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Employment of tps

(a) Army less CC.

Normal.

(b) CC.

Normal.

Training

(a) Army less CC.

(i) Trg Ests.

See Appendix 'D'.

(ii) Other Tps.

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Recruits are improving on what they have learnt at the CARs

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drivers, buglers, etc.
Each Bn is also holding specially orgainised lessons for illiterates, held by civilian teachers or army personnel with teachers diplomas.

(e) Cadre Training. About 40 men per Bn have been attending L/Cpl courses, which began early in December.
Periodical weekly cultural meetings are being continued, for Officers and senior NCO's but were stopped from Dec 20.

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Training (contd)

(ii) Artillery.

Training has been carried out as per the Infantry. The deficiency of POL affects Arty Units more, because they have to do more outdoor training and are very short of drivers. The many movements of personnel, especially the cadre Officers and senior NCO's following the formation of the new units have caused the batteries to have a large percentage of personnel who do not know the material or its employment. The present Winter season will be taken advantage of to smooth out certain faults.

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The specialists who arrived from the Cecchignola school are running the telephone and R/T nets, with good results, which could be excellent if the material in use were more efficient.

The CAR Recruits are attending specialists courses with good results; about 60% of the men promise to become excellent specialists in anvery short time. This is however not the case with the recruits from the Modena CAR, who although good as far as discipline is concerned cannot become good signalmen because of the very high percentage of illiterates.

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Training (contd)

(ii) Other tps.

3 BERSAGLIERI.

The following activities have been carried out by the Bers Regt during the month of Dec :-

Formal Training. Training sections and platoons - training with and without arms have been made in order to improve the drill of Bersaglieri.

Battle Training. This particular training has been reduced owing to the snow and Xmas holidays. Lessons have been carried out to improve the standard of units.

Arms practice. Instruction has continued with the recruits on Italian arms, in particular on Breda Sub machine gun and hand grenades.

Sports Training. Owing to bad weather and cold no large scale training has been carried out. The daily Physical Training has been regularly carried out.

Regulations. Subjects concerned: Barrack life.
Soldiers duty.
Disciplinary measures.
Military punishments.

Courses for other ranks. Courses for OR's are being held at all three Bns. The personnel attending the courses are those Bers whose physical fitness and military aptitude are good. Lessons are regularly given and satisfactory reports are forwarded, although the quality of the personnel is not of the best.

Signals Course. This course is carried out regularly - Practice in laying lines is done at present. The students are showing much interest in the study of a new subject.

Specialist Training. Instruction to specialists is being given. Theoretical lessons are given for drivers. This course is very difficult as no transport and fuel are available. Drivers are very badly needed. Inspite of the bad weather conditions, and military leave for Xmas, the training has proceeded regularly.

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Explosives and mines. Theory on explosives and preparation of mines. 1769

Use of Bridging Material. (Mod 1). Ramp works on the ground.

Searchlights. Practical Instructions for installation of 150 cm obttions to be employed on the Public Works Service.

Formal training and Regulations. Three hours per week. Rules of Barrack Life - Military Penal Code, with observations on the faults. P.T. has been carried out by the Unit for an hour each day.

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Training (contd)

(ii) Other tps.

1 Signal Coy.

Telephone operators. Instruction has been completed.

Linesmens duties. Instruction has now been completed.

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Telegraph operators. Lessons are given in class rooms, rules on transmission.

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(d) Political current among tps.

NTR.

(e) Subversive elements

NTR.

(f) Public Safety.

NTR. That concerns the Army.

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Intelligence (contd).

(g) Economics.

The economic situation has not changed.

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III. A.

Domestic. Deficiencies : in all ranks against WE.

1 BOWO
1 Admin Sjt
1 Sjt Veh Mech (Cfn held in lieu)
1 L/Cpl Dvr Mech
1 Pte RASC Clerk
1 L/Cpl RASC
1 L/Cpl REME
1 L/Cpl Ration NCO
1 Dvr/Batman

Leave. Detail of all ranks on leave and when due to return.
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NTR.

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Arty Service Units	55 %
M/T Service Units	20 %
Eng Service Units	6 %
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Discipline.

Continues to be satisfactory.

Leave Problems.

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Pay Problems.

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Welfare.

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Xmas presents have been given to all soldiers in hospital.

The food ration for Xmas day was augmented by local purchase and appeared to be very satisfactory.

Food parcels were distributed to all the families of authorised persons within the command.

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IV. Q.

Domestic. Transport.

NTR.

Accommodation.

NTR.

ITALIAN Transport.

(a) Army less CC.

Good in general.

The release of a number of tyres within the near future is expected.

(b) CC.

NTR.

REME Problems.

During the past few weeks an Alpini Regt was visited.

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Owing to the small number of vehicles held there appears to be no real unit maintenance difficulty. The main trouble is lack of tyres, canopies and superstructures. If this regiment is expected to carry on efficiently with so few vehicles then at least they should receive these items so that the vehs they have got are in order.

In at least one of these Bns the C.O. is obliged to visit his detachment by train etc.

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The OC appears to be clear in his mind what is needed and there should be a great improvement, but it would greatly facilitate his work if more personnel were allotted. The workshop is at present about 30 under strength.

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REME Problems (contd).

The clearence of vehicles beyond economical repair and scrap is held up at the moment. Ministry of War have laid down the price that this material will be sold at, but it is more economical for civilian firms to obtain material of this nature from A.R.A.R.

Summer grade engine oil is still being issued to this workshop.

The stores section appears satisfactory and well organised. I am told that the most frequently used parts are held in sufficient quantity to allow for any delay in transit from Piacenza or Turin. A delay of about 8 weeks however is usual for any spares not actually in stock.

R.OC Problems.

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Disposal instructions for the U/S and dangerous amn are still awaited.

Clothing and Eqpt.

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(b) CC.

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Arms and Amn.

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PCL Problems.

MT.

Min of War has ordered the release of a number of tyres from C.I.A.I. (Northern Italy Federation of Industries), These should ease the tyre situation but by no means solve it.

POL.

Supplies from CIP are taking place smoothly.

The allocation for January is 30,000 kilos less than that of December. There is still some doubt as to whether this January allocation is to be cut. 50% is anticipated.

Supplies.

NTR.

SUP Problems.

NTR.

Medical Problems.

The lack of specialized personnel (radiologists, bacteriologist etc) at the MILAN Military Hospital has not yet been made good.

Repair work on the installations within the hospital, such as the central heating system and the power station, cannot be put in hand at present owing to lack of funds.

Mov Problems (Not incl loans).

NTR.

Other 'Q' Points.

S.P.M.

The chief work of this organisation at present appears to be the issue of firewood. As the open market price for this commodity is over 1,000 Lire per quintel, the modest prices of obtaining at the S.P.M issue depot is greatly appreciated.

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The chief work of this organisation at present appears to be the issue of firewood. As the open market price for this commodity is over 1,000 Lire per quintel, the modest prices of obtaining at the S.P.M issue depot is greatly appreciated.

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Appendix "A"

LOCATION STATEMENT

3 D.L.U. AND 3 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

Amendment No 4 to Location Statement No 9 dated 1 Sep 46

HQ 3 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

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Amend to read:

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LEGNANO INFANTRY DIVISION

Sheet No 3

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"	23 -	"	: 51 Fd Engr Coy	PAVIA
"	24 -	"	: 51 Sigs Coy	BERGAMO
"	21 -	Insert	: HQ Engr (Sapper) Bn	PAVIA
"	22 -	"	: 1 Engr Coy	PAVIA
"	23 -	"	: Fd Pk Coy	BERGAMO
"	24 -	"	: 1 Engr Coy	BERGAMO
"	27 -	"	: HQ Sigs Bn	BERGAMO
"	28 -	"	: Div. HQ Sigs Coy	BERGAMO
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APPENDIX 'B'

SUBJECT: Staff List.

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7 Jan 1946

Herewith Staff List No 13 in respect of 3 BLU (MILAN)

Recipients of previous Staff Lists of 3 BLU please destroy.

DAA and QMG.

MILAN
HL/SGD

DISTRIBUTION :

GHQ CMF	2
HQ 218 Sub Area	2
HQ 1 BLU	1
HQ 2 BLU	1
HQ 4 BLU	1
HQ 5 BLU	1
HQ 6 BLU	1
HQ 7 BLU	1
HQ 8 BLU	1
HQ 9 BLU	1
HQ 10 BLU	1
HQ 11 BLU	1
HQ 12 BLU	1
Spare	6

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST No 13

General Staff

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GSO II	Major C.J.ODD	RECCE

Branch of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General

DAA and QMG	Major H.ENGLASS	RTR

Services

ST	Captain M.F. HARRIS	RASC

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Appendix 'D'

Report on Training of Recruits of 1925 Class

1. STATISTICAL DATA.

(a) Attached chart shows complete data regarding arrival of recruits at the C.A.R and the final destination of recruits after completion of training.

(b) Total recruits trained was 4550, of the total.
(1) 325 were illiterates.
(2) 1195 without elementary school certificates.
(3) 509 were sent to hospital for observation.
(4) 47 were A.W.O.L.
(5) 157 were released from the army for physical reasons.
(6) 340 were sent on compassionate leave.

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Good weather and the rectifying of the lack of instructors enabled the complete programme to be fulfilled, and in addition sports and small arms competitions were held; as well as demonstrations to the recruits of night and day training under fire.

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Of the system of training Air Force recruits at the C.A.R, it is suggested that they might be trained by their own NCO's which could be attached to the C.A.R permanently. On these courses men of the Demonstration Pln were promoted to L/Cpl to instruct them and proved themselves worthy of their appointment.

4. INSTRUCTORS.

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(c) The selection of new NCO's give cause for alarm, and unless some system of selection is soon forthcoming an acute shortage will result at the C.A.R. It is suggested that some of the best trained NCO's at the CAR be given instructional and then posted with the CAR WE.

5. GENERAL (ADM)

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6. GENERAL (G)

The recruits have been sent to their respective units with a good knowledge of training and discipline. This has been confirmed by COs of units who have received recruits.

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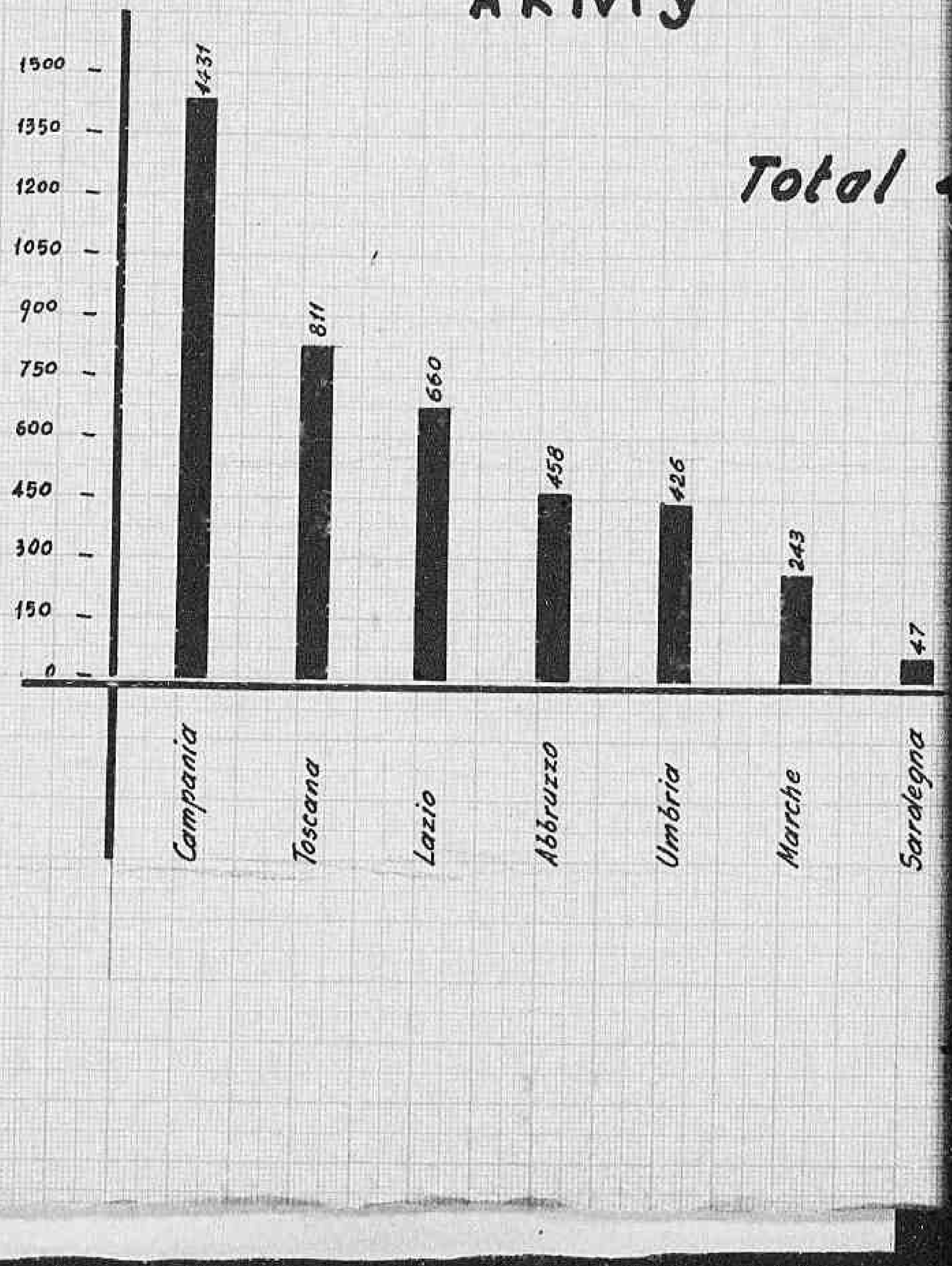
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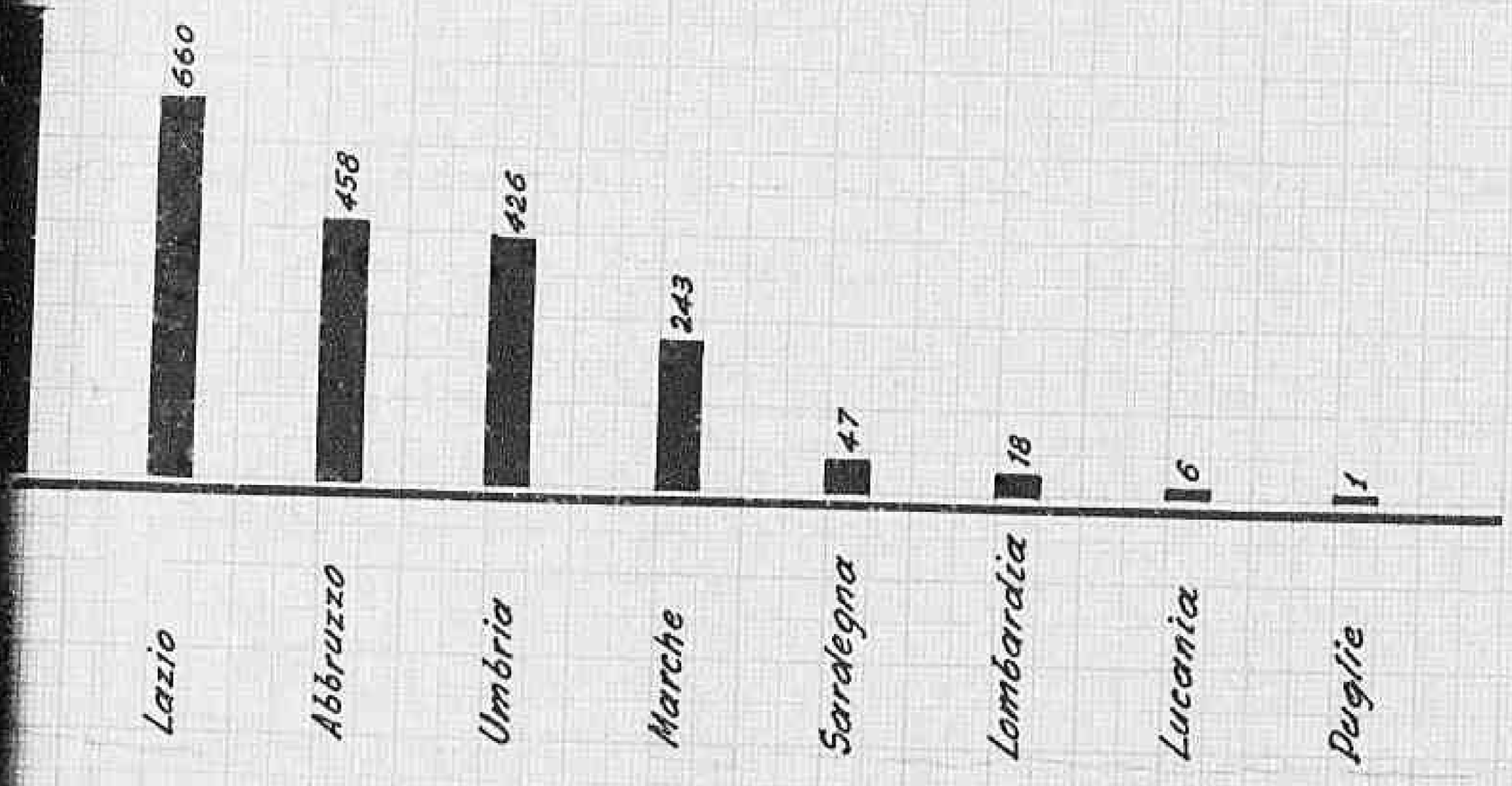
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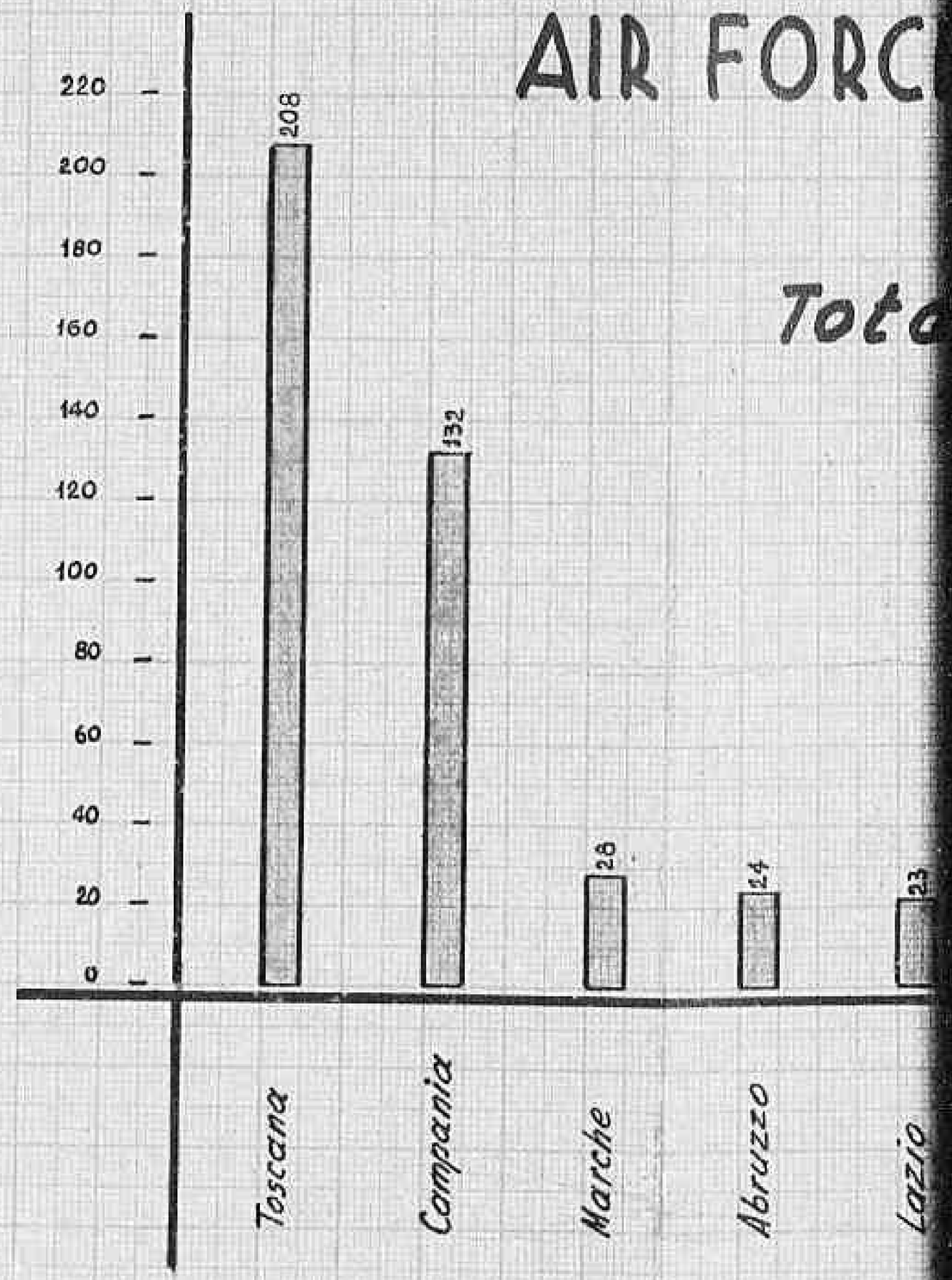
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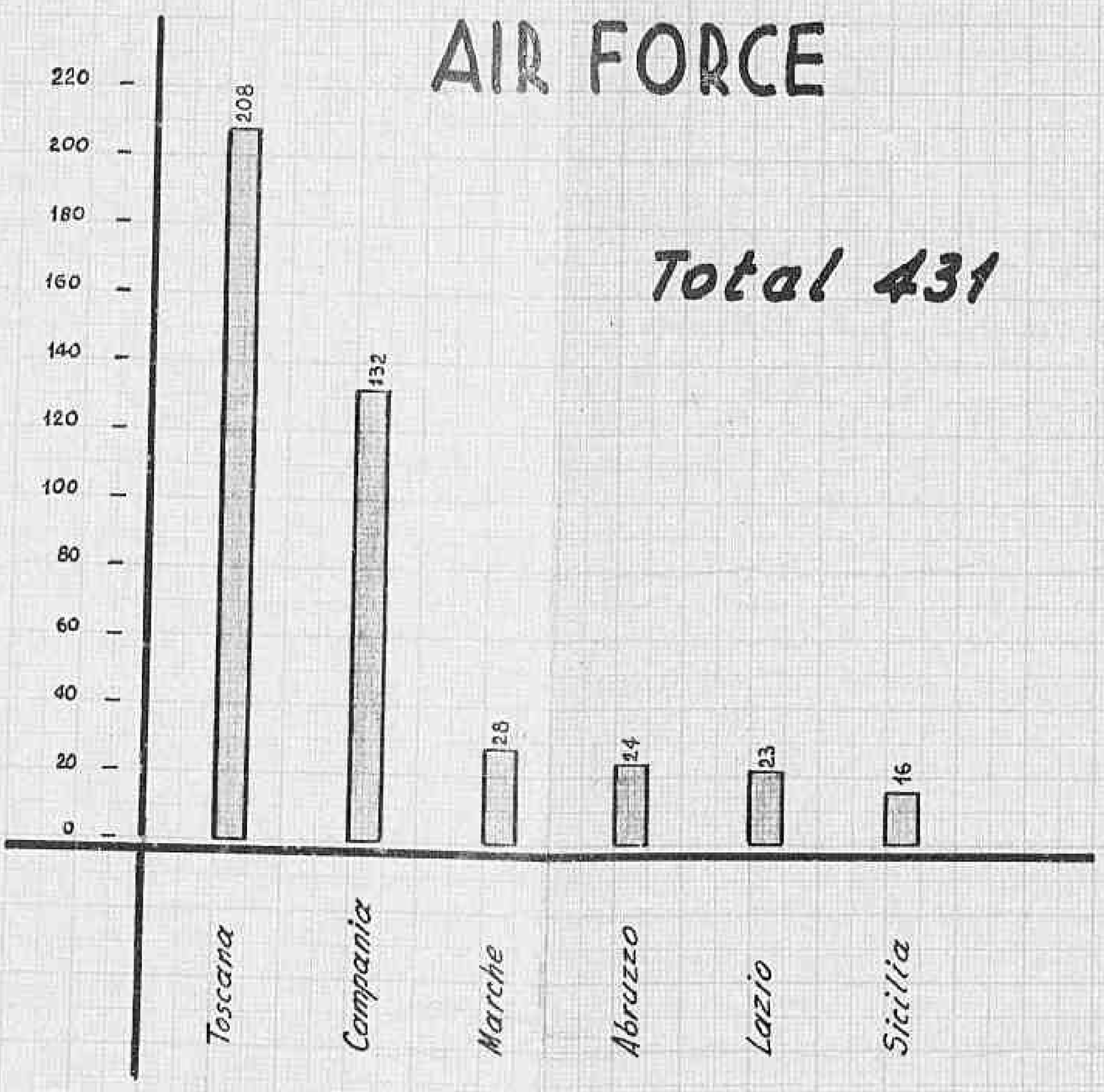


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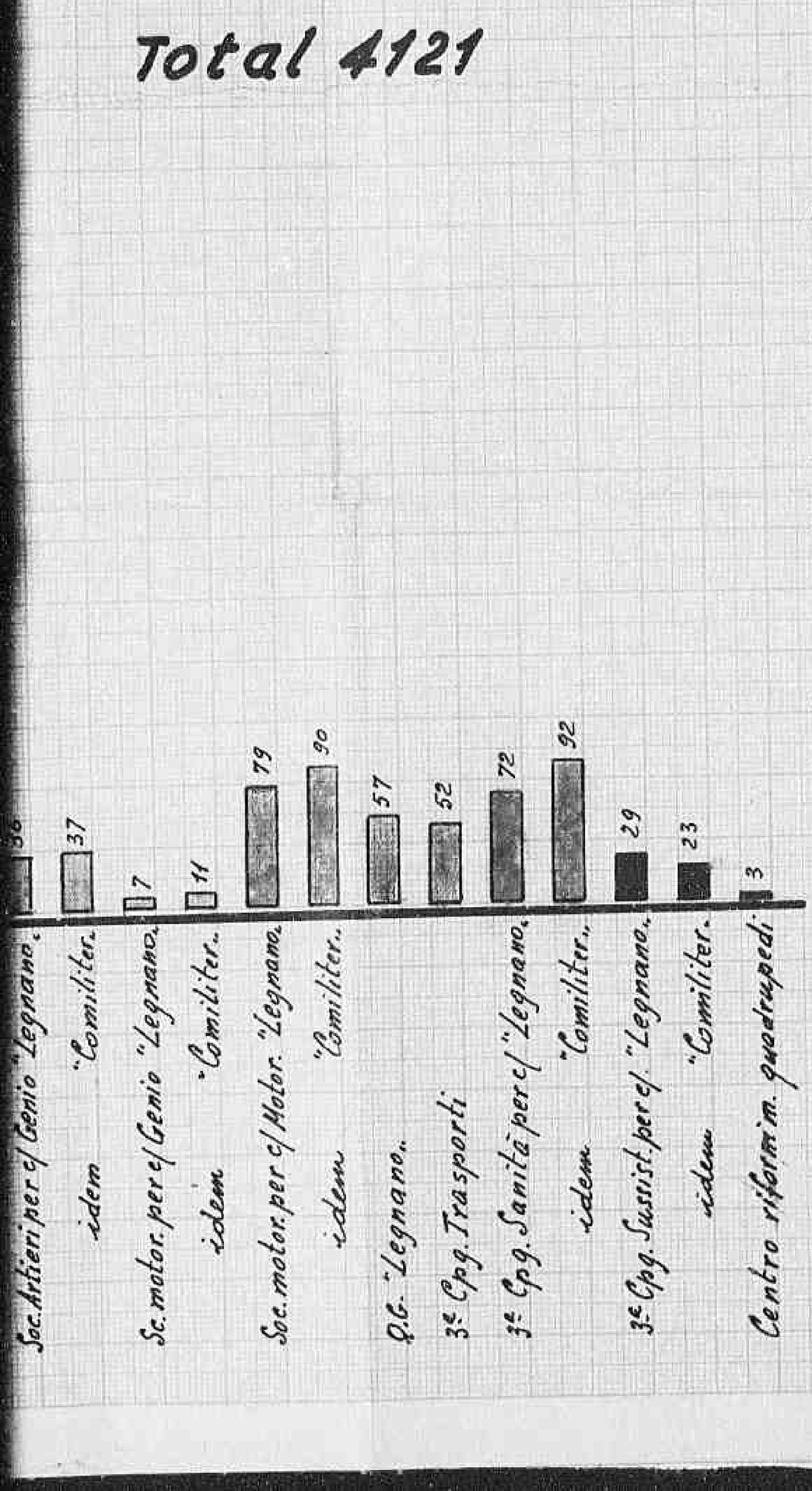


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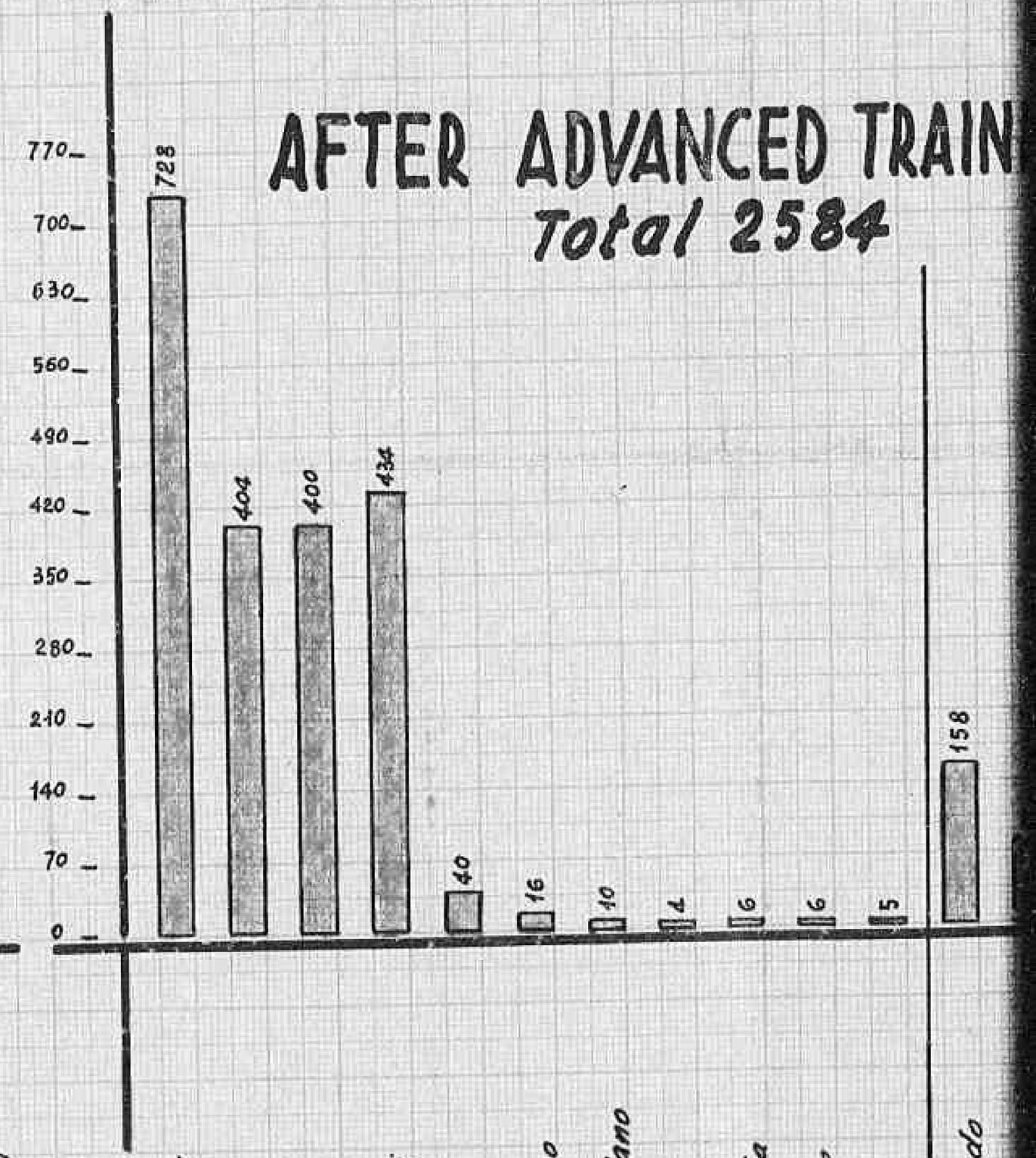
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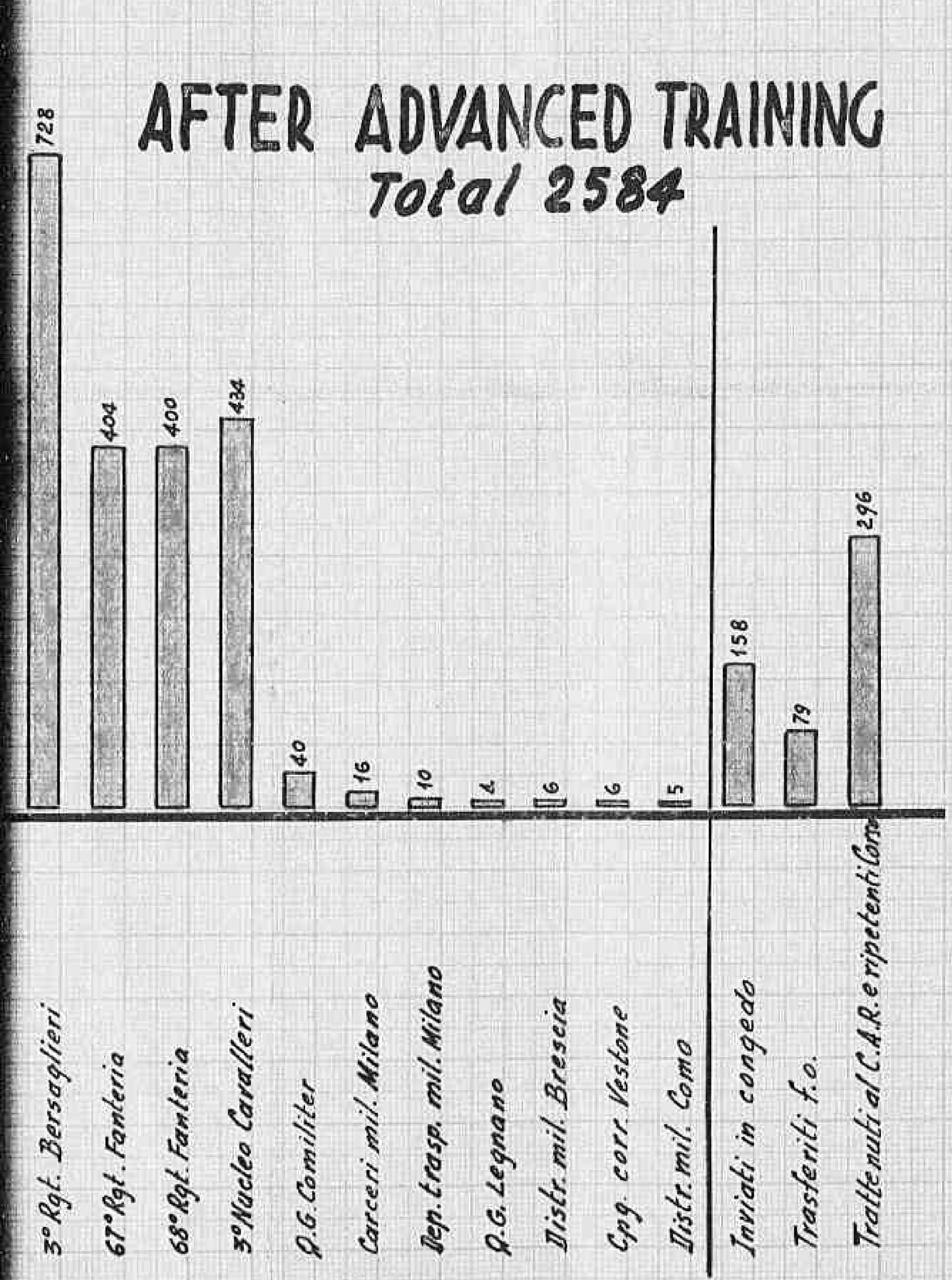
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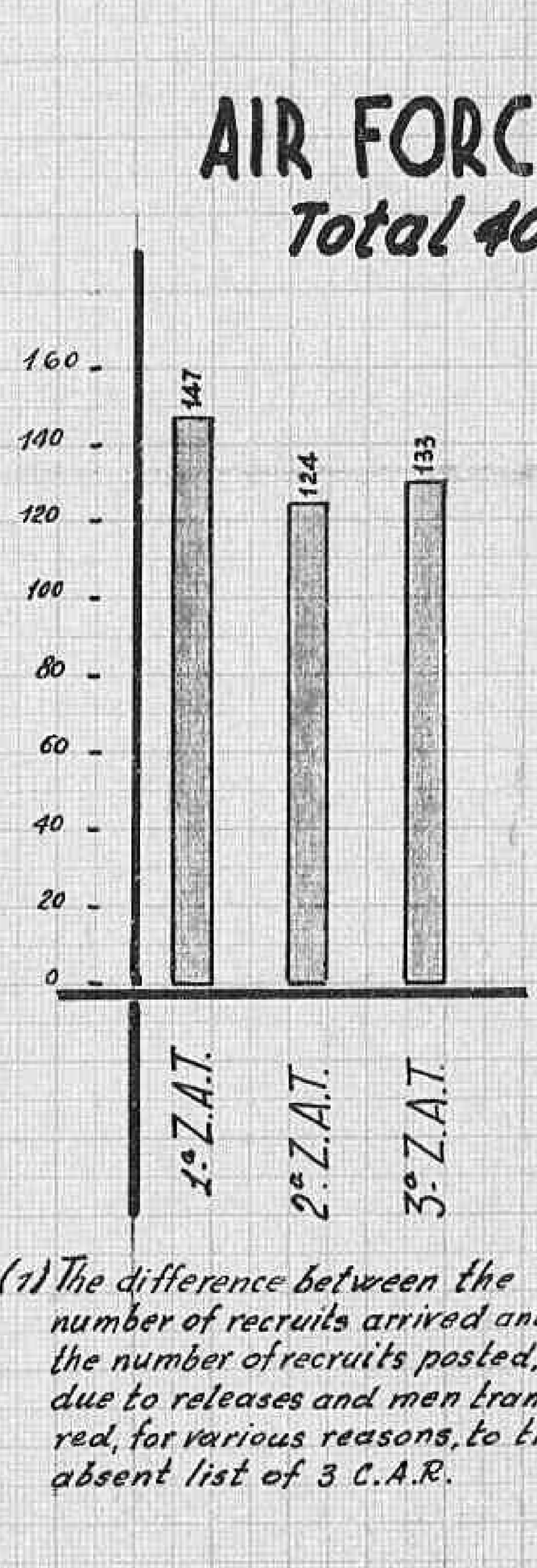
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AIR FORCE
Total 404 (1)



(1) The difference between the number of recruits arrived and the number of recruits posted, is due to releases and men transferred, for various reasons, to the absent list of 3 C.A.R.

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HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

PERIODICAL REPORT - DECEMBER 1946

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"A"
"C"

I. GENERAL

(a) Domestic (BLU)

NTR

(b) Italian

NTR

II. G.

Organisation

(c) Domestic

NTR

(b) Italian

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Employment of tps

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Training

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(i) Trg Ests.

The recruits have finished their advanced training at the CAR and have been despatched to units.

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Training (contd).

(ii) Other tps.

LEGNANO Div.

No MG shoots possible in 67 Inf Regt owing to bad weather.

11 Arty have carried out small arms shoots and have recced areas at NUVOLENTO, BRUGHIERA di GALLARATE, and in the COMO-VARESE zone for arty shoots.

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Major di CASOLA Ottavio has assumed command of the new Engr Bn.

Training activity during the month has largely been devoted to completing Coy and Bty tactical trg as the conclusion of the first period of instruction for soldiers called up during the Spring of this year.
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67 Inf Regt are very short of trg manuals which are in the process of being reprinted at ROME.

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(c) P.T. and Recreational Trg. In spite of lack of kit, quite a lot of P.T. and games have taken place, using improvised kit. Field gymnastics have especially been developed. The Div net-ball championships are in full swing. Regimental football teams are training hard. Foncing, for Officers and senior NCOs has not progressed far on account of lack of kit and instructors.

(d) MT Trg. New courses are taking place to make up the deficiencies caused by the release of older classes.

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Training (cont'd).

(e) Other trgs.

HEGMANO Div.

(c) Specialists Trg. Most of the students sent on courses to Specialist Schools have now rejoined their units and have been absorbed without difficulty.
Potential junior NCOs courses have been completed with fairly satisfactory results. Hard work was put in both by instructors and pupils and about 100 selected men are available for each Regt.
W/T operators courses are in hand and new courses for potential Corporals have been started to fill vacancies caused by the last releases.

(f) Instructors Trg. Discussions for Officers and senior NCOs have been recommenced and take place three times a week. Subjects dealt with include the functioning of the Services, knowledge of weapons and study of the new regulations.
Technical trg of senior NCOs cannot be exploited as fully as desired owing to paucity of numbers.

(ii) Artillery.

Trg programme has been affected by lack of POL. At the end of the trg period, fire exercises (two per group) incl lay-out and selection of fire posns, preparation for the shoot and actual execution of the shoot will take place with a view to speeding up personnel in carrying out orders rapidly and accurately.

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In branches of trg common to other arms, the arty have had satisfactory results, particularly in MT trg in which the regimental courses concluded with less than 20% rejected. Driving trg is now to be carried on with, subject to limitations in POL.
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Other causes which have affected trg are :-

(i) Deficiency of instructors, particularly senior NCOs.

(ii) Reduction in POL allotment.

(iii) Low standard of trg of the recently arrived recruits, amongst whom are a considerable number of illiterates or men of poor education. This does not help in obtaining specialists, particularly as regards the Signal Coys.

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Training (contd).

(ii) Other trps.

LECCANO Div.

(iii) Engineers and Signals (contd).

Engineer battle trg has continued on the same lines as for the Infantry.
Special attention has been paid to mine-laying and explosives as far as concerns the Engrs, whilst signallers have concentrated on the theory and practice of the different means of comm. Specialists who arrived from the School at CECCHIGUOLA have been mainly employed on maint of W/T comms which have lately been increased, and in training up the recruits.

(iv) Recce Bn (5 Cavalry).

Still being formed ; no trg has yet been carried out.

3 BERSAGLIERI.

This Regt has also slowed up training during the month on account of the release of the older classes and the arrival of the new batch of recruits.
Very little outdoor training has been possible owing to the large amount of rain and mist which has affected the MILAN district lately.
A certain amount has been done, however, in the way of :-

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(iv) Route Marches. The usual weekly route march of approx 20 km has been carried out. The boot situation is, however, deplorable and seriously affects all kind of outdoor training.

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ENGINEER COYS OF 3 TERR COND.

Training of the recruits has been carried out in accordance with general programme laid down by the Inspectorate of Engineers.

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Training (contd).

(ii) Other ths.

ENGINEER COYS OF 5 TERR COMD.(contd).

Specialised Training.

Technical instruction this month has been based on explosives, mines, mine-laying, mine-fields, motor compressors, and hydraulic pumps.
Explosives were dealt with rather briefly ; training was designed to make the recruits understand the classification of principal characteristics of mine explosives, dealing with the different sensibilities and comparisons between highly sensitive . . .. explosives and those less sensitive, including types of detonators, above all, precautions and care in use of mines was especially stressed.

As regards the system of exploding charges, the men were shown various types of fuses ; it was not however possible to blow charges owing to the lack of explosive.

Terr Comd intend to complete the instruction as soon as the necessary material, which has been indented for, is obtained. Practice has been carried out meanwhile in packing charges and inserting fuses. The electric system of firing a charge in series and in parallel has been explained and also the normal system of detonating fuses or slow-burning fuse. Electrical apparatus has been dealt with, the British in theory, and the Italian Mod 32 in practice.

Instruction in mines has been nearly all theoretical ; the instructors attempted to overcome lack of materials by the use of sketches and blackboard drawings of the various components of exploders.
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Specialised Training.

Technical instruction this month has been based on explosives, mines, mine-laying, mine-fields, motor compressors, and hydraulic pumps.
Explosives were dealt with rather briefly ; training was designed to make the recruits understand the classification of principal characteristics of mine explosives, dealing with the different sensibilities and comparisons between highly sensitive . . .. explosives and those less sensitive, including types of detonators, above all, precautions and care in use of mines was especially stressed.

As regards the system of exploding charges, the men were shown various types of fuses ; it was not however possible to blow charges owing to the lack of explosive.

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Training in the hydraulic pump concludes this months' programme.

Arms Training.

Training on the Breda 38 takes place 3 hours weekly, i.e. mounting, dismounting, aiming and siting of the weapon.

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Training (contd).

(ii) Other tps.

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Drill and Regulations.

This is also carried out for 3 hours weekly (one hours drill or one hours P.T. daily).

3rd SIGNAL COY. MILAN.

Specialist Training.

(a) W/T Operators.

(i) Theoretical.

Circuits, batteries, electrical resistance, the Ohm, microphones, accumulators, fixed and variable condensers, multiple and single cells, magnetic properties, electro - magnetism, types of messages, method of writing signals, electrical machines, dynamos and alternators, special signals, priority signals, operational signals.

(ii) Practical.

Reception and transmission.

(b) Line Operators.

(i) Theoretical.

Currents, circuits, batteries, faults and repairs in Telephones, electrical resistance, microphones, 10 - line exchanges, fixed and variable condensers, nomenclature, electro-magnetism and its properties, magnetic fields generated by permanent magnets or passage of a current, alternating currents, layout and practical working of a telephone net.

(ii) Practical.

Laying of four telephone lines at the Cathedral, MILAN, for use with the flood-lighting system, laying of a 30 line exchange at Artillery HQ, laying of a 20 line exchange at SUZZANI Bks and 4 telephones at TEUILLIE Bks.

Weapon Training.

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Both the W/T and Line operators pls have done 15 periods of P.T. and 15 periods of Rifle and MG trg. 1753

Drill and training regulations has also been attended to.

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Training (contd).

(b) CC.

Normal police duties have prevented training on any big scale, but individual and weapon trg is carried out regularly.
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(d) Political current among tps.

NTR.

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Common crime is slightly on the increase, though armed hold-ups have been fewer of late. The general tendency of crime is against property.

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Intelligence (contd).

(g) Economics.

Maize Crop.

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Situation in General.

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Other things which are causing anxiety are the shortage of bread, lack of fuel and POL and the restrictions in the use of electricity. The cost of living increases daily.

(h) Other "I" Points.

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At the urgent request of A.F.S.C., 3 BLU supplied 15 tins of evaporated milk which were duly dropped to the survivors.

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III. A.

Domestic. Deficiencies : in all ranks against WE.

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1 Admin Sjt
1 Sjt Veh Mech (Cfn held in lieu)
1 L/Cpl Dvr Mech
1 Pte RASC Clerk
1 L/Cpl RASC
1 L/Cpl REME
1 L/Cpl Ration NCO

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Due back beginning of January.
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L/Cpl ORD proceeds on PRIVLEAVE (taken in Italy) 4 Dec.

ITALIAN Deficiencies : in total strengths and in tradesmen and specialists against WE (This will be shown in general terms only, e.g. as a percentage).

NIL.

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Pay Problems.

The recent increases of pay have been received with but mild enthusiasm.
As pay increases so the prices of commodities again draw ahead.

Morale.

The demobilisation of the older soldiers has cleared out a large proportion of the malcontents, men who had been affected and dispirited as soldiers by the defeat of the army.
Legnano Div is satisfied with the standard of recruits it is receiving from the CaR's.

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Other 'A' Points.

Welfare.

There was a delay in receipt of the last welfare grant from the Min of War.

We are endeavouring to have the amount distributed to Hospital patients increased, as opposed to the old practise, which was to distribute the bulk of the grant to soldiers whose families are in poor circumstances.

To some extent the change is being effected.

IV. Q.

Domestic Transport.

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1x3 tonner was received to replace 1x15 cwt . The 15 cwt will be returned to V.P. when it comes out of Wksps.

Accommodation.

NTR.

ITALIAN Transport.

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The situation is good in general but the tyre shortage is being felt.

(b) CC.

NTR.

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The result of this has been that every company of the regiment now has its own armourer. Although these armourers are obviously not yet very experienced it is a very great step towards maintaining in good condition the arms of this Regt.

At the moment these armourers are working undervthe great handicap of lack of tools. The number of tools held by this Regt is incredibly small, and unless these are obtained the usefullness of these armourers will be largly lost.

It is in cases like this that the Min of War should be advised to hasten the supply of armourers tool Kits as early as possible. If this is not done the obvious keeness shown by those concerned in this Regt at least may be in danger of being wasted.

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RAOC Problems.

The inspection, by an RAOC amn examinerof Legnano Div British amn holdings revealed an unsatisfactory state of amn maintenance.

The inspection was very thorough and the recommendations of the examiner have been completely agreed by Terr Comd, who have already put them into effect to the following extent.

LODI dump is being cleared, all amn in good condition being transffered to GORLE, and condemned amn to MARINENGO. The GORLE dump is being reorgainised, and cover for the amn is being reconstructed. The report referred to above was forwarded to you under our ref Q/37/21 of 31 Oct 46.

Clothing and Eqpt.

(a) Army loss CC.

The issue of clothing continue to be fairly reasonable in quantity, but most of the items received by Terr Comd are from stocks of much worn material.

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Good stocks of clothing have been received during the month and the bulk of it has already been distributed to the Legions.

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The position at the Beretta Factory at the end of the month was:

9mm Automatic Carbines: 14,500 tested, 2,900 issued, 6,349 in hand.
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Balances in hand are held at BRESCL..

Det Arty Section, available for distribution upon instructions from the Min of War.

No particular difficulties are being found in the normal issue of arms to units.

(b) CC.

NTR.

C.E.M.

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Terr Comd has asked the War Ministry that the grant for repair works be increased. All money received to date has been spent on priority jobs, but very often important repair works, such as roof repairs, are at a standstill due to lack of funds.

POL Problems.

Supplies from C.I.P are being received according to schedule, but the allotment of POL for November has been cut a further 5% on order of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, arising out of the national shortage.

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SEP Problems.

This unit has now adopted a system of maintenance that will presumably remain substantially unchanged for the future. It is believed that our observations on the difficulties involved may be of interest; this section of our report this month, is therefore divided as follows:

'A' Rations (domestic)

In accordance with 217 Area Admin Instruction No 24 of 19 Nov 46, this HQ is rationed as follows:-

Hard Rations	-	Monthly from 204 DID BOLOGNA, soon to be transferred to RICCIONE or RIMINI.
Fresh Rations	-	Local Purchase.
Bread	-	Baked by 3 Military Bakery (Italian) MILANO.
Meat	-	Monthly from 204 DID. Kept in local civilian cold storage under contract.

In addition this HQ is responsible for the rationing of two other units and is appointed accounting unit. Ration strength at the moment is 80 (all scales) and is likely to be augmented in the near future.

The effective date of commencement of this system was the 1st Dec for all items except bread, the effective date of which was 26 th Nov 46.

An attempt was made to obtain meat by a local purchase basis and ADST MILAN together with D.A.Q.M.G. 217 Area visited GHQ with this object. Afterwards D.A.Q.M.G. 217 Area phoned this office with the news that GHQ had ruled out local purchase of meat on political grounds. This was a blow, for the cutting up of meat at the cold stores and the transport of it wastes valuable time, transport and personnel.

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The same applies to bread, the calculation of flour amounts to a bread issue, the documenting of flour issue and bread receipts and then bread issues means that this office is also much of a bakery office.

This, together with the supervision of the practical side of the job, carried out with an adequate and untrained staff meant that S & T representative has had no time at all for his normal S & T duties, and although this pressure is now ending as the staff fall into their routine, a constant daily supervision will be necessary.

The question therefore arises an advisability of posting a qualified Supply - Sgt, who could take over much of the work now being done by the S & T Officer.

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'A' Rations (domestic)(contd).

It is emphasised that no unnecessary accounting is being carried out. On the other hand, the terms of GRO 735/46 leaves no doubt, generally speaking, of what is required of units in the way of accounting. The ration accountancy of this HQ is organised in the spirit of this GRO.

'B' SUP Problems - Italian Army.

Receipt and Issue of supplies continue regularly and smoothly.

"Mortadella" sausage, which is a varity of Sulami has been made issue and the Ministry of War have now authorised (letter 17959/5/1 of 2 Nov 1946) a supplementary issue of 25 grams cheese for the two days on which cheese is an issue.

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Separate also from the above is a new authority (letter 18931/5/1 of 2 Nov 1946) which gives units the right to purchase potatoes locally in lieu of drawing the normal vegetable ration.

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Medical Problems.

NTR.

Gov Problems (Not incl locns).

NTR.

Other 'G' Points.

S.P.M.

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Appendix "A"

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3 B.L.U. AND 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

Amendment No 3 to Location Statement No 9 dated 1 Sep 46.

Sheet No 5

MEDITERRANEAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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Appendix "B"

SUBJECT: Staff List.

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Herewith Staff List No 12 in respect of 3 BLU (MILAN)

Recipients of previous Staff Lists of 3 BLU please destroy.

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DISTRIBUTION :

GHQ CMF	2
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HQ 4 BLU	1
HQ 5 BLU	1
HQ 6 BLU	1
HQ 7 BLU	1
HQ 8 BLU	1
HQ 9 BLU	1
HQ 10 BLU	1
HQ 11 BLU	1
HQ 12 BLU	1
Historical Records	2
Spare	10

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HQ 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

PERIODICAL REPORT - 1 NOVEMBER 1946

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NTR.

(b) CC.

Normal. See separate report forwarded to CC Branch.

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Little trg has been done, the main reason offered being lack of men. The decrease in strength is indeed noticeable since last month, and figures are given below.

	Decrease.
MILAN Legion	97
PADUA "	34
BOLZANO "	34
VERONA "	11
Mobile Bn	12

As against this, the numbers on leave seem to be excessive, in some Legions amounting to 12%, too great a percentage in view of decreased numbers, and one explanation why trg cannot be carried out.

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Training.

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(i) Trg Ests.

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424 Air Force

Average strength of trg Squad - 14.

The trg of the Inf recruits, Class 1925, for the first period of 4 months is being carried out regularly, as per Ministry programme. Preliminary and Specialist trg for the first four weeks has been completed. Generally trg has not been handicapped by bad weather, but was carried out in accordance with the programme laid down. Progress has been satisfactory.

Air Force Recruits.

Preliminary trg (4 weeks) has been completed. Second period commenced on 21 Oct with the help of Air Force Instructors.
Bearing in mind the average standard of intelligance of the recruits, the results obtained have been very satisfactory. For personnel of the Air Force, better and quicker results have been obtained, they being a better class of recruit. In the middle of the course a further Air Force contingent was consigned for trg which necessitated more personnel being detached for Staff duties, and was not conducive to the smooth running of the trg programme.

Instructors.

The situation is as mentioned in previous reports.
The acute shortage of Officers has now decreased considerably with the arrival of new Officers, and the return of those who were on a course (approx 15) The reasons affecting the efficiency of the NCOs, as detailed in previous reports, has increased. The uncertainty causing, in many, a decrease in efficiency and morale.

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Sectional Bombs of various types.
Sight Testing instruments.
'Snipers' Rifles - with special sights.
Spare parts for all types of arms held.
PT Manuals (1 per Pl - total 48).

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Training (contd).

(a) Army less CC.

(ii) Other tps.

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The exercises carried out in camp resulted very satisfactorily, not only from the trg aspect, but also from a disciplinary and moral point of view ; the practical side of trg and the employment of the pl in various phases of the battle were practised, as well as more advanced trg in the use of the Coy and Bn..
On return from camps, units continued normal activity as well as revision of the lessons learnt in the field.

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(a) Formal drill, Individual and Collective, Instruction in Regs, Arms Drill and Shooting.

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(b) Battle Trg.

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(d) MT Trg.

Drivers courses are carried out regularly; some have now finished with good results. Several convoy exercises have also been held, in which all efficient lorries and M/Cs took part, as well as carriers, as far as availability of drivers would permit.

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Training (contd).

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(ii) Other tps. (contd).

(e) Specialist Trg.

Practical trg was carried out during the exercises in the field. On 16 Oct a Regtl course for W/T ops consisting of 38 students began at 37 Inf Regt.

(f) Cadre Trg.

This has consisted of the participation in, and the discussion of, the various exercises carried out by all cadres not forming part of Unit HQs.

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Signals.

Theoretical and practical instruction has been carried out with all instruments. A W/T course in reading and sending started at the end of September.

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Training (contd).

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(ii) Other tps (contd).

3 Bersaglieri Regt.

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Two " " 200 " "
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One practice at 200 metres One Mag.
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Men obtaining a poor score were made to repeat.
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Two lessons at 100 metres, 4 bombs per firer.
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(d) Grenade.
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The following battle practices have been completed :-

(a) Sec Shoots.
The following tactical phases were covered :-
Approach, attack, assault, consolidation.
Each Sec was given a different tactical situation in order to vary the plan and the orders given out.
The actual ranges, although restricted to five parallel firing points, lent themselves to a realistic representation of actual battle situations.
Use of ground was particularly stressed, as well as the giving out of orders by Sec Comds and the useful co-operation of all available weapons.

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Training (contd).

(a) Army less CC.

(ii) Other tps (contd).

3 Bersaglieri Regt.

A. 1st and 2nd Bns.

(b) Pl Shoots.

These were carried out at the conclusion of the foregoing exercises; all points of battle trg were brought out.
Results were very satisfactory ; the handling of the weapons and the results obtained has given the men confidence in the weapons themselves.

Throughout all these exercises, NCOs and potential NCOs trg has continued, with particular reference to the practical side; school of instruction, method of teaching ; tactical orders. In order to develop the sense of initiative of the students, frequent patrol exercises took place, with snap questions set for the quick solution of problems.

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B. 3rd Bn.

(a) Battle Trg.

Pl trg has begun, individual trg, however, is still being attended to.

(b) Range Practices.

Practices with the Breda 37 have been carried out at 200 and 500 metres with satisfactory results.
PLAT shoots are being prepared.

(c) PT and Sports.

Coys are selecting squads to take part in the Regtl competition, which will shortly take place.

(d) Route Marches.

These take place once weekly over an average distance of 12 miles.

(e) NCOs Courses.

17 Bersaglieri were appointed to the rank of Cpl about mid-Oct after the conclusion of an NCOs course. This represented 60% of the students taking part.

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See paragraph under "Employment of Troops".

Intelligence.

(a) Ascertainable activities of ITALIANS vis a vis other countries (e.g.) YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA).

NIL.

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Intelligence (contd).

(e) Frontier activity.

The Finance Guard are continuing their activities against smuggling, which is on the increase.
A Swiss patrol encountered a group of smugglers in VAL di PUCCIO on 27 Oct, killing one and wounding another. The band was attempting to enter Switzerland with sups of yellow flour and rice.
At CHIASSO a woman was arrested whilst attempting to smuggle £5,356, 6750 dollars and a large quantity of other currency out of Italy.
Perhaps the worse case during the month occurred at VARESE where a Red Cross Ambulance was searched and found to contain a large quantity of flour. A sham Red Cross nurse was on board.
It later transpired that the vehicle belonged to the III Autoreparto MILAN and as a result an Italian Lt and the dvr of the veh are under arrest.

(c) Relations between tps and populace (special ref to CC, other police, ex-partisans, peasants, town-dwellers).

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(d) Political current among tps.

NTR.

(e) Subversive elements.

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(f) Public Security.

The approach of winter and the general deterioration of the economic situation has been reflected in a wide-spread recurrence of criminal activity, taking the form of armed hold-ups, thefts and murders.
Many strikes have and are occurring, including that of the builders, which paralised all attempts at reconstruction in MILAN, and that of the distillers which caused a lack of leaven on the market and so adversely affected the quality of the bread.
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The campaign started by a "Right" newspaper against the great and unproportionate number of quarters occupied in MILAN by HQs of Secs, Groups, Parties and political movements has echoed round the City.
It is said that several thousand rooms are thus occupied, the majority of which could and should be restored to their proper use, i.e. to provide living quarters for the homeless and refugees.
Armed hold-ups now occur as early as 6-30 pm and sometimes in broad daylight, and generally take the form of car-stealing or hold-ups of persons known to be carrying large sums of money.

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Intelligence (contd).

(g) Economics.

No reduction in the price of foodstuffs is yet apparent, and this is causing grave concern. A "Calmiere" (price control of food) has for some time been imposed in MILAN by the Prefect, but as it only affects the City and not Provincial towns, the producers naturally sell their goods outside MILAN.
This reduces the amount available in MILAN shops and consequently the shopkeepers refuse to sell at the Calmiere price, openly pricing their wares at the original prohibitive figures.
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From documents found during the investigations, it would appear that a similar plant is in operation in the NAPLES area.
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Other 'G' Points.

NTR.

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III. A.

Domestic. Deficiencies : in all ranks against WE.

1 Ord Offr - Posted, but not yet arrived.
1 BOWO
1 Adm Sjt (Cpl held in lieu)
1 Sjt Veh Mech (Cfn held in lieu)
1 Armr Cpl (Posting requested by ADME MMLA)
1 L/Cpl Dvr Mech
1 L/Cpl Ord
1 Pte RASC Clerk

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Leave : Detail of all ranks on leave and when due to return.
Detail of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

NIL.
Application has been made to O2E for authy to despatch EME Officer on SEWLROM.

ITALIAN Deficiencies : in total strengths and in tradesmen and specialists against WE (This will be shown in general terms only, e.g. as a percentage).

NTR.

Discipline.

Discipline amongst the tps continues to be reasonably satisfactory, and minor crimes are decreasing. Clothing and acon, whilst still leaving much to be desired, is slowly improving.

Leave Problems.

NTR.

Pay Problems.

The recent increase of pay is counterbalanced by the increased cost of living, and dissatisfaction continues. A large number of married NCO's who have their families with them, are finding it very difficult to make ends meet.

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In view of the circumstances in which they live it is surprising that the cases of theft and disposal of Army property is so relatively slight.

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Morale.

Continues to be satisfactory. It is evidenced in the decrease in the number of petty offences, notably that of absence without leave.
The smart turnout and general bearing of the recruits at the CARs has greatly impressed the civilian population.

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Other 'A' Points.

For some time past we have kept a particularly close watch on the Welfare activities within the command.
Progress is hampered through lack of funds and material, the problem is becoming more acute with the approach of the winter.
However, Terr Comd is doing all that its limited resources will permit, and in general welfare consciousness is on the increase, and this has been confirmed in conversation with Regtl Officers.

IV. Q.

Domestic. Transport.

2 vehs have been certified BLR in the past month, 1 x 3 tonner and 1 Humber 4 x 4 have been allotted to the unit.

Accomodation.

NTR.

TRAIN Transport.

(a) Army loss CC.

Lt Col JDA HARDIE ADST 1ML. visited 3 Adm Tpt Coy during the month and commented very favourably on this Coy.

(b) CC.

NTR.

REME Problems.

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The reason given for this was that the latest dvrs posted to the unit were not mechanically minded, and had little knowledge of MT. Every effort is being made to bring them up to scratch. The MTO, Ten CASCHETTI, seemed to have fairly good knowledge of the job, and should be capable of improving the efficiency of his dvrs.
A few DODGES had been released to the unit from OARE and it was noticed that a high percentage of the new tyres, of DUNLOP and GOODYEAR make, were cracking badly. This was not due to bad tyre maintenance or from running under-inflated. The cracks were not in any one direction, but ran in every direction between thr tread of the tyres. In some cases the canvas was visible between these cracks.

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R.OC Problems.

An Ord Officer has been posted to the unit, and it is intended to develop the activities of this branch, which has suffered in the past due to the lack of a technically qualified adviser.

Clothing and Eqpt.

(a) Army less CC.

NTR.

(b) CC.

No allocation has been made this month to the MILAN Legion, who report a lack of winter clothing.
Complaints have been received from both Legions of MILAN and LIDO in respect of the issue of part worn boots to Carabinieri.

Arms and Amn.

(a) Army less CC.

Lack of spare parts for the repair of small arms is hindering the satisfactory maintenance of the weapons. BRITISH pullthroughs and fuzes are in short supply and are being manufactured in the country.

(b) CC.

The issue of Arms and Amn has continued during the month.

C.E.M.

NTR.

Accn.

The amount of accn available is adequate, but it is mostly in poor condition, and the material for the repair of windows etc is not available.

POL Problems.

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SUP Problems.

There is a feeling amongst units in this Comd, which HQ Terr Comd endorse, that the bread and pasta ration for winter should be increased. The subject is being investigated by this BLU at the moment. A report will follow.
Lt Col JDA HARDIE ADST MMLA visited III Mil Bakery and III Distribution Depot, MILAN during the month and commented favourably on the high standard of efficiency at these depots.

Medical Problems. DADMS MMLA visited a number of Fd Hosps of LEGNANO Div. in the past month.

Other 'G' Points. NTR.

MILAN

Lt Col
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Appendix "A"

LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 3 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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PERIODICAL REPORT - 1 OCTOBER 1946.

SERIAL 15.

PA & LOG X S&S X
DIP CORPS X X
BGS X INTEL X
COL A/G X WP X

1. GENERAL

(a) Domestic (BLU)
NTR.

(b) Italian
NTR.

II G.

Organisation
a) Domestic

With the departure of the CC LO Major LACEY to UK on release the duties of the CC department will be taken over by the "G"Branch.
It is doubtful as to the amount of time that can be spared for visits to CC Units but every effort will be made to visit at least two of the Legion each month.

b) Italian

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a) Army less CC

Except for the Ceremonial Parade for the arrival of the President

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Employment of tps (Contd)

b) CC
Normal.

Training

a) Army less CC
i) Trg Ests

See Appendix " E ".

ii) Other tps

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The Bersaglieri Regt have continued with their individual and squad training and are progressing satisfactorily. Courses for Junior NCOs are in progress in all three Bns.

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b) CC

Normal trg and courses continue with all available personnel, but in some Legions, such as Bolzano, it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold any courses due to the shortage of personnel.
A separate report on CC trg has been forwarded to your CC Staff Officer.

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Intelligence

a) Ascertainable activities of ITALIANS vis a vis other countries (e.g.)YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA).

NTR.

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d) Political current among tps
NTR.

e) Subversive elements
NTR.

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NTR.

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Leave Problems

NTR.

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Pay Problems

The situation remains as usual unsatisfactory. Civilian employees, who struck for increased pay, considered the Ministry of War ruling that they would not be paid for striking days, to be most unfair. However it seems to have had the desired effect.

Morale

Great attention is now being paid by Terr Comd to this aspect during trg. They consider morale in general to be satisfactory and are endeavouring, by various methods to effect further improvements.

Other "A" Points

Many local press representatives have visited the Welfare Centre in the city and have reported very favourably on it in their papers and in general the local public appears to be favourably inclined towards the Centre.

ENAL (Workers National Welfare Association) are arranging various free theatre performances within the Centre. Newspapers are being delivered free to the Centre.

IV Q. Domestic Transport.

NTR.

Accommodation NTR.

Italian Transport.

(a) Army less Carabinieri NTR.

(b) Carabinieri

The situation is as previously reported. A small number of vehicles have been received during the month and have been distributed.

REME Problems

During a recent visit to GARDONE VAL TROMPIA both the shop dealing with Allied weapons and also part of the BERETTA Factory were inspected. The work turned out by the Allied section is extremely

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Many local press representatives have visited the Welfare Centre in the city and have reported very favourably on it in their papers and in general the local public appears to be favourably inclined towards the Centre.

ENAL (Workers National Welfare Association) are arranging various free theatre performances within the Centre. Newspapers are being delivered free to the Centre.

IV Q. Domestic Transport.

NTR.

Accommodation NTR.

Italian Transport.

(a) Army less Carabinieri NTR.

(b) Carabinieri

The situation is as previously reported. A small number of vehicles have been received during the month and have been distributed.

REME Problems

During a recent visit to CARDONE VAL TROMPIA both the shop dealing with Allied weapons and also part of the BERETTA Factory were inspected. The work turned out by the Allied section is extremely good. I saw cases where recovered weapons, which originally appeared to be complete write-offs, had been repaired as new.

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Arms and Ammn

(a) Army less Carabinieri

The ammn examiner referred to in our last report has arrived and is carrying out an inspection of the Legnano ammn of British origin.
His report is not yet to hand, but after a preliminary examination he expressed himself as very dissatisfied with its general condition and anticipates the inspection will take much longer than the four days estimated by the Div.
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P.O.L.

Regular supplies are being received from C.I.P. The COLICO depot is not yet functioning.

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LOCATION STATEMENT

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Amendment No.1 to Location Statement No 9, dated 1 Sep 46.

HQ III TERRITORIAL COMMAND

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LEGNANO INFANTRY DIVISION
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Appendix "B"

SUBJECT: Staff List

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Herewith Staff List No 10 in respect of 3 BLU(MILAN).

Recipients of previous Staff Lists of 3 BLU please destroy.

Maj
DAA and QMG

MILAN
HB/LO

Distribution:-

GHQ CMF	2
HQ 217 Area	2
MILAN Increment	
217 Area	2
HQ 1 BLU	1
HQ 2 BLU	1
HQ 4 BLU	1
HQ 5 BLU	1
HQ 6 BLU	1
HQ 7 BLU	1
HQ 8 BLU	1
HQ 9 BLU	1
HQ 10 BLU	1
HQ 11 BLU	1
HQ 12 BLU	1
Historical Records	2
Spare	10

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST NO.10

General Staff

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GSO II	Major C.J.ODD	RECCE

Branch of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General

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Services

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APPENDIX " E "

MONTHLY REPORT ON 3 C.A.R.

1. GENERAL

a) Training has continued to be of a satisfactory nature but is hampered by the deficiency of Instructors; it is the general impression at the C.A.R. that all the Officers and NCOs are severely overworked due to this fact, and also to the fact that additional recruits have arrived for trg with this Class making the strength of the Coys over 370 instead of the WE of 320.

In addition the arrival of the Air Force recruits during the last week of the month has added additional duties to the staff; the position regarding the Instructors is dealt with in a later para. of this report.

2. RECRUIT STATISTICS

No. of recruits who arrived at the C.A.R.	4067
No. transferred to the specialist schools	1540
No. now absent without leave	30
Average strength of trg squads	30

3. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

All training as detailed in the trg programme has been completed, with the exception of range practices for the T.S.M.C. This was unavoidable as the T.S.M.Cs arrived after the departure of the recruits for the specialist schools, but every effort was made to give these recruits an initial trg in the weapon from weapons borrowed from the LEGNANO DIV.

It has been suggested by the C.A.R.Comd that the present trg programme does not allow for a general standard of recruit trg to be achieved as it does not cater for the recruit of below average intelligence who finds difficulty in grasping points of a technical nature. A more elastic programme would enable these men to be given additional instruction without impairing other trg. It is also suggested that too much is expected from the recruit in a period of three months, and possibly some of this trg could be done on arrival at their respective Regts. 3 Terr Comd have been requested to forward their views to the Ministry of War.

4. INSTRUCTORS

This is the problem which is causing no small amount of concern at the C.A.R. The shortage is not only amongst the Officers but also both grades of NCOs.

Out of the 12 Coy Comds only 5 are actually present with their Units, and there is a deficiency of 10 Pl Comds to contend with. Out of the Senior NCOs approx 76 are expected to be sent away in a short time due to their previous associations in the Republican or Fascist Army. A deficiency of 68 Junior NCOs also exists.

No information as to when or how these Instructors are to be replaced can be obtained from Terr.Comd. The C.A.R.Comd states that unless something

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It is also pointed out that of the Junior NCOs present at the C.A.R. 80 of them were recruits on the previous course, and therefore they are not trained instructors at the present time.

.....Ministry of War/

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4. INSTRUCTORS (Contd)

Ministry of War continue to make calls on C.A.R. Instructors for the specialist schools, and three have been requested from 3 C.A.R. during Sep .

5. TRAINING STORES

The following stores already requested time and time again have still not arrived:-

PT Shoes for the recruits
Tools and spare parts for the Armourer
Tracer Amn
Sets of Instructional Films
Sight Testing Instruments
Sectional bombs and grenades.

6. RECRUIT SELECTION

After selection of recruits for the specialist schools it is found that the recruits who remain for trg at the C.A.R. are those who are only average or below average for intelligence. These men eventually go to Infantry , and therefore it can be seen that the old theory of anything or anyone is good enough for the Infantry is shaping itself in the new Italian Army. The Selection Committee for the recruits to send to the specialist schools have little time at their disposal and therefore choose the recruits who appear to have received a good education or are above the average for intelligence. It is thought that perhaps a percentage of the higher grade intelligence recruits could be retained for future Infantry NCOs.

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APPENDIX " F " TO 3 BLU MONTHLY REPORT SERIAL No. 15 DATED 1 Oct 46.

PROGRESS IN RESPECT OF REORGANIZATION
OF GENIO INTO SEPARATE SIGS AND SAPPER CORPS.

1. GENERAL

(a) Orders for the reorganisation of the GENIO have been given by 3 Terr Comd and satisfactory progress has been made.

2. TERR. ENGR HQ

(a) This has been split into three sections, namely Sappers, Signals and Works.
(b) The present sections are staffed with the personnel of the old HQ.

3. SAPPERS BN (LEGNANO DIV)

(a) This Bn is nearly complete, the personnel having been taken from the two Sappers and the Field Park Coys of the Div.
(b) No Bn Comd has as yet been appointed for the Bn.
(c) The Bn are deficient of approx 50 ORs on the W.E.
(d) Equipment is up to strength but some minor items are lacking.
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(f) Deficiency in personnel, arms and transport is shown in Appx 1 to this report.

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(b) Magg. GIULIANI will be the Comd of the new Bn.
(c) Sigs Bn has already received from the C.A.R. all the 1925 CLASS recruits that it is going to get, and will not be up to WE strength until MAY 47.
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(e) S.E.L. for Sigs Bn has been received.
(f) 51 Sigs Coy has formed the ARTY SIGS DET, and, if 2 Offrs and 4 NCOs are posted to the Bn, the SIGS DET for the In f Regts will be formed immediately.
(g) Deficiencies in personnel, arms, equipment and transport are shown in Appx 2 to this report.

5. OBSERVATIONS

(a) The first impression of the new WE is that there is a surplus of some specialists, and a deficiency of others after more time and study, more information on this subject will be forwarded. It is felt that it is too early to make constructive proposals at this stage.

(b) In the Sigs Bn it is thought that the Standard of W.T.Senior NCOs is too low, this being attributed to the low standard of trained personnel coming from the Central Schools.

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(c) It is thought that the ~~amount~~ ARMAMENT of the Engr Bn is too small.

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APPENDIX 1.

SAPPERS BATTALION

PERSONNEL

Title	WE	Available	Requested
Bn Comdr (Maj)	1	-	1
Captains	4	4	-
Subaltern Offrs	18	15	3 (1 Adjutant Lieut 2 Pl Comdrs)
Senior NCOs	29	25	4 (Unit Sjts or Sjt/Majrs)

ARMS

Type	WE	Available in 51 Bn	Requested	To be handed in
Pistols	28	15	13	
Rifles	590	453	137	
Automatic Rifles (TSMG)	20	122	-	102
Brownings	7	24	-	17
P.I.A.T.	-	10	-	10

M.T.

Type	WE	Available in 51 Bn	Requested	To be handed in
Cycicles	3	4	-	1
1/0	20	29	-	9
Cars	5	5	-	-
RECCE Cars	4	4	-	
Light Loadcarriers	29	24	5	
Light Loadcarriers (with compressors)	6	5	1	
Heavy Loadcarriers	39	48		9
Heavy Loadcarriers (with Winch)	6	7		1
B.B.carriers	14	-	14	
K.L.W/S Vehicles	1	1	-	
"24" W/S Vehicles				
K W R E	1	-	1	
Trailers	8	-	8	
Water Wgn Trailers	1	1	-	

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K W R E	18	-	8	
Trailers	1	-	-	
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APPENDIX No. 2.

SIGNALS BATTALION

PERSONNEL

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Bn Comd - (Maj)	1	1	-
Coy Comds(Capts)	3	3	-
Subalterns	14	7	4 2/Lieut OCs Sigs Pls
Senior NCOs	39	20	10 Sjt/Majs Chief W/Ts
			3 Sjt/Majs W/Ts

ARMS

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Pistols	24	8	16	-
TSMGs	23	174	-	151
Rifles	470	173	297	-
Brens	4	8	-	4
Mortars	-	1	-	1

TECH EQPT

Type	WE	Available in 51 Sig Coy	Requested
W/Sets No.19	45	14	31
W/Sets No.19 (H.P.)	10	-	10
W/Sets No. 9	2	-	2
W/Recors No.R-107	4	4	-
10-line Exchanges - U.C.	14	8	6
40-line Exchanges(F.&.F.)	2	1	1
Test Eqpt (40 p)	2	1	1
Single T.Separators	8	6	2
3-T.Separators	5	0	5
D.M.K.V. Telephone Sets	61	49	12
L. Telephone Sets	19	-	19
F.Telephone Sets	62	-	62
"D 8"Cable (miles)	95	-	95
"D 3"Cable (miles)	90	-	90
Charging plants 4 W	2	2	-
[illegible]	10	5	5

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40-line Exchanges(F.A.F.)	2	1	1
Test Eqpt (40 p)	2	1	1
Single T.Soparators	8	6	2
3-T.Separators	5	0	5
D.M.K.V. Telephone Sets	61	49	12
L. Telephone Sets	19	-	19
F.Telephone Sets	62	-	62
"D 8"Cable (miles)	95	-	95
"D 3"Cable (miles)	90	-	90
Charging plants 4 W	2	2	-
Charging plants 1260 W	10	5	5
Charging plants 300 W	48	12	36
Fullerphones	18	11	7

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APPENDIX No. 2

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W/T

Type	WE (Bn)	Available in 51 Sig Coy	Requested
W/C	23	16	7
Jeeps	26	3 (1)	23
Battery Charging Vehs	6	-	6
W/T Vehs	14	20	- (2)
Office Vehs	2	1	1
W/T Armoured Vehs	13	1	12
S.G.Heavy Load-carriers	24	18	6
6 wheels W/S Vehs	1	-	
(Sigs) Office Vehs	2	-	2
4x4 Battery Charging and W/S Vehs	8	-	8
Tech Eqpt Vehs	2	1	1
Low Power Vehs Stations	7	-	7
M.P. Vehs Stations	4	-	4
2-W/T Station Armoured Vehs	5	-	5
Trailers	14	-	14
Light Load-carriers	-	13 (3)	

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W/C	23	16	7
Jeeps	26	3 (I)	23
Battery Charging Vehs	6	-	6
W/T Vehs	14	20	- (2)
Office Vehs	2	1	1
W/T Armoured Vehs	13	1	12
S.G.Heavy Load-carriers	24	18	6
6 wheels W/S Vehs	1	-	
(Sigs) Office Vehs	2	-	2
4x4 Battery Charging and W/S Vehs	8	-	8
Tech Eqpt Vehs	2	1	1
Low Power Vehs Stations	7	-	7
H.P. Vehs Stations	4	-	4
2-W/T Station Armoured Vehs	5	-	5
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PERIODICAL REPORT - 1 SEPTEMBER 1946.

SERIAL 14.

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I am taking this matter up with all BLO's [illegible]

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1st Bn 68 Inf Regt has carried out section field firing exercises.

(d) P.T. and Sports.

Steps have been taken to get an estimate as to the cost of providing the necessary equipment, which has been lacking for so long a time. In the meanwhile, this form of training has not been overlooked. The Div was represented in a recent Italo-Polish Sports Week Tournament and achieved some successes; it is also intended to hold a Divisional Inter-Unit Athletic

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(e) Internal Security.

This has been fitted in along with other forms of trng.
2nd Bn 68 Inf Regt included a night exercise with good results.

(f) M.T.

Courses for learner drivers for Cars, Motor Cycles and Carriers commenced in all units on 12th Aug.

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1st Bn.

A good number of the recruits are already employed in the various employments left vacant by release of the older classes. Training in the Bn has, apart from Drill and P.T., included Weapon Trg and revision of tactical training previously carried out.

2nd Bn.

A good many of the recruits have of necessity been engulfed in guard duties, but a certain amount of section battle training has been carried out in addition to Drill,P.T. and weapon trg.
3rd Bn. Trg has followed on the same lines as for the other Bns. All Bns and Regt HQ are at present holding MT courses to train sufficient drivers for essential duties.

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d) Political current among tps

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e) Subversive elements

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ii) The public gaze is directed towards the Peace Conference. As regards the home front and internal politics, interest is mainly centered round the rift between the Christian Democrats and the Communists. Leftist papers continue to urge the Government to take adequate measures to repress any tendency of a Neo-Fascist revival.
The Partisan agitations in Piedmont are regarded as another example of the uncertainty of the times and lack of confidence in the Government.

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Other G Points.

The Call-Up.

The Call-Up of the recruits born in the first quarter of 1925 took place according to plan from 5 - 14 August.
5520 recruits (468 short of the required number) have been sent to Nos. 5,7,8,9, and 10 CAR's, whilst No. 3 CAR has so far received 3800 recruits, with 150 more to follow.

By 15 Aug the release of the 1922 - 23 and first quarter of 1924 classes was completed, totalling approximately 1500 men.

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III A.

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Adm Sjt: Cpl posted but not yet arrived
L cpl clerk Ord:
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Pte clerk RASC:
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Other A Points.

Welfare: The Italian Military Welfare Centre in MILAN continues to function along the lines indicated in our report Serial 4, dated 1 Feb 46.
The layout of the building and the amenities available are good. Accn is available for about 100 ORs.
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However, probably through lack of interest on the part of Unit Welfare Offrs, few soldiers take advantage of this. Last week the number staying at the Centre was 5. The Centre thus remains a most uneconomical showpiece.
Suggestions have been made to Terr Comd which if carried out should rapidly improve this unsatisfactory state of affair The matter is being watched.
The stock of Derv obtained for heating the buildings is being strictly conserved and an adequate stock is in hand for normal winter needs.
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MILITIA

Transport: Satisfactory. An Austin FU was collected from MILA 7 Aug 46 completing unit MT of vehs.
Difficulty is already being found in the provision of replacement parts for British vehs. With the rapid dispersal of maint units from the area, this difficulty can be expected to increase.

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UNRRA

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IE&E Problems.

3 Reparto Riparazione: The standard of work being turned out by [illegible] is still of very good standard; particularly on the heavy vehicle side, on which there is inevitably more organisation than in the car and small vehicle section, although this too appears to be satisfactory. A short [illegible] ago this section was so blocked up with vehicles that it was difficult to make out from the confusion exactly which vehicles were in hand. Some order is once more apparent.

The policy as before is still being maintained for the repair of some of the really bad vehicles - i.e., say half a dozen wrecks are sent to firms who return perhaps half this number as fit vehicles, keeping what is left as payment for the work. In view of the fact that most of the vehicles repaired in this manner are in a really shocking state this policy still seems to be sound enough.

Last month the work being carried out on the installation of test beds was at last completed; Also a portable air brake test bench has been received from BRESCIA, by adjustingnumber and pitch of vanes the load can be adjusted to suit every type of engine dealt with here and the apparatus should be ideal for this shop. The only snag is that it is not certain if they are fully conversant with the testing of new or reconditioned engines; because,as is known, even at large British overhaul shops Italians have been known to ruin an engine during the first hour of its life. We will however watch this.

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Recently there has been an increase in the officer strength of this unit, although owing to illness and leave etc., only two of these officers have so far become operative.

RAOC Problems. NTR

Clothing and Equipment:

(a) Army less CC:- NTR

(b) CC:- NTR

Arms and Ammn

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Situation at Beretta Arms Factory:

32,000 9mm automatic rifles:

4,170 issued to Carabinieri
1,830 held at the Factory

Work on the contract for 70,000 9mm pistols has now begun, first batches are undergoing tests.

(b) CC:- Little complaint is made by the Legions, other than to point out the continuing shortage of Beretta pistols. In this connection sub-para (a) above refers.

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CEN: NTR

Accommodation: It is understood that the Prince Eugenio di Savoia Barracks at present occupied by Polish troops, will shortly be handed over to UNRRA for use as a 'displaced persons' centre.
As is well known displaced persons as a class do not leave accommodation in the immaculate state, nor as complete as that in which they find it. For this reason Terr Comd are very anxious to have this accommodation returned to them.
Our Q/31/3 dated 26 Aug; Q/302 dated 26 Aug; and Q/303 dated 27 Aug, refer.
Otherwise NTR.

No, it will NOT WP

POL: Supplies continue to be received regularly.
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HQVT PROBLEMS (not incl loans) NTR

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It is under the aegis of the Ministry of War, its object being to supply, through the medium of a canteen, items of food and clothing at a reduced price to military personnel.
However the Ministry of War has not yet confirmed the amount of money it has granted for this project, and it is to date functioning only in a small way. It is anticipated that in the near future special cards will be issued to entitled personnel, enabling them to buy meat from one of two shops in Milan, at a discount of 12% below current prices.
The SAPAM is supervised by the Commissariato Section of HQ

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as is well known displaced persons as a
accommodation in the immaculate state, nor as complete as
that in which they find it. For this reason Terr Comd
are very anxious to have this accommodation returned to them.
Our Q/31/3 dated 26 Aug; Q/302 dated 26 Aug; and Q/303
dated 27 Aug, refer.
Otherwise NTR.

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LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ III TERRITORIAL COMMAND

3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

3 British Liaison Unit		MILAN
HQ 3 Terr Comd		MILAN
Incr to 3 BLU		MILAN
3 Mil Tribunal		MILAN
3 Terr Training Centre		COMO
Service Coy for CAR		COMO
HQ 3 BERSAGLIERI Regt		BRESCIA
1/3	" "	MILAN
2/3	" "	PAVIA
3/3	" "	BRESCIA
23 Mil Dist	(Class 1 1)	COMO
43 " "	" 2)	BERGAMO
22 " "	" 3)	CREMONA
42 " "	" 3)	PAVIA
44 " "	" 3)	VARESE
54 " "	" 3)	LODI
73 " "	" 3)	MANTOVA
76 " "	" 4)	LODI
61 " "	" 4)	SONDRIO
65 " "	" 4)	TREVIGLIO
89 " "	" 4)	MILAN
90 " "	" 4)	COMO
68 Terr Depot		LODI
69 " "		MILAN
70 " "		MILAN
71 " "		MILAN
72 " "		MILAN
90 " "		

3 Principal Terr Mil Hosp	MILAN
171 Terr Mil Hosp	BRESCIA
HQ 3 Med Coy	MILAN
3 Hygiene Sec	MILAN
3 Terr Med War Pensions Comm.	MILAN
3 Depot Med Stores	MILAN
3 Dep Ord Med Stores	MILAN
3 Dep Mob Med Stores	MILAN
3 Port Dep	

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3 Terr Training Centre	COMO
Service Coy for CAR	COMO
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2/3 " "	PAVIA
3/3 " "	BRESCIA
23 Mil Dist (Class 1 A)	MILAN
43 " " " 2)	BRESCIA
22 " " " 3)	COMO
42 " " " 3)	BERGAMO
44 " " " 3)	CREMONA
54 " " " 3)	PAVIA
73 " " " 3)	VARESE
76 " " " 3)	MONZA
61 " " " 4)	MANTOVA
65 " " " 4)	LODI
88 " " " 4)	SONDRIO
90 " " " 4)	TRAVIGLIO
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3 Supply Coy	MILAN
3 Bulk Supply Depot	"
3 Mil Bky	"
3 Food Distributing Depot (Reg)	"
3 Clothing & Eqpt Depot	"
3 Bulk Bks Stores Depots	"
3 Salvage Depot (type B)	"
3 Repair Shop (type B)	"

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3 Bomb Disposal Unit Sec Type A	MILAN
" " " " " B	MILAN
" " " " " B	BRESCIA
602 Arty Directorate	PIACENZA
302 Det Arty Sec	MILAN
303 " " "	VERCELLI
604 Arsenal	PIACENZA
3 Terr Adm Tpt Coy	MILAN
3 Efficient Veh Pk	PIACENZA
3 Amb Car Sec	MILAN
3 Repair Unit (a)	MILAN
3 Lt Wksp	MILAN
3 MT Stores Depot	MILAN

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3 Wks Services and Engrs Stores Directorate	MILAN
103 Engrs Service Coy	MILAN
22 " Repair Shop (Type B)	PAVIA
24 " " " (" C)	PIZZIGHETTONE
25 " " " (" C)	LENTATE
103 Terr Sig Coy	MILAN
Requisitioning Office	MILAN

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3 Terr Vet Station	MILAN
1 Vet Recovery Unit (3Sec)	MILAN

Movement Control Area	MILAN

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301 POW Transit Camp (Type C)	MILAN
E 3 Refugee Camp Staff	COMO
E 4 " " "	MILAN
DISCIPLINE Coy	VERCELLI
23 Recovery Unit	MILAN
Det Wksp	MILAN

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3 Clothing Eqpt Factory	MILAN
Fil Sty Depot	MILAN
Det of 305 Weapons Factory	CANDOGLIA V T
2 Recovery Sec	MILAN
Welfare Pool	"
308 MT (CS)	"
Censorship Unit	"
Sec POW	"

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504 Arsenal	PIACENZA
3 Terr Adm Tpt Coy	MILAN
3 Efficient Veh Pk	PIACENZA
3 Amb Car Sec	MILAN
3 Repair Unit (a)	MILAN
3 Lt Wksp	MILAN
3 MT Stores Depot	MILAN

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E 4 " " "	MILAN
DISCIPLINE Coy	VERCELLI
23 Recovery Unit	MILAN
Det Bks	MILAN

3 Clothing Eqpt Factory	MILAN
11 Sty Depot	MILAN
Det of 805 Weapons Factory	CARUGATE V T
2 Recovery Sec	MILAN
Welfare Pool	"
808 MT (CB)	"
Censorship Unit	"
Sec POW	"

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LEGNANO INFANTRY DIVISION

Legnano Inf Div HQ	BERGAMO
68 Inf Regt HQ "Legnano"	"
3" Mortar Coy	"
6 Pr Atk Coy	"
No 1 Inf Bn	MONZA
No 2 " "	CREMONA
No 3 " "	MILAN
67 Inf Regt HQ "Legnano"	LECCO
3" Mortar Coy	"
6 Pr Atk Coy	VIGEVANO
No 1 Inf Bn	LEGNANO
No 2 " "	VARESE
No 3 " "	BRESCIA
11 Arty Regt HQ	GARGNANO
Nol 25 Pr Bty	MONTECHIARI
No 2 25 " "	CHIARI
No 3 25 " "	CREMONA
No 4 25 " "	"
No 5 17 Pr Atk Bty	MANTOVA
No 6 40 m/m AA Bty	BERGAMO
51 Engr Bn HQ "Legnano"	"
3 Fd Engr Coy	PAVIA
51 " " "	BERGAMO
51 Sigs Coy	PAVIA
3 Fd Pk Coy	BERGAMO
183 Tech Maint Sec	

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51 Med Sec	BERGAMO
244 Field Hospital	CREMONA
332 " "	TRESCORE
54 Fd Surgical Unit	"
1 Fd Bakery	BERGAMO
51 Mobile Bath Unit	"
250 Tpt and Sup Coy	LODI
"Legnano" Ord Fd Pk	BERGAMO
"Legnano" Mech Engr Wksps	PONTE S PIETRO
51 Tpt and Sup Coy "Legnano" Mech Engr Pln	TREVIGLIO
6 Light Aid Det "Legnano"	VARIOUS LOCNS
880 It Unit Maint Insp "B" Vchs	MILAN
881 Incr Unit Maint Insp "B" Vchs	"
882 " " " " " "	"
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884 " " " " " "	"

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CC RR

"Pastrengo" CC RR Div HQ	MILAN
2 CC RR Bde HQ	"
CC RR Legion HQ	"

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ANNEX "B"

SUBJECT: Staff List

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Herewith Staff List No 9 in respect of 3 BLU (MILAN).

Recipients of previous Staff Lists of 3 BLU please destroy.

Maj
DAA and QMG

MILAN
HE/RJE

Distribution:

GHQ	CMF	2
HQ	59 SUB AREA	2
HQ	1 BLU	1
HQ	2 BLU	1
HQ	4 BLU	1
HQ	5 BLU	1
HQ	6 BLU	1
HQ	7 BLU	1
HQ	8 BLU	1
HQ	9 BLU	1
HQ	10 BLU	1
HQ	11 BLU	1
HQ	12 BLU	1
Historical Records		2
Spare		10

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST No 9

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GSO II	Major C.J.ODD	RECCE

Branch of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General

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Services

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REME	Captain J.ALDRIDGE	REME

Attached

CC LO	Major W.A.LACEY	GEN LIST

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PERIODICAL REPORT - 1 AUGUST 1946.

SERIAL 13.

1. GENERAL.

a) Domestic (BLU).

N.I.R.

b) Italian

N.I.R.

II.G

Organisation.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TPS.

a) Army less CC

One Coy of 68 Inf Regt were employed on quelling disorders provoked by a strike at LIVORNO during the month.

Otherwise, apart from the units involved in the change over between 67 Inf Regt and 3 Bers Regt, training has progressed.

b) CC

N.I.R.

TRAINING.

a) Army less CC

i) Div Units

(a) GENERAL.

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DEP COMD x x
BGS x
GOC A/G x WSP x

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N.I.R.

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Giving full consideration to the following points, — 1701

1. Break in training for Public Security Duties, which interrupted trg for 10 to 12 days,
2. An extremely poor climatic condition which made the month of June practically nothing but wet days, this when the training had reached the stage of firing on the ranges and outdoor training,
3. Rest periods necessary after vaccinations and inoculations,
4. The fantastic number of religious and other holidays,
5. Initial lack of well trained instructors especially in the NCOs,

6. Initial lack/.....

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TRAINING(Contd).

6. Initial lack of firing ranges,

the results achieved are more appreciated. This HQ in conjunction with HQ 3 Terr.Comd., are of the opinion that the standard achieved by the C.A.R. is more than satisfactory.

In all fairness, it is to be remembered that the majority of the recruits of this class had, on previous occasions, served a short term of military service either in the Republican or the German Armies. This led to an easing of the difficulties mentioned above, and less time was necessary to complete their drill and field training. More time was required in connection with the training in British weapons and with regulations.

2. SQUADDING OF THE RECRUITS.

On the arrival of the recruits at the C.A.R. the lack of instructors necessitated squads being formed of anything in the region of 30 to 40 recruits. By the time the Primary Training had been completed, the arrival of more NCO Instructors and the despatch of the recruits to the Central Schools alleviated this distressing factor and squads were then formed of approx 10 to 12 recruits, thus enabling the instructors to pay more attention to the individual.

3. RECRUIT REJECTION AFTER ARRIVAL AT THE C.A.R.

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During the course, 520 recruits have been struck off the strength due to causes which were overlooked by Military Districts when the recruits were initially medically examined. This HQ informed 3 Terr.Comd. of these faults early on in the course and suggested that, if the Military Districts were unable to cope with such large batches of recruits additional assistance should be given to them from the Military Hospital and Terr.Comd. This letter has produced an assurance that during the next intake period this, if it is considered necessary, will be done.

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During the whole of the course, 60 recruits were placed before the Military Tribunals for the following crimes,

For A.W.O.L.	50.
Thefts.	5.
Common Crimes.	5.

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Discipline is considered to have been extremely high, doubtless to the fact that some military training previously had instilled in them the principles of military life.

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For the reasons mentioned in para 1. the strict compliance to training instructions was not possible. In actual fact it is doubtful whether it would have been possible even if no interruptions had occurred.

On the reports of C.A.R.Conds. and other authorities S.M.R.E. have modified the next programme, and it is hoped that this will prove satisfactory.

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6. W.E. OF A C.A.R.

The various departments of the administrative services of the C.A.R. have from time to time requested the employment of recruits for such tasks as dining room orderlies, firing range orderlies, clerks, storemen, and general fatigue men.

During the current course most of these requests have been granted, the labour being provided from the more advanced recruits. This is considered to be unsatisfactory, especially as the next course will consist of recruits without a previous military background; the proposal for additional staff on the W.E. of a C.A.R. for these tasks has been placed before the Ministry of War.

7. TRAINING STORES.

These have arrived at the C.A.R. in small quantities at irregular intervals and the following stores are still required, The matter is in hand.

Dummy rounds for small arms.
Sectionised bombs and grenades.
L.M.G. Tripods.
Regulation Pamphlets.

8. INSTRUCTORS.

At the conclusion of the training period, it is ascertained that 2 Officers and 20 NCOs are not recommended to remain at the C.A.R. as permanent instructors, and the transfer of these instructors has already been requested.

80 of the best recruits have been chosen as potential instructors on the next course, and it is thought that all will be satisfactory.

With the release of the 1922 and 1923 classes a lot of the NCO instructors at the C.A.R. will be discharged from military service, which may have repercussions unless suitable senior NCO instructors are posted to the C.A.R. forthwith. In fact the same situation will arise as was prevalent at the commencement of the first course, hence a poor start with large squads.

All other instructors during the first course have proved themselves to be good, and some to be excellent. They have proved that they are not afraid of work and have gone into the instruction with a will to do well. Some have had very little rest during the last three months and are now beginning to feel the strain of their labours. The C.A.R.Comd. suggests that there should be a surplus of instructors so that he can rest a few during the period of the course instead of having to toil for three months without a rest. It is felt that this measure will increase the efficiency of the instructors.

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9. RATION SCALE.

It is proposed that the matter of the ration scale for recruits undergoing strenuos physical training as is the case at the C.A.R. be again studied. Bearing in mind that the recruits are young men and some are undernourished on arrival for military training it is thought that perhaps an increased scale of rations could become effective. It is the general opinion of the C.A.R. staff that the ration is barely sufficient on which to carry out a strenuos programme of eight to ten hours.

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9. RATION SCALE (Contd)

An additional messing grant of say 10 Lire would enable the catering authorities to purchase and supplement the ration to their suggested standard.

During the first course it was found that the ration scale was adequate only because rations not consumed by the recruits over the weekends could be used to supplement the ration during the remainder of the week. Now that the recruits are not locally recruited the practice of weekend leave will stop and this system will not be applicable.

10. CONCLUSIONS.

The experience gained during the first course should assist in making the second course far more efficient and the instructors who remain will be more conversant with the method and knowledge of their training subjects.

With the better weather time lost for inclement periods should be negligible.

Firing ranges are now practically completed to the scale of one open range and two 30 yard ranges per Bn.

Now that the two barracks are to be considered as the permanent location of the C.A.R. it is thought that the finances necessary to carry out certain projects will shortly be forthcoming. This is especially necessary at the DE CRISTOFORIS BKS at COMO which is in need of new and additional latrines, and work on the proposed new classrooms.

That full praise is due to Colonel R.M.CHELLINI the Comd. at the C.A.R. and to Lieut.Colonel PARISI the Brescia Det, Comd. for the way in which they have made a very poor start into an excellent running concern.

ii) Other Troops

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10. CONCLUSIONS.

The experience gained during the Marsh course should assist in making the second course far more efficient and the instructors who remain will be more conversant with the method and knowledge of their training subjects.

With the better weather time lost for inclement periods should be negligible.

Firing ranges are now practically completed to the scale of one open range and two 30 yard ranges per Bn.

Now that the two barracks are to be considered as the permanent location of the C.A.R. it is thought that the finances necessary to carry out certain projects will shortly be forthcoming. This is especially necessary at the DE CRISTOFORIS BKS at COMO which is in need of new and additional latrines, and work on the proposed new classrooms.

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During rainy/.....

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Infantry(Contd).

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Engineer Bn.

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One Italian smuggler was shot dead by the Swiss frontier guards at CANDRIA on 27 July.

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Economics (Contd).

One paper says that Industry will be seriously affected and that specialist workers will be unemployed in a great many areas, as the spare parts market will also be controlled by the Allies. The reason for the sale is stated to be the Treasury's urgent need for money, but press opinions estimate that twice the amount gained will have to be paid out at once to the unemployed.

The economic situation in general is still considered delicate, with a tendency to deteriorate. The repeated strikes in MILAN and other cities are a clear indication of a deadlock which in view of the stubborn attitude adopted by both employers and labourers, shows no sign of solution.
The increased cost of living during the last few weeks would seem to justify the increases of wages demanded by the workmen; but on the other hand those in industrial circles maintain that such an increase would instantly raise the cost of production and thereby make the cost of living even worse.

Political ends no doubt are involved, and the general opinion is that both employers and labourers are aiming at creating an embarrassing situation in order to force the hand of the Government. Many of the older labourers show signs of weariness and disillusion in the strikes, and would like to have done with public agitations and return to work in peace.
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L/Cpl Clerk - Ord.
L/Cpl Dvr Mech.
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N.T.R.

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A receipt of an allotment of 60,000 lire for welfare purposes has been received from the Post War Assistance Ministry.

OTHER A FORMS.

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IV. G.

DOMESTIC - Transport.

M.A.M.

ACCOMMODATION.

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WORK PROJECTS (Contd)

Repairs to two smaller buildings, one of which is to become the new workshop offices, have been started recently.
As far as the Div Wksps is concerned, it is not considered at the moment necessary for any further repairs to be started on the buildings.
Actually the concrete floors in some of the Wksps buildings are beginning to break up, but to repair them would take something like a half a ton of cement.
The same applies to the III Reparto Wksps.
The roads are very uneven and dusty, but to put down a new surface would cost a considerable sum in labour and material.

ROAD PROJECTS

N.T.R.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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Two HD summer uniforms now issued to every soldier.

(b) CC

A considerable amount of clothing has been received and distributed during the month.

ARMS AND AM

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Beretta Factory. Ammo tested out at 29 Jul 46 : 5,000
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OCCUPATION.

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POL PROBLEMS.

Receipts of POL from CIP continue to be satisfactory, unaffected by the recent strike amongst CIP employees.
Summer grade oils have been issued to units.
Reserves of petrol continue to be stored.

SUP PROBLEMS.

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59 Sub Area are equally adamant that this shall not take place at present. Our letter A/36/1 of 10 Jul 46 refers.

ADV PROBLEMS. (NOT incl loans).

N.T.R.

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Sheet No. 2.

Under LEGNANO INF DIV.

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APPENDIX " B "

SUBJECT: Staff List.

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A/44/3

1 Aug 1946

Herewith Staff List No. 8 in respect of 3 BLU(MILAN).

Recipients of previous Staff Lists of 3 BLU please destroy.

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GHQ GMF	2
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HQ 1 BLU	1
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HQ 9 BLU	1
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HQ 11 BLU	1
HQ 12 BLU	1
War Diary	2
Spare	10

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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SERIAL 12.

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N.T.R.

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	One Bn	CREMONA
	One Bn	MONZA

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Arty.

One Regt 25 - pdr	MILAN
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One Regt A/tk	MILAN
One Regt A.A.	MANTOVA

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TRAINING

a) Army less GC RR

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ii) Other bns.

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Artillery units have carried out two or three outdoor exercises weekly, but no shoots. Courses for recruit drivers were resumed on 19 June and should produce very good results.
There is a large deficiency of specialists in the Regt (about 70%) but courses are being held to try and improve the situation.

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Engineer units were much handicapped as regards training b.. to having to supply some guards for 3 Inf Regt. This particula.. affected Pioneer Coys. The Signal Coy got a good deal of special training out of the Election Duties, so it cut both ways.
50 Recruits joined the Bn after the preliminary training had been completed, and are being trained as drivers; over 50 % of these are already fit to drive vehicles. The course will finish before the end of July.

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Individual and unit tactical trg.
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Close order.
Indoor trg.
Two trg marches were also held.

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Lombardy borders only on Switzerland, and as far as that Country is concerned, there is nothing to report. Local Press has been loud in its comments on the Big Four's decisions regarding ERICA, TRIESTE, and particularly TRIESTE.
No incidents are reported along the Swiss border.

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INTELLIGENCE (a) (contd).

An S-79 aircraft was stolen from the FOPLANINI aerodrome Milan early in the month and subsequent report state that it eventually reached Yugoslavia as a birthday present for Marshal TITO. Following the episode, it was reported in the Press and elsewhere that Italian ex-Pilots were being offered anything from 50 to 400,000 lire reward if they would enlist in the Yugoslav Air Force. Monthly pay to be 90,000 lire.

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N.I.R.

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Public Security (f) (contd).

Several arrests of neo-Fascists have taken place during the month, notably at MILAN and BERGAMO.
Arms and Ammn continue to be discovered. The biggest haul this month (already reported) was at CREMONA, and include a Bren gun in good condition, which the BLU is returning to Ord.

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L/Cpl Clerk - Ord.
L/Cpl Clerk - RASC.

Additionally, 1 Admin Sjt and 1 Dvr Mech are proceeding to U.K. 4 July 46 on Class A Release.
GHQ G2R have informed us that no replacements are immediately available.

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N.T.R.

DISCIPLINE

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The ruling that in future, personnel proceeding on leave must defray travelling expenses (Ministry of War letter ref 21A000/11 of 4 Jun 46 refers) has naturally met with unenthusiastic reception.
Term.Comd. has suggested to Ministry of War that such expenses continue to be met from State funds.
A reply is awaited.

PAY PROBLEMS.

N.T.R.

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MORALE.

Satisfactory on the whole.
The news, published by certain newspapers, of the imminent release of the 1922 and 1923 Age Groups has raised the morale of the personnel affected.

OTHER A.FORMS.

N.I.R.

IV Q. Domestic Transport.

N.I.R.

ACCOMMODATION.

The Unit OR Billet is being transferred to a more suitable building.
Engineer work is in hand in the new building and it is anticipated the move will not be completed for some little time.

ITALIAN Transport:

(a) Army less CC RR

The situation is much improved, as a result of the recent allocation of 17 load carriers to the 3 Adm Tpt Coy and the return of all vehs that had been on loan to the Allied D.P.S.C. The tyre situation remains, as ever, acute.

(b) CC RR

The situation is considered to be very satisfactory, and is outlined in detail in our Carabinieri Progress Report No. 6 dated 1 July 46.

RETE PROBLEMS.

During the past few months the possibility of inferior oils being issued by C.I.P. was also suspected by Legnano Div Automobilistico HQ. The particular oil in question was HD 30, and it is thought that this oil may be a mixture of HD 10 and HD 30.
At the moment the apparently inferior oil is being mixed with HD 50. Meanwhile samples of oil were sent to the Arsenal at PIACENZA for breaking down and analysis. Although this has now been done by 302 B.P.S.S. we feel that to continue with local investigation is all to be good.

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OVER & BOMBS.

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N.T.R.

ACCOMMODATION.

The Unit OR Billet is being transferred to a more suitable building.
Engineer work is in hand in the new building and it is anticipated the move will not be completed for some little time.

ITALIAN Transport:

(a) Army less CC RR

The situation is much improved, as a result of the recent allocation of 17 load carriers to the 3 Adm Tpt Coy and the return of all vehs that had been on loan to the Allied M.F.S.C. The hire situation remains, as ever, acute.

(b) CC RR

The situation is considered to be very satisfactory, and is outlined in detail in our Carabinieri Progress Report No. 6 dated 1 July 46.

REE PROBLEMS.

During the past few months the possibility of inferior oils being issued by C.I.P. was also suspected by Legnano Div Automobilistico HQ. The particular oil in question was HD 30, and it is thought that this oil may be a mixture of HD 10 and HD 30.
At the moment the apparently inferior oil is being mixed with HD 50. Meanwhile samples of oil were sent to the Arsenal at PIACENZA for breaking down and analysis. Although this has now been done by 302 E.P.S.S. we feel that to continue with our local investigation is all to be good.

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LEGNANO div are experiencing some difficulties in the repair and maintenance of M: III Stens and M: III Rifles, because the fitters are not conversant with these weapons. Spare lists and maint manuals would help considerably could they be obtained.

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REC PROBLEMS (Contd)

Incidently, it is in a case like this an Armourer attached to the REU would be of tremendous help, because it seems unlikely that Armourers or trained fitters from the CARs will reach the Div Wksps in sufficient quantity for some time.
The reports received from the U.N.I. so far have been distinctly bad, and so far as can be made out the fault lies with the unit tpt offrs who have not had sufficient instruction. However, courses are starting for the above mentioned offrs, and it is hoped that an improvement will be seen.
It would appear also that in order to carry out the job satisfactory six teams will be necessary. At present the Inspectorate is unable to visit a unit say one month after the first inspection. This is of course necessary on occasions when the standard of maint is found to be particularly bad in a unit.

RAOC PROBLEMS.

Could an Ordnance Officer be attached to the REU for a period, a considerable amount of valuable work could be done by him in solving problems of a technical nature.
Whilst the answer is usually produced, it is pointed out that the REU strength on the Ord side consists of 1 Sjt held in lieu of a DCMO.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT.

(a) Army less CC RR

Issue of summer clothing is completed. No serious shortages in the summer scale have been reported.
Boots of good quality to the extent of about 3000 pairs are still badly required by Legnano Div.

(b) CC RR

Repaired boots that have been issued are of very poor quality.
The normal distribution of items has continued.

ARMS & AMN.

(a) Army less CC RR

Sten gun ammn. It has not yet been possible to take advantage of the release of 160000 rounds to Legnano Div from Arty Directorate FLORENCE. Our G/37/21 of 27 Jun 46 refers.

Beretta Factory. Arms tested as at 1 July - 3000.

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RAOC PROBLEMS.

Could an Ordnance Officer be attached to the MLU for a period, a considerable amount of valuable work could be done by him in solving problems of a technical nature.
Whilst the answer is usually produced, it is pointed out that the MLU strength on the Ord side consists of 1 Sjt held in lieu of a DOVO.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT.

(a) Army less CC RR

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Boots of good quality to the extent of about 5000 pairs are still badly required by Legnano Div.

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(b) CC RR

Chief amounts received during the month were :

Cartridges Parabellum	:	250000
" Browning.30	:	100500
" Cal 9 for pistol model 34	:	15000

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C.E.M.

The hold up in the collection of C.E.M. from the MILAN "Macello", reported in our Periodical Report dated 1 May (Serial 10) has been obviated. The Ministry of War have issued instructions that payments for storage etc must not interfere with the withdrawal of stores, and A.R.A.R. have again been contacted.

ACCOMMODATION.

Following receipt of official advice that the CMF are not moving to MILAN, accn provisionally held by the Allies is being derequisitioned to the Italian authorities.
In June the following, all large barracks, have been returned:-

MANCIO bks	MONZA.
SUZANI bks	MILAN.
FANZIOLLE bks.	LEGNANO.
FANZIOLLE bks.	VARESE.

POL PROBLEMS.

N.T.R. concerning the supply of Petrol from C.I.P.
Some difficulties have been experienced in the supply of oil but a large consignment is expected any day now.
Every effort is being made to store reserve petrol but there is a chronic deficiency of tanks. Although Ministry of War authy is held to lease civilian tanks, it is still doubtful that enough will be found to store all petrol issued by C.I.P. to dependent units.

Transport.

The transport position has improved in that 17 load carriers have been allotted to 3 Adm Tpt Coy, and all vehicles on loan to the Allied D.P.S.O. have been returned.
It is worthy of note that a great improvement in the adm and general efficiency of the s/m unit has been observed this month (Ref Inspection Report M.P. (T) of 24 June 1946).
This month's inspections of transport units reveal the acute need of a standard instructional pamphlet on vehicle maintenance (Inspection report MP(T) 5 of 15 June 46 refers).
An admirable publication exists but apparently is not on issue to transport units. May it be recommended that this publication be issued to transport units. (Ref letter 3 MLI 9/37/29 of 20 Jun 46 which contains full details of the above mentioned publication). 1 Coy.
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SUP PROBLEMS.

80% extraction flour is now being issued instead of 91% flour. This should make for an improvement in the quality of bread.

Probably the main point arising out of this months inspections of Supply units is the question of accounts. A joint system of Allied and Italian accounts is used by all Supply Units. The two systems frequently overlap and cause double work. OCs of the units inspected unanimously prefer the more simple and accurate Allied system.

(1) May it be recommended, therefore, that the whole system of accountancy in supply units be examined with a view to streamlining.

Inspection report refs for the above recommendation are :-

MF (S) 5 14 Jun.
MF (S) 6 21 Jun.
MF (S) 8-9.26 Jun.

The first six weeks at the CAR (Commissariato) Baggio MILAN has now been completed and the trainees are now being posted to various units. This will be completed by July 6th. As the success of the course must be judged finally on the quality of the work of these trainees at their units, it would be helpful to get reports on their future progress. Should this be desired, and in order to facilitate it, a list of the units to which these trainees have been despatched follows. The number in brackets is the approximate number of trainees sent to that particular unit.

(2)

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2nd " "	GENOA	(32)
3rd " "	MILAN	(43)
4th " "	BOLZANO	(33)
5th " "	UDINE	(40)
6th " "	BOLOGNA	(35)
7th " "	FIRENZE	(43)
8th " "	ROME	(54)
9th " "	BARI	(38)
10th " "	NAPLES	(41)
11th " "	PALERMO	(30)
14th " "	CAGLIARI	(13)
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Div FOLGORE	FIRENZE	(21)
" MANTOVA	VARAZZE	(19)
" CREMONA	TURIN	(20)
" LEGNANO	BERGAMO	(21)
" FRIULI	LEVICO (TRENTO)	(20)
" AOSTA	PALERMO	(8)
" SABAUDA	MESSINA	(7)
" CALABRIA	SASSARI	(8)

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MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

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MOV PROBLEMS.(NOT incl Loons).

Normal road movements have been resumed, the election emergency having passed.

OTHER "Q" POINTS.

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Lt Col.
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APPENDIX " A "

LOCATION STATEMENT

3 B.L.U.- ITI.

Amdt No. 3 to Locn Statement - Periodical Report Serial 8 of 1 Apr 46.

Sheet No. 2.

LEGNANO INF DIV

67 Inf Regt
1 Inf Bn — Delete MILAN
Insert VIGEVANO

Sheet No. 3.

3 Inf Bn — Insert VARESE

244 Fd Hosp. — Delete CREMOBBIO
Insert CREMONA.

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APPENDIX "B"

SUBJECT: Staff List.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext- 25)

A/44/3

1 July 46

Herewith Staff List No. 7 in respect of 3 BLU (MILAN).

Recipients of previous Staff Lists of 3 BLU please destroy.

Maj
DAA and QMG

MILAN
HB/LO

Distribution:-

GHQ CMF	2
HQ 59 Sub Area	2
HQ 1 BLU	1
HQ 2 BLU	1
HQ 4 BLU	1
HQ 5 BLU	1
HQ 6 BLU	1
HQ 7 BLU	1
HQ 8 BLU	1
HQ 9 BLU	1
HQ 10 BLU	1
HQ 11 BLU	1
HQ 12 BLU	1
War Diary	2
Spare	10

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST NO.7

General Staff

GSO I	Lt Col PAM EGERTON MBE	R IR F
GSO II	Major C.J.ODD	RECCE

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ST	Captain M.F.HARRIS	RASC
REME	Captain J. ALDRIDGE	REME

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APPENDIX " C "

STAFF LIST

III TERRITORIAL COMMAND

NO CHANGE.

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NO CHANGE.

1 July 1946.

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SUBJECT: Locations

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext. 107)

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17 Jun 46

HQ M.M.I.A.

1. The following units, temporarily moved for election duties, have now returned to their normal stations:-

3 Bty 11 Arty Regt to CHIARI from MILAN
6 Bty 11 Arty Regt to GARDONE RIVIERA from BRESCIA.

2. 1/67 and 3/67 Inf Bns are temporarily remaining in MILAN.

Lt Col,
GS.

MILAN
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HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 152965 (Ext107)
Ref : G/35/19

7 June 46

Further to this HQ letter G/35/19 dated 5 June 46.

Attached herewith are 4 copies of Appx D - CAR state to this HQ Periodical Report Serial 11 of 1 June 46

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for Lt Col,
G.S.

MILAN
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HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

PERIODICAL REPORT - 1 JUNE 1946.

SERIAL 11.

PA To LOCX
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1. GENERAL.

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The Ministry of War, in agreement with the Ministry of the Interior authorised the employment of troops to assist in the maintenance of order at the Polling booths between 2 - 4 June. The following from this Command are therefore performing this duty:-

CAR COMO	1040
CAR BRESCIA	1100
3 INF REGT	500
CAR COMMISSARIATO	500
MEDICAL DIRECTORATE	200

Ministry of War has agreed to these men continuing after the 4 June if necessary.
The Territorial Commands of TURIN and GENOA have earmarked 1300 and 750 men respectively, as reinforcements to proceed to MILAN. These arrived on 1 June, and have been distributed amongst the various centres of Lombardy in accordance with the requests of Prefects concerned. They will return to TURIN and GENOA on 5 June.

(e) Domestic (BLU)

During the month, the following changes have taken place in the BLU.

Major H. DOUGLASS, RTR, apptd DAA and QMG vice Major J.D.METCALFE,DSO RASC
Capt. H.F.HARRIS,R.SC, apptd DADST vice Capt. A.H.HEATSHER R.SC.

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Lt Col A/Q Y WP X
B. G S. Y HHW' 1/

4. CONFEAD

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Capt. H.F.HARRIS, RASC, apptd DADST vice Capt. A.H.WHATSLER RASC.
Capt. J. ALDRIDGE, RME, apptd Capt. RME vice Capt. J.STOCKEN, RME.

Major P.B.CONLEAD. CC KR LO, has been posted to GERMANY.

(b) HQ ZAM

Brig Gen RICHIERI Lorenzo assumed cond of Legnano Inf Div vice Gen UTILI Umberto on 3 May 46.

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II G.

Organisation.

Changes in Org - (ITALIAN).

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The move of 6 Bty 11 Arty Regt from GARDONE to BRESCIA took place on 2 - 3 June.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army less CC RR.

Legnano Inf Div. Supplying several guards to dumps and Prisons. Remainder on training and earmarked for Int Security duties.

3 Inf Regt. 60 % on guard duties. Remainder on training and earmarked for Int Security duty.

(b) CC RR Normal duties. Training is carried out as far as possible, but the maintenance of law and order has taken up most of the month.

Training.

(a) Army less CC RR.

i) Trg Ests. CAR COMO and BRESCIA.
The programme has been adhered to, except that during the Election period the Ministry of War authorised the use of the Recruits to maintain order at Polling stations.
An additional week in July is being added to the Recruits Course to make up for time so lost.

ii) Other tps. LEGNANO INF DIV.
During May training was interrupted for several reasons, namely

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(c) Various Int Sec duties and the provision of guards on various dumps. The Div has not yet been fully exonerated from the latter duty.

Inf Units. 1664

(a) Individual and collective formal training.

One hour a day is allotted for this except in units which are more advanced, when this period is reduced to ½ hour daily.
Results prove satisfactory and sufficient to give units the required standard.

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Trg Inf Units (contd).

(b) Instructions and Regulations.

These have been increased mainly on account of the bad weather which has often prevented outdoor training.

(c) Weapon Training and Range Firing.

This has been well carried out, more particularly in the 1/67 and 3/67 who have only recently received British weapons. Numerous rifle practices at 100 - 200 and 300 yds have been carried out by the two previously mentioned Bns and also by the 1/68 and 3 /68, as well as LMG, TSMC, and Piat practices. 3/68 moved from CREMONA to BERGAMO during the first half of May in order to be able to make use of the Regimental Ranges in the foothills.

(d) Battle Training.

Patrols and Section handling and also platoon and section trg in mopping up isolated houses and buildings has been concentrated on. Bad weather largely interfered, but all the same full use was made of large barrack rooms and shelters.
3/67 have not yet begun its battle training, but this will shortly commence.

(e) Internal Sec.Trg.

All units have repeatedly been trained in the application of the alarm schemes for public order. Training took the form of practical exercises, embussing and debussing etc.

(f) P.T. and Sports.

An hour daily is allotted to this. The lack of kit is still however acute. The officers have improved in fencing.

(g) M.T. Training.

Motor/Cyclist, Drivers and Carrier Drivers Courses are in hand, 228 students from 67 Inf and 104 from 68 Inf Regt are attending. 3/67 is without an MTO and has not yet held a course.

(h) Specialists Training.

Continuing under Regtl and Bn arrangements courses are normally run under Regtl arrangements . The following courses are being run at the moment:

Medical orderlies
Stretcher Bearers

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Stretcher Bearers
Wireless operators
Telephone "
Intelligence
Pioneers
Buglers
Ration Storemen
Pay and Clerical duties.
Typists and clerks.

60 students from 67 Inf and 82 from 68 Inf are taking part.
Results obtained are not very good on account of the low standard of intelligence of the men available.

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Trg Inf Units (contd).

(i) Officers and Senior NCO's.

Three or four conferences are held weekly under Bn arrangements to discuss training matters and the employment of small units on the basis of schemes set from time to time by Regt HQ's.
150 men from 67 Inf and about 50 from 68 Inf Regt are attending selected NCO's courses.

Artillery Units.

Training has developed on the same lines as in the Inf units.
As far as battle trg is concerned, each Battery has carried out two or three outdoor exercises weekly, with satisfactory results.
VI Bty carried out firing practice (ground targets) on 23 - 24 May.
26 trained soldiers and 70 recently joined recruits from the C.A.R. are attending M.T. courses under Bty arrangements.
Results shoud prove satisfactory and 70% are expected to pass.
97 gunners are attending specialist courses for gunnery and signals.
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Engineer Units.

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Training has included :-
Mine laying and lifting
Breaching a minefield
Mounting and dismounting Bailey bridges(single & double).
Construction of bridge supports.

(b) Telegraphists and W/T Operators.

Telephone line work and W/T trg (netting and speech).
Training in the composition and functions of signal centres.

(c) Field Park Coy.

Wksps platoon : electrical trg.
Bridging and stores pls: mine laying and lifting, Bailey bridge assembling and dismounting.

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(1) Officers and Senior NCO's.

Three or four conferences are held weekly under Bn arrangements to discuss training matters and the employment of small units on the basis of schemes set from time to time by Regt HQ's.
150 men from 67 Inf and about 50 from 68 Inf Regt are attending selected NCO's courses.

Artillery Units.

Training has developed on the same lines as in the Inf units.
As far as battle trg is concerned, each Battery has carried out two or three outdoor exercises weekly, with satisfactory results.
VI Bty carried out firing practice (ground targets) on 23 - 24 May.
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3 Inf Regt.

1 Bn (MILAN).

Only No. 2 Coy carried out training during the month, the remainder being on guard duties. Training included drill, route marches, lectures, battle training with particular regard to use of ground and section handling, and internal security duties.

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Trg Inf Units(contd).

2 Bn (PAVIA).

No. 7 Coy carried out training this month. The main item of battle training studied was the use of ground and cover and individual movement during the battle. Several shoots were also carried out, with the rifle, LMG and TSMC. Lectures were given on Public Security duties and Regulations. Other trg included Drill and P.T.

3 Bn (BRESCIA).

No. 12 Coy was on training this month. Besides route marches and drill, the Coy commenced battle training. This included section handling, individual movement and use of cover. Range practices in the rifle, LMG and TSMC also took place, as well as Internal Security training lectures.

All Dns.

Courses for senior and junior NCO's were held, embracing the following subjects:-

Detailed basic instruction in discipline, barrack and territorial duties.
Elementary training in Infantry weapons.
Technical training in Infantry weapons and ammn.
Compilation of indents and reports.
Lectures on present day events.
Essay writing on various subjects.
Drill.
Battle training.
Characteristics of various weapons.
Use of ground and cover.
Judging distance.
Indication and recognition of targets.
Section and platoon organisation and WE.
Types of orders.
Section stalks.
Characteristics of various bombs.
The section in the attack and consolidation.
Platoon and section formations.
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(b) CC RR.

Owing to many other duties, trg has not been on a very big scale this month. M/Cyclists courses in the PADUA Legion were satisfactory, as were those held in MILAN. VERONA Legion have not completed their M/Cycle trg but have made progress in the theory and practical use of automatic weapons. BOLZANO Legion are very much taken up with other duties but have progressed satisfactorily.

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(b) CC RR (contd).

Strength situation of units is as under:-

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VERONA	1095	1265	1098
BOLZANO	3002	2068	1816
PADUA	2150	2272	1959
MILAN MOBILE BN.	548	500	457
PADUA MOBILE BN.	492	431	375

INTELLIGENCE.

Relations between troops and civilian population.

These continue to be good. The soldiers frequent public places of amusement and also sometimes attend political discussions individually. There have been no reported cases of the men getting involved in heated discussions, and this has helped to cement good relations.

Political tendencies amongst troops.

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It is impossible to estimate with any accuracy which way the majority of the men will vote in the Referendum, but it is certainly true that anti-Monarchist propaganda which blames the Royal House for allying itself with the Fascist and causing the war has many adherents in the ranks.

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Political tendencies amongst tps(contd).

It is easy for a clever propagandist to blame the House of Savoy for the long terms of service, small rates of pay,etc, added to any imagined grievances which the soldiers may have against their officers, who are undoubted Monarchists. The propaganda is cleverly carried out. As an example, it is reported that the Communist party at BRESCIA provide free transport for the troops at week-ends, so that they can go and visit their families. They are brought back on Monday mornings. It is known that several of the Legnano Div attend meetings of the Socialist Youth Federation at BERGAMO. Pamphlets urging the men to desert are from time to time distributed in the streets. All this is bound to make some impression after a time, and has certainly done so amongst the recruits at the C.A.R., though the Legnano Div and 3 Inf Regt are less affected.

Subversive elements.

Terr HQ report that there are subversive elements in small numbers in nearly every unit, and these are being routed out. Groups have been identified in the 2 Bn 67 Inf Regt and in the 51 Engr Bn of Legnano Div, and the necessary action has been taken to disperse them and neutralise their activities.

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Reliable sources state that the Communist party actually declared a state of emergency and were prepared to act on a big scale. The tension however, subsided, although there were several minor incidents in the Cathedral Square of MILAN and in other parts of the City.
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Public Order (contd).

There was at first some difficulty as the workmen were not willing to give them up, as they maintained that the firm had not paid them their full wages. A suitably worded letter from the Air Forces Sub-Commission, endorsed by the BLU however enabled the collection of these arms to be carried out without further demur.
Common crime is reported to be slightly on the increase.
A plot attributed by the local Press to Neo-Fascists, was discovered on 21 May. The plot aimed, amongst other things, to provoke incidents involving Allied Officers including terrorist attempts at their lives, with the intention of proving that the Country was not yet fit for the Elections. From 22 May, British Officers had to move in pairs and carry arms, and small Messes (incl 3 BLU) closed down and moved into Transit Hotels, over which guards were provided. However, after two days the order about carrying arms was rescinded, and the BLU is now back again in the Mess. The "cloak and dagger" atmosphere still lingers, and precautions are being taken over the Election period.
Electioneering propaganda on a big scale has been going on throughout the month and has of course intensified during the last week. The bill-stickers have worked overtime, and it is difficult to find an empty space on the walls of the City on which to paste new manifestoes.
As for the small handbills, they abound in their thousands and provide plenty of work for the crossing-sweepers.
In spite of the fact that political passion has reached its peak and despite alarming rumours which have been spread during the past week or so regarding armed risings and coups-d 'etats, the public safety situation remains good on the whole.

CC RR.

CC RR have arrested a large number of criminals, particularly in the BOLZANO area. 64 prisoners recently escaped from BELLUNO prison. Of these 27 are still missing but some are known to have reached AUSTRIA.
(CC RR sources).

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III A.

Domestic. Deficiencies in all ranks against WE.

BOWO - Ord Sjt held in lieu.
L/Cpl Clerk - Ord.
L/Cpl Clerk - RASC.
Cook ACC.

The CC RR LO has been posted to UK and a replacement is not forthcoming. The work is being covered by CC RR LO of 1 DIST.

Leave: detail of all ranks on leave and when due to return.
Detail of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

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ITALIAN Deficiencies: in total strengths and in tradesmen and in specialists against WE. (This will be shown in general terms only, e.g. as a percentage).

N.T.R.

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LEAVE PROBLEMS.

All leave has been stopped for the period of the elections.

PAY PROBLEMS.

The situation as outlined in our last report is under

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The situation as outlined in our last report is under consideration by the War Ministry, but to date the unsatisfactory conditions still apply. The bonus paid to soldiers employed on Public Security duties, has recently been increased, particularly in the case of those men who work in an isolated area and so are unable to take advantage of existent military facilities. This step has been particularly welcomed, as it lessens the discrepancy between the pay of those in the Police Force, and soldiers employed on the same duty, but hitherto more poorly paid.

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MORALE.

Satisfactory on the whole, although the nervous tension on the eve of the elections inevitably reflects itself, causing men to ponder on their own future which may well be to some extent influenced by the result of the elections. The thought is also present that should disorders break out, they would perhaps lose touch with their families.

OTHER A POINTS.

N.T.R.

IV.Q.

DOMESTIC Transport.

N.T.R.

Accommodation.

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Barracks accn at MANTOVA was recently vacated by a POLISH Bde, and this accn has been placed at the disposal of the Italian Administration.

ITALIAN Transport.

(a) Army less CC RR.

Situation unchanged, except that 5 load carrying vehicles have been allotted to the C.A.R., leaving a deficiency of 2.

(b) CC RR.

N.T.R.

REME PROBLEMS.

The considerable capital standing idle in the nature of M.T. stores, referred to in our last report 1 May 1946, is now being disposed of, although it will take some time before the work is completed.
A great quantity of stores in MILAN have already been conveyed by road and rail to PIACENZA, where they are sorted and supplement those already held by the PIACENZA Stores Unit. There are now a total of 30 men working on this job in MILAN

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Workshops are at present grossly overloaded, but it is hoped that by an increase in the standard of maintenance by the Units this situation may be somewhat lessened. Also, when the base Wksps at BOLOGNA increases its overhauling of British vehicles a considerable load will be taken from the Div Wksps. Evacuation of this Wksps should have commenced on the 9 May, but Units are too hesitant about backloading their vehicles to the shops, because of the incorrect belief that the vehicles would not be returned to them after overhaul. This situation is in hand and it is hoped soon that many more major repair jobs will be backloaded to BOLOGNA than it is at present the case.
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ARMS & AMN.

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C.A.R. trg amn has arrived.
Units of Legnano Div equipped with sten guns have been without sten amn. Beretta amn was tried out, but as a result of accidents which arose, its use was discontinued.
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(b) CC RR

N.T.R.

C.E.M.

A reply is being awaited from Ministry of War concerning the collection of material of Italian origin stored by ARAR at the " Macello".

ACCOMMODATION.

N.T.R.

POL PROBLEMS.

The petrol position has shown a distinct improvement during the month. Supplies have been received without hitch and collection of back issues is now taking place. A fresh problem now arises, in that there is a shortage of containers for storage, but every effort is being made to store the largest qty of petrol possible.
During the last few days a shortage of lubricants (mainly SAE.5A(C.I.P.3) has meant drawing on reserve supplies. SHAPE has been informed by 3 Terr Comd, HQ MMLA by phone from this office.

SUP PROBLEMS.

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Sup Problems A contd.

In view of future possible transport difficulties all Units have been issued with the hard part of the rations for the whole month of June. An 8 day ration of biscuits for reserve is in course of issue.
Comment has already been made on the CAR (Commissariato) earlier in this report under " G ". In general the CAR seems to be progressing satisfactorily, although a little too much time appears to be given to Regimental training and not enough to the specialized side. However, a full inspection report is in course of preparation, wherein the matter will be discussed more deeply.

B. M.T.(Administration and Operation).

During the recent visit to 3 Admin,Transport Coy at MILAN complaints were received about the standard of driver reinforcements coming from the driving school, and of the acute shortage of NCO and soldier tradesman. Civilians are employed in lieu of soldier tradesmen , but the position is unsatisfactory mainly because the Officer Commanding has little or no disciplinary power over them.
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The actual 406s themselves revealed that the compilers had little knowledge of what was required.
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1. To examine the standard of proficiency attained by drivers on being passed out at the driving school.

2. To give increased attention to the problem of supplying soldier tradesman (chiefly vehicle mechanics).

3. Where civilians are employed, to give the Officer Commanding the same disciplinary powers as those accorded to the OC of a British Station Transport Coy RASC.

4. To issue detailed information, explaining the purpose behind systematic maintenance, and to issue specific instructions that say 10% of vehicle availability will be off the road daily for maintenance.

5. To issue detailed orders governing the carrying out of AB 406 inspections, both W/S and platoon.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

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MOV PROBLEMS (NOT incl loans). Road movement has been reduced to a minimum, so as to have as many vehicles as possible available for a possible emergency.

OTHER POINTS. N.T.R.

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Appendix "A"

LOCATION STATEMENT

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LEGNANO DIV

67 Inf Regt

1 Inf Bn	Delete		TURIN
	Insert		MILAN
3 Inf Bn			
1 Coy	Insert		SOLBIA LOMBARDIA

68 Inf Regt

2 Inf Bn	Add	7 Coy	SONDRIO
		5 Coy	EDOLO
		6 & 8 Coy	TIRANO
3 Inf Bn			
ex (IX Assault Bn)	Delete		CREMONA
	Insert		VIGEVANO

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Herewith Staff List No. 6 in respect of 3 BLU(MILAN).

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Maj
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MILAN
HE/LC

Distribution:-

CHQ CMF	2
HQ 59 Area	2
HQ AC Milan	2
HQ 1 BLU	1
HQ 2 BLU	1
HQ 4 BLU	1
HQ 5 BLU	1
HQ 6 BLU	1
HQ 7 BLU	1
HQ 8 BLU	1
HQ 9 BLU	1
HQ 10 BLU	1
HQ 11 BLU	1
HQ 12 BLU	1
War Diary	2
Spare	10

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General Staff

GSO I	Lt Col P[illegible] EGERTON MBE	R IR F
GSO II	Major C.J.ODD	RECCE

Branch of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General

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GHQ CMF	2
HQ 59 Area	2
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ST	Captain A.F.HARRIS	RASC
REME	Captain J.ALDRIDGE	REME

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APPENDIX "C"

CONFIDENTIAL

STAFF LIST

III TERRITORIAL COMD

Q III Terr Comd

GOC	Lt Gen	MARRAS Efisio
GDC (Inf)	Brig Gen	SEQUI Roberto
Garrison Comd	Brig Gen	CAPIZZI Nicola ✓
Chief of Staff	Col	CARNEVALE Ottavio
Dep Chief of Staff	Lt Col	TERNADORI Sire
Comd HQ Coy	Lt Col	MORLEO Domenico
Terr Office	Lt Col	MACCARONE Alberto
IC Personnel Office	Lt Col	MARASCHI Carlo
	Lt Col	FORMAINI Enrico
	Lt Col	MONTEFIORI Aldo
OC Garrison Office	Lt Col	GATTA Clemente
OC "Servizi" Office	Lt Col	DONAVER Luigi
President Mil Tribunal	Brig	GYIDELLI Marco
Mil Proctor	Brig	BENUTI Gervasio
Dep Mil Tribunal	Col	MERLER Carlo
Judge	Col	BENEDETTI Antonio
Dep Mil Proctor	Lt Col	FARINA Francesco
Judge	Lt Col	CANNATA Vicenzo
Judge	Lt Col	CORSINI Bernardino
GOC of Arty	Brig	TROIO Guido
OC Arty Office	Col	PROPERSI Giuseppe
at the disposal of MMIA	Lt Col	GURGO Constanzo
Arty Directorate	Lt Col	RIPA Adalberto
Arty Directorate	Lt Col	GENNARO Francesco
2 IC Arty PIACENZA	Lt Col	CANNIZZO Vito
Director Arty PIACENZA	Lt Col	SERENA Manlio
	Lt Col	GHELARDONI Vittorio
OC Arsenal PIACENZA	Col	MAZZA FERDINANDO
OC Arty Sec BRESCIA	Lt Col	QUIRICO Gustavo
OC Gardone VT Arms Factory	Lt Col	PETRONE Luigi
OC Fin of War Liquidation Office	Lt Col	MENDOZA Crispino
OC Mil Engr Directorate	Brig	REA Emiddio
2 IC Mil " "	Col	BIASCI Luigi
Offr att to works MILAN	Lt Col	BETTIO Francesco
" "	Lt Col	BOTTANI Augusto
Director of work MILAN	Lt Col	DI MATTEI Guido
IC Det Sec MILAN	Lt Col	RUSSO Nicolino
IC Det Office	Lt Col	ROMEO Antonio
Directorate Engr Works	Lt Col	PERANNA Emanuele
IC Requisitioning Office	Lt Col	VELLANI Renzo
Vice-Directorate 24 Engr Repair Wksp PIZZIGHETTONE	Lt Col	ROSSI Raffaele
Director 22 Engr Repair wksp PAVIA	Col	STEINER Pietro
Vice Director " "	Lt Col	BARTOLINI [illegible]

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Comd HQ Coy	Lt Col	MORLEO Domenico
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OC Arty Sec BRESCIA	Lt Col	QUIRICO Gustavo
OC Gardone VT Arms Factory	Lt Col	PETRONE Luigi
OC Liquidation of War Liquidation Office	Lt Col	MENDOZA Crispino
OC Mil Engr Directorate	Brig	REA Emiddio
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Director 22 Engr Repair wksp PAVIA	Col	STEINER Pietro
Vice Director " "	Lt Col	BARTOLINI Dante
2 IC Wksps PAVIA	Lt Col	DIONIGI Gaetano
Vice Chief Wksps PAVIA	Lt Col	VITALE Mario
at disposal of wksps PAVIA	Lt Col	BELFRINELLI Domenico
Research Sec	Lt Col	DE MARNIS Giovanni
Director 25 Engr Wksps CARNAGO	Col	BERTI Antonio
2 IC " "	Lt Col	BERGAMASCHI Mario
DMS		
President Med Commission MILAN	Col	CASTELLI Epifanio
" " " BRESCIA	Lt Col	GREGORINI Pietro
Director Mil Hosp BRESCIA	Lt Col	RIPARI Enrico

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IC Mil Sec MILAN	Lt Col½	PAOLILLO Stanislao
Director Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	PALTERI Alfredo
" " PAVIA	Lt Col	MASCIA Giuseppe
IC of a Sec Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	VENTURA Vittorio
President I Commission for PW MILAN	Lt Col	RODINO Antonio
Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	CALCAGNI Amato
IC opthalmic Sec Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	CALI Domenico
Pharmachist Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	DI TULLIO Oderosa
Adm " " MILAN	Lt Col	DI NATALE Cauto
Record Office Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	MONTEVECCHI Giovanni
GC Stores Mil Hosp MILAN	Lt Col	D'AVANZO Mario
Director Comissariato MILAN	Col	TIRANTY Riccardo
Asst Director IC 1 Sec MILAN	Lt Col	APRILE Luigi
at disposal of		
Comissariato MILAN	Lt Col	TOSCA Luigi
Adm Offr Comissariato MILAN	Lt Col	LOBIANCO Stefano
Director Clothing & Eqpt Repair		
and Recovery Center	Lt Col	GIANFORMAGGIO Francesco
IC 3 BSD MILAN	Lt Col	SESSA Michele
OC Adm Directorate MILAN	Lt col	JOBBI Italo
1st Sec Adm Directorate MILAN	Lt Col	ARGENTATI Ciro
3rd "	Lt Col	TRECO Federico
OC Mob Vet Recovery	Lt Col	VIGNALI Ercolo
Director 3rd Veh Repairs Directorate	Col	ZUCCO Pietro
2 IC " " MILAN	Lt Col	MERCANTE Ercole
OC Mil Dist MILAN	Col	CALVI Ercole
at disposal of OC Mil Dis MILAN	Lt Col	BASAGLIA Beppe
Mil Dis MILAN	Lt Col	NEBBIO Michele
Adj Mil Dis MILAN	Lt Col	MAGNALLA Antonio
Dis MILAN	Lt Col	BONFANTI Torquato
BRESCIA	Lt Col	TARALLO Francesco
OC Mil Dis BRESCIA	Col	LATINI Antonio
Mob Office "	Lt Col	PERUZZO Pietro
Adm Offr "	Lt Col	PRATESI Emilio
Records Office	Lt Col	D'AVERSA Giovanni
IC Adm Office	Lt Col	LEVI Giulio
" "	Lt Col	GRASSI Achille
Adm Office "	Lt Col	TOSI Antonio
OC Mil Dis PAVIA	Col	MANGANI Francesco
" IC "	Lt Col	CACCIATORE Tommaso
IC Records Office PAVIA	Lt Col	NEGRI Giuseppe
IC FD Personnel Office PAVIA	Lt Col	BARAMASCHI Carlo
OC Mil Dis VARESE	Col	GIROLA Italo
President PW Commission VARESE	Lt Col	TESTA Giovanni
OC Mil Dis Office MONZA	Lt Col	CITTERIO Enrico
	Lt Col	DE BICHLACCHI Alexandra
IC Records Office MONZA	Lt Col	FERRONI Francesco
OC Mil Dis MONZA	Col	GATTI Raul
		ACUISTAPACE Filippe

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OC Mil Dis BRESCIA	Col	LATINI Antonio
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Adm Offr "	Lt Col	PRATESI Emilio
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IC Adm Office "	Lt Col	LEVI Giulio
" "	Lt Col	GRASSI Achille
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OC Mil Dis PAVIA	Col	MANGANI Francesco
" IC "	Lt Col	CACCIATORE Tommaso
IC Records Office PAVIA	Lt Col	NEGRI Giuseppe
IC PD Personnel Office PAVIA	Lt Col	BARAMASCHI Carlo
OC Mil Dis VARESE	Col	GIROLA Italo
President PW Commission VARESE	Lt Col	TESTA Giovanni
OC Mil Dis Office MONZA	Lt Col	CITTERIO Enrico
	Lt Col	DE BICHIACCHI Alexandra
IC Records Office MONZA	Lt Col	FERRONI Francesco
OC Mil Dis MONZA	Col	GATTI Raul
2IC " "	Lt Col	ACUISTAPACE Filippe
OC " COMO	Lt Col	SORA Gennaro
President Disciplinery Commission COMO	Lt Col	SARDAGNA Giovanni

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Adj Mil Dis COMO	Lt Col	LISERRO Ezio
IC Recruits Office COMO	Lt Col	ZAFFIRO Carmelo
OC Mil Dis LODI	Col	SCOTTI Luigi
2 IC "	Lt Col	ANTIBO Alfredo
Adm Offr "	Lt Col	CATALANO Arturo
OC Mil Dis SONDRIO	Col	BARBIERI Arturo
OC Mil Dis Office SONDRIO	Lt Col	NEGRONI Mario
OC Mil Dis BERGAMO	Col	CAVALLI Giuseppe
IC Mil Dis Office BERGAMO	Lt Col	POIETTI Mario
" "	Lt Col	REGHETTI Luigi
President Sott Commission BERGAMO	Lt Col	ANGELUCCI Francesco
OC Mil Dis TREVIGLIO	Lt Col	CRESCIMANNO Giulio
Adm " "	Lt Col	SILVANI Carlo
OC Mil Dis CREMONA	Col	SIVIERI Guido
IC Mil Dis Office CREMONA	Lt Col	MASCHERPA Emilo
IC Recruits Office CREMONA	Lt Col	VIVIANI Francesco
OC MANTOVA Dis	Col	CLERICI BAGOZZI Lodovico
Adm Offr Mil Dis MANTOVA	Lt Col	DI LORENZO Antonio
OC 68 Inf Regt MILAN	Col	MARTINELLI Clemente
Adj " "	Lt Col	CLEMENTI Giuseppe
OC 67 Inf Regt COMO	Col	D'ERRICO Antonio
	Lt Col	LORDI Gerardo
IC Gp C Storehouses COMO	LT Col	MUSA Fedele
IC Mob Office Depot 67 Inf Regt	Lt Col	CANUTO Ricardo
IC Records Office Depot 67 Inf Regt COMO	Lt Col	VESIN Claudio
67 Inf Regt COMO, OC Stores	Lt Col	MORANDO Camillio
OC 3rd Bersaglierri Regt Depot LODI	Col	SOLI Ruggio
Personnel Office "	Lt Col	RAFFEI Bruno
	Lt Col	SALVATORE Mario
OC Depot 11 Arty Regt MILAN	Col	DE RISSE Achille
att to " "	Lt Col	LI DONNI Nicola
Adm Offr	Lt Col	BATTISTA Mario
Personnel Office	Lt Col	NARDUSON Gustavo
	Lt Col	PASQUALINO Ettore
Adj " "	Lt Col	MONTICELLI Agusto
OC Depot 3 Arty Regt MILAN	Col	VITALE Ubrico
IC Records Office "	Lt Col	LEONE Rodolfo
IC Mob Office	Lt Col	GRAZIOSI Giulio
OC Depot 3 Autieri Regt MILAN	Lt Col	SCONCIAFURNO Raffaele
OC 3 Inf Regt BRESCIA	Col	CORRADI Remo
Adm Offr "	Lt Col	JANNELLI GErardo
OC Bn 3 Inf Regt BRESCIA	Lt Col	BATALANI Aldo
OC 713 Adm Regt MILAN	Col	BONELLI Federico
OC 3 CAR COMO	Col	MAYER CHELLINI Renato
OC Bn 3 CAR COMO	Lt Col	PARISI Carmelo
Adj "	Lt Col	CAMIN Carlo
2 IC CAR COMO	Lt Col	BOZZANI Angelo

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2 IC	"	
Adm Offr	"	
OC Mil Dis	SONDRIO	
OC Mil Dis Office	SONDRIO	
OC Mil Dis	BERGAMO	
IC Mil Dis Office	BERGAMO	
	" "	
President Sott Commission	BERGAMO	
OC Mil Dis	TREVIGLIO	
Adm	" "	
OC Mil Dis	CREMONA	
IC Mil Dis Office	CREMONA	
IC Recruits Office	CREMONA	
OC MANTOVA	Dis	
Adm Offr Mil Dis	MANTOVA	
OC 68 Inf Regt	MILAN	
Adj	" "	
OC 67 Inf Regt	COMO	
IC Gp C Storehouses	COMO	
IC Mob Office Depot	67 Inf Regt	
IC Records Office Depot	67 Inf Regt	COMO
67 Inf Regt COMO, OC Stores		
DC 3rd Bersaglierri Regt Depot		LODI
Personnel Office	"	
OC Depot 11 Arty Regt	MILAN	
att to	" "	
Adm Offr		
Personnel Office		
Adj	" "	
OC Depot 3 Arty Regt	MILAN	
IC Records Office	"	
IC Mob Office		
OC Depot 3 Autieri Regt	MILAN	
OC 3 Inf Regt	BRESCIA	
Adm Offr	"	
OC Bn 3 Inf Regt	BRESCIA	
OC 713 Adm Regt	MILAN	
OC 3 CAR	COMO	
OC Bn 3 CAR	COMO	
Adj	"	
2 IC CAR	COMO	
OC 23 Recovery	Commission	
IC 7 Screening	S/C	MILAN
Member	"	
"	"	
2	and Secretary	
"	"	

Col		SCOTTI Luigi
Lt Col		ANTIDO Alfredo
Lt Col		CAMILLANO Arturo
Col		BARDIERI Arturo
Lt Col		NEGRONI Mario
Col		CAVALLI Giuseppe
Lt Col		POLETTI Mario
Lt Col		REGHETTI Luigi
Lt Col		ANGELUCCI Francesco
Lt Col		GRESCIMANNO Giulio
Lt Col		SILVANI Carlo
Col		SIVIERI Guido
Lt Col		MASCHERPA Emilo
Lt Col		VIVIANI Francesco
Col		CLERICI DAGOZZI Lodovico
Lt Col		DI LORENZO Antonio
Col		BERTINELLI Clemente
Lt Col		CLEMENTI Giuseppe
Col		D'ERRICO Antonio
Lt Col		LORDI Gerardo
Lt Col		MUSA Fedele
Lt Col		CANNUTO Ricardo
Lt Col		VESIN Claudio
Lt Col		NORANDO Camillio
Col		SOLI Ruggio
Lt Col		MAFFEI Bruno
Lt Col		SALVATORE Mario
Col		DE BIASE Achille
Lt Col		DI DONNI Nicola
Lt Col		BATTISTA Mario
Lt Col		MARUSON Gustavo
Lt Col		PASQUALINO Ettore
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Col	---	VITALE Ubrico
Lt Col		LECHE Rodolfo
Lt Col		GRAZIOSI Giulio
Lt Col		SCIASCIAFURI O Raffaelo
Col		CORRADI Remo
Lt Col		JANNELLI GErardo
Lt Col		BATALANI Aldo
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Lt Col		CAMIN Carlo
Lt Col		BOZZANI Angelo
Lt Col		CUCCIOLI Giovanni
GOC		CUCCIONE G Battista
Col		FORTE Rocco
Col		MUSCI Francesco
Col		FREDA Giustino
Col		CHIARANDA' Corrado

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7 Discipline	S/Commission MILAN	Lt Col SABINO Romeo
"	" "	Lt Col MATTIOLI Attilio
"	" "	Lt Col MORELLI Antonio
"	" "	Lt Col CARLETTI Pellegrino
OC Civil Govt Control	MILAN	Col SIMONELLI Amedeo
2 IC "	"	Lt Col VALERIO Constantino
PW Transit Camp		Col BALOCCO Alfredo
" "		Lt Col GIANGRECO Carmelo
" "		Lt Col MANCIANTINI Secondo
" "		Lt Col SOLOFRA Corrado

HQ LEGNANO INF DIV

GOC	Maj Gen	UTTIL Umberto ✓ RICHIERI
2IC	Brig	BAUDINO Carlo
Chief Of Staff	Col	GAROFOLI Federico
Personnel Sec	Lt Col	CASADURI Walther
OC 68 Inf Regt	Col	DE RENZI Edmondo ✓ FANTINI
2 IC 68 Inf Reg	Lt Col	ZANI Giuseppe
OC III Bn 68 Inf Regt	Lt Col	CHIACCHIO Mario
OC II Bn 68 Inf Regt	Lt Col	TROVATI G Battista
OC Special Inf Regt (67)	Col	DE MICHELI Luigi ✓
2 IC "	Lt Col	VOLLA Arnoldo
at disposition "	Lt Col	PICONE Ermenno
Senior Off at disposition of 67 Special Inf Regt	Lt Col	PERELLA Antonio
IC Law Sec "	Lt Col	BRIATORE Umberto
OC Alpini Bn "L'AQUILA"	Lt Col	SALPO Pietro
OC 11 Arty Regt	Col	BRUNELLI Mario ✓
2 IC "	Lt Col	BRACCO Michele
at disposition of Special Inf Regt for fun of 67 Inf Regt	Lt Col	CHIALDI Carlo

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"	"	"
OC 91st Movt Control		MILAN
2 IC	"	"
PW Transit Camp		
"	"	
"	"	
"	"	

Lt Col	CARLETTI Pellegrino
Col	SIANNELLI Amadeo
Lt Col	VALERIO Constantino
Col	BALOCCO Alfredo
Lt Col	GIANGRECO Carmelo
Lt Col	MANGIANTINI Secondo
Lt Col	SOLOFRA Corrado

HQ LEGNANO INF DIV

RICHIERI

GOC	Maj Gen	UTILI Umberto ✓
2IC	Brig	BAUDINO Carlo
Chief Of Staff	Col	GAROFOLI Federico
Personnel Sec	Lt Col	CASADURI Walther
		FANTINI
OC 68 Inf Regt	Col	DE REVEL Edmondo ✓
2 IC 68 Inf Reg	Lt Col	ZANI Giuseppe
OC III Bn 68 Inf Regt	Lt Col	ORLACCHINO Mario
OC II Bn 68 Inf Regt	Lt Col	TROVATI G Battista
OC Special Inf Regt (67)	Col	DE MICHELI Luigi ✓
2 IC "	Lt Col	VOLLA Arnoldo
at disposition "	Lt Col	PICONE Ermanno
Senior Off at disposition of 67 Special Inf Regt	Lt Col	PERELLA Antonio
IC Law Sec "	Lt Col	BRIATORE Umberto
OC Alpini Bn "L'AQUILA"	Lt Col	SAMPO Pietro
OC 11 Arty Regt	Col	BRUNELLI Mario ✓
2 IC "	Lt Col	BRACCO Michele
at disposition of Special Inf Regt for fmn of 67 Inf Regt	Lt Col	CHIALDI Carlo

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APPENDIX "D".

C.A.R. - STATE.

1. GENERAL

Training has continued according to the programme as detailed by the Ministry of War and has proceeded satisfactorily. The following points did actually hinder the smooth running of the training programme but time lost has been rectified.

(a) Unfavourable Weather Conditions.

Lombardy, during the month of May, had rain on most of the days, with the inevitable result that, during the wet weather range firing suffered considerably. Work on the open ranges was also held up and they will not be completed until this month.

(b) Lack of Training Amn.

H.E. bombs for the 2inch.Mortar are still not available. Practices are therefore confined to the firing of smoke and dummy bombs.

(c) Public Holidays and Feast Days.

No provision is made by the Ministry of War in the training programmes for the holidays which appear to be so numerous at this period of the year. It is considered necessary that recruits are given these holidays as are other soldiers of the Italian Army.

(d) Public Safety Duties.

Although it has not affected training to a great extent during May, the duties which have been carried out by the recruits in respect of the General Elections will have some effect on the continuity of recruit training. HQ 3 Terr.Comd. have been informed that the course now in progress will be extended one week to make up the time lost during the first week in June due to the elections. Recruits will be away from their training for approximately seven days.

INSTRUCTORS.

The C.A.R. Comd. has now had ample time to form an opinion of the quality of the instructors and, in a report rendered to this HQ the following information is extracted for your information.

(a) Officers.

The quality of the officers appears to be high only because of the low standard of the N.C.O. Instructors. He has hopes that, with further trg the more junior officers will improve their power of command, and, that their knowledge of administrative matters will increase. It is considered that their training was too short with the inevitable result that their training is still incomplete. Further practical experience should rectify this, and

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Although it has not affected training to a great extent during May, the duties which have been carried out by the recruits in respect of the General Elections will have some effect on the continuity of recruit training. HQ 3 Terr.Comd. have been informed that the course now in progress will be extended one week to make up the time lost during the first week in June due to the elections. Recruits will be away from their training for approximately seven days.

INSTRUCTORS.

The C.A.R. Comd. has now had ample time to form an opinion of the quality of the instructors and, in a report rendered to this HQ the following information is extracted for your information.

(a) Officers.

The quality of the officers appears to be high only because of the low standard of the N.C.O. Instructors. He has hopes that, with further trg the more junior officers will improve their power of command, and, that their knowledge of administrative matters will increase. It is considered that their training was too short with the inevitable result that their training is still incomplete. Further practical experience should rectify this, and it is hoped that their efficiency during the second course will be more satisfactory. The Comd. thinks that at present time there is a lack of feeling and enthusiasm amongst them due to the difficult period and uncertain times that the army has experienced of late, and also due to the fact that the recruits are such a mixture of politically minded people.

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(b) Senior N.C.Os.

Their instructional knowledge is extremely limited, and, in some cases, their facility to learn is very poor. . ii

(c) Junior N.C.Os.

Nearly all have little ability to instruct, and very little idea of what discipline really is, and the ultimate fate of most of these NCOs has already been decided. Their return to their units will take effect from the termination of the first course and their places filled from the best of the recruits, who, in some instances, are already instructing.

Only the best of the poor bunch will be retained, and then only if it is considered that they will greatly improve. There are at least 200 recruits at the C.A.R. who are capable of doing this task extremely well and it has been suggested by the Comd. and we have asked 3 Terr.Comd. to communicate with the Ministry of War to obtain permission to retain as many of the recruits at the end of the course who are considered able to instruct well, as are required to make up all deficiencies in NC.O. Instructors. A great many of the recruits have already served a period of military training and this is just a brush up in the new methods as far as they are concerned. At the present moment the deficiency in Instructors is 67, but, with the return to their units of the unsuitable instructors, it is anticipated that the figure will increase to approximately 120. Sanction has already been given by the Ministry of War for the retention of 60 recruits as instructors for the next course, and it is hoped that the request for additional recruit instructors will receive a favourable answer.

Suggestions for the replacement of all ranks of unsuitable instructors will be forwarded to the Ministry of War during June, and we will forward a list of these to you as soon as it has been completed.

3. RESULT OF PRIMARY TRAINING.

The general standard achieved was satisfactory, but this fact is attributed to most of the recruits having served a period of military service.

The lack of sufficient regulation books and the limited knowledge of the young instructors inevitably caused the standard of theoretical instruction to be a little below average, butthe standard reached in drill and weapon training was very high. As was expected, a small percentage of the recruits were not keen to learn but these cases were isolated instances rather than the rule.

4. W.E. OF 3 C.A.R.

Attached to this report is the up to date holdings of personnel at the C.A.R. It will be noted that there is still a deficiency of approx 130 all ranks, but, in addition to the personnel held against W.E. a certain number of civilians are employed who are fulfilling the duties of C.A.R. staff. Both 3 Terr. Comd. and the C.A.R. have been advised to watch carefully the deficiencies in the Signal Section from the Terr. Comd. and the Inf. Coy from the 3 Inf.Regt.and to keep them up to the authorised scale.

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5. CARE OF ARMS.

It has been found that recruits are not always giving the necessary attention and maintenance to their personal arms after they have been fired on the ranges. The Comd. has been advised to erect on all ranges some method of supply of constant hot water so that the recruits are able to boil out the barrels of their weapons before leaving the range, thus ensuring that corrosion of the barrels does not occur. The arrival of the trained armourers from CESANO will greatly assist in this matter.

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6. RECRUITS S.A.T. COURSE - MILAN.

600 recruits are now proceeding with their training in S.A.T. duties. The course consists of continuation of training in drill and weapons, and their training in bakery duties, both theoretical and practical. The theoretical part consists of lectures by competent officers and the practical training is done by the attachment to the bakery of one platoon of the recruits a time, who are then attached to the different sections of the bakery and D.I.D.

One important factor which has emerged from this course is, that although the recruits received basic training in British weapons, on arrival at their destination, they were immediately issued with rifles of Italian manufacture. Due to the shortage of British weapons, this was unavoidable, but it does seem a waste of effort if this thing is to keep recurring.

Another difficulty has been the lack of suitable barracks for this course to be held at, and the barracks finally selected as the most suitable one was in a very dilapidated state and consequently a great deal of engineer work was necessary before the barracks was fit to house the recruits. Allied requirements in this area still call for the majority of the good barracks although some of them are only occupied in part, but orders from G.H.Q. forbid 59 Area to release any accommodation at present. It is thought that this policy will soon come to an end so that the Italian soldiers are housed in the best and not the worst of the barracks. For the next course the barracks will be of a much better standard.

This HQ is watching with more than the usual surviellance the welfare and accommodation problems of this course, as it is felt that, if this is not done, the good start received by the recruits at the C.A.R. will be completely lost if the standard of the Officer and N.C.O. Instructors is allowed to fall behind the C.A.R. standards Both for discipline and practical duties.

A number of the recruits on this course are already reported absent without leave, but their return under escort in expected shortly.

7. WEEKEND LEAVE.

Duties permitting, recruits have been allowed to proceed to their homes during the weekend, leaving the barracks after completion of their work on Saturdays, and returning to barracks in time for the first lesson on Mondays. This policy has been found to be highly successful and on the last check at the C.A.R. there were no recruits who were A.W.O.L.

Some instances have occurred of recruits arriving at the barracks late for the first parade and the necessary disciplinary action is taken against offenders.

It has been suggested by the Comd. that the question of regional recruitment be studied further, as he is certain that with the close proximity of the recruits to their homes, if weekend leave was not granted, there would be a large number of absentees at the C.A.R.

Also, by granting weekend leave, the rations saved are used to supplement the rations during the following week and thus raise the standard of feeding in general.

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(a) With the advent of the warmer weather it has been found advisable again to survey the sanitary requirements of the C.A.R. and it is thought that the standard of latrine accommodation at the COMO barracks is unsatisfactory. HQ 3 Terr. Comd. have been advised to send one of their senior Medical Officers to inspect this barracks and to render a report as to whether or not it is advisable to put a project in hand to have additional latrines built or to have repairs carried out on the existing ones.

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(b) The matter of when the C.A.R. will be located in a permanent location will be the subject of a separate letter, but one finds that the Ministry of War are not prepared to spend a lot of money on the C.A.Rs in temporary locations.

9. MILITARY DISTRICTS.

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Recruits arrived at the C,A.R. who were affected by sickness or illness with the consequent inconvenience of the C.A.R. having to evacuate them to hospital or to place them in the sick ward at the barracks. This should be dealt with by the medical staffs at the District HQ.

Other recruits arrived at the C.A.R, in possession of documents giving them exemption from military service.

Recruits who should have been assigned to the Alpini Corps were in some instances not properly documented, placing additional work on the already extended staff at the C.A.R.

Some recruits were accepted for Military service who were obviously unfit, and were the subject of further medical examinations at the C.A.R.

From the above, it is thought that the medical staffs at Districts are not sufficient to cope with such a large intake of recruits in a short time, and it has been suggested to Terr. Comd. that, if this is the case, that additional medical officers from the hospitals be attached to Districts during the period of the intake.

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