On an inspection of the Opificio is was noted that a considerable quantity of boots had been handed in completely beyond normal repair.

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General.

Shortage of leather at present, due possibly to the high price demanded by Contractors. Cost per Kilo is now over 1000 Lire.

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S & T

It is suggested that the monetary allotment of 15 Lire for messing extras should be raised to 25 Lire. This is due to the increased cost of living which has risin by 70% during the last two months. The monetary allotment if 15 Lire is therefore to be considered most in - adequate.

Quartering

The question of provision of quarters for officers and NCOs is not satisfactory. The local housing Committee are making repeated attempts to oust officers from present quarters, and even making law cases which are costing sums of money which officers can ill afford. It is suggested that the Ministry of War be asked to take some action in compensation and, at the same time, provide legal help when instances of this kind are reported. It is further suggested if a scheme could be introduced and approved by the War Ministry whereby portions of existing barracks could be converted into married quarters for both officers and NCOs and proportionate charges made for such accn. It is thought that such a scheme would also be an inducement for NCOs to extend their service for longer periods, and thereby alleviate the shortage of NCOs.

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| Surgical | 70 |
| Optical | 7 |
| ENT | 20 |
| V.D. | 57 |
| Skin Diseases | 19 |
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Report No 15 dated 1 Oct 46

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| S & T<br>R.E.M.E. | Capt | R.E. | NORTHEY | R.A.S.C.<br>R.E.M.E. |

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SITUATION REGARDING STRENGTH IN NO. 21 AND 22 INF. BGTS

| | T.E. | Strength | Deficiencies | Surplus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Battalion | 64 | 22 | 42 | - |
| 11 Battalion | 64 | 17 | 47 | - |
| 111 Battalion | 64 | 28 | 36 | - |
| H.Q. Coy. | 13 | 28 | — | 15 |
| Mortar Coy. | 14 | 8 | 6 | - |
| Total :- 21 Inf Regt = | 219 | 103 | 131 | 15 |
| 1 Battalion | 64 | 21 | 43 | - |
| 11 Battalion | 64 | 18 | 46 | - |
| 111 Battalion | 64 | 7 | 57 | - |
| H.Q. Coy. | 13 | 35 | — | 22 |
| Mortar Coy. | 14 | 4 | 10 | - |
| Total :- 22 Inf Regt = | 219 | 85 | 156 | 22 |

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SITUATION OF RCs OF OPPOSITION IN TO 21 (G) 22 INF. BDES

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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1 British Liaison Unit
G 6/2

1 Sep 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (PMIA)
ROME

HQ 2 British Liaison Unit

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Intelligence

(a) Activity of Italian - Other Countries

In Valle Di Susa the Italian elements backing the annexation campaign promoted by the C.A.D. have been identified by the Carabinieri. 5 of them have been denounced by the Police, whilst two hotels of the valley have been compelled to close down and the license withdrawn from them, as they were carrying out a wide anti-national propoganda.

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The well known French newspaper-man LESCURE, who was the chief instigator of the disturbances which took place in Valle Di Aosta last spring, has arrived in Valle Di SUSA from PARIS. It appears that he contacting pro-annexation elements.

Nothing to report regarding Valle Di Aosta, The local population is not willing to follow the annexationist campaign; they are more attracted now by camping, tourists, hotel activity and food supplies. In the NOVARA and BIELLA areas there are many foreigners, especially French, Swiss, and Slav, who apparently are only carrying out business activities. In the Monferrato area and especially in the commune of SPIGNO, the Communist Party have enrolled some volunteers who should eventually fight in SPAIN against the regime of Franco.

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Frontier activity is carried out on a large scale across the passes of MONGENISIO and MONGINEVRO. There is always a good many persons who try to expatriate illegally to FRANCE. Generally, they are returned back to the border by the French Police, in the event of the Carabinieri having missed them.

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The peoples esteem towards the Carabinieri has increased and they would like to see them fully equipped. On the other hand public opinion has very little trust in the other police officials, as their moral conduct is rather poor, due largely to the fact that many of these police officials have adhered to certain extremist political parties.

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(e) Subversive Elements

A controversy is now being sotted out between the Partisans and the Goverment; most likely this controversy conceals a subversive experiment carried out by minor Political Parties. Owing to the fact that an officer of the auxillary police, ASTI, had been deprived of authority, a group of auxillary police, led by the aforesaid officer deserted with arms and vehs they gathered in the area of San Stefano Belbo with purposes unknown. The a/m officer was a Partisan element and in a few months had been given the equivalent rank of a Captain. In S. Stefano Belbo the gang grew rapidly in number as they were joined by several organised armed groups, (manocuvred by some political Party) and by certain isolated armed individuals, probably criminals. For two days the situation was rather confused and the purpose unknown. On the 25 the situation was suddenly depicted by several papers as a righteous deed of strength on the part of the partisans to obtain the fulfilment of their claims which over a year ago had been recurrently been requested through the A.N.P.I.

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The public safety conditions are not yet normal . Several crimes have been comitted against private property. As a result of the recent amnesty, an increased criminal activity has been recorded.

(g) Economics

The economical situation does not appear to have improved, except in the textile field, where the industries are working on a very extensive scale, as exports have been resumed in large quantities. Prices of food and clothes are still very high. There is a feeling of uneasiness amongst the people on account of the burden of taxes, whilst salaries and wages are not adequate to the cost of living which is daily on the increase. The employees and officials of the State Administration

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III A Domestic

The following vacancies exist against the W.E. of this Unit :-

L/Cpl RAEC Tech Clerk
L/Cpl R.OC Clerk
Pte R.SC GD Clerk

Italian

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There is still a shortage of NCOs and specialists.

Discipline

The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal

| | |
|---|---|
| Deserters | 41 |
| Thefts | 4 |
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| Other Crimes | 6 |

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Other "A" Points

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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Main points of 1 C.T.U.

| | In | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 20 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Cars | 19 | 15 | 11 | 4 |
| Trucks | 82 | 67 | 55 | 12 |

Main points in Terr Cond Veh State for No 1 C.T.R.

| | In | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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(b) Racking for Stores Etc

Production has commenced on 100 of each type as outlined in my previous report.

(c) Top Dies Etc

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Type D.S.... No 1
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Allocation of these will be decided in the near future and Cranmore Div /Shops will learn samples in order that the necessary thread pitch data can be obtained.

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(d) Major Assembly Overhaul Programme. (Allied types)

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(f) Major Assembly Overhaul Programme (Italian Types)

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Blankets

Commissariato has assured that stocks of blankets will permit issue of 4 per man for this coming winter.

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Boots

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Arms

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Amendment No 3

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HQ 2 British Liaison Unit

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Intelligence

(a) Activity of Italian - Other Countries

The activity of the philo-French leaders in Val di Susa has diminished remarkably as they have lost many of their followers.

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(b) Frontier Activity

Frequently Italian workers attempt to expatriate illegally across the passes of the Italo-French border. A great traffic of smugglers is also reported, especially across the Swiss border. Smuggling is carried out mostly on tobacco, chocolate and drugs. Many Italian workers have returned to Val d'Aosta from France as they wish to spend their holidays in Italy, after the long absence caused by the war.

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(g) Economics

Salaries are still very low as compared to the high cost-of-living. An attempt has been made by the authorities to cut the prices of certain food items, but so far no noticeable success has been obtained. The prices of clothes and other such items are decreasing as the people cannot afford to buy them.

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III A Domestic

The following vacancies exist against the WE of this unit :-

I/Cpl REME Tech clerk
Pte RASC GD Clerk

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The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal

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Efforts are being made personally by this ELO to persuade the press to visit the CAR and see for themselves and report on the recruits as they arrive, and later visit a unit and see the finished product from the CARs.

It is hoped by this means to get the Public Relations on it's feet, and assist the Italian officer in his work.

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The Radio TURIN have flatly refused to broadcast any Army news on the grounds the during the fascist regime, they were forced to broadcast propaganda daily, and they will not do it now under the present regime.

IV Q Domestic - Tpt

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Adaptors for Gas Welding Bottles

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Examples of welding bottles and a British welding kit have been given to the Arsenal and drawings are now being made.

Taps Dies etc.

These are made normally for domestic use and no research is necessary. As soon as a decision is made regarding quantities and types required large scale production can be made.

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Racking for Stores

Three types of racking have been produced and certain modifications have been suggested and carried out. Photographs are now being taken and an instr pamphlet is being compiled.

Racks will be issued in units of1-3-5- Nos 2 and 4 being extension pieces which fit between.

Time taken to dismantle is 2½ minutes and when bound ready for issue racks occupy quite a small space. For instance, an erected rack approx 6' high 8' long and 2' 6" wide, when dismantled occupies a space 8'x2'6"x1'. Thus approx 30 of this type could be loaded on a 3-tonner.

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HQ 7 Army Regt

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| " " " III Bn | " | Lt Col | GENOVESE | Leonardo |

**22 Inf Regt**

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| OC III Bn | Add | Lt Col | PERRICONO | Gaetano |

**7 Arty Regt**

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Appx "D" to 1 AMG Progress
Report No.13 dated 1 Aug 45.

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After inspecting the last Unit, General di Pralormo goes to a platform next to the Dead Soldiers' Memorial and in the meantime the soldiers assemble and prepare to parade in the following order:- The band, The Commander of the CAR, the demonstration platoon ( very nice in their uniform) and afterwards all the other units.

Upon reaching the memorial the men turn to salute, and in this gesture they salute both the GOC as well as the Dead Soldiers, who have probably to-day descended to bless them and whom the soldiers saluted early this morning by presenting a laurel wreath.

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As the Units parade the military authorities, the civil ones and the people of Casale remember the old times and a feeling of trust and praise arouses within them as they are looking forward to the Country's resurrection. Before the sun is too hot the units reach their billets, where the GOC distributed prizes to the soldiers who distinguished themselves both in individual and collective firing, and for each of them the Commander has a word of praise and admiration.

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1 British Liaison Unit
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1 Jul 46

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ROME

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(b) CC.RR.

Carabinieri trg, continues on satisfactory lines, courses for drivers and specialists occupying the major part of the trg periods.

Intelligence

(a) Activity of Italians - Other Countries.

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(f) Public Security

On 31 May a gang of 40 armed men robbed the Furter Factory, Gravellona Toce, of a quantity of material amounting to over 15 million lire. Searches to identify the robbers have proved negative.

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Italian

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|---|---|
| Telephone Mechs | 28% |
| Armourers | 15% |
| Pioneers | - |
| Drivers | 47% |
| Driver Mech | 26% |
| Cooks | - |
| Typists | 9% |
| Blacksmiths | 10% |
| Bakers | - |
| Nursing Orderlies | 11% |
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**Discipline**

The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal :-

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| Deserters | 89 |
| Absentees | 53 |
| Thefts | 3 |

**Morale**

The morale of officers and tps is still affected by the serious economical situation.

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**Accn**

N.T.R.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 3-ton | 331 | 321 | 255 | 66 |

Main points of No 1 C.T.A.

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
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| M/Cs | 18 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Cars | 16 | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| Trucks | 80 | 57 | 50 | 7 |

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REME

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(b) The overhaul of all engines of makes other than Dodge & Bedford.

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(d) Spares for Arty eqpt.
(e) One set of Metric taps and dies for test with the view to the manufacture of larger quantities.
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(g) Manufacture of steering worms for Dodge.

To enlarge the further details of this work programme are given below. It is realised that this is a large programme but it is requested that the highest priority be given to all the above items as the Italian Army is in urgent need of them.

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It is required that a register be kept by the Arsenal showing all the above measurements and any other tech infm applicable to each engine. Thus it will be seen that when an engine is despatched to the Arsenal in the distant future the inspector receiving it will know at a glance if the engine has any useful rebore life without dismantling and measuring. At the present moment no records are being kept and unless this system is introduced at this stage vast sums of money are going to be spent in the near future on engines whose cyl wall thicknesses are not sufficient to stand further rebore.

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As a result of this programme it will be necessary for the Arsenal to be equipped with reboring machines, crankshaft grinders and test beds.

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Packing & Stores

Great difficulty is being experienced by all Divs CARE and Ord dumps in finding suitable shelving for the stores as they are received. To meet this urgent need it was suggested that the Arsenal be asked to produce four or six types of racking of standard sizes. Then all Divs and Fmns can be informed of the type No and size of each rack and can state their requirements. It is suggested that the largest type of rack be no longer than 5 metres and not higher than 3 metres. These racks will most probably have to be despatched to usegs by rail and it is suggested that consideration be given to the further numbering of individual components, so that it is not necessary for the Arsenal to assemble each rack when made, but to issue in pieces with complete assembly instrs so that fmns etc can receive them and assemble without any further assistance and by the employment of a few men only.

Spares for Arty Eqpt

The manufacture of these spares will not include the manufacture of barrels, breech, rings breech blocks or recuperator rods. All other items may be produced as required and further infm on this matter will be forthcoming as soon as all Divs have been contacted and their requirements ascertained.

Taps & Dies for Screwcutting

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Various points were discussed and in view of the fact that the Arsenal signed a further contract with the Rlys whilst the REME conference was taking place in Bologna, it was agreed that A wksp which had been burnt out during the war have to be repaired.

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The Arsenal are able to supply the majority of the materials and labour and the Genio agreed to search for any other materials required and give tech advice. Difficulty is likely to be experienced in finding sufficient material to cover the roof and it will be necessary to ask the Ministry of War to authorise the purchase of these materials.

The Arsenal will also require authy to purchase cyl-boring machines and test beds etc, and it will be appreciated if pressure can be brought to bear on the Ministry at once so that when the Genio or Arsenal apply for this permission it will be readily granted.

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| | | |
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| Brushes for TSMG | - | 1000 |
| Grips for TSMC | - | 250 |

CC.RR.

N.T.R.

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**G.E.M.**

No further information has been received by OKD Branch this unit as regards BLELLA Blankets.

**Admn**

N.T.R.

**POL**

N.T.R.

**Supplies**

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| ENT | 21 |
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## LOCATION STATEMENT

### Amendment No 1

Delete location and amend to read

| | | |
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| | | | | | |
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### SERVICES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S & T REME | Capt | R.E. | NORTHEY | | REME |

### ATTACHED

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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### Amendment No 2

**CREMONA Inf Div**

22 Inf Regt - Add O.C. III Bn Lt Col FERRIGNO

**Military Districts**

**Comd 77 Mil Dist IVREA**

Delete Lt Col MEZZI Leopoldo
Add Col JALLA Davido

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Comd 77 Mil Dist XVIIEA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
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1 British Liaison Unit
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1 Jun 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm MC (MAI.)
ROME

HQ 2 B.L.U.

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(ii) Other Tps

Cremona Inf units have been carrying out section leader tactical exercises in the past fortnight, mainly to train unexperienced and newly promoted section leaders.

The 1/21 Bn was visited during one of these exercises and on the whole useful trg was being carried out. 7 Arty Regt have carried out various inter-Regimental cadres for new officers and NCOs to the Regt.

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It would appear that some one thousand maquisards are at Cervieres-Briancon, ostensibly to attend a commemoration. Symptoms of an annexation campaign also in Val Chisone, where signs of the G.A.D. have been posted.



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In the Domodossola area, the local Montecatini plant have engaged about 150 foreign non-skilled elements to the inhabitant's great surprise as the unemployed on the spot are many and the amount of work is reduced to such an extent that no new engagement is justified.

It is reported that clandestine wireless sets are still operating both in Italian and in an unknown language. It is impossible to identify the sets as there is no radio finder.

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(b) Frontier Activity

N.T.R.

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Amongst the units no political tendency has the priority over the others. The feeling is that the majority of the tps are rather apathetic, but it is difficult to foresee their reactions after the elctions are over.

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(e) Subversive Elements

No subversive elements amongst the units, have been reported.

The anti-militarist campaign carried out by the socialist and communist press is of a subversive and instigating nature. Military authorities, officers and General Staff are attacked and the aim is that of splitting the discipline of the units and invite the soldiers to set themselves free from the orders of their commanders.

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Italian

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| Masons | 40% |
| Linesmen | - |
| Sappers | - |



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Discipline

The following cases were reported to the Military Tribunal :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Desorters | 62 |
| Absentees | 21 |
| thefts | 8 |

1 C.A.R.

| | |
|---|---|
| Absentees 12 May - 25 May | 65 |

Morale

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IV Q

Domestic Tpt

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Tpt

Main points in Cremona Inf Div Tpt is :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 3-ton | 368 | 356 | 296 | 60 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 262 | 206 | 56 |

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Command Wksps TURIN

This wksp is now working to its full capacity under the present conditions. The stores section is compelled to operate in four different places, and although a certain amount of centralizing has been done; a considerable amount of time is wasted daily in going from one store to another making issues etc.

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The Genio have not taken any interest in starting repairs to the wksp site and this is badly hampering any future improvements to the wksps.

Output Figures are :-

| | 27 Apr | 4 May | 11 May | 18 May |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| "B" Vehs | 8 | 11 | 9 | 12 |
| Trailers | - | - | - | - |
| M/Cs | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Recovery | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Personnel employed

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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There is no immediate prospects of Summer clothing being available this year. Contracts have been placed for 10,000 sets but these will not be completed until the end of Sep 46. Material for summer clothing is of a superior quality, superior in fact to British BD. It is being manufactured in the form of a battle dress.

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Arms & Amn

(a) Army less CC. RR.

Cremona Inf Div state that arms in desperate need of cleaning due to the shortage of pullthroughs etc. a qty of these are being manufactured in the R Arsenal TURIN.

(b) CC.RR.

M.T.R.

General

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## LOCATION STATEMENT

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|---|---|
| 1 British Liaison Unit | TURIN |
| HQ No 1 Territorial Command | TURIN |
| HQ Cremona Inf Div | TURIN |
| HQ 21 Inf Regt | TURIN |
| " " " I Bn | TURIN |
| " " " II Bn | TURIN |
| " " " III Bn | RIVOLI H 9030 |
| HQ 22 Inf Regt | VERCELLI J 6452 |
| " " " I Bn | VERCELLI J 6452 |
| " " " II Bn | NOVARA J 7963 ✓ |
| " " " III Bn | VERCELLI J 6452 |
| HQ 7 Arty Regt | CHIERI J 1421 |
| " " " I Bty | CHIERI J 1421 |
| " " " II Bty | NOVARA J 7963 |
| " " " III Bty | RIVOLI H 9030 |
| " " " IV Bty | TURIN |
| " " " V Bty | NOVARA J 7963 |
| " " " VI Bty | TURIN |
| 144 Engrs | CHIERI J 1421 |
| HQ 1 Alpini Regt | TURIN |
| " " " SUSA Bn | TURIN |
| | OSTA C 8103 |

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| " " " SALUZZO Bn | ALESSANDRIA J 7605 |
| HQ No 1 C.A.R. | CASALE J 6452 |
| Military Terr Hosp "Principale" | TURIN 1377 |

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# STAFF LIST

## 1 British Liaison Unit

### GENERAL STAFF

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GSO I | Lt Col | W.A. | VENOUR | DSO | MANCH REGT |
| GSO II | Major | F.W. | HAMILANN | | R BERKS |

### BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DAA & QMG | Major | G. | PERRY | MBE | R SIGNALS |

### SERVICES

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S & T | Capt | C.W. | LOCKWOOD-TATHAM | (Not yet joined) | RASC |
| REME | Capt | R.E. | NORTHEY | | REME |

### ATTACHED

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| CC.RR. LO | Major | A.G. | HILLS | GEN LIST |

### ITALIAN INCREMENT TO BLU

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| Interpreter | Capt | M | DELL CARRETTO | ITALIAN ARMY |
| " | Lieut | R | COPPOLA | " " |

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STAFF LIST - ITALIAN OFFICERS

"CREMONA " Inf Div

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| Delete | Gen | PRIMIERI | Clemente |
| Add | Gen | PIZZORNO | Giuseppe |

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| ~~Chief~~ | Gen | PREDIERI | Clemente |
| Add | Gen | PIZZORNO | Giuseppe |



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RETURN OF SPINISH MT

Appx
Repo

| Serial No | Veh & Type | Reg No | Efficent (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond local Repair |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jeep ¼ ton 4 x 4 | M 5661936 | Yes | | |
| 2 | " " " " | M 5661813 | " | | |
| 3 | Heavy Utility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5906040 | " | | |
| 4 | " " " " | Z 5905856 | " | | |
| 5 | 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS | Z 5503829 | " | | |
| 6 | Bsic m/c 350 cc | C 5424488 | | LR | |
| 7 | Heavy Utility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5905359 | " | | |

Certified above vehs are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 406 and AB 412 have been in found correct.

Signed

Date 1 Jun 4

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RETURN OF BRITISH MT

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| | Reg No | Efficont (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond local Repair | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M 5661936 | Yes | | | |
| | M 5661013 | " | | | |
| rt 4x4 | Z 5906080 | " | | | |
| " | Z 5905856 | " | | | BLU Tpt |
| | Z 5908329 | " | | | |
| | C 5424488 | | LR | | |
| t 4x4 | Z 5905859 | " | | | |

CC.RR. Liaison Sec

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Signed [signature] Capt. R.E.M.E.

Date 1 Jun 46

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# S O L D I E R S

REMEMBER : WHO H S MADE GUN-FLESH OUT OF YOU ?

WHO CAN MAKE AGAIN OUT OF YOU WHAT HAS BEEN MADE SO FAR?
MONARCHY AND FASCISM

SOLDIERS !

ARE YOU FREE CITIZENS OR NOT?

DO YOU WISH TO WORK QUIETLY FOR YOUR OWN TEMPARS OR NOT?

HAVE YOU GOT A FAMILY TO KEEP OR TO ASSIST?

YOU MUST THEN VOTE FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY!

YOU MUST VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE WORKERS

ONLY THUS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FREEDOM
PEACE
WORK
BREAD

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SOLDIERS remember the 10 of June 1940

OFFICERS remember from the 10 June -
to the 8 Sept.

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PRISON, DESOLATION
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AGAINST the fascist and monarchist classes
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SOLDIERS

OFFICERS

WHAT HAVE THE KINGS GIVEN ITALY ?

1. They have rendered useless the 5 days of Milan (1848)
2. They have rendered useless the defence of Brescia "La Leonessa.
3. The Defeat of Novara (1848)
4. The Defeat of Custoza (1848)
5. The fall of Mazzini's Roman Republic (1849)
6. The treason against Garibaldi at Aspromonte (1862)
7. The second defeat of Custoza (1866)
8. The defeat of Mentana (1867)
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10. The defeat of Caporetto (1917)
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21. The last elopement of a dummy who feared the judgement of his people.

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VOTE FOR THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE WORKERS. !

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ATTEMPT TO INSTIGATE DESERTION AT 1 C.A.R.

Attached hereto are copies of two articles which appeared on the newspaper 'Unita' on 11 May 46, regarding an attempt to instigate towards desertion which took place at Casale Monferrato's Caserme'tte Funzionali, occupied by two Recruit Bns of C.A.R.

Personal investigations were carried out immediately by the Inf G.O.C. - The investigations revealed :-

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at the COMO and CUNEO C...R. soldiers had left the Bks and returned to their homes.

Night-time the same thing would have taken place at Casale Monferrato.

The C...R. Commander took immediate action, and instructed the officers accordingly. At the time of reporting back to the Bks all the officers and the majority of the NCOs had returned to their Units

The following facts were remarked at the Casermette Funzionali :-

A certain agitation amongst the personnel of 9 Coy (III Bn).

animated discussions between groups of soldiers.

soldiers moving from one coy of the Bn to another.

No indisciplinary act.

Order was restored by officers, NCOs and recruits as well, who succeded in persuading their comrades to behave.

Soldiers were complaining of:-

Omitted payment of the promised 2,000 Lire.
Suspension of family allowance (see letter in this connection dated 7 May 46

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I had dealt personally with the problem of the 2,000 Lire with the Minister of War who visited the C...Rs on 20 Apr. The Minister himself told the soldiers he would see to the matter personally.

Failure to promise the personnel to post them near their families.

It would appear, however :-

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that on 8 May civilian runners on m/cs operated between NOVARA and CASALE.

That rumours of disturbances had been divulged amongst the soldiers off-duty and at the same time in public dances, inns and saloons.

Our impression was that the whole was carefully planned and arranged. No instigating element appeared to be amongst the tps; many of them, instead, urged their comrades to behave.

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However, this a sure demonstration of an underground activity and under the circumstances I have directed to continue and intensify a campaign of persuasion.

No connection exists between the speech of Major Fabrocini on the morning of the 8 inst and the facts which took place on the same night.

The two articles mention that :-

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This is not true; the fact stands as follows :-

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The officer named 2/lt BIMA Atonio from 21 Inf Regt.
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Appx "F" (Cont)

TO THE CASEMETTE OF C SALE

ATTEMPT TO DESERTION INSTIGATED BY MONARCHY

C SALE 11 May

Last Sunday at about 1100hrs, an Army Major felt it necessary to address the tps of Casale's Casermette. He maintained that "Casa Savoia" is one of the few reigning dynasties who can actually state of having ruled Italy without ever overlooking the welfare of its people.

These, more or less, are the words spoken by the animated monarchist major. The trouble is that at about 1600 hrs, certain serious talks were ventilated amongst the dormitories, with the final issue of inviting the soldiers to desertion.

It will not be very difficult to detect in these manoeuvres the finger of the S.A.M. (Squadre Azione Mussolini) whose intentions were upset by the prompt intervention of some soldiers and officers with real anti-fascist feelings.

During this attempted desertion no officer responsible for discipline appeared on the spot, which leads us to believe they were fully aware of the facts and were spurring desertion in order to provoke the intervention of the Allied Forces with the hope that Elections be postponed. Everything makes us believe that this attempt will be repeated, inasmuch as the Casermetter's HQ have made no inquest to identify the culprits.

Ides.

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SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS

We are taking up again a matter which caused us to receive many a letter from soldiers and officers, who expressed their understanding and their affection, and one from an officer who deplored our attitude.

An argument which took place at Novi during one of our meetings spurs us to deal with the matter again, in view of the fact that thematter appears to be of interest and widely discussed.

Both the officer who wrote us the letter of criticism, as well as our argument at Novi have somewhat degenerated to a personal insult. These facts which probably do not occur in well-to-do families, but at least in the army one, are altogether not very nice ones.

We clarified the situation, with extreme sincerity, and as a matter of fact the officer of Novi apologised with no end of b autiful words, but the fact remains to prove that at the eve of elections animosity is felt not amongst communists but instead amongst those who stand up for monarchy.

Re the soldiers again. These officers state that their soldiers' rations are good and we're pleased of this; at any rate, in some Bns the treatment is not what may be called 'good' and the letters received from several soldiers confirm our statement. However, the worst complaint does not refer to food but rather to the soldiers' morale. Many an officer treat their soldiers very strictly and openly make them to understand that those who do not stand for the King will have a feeling of uneasiness in the Bns. Of course, this does not include all the officers, and in our frequent articles regarding the soldiers we have always stated this. On the contrary, to our very distinguished contradictor of Novi we wish to say that in his Caserma 'someone sings "Giovinezza" at about midnight and no officer has ever complained or taking action in this respect.'

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1 British Liaison Unit
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II G Organisation

(a) Domestic

Capt R.D.P. WILKINSON S & T leaves for release with A/S Gp 27

ACTION. This office letter A 1/10 of 1 May refers.

(b) General PREMIERI ceases to command 'CREMONA' Inf Div as from 5 May 46. General PIZZORNO of this Terr HQ takes over comd.

Employment of Tps

(a) Army less CC.RR.

Normal duties.

(b) CC. RR.

Normal duties being performed.

Training

(a) Army less CC. RR.

Trg on a reduced scale is being carried out by all units. The main object of trg at the moment is to ensure a uniform standard of trg for the recruits who will eventually join the Bns from the C.A.Rs. A shortage of manpower within the Bns makes any large scale trg almost impossible.

(i) Trg Ests

Situation at the C.A.R is favourable and instr is being carried out as per programme.

(b) CC. RR.

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Employment of Tps

(a) Army less CC.RR.

Normal duties.

(b) CC. RR.

Normal duties being performed.

Training

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Trg on a reduced scale is being carried out by all units. The main object of trg at the moment is to ensure a uniform standard of trg for the recruits who will eventually join the Bns from the C.A.Rs. A shortage of manpower within the Bns makes any large scale trg almost impossible.

(i) Trg Ests

Situation at the C.A.R is favourable and instr is being carried out as per programme.

(b) CC.RR.

Normal trg is being carried out.

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Intelligence.

(a) Activity of Italians re Other Countries.

In Val d'Aosta the situation is now normal again, and in Val di Susa no new events have taken place in connection with the philo-French campaign.

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It is anticipated, however, that the G.A.D. organisation will resume it's pro-annexation to France campaign during the conference which is taking place in Paris between the four Powers.

(b) Frontier Activity

It is reported that illegal emigration into France and Switzerland has been carried out during the month, also contraband activity still persists.

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A number of people involved in the demonstration in AOSTA on the 26 Mar have been arrested.

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(g) Economics

The economical situation still appears to be very serious and it is not envisaged that it will improve in the near future.

In the industrial sector shortage of raw material and fuel has caused the majority of the firms to be almost idle. The firms are quite concerned about the matter as they are allowed to discharge only a very low percentage of their surplus personnel and are at a loss as to how to face the situation.

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A great hostility is envisaged between the Firm and the Worker s on account of the Trade Union having rejected the proposal of paying an Easter bonus to the workers. On the other hand, the latter are pressed by the high cost of living and instigated by the workers' organisations of the left parties, who are still asking for higher wages and bonuses, regardless of the serious production situation.

An improvement in the food situation, which could quell at once all hostilities between workers and employers, is of course impossible, due to the very serious situation throughout Europe.

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1 L/Cpl Ration NCO
1 REME Clerk

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Morale

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Furthermore, they also resent the fact that certain elements, which were compromised with the nazi-fascists have once more joined the Army.

The tps morale in general, shows no change.

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Italian

Main points in Cremona Inf Div veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 403 | 304 | 250 | 54 |
| 3-ton | 368 | 356 | 280 | 76 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 256 | 204 | 52 |

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Main points of No 1 C.T.A. :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 18 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| Cars | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Trucks | 80 | 51 | 33 | 18 |

Main points in Terr Comd veh state for No 1 C.A.R. :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 4 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 3-ton | 2 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Trucks | 18 | 14 | 10 | 4 |

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During an inspection at ALESSANDRIA it was noticed that owing to petrol shortage the Comd Officer had laid down, that 50% of the Bn vehs would be kept off the road for 10 days. These vehs were blocked up and a maint gang was working on them. At the time of visit all were runners and in a well cared for condition. At the end of the 10 days the change over is effected and the remaining 50% get a good maint period. This is all in addition to the normal parade maint system.

The vhes of this Regt are in an exceptionally good condition and are comparable with the best British Regts.

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RAOC

Clothing & Eqpt

(a) All demands are being met in this respect.

Eqpt was inspected at No 1 C.A.R. and found to be in a good condition.

It is suggested that with all future issues of stores from M of W in Rome, a copy of the consignment instrs be passed to the BLU concerned. The officers i/c of clothing & eqpt stores are highly delighted when items of Allied eqpt are received, and are so keen to put them to use that issues have been made before this office is even aware of their receipt from Rome; and in many cases they are not conversant with the types of eqpt. Checking them becomes rather difficult when stores are spread out through the Base Comd.

(b) Satisfactory.

Arms & Amn

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C.E.M.

An investigation is being carried out on the question of BIELLA Blankets, results of which will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Amn

N.T.R.

POL

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Sups

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Medical

The amount of cases admitted to hosp during period :-

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| Contagious diseases | 21 |
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| V.D. | 80 |
| Skin diseases | 46 |
| accidents | 8 |
| Optical cases | 14 |
| E.N.T. | 25 |
| Under observation | |

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Lt Col
GSO I

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No change

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No change

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RETURN OF BRITISH M.T.

| Serial No | Vehicle & Type | Reg No | Efficient (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond local Repair | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jeep ¼ ton 4 x 4 | M 5661936 | Yes | | | |
| 2 | " " " " | M 5661813 | " | | | |
| 3 | Heavy Utility 8-cwt 4 x 4 | Z 5906080 | " | | | |
| 4 | " " " " | Z 5905856 | " | | | |
| 5 | 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS | Z 5508829 | " | | | |
| 6 | Solo M/C 350 cc | C 5424488 | | LR | | |
| 7 | Heavy Utility 8-cwt 4 x 4 | Z 5905859 | " | | | |
| 8 | 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS | Z 5229939 | " | | | |
| 9 | Solo M/C 500 cc | C 5116403 | | LR | | |

Certified above vehs are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 406 and AB 412 have been in
and found correct.

Signed

Date 1

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 2 GS | Z 5229939 | " | | | REME Trg Incr |
| 00 cc | C 5116403 | | LR | | Disposal instrs applied for. |

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Signed [signature]

Date 1 May 46

Subject :- Progress Report No 9

1 British Liaison Unit
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15 Apr 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
ROME

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Solicitor

PA To GOC-X
DEP Comd X
BGS. X
Col A/Q. X

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'A'
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WD

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INTELLIGENCE

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(a) Ref progress report No 8 - Demonstration at AOSTA.

Investigations have revealed that the demonstration had been organised by elements from the other side of the Alps who had supplied the necessary funds to the leaders of the annexation movement in Val d'AOSTA.

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(b) N.T.R. People are still emigrating illegially, particularly from Valle d'AOSTA. The CC.RR. have arrested several persons.

(c) N.T.R.

(d) Notwithstanding the political campaign against the call-up this has given quite a satisfactory result; a great number of men delayed in reporting, mostly due to the fact that many had attempted to be exonerated.

The senior tps and the recruits of the trg centres have so far not shown any political tendency.

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III A DOMESTIC

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L/Cpl Ration NCO
L/Cpl Dvr Mech
Dvr Batman

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| Cars | 16 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
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REME.

N.T.R.

RAOC

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The following arms have been received with deficiencies as quoted, action is being taken to have deficiencies made up :- 1357

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4,095 Enfield Rifles (7 of which were broken) Mod No I & II
190 Bren Light m/g (2 without gas regulators)
190 Bren spare barrels (9 without gas regulators)
192 Sten automatics
91 Pistols -
5 Mortars - 2"
48 PLATs

(b) N.E.R.

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FARMERS OF THE LIGURIAN AREA.

Our return to these mountains must not cause an unpleasant feeling amongst you, but on the contrary you must join us, as our purpose is to fight openly all forms of capitalist militarism.

Farmers! Do not forget that we need your co-operation as our aim is to assist all labourers, therefore you as well, because you are the workers of the land.

You must trust us as you know us and in the name of our dead comrades you cannot deceive us. Come to us from everywhere whenever you wish to fight for your rights against the vexations of yesterday's enemies, who today are concealing themselves in many ways, but which are always tyrannic ones.

ITALIAN ANTI-MILITARISTS GROUPS
( G.I.A.M.)

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G 6.

Subject :- Progress Report No 8

1 British Liaison Unit
G 6/1

1 Apr 46

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To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (NMIA)
ROME

HQ No 2 BLU

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PA to G.O.C.
DEP Comd
Col A/Q
B. G.S.

II G EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC.RR.

No change

(b) CC.RR.

No change

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It is reliably reported that there is an increased activity in smuggling in the Southern part of the Swiss border and the NOVARA area, especially in the mountain pass of Ribellasca and Val Canavino, several arrests have been made.

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(c) The CC.RR. continue to receive support from the civilian population, they get praise from even the most ardent left-wing newspapers which at one time were very hostile towards them.

The whole organization of the police agents is causing a great deal of worry to the civilian population.

The position regarding the call-up remains the same, although in the main, the tps themselves seem to be in very good spirits and quite contented in spite of the socialist anti-call-up policy. Copy of a leaflet distributed in VERCELLI against call-up is att at Appx "G".

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Disciplinary action has been taken against the people concerned in political activity, as reported in progress report No 7.

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Armed gangs are still operating and carrying out robberies although of late the CC.RR. have received good results for their hard work in arresting a number of armed bandits. Of special interest has been the arrest of the Villarbasse murder gang with the exception of one man who is still at large.

There have been no strikes or demonstrations of any serious nature in Piemonte during the past fortnight.

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III A DOMESTIC

(a) See att personnel state.

1 BLU is now operating the TURIN ELS with no additional staff, a petrol point, with the loan of 1 OR RASC and drawing rations for other units in TURIN.

(b) N.T.R.

IV Q DOMESTIC

(a) Commanding officers jeep, off the road, the mileage called for by "A" type BLU vehs demands good class reliable vehs, otherwise the inspection of units will inevitably suffer.

(b) Italian

Main points in Cremona Inf Div veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 403 | 304 | 263 | 41 |
| 3-ton | 368 | 356 | 285 | 71 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 256 | 205 | 51 |

Main points of No 1 C.T. A. :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 18 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Cars | 16 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Trucks | 80 | 54 | 45 | 9 |

(c) RAOC

N.T.R.

Blankets 1 Territorial Command ordered to collect stocks from BIELLA as per your letter. Q151 of 23 Mar refers.

S & T

N.T.R.

Lt Col

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LOCATION STATEMENT

No change

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# STAFF LIST No 15

## 1 British Liaison Unit

### GENERAL STAFF

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GSO I | Lt Col | W.A. | VENOUR | DSO | MANCH REGT |
| GSO II | Maj | F.W. | HAMILTON | | R BERKS |

### BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DAA & QMG | Maj | G. | FERRY | R SIGNALS |

### SERVICES

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S & T | Capt | R.D.P. | WILKINSON | RASC |
| REME | Capt | R.E. | NORTHEY | REME |

### ATTACHED

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CC.RR. LO | Maj | A.G. | HILLS | GEN LIST |

### ITALIAN INCREMENT TO BLU

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interpreter | Capt | M. | DEL CARRETTO | ITALIAN ARMY |
| " | Lieut | R. | COPPOLA | " " |

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|---|---|---|---|
| GSO II | Maj | F.W. HAMILTON | MANCH REGT<br>R BERKS |

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STAFF LIST - ITALIAN OFFICERS

AMENDMENT No 3

22 Inf Regt - CREMONA INF DIV

Delete Lt Col ARCENZIANO Stefano

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Delete Lt Col ARGENTINO Stefano

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RETURN OF BRITISH MT

| Serial No | Vehicle & Type | Reg No | Efficient (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond Local Repair | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jeep ¼ ton 4 x 4 | M 5661936 | | LR | | |
| 2 | " " " " | M 5661813 | Yes | | | |
| 3 | Heavy Utility 8-cwt 4 x 4 | Z 5906080 | Yes | | | |
| 4 | " " " | Z 5905656 | | LR | | BL |
| 5 | 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS | Z 5508329 | Yes | | | |
| 6 | Solo M/C 350 cc | C 5425455 | Yes | | | |
| 7 | " " " " | C 5424488 | Yes | | | |
| 8 | Heavy Utility 8-cwt 4 x 4 | Z 5905859 | Yes | | | CC |
| 9 | 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS | Z 5229939 | Yes | | | REP |
| 10 | Sole M/C 500 cc | C 5116403 | | LR | | Dis app |

Certificd above vehs are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 406 and AB 412 have been inspected and found correct.

1 Apr 46

Signed [illegible]

Date 1 Apr 46

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RETURN OF BRITISH MT

| & Type | Reg No | Efficient (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond Local Repair | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| con 4 x 4 | M 5661936 | | LR | | |
| " " | M 5661813 | Yes | | | |
| cility 8-cwt | | | | | |
| 4 x 4 | Z 5906080 | Yes | | | |
| " " | Z 5905656 | | LR | | BLU Tpt |
| x2 GS | Z 5508829 | Yes | | | |
| 350 cc | C 5425455 | Yes | | | |
| " " | C 5424488 | Yes | | | |
| cility 8-cwt | | | | | |
| 4 x 4 | Z 5905859 | Yes | | | CC.RR. Liaison Sec. |
| 4 x 2 GS | Z 5229939 | Yes | | | REME Trg Inspr |
| 500 cc | C 5116403 | | LR | | Disposal instrs being applied for. |

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Signed [illegible] Capt

Date 1 Apr 46

"CREMONA 21st Inf Regt
Trg Centre

Time - table of classes

| | |
|---|---|
| Discipline | 28 hrs |
| Behaviour | 6 " |
| P.T. | 42 " |
| Administration | 8 " |
| Hygiene and first aid | 8 " |
| Garrison | 12 " |
| Bks Life and Guard Duty | 6 " |
| Map reading | 16 " |
| Route March (No 4) | 12 " |
| Bath | 24 " |
| Arms | 35 " |
| Target - practice | 51 " |
| Close drill | 50 " |
| Inspection of kit and bunk | 10 " |
| Introduction | 1 " |
| Dismissal | 1 " |
| | 312 hrs |

Target practice time table

| | |
|---|---|
| Enfield | 9 hrs |
| Bren MG . | 9 " |
| Thompson | 6 " |
| 2" Mortar | 9 " |
| PIAT | 9 " |
| Hand grenades (36,77 & 69) | 9 " |
| | 51 hrs |

Time table of Arms Trg

| | |
|---|---|
| Enfield | 9 hrs |
| Bren MG | 9 " |
| Thompson | 5 " |
| 2" Mortar | 4 " |
| PIAT | 4 " |
| Hand grenades (36, 77 & 69) | 4 " |
| | 35 hrs |



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Demonstration at AOSTA

"Opinione" (Lib) 27 Mar 46

Under the title "Tumults at AOSTA". People at AOSTA demonstrated yesterday with particular violence. Some hundreds of peasants from many villages came to AOSTA carrying flags and placards asking for a plebiscite and freedom, overcome the opposition of police and tps. A delegation went to the President asking for a plebiscite and the liberation of four French newspaper men (Iexort of the "Libre Soir". Severac of the "allobroge", Bonnaure and Ramus of the "Dauphinois Libre") who had been arrested the night before, they had come into Italy without ap assport. As their requests were not satisfied, a group broke into the building, abused President CHABOD and threw documents and files out of the windows. The crowds then disarmed the soldiers, took hold of the armoured cars and went to the Carabinieri Bks. Ex Capt of Alpini, Remp CHABOD who is alleged to have opposed the peoples' will while trying to take a tank, was beaten and undressed by the mob and hardly succeeded in escaping. Some soldiers too were beaten. When the mob arrived with the tanks at the Carabinieri Bks they freed the newspaper men and carried them in triumph. A tank manned by demonstrators was attacked by soldiers and many shots were fired, but fortunately nobody was wounded. Many speeches were held, a newspaper man thanked the crowd and then the soldiers asked for their tanks, promising to withdraw to their camps. Their request was soon complied with. The demonstration seems to have been organized for a political purpose by the Valdostani living in France and has been disapproved by the population. Strong rfts of Carabinieri were sent from TURIN, but it was not necessary to employ them.

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YOUTHS DO NOT JOIN THE ARMY

The Italian anti-militarist movement addresses its call to all of you, both workers and employees, with a view to advising you not to let yourselves be siezed by the bloody and filthy hands of the militarists.

Y O U T H S ! Your will is abused, overwelmed by the compulsory call-up.

DO NOT REPORT

Do not participate to a game which means the abolition of all Freedom.

Youths, Mothers, Wives, Workers, everyone.

Do not let yourselves be dragged to a catastrophe even worse than the previous one.

Do not join the Army.

Use all means to oppose the reactionary forces.

C...V.
Antimilitarist Committee of Vercelli

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NO.....1..B L U ('A' TYPE)

| Authorised H.E. | | OR & Civilians employed within E | A/S GP | OR held surplus to E | A/S GP | Civilian |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clerks GD RASC | 1 Sgt | Sjt [illegible] J | 42 | | | Interp |
| | 1 Cpl | Cpl Mc MILLAN A | 56 | | | |
| | 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] T | 54 | | | |
| SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Clerks RAOC | 1 WOI | S/Sgt [illegible] S.C. | 35 DR | | | |
| | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl [illegible] C | 33 | | | Interp |
| Clerks RASC | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl [illegible] H | 36 | | | |
| Clerks RAMC | 1 L/Cpl | Civilian - Male | | | | |
| ADA STAFF | | | | | | |
| Duty NCO | 1 Sgt | Sjt [illegible] V | 28 | | | Interp |
| Ration NCO | 1 L/Cpl | [illegible] | | | | Labour |
| Dvr Mech | 1 L/Cpl | [illegible] | | | | |
| Batman/Dvr | 1 Pte | [illegible] | | | | Laundr |
| Acc Cook | 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] J | 25 | | | Labour |

REMARKS

Date :....

TOTAL DEFICIENCIES AS AT 1 Apr 46 :-

Ration L/Cpl
L/Cpl Dvr Mech
Batman Dvr

Ref.

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NO. 1 B L U ('A' CORPS)

| | Q & A Civilians employed within E | A/S GP | Q & held surplus to E | A/S GP | Civilians held surplus to E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Sgt | Sjt BRUCE J | 42 | | | Interpreters Typist- Female |
| 1 Cpl | Cpl Mc MILLAN A | 56 | | | |
| 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] T | 56 | | | |
| 1 WOI | S/Sgt STEWART S.G. | 26 SR | | | |
| 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl HILLSON G | 38 | | | Interpreters Typist- Female |
| 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl [illegible] N | 36 | | | |
| 1 L/Cpl | Civilian - Male | | | | |
| 1 Sgt | Sjt [illegible] V | 28 | | | Interpreter Typist - Female |
| 1 L/Cpl | [illegible] | | | | Labourers 2 Male |
| 1 L/Cpl | [illegible] | | | | |
| 1 Pte | [illegible] | | | | Laundry hands 2 female |
| 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] J | 28 | | | Labourers 4 Female |

REMARKS

Date : 1 Apr 46

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS AS AT 1 Apr 46 :-

Ration L/Cpl
L/Cpl Dvr Mech
Batman Dvr

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. 1. | Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | CASALE MONFERRATO J 6433 | Caserma Duca d' Aosta<br>Caserma Funzionali |
| A. 2. | Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. | |
| A. 3. | Sleeping accommodation number of :- | | |
| | Single bunks | N.C. | |
| | Double bunks | N.C. | |
| A. 4. | Condition of buildings | Repairs to Caserma Duca d' Aosta & Caserma Funzionali | |
| | Percentage weatherproof | | |

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PROGRESS REPORT .....1.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Name of location of Barracks (with M.E.) | CASALE MONFERRATO J 6433 — Caserma Duca d' Aosta; Caserma Funzionali |
| Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| Sleeping accomodation number of :- | |
| Single bunks | N.C. |
| Double bunks | N.C. |
| Condition of buildings | Repairs to Caserma Duca d' Aosta & Caserma Funzionali are almost completed. |
| Percentage weatherproof | |

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PROGRESS REPORT..No.1.Terr.Coy.G.A.R.

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 5. | Has satisfactory accn been found for :- | |
| | (a) Stores | N.C. |
| | (b) Armoury | N.C. |
| A. 6. | General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage complete : | |
| | (a) Cook houses. | N.C. |
| | (b) Latrines. | N.C. |
| | (c) Ablutions. | N.C. |
| | (d) Recreation rooms. | (d) As from 15 Mar, a meeting room for NCOs and one for ORs w recreation room for both NCOs & ORs. |
| | (e) Institute. | (e) Canteens are functioning at both Hqs as from 15 Mar. |
| | (f) Messes. | (f) Offrs, NCOs & ORs messes are open at both Hqs. |
| A. 7. | Provision of : | |
| | (a) Parade grounds. | Recces have been carried out & trg ground chosen. |
| | (b) 30 yards range. | In process of being constructed. |
| | (c) Other trg facilities. | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT..No.1.Terr.Coy.O.T.S.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| as satisfactory<br>een been found for :- | 13462 |
| a) Stores | N.C. |
| b) Armoury | N.C. |
| eneral condition and state<br>readiness, i.e. percentage<br>om lete : | |
| ) Cook houses. | N.C. |
| ) Latrines. | N.C. |
| ) Ablutions. | N.C. |
| ) Recreation rooms. | (d) As from 15 Mar, a meeting room for NCOs and one for ORs will be open, also a recreation room for both NCOs & ORs. |
| ) Institute. | (e) Cateens are functioning at both Bns as from 15 Mar. |
| ) Messes. | (f) Offrs, NCOs & ORs messes are open at both bns. |
| ovision of : | |
| ) Parade grounds. | Recces have been carried out & 2 trg ground chosen. |
| ) 30 yards range. | in process of being constructed. |
| ) Other trg facilities. | N.O. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| D. 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 | N.C. |
| | (b) Try stores | Dumbies for bayonet and sliding exercises etc are being prepared a |
| | (c) Arms & Amn | The kind & qty have been established. All arms are of Br type wi 200 sets of individual armament for the Ordnance, which are of th Br arms are being despatched by Army H.Q, [illegible], as far Casale ha cars. The 200 sets of Italian arms have already been collected. |
| | (d) Clothing | N.C. |
| | (e) Boots | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT..No.4.Sect.Genl.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
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| The following scales received, and are appropriate number of in proportion to maximum number of men received, or, if not, stage to date. | |
| Accom odation stores | N.C. |
| ITE stores | Dummies for bayonet and aiming exercises etc are being prepared at Arsenal of TURIN |
| Arms & Ammn | The kind & qty have been established. All arms are of Br type with the exception of 200 sets of individual armament for the Ordnance, which are of the Italian type. The Br arms are being despatched by Arty Wks, Bombay, so far Casale have rec'd three rail cars. The 200 sets of Italian arms have already been collected. N.C. |
| Clothing | |
| Boots | N.C. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REPORT |
|---|---|---|
| C. | Brief notes on progress made on : | |
| | (a) Heating | N.C. |
| | (b) Lighting | N.C. |

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| tes on progress<br>:<br>ting | N.C. |
| hoing | N.C. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| 2. | Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary : | |
| | (a) Food supplies | N.C. |
| | (b) Fuel | Vehs allotted 50%. Fuel requested from Terr Cond Tulln. |
| | (c) Medical stores | N.C. |
| | (d) Sanitary stores | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| ...ge progress to date<br>...ision of necessary : | |
| ...od supplies | N.C. |
| ...el | Vehs allotted 50%. Fuel requested from Terr Comd Malta, drawn from CIF ALEXANDRIA. |
| ...ical stores | N.C. |
| ...ntiary stores | N.C. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| E | Permanent Staff. | |
| | (a) Married quarters | N.C. |
| | (b) Single quarters | N.C. |
| | (c) Officers mess | N.C. |
| | (d) Sgts mess | N.C. |
| | (e) General | N.C. |

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

| T | REMARKS | 1936 |
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| ent Staff. | | |
| Married quarters | N.C. | / |
| Single quarters | N.C. | |
| Officers mess | N.C. | |
| Sgts mess | N.C. | |
| General | N.C. | |

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1 British Liaison Unit
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15 Mar 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (BLIA)
ROME

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PA TO GOC — B(2) —
Deplcmd (K) x A
BGS x Q
Col A/Q. x WP

II G EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC.RR.

With reference to the duty being carried out by tps of GRIFFONA in assisting the VI South African Armd Div, the GSO I of this HQ visited the VI South African Div Veh Pk and discussed this duty with the South African CC. He stated that he had been informed, not officially, that this duty would probably finish in about a fortnight. In view of the release of the 1921 class and the volunteers the GOC of GRIFFONA is extremely concerned about the shortage of dvrs and personnel of his Div and is desirous that this duty performed for the VI South African Div should terminate as soon as possible.

A serious breach of discipline at this veh pk is still under investigation. Our letter A 6 dated 14 Mar refers.

(b) CC.RR.

The CC.RR. has been called out on several occasions to assist in the maintaining of public order. On the 28 of Feb they were called out during the serious demonstration at the Carignano Theatre, and on the 2 of Mar were ordered to send rfts to the TURIN prisons during the rioting, where they promptly re-established order.

Training

(a) Army less CC.RR.

Trg has been greatly hampered by the very bad weather we have experienced during the last fortnight. A certain amount of indoor trg has been carried out, mostly consisting of sand-table exercises for Offrs and NCOs and arms revision for the men.

(b) CC.RR.

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Col A/Q. / x WT

II G EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CO.RR.

With reference to the duty being carried out by tps of CHEMONA in assisting the VI South African Armd Div, the GSO I of this HQ visited the VI South African Div Veh Pk and discussed this duty with the South African CO. He stated that he had been informed, not officially, that this duty would probably finish in about a fortnight. In view of the release of the 1921 class and the volunteers the GOC of CHEMONA is extremely concerned about the shortage of dvrs and personnel of his Div and is desirous that this duty performed for the VI South African Div should terminate as soon as possible.

A serious breach of discipline at this veh pk is still under investigation. Our letter A 6 dated 14 Mar refers.

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(b) CO.RR.

Numerous driving courses are being held both by the Mobile Bn and the school at [redacted], to ensure a steady flow of dvrs at all times. Special emphasis is being made to the trg of motorcyclists and maintenance classes being held here in TURIN.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) It is again reliably reported that in the Valle d'Aosta a certain amount of propaganda is being carried out for pro-annexation to France. Propaganda leaflets have been posted in various parts of the valley during the last months. A campaign was carried out by the press and the Union Valdotaine for the people of the Aosta Valley to fight for their rights.

(b) N.I.R.

(c) Relations between the and population

The consideration of the people for the CC.RR. is increasing as the distrust towards the other police forces spreads, due to the numerous crimes committed here by P.S. Agents.

The call-up of class 1925 has caused varying reactions amongst the people of Piemonte Region, according to the effects the Socialist propaganda has on the people. The point of view of the people can be divided as follows :-

(i) some are favourable in establishing forces which can eventually maintain public order.

(ii) others, especially farmers, are unfavourable to the call-up as it would deprive them of labour.

(iii) whilst a third party of the people consider that the Army is unable to supply the new recruits with the essential clothing and eqpt to make efficient soldiers.

Ref my Progress Report No 6, Umberto CALOSSO, the editor of the "Sempre Avanti", who has been waging a violent anti-army campaign, including scandalous attacks against CARABINIERI Int' Div, is being charged by the Attorney General with insulting the Magistrature. Copy of the notice attached at Appx "A". Copies of articles ref the Army; one of them defending CARABINIERI after Calosso's attack on them is also attached at Appx "B".

(d) Political tendencies of Tps.

Nothing much of importance to report. It has been ascertained that some soldiers posted at PINEROLO were carrying out political activity. In a caffe, some soldiers distributed leaflets asking for the formation of a Republican Army. Having a communist outlook, 4 soldiers followed a very violent speech

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(b) H.T.E.

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Nothing much of importance to report. It has been ascertained that some soldiers posted at [redacted] were carrying out political activity. In a caffe, some soldiers distributed leaflets asking for the formation of a Republican Army. During a communist meeting a soldier delivered a very violent speech against the Monarchy. A local newspaper of the Action Party "The Pioneer" published an article bearing the signature "some soldiers" of a republican trend which criticised the Army. Another article in reply to the aforesaid and written by an officer belonging to the same unit of the soldiers was supposed to be published in support of Monarchy. Action is being taken to stop all political activities in the unit.

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(e) Subversive Elements

The propaganda carried out by the Socialist Party against the call-up is on the increase and is strongly instigating the youths not to report. In the military circles much campaign is deplored by the senior soldiers who fear that their release will be deferred.

(f) Public Security.

On the night of the 28 Feb a large ball was to be held at the Carignano Theatre in TURIN, proceeds to go to charity. About half an hour before the ball was due to commence a party of about 300 agitators stormed the square, cordoned the theatre and prevented the ball from taking place. Cars were turned over and tyres slashed; ladies in evening dress insulted and roughly treated by the mob. The civilian police agents who had been posted in force were completely useless in maintaining public order. After the mob had left the Carignano Theatre they visited various other places of amusement and carried out exactly the same procedure. Order was only maintained by the arrival of C.R.R. in armoured cars who patrolled the streets for the whole of the night. This incident is an eye-opener to what can happen when the mob get the upperhand, over the useless police agents here. Two copies of press reports re: this incident are attached at Appx "C" Distrust of the people against P.S. Agents has increased even more since this affair.

From the N.T.A.M. area it is reliably reported that agitators are trying to cause disturbances there. The arrival of Italian tps in Valle d'Aosta and especially in VALPELLINENTZ, is having a good effect on the public order.

Crimes are still very numerous in the TURIN area; each week brings to light fresh crimes committed by civilian police agents. Crimes reports taken at random from TURIN'S newspapers are att at Appx "D".

(g) Economics

The economical, industrial and financial situation remains unchanged. It is still very serious.

(h) Morale of Officers and Tps

N.T.M.

III A PERSONNEL

(a) See att personnel state.

Lt Col W.A. YEOMAN, DSO assumed the appointment of DAA & 1335

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(f) [redacted]

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The economical, industrial and financial situation remains unchanged. It is still very serious.

(h) Morale of Officers and Tps

N.I.L.

III A DIPLOMATIC

(a) See att personnel stats.

Lt Col [redacted], DSO assumed the appointment of GSO I 1 B L D. 1235
Capt [redacted] posted to Greece.
Capt [redacted] arrived as ADC officer.
Maj [redacted] posted as DAA & QMG, not yet arrived.

Italian Movement, no change.

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(b) Italian

With the release of 1921 Class and volunteers, [redacted] will be in a very serious situation. GOC I held conference with the GOC 1 Terr Comd, and recommended that to meet the situation, one coy per Inf Bn should be disbanded, rather than one pl per coy. War Office to be advised of this move, each Bn loses approx 200 men by this latest release, especially serious is the driver situation.

Overseas Wings have been ordered to stop the employment of civilian labour, this together with the loss of the 1921 Class and the 4ys under 18 yrs of age will have the Wings desperately short of personnel, as the figure will be approx 50 % of the W.E. Can therefore the M of War be requested to authorise the employment of civilian labour within the U.K. of the Wings.

IV g DOMESTIC

(a) N.Z.E.

(b) Italian

Main points in Overseas Inf Div veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 403 | 304 | 262 | 42 |
| 3-ton | 360 | 308 | 229 | 79 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 212 | 45 |

Main points in Terr Comd veh state for No 1 C.A.D. is :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 4 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 3-ton | 2 | 2 | 2 | - |
| trucks | 15 | 11 | 10 | 1 |

(c) RAOC

N.Z.E.

Clothing

Boots - present position satisfactory.

Socks - Quartermaster has received release of wool for socks, and manufacture will start as soon as possible.

Blankets - Fair stocks

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especially serious in the Driver situation.

Cremona Corps have been ordered to stop the employment of civilian labour, this together with the loss of the 1924 Class and the age under 18 yrs of age will leave the Corps desperately short of personnel, as the figure will be approx 50 % of the T.E. Can therefore the W of War be requested to authorise the employment of civilian labour within the E.E. of the Corps.

IV (b) DOMESTIC

(a) M.T.E.

(b) Italian

Main points in Cremona Inf Div veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| W/Cs | 405 | 394 | 262 | 42 |
| 3-ton | 368 | 308 | 229 | 79 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 212 | 45 |

Main points in Terr Comd veh state for No 1 C.A.R. is :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| W/Cs | 4 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 3-ton | 2 | 2 | 2 | - |
| trucks | 15 | 11 | 10 | 1 |

(c) Food

E.E.E.

Clothing

Boots - present position satisfactory.

Socks - Coordcorinto has received release of wool for socks, and manufacture will start as soon as possible.

Blankets - Fair stock

Kit - Position satisfactory.

Arms - Spares for small arms and mortars, are in urgent need, these do not appear to be forthcoming.

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W A Hennessy
Lt Col
GSO I

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Appx "A" to 1 MLU Progress
Report No 7 dated 15 Mar

Gazzetta d'Italia 3rd Mar 46

The Attorney General is going to charge Umberto Calosso with insulting the magistreture. If found guilty, according to paragraph 290 of the Penal Code, he may be sentenced from 1 to 6 years imprisonment.

Commenting on the Brandimarte trial: the paper further says that only Calosso's and his paper's articles caused the trial to transferred from Turin to Florence.

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ARTICLES BY ARMY

The "Sesia" (ind) Vercelli 1 March 1946

Publishes a sharp denial to the accuses moved by a paper of Turin of a few days ago with two articles entitled "Scandals in the Army", in which it was stated that a few serious facts had happened at the 22nd Inf. of the Cremona, billeted in Vercelli, such as:the dismissing of officers belonging to the left Wing and disciplinary measures taken in confront of soldiers favourable to Left Wing Parties. The paper says that every accused has been confuted point by point in a routine order issued by the Commandant of the regiment to his soldiers on the 25th of February last. The routine order puts in full evidence the uprightness, dignity and perfect military discipline of the Commandant, of the officers and of the men of the glorious "Cremona".

The "Corriere Ligure" (sec.Sicily 7 March.1946)

Under the title "To release the eldest classes" says:
"I have followed the campaign by the Sempre Avanti, against the enlistment of the 2-3rd quadrimestre of the 1926 class and frankly think that this campaign was started in the wrong way. There are several reasons. First of all why protest against this enlistment without requiring a speedy release for the soldiers of the 1921-22-23 classes? Those young men have been in the army for 3-4-5 years continuously, many of them, although North Italians, were in Sardinia or Sicily on the 8th of September. They were left in the lurch and suffered from hunger for several months; then they were sent to the mainland to the Allies; with whom they collaborated during the Liberation War. Now they have to go on serving in the Army while other young men of the same class are remaining at home. We wonder how long they will continue staying in the army. They too have a family, they too want to work and to start studying again. Moreover this campaign is wrong as it tends to get people to disobey the Government's orders now that our Comrades who are in the Government are trying to restore a normal life in our country. It is everybody's duty to collaborate with the Government in order to do this. I have thought it right to say my word on this matter inasmuch as the campaign on the Sempre Avanti: as solved by the article "Vento di Nord" on this paper, written by Sforza.
e Sempre Avanti charged them its true maintaining that the conscription army uld be abolished and that the army is of no use in which we Socialists agree. lle approving such a campaign as a problem which is to be solved by the stituente, we cannot ignore the condition in which we are living. Reasons of equity justice require that all men belonging to the 1921-1922-1923 classes be passed as soon as possible. To ask for the postponing of the enlistment of the class till after the Costituente means to postpone too the release of the older ses. This situation is very serious and we cannot help taking it into consideration. ing for the decisions to be taken by the Costituente we must accept all 1332 sional rules our Comrades who are in the Government have done. l should feel bound to obey the Government's orders, so we must invite all young to join up when they are due. By doing so they will do a good turn to those

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PUBLIC ORDER

The Giustizia e Liberta (act) 2 March

Reports that some partisans came to the paper and stated that they themselves organized the demonstrations against the Goose Ball. Of course they did not foresee that by taking upon themselves the responsibility of making such an unworthy tumult they would render a good service to those who hate partisans and all progressive forces of the Country. Yet the result was this: the Mayor, his assistant and the secretary of the Questore were abused by the rioters. We agree that the workers do not like dances where the rich display their wealth, but this is no reason for behaving like uncivilised people.

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Commenting on the tumults of the Goose Ball says:
What was to be done to avoid such an uncivilised demonstration? We had to block the passages to the square and drive back the small groups of agitators coming forward. We had been informed that police, which knew of the demonstration, had gathered several hundreds of agents. If this is true, Police was very clever in disappearing. By 2200 hrs, very few agents were on the square: these agents, whose officers we do not know, waited for the rioters to get near the theatre, to get strong up to 500 (no more than that, including curious persons) and then allowed them to invade the theatre and do their deplorable feats. The main body of the Police intervened too late, when the use of main forces would have caused serious consequences. He who organised the service is responsible. Unfortunately we lack officials who have an experience of such tasks, which requires strategical and tactical skill. It is necessary to find a quick remedy specially in view of the elections that mean the return to normal life and cannot be put off.
If our policemen cannot keep public order in such easy circumstances what will they do during the elections when all minds will be tense?
Somebody may say: fortunately we have Mayor Rovedo, who ensures public order through his absolute command of the masses. He is sure of this but we are not sure. Popularity can be lost at once and the other evening Rovedo himself was whistled and his insults " Agents provocateurs" "Qualunquisti" were not sufficient to appease the demonstrators. The only remedy is to reform the institutions that are not capable of performing their tasks first of all the Police.

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Appx D to 1 BLU Progress
Report No 7 Dated 15 Mar.

REPORTS ON CRIME

The "Popolo Nuovo" (Christ.Dem) 8th March 1946

Reports that at Novara two members of the Civil Police robbed a woman of 200,000 lire. One of them was arrested but succeeded in escaping from his cell. The paper, commenting on this escape, says that we cannot help suspecting other policemen to have had a finger in the pie. It is necessary to re-organise the civil police as it has proved to be infected by criminality or else there will never be Public Order.

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By 2100 hrs a tradesman in Via Massena was forced by a armed man in uniform to surrender his wallet.
By 2115 hrs in Via Cechis a doctor was robbed by three men of his gold watch and 400 lire
By 2130 hrs two robbers bereft a worker of his bycicle near the Martinotto.
By 2200 hrs a man armed with a tommy-gun stopped a surveyor in Via Cordero di Pamparato and took away his wallet and overcoat.

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No 1 Farm Road

PROGRESS REPORT .....C.A.R.

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 1. | Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | CANALE MEDIANO J 6.53 — Caserma Duca d… Caserma Fanti… |
| A. 2. | Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| A. 3. | Sleeping accommodation number of :-<br>Single bunks<br>Double bunks | N.C. |
| A. 4. | Condition of buildings<br>Percentage weatherproof | N.C. |

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Appx "B" to 1 HAU
Progress Report No 7

No 1 Turr Const
PROGRESS REPORT .....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | CASERMA BERNARDI J 6433 Caserma Duca d'Aosta Caserma Pinalonelli |
| Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| Sleeping accommodation number of :-<br>Single bunks<br>Double bunks | N.C. |
| Condition of buildings | N.C. |
| Percentage weatherproof | |

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PROGRESS REPORT.....No 1 Tank Const C.A.R.E.....

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 5. | Has satisfactory accn been found for :-<br>(a) Stores<br>(b) Armoury | N.G. |
| A. 6. | General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage com lete :<br>(a) Cook houses.<br>(b) Latrines.<br>(c) Ablutions.<br>(d) Recreation rooms.<br>(e) Institute.<br>(f) Messes. | 100% )<br>100% ) Immediate use<br>100% )<br>N.G.<br>N.G.<br>In use - Caserma Duca d'Aosta & Caserma Funzionali |
| A. 7. | Provision of :<br>(a) Parade grounds.<br>(b) 30 yards range.<br>(c) Other trg facilities. | N.G.<br>N.G.<br>N.G. |

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PROGRESS REPORT..No 1 Terr Coast C.A.R.

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| ECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| atisfactory been found for :- | N.C. |
| Stores | |
| Armoury | |
| al condition and state adiness, i.e. percentage ete : | |
| Cook houses. | 100% ) |
| Latrines. | 100% ) Incomplete use |
| Ablutions. | 100% ) |
| Recreation rooms. | N.C. |
| Institute. | N.C. |
| Messes. | In use - Caserma Duca d'Aosta & Caserma Funtorelli |
| sion of : | |
| Parade grounds. | N.C. |
| 30 yards range. | N.C. |
| Other trg facilities. | N.C. |

Caserma Duca d'Aosta

Caserma Funtorelli

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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) Accomodation stores | N.C. |
| | (b) Trg stores | Trg pamphlets distributed. |
| | (c) Arms & Amn | N.C. |
| | (d) Clothing | N.C. |
| | (e) Boots | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT..No.1.Tank Coy.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| he following scales eceived, and are ropriate number of in proportion to ximum number of nom eceived, or, if not, tage to date. | |
| ecom odation stores | N.C. |
| g stores | 3rg pamphlets distributed. |
| ms & Amn | N.C. |
| lothing | N.C. |
| cots | N.C. |

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No 1 Tunnel

PROGRESS REPORT.....C.A.R.

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REPORT |
|---|---|---|
| C. | Brief notes on progress made on :<br><br>(a) Heating | E.O. |
| | (b) Lighting | E.O. |

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No 1 Term Yard

PROGRESS REPORT.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REPORT | 1943 |
|---|---|---|
| Brief notes on progress are on : | | / |
| Heating | H.C. | |
| Lighting | H.C. | |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| D. | Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary : | |
| | (a) Food supplies | Bulk Store in operation. |
| | (b) Fuel | Allotted on the base of necessity and when available. |
| | (c) Medical stores | 100% in possession Casern: Dar d'Aosta & Caserma |
| | (d) Sanitary stores | 100% in possession Caserma Dar d' Aosta & Caserma |

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No 7 Terr Cond

PROGRESS REPORT.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Stage progress to date if any of necessary : | |
| Food supplies | Ration Store in operation. |
| Fuel | Allotted on the base of necessity and when available. |
| Medical stores | 100% in possession Caserma Duc d'Aosta & Caserma Funzionali |
| Sanitary stores | 100% in possession Caserma Duc d' Aosta & Caserma Funzionali |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| E | Permanent Staff. | |
| | (a) Married quarters | N.C. |
| | (b) Single quarters | N.C. |
| | (c) Officers mess | In transit from NAPLES. |
| | (d) Sgts mess | N.C. |
| | (e) General | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT.....No 1 Torr Comd.....T.A.C.

| ECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| nent Staff. | |
| Married quarters | N.C. |
| Single quarters | N.C. |
| Officers mess | In transit from Kuala. |
| Sgts mess | N.C. |
| General | N.C. |

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No. 1 ..... BLU ("A" Type)

| Authorised WE | | OR & Civilian s employed with WE | A/S Gp | OR Held surplus to WE | A/S G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clerks GD RASC | 1 Sjt | Sjt [illegible] J. | 42 | | |
| | 1 Cpl | Cpl Mc Millan A | 66 | | |
| | 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] W | 58 | | |
| **Services** | | | | | |
| Clerks RAOC | WOI | WO I [illegible] R.O. | 25 33 | | |
| | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl [illegible] G | 33 | | |
| Clerks RASC | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl [illegible] N. | 56 | | |
| ClerksREME | 1 L/Cpl | Civilian - Italian | | | |
| ADM Staff | | | | | |
| Duty NCO | 1 Sjt | Sjt [illegible] V | 23 | | |
| Ration NCO | 1 L/Cpl | [illegible] | | | |
| Dvr Mech | 1 L/Cpl | [illegible] | | | |
| Batman/Dvr | 1 Pte | [illegible] | | | |
| AOC Cook | 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] J | 26 | | |

REMARKS

Date

2/Lt. [illegible] to AT 14 May 46 :-

1 L/Cpl Dvr Mech
1 L/Cpl [illegible] (OR)
1 Dvr Batman.

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No. 1 BLU ("A" Type)

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| | OR & Civilian s employed with WE | A/S Gp | OR held surplus to WE | A/S Gp | Civilians held surplus to W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sgt [redacted] J. | 42 | | | |
| | Cpl Mc Millan A | 66 | | | Interpreter typist 1 Female |
| | Pte [redacted] P | [redacted] | | | |
| | WO I [redacted] R.G. | 26 [redacted] | | | Interpreter typist 1 Female |
| 1 | 1/Cpl [redacted] G | 36 | | | |
| 1 | 1/Cpl [redacted] R. | 56 | | | |
| 1 | Civilian - Italian | | | | |
| | Sgt [redacted] V | 23 | | | Interpreter typist 1 Female |
| 1 | [redacted] | | | | Labourers 2 Male |
| 1 | [redacted] | | | | Laundry hands 2 Female |
| | [redacted] | | | | Lab urers 4 Female |
| | Pte [redacted] J | 28 | | | |

REMARKS

Date 14 Mar 46

2 Cpl [redacted] AT 14 Mar 46 to

1 1/Cpl Dvr Mech
1 1/Cpl Motor Mech
1 Pte Batman

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Subject :- Progress Report No 6

1 British Liaison Unit

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Mar 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
ROME

HQ 2 B L U

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(a) Army less CC.RR.

Normal duties are being carried out by the Army with the exception of dvrs "CREMONA" being used to assist VI South African Armd Div. My report No 3 refers.

(b) CC.RR.

Normal duties are being carried out by the CC.RR. including street patrols by the Mobile Bn.

Training

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In the Cremona Inf Div a great deal of sand table exercises are being carried out to train offrs and NCOs. These schemes are working extremely well and offrs and NCOs are showing a great interest in this form of trg.

In the Alpini Regt the normal guard duties being performed prevent any trg above that of section trg being carried out.

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In Val d' Aosta the pro-independence party has posted signs asking the people of the valley to make a last effort to obtain an international guarantee of their rights. The proclamation is signed by the leaders of the Union Valdotain.

In Val di Susa an active propaganda pro annexaction to France is still going on by exploiting the dissatisfaction caused by the food problem, the inefficiency of public services, the high taxes, the generally bad economical conditions.

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There are 12 known propaganda agents in the Val di Susa.

The ex-Belgian partisan reported in my progress report No 5 para (b) has been arrested by British S.I.S. agents, to answer to a number of charges.

(b) Frontier Activity

Traffic of arms continues in the NOVARA area, especially in the localities with no troops or police elements.

The areas mostly exploited are Val Sesia, Val Grande and the Lieve del Conte, Piedimulera and Vogogna areas.

Along the whole of the French and Swiss border people are illegally emigrating. The Swiss authorities are concerned both as regards emigrating as well as illegal trading which is carried out by well-armed gangs. The Swiss authorities are taking action by adding more border troops, whilst the Guardia di Finanza due to the shortage of men and means, are unable to face the situation.

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The propaganda carried out by the Socialist party against the calling up has hindered the good relationship between the tps and the people. In Aosta, notwithstanding invitations to entertainments, lectures and shows, relations between tps and civilians are unsatisfactory. The former are despised by the partisans. The partisans, however, do not enjoy the peoples' consideration on account of their bullying attitude, but no action is taken for fear of reprisals. The same applies to the NOVARA area.

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There are very few elements in the Army who take any active part in party politics. In general, the COs of units have the situation well in hand and are respected by the men.

The political campaign against the call-up has caused a drop in morale in the older classes, who fear that through this action their release may be held up. The suggested policy of exempting the ex-partisans from call-up has given the people the impression that the new Army will only be made up of ex-fascists or young people who were compromised with the Germans. There are two other points of outstanding importance at the moment, hostility towards Jugoslavia and a bitter feeling towards Sicilian separatists.

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(e) Subversive elements

There appear to be no subversive elements in the Army.

A subversive attitude has instead been taken by certain newspapers of the left parties, and by certain members of extremist parties who, through lectures and articles are endeavouring to arouse disturbances amongst the population and the tps.

(f) Public Security

Crime is still on the increase in Piemonte. Public feeling has been aroused by yet another armed robbery carried out by auxiliary police agents. One of the robbers was seriously injured during the robbery, there y providing undisputable evidence that the robbers were members of the auxiliary police forces.

Public security will never be assured in Piemonte until the bad auxiliary police agents are removed. They are holding positions of trust purely on political grounds and a large number of them are undesirable elements. Newspaper cuttings att marked Appx "D".

The whole of the population fear disturbances which may occur during the future elections. It is reliable reported from NOVARA that in the Valle Antigorio two well known gangsters have re-appeared in the area. They had been arrested for concealing large arms dumps in the Baceno area and have now been released "on parole".

The arrival in the same area of an ex-leader of the action party and a commander of a communist Bde would appear to be more than incidental.

(g) Economics

The general situation is getting worse. The prices of food are on the increase and bread is now 20 lire per kilo. Most of the food must be purchased on the black-market, notwithstanding CLNAI's efforts. Wages and salaries are too low as compared to the actual prices. The ex-prisoners of war and ex-servicemen are unemployed. With the law allowing firms to discharge surplus personnel the number of unemployed will increase. The discharges are left to the internal commissions discretion who in the majority of cases disregard all other factors and consider only the political tendencies.

Many firms have closed down for lack of raw material and coal. Strikes have shown that the workers are unable to cope with the situation. In the commercial field the situation is very serious, as the people are not in a position to purchase goods

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A further drawback is represented by the impossibility, at the moment of trading with foreign nations.

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(h) Morale of Offrs and Tps

N.T.R. The offrs resent the lack of consideration for the Army, and are further affected by the economical treatment which does not enable them to face the most essential necessities of life.

The Tps are depressed on account of the poor clothing and eqpt which has so far been issued and of the very little progress made in the way of welfare.

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III A DOMESTIC

(a) See att personnel state.

Major Bourne DAA & QMG left 24 Feb with A/S Cp 24. Capt M. Del Carretto OC Italian Increment reported for duty 19 Feb 46. Capt H. Harper acting DAA & QMG.

Italian Increment - No change.

(b) Italian

Terr Comd approx 15% below WE.

Cremona Inf Div approx up to strength by holding non-specialists against vacancies for specialists.

IV Q DOMESTIC

(a) One surplus Dodge 15-cwt despatched to RVP, MONZA. Vehs now held in accordance with WE.

(b) Italian

Main points in Cremona Inf Div veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 397 | 303 | 267 | 36 |
| 3-ton | 366 | 367 | 282 | 85 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 212 | 45 |

Main points in Terr Comd veh state for No 1 C.A.R. are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 4 | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Cars | 2 | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Trucks | 15 | 6 | 5 | 1 |

Veh state of No 1 C.T.A. is :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 18 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Cars | 16 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Trucks | 80 | 54 | 39 | 15 |

The veh state of the CC.RR. shows no noteworthy change apart from M/C, which have been drawn as under :-

| | Drawn from "A" ENP | Drawn from 7 ENP |
|---|---|---|
| Ariel | 3 | |
| Matchless | 8 | |

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(b) Italian

Terr Comd approx 15% below WE.

Cremona Inf Div approx up to strength by holding non-specialists against vacancies for specialists.

IV Q DOMESTIC

(a) One surplus Dodge 15-cwt despatched to MVP, MONEA. Vehs now held in accordance with WE.

(b) Italian

Main points in Cremona Inf Div veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 397 | 303 | 267 | 36 |
| 3-ton | 366 | 367 | 282 | 85 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 212 | 45 |

Main points in Terr Comd veh state for No 1 C.A.R. are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 4 | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Cars | 2 | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Trucks | 15 | 6 | 5 | 1 |

Veh state of No 1 C.T.A. is :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 18 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Cars | 16 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Trucks | 80 | 54 | 39 | 15 |

The veh state of the CC.RR. shows no noteworthy change apart from M/Cs which have been drawn as under :-

| | Drawn from "A" MVP | drawn from 7 MVP |
|---|---|---|
| Ariel | 3 | |
| Matchless | 8 | |
| Ariel | 39 | 10 |

(c) RAOC

Census returns of eqpt held at 14 Nov 45 are being consolidated and difficulty is being experienced in translating items into English. It is anticipated that another 14 days work will be necessary before completion.

Clothing

(i) Socks are still urgently needed, position becoming acute.

Action Q 10/1 of 1 Mar refers

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Opificio

(ii) The leather for the Opificio has arrived, 2 lorries from [redacted] and 2 waggons from Sicily. Rate of production 200 pairs daily. This is only 50% of normal output, but the object is to make the work last, thereby retaining in employment highly skilled civilians, until the stock of leather is larger.

Blankets

(iii) Are still arriving in small quantities from [redacted], pending clarification of position by DISTWO.

Kapt

(iv) Except for cooking utensils which are in short supply, position is satisfactory.

Arms & Amn

Monthly release of Trg Amn has arrived.

S & T

POL. CIP Turin has not yet received its full allocation for Mar, but unspecified amounts have been advised on rail.

Med.

Terr Comd have not yet received a directive regarding routine med inspections of supply personnel, cooks, mess orderlies etc. Both military and civilians are effected.

H W Saunders
Major
GSO II

An excellent report. J.B. Trim

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pending clarification of position by [illegible].

Rept

(iv) Except for cooking utensils which are in short supply, position is satisfactory.

Arms & Amn

Monthly release of Trg Amn has arrived.

S & T

POL. CIP Turin has not yet received its full allocation for Mar, but unspecified amounts have been advised on rail.

Med.

Terr Comd have not yet received a directive regarding routine med inspections of supply personnel, cooks, mess orderlies etc. Both military and civilians are effected.

J W Hammond
Major
GSO II

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LOCATION STATEMENT

NO CHANGE

# STAFF LIST No 14

## 1 British Liaison Unit

GENERAL STAFF

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GSO I<br>GSO II | Major | F.W. | HAMILTON | R ENGRS |

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DAA & QMG

SERVICES

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S & T | Capt | H.D.H. | HARPER | RASC |
| REME | Capt | R.E. | NORTHEY | REME |

ATTACHED

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CC.RR. LO | Major | A.G. | HILLS | GENERAL LIST |

ITALIAN INCREMENT TO BLU

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interpreter | Capt | M. | DEL CARRETTO | ITALIAN ARMY |



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GSO I
GSO II — Major F.W. HAMILTON — R [illegible]

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STAFF LIST - ITALIAN OFFICERS - AMENDMENT No2

Comd 98 Mil Dist CHIVASSO

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | GUZZANTI | LUIGI |
| Add | Col | ORIANI | Giovanni |

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Appx
Progress

RETURN OF BRITISH MT

| Serial No | Vehicle & Type | Reg No | Efficient (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond local Repair |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jeep ¼ tons 4 x 4 | M 5661936 | Yes | – | – |
| 2 | " " " " | M 5661813 | " | – | – |
| 3 | Heavy utility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5906080 | " | – | – |
| 4 | " " " | Z 5905856 | " | – | – |
| 5 | 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS | Z 5508829 | " | – | – |
| 6 | M/C solo 350 cc | C 5425455 | " | – | – |
| 7 | " " " " | C 5424488 | " | – | – |
| 8 | Heavy utility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5905859 | " | – | – |

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

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Progress Report No 6

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RETURN OF BRITISH MT

| le & Type | Reg No | Efficient (E) | Local (LR) | Beyond Local Repair | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ¼ ton 4 x 4 | M 5661936 | Yes | – | – | |
| " " " | M 5661813 | " | – | – | |
| tility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5906080 | " | – | – | |
| " " | Z 5905856 | " | – | – | |
| x 2 GS | Z 5508829 | " | – | – | |
| 350 cc | C 5425455 | " | – | – | |
| " " | C 5424488 | " | – | – | |
| tility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5905859 | " | – | – | |

held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AD 406 and AB 412 have been
ect.

Signed [signature] Capt RASC

Date 1 Mar 46

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No.....1.....BLU ("A" Type)

| Authorised WE | | OR & Civilian s employed with WE | | A/S Gp | OR Held surplus to WE | A/S Gp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clerks GD RASC | 1 Sjt | | DEFICIENT | | | |
| | 1 Cpl | Cpl | BRYANT J. | 42 | | |
| | 1 Pte | | CIVILIAN - Male | | | |
| Services | | | | | | |
| Clerks RAOC | WOI | WO I | CHAPMAN S.G. | 26 DR | | |
| | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl | ELLISON G. | 38 | | |
| Clerks RASC | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl | FORBES N.P. | 56 | | |
| ClerksWRNS | 1 L/Cpl | | CIVILIAN - Female | | | |
| Ass Staff | | | | | | |
| Duty HCO | 1 Sjt | Sjt | POWELL V. | 27 | | |
| Reliefs HCO | 1 L/Cpl | | DEFICIENT | | | |
| Dvr/Mech | 1 L/Cpl | | DEFICIENT | | Cpl DAVENPORT R | 27 |
| Batman/Dvr | 1 Pte | | DEFICIENT | | Gdsn ADAM T. | 27 |
| ASC Cook | 1 Pte | Pte | HESLOP J. | 28 | | |

REMARKS

Date...

Cpl DAVENPORT R Authy held to hold this HCO in lieu of Dvr/Mech, against vacancy for L/Cpl Dvr Mech
Gdsn ADAM T Held in lieu of Dvr Batman.

TOTAL DEFICIENCIES AS AT 1 Mar 46 :- 1 Sjt Clerk RASC GD
1 L/Cpl Ration HCO
1 L/Cpl Dvr Mech

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No.....1.....ELU ("A" Type)

| | OR & Civilian s employed with WE | | s/S Gp | OR. held surplus to WE | s/S Gp | Civilians held surplus to W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | DEFICIENT | | | | Interpreter Typist 1 Female |
| | Cpl | BRYANT J. | 42 | | | / |
| | | CIVILIAN - Male | | | | |
| | WO I | CHARLTON S.G. | 26 DR | | | Interpreter Typist 1 Female |
| pl | L/Cpl | BILLSON G. | 38 | | | |
| pl | L/Cpl | FORDEN H.P. | 56 | | | |
| l | | CIVILIAN - Female | | | | |
| | Sjt | POWELL V. | 27 | | | Labourers 2 Male |
| pl | | DEFICIENT | | | | |
| pl | | DEFICIENT | | Cpl DAVENPORT R | 27 | Laundry Hands 6 Female |
| | | DEFICIENT | | Gdsm ADAM T. | 27 | |
| | Pte | HEWLOP J. | 28 | | | |

Establishment

Date.....March 46.....

To hold this NCO in lieu of Dvr/Mech, against vacancy for L/Cpl Dvr Mech Dvr Batman.

DEFICIENCIES AS AT 1 Mar 46 :- 1 Sjt Clerk RASC GD
1 L/Cpl Ration NCO
1 L/Cpl Dvr Mech

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PROGRESS REPORT No 1 Turn Road ..... C.A.R.

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 1. | Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | [illegible] J 6833 [illegible] |
| A. 2. | Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| A. 3. | Sleeping accommodation number of :-<br><br>Single bunks<br><br>Double bunks | N.C. [illegible] |
| A. 4. | Condition of buildings<br><br>Percentage weatherproof | N.C.<br><br>Nil. |

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PROGRESS REPORT No 1 Year dated ..... C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | [illegible] J 6.53 Caserma Rion d' Asse Caserma Funicolli 1312 / |
| Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| Sleeping accommodation number of :- Single bunks Double bunks | N.C. Increase of 20 single beds for the demonstration #1 and for the authorised Coy handed over to the C.A.R. (Trg Centre) |
| Condition of buildings | N.C. |
| Percentage weatherproof | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT.....No 1 Base Coast D.A.C.

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 5. | Has satisfactory accn been found for :-<br>(a) Stores<br>(b) Armoury | [illegible] |
| A. 6. | General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage complete :<br>(a) Cook houses.<br>(b) Latrines.<br>(c) Ablutions.<br>(d) Recreation rooms.<br>(e) Institute.<br>(f) Messes. | [illegible] |
| A. 7. | Provision of :<br>(a) Parade grounds.<br>(b) 30 yards range.<br>(c) Other trg facilities. | [illegible] |

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PROGRESS REPORT..... No 4 Trans Coast C.A.D.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| as satisfactory cen been found for :- | |
| a) Stores | N.A. |
| b) Armoury | |
| eneral condition and state f readiness, i.e. percentage mplete : | |
| ) Cook houses. | 20% : Insufficient size ( Concrete floors & Ports<br>30% ) " " ( Cookers Provided. |
| b) Latrines. | N.A. |
| c) Ablutions. | N.A. |
| d) Recreation rooms. | N.A. |
| e) Institute. | N.A. |
| f) Messes. | N.A. |
| rovision of : | N.A. |
| a) Parade grounds. | |
| b) 30 yards range. | |
| c) Other trg facilities. | |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| D. 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 | |
| | (b) Trg stores | |
| | (c) Arms & Amm | |
| | (d) Clothing | |
| | (e) Boots | |

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PROGRESS REPORT.....No 1 Base Depot.....C.A.F.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS | 1310 |
|---|---|---|
| he following scales ceived, and are ropriate number of in proportion to imum number of men ceived, or, if not, age to date. | N.S. | 1 |
| ccommodation stores | N.S. | |
| g stores | Nil receipts this week. | |
| ms & Ammn | N.S. | |
| lothing | N.S. | |
| oots | Nil. | |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REPORT |
|---|---|---|
| C. | Brief notes on progress made on : | |
| | (a) Heating | [illegible] |
| | (b) Lighting | [illegible] |

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PROGRESS REPORT.....C.A.R.

| T | REPORT |
|---|---|
| otes on progress<br>:<br>ating | 1303<br>-<br>H.C. |
| ighting | [illegible] |

[illegible]

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| D. | Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary : | |
| | (a) Food supplies | N.C. |
| | (b) Fuel | N.C. |
| | (c) Medical stores | N.C. |
| | (d) Sanitary stores | N.C. |

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No 1 Tank Corps

PROGRESS REPORT.....C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Stage progress to date division of necessary : | |
| Food supplies | N.C. |
| Fuel | N.C. |
| Medical stores | N.C. |
| Veterinary stores | N.C. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| E | Permanent Staff. | |
| | (a) Married quarters | N.C. |
| | (b) Single quarters | In use from 1 March. ) |
| | (c) Officers mess | In use from 1 March. ) Caserma Duca d' Aosta ) Caserma Funzionali |
| | (d) Sjts mess | In use from 1 March. ) |
| | (e) General | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT No 1 Terr Coad .....T.A.C.

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| JECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| manent Staff. | |
| Married quarters | N.C. |
| Single quarters | In use from 1 March. ) |
| Officers mess | In use from 1 March. ) Caserma Poca d' Acsta ) Caserma Funzionali ) |
| Sjts mess | In use from 1 March. ) |
| General | N.C. |

ARTICLES AGAINST THE ARMY

23 Feb 46

Published under the following title. "We must speak about the Army". Many reasons lead us to speak clearly about the Army, reasons which we want to list before beginning the speech, the length of which only depends on the importance and seriousness of the argument. First of all we must speak about the Army because the solicitations to do so received by democratic soldiers and officers impose it and a newspaper can only be glad of accepting the public's voice, even if this public is by chance dressed in grey-green or khaki; whoever wears the soldier's uniform is not allowed to remain stranger to the people's life and has the right of being considered a part of the People. It is necessary to speak about the Army because a regional daily paper the "Sempre Avanti" of Sunday 17th has published for public opinion documents of exceptional importance in this delicate moment of our national life. It is necessary to speak about the Army because of incidents that have happened in our province (Biella, Vercelli, Cappuccini) that must not be kept from the public's knowledge. These incidents as they are, may not be of great importance; but they could become very serious if we keep in mind the trend that monarchic elements, that is, reactionaries, are trying to give the Army. Finally we must speak about the Army because in front of the recent calling of classes a great preoccupation is noted in the families and a greater confusion among the young people. Before examining the argument we must answer the questions that have been sent to us; the democracy that reigns in the Army does not allow us to publish the names of those who write to us and for the same reason we have not even asked the name of those who spoke to us. We have been asked to bring to the public's attention the fact that to-day the State spends many millions of lire to pay the back salaries to the officers who since the 8th of September have the only merit of not having enlisted in the fascist ranks even though they did nothing for the liberation; this, while every man and woman of the partisan regions has given much more and has often suffered great damages without receiving or asking any compensation, the ex-internees are begging for work, and the ordinary soldiers have no right to back salaries. Our attention has been called on certain cases that wewill not publish because it has not been possible to take the necessary steps to prove them. However these cases answer to the truth and are quite justified by what we believe is the Army's situation; that is, cases of democratic officers, who, considered useful when we had to fight have now been systematically dismissed from the ranks in an attempt of returning from the People's Army to the Royal Army. Finally we must satisfy the soldiers of the "Cremona" who shewed us the No 82 of their paper "La Spiga" in which it is said; "The General, the editor's office and the command receive many anonymous letters which are destroyed". However one letter was not destroyed and is published. "We beg urgent interest for the release of class 1921. It is more than 5 years that we are in the service and we should like to know when we may go.

"La Spiga" ironises on the poor grammar of this letter, but does not stop to think on the reason of these anonymous letters. The soldiers we spoke to, gave us the answer that can easily be immagined by anybody; any manifestation of opinion, request of explanation or comment are considered a breach of discipline.

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22 Feb 46

Published under the following Title. "White Slaves Trade". Lawyer Brosio actual Secretary of War, after having issued the ordinance on the re-calling of classes, has felt it necessary to have his decision approved by the cabinet. We do not know what the socialist ministers thought about it, but we hope that they will have to give an account at the nearing National Congress of the Party. In the mearwhile the army is being more or less well restored and from hearsay it seems that it will accept in its ranks ex-non commissioned officers of what was the fascist republican army who lend a hand to the many officers of pure monarchic faith in order to keep high the traditions of the Sabaudia Dinasty. Therefore the commanders will be more or less the same as before, that is officers who thought more of the condition of the mules than the welfare of their men, and the sythems will not of course be much different. Now, in front of the war that we have lost, in front of the smashed economy, is it still necessary to feed an army with our last resources? The paper continues saying that it is the general hope that at least for six or seven years there will be no other war and therefore we must think only of the reconstruction, spending our money for this task and not for the restoration of the regiments. During this period we must not feed any army be it of slaves or volunteers, but onlygood and honest police forces.

The same paper publishes an open letter addressed to lawyer Brosio and to the Italian Democratic Government in which it is said: Dear Minister please tell me, are we are we not in a democratic period? Then what means the order of a future re-calling in service issued by you a month? Why such a decision so imperialistic and so military like? You are perfectly right when you say that classes 1924 shall replace older classes who have more than 60 months of service and when you bring in cause the terms of the "Long Armistice", but you are wrong to re-call a class without consulting the public opinion, represented by a cabinet and a Consulta. If you need a few thousand men, why not ask for volunteers? Are you aware of the fact that the City of Milan received 20,000 applications for the 1,000 vacancies as night watchmen? Do you think this insufficient? In Italy there is not only Milan. For the moment let us think of leaving our men at home, calling for volunteers and if the situation asks for compulsory service until normal times when the government will be able of taking decisions, do not compel young men, as slaves, to make an oath for a king disliked by most of them. For many years the Italians have been considered as cannon flesh. Are you not of the opinion that it is high time to put a stop to this?.

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CRIME

25 Feb 46 "Nuova Stampa"

The owner of Cinema Roma was stopped last night in Via San Donato by two robbers who threatened him with fire-arms. With great presence of mind he fired at one of them who was severely wounded and succeeded in stopping the other until the Flying Squad arrived. The wounded robber was an agent of the Civil Police, the other too belonged to the Police.

26 Feb 46 "Gazzetta d'Italia"

"Anxious Questions"

"The robbery committed on Saturday night by two Civil Policemen is an episode of the greatest gravity. We have gone so far as to see that two policemen instead of safeguarding the safety of the citizens commit a robbery themselves and assault people with arms. We do not intend to exaggerate a single fact; unfortunately since last October, 24 crimes have been committed in which policemen were more or less involved. We know what a difficult task it is to organize ex-novo a Police and we also know how eager Questore Agosti was to solve this problem. Of course this problem cannot be solved in a few months. The event of Saturday night caused great concern among the Civil Police; we have learned that in an energetical attempt to re-organize it, a who le Pa was disbanded and 21 Officers were dismissed. These steps taken within a section of the Police are not sufficient to restore the delicate situation which has arisen in the last months. The point is another. There is an ordinance, if we are not mistaken, issued to punish robbers; public opinion, worried and alarmed by the robbery wave, expects to know from the authorities and Police whether this ordinance is being applied for everbody with the necessary strictness that inspired it. The population is awaiting to see the the two robbers of Saturday night punished ruthlessly by the authorities responsible for Public Order.

27 Feb 46 "The Nuova Stampa"

Commenting on the ordinance on the registration of fire arms issued by the Home Secretary, says, that only the honest people will do this, whereas the others will go on keeping and carrying arms in order to commit robberies. On the other hand when we see that the policemen themselves often behave as robbers we do not know what to do. We hope - the paper further says - that the new Prefect will re-organize together with the Questore, the civil police because we cannot stand that among many honest and gallant agents there may be robbers.

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Squad arrived. The wounded robber was an agent of the Civil Police, the other too belonged to the Police.

26 Feb 46 "Gazzetta d'Italia"

"Anxious Questions"

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Subject : Progress Report No 5

1 British Liaison Unit
G 6/1

To: HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
Rome

HQ 2 BLU

G/37/5A

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| Reference | AB |
| Dep Comd | (K) |
| BAS | |
| CCRR | WD |

II G EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CCRR

Normal duties being performed.

(b) CCRR Normal.

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| FILE: | G/37/1/A |
| DATE: | 8/10/2 |

TRAINING

(a) Army less CCRR

In Cremona Inf.Div Coys training schemes, etc. are being carried out , Adspecialist training is going on. In the Alpini Regiment only individual training is, as yet, being attempted. The Alpini Regt are running a small cadre for officers and NCOs on British weapons.

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The CCRR training is making slow progress.

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FILE: G57/1/A
DATE: 2/10/2

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It is rumoured that the Prefect of Novara, Prof. BONFANTINI, is to go to France to collect 5 million Francs for the Socialist Party. This money is to be brought into Italy by smugglers who, it is alleged, will leave Chamonix on 25 Feb 46 for Bardonecchia.

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It is also rumoured that in Vespolate (Novara), the ex Partigiani Brigade, known as 'Balbis' is being re-organised. An ex Belgian partisan has arrived at the place wearing an American uniform and driving a Jeep, the number of which is in our possession.

(b) Frontier Activity:-

Contraband activity is still being carried on at the Swiss border.

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It is reliably reported from a British Officer that in Aosta itself there is, quite definitely, a French propaganda under-current at work. It does not appear to have much of an effect on the population.

(c) Relations between tps and population:-

Relations with the civilian population are quite good in Piemonte. In the Aosta area relations with the people have improved noticeably.

(d) Political tendencies amongst tps:-

The parties of the left appear to have changed their propaganda with a view to establishing a feeling of friendship amongst the soldiers. Noticeably in the press, numerous articles have been published praising the combat groups and the soldiers as a whole. This new form of approach to the soldiers does not appear to be meeting with any measure of success.
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No details have been reported of any soldier being concerned in any subversive activity.

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(g) Economics:-

As from the 1st of Feb industrial Firms are allowed to discharge surplus personnel. This represents a very serious problem which is affecting the morale of the people living in the industrial centres such as Turin.

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Transport. Main points in CREMONA veh state are:-

| | W.E. | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 397 | 303 | 262 | 41 |
| 3-ton | 366 | 367 | 282 | 85 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 207 | 50 |

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Main points in Terr Cmd veh state are for 1 C.A.R.:

| | W.E. | Held Efficient |
|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 4 | 2 |
| Cars | 2 | 1 |
| Trucks | 15 | 5 |

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| | W.E. | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
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| M/Cs | 18 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Cars | 16 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Trucks | 80 | 56 | 44 | 12 |

The veh state of the CCRR shows no noteworthy change apart from progress in delivering of the 60 M/Cs. This is well in hand and necessary report will be sent. All the 60 M/Cs are now in Turin.

(1) R.A.O.C.

Census returns of equipment held as at 14th Nov have now all been received from CREMONA div.

Clothing:-

(i) Socks still urgently needed.

(ii) Turin "Opificio" is getting leather from Brescia. In spite of two days a week without electric power, the 48 hour week is being maintained.

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Action 94 of 14 Feb

C.E.M.

2 District has asked for and is being given detailed lists of material of Army origin collected by Recovery Commission. Authy for collection is War



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Ministry circulars and legislative decree. Publication of latter had been approved by A.M.G. for this area.

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C.I.P. Turin, has not received its full allocation for distribution. Matter taken up with CIP, Genoa and MMIA. It is understood that the matter is now in hand and the position will right itself.

H. W. Barnett
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Field
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Newspaper Article taken from the "Unita" dated 10 Feb

Under the title "Welcome to the third Bn of the CREMONA says :-

"The first Bn of the the CREMONA, which in our town showed a spirit worthy of its contribution of blood and sacrifices for Italy's freedom, has left us and has been replaced by the 3 Bn, which was awarded with the Golden Medal during the Liberation War. These boys of the CREMONA with their officers has been preceeded by a liar and slander campaign, which they proved by their behaviour to be not true. The General, Colonel and senior officers has been described as anti-popular men who were coming to TURIN with political views contrasting with the peoples'. Those who set these rumours flying had a particular purpose. As usual, facts denied rumours. As fighters for Italy's honour, the soldiers of the CREMONA and nearly all the officers from the General to the Colonel were unanimous in collaborating and working with the people. They gave up their sugar, they gave part of their rations to the children in need, they did their best in order to help poor people. Therefore we greet the boys of the 3 Bn with a sincere and frank feeling of friendship, as we are sure that they will keep in close touch with the population as the boys of the first Bn did. The popular army is being organised on such a basis and democracy has achieved victory also in the army.

News paper Article taken from the "La Roccia" dated 30 Jan.

Under the title "Soldiers at Saluzzo"

The paper says that since a few days ago Saluzzo gives hospitality to a detachment of soldiers belonging to the "Cremona". We recognize that at first sight we were touched by a feeling of pity and exasperation, being so used to connect every thing that is military, with the painful years bygone, with our present misery. But soon after we were filled with a feeling of comprehension and affection; they are our dear brothers who have suffered and still suffer being compelled to serve a symbol that no longer exists, bound to a broken tradition. Saluzzo will not belie its well known spirit of hospitality towards these brothers.

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Press Reports from "SEMPRE AVANTI" Socialist Newspaper,
reference the Call Up.

31 January

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This has caused great concern among the young men and their families of which our paper is the mouthpiece. Consultore Michele Giua has sent to the War Office the following note which will be discussed at the Consulta.

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3 February

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The people must be informed about this on the eve of the Constituent Assembly, which perhaps will free us from the nightmare of conscription, they must know why we should reorganize regiments and repair barracks. We had better weld our 8 millions of bayonets (supposing we have them) which are not even fit to kill frogs, in order to give our factories some iron.

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14 February

The CLN of Piedmont informs that leaflets are being spread in town signed". The young shirkers from military service" which asks all young men from TURIN and the Province born between 1920-1926 to take part in a demonstration against the enlistment of these classes in Piazza San Carlo.

The CLN Piedmont warns the young men against these intrigues tending to trouble public order and expresses its confidence that the young generation which fought during the Liberation War will not listen to such an appeal.

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No. 1 HLU ("A" Type)

| Authorised WE | | OR & Civilian s employed with WE | | A/S Gp | OR held surplus to WE | A/S Gp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clerks GD RASC | 1 Sjt | | Deficient | | | |
| | 1 Cpl | Cpl | Bryant J. | 42 | | |
| | 1 Pte | | Deficient | | | |
| Services | | | | | | |
| Clerks RAOC | WOI | WO I | Chapman S.G. | 26 DR | | |
| | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl | Allison G. | 39 | | |
| Clerks RASC | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl | Forbes N.P. | 56 | | |
| ClerksREME | 1 L/Cpl | | Deficient | | | |
| ADC Staff | | | | | | |
| Duty NCO | 1 Sjt | Sjt | Powell V. | 23 | | |
| Ration NCO | 1 L/Cpl | | Deficient | | | |
| Dvr Mech | 1 L/Cpl | | Deficient | | Cpl Davenport R | 27 |
| Batman/Dvr | 1 Pte | | Deficient | | Gdsn Adam P | 27 |
| ACC Cook | 1 Pte | Pte | Healey J. | 28 | | |

REMARKS

Date.

Cpl Davenport R. Authy held to hold this NCO against vacancy for L/Cpl Dvr/Mech.
Gdsn Adam P. being held in lieu of Dvr/Batman.

TOTAL DEFICIENCIES AS AT 15 Feb 46 :- 1 Sjt Clerk GD RASC
1 L/Cpl Ration NCO
1 L/Cpl Clerk Tech REME
1 L/Cpl Dvr/Mech
1 Pte Clerk GD RASC

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| | Deficient | | | | |
| Cpl | Bryant J. | 42 | | | Interpreter Typist 1 Female |
| | Deficient | | | | |
| WO I | Chapman S.C. | 26 DR | | | Interpreter Typist 1 Female |
| L/Cpl | Billson G. | 38 | | | |
| L/Cpl | Forbes N.P. | 56 | | | |
| | Deficient | | | | |
| Sgt | Powell V. | 28 | | | Labourers 2 Male |
| | Deficient | | Cpl Davenport R | 27 | Laundry hands 2 Female |
| | Deficient | | Eden Adam F | 27 | |
| Pte | Mosley J. | 28 | | | |
| | Deficient | | | | |

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Date..13.Feb.46.....

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Adam F. being held in lieu of Dvr/Mechan.
EMPLOYEES AS AT 15 Feb 46 :- 1 Sgt Clerk GD RASC
1 L/Cpl Station NCO
1 L/Cpl Clerk Tech RASC
1 L/Cpl Dvr/Mech
1 Pte Clerk GD RASC

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PROGRESS REPORT No.1 Tank Cond..C.A.R.

| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 1. | Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | CASALE MONFERRATO J 6433 — Caserma Duca d'A… Caserma Funzionali |
| A. 2. | Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| A. 3. | Sleeping accommodation number of :- Single bunks Double bunks | N.C. — A recce is being made to fin… Coy's. to be placed at the dis… Premises for the demonstrati… |
| A. 4. | Condition of buildings | N.C. |
| | Percentage weatherproof | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT No.1 Tuscan Gund..C.A.R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Name of location of Barracks (with M.R.) | CASALE MONFERRATO J 6433 — Caserma Duca d'Aosta; Caserma Funzionali |
| Maximum number that can be accommodated | N.C. |
| Sleeping accommodation number of :- Single bunks; Double bunks | N.C. — A recce is being made to find accn for a complete Coy, to be placed at the disposition of the C.A.R. Premises for the demonstration PI are being prepared. |
| Condition of buildings | N.C. |
| Percentage weatherproof | N.C. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| A. 5. | Has satisfactory accn been found for :-<br>(a) Stores<br>(b) Armoury | N. C. |
| A. 6. | General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage complete :<br>(a) Cook houses.<br>(b) Latrines.<br>(c) Ablutions.<br>(d) Recreation rooms.<br>(e) Institute.<br>(f) Messes. | N.C. |
| A. 7. | Provision of :<br>(a) Parade grounds.<br>(b) 30 yards range.<br>(c) Other trg facilities. | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT..No.1.Terr.Cmd.C.A.F.

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
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| 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 | N.C. |
| | (b) Trg stores | N.C. |
| | (c) Arms & Amn | N.C. |
| | (d) Clothing | N.C. |
| | (e) Boots | N.C. |

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| following scales eived, and are opriate number of n proportion to mum number of nem eived, or, if not, ge to date. | | / |
| om odation stores | N.C. | |
| stores | N.C. | |
| & Ammn | N.C. | |
| thing | N.C. | |
| ts | N.C. | |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REPORT |
|---|---|---|
| C. | Brief notes on progress made on :<br><br>(a) Heating | N.C. |
| | (b) Lighting | Caserma Duca d' Aosta )<br>" Funzionali ) 90% ready. |

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PROGRESS REPORT. No 1 Teza Dana ....C.A.R.

| | REPORT | 1952 |
|---|---|---|
| ...s on progress | | / |
| ...ing | N.O. | |
| ...hting | Cascina Duca d' Aosta )<br>" Funzionaid ) 90% ready. | |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| D. | Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary : | |
| | (a) Food supplies | N.C. |
| | (b) Fuel | N.C. |
| | (c) Medical stores | N.C. |
| | (d) Sanitary stores | N.C. |

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PROGRESS REPORT. No 4 Term Card.....S...R.

| SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| Stage progress to date Revision of necessary : | |
| Food supplies | N.C. |
| Fuel | N.C. |
| Medical stores | N.C. |
| Sanitary stores | N.C. |

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| SERIAL | SUBJECT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| E | Permanent Staff.<br>(a) Married quarters | N.C. |
| | (b) Single quarters | |
| | (c) Officers mess | |
| | (d) Other mess | |
| | (e) General | It is reported that the Porta Villa (Piazza Dante-Cassale) flats, is requisitioned by the Allies. In the event of th the villa, the premises could be used to accommodate marri case arrangements will be made with the local civil author |

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PROGRESS REPORT No 1 Terr Comd .....T.A.C.

| T | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| ent Staff. | N.C. |
| arried quarters | |
| ingle quarters | |
| fficers mess | |
| gts mess | |
| eneral | It is reported that the Porta Villa (Piazza Dante-Casale) suitable for three flats, is requisitioned by the Allied. In the event of the Allied HQ vacating the villa, the premises could be used to accommodate married officers. In this case arrangements will be made with the local civil authorities. |

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Subject :- Progress Report No 4

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (NCMIA)
Rome

HQ 2 BLU

1 British Liaison Unit

G 6/1

P.A. to Corps
Dep Corps
R.E.S
Col/A/G

FILE: G/37/1/A
R/6/2.
DATE:

II G TRAINING

Normal unit trg albeit much hampered by snow. Separate report att on C.A.R.
CC.RR. LO submitting report on CC.RR. activities.

INTELLIGENCE - Activities ref other countries - Reliably reported from Ital Mil Sources.

Propaganda on behalf of annexation to France resumed in ALTA VALLE di SUSA. Carried out by French and Italian elements. Cards distributed Supporters of the movement sign a request to join ancient French motherland. The recently increased land tax and the abrogation of a fascist law which exempted land above 800 metres from unified agricultural taxes has swayed population in favour of France.

Continued propaganda in VAL d'AOSTA for annexation to France. Meetings have been held. Some talk that mil occupation of the valley will take place during the political elections in Italy.

Association of Friends of France set up in TURIN. At first assumed a cultural nature later extending to industrial and commercial fields. A similar association, but with few members, set up in ALESSANDRIA.

FRONTIER ACTIVITY.

Frequent illegal crossing of frontier in VALLE di SUSA area through the Fregus tunnel, where Italian and French workers are carrying out repairs. Considerable traffic in automatic weapons as France has large quantities.

French propaganda agents alleged often to cross the frontier of PICCOLO S BERNARDO in VALLE d'AOSTA. French customs control is strict but Italian control is poor.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS & CIVILIANS

Satisfactory. There has been the occasional altercation in VAL d'OSSOLA through civilians praising the work of partisans in the war and decrying the part played by the soldiers. This is now settling down. A Communist paper "Z'amico del popola" referring to a row at BIELLA involving a few Cremona soldiers stated :- "soldiers of the Cremona should not allow themselves to be turned into a gang similar to units such as Nembo and Folgore which are causing a lot of trouble in southern Italy.

TROOPS' POLITICAL TENDENCIES.

Majority of troops show a complete apathy as regards politics. The very few elements belonging to extremist parties are not apparently carrying out any political activity.

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SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS

No evidence of any subversive activity among Army personnel.

PUBLIC SECURITY

A slight improvement. Shortage of eqpt hinders the efficient performance of duty by CC.RR.

The auxiliary police have lost much credit among civil population due to succession of crimes in which police agents have been involved. Their lack of discipline and police knowledge is becoming more evident.

ECONOMICAL SITUATION.

The feeling is making headway that the Allies have not fulfilled their promises as the general situation is deteriorating. Fiat and Lancia are in crisis for lack of coal and electric power. Shortage of raw materials is affecting all industries with consequent unrest among workers.

PRESS AND CALL UP.

Socialist newspapers particularly "Sempre Avanti" are campaigning against the call up with the argument that an army is not needed and emphasis on general aversion to military service when economic conditions are in such an upset. The Action newspaper "Giustizia e Liberta" reports that people are favourably impressed by the fact that the volunteers have to state their profession. It seems that they will be employed in reconstruction and that the Army drill will only be a sort of preparation work that preceeds the real work with spades and picks. At any rate, only a small percentage will be employed as material for tatical experiments.

MORALE

That of offrs is still affected by economical situation and by the favourable treatment accorded to personnel compromised with the fascist republic.

The morale of the tps is not high but the situation generally cannot be called very serious. Great discontent is caused by soldiers seeing men of their own classes in the north who have never been called up.

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B ITALIAN

(a) Terr Comd has total percentage deficiency of 15%. Rits demands are regularly submitted.

(b) Cremona is approx up to strength but it has a deficiency of specialists against a surplus of non specialists. Specialist deficiencies include 136 dvr, 150 wireless operators and 68 motor cyclists.

(c) It usually takes a month to obtain permit to enter TRIESTE and other prohibited areas.

IV Q DOMESTIC

(a) The BLU now holds 2 HUPs sent up from ROME, one sent for ST LO and other for CC.RR. LO. No written authy from MMIA received for holding these vehs.

Motion.
Q2 of 2 Feb.

ITALIAN

(b) Transport. Main points in CREMONA veh state are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 419 | 319 | 266 | 53 |
| 3-ton | 372 | 370 | 281 | 89 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 204 | 53 |

Main points in Terr Comd 1 C.T.A. are :-

| | WE | Held | Efficient | Inefficient |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 18 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Cars | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| 15-cwt | 80 | 56 | 41 | 15 |

There is no change from last report of CC.RR. veh situation. The 60 m/cs allotted are not yet to hand due to distribution confusion, now being rectified.

(c) REME 59 Area have now taken a hand with the 10 tanks at the Arsenal, (see last report) They ask for details stating that unless officially authorised by CHQ and held within military ceiling, it would be contary to existing policy for them to be armed at all, certainly for them to be handed to Italians authorities other than as scrap.

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Motion
III/4/Q1 of 26
2 Feb.

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Action.
92 of 2 Veh.

Action
AFHQ/1/91 28
2 Feb.

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Clothing

(i) Socks still urgently needed. See last report.

(ii) Boot position is still bad..The TURIN "Opificio" has not received the promised leather from Sicily. All machines have stopped. Workers are becoming dissatisfied.

(iii) Blankets at BIELLA. None yet released by Distwo.

Action. MII/4/91 of 2 Feb.

Arms & Amn

No outstanding deficiencies among units.

Various amn dumps handed over by District to ARAR/UNRRA. Should there be 20mm amn or under, they will pass it to Direzione Artigleria.

Nothing yet arranged for source or distribution of oil and cleaning material for arms maint.

Medical

The Military Hospitals of ALESSANDRIA and NOVARA, receive civilian treatment. Requests for medical drugs and items are submitted to respective Prefectures. They are only able to provide in very small part. Alcohol, Iodine, general tonics and calcium for injection purposes are particularly difficult to obtain.

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## LOCATION STATEMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 British Liaison Unit | | TURIN |
| HQ Territorial Command | | TURIN |
| HQ Cremona Inf Div | | TURIN |
| HQ 21 Inf Regt | | ASTI J 4306 |
| " " " | I Bn | TURIN |
| " " " | II Bn | ALESSANDRIA J 7605 |
| " " " | III Bn | NOVI LIGURE O 3888 |
| HQ 22 Inf Regt | | VERCELLI |
| " " " | I Bn | BIELLA J 8781 |
| " " " | II Bn | DOMODOSSOLA D 5941 |
| " " " | III Bn | VERCELLI J 6352 |
| HQ 7 Arty Regt | | CHIERI J 1422 |
| " " " | I Bty | CHIERI J 1422 |
| " " " | II Bty | ACQUI O 6280 |
| " " " | III Bty | ASTI J 4306 |
| " " " | IV Bty | TURIN |
| " " " | V Bty | ACQUI O 6280 |
| " " " | VI Bty | TURIN |
| 144 Engrs | | TURIN |
| HQ 1 Alpini Regt | | TURIN |
| " " " | Susa Bn | TURIN |
| " " " | Saluzzo Bn | ALESSANDRIA |
| " " " | Aosta Bn | AOSTA |
| Military Territorial Hospital "Principale" | | TURIN |

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STAFF LIST No 13

1 British Liaison Unit

GENERAL STAFF

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GSO I<br>GSO II | Major | F.W. HAMILTON | R BERKS |

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DAA & QMG | Major | J.A. BOURNE | I CORPS |

SERVICES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| S & T | Capt | H.D.H. HARPER | RASC |
| REME | Capt | R. E. NORTHEY | REME |

ATTACHED

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CC.RR. LO | Major | A.G. HILLS | GENERAL LIST |

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STAFF LIST - ITALIAN OFFICERS - ATTACHMENT No 1

1 CHORASIAL HQ

Assist Chief of Staff

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | GRILLO | Pietro |
| Add | Lt Col | CAROPRESE | Pasquale |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Lt Col | RABBERINO | Pietro |

Generale Addetto

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | GIRAUDO | Giuseppe |

Services Section

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | RABBERINO | Pietro |
| Add | Lt Col | GIRALDO | Giuseppe |

CREMONA INF DIV

Chief of Staff

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | VERRAZZANI | Adelmo |
| Add | Lt Col | DISCRETTU | Ignazio |

21 INF REGT

I Bn

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Add | Lt Col | GRACETTA | Pietro |

II Bn

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | GRACETTA | Pietro |

1 ALPINI REGT

CC IIBn

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | MONTALTO | Tommaso |
| Add | Lt Col | MELLANO | Pietro |

Mil Hosp ALESSANDRIA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delete | Lt Col | [illegible] | Giuseppe |

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Add

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Lt Col PARMERINO Pietro

Generale Addetto

Delete Lt Col GIRARDO Giuseppe

Services Section

Delete Lt Col PARETRINO Pietro
Add Lt Col GIRARDO Giuseppe

CREMONA INF DIV

Chief of Staff

delete . . Col PEDEMONTI Adelmo
Add Lt Col PISCHIOTTO Ignazio

21 INF REGT

I Bn

Add Lt Col GRACEFFA Pietro

II Bn

Delete Lt Col GRACEFFA Pietro

1 ALPINI REGT

CC IIIBn

Delete Lt Col MONTALTO Tommaso
Add Lt Col MELLANO Pietro

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Ill Hosp ALESSANDRIA

Delete Lt Col BUA Giuseppe
Add Lt Col CANCER Luigi

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Col VENTICINQUE Ernesto

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| Serial No | Make | Type & Capacity | Reg No | Chassis No | Contract No | Efficient (E) | L (C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Willys | Jeep- overland ¼ ton 4x4 | M 5661936 | 352964 | Not-known | Yes | |
| 2 | " | " " " " | M 5661813 | 349054 | " " | " | |
| 3 | " | " " " " | M 5661858 | 354319 | " " | " | |
| 4 | " | " " " " | M 5156366 | 142326 | " " | | |
| 5 | Chevrolet | Heavy utility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5906690 | 4R4520324 | BM 6407 | Yes | |
| 6 | " | " " " " | Z 5905856 | 4R4520251 | BM 6407 | " | |
| 7 | Dodge | 15-cwt 4x2 GS | Z 5906829 | 91068002 | BM 2683 | " | |
| 8 | Triumph | M/C solo 350 cc | C 5425455 | - | B 2956 | | |
| 9 | " | " " " " | C 5424408 | - | B 2956 | Yes | |
| 10 | Chevrolet | Heavy utility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5905859 | 4R4520265 | BM 6407 | " | |

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| Capacity | Reg No | Chassis No | Contract No | Efficient (E) | Local (LR) | SLR | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| overland ¼ ton 4x4 | M 5661936 | 352964 | Not-known | Yes | – | – | |
| " " " | M 5661815 | 349054 | " " | " | – | – | |
| " " " | M 5661050 | 354319 | " " | " | – | – | )At disposal of |
| " " " | M 5150386 | 112526 | " " | | LR | | )HQ MTA. |
| mobility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5906080 | 4044520324 | SR 6407 | Yes | – | – | |
| " " " | Z 5905856 | 4044520251 | SR 6407 | " | – | – | |
| ¼ 4x2 cc | Z 5908829 | 91068022 | SR 2683 | " | – | – | |
| solo 350 cc | 3 [illegible]55 | – | S 2956 | | LR | – | |
| " " " | 3 [illegible]38 | – | S 2956 | Yes | – | – | |
| mobility 8-cwt 4x4 | Z 5905059 | 4044520265 | SR 6407 | " | – | – | Brought by CO.RR. RE. |

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Appendix "
No 4.

NO....4.....B L U (1st [illegible])

| Authorised W.E. | | OR & Civilians employed within B | A/S GP | OR held surplus to WE | A/S GP | Civilia |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clerks GD RASC | 1 Sgt | | | | | |
| | 1 Cpl | Deficient | | | | |
| | 1 Pte | Cpl BRYANT J.W. | 42 | | | |
| | | Pte SPARKMAN K.J. | 36 | | | Inter |
| SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Clerks RAOC | 1 WOI | WO I CHAPMAN S.C. | 26 MR | | | |
| | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl MILSON G. | 38 | | | Inter |
| Clerks RASC | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl FORBES NP | 56 | | | |
| Clerks REME | 1 L/Cpl | Deficient | | | | |
| ADM STAFF | | | | | | |
| Duty NCO | 1 Sgt | Sjt POWELL V | 28 | | | |
| Ration NCO | 1 L/Cpl | Deficient | | | | Labou |
| Dvr Mech | 1 L/Cpl | Deficient | | Cpl DAVENPORT R. | 27 | Kaund |
| Batman/Dvr | 1 Pte | Deficient | | Gdsm ADAM R | 27 | |
| Acc Cook | 1 Pte | Pte HISLOP J. | 28 | | | |

REMARKS

Date :

Pte SPARKMAN K.J. Authy requested from Adv Rfts Sub Sec to post to 2 BLU to fill Cpl vacan
Cpl DAVENPORT R. Authy held to hold this NCO against vacancy for L/Cpl Dvr/Mech.
Gdsm ADAM being held in lieu of dvr batman.
TOTAL DEFICIENCIES AS AT 2 Feb :- 1 Sjt Clerk GD RASC.
1 L/Cpl Clerk Tech REME.
1 L/Cpl Dvr/Mech.
1 L/Cpl Ration NCO.

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NO....4.....B L U ('A' TYPE)

| | OR's Civilians employed within E | | A/S GP | OR held surplus to ..E | A/S GP | Civilians held surplus to ..E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sgt | | Deficient | | | | Interpreter Typist 1 Female |
| Cpl | Cpl | BRYANT J.W. | 42 | | | |
| Pte | Pte | SPARKMAN L.J. | 36 | | | |
| WO1 | WO I | CHARMAN S.C. | 26 DR | | | Interpreter Typist 1 Female |
| L/Cpl | L/Cpl | MILSON G. | 38 | | | |
| L/Cpl | L/Cpl | FORBES HP | 56 | | | |
| L/Cpl | | Deficient | | | | |
| Sgt | Sgt | POWELL V | 28 | | | Labourers 2 Male<br>Laundry hands 2 Female. |
| L/Cpl | | Deficient | | Cpl DAVENPORT R. | 27 | |
| L/Cpl | | Deficient | | Gdsm ADAM R | 27 | |
| Pte | | Deficient | | | | |
| Pte | Pte | HESLOP J. | 28 | | | |

Date : 2 Feb 46

REMARKS

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DAVENPORT R. Authy held to hold this NCO against vacancy for I/Cpl Dvr/Mech.
ADAM being held in lieu of dvr batman.
DEFICIENCIES AS AT 2 Feb :- 1 Sgt Clerk GD RASC.
1 L/Cpl Clerk Tech RAMC.
1 I/Cpl Dvr/Mech.
1 I/Cpl Batman NCO.

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| Serial | Subject | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| A.1. | Name and location of Barracks (with M.R.) | Caserma Duca d' Aosta<br>Caserma Funzionali |
| A.2. | Maximum number that can be accommodated | 2,200. (including other, less sick). / Caserma Duca d' Aosta - / Caserma Funzionali - |
| A.3. | Sleeping accommodation - number of:<br>Single bunks<br>Double bunks | 2,200 - Caserma Duca d' Aosta - 770, Caserma Funzionali - 1,430.<br>500 - Caserma Duca d' Aosta - 320, Caserma Funzionali - 500.<br>This includes beds for other and natives. |
| A.4. | Condition of buildings. | Very good |
| | Percentage weatherproof | 100% |

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PROGRESS REPORT No.1 Term Cantonment ..... T.T.C.

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| | Remarks. |
|---|---|
| Location ka (with H.R.) | Caserma Duca d' Aosta<br>3 Cs.33 Caserma Funzionali |
| Number that accommodated | 4,330. (including attns, NCOs cadets). / Caserma Duca d' Aosta - 1500.<br>/ Caserma Funzionali - 2800. |
| Accommodation - | |
| ka | 2,230 - Caserma Duca d' Aosta - 770, Caserma Funzionali - 1460. |
| ka | 900 - Caserma Duca d' Aosta - 320, Caserma Funzionali - 580.<br>This decision both of officers and cadets. |
| of buildings. | Very good |
| weatherproof | 100 % |

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PROGRESS REPORT .....No.1 Base Company.....T.A.C.

T.27.78

| Serial | Subject | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| A.5. | Has satisfactory accommodation been found for:<br>(a) Stores<br>(b) Armoury | Yes<br>Yes |
| A.6. | General condition and state of readiness, i.e. percentage complete:<br>(a) Cook Houses.<br>(b) Latrines<br>(c) Ablutions<br>(d) Recreation Rooms<br>(e) Institute<br>(f) Messes. | 50% are ready. 50% in course preparation.<br>75% are ready. 25% being repaired.<br>50% are ready. 50% being repaired.<br>In preparation<br>"<br>" } Applies to blks. |
| A.7. | Provision of:<br>(a) Parade Grounds.<br>(b) 30 Yards Range<br>(c) Other training facilities | Choice of sites under consideration.<br>"<br>"<br>"<br>"<br>Plans drawn and sports fields in preparation. |

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PROGRESS REPORT .....

2.7.18

| | Remarks. |
|---|---|
| ctory<br>tion been found | |
| | Yes<br>Yes |
| ndition and state<br>ss, i.e. percentage | |
| gowen. | |
| ces | |
| ons | |
| tion Rooms | |
| ate | |
| | |
| : | |
| Grounds. | |
| s Kongo | |
| raining Facilities | |

Applies equally to both blks.

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PROGRESS REPORT ..No 1 Camp Concord.....T.T.C.

| Serial | Subject | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| D.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% ready (except sheets for which it is too late |
| | (b) Training stores | 100% publications allotted, are being distributed. Other training material not notified yet. |
| | (c) Arms and ammunition | Type of arms and ammunition not known yet. |
| | (d) Clothing | 100% |
| | (e) Boots | 100% |

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PROGRESS REPORT ...No.1 Type Company....T.T.C. 1270

| Subject | Remarks. |
|---|---|
| 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% ready (except sheets for which it is at the time been approached. |
| (b) Training stores | 100% publications allotted, now being allotted from time. Other teaching material not notified yet. |
| (c) Arms and ammunition | Type of arms and ammunition not known yet. |
| (d) Clothing | 100% |
| (e) Boots | 100% |

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PROGRESS REPORT No 1 Base Command .....T.T.C.

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| Serial | Subject | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| C. | Brief notes on progress made on:<br><br>(a) Heating. | Arrangements being made for heating of huts, ablut huts, messes, a Allotment of coal will be necessary for quarters of officers and for escort would will be additional. |
| | (b) Lighting | Being overhauled & put ready. |

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| t | Remarks. |
|---|---|
| note on progress on: | Arrangements being made for erection of fire, clock bells, sewers, recreation room. Allowance of coal will be necessary for ignition of radiators and boilers. Indents for coals needed will be submitted. |
| Lighting | Being overhauled for ready. |

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... No 1 Base Command T.T.C.

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| Serial | Subject | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| D. | Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary - | |
| | (a) Food Supplies | A [illegible] is being set up in Dakawa Dump d' Arets. [illegible] of Port. |
| | (b) Fuel | Indent still be submitted. The consignment to the Centre [illegible] to MS is in process. |
| | (c) Medical Stores. | Complete. Will be despatched to the Centre as soon as [illegible] |
| | (d) Sanitary stores | |

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| | Remarks. |
|---|---|
| ge progress to date<br>sion of necessary - | |
| Supplies | A food depot is being set up in Cassama Base d' Accts. already authorised by H of War. |
| | Patrol will be submitted. The assignment to the Centre of the who according to it is in process. |
| cal Stores. | Complete. Will be despatched to the Centre as soon as the soon is ready. |
| nary stores | |

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| Serial | Subject | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| E | Permanent Staff | |
| | (a) Married Accn | (a) Number of offrs & sctstaff with families is not known yet. C.R.E.(L) a Local authorities have promised all assistance but they cannot prov (1) use of the few facilities which the town will be able to offer. (2) to use some Govt buildings and convert for families. (3) since it will not be possible for all to establish their famil adequate allowance for those obliged to live separated from the |
| C | (b) Single quarters | (b) Offrs Terr Comd had planned preparation of 80 rooms at total cost not in agreement, instead instructed preparation of metal beds and on furniture for each offr. This size is most inadequate with existi reasonable comfort. WOs. These will have beds small cupboard & chair. Since 150 seni in addition to those of 8% (due to deficiencies of Cpl instructors) be supplied than first anticipated. Authy for additional expenditu |
| | (c) Officers Mess | (c) In preparation. One offrs mess only in Caserma Duc d' Aosta. |
| | (d) Sjts Mess | (d) In preparation. One sjts mess for each bks. |
| | (e) General | (e) Offrs club to be established in Caserma Duca d' Aosta. It is neces offers virtually no attractions. Sjts recreation centre to be estab Recreation room for soldiers & junior WOs. Reading and writing roo collected. Each bks to have a canteen N of Far has been approached assistance. |
| C | | Projection room for assistance in training. |

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| | Remarks |
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| taff | |
| Accn | (a) Number of offrs & gottuff with families in not known yet. C.SALE offers very poor facilities. Local authorities have promised all assistance but they cannot provide a full solution. Suggestion : (1) use of the few facilities which the town will be able to offer. (2) to use some Govt buildings and convert for families. (3) since it will not be possible for all to establish their families in C.SALE then to fix an adequate allowance for those obliged to live separated from their families. |
| uarters | (b) Offrs. Terr Comd had planned preparation of 80 rooms at total cost of 2,400,000 lire. M of War not in agreement, instead instructed preparation of metal beds and an expenditure of 7-8,000 lire on furniture for each offr. This sum is most inadequate with existing prices, to provide any reasonable comfort. NCOs. These will have beds, small cupboard & chair. Since 150 senior NCOs are being posted here in addition to those of VB (due to deficiencies of Opl instructors) more furniture will have to be supplied than first anticipated. Authy for additional expenditure is being requested. |
| s Mess | (c) In preparation. One offrs mess only in Caserma Duc d' Aosta. |
| ss | (d) In preparation. One sjts mess for each bks. |
| | (e) Offrs club to be established in Caserma Duca d' Aosta. It is necessary as town of C.SALE offers virtually no attractions. Sjts recreation centre to be established in each bks. Recreation room for soldiers & junior NCOs. Reading and writing rooms. Materials being collected. Each bks to have a canteen M of War has been approached for necessary financial assistance. |
| | Projection room for assistance in training. |

G/137/1/A.

1 British Liaison Unit

G 6/1

Pa & Boc 16
Dep Comd (K)
BGS Permit
Col A/Q. WP

Su[illegible] :- Progress Report No 3

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (SCIA)
Rome.

HQ 2 B L U

II G ORGANIZATION

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(b) Serious shortage of Sottufficiali and Caporali in the Cremona Inf Div.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC.RR

No VI Coy of the 2nd Bn 21 Inf Regt employed guarding park of 6 S A Armd Div vehs. Cremona Inf Div have provided 120 dvrs to enable 6 S A Armd Div to carry out disposal orders for the divisional tpt. The S A Div is short of dvrs.

(b) CC.RR Normal.

TRAINING

(a) Army less CC.RR

Normal unit trg is being carried out.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Frontier Activity

In the Valle d'Aosta people are illegally entering France and Italians living in France are returning to Italy through the Valley. They state that to obtain permission from the French Authorities takes too long.

(b) Relations between tps and population.

In the town of Aosta a very favourable demonstration took place when the Alpine Bn moved in there (copy of the manifestations prominently displayed through the town is att herewith marked appx "A"). Very friendly relations exist there between the Alpine Bn and the civilian population. The left-wing political parties still give dances and parties to the tps where a lot of subversive propaganda is put out.

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(c) CC.RR.

In general people are not satisfied with the CC.RR. owing to the poor state of their eqpt and organization. In the Val d'Aosta area, for example, where their duties are numerous the local CC.RR Section has no means of transportation nor sufficient personnel or eqpt.

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(d) Political current amongst tps

The attitude of the tps politically is apathetic. They show little or no interest in politics.

(e) Subversive Elements.

To date there has been only one case of a soldier carrying out subversive propaganda. Trouble is caused from the press and speeches made by various politicians. The soldiers hear the Army decried and feel resentment. This may provoke sometimes trouble.

(f) Public Security.

Public Security is not good owing to the numerous thefts and crimes in the Region. The people believe that if the Prefects and Questores were replaced by non-political men the whole security situation will improve.

(g) Recruiting.

Continued pay and strike difficulties such as have occurred in the Isotta-Fraschini and F.I.A.T, and the closing down of other firms such as the S.I.S.A.I. Marchetti have made the people aware of the serious economical situation of the country.

C.A.R.

(a) The last visit to the C.A.R. at Civitavecchia showed a tremendous amount of work in progress. At the main km at Km 4' Aurelia Cassena, whole walls are being pulled down, to enlarge rooms, new walls are being built to divide other parts of the km, the kitchen is being moved completely to another part of the km, but one gets the impression that a tremendous effort is being made to make the C.A.R. a success. I talked to the civilian contractors responsible for the alterations to the km, and they assured me that the work would be finished by Feb 15th.

(b) I have no hold-ups to report, the organisation for the work, and the organisation for providing the necessary materials is working smoothly.

III A Docstaff

(a) See appx B attached showing personnel state. Capt [redacted] is allotted vacancy on LIAP 42.

(b) Italian

Terr Comd has total percentage deficiency of 15%. Consolidated rfts demands are regularly submitted.

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G.H.Q.

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(b) Ordnance Div is up to strength but has surplus of non specialists and deficiency of specialists. Their specialist deficiencies include 130 divrs, 147 wireless operators, 63 motor cyclists, 24 MT mechs etc.

(c) Leave. To obtain necessary permit to enter Milano and other prohibited areas is a lengthy process taking weeks.

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IV Q DOMESTIC

(a) A MEP sent up from ROME is being held against a rumoured increased MT W.E. No correspondence is held here concerning this new veh WE.

(b) Italian.

Transport. Main points in CRITTENA veh state are:-

| | W.E. | Held | Efficient | Inefficient. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 419 | 319 | 203 | 116 |
| 3-ton | 572 | 370 | 269 | 101 |
| 15-cwt | 299 | 257 | 191 | 66 |

Main points in Territorial Command I C.T.A. are:-

| | W.E. | Held | Efficient | Inefficient. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/Cs | 18 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Cars | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Trucks | 80 | 56 | 42 | 14 |

Main points in CC.RR veh state are that Legione CC.RR ALESSANDRIA are deficient on W.E. to extent of 462 M/Cs and 70 cars. Legione CC.RR TURIN are complete with efficient vehs. 60 M/Cs are in the process of delivery to CC.RR in this area.

(c) R.E.M.E.

G.I has written to Director of Arsenal recommending that he obtain authority from Ministry of War to repair the 10 M.14 tanks which are stored in the Arsenal and to fit MKs instead of larger type of gun as main armament. Arsenal hope to begin work on first AFV during coming week. 4 SPA Scout Cars have also been located and being inspected with a view to repair.

(d) R.A.O.C.

Nothing yet arranged for source or distribution of oil and cleaning materials for arms maint.

Clothing.

(i) 3000 pairs socks have been released for C.A.R. This does not alter position of Italian tps in this area. It is considered that 6000 pairs are most urgently needed.

(ii) All tps are in bad way for boots. Very few soldiers have a pair of boots fit to wear during winter months. It is estimated that 5000 pairs of boots are needed immediately.

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Arms and Ammn.

Census being taken of all Italian arm in Italian Depots.

(e) P.O.W.

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(e) P.O.L. - Supply of Anti-Freeze.

( i) 15 Nov 45 AFHQ Pet Sec allocation received through MMIA and passed to Territorial Command.

(ii) 10 Dec 45. MMIA informed that Anti-Freeze not available at CIP.

(iii) 8 Jan 46. CREMONA DIV submit that the sup be expedited as urgently needed in view of existing snow conditions.

Field
16. Jan 46

J.W. Bamber Major
G30 II

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APPENDIX "A" TO 1 BLU
PROGRESS REPORT No 3

From the newspaper dated 4 Jan (Published in Aosta)

LO PARTISANS

THE ALPINI HAVE COME BACK

Due to the withdrawal of the Allied troops and the handing back of the administration, the 'Piemonte-Aosta' Alpini Battalion entered our Town yesterday.

They will establish here their Headquarters and carry out garrison duties in the Valley.

Later this Battalion will be named "Aosta Battalion".

The newspaper and the Partisans shake hands with the fighters of the front.

APPENDIX "2" TO 1 B L U
PROGRESS REPORT No 3

TOWN OF AOSTA

CITIZENS'

To-morrow the Alpini of the "Piemonte-Aosta" Battalion are coming back to our Town where they will establish their Headquarters and thus will resume once again its characteristic and longed for traditional appearance.

They are the spiritual sons of the veterans who were decorated with the Gold Medal, of the heroes of Monte Vodice and Solarolli, who on the ruins of the Nation, hold high the traditional flaming torch of faith and bravery which will never be extinguished.

Upon the Peoples' request they will establish their garrison in our Valley. They are coming to us in the long awaited moment when the various Northern Regions are being taken over by the Italian Administration.

Let us welcome these "Alpini", symbols of our race, with the festivity of our flags, with the affectionate cry of our hearts so that they may feel that the mountain, mother of virture and bravery, carries in its symbols the promise of faith.

From the Civil Palace, 29 Dec 45

THE MAYOR

Avv. Carlo TORRIONE.

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Appx
letter

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

| Authorised W.E. | | Offs & Civilians employed within E | A/S CP | Offs held surplus to WE | A/S CP | Civil |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clerks GD RASC | 1 Sgt<br>1 Cpl<br>1 Pte | Sgt [illegible] R.<br>Deficient<br>Pte [illegible] W. | 24<br>56 | L/Cpl [illegible]. Authy requested from Pers HQ to post to 2 BDD. | 36 | Interp |
| SERVICES | | | | | | |
| Clerks RAOC | 1 WOI<br>1 L/Cpl | WO.I (S/Cdr) [illegible] S.C.<br>L/Cpl [illegible] C. | 30<br>42 | [illegible] Sgt [illegible] (45). Authy granted to hold surplus until return from LEAVE of WO.I and L/Cpl. | | Interp |
| Clerks RASC | 1 L/Cpl | L/Cpl [illegible] J. | | | | |
| Clerks RAMC | 1 L/Cpl | Deficient | | | | |
| ADC STAFF | | | | | | |
| Duty NCO | 1 Sgt | Sgt [illegible] V. | 28 | | | Labourer |
| Ration NCO | 1 L/Cpl | Deficient | | | | |
| Dvr Mech | 1 L/Cpl | Deficient | | Cpl [illegible] | 27 | Laundry |
| Batman/Dvr | 1 Pte | Deficient | | Sdsn [illegible] | 27 | |
| Acc Cook | 1 Pte | Pte [illegible] J. | 28 | | | |

REMARKS

Date :..

L/Cpl [illegible] J. to be promoted A/Cpl to fill vacancy within HQ.
Pte [illegible] W. to be promoted L/Cpl to fill vacancy within HQ. - Expected to return from LEAVE 29 Jan 46.
Authy held to hold Cpl [illegible] against vacancy in HQ for L/Cpl Dvr Mech.
Sdsn [illegible] being held in lieu of Batman/Dvr.
Sgt [illegible] R. will proceed to Assembly Centre on 29 Jan 46 (Authy granted to defer until 31 Jan 46).
WO.I (S/Cdr) [illegible] S.C. and L/Cpl [illegible] G. expected to return from LEAVE 29 Jan 46. and 28 Jan 46 respec-
TOTAL DEFICIENCIES as at 15 Jan 46:- 1 Pte Clerk (S) RASC
1 L/Cpl Clerk RASC
1 L/Cpl Ration NCO

maf.

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Appx 'C' to A.W.I.L.
letter A.3[illegible] of 2 Jan 46

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NO. 1 B L U ('A' TYPE)

| | O.R. & Civilians employed within E | A/S CP | O.R. held surplus to E | A/S CP | Civilians held surplus to E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Sgt<br>1 Cpl<br>1 Pte | Sgt [illegible] R.<br>Deficient<br>Pte [illegible] M. | 24<br>56 | L/Cpl [illegible]. Authy requested from Dun HQ to post to 2 MAU. | 56 | Interpreter-Typist - 1 Female |
| 1 WOI<br>1 L/Cpl<br>1 L/Cpl<br>1 L/Cpl | WO.I (S/Cdr) [illegible] S.G.<br>L/Cpl [illegible] C.<br>L/Cpl [illegible] J.<br>Deficient | 25UR<br>38<br>42 | S/Sgt [illegible] (AS). Authy granted to hold surplus until return from LIAP of WO.I and L/Cpl. | | Interpreter-Typist - 1 Female |
| 1 Sgt<br>1 L/Cpl<br>1 L/Cpl<br>1 Pte<br>1 Pte | Sgt [illegible] V.<br>Deficient<br>Deficient<br>Deficient<br>Pte [illegible] J. | 28<br>26 | Cpl Deficient<br>Glen Alan | 27<br>27 | Labourers - 2 Male<br>Laundry Hands - 3 Female |

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2. proceed to Assembly Centre on 29 Jan 46 (Authy granted
n 46).
S.C. and L/Cpl [illegible] S. expected to return from LIAP 29 Jan 46. and 28 Jan 46 respectively.
s at 29 Jan 46:- 1 Pte Clerk (S) HQC
1 L/Cpl Clerk HQC
1 L/Cpl Radio HQC

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