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PROGRESS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1946

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5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tele: UDINE 1553
G 103

30 Dec 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC.,
(LOLIA) ROME.

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PART ONE "G"

1. TRAINING

(a) Training during the month has been of an elementary nature, weapons, drill, PT and Ski training.

(b) I attended part of an officers indoor exercise at BELLUNO on 20 Dec directed by the Comd L'AQUILA Bn. One of the objects of the exercise was to compare the new Alpini organisation with the old and to see whether the former is an improvement on the latter. It would appear that the new organisation passed the test although there are certain leanings towards increases in strength. A detailed memorandum on the subject is expected from the Regimental Commander and will be forwarded in due course.
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The mortar men were doing individual training, the men seemed good and keen and I was impressed by the two young officers. Sergeant Instructors as usual talked too much. Training is handicapped owing to a lack of sights.

(d) Early in January Col SCARPA (Comd 8 Alpini Regt) is due to take up the War 2121 Ministry appointment of Inspector of Alpini He will be greatly missed by all ranks 8 Alpini Regt and of this B.L.O.

2. C.R.

Two 8 day courses in British Weapons have been held for officers and NCOs of Command and District HQs. This is a good effort and was entirely on their own initiative.

3. ARTILLERY PRACTICE (BRITISH)

During the month a party of officers, including the Director of Artillery watched a practice shoot by a Bty of R.H.A. They were able to see (for the first time) S.P. Guns in action and were much impressed. It is hoped to arrange further visits in the New Year.

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4. COURSES

(a) Good reports are obtained by the 24 machine gunners, 15 mortar men and 3 snipers of 8 Alpini Regt who recently attended Courses at CSS.N..

(b) A.D and S Course for 39 Alpini was held recently at UDINE.

5. FRONTIER CONTROL

(a) TOLMINO Bn appears to be functioning with reasonable efficiency. Mountain posts are practically isolated and traffic through them is almost negligible.

(b) Owing to inexperience in handling British automatic weapons, one soldier was killed and another seriously wounded at one of the Control Posts.

(c) Communications such as they are, appear to be working well.

(d) At the risk of incurring displeasure, I feel that I must once again point out the inadequacy of the British system of providing essential equipment for this Bn. GHQ G (Ops) decided early in October that certain signal equipment was necessary. After many weeks of waiting, wireless sets and telephones were produced. The accumulators and batteries are still awaited. Ord Stores are normally released from GRAZ (two days journey). This unit has one load carrying vehicle (15 cwt - at present B.L.R.), one British Cpl driver and one British Private driver; Italian personnel cannot be sent in to Austria, consequently it is not a practicable proposition for this unit to collect Stores.

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PART TWO "A"

7. MORALE

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8. COOPERATION WITH ALLIES ETC

Personal contact has been made with GHQ, 1 AGRA, 86 Area and AMG. Relations are friendly and really effective cooperation is now almost automatic.

9. INCIDENTS

(a) There have been a number of incidents between Allied Troops and Civilians. Complaints have also been received of damage caused by Allied Troops to monuments and cafes. All of these have been followed up closely but the chief difficulty has been the failure of the reporting sources to secure the precise particulars of the Allied individuals involved.
In no case however can it be justly said that anti-Italian feeling has been shown. Whilst regretable, these few incidents would appear to be the acts of irresponsible individuals of the type normally involved in similar incidents wherever they may be stationed.

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(b) The P.D.U. and M.L.O. incidents were reported in the "UNION JACK". Italian reports are similar although more highly coloured. Italian officers at Command HQ were quick to express their regret.
It appears that the Carabinieri functioned well.

(c) Although I have no personal knowledge of insulting behaviour to Allied nationals, I gather from various sources that our stock is going down.

10. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Reports of traffic accidents are being received in increasing numbers. This is not thought to be due so much to an overall increase in the actual number of the accidents as to the spreading of the knowledge that reports of such accidents are being actively followed up. Unfortunately in this matter also reporting authorities frequently fail to obtain and supply essential particulars for the tracing of the individuals involved. Formations are cooperative in this matter.

11. WELFARE

(i) A planned attack has been made on the Welfare front during the Month. Some success has been achieved:-

(a) The Welfare Officer and his Staff have been interviewed many times and efforts have been made to get them to work as a team and using ideas largely following the lines of British A.W.S.

(b) A series of "Troops" dances was organised by D.A. & Q.M.G. this HQ and run for the purpose of obtaining funds for a distribution of Christmas extras to Italian Troops in the Hospitals.
The net result of this effort was that every soldier received a Christmas Parcel and 56,000 Lire in cash has been handed over to 5 Terr Comd for welfare purposes. This has I hope, proved that it is not necessary to rely solely on War Ministry Grants and that money can be obtained if an effort is made.

(c) The use of the local requisitioned Theatre has been obtained for the two nights Jan 17 & 18th for the purposes of performances of the Opera "La Boheme" organised by this HQ.

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(f) General MARELLINI visited the patients in Hospital on 24 Dec and did "his stuff" surprisingly well.

(g) Italian Welfare organised a very good Childrens Xmas Tree. When presents were distributed to the children of officers and other ranks. It was a kind thought on their part to ask my own daughter and to give her a very nice present. Gen and Mrs MARELLINI and the majority of the General Staff Officers and their wives attended the party.

(11) (a) It can be seen from the above that Welfare is getting on the map. In the larger Units, quite distinct progress has been made. It is however completely lacking in most of the smaller units. The officers of these units are still not aware of their responsibility regarding the well being of their men. In some respects perhaps this is unimportant, when in most cases the service units are stationed in large towns, where the officers and many of the men live in their own homes and Welfare such as it is, is provided by Command HQ.

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(b) One of the distressing aspects, is the case of the units working for the Allies, eg Frontier Posts, Searchlight Dets Prison Guards etc. They are liable to fall between two stools and to be forgotten by both sides. The Italian authorities thinking that the British will look after them and the British thinking - "they're only "Wops" anyway" - maybe, but they are saving someone from being "DOW'd".

12. VISITS

(a) During the month visits have been by officers of this HQ to:- HQ 8 ALPINI Bgde, Mule Coy, Mortar Coy, all Bns and the CAR and in addition to GHQ (G Ops and Plans), HQ AWS, 1 AGRA, 86 Area and AMG.

(b) Visits have been received from

Col W. PIDSLEY DSO OBE MC HQ MMLA
Lt. Col HAMDIE, Major LIMBERT and
Major CHRISTIE MMLA
G 3 (Plans) GHQ
G 2 (Fwd Ops) GHQ
Comd 419 FSS.

13. BLU RELATIONS WITH ITALIANS

(a) Better than ever. The BELLUNO welcome in particular is still well up to ALPINI Standards.

(b) On Wed 4 Dec BLU Officers were invited by the Artillery officers to a very good party at the Italian officers Club - (the occasion being the Festa di Santa Barbara - the patrol saint of all "gunners")

(c) An invitation has been extended to all BLU officers to a New Year's Eve Dance.

14. CEREMONY AT TARCENTO

Deputy CMG this HQ attended the opening of a Casa Del Reduci at TARCENTO on Monday 16 Dec. This institution fostered by the local church authorities and financed by the organisation 'Post Bellica' now provides an excellent reception centre for 70 Reduci per month. The ex PWs are provided with hospitality in the most admirable surroundings of comfort and homeliness for a period of 30 days immediately following their return to Italy. The ceremony was also attended by the Provincial Governor AMG UDINE Province and reps of Terr Comd together with the heads of branches of all of the civil authorities. This HQ represented a case for this Institution for supplies of fuel for heating and blankets on repayment from AMG sources. The supplies were obtained.

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15. VISIT OF C.I.G.S.

The C.I.G.S. visited UDINE and TRIESTE and gave inspiring addresses to British Officers on 4th and ORs on the 5 Dec. 2118

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16. ACCOMMODATION

(a) Full cooperation from 1 ACRA is most evident both in matters of accomodation for the BLU as well as the Italian Army.

(b) The Barracks at PONTEBBA have been released to us and will be occupied by a Coy of L'AQUILA Bn.

(c) Barracks at TREVISO also not required for Allied troops are now a matter of negotiation between 5 Terr Comd and the Civil Authorities direct.

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(d) Accommodation for Italian Air Force Officers operating the Courier Service (ROME - MILAN) is proving a difficult problem. Air HQ ITALY have been requested to handle this matter and it is hoped a satisfactory solution will be found.

17. CLOTHING

All of 8 ALPINI Regt the C.R and some service units have now been issued with the new pattern Battledress.

18. C.R

(a) Our Corporal Armourer visited the C.R and inspected British Arms. Although it cannot be stated that the condition of the arms is anywhere near good, a definite improvement was evident. The Armourer Sergeant is reported as being efficient, he is of course handicapped by a lack of tools and spare parts.

(b) Plans are going ahead for the provision of quarters for married NCOs and men, it will be sometime before they are completed. But in the meantime owing to good cooperation with AMG, three families have been "fixed up".

(c) C.R Comd has decided to cover the Dining Hall tables with Marble Slabs - perhaps the money could have been spent more judiciously in other directions.

19. S AND T

(a) The POL situation is of course the outstanding problem. All will know that the allowance per day, is - motor cycles $\frac{1}{3}$ gallon, cars $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallons load carriers $2\frac{1}{4}$ gallons and even this is not always available. Consequently should the Allies find it necessary at any time to ask for the assistance of Italian troops, considerable quantities of POL would be required.

(b) It is understood that a special allotment of POL is made direct by the Ministry to the TOMBEZZO Bn. For one reason or another, supplies invariably fail as this occurrence is frequent, the local Allied Authorities are accustomed to our request for a temporary loan, and the drill is well laid on and understood by all.

(c) Owing to a lack of POL an increased use has been made of Rail transport, this has worked fairly well.

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20. Ord

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(a) As has been reported to MMIA my Ord Officer proceeds on 19 days Compassionate Leave on 30 Dec. It is now understood that he has been accepted for the appointment of QM to a T... Regt in the UK, consequently he is unlikely to return to this unit.

(b) On 20 Dec a consignment of 150 tons of Italian Stores arrived from B.T... We have no disposal instructions for these. It is requested that urgent steps are taken to effect the posting of suitable Ord. personnel who can deal with matters of this nature.

21. REE

No technical data can be provided as the expected visit of the REE officer from 3 BLU has not yet materialised.

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PART FOUR DOMESTIC

22. OFFICERS

In view of the prominent part that this Unit is likely to be called upon to take during the handover period from the Allies to the Italians, it is essential that sufficient Staff and Service officers are available at this HQ.
In addition to an Ord and a REME Officer it is considered that at least one Grade 2 "Q" Staff Officer will be required. It is thought that it will be necessary to have whole time Staff representatives at HQ 1 Armd Div and HQ 86 Area, this cannot be done with my present resources.

23. OTHER RANKS

(a) Adequate leave arrangements (PRIV and Local) are in operation and functioning smoothly.

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REPORT ON P/s REPATRIATED FROM JUGOSLAVIA

There are 10 ex P/s in the hole, coming partly from Pancevo (Banato) and partly from Belgrado (Serbia).

In general they say that the treatment they received was not bad, but make complaint against the food (200 - 300 grams of black bread daily and two dishes of millet and maize meal pudding, they never get wine, meat, coffee. Only some Sundays they received a little bit of meat).

Food is rationed in Serbia and prices very high for low classes, owing to the black market.

On the contrary, the people of Banato do not call at black market, because that is a fertile and rich country, and therefore the rations are satisfactory.

The recovery of the land is speedily running, but the figures of unemployment are still high, especially at Belgrado, as all works are carried out on the grounds of free voluntoership.

Almost for the most part the population are against the present regime, owing to continuous searches at home and subsequent imprisonment of persons.

Only a few hundreds of civil and military officials support the present situation, as they have got strong pro-communist feeling and enjoy a great advantage. Through the ranks of the Army too, spreads out the discontent, which runs over and increases the number of the opponents, not withstanding the fear of heavy punishment.

The population of Banato are of various ethnic origin (Serbian, Bulgarians, Hungarians etc) and more devoted to working than the politics; thus Tito's Government is less supported. ⅔ of the population are to be considered, though not declared enemies, they are at least contrary to communism with its imperialistic policy as to the foreign countries and contradicing programme as to home politics.

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In both regions there are anti-Tito armed movements, comprising for the greater part of ex-cetnici of MILAN PEKIC, who sometimes carry out guerrilla actions against isolated units and especially against Military Transport vehicles going towards Greece. Two months ago, for instance, according to voices among the population, two troop trains were blown up.

The elections took place last year as follows: the "odbornici" supervisers of the buildings, noted the names of those who did not go to the polling booths and reported them to their employers for dismissal. On the contrary those who went to the polls more or less willingly, found three ballot-boxes, one of which for Tito, one for the federative republic and one for the popular front, whilst in other places there were one box for Tito and a "coka" reserved for the opposition. This year, there was a separate and well visible box for the latter and many others for the candidates of the popular front.

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When a public meeting has to be performed, the "odbornici" watch either those who partake or are absent or do not show due patriotic feeling, when partaking".

The demobilisation is purposely slow, while the mobilisation of class 1920 up to 1927 proceeds regularly and as may be said quickly.

All the repatriated report unanimously that, getting in touch with the population, they acknowledged that the Yugoslav troops supply continuously the Communist Greek partisans and that the regular forces flow continuously into the Greek Frontier.

There are rumours also that the effective command of the above is in the hand of Russian Officers.

But no Russian troops have been noticed there.

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Amendments Made to Directory 8/3/44

APPENDIX "A"

B.L.U.	LOCATION	SIGNAL & LETTER ADDRESSES	TELEPHONE			EXTENSION	OFFICE ADDRESSES & BILLETS
			EXCHANGE	OFFICE	No.		
5	UDINE	5 B.L.U. C.M.F.	UDINE	GSO I	1553		5 TEAOFF, HQ Via Savorgnana, 28, UDINE
				GSO II	1547		
				D.A.&Q.M.G	1555		
				A.D.M.S.	1657		Officers' Mess
				S & T			28 Via Mantovana
				O.D.			Other Billets
				Civil			
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APPENDIX "E"

ITALIAN LOCATION STATEMENT

Units located in the Territority of 5 Territorial Command of Company Strength and upwards :-

HQ 8 Alpini Regt.	BELLUNO
HQ Company	BELLUNO
8 Mortar Company	BELLUNO
8 Mule Pack Transport	BELLUNO
"FELTRE" Battalion	
HQ and 2 Coys	FELTRE
One Company	ADORDO
One Company	MESTRE
TOLMEZZO Battalion	
HQ and HQ Coy	LOVARIA
Two Companies	MOGGIO UDINESE
One Company	PALMANOVA
One Company	S. PIETRO NATISONE
"L'AQUILA" Battalion	
HQ and One Company	BELLUNO
One Company	PONTEBBA
One Company	AURONZO
One Company	TAI DI CADORE
III Bn, 5 C.A.R.	SICILE

Units located outside the Territory of 5 Territorial Command

HQ, 5 C.A.R. (with I and II Bns)	MODENA

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One Company	LEGNAGO
One Company	MESTRE

TOLMEZZO Battalion

HQ and HQ Coy	LOVARIA
Two Companies	MOGGIO UDINESE
One Company	PALMANOVA
One Company	S. PIETRO NATISONE

"L'AQUILA" Battalion

HQ and One Company	BELLUNO
One Company	PONTEBBA
One Company	ARIONZO
One Company	TAI DI CADORE
III Bn, 5 C.A.R.	SACILE

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5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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APPENDIX "D"

ADDITIONS AND VARIATIONS FOR DECEMBER 1946 OF ITALIAN OFFICERS
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MILITARY TRANSPORT OF VENICE

Decrease — Lt Col RICCI ETTORE - Granted Sick Leave

MILITARY DISTRICT OF UDINE

Decrease — Lt. Col DI CAPILIMBERGO LUIGI - Transferred to Comiliter of ROME

OFFICERS FOR DISPOSAL

Decrease — Col SILVESTRI ROCCO - Granted Sick Leave

Col GERENIANI PAOLO - Released

Col SCIONNEMEN MARIO - Granted Sick Leave

Col SALADI GIUSEPPE - Granted Sick Leave

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COL A/Q

PART ONE "C"

1. GENERAL

HQ 8 ALPINI Regt, all Bns and the CAR have been visited during the month.

2. TRAINING

There is little activity of note to report. The Second Alpini Course at MISURINA has been completed. The Skiing Instructors Course is due to start on 1 Dec.

3. ORGANISATION

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6. C.M.R.

(a) Recruits were "passed out" on 16 Nov and posted to their units during the following week. The approx distribution is 800 to 8 Alpini Regt; 260 to each Alpini Bn (the balance to Regt HQ) and 150 Inf Recruits to FOLGORE DIV.

(b) Between now and the next call up, the Permanent Staff is being sent on leave in two batches. Those not on leave will be given a general refresher course.

(c) The C.M.R. was visited on 14 Nov by the old and new C 2. They report that they witnessed the well known "Fl in the Attack" Demonstration and that it was carried out in a most efficient manner.

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(d) During the visit various points were taken up, in particular those mentioned in your TBG/27/11 dated 3 Nov. The following are perhaps worthy of note:

(i) Training Grenades The fuse and as far as possible all the explosive is removed from a live grenade, the latter operation is apparently a bit difficult owing to the explosive matter being solid. It does not sound too safe to me, but they have had no accidents (so far) and they appear to be quite happy.

(ii) .303 Dummies A limited number have been made locally, by the insertion of a bullet shaped piece of wood into an empty case.

(iii) Aiming Rests Sufficient

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(iv) Targets — Sufficient, some have been loaned to RA Units of 1 Armd Div.

(v) Range Firing — Safety precautions seem to be adequate. Instructors now lie on the right of the firer. The idea of lying on the left was apparently a local rule adopted as the result of an Instructor losing the sight of one eye, owing to an empty case striking it.
One "Military hooker" was discovered - the firing simultaneously of a grouping and application practice - this practice has ceased forthwith.

(vi) Armourers Tools — Still no issue to the C.R. It would be amusing if it wasn't so serious. Further reference is made to this in a later paragraph.

(vii) Brit Arms — Some of the rifles are of vintage years, one shown to visiting officers bore the date 1915.

(viii) Spare Parts — This is in the same parlous state as Armourers tools, in particular there is a shortage of Bren return springs. Wear and tear is obviously considerable when large numbers of recruits carry out gun drill.

7. FRONTIER CONTROL (TOLMEZZO BN)

(a) The increased interest taken at all levels from GHQ downwards and the classification of the system of responsibility and liaison has resulted in a marked improvement in efficiency and morale.

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(e) It is hoped that an issue of Welfare goods from British sources will be made to the Bn in the near future.

(f) Some Italian type huts have been obtained from the RE Dump at TRIESTE and it is hoped to get these erected shortly at those posts on the Check Line, where at present accommodation is bad.

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8. INTELLIGENCE

(a) UCEA and CLEPETESCHIS Control posts on the Western Boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA are still favourite areas for nocturnal attacks by unknown assailants. Although a fair amount of ammunition is expended by both sides, no casualties have so far been reported.

(b) On 7 Nov (the anniversary of the Russian Revolution) a Red Flag was hoisted at CROSTU SAN LEONARDO and leaflets (copy of translation attached) were distributed at that village and elsewhere. It is reported that the local inhabitants removed the flag and destroyed the leaflets without opposition.

(c) The normal monthly report from PADUA is uninteresting. The incidents at BIELLA and the VERMILE and the general situation in EMILIA, did not cause any repercussions in the Province.

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The recent fusion of the Socialists and Communists has caused apprehension amongst the DC - Christians. Mr NENNIS appointment is not popular among the Demo Christians, but the left wing parties consider that relations between Italy and the Soviet Union together with her satellite countries should improve. Two Prefects have been appointed at TREVISO and ROVIGO.

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9. MORALE

The Morale of 8 Alpini Regt is good and their relationship with the civilian population is excellent.

10. CO-OPERATION WITH ALLIES ETC.

(a) Close contact is maintained between the HLU and HQ 1 AGR. with whom we are on very friendly terms.

(b) Gen ARBELLINI and three Staff officers on the invitation of Cond 1 AGR., attended the British Armistice Day Service on 10 Nov.

(c) Arrangements have been made for Italian Staff and Commissariato officers to visit the British DID in UDINE. It is hoped to arrange similar visits to other installations.

11. INCIDENTS

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(b) There have been a good many road traffic accidents involving Allied Vehs, details have been circulated to areas concerned.

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Considering that the recruits had left SACILE in the early hours of the morning, had rather a tedious train journey, marched two miles from the Station carrying heavy loads, marched past their Regimental Commander with pride and enthusiasm. The ceremony which included four "pep talks" by the Regimental Cond, the Bn Cond, the Priest and the President of the ex ALPINI Association, was a little drawn out and the enthusiasm of the recruits flagged somewhat towards the end. The Regimental Cond in his speech made kind references to the help given to the Bn by the Allies. The recruits looked healthy and strong and were a credit to the C.R. The Regtl and Bn Conds were pleased with them.
After the Parade there was a "party". This was extraordinarily reminiscent of a re-union of ones own Old Comrades Association. I should say that the ex ALPINI got into their stride far more quickly than our "old sweats" do.
I had not appreciated that such a close and strong link existed between the serving and ex members of the Battn. The attitude of the officers to the ex ALPINI and serving soldiers was friendly but correct.
The occasion was well reported in the Local Press.

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14. LEAVE - RECRUITS EX C.R

In the past, on the termination of each Course at the C.R, recruits have been sent on leave prior to joining their Battalions. On this occasion recruits were posted to the Bns without their leave. We have not been able to discover the reason for this. The old system was good, as Bn Cmds knew that they could get on with post recruit training without interruptions. Their programme must now be disorganized as presumably sooner or later the recruits must be given leave. At present recruits have been told rather vaguely that they will get it at Xmas, I think many will find that "theyve had it" - which won't be good for morale.

15. WELF.RE

The general idea of WELF.RE as it is understood by us is not so understood by Italian Authorities.
Italian 'Welfare' attempts in a very feeble way to deal with cases needing monetary assistance only and not with the broader WELF.RE aspect. The amounts of money forthcoming for WELF.RE are hopelessly inadequate. WELF.RE Staff is also insufficient. One lady Welfare Officer with no means of transport, stores, equipment and only very small grants of money from time to time, is in charge of a wide area. Her efforts are therefore confined almost entirely to one Military Hospital.
In this hospital she in the main (a) arranges concerts (b) assists needy patients.
There is a complete lack of 'Comforts' - for books, no newspapers, no wireless sets no pictures - no games.
Pianos, gramophones and records and music generally does not appear to be catered for.
Although there is a small Welfare Staff at the Comd HQ, it is evident that they are not fully alive to their responsibilities. It is suggested that a senior Welfare Officer from the War Ministry visit the Command in order to put them on the right lines. At the moment Welfare such as it is, is confined to the hospital and the "Casa del Soldato" in UDINE, it should have a far longer scope.
Suggestions have been made from time to time, that voluntary effort in this matter was needed, that officers wives, local civilians etc. should be asked to help. Nothing has come of these suggestions.
The real trouble to my mind, lies in the lack of interest at the top, the junior personnel employed in Welfare seem quite keen and enthusiastic but they receive little assistance from their Superiors. Perhaps the War Minister might write a personal letter to General Officers Commanding.

PART THREE "Q"

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Recruits left the C.R with one suit summer uniform, one suit pre war Italian type winter uniform (to be used for training) and one suit new Italian type Battle Dress for "Walking Out". At the end of the next Course, the recruit will leave with two suits of new type BD and no Italian type winter uniform.

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17. MESSES

As Messing Officer, PRI etc in my own Regiment I have been involved from time to time in the endless controversy as to what is the best type of top for the Dining Hall tables. Consequently I am interested in experiments now being carried out at the CMR. I must admit they are far more imaginative than we were; the final decision apparently lies between Zinc Sheets or Marble Slabs. (The idea of scrubbing was discarded quite early on). By the way what answer has our own New Model Army produced?

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18. ACCOMMODATION

The facts of the VENICE/MESTRE and GEMONA cases have been reported to you. There are no further developments.

19. VEHICLES

Ref para 14 (b) of previous report. AMG have now received more implicit instructions and it is not thought that any further troubles will arise.

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20. S & T POINTS

(a) No difficulties are reported and everything seems to be running smoothly.

(b) Investigations are being carried out to determine the best way of utilising the extra 15 litre ration allowance. Opinions differ and so far no definite policy has been laid down.

(c) NOTE The following should perhaps have been included under a "G" heading.

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(i) The 50% cut in the months allocation is seriously hampering the efficiency of Units, this is particularly so in the case of Bns which are widely scattered; eg AQUILA. In this Bn the Cmd Offr now finds it necessary to travel by train when he wishes to visit his detachments.

(ii) It has again been necessary to obtain a loan from British sources for the TOLMEZZO Bn owing to the inability of CIP to supply.

(iii) When it is suggested to Cmd TOLMEZZO Bn that more frequent visits should be made by himself and the Coy Cmds to the various posts on the Security Line, the invariable answer is "not enough petrol". I am causing an investigation to be made into this matter, as I am not clear as to whether or not the TOLMEZZO Bn gets an extra allowance by virtue of the fact that it is under operational Cmd of GHQ.

(d) All Bns of 8 ALPINI Regt are woefully short of their establishment of MT.

21. ORD

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PART FOUR DOMESTIC

23. OFFICERS

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(a) Major T. KILCAR DSO MC RA took over the duties of G 2 vice Major A. BINNINGTON to release on 25 Nov.

(b) Camp Comdt The principle that I have worked on at this HQ is that the DAA & QMG is the Camp Commandant who with my approval delegates his duties between the two Service officers (S & T and O.D). I am quite convinced that the DAA & QMG has little time for dealing with matters of detailed administration and as often happens one or both of the Service officers is absent from the Unit with the result that many points affecting the Discipline and Welfare of the men are apt to slide. At first sight it may seem absurd to suggest that it is necessary to have one officer solely to look after 9 men, but I'm quite confident that if he did his job thoroughly he would not find time weighing heavily on his hands.

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I am surprised at the amount of time spent by Staff Officers at present, on purely domestic matters - transport alone being one of the major headaches.

24. ORs BILLETS

Big efforts have been made recently to improve the men's accommodation and although all have not got bedside lights, a homely atmosphere is certainly being achieved.

ALL RANKS 5 BLU WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Lieutenant-Colonel
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TRANSLATION (c o p y)

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

The Russian working people after many years of fight to obtain better conditions of life and work from the Czar's Government on 25.10.1917, under Lenin's leadership, got into the final stage of their action and on 7 Nov 1917 accomplished victoriously the revolution, which swept, without any compromise, the last remainders of Czarism and middle classes hostile to the working people.

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B.L.U.	LOCATION	SIGNAL & LETTER ADDRESSES	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	TELEPHONE OFFICE	TELEPHONE No.	EXTENSION	OFFICE MESSES & BILLETS
5	UDINE	5 B.L.U. C.M.F.	UDINE	GSO I GSO II DAQMG REME S & T O.D Civil Line	1553 1547 1555 1657 269	001 & 08	5 TERRITORIAL HQ Via Savorgnana, 28, UDINE Officers' Mess AMG Via Missionari ORs Billet AMG UDINE

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APPENDIX "B"

ITALIAN LOCATION STATEMENT

Units located in the Territority of 5 Territorial Command of Company Strength and upwards :-

HQ 8 Alpini Regt.	BELLUNO
HQ Company	BELLUNO
8 Mortar Company	BELLUNO
8 Mule Pack Transport Company	BELLUNO
"FELTRE" Battalion	
HQ and 2 Coys	FELTRE
One Company	ADORDO
One Company	MESTRE
"TOLMEZZO" Battalion	
HQ and HQ Coy	LOVARIA
Two Companies	MOGGIO UDINESE
One Company	PALMANOVA
One Company	S. PIETRO NATISONE
"L'AQUILA" Battalion	
HQ and one Company	BELLUNO
One Company	PONTEBA
One Company	AURONZO
One Company	T.A.I DI CADORE
III Bn, 5 CAR	SACILE

Units located outside the Territory of 5 Territorial Command

HQ, 5 CAR (with I and II Bns)	MODENA

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3 Mule Pack Transport Company	BELLUNO

"FELTRE" Battalion

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ARTILLERY SECTION - UDINE

Increase — Lt Col CAZZOLANI GIOVANNI - officer attached

WORKS AND ENGR SECTION - UDINE

Decrease — Lt Col D'AMARIO ANGELO - released

MILITARY DISTRICT - UDINE

Increase — Lt Col DI SPILLBERGO LUIGI - general affairs
Lt Col BERTI DANTE - Prov Recruiting Office UDINE

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PART ONE "G"

1. GENERAL

HQ 8 ALPINI Regt, all Bns and the CAR have been visited during the month.

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(e) 8 Alpini Regt are to run a Ski-ing and Alpine Training Course for Regimental Instructors at MERCOGLIANO in December.

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4. C&R

(a) No events of outstanding importance, except that the teaching of "Forming Fours" has been deleted from the training programme.

(b) C&R Soccer Team beat a RHA Bty Team, and the CRA 1 Armd Div was entertained to lunch.

5. FOLGHEZZO Bn

(a) Some confusion had arisen, owing to the various channels through which the Bn received its orders. GHQ has now laid down that normally all orders will be passed through this HQ. This will certainly simplify matters as far as the Bn Comd is concerned.
In the past, it is doubtful whether this HQ took sufficient interest in the role of the Bn, largely due to the desire not to tread on other people's toes. A greater interest will be taken in the future. In this respect, we have as a temporary measure the assistance of Major KITCAT, R.A., who was until recently a G 2 (1) at 13 Corps, and is consequently well in the picture.

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(b) The difficulties over shortage of equipment are being overcome in a satisfactory manner. The problem of inter accommodation may be more troublesome, owing to the lack of suitable buildings in close proximity to some of the posts.

6. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The local Partisans are reported to be leading a quiet life - perhaps more underground than usual.

(b) During the month, Carabinieri got a nice haul of hidden arms near PALMANOVA. We dont know to which side they belong.

(c) There is no confirmation of the alleged distribution of Fascist leaflets in UDINE - as reported in the "Union Jack" of 30 Oct 46.

(d) Carabinieri were called in by the FSS at VITTORIA VENETO to assist in the interrogation of two Russians who were alleged to be studying the process of manufacturing silk. The matter is being handled by CC Area - results not known.

(e) The following extract of a report is probably common throughout Italy :

" The general political opinion of the civilians of the Provinces of UDINE, TREVISO and PADUA is of disappointment in the recent appointed Government's failure to solve the current internal problems of the country. Public opinion is also very apprehensive of the Peace Terms, particularly the future of TRIESTE. Economically the Price Controls recently adopted to combat the "Black Market", have merely had the effect of causing certain articles to disappear completely. The Prefect (of PADOVA) revoked his decision concerning price controls, in order that essential items should re-appear on the market". It is not known whether they did or not.

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PART TWO "A"

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9. RELATIONS WITH ALLIES

(a) Good relations continue to exist between this HQ and 5 Territorial Command, 1 AGRA, AAF and CHQ.

(b) A meeting was arranged on 17 Oct 46, between Brig [redacted] and Gen [redacted], when Comd 1 AGRA invited the General to tea. This courtesy pleased the General. A further good link has been forged in that Comd 1 AGRA, his BM and the Deputy Chief of Staff 5 Territorial Command go out shooting together.

10. INCIDENTS BRITISH TROOPS - CIVILIANS

Reports are received from time to time from Carabinieri sources of disturbances between British Troops and Civilians. The reports are usually highly coloured, invariably arrive 10 days after the alleged incident and never give names of individuals or units. The reports are passed onto 1 AGRA - to take the necessary action.

11. VISITS.

(a) The following visits have been paid to this HQ during the month :

Lt-Col [redacted] and Major [redacted] S & T BRIA.
Major [redacted] G (Ops) CHQ.
Col [redacted] Col GS CHQ.

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(b) As far as is known, no officers from the War Ministry have visited this Command.

12. WELFARE

There are indications of a slight increase in Italian Welfare activities - nothing to shout about, but nevertheless signs of interest. COLLEZZO Bn has been promised priority in any Welfare amenities which may become available.

PART THREE "Q"

13. BRITISH ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

(a) A further release of British Arms and Ammn has been made to 8 Alpini Regt. Parties are at present at NAPLES and BARI respectively collecting.

(b) A Census of British rifles is being taken, (your letter SD/109/2 of 4 Oct 46 refers), and a re-distribution as suggested by you will be made.

14. C.E.M.

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A compromise has been arrived at with AMG whereby certain displaced persons will be allowed to remain in occupation of the Caserma BELVILACQUA.

(c) GEMONA

"Squatters" with the consent of AMG have also occupied a part of the Italian Army Barracks at GEMONA. Owing to the loss of storage accommodation in UDINE (Last Report, para 7(a) refers), Territorial Command are very anxious to retain the use of these Barracks. The matter is being taken up with AMG.

(d) PONTEBBA

The accommodation occupied by a Coy of L'AQUILA Bn employed in guarding CEM Dumps is also threatened.

It is evident from our "Accommodation (Italian) File" that during the last six months, the unfortunate Territorial Command has done a great deal of "giving" but very little "taking" in so far as accommodation is concerned.

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16. WINTER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(a) As envisaged owing to diversity of Winter uniforms the Italian Army in these parts presents a somewhat motley appearance. However the output of the clothing factory is good (80 suits a day) and it should not be long now before the majority of soldiers are clothed in the new battledress.

(b) War Ministry authority for the local purchase of ski and Mountain Equipment has been obtained. It will not be possible to purchase the full scale, but Bns should be reasonably well-equipped by the end of November.

17. S & T

(a) A detailed report of S & T activities has been forwarded by S & T this HQ to ADST MMLA.

(b) S & T Services in the Command appear to be functioning efficiently. Although it is reported that the discipline in 5 Supply Coy is not good - the matter is being investigated.

(c) It is understood that ADST was satisfied, although no report on his visit has been received at this HQ.

18. ORD

(a) As has been reported departmentally, a site for the proposed D&DOS Dump has been acquired in WOODHEAD CAMP.

(b) Our new OO has been very active in contacting "the right people" on a CinC and Area level.

(c) Although the OO has so far only had time to pay a cursory visit to Italian Ord installations, he states that they appear to be organised efficiently.

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PART FOUR - DOMESTIC

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(a) G 1 local leave 4 - 13 Oct 46.

(b) Maj GRAY assumed duties of D.A. & Q.M.G vice Maj JOHNSTON (on Release leave) wef 29 Oct 46.

(c) Capt CHEETHAM OO arrived 16 Oct 46.

(d) Capt CAIN S & T returned from PRIVILEVE 14 Oct 46.

(e) Capt METH. EME left on Release 30 Oct 46. Relief due in a few days.

(f) Maj BENNINGTON GII due for Release about 23 Nov 46.

21. ORs

(a) Sjt McKEEN arrived on 13 Oct as Duty Sgt.

(b) Cpl REID - MT Cpl arrived on 26 Oct 46

(c) Cpl WILSON - Clerk arrived on 29 Oct 46 (due for RELEASE - JAN 47)

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22. ACCOMMODATION

OFFICERS MESS

Owing to lack of accomodation at F.E.L.G.N. 2 Officers now Mess with R.C - this should help to improve relations.

23. TRANSPORT

Satisfactory.

Field
AHCW/ap

Lieut-Colonel,
GS.

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APPENDIX "A"

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ITALIAN LOCATION STATEMENT

Units located in the territory of 5 Territorial Command of Company Strength and upwards :-

Hq 3 Alpini Regt.

H, Company
8 Mortar Company
8 Mule Pack Transport Company

"[illegible]" Battalion

H, and Two Companys
One Company
One Company

"TOLMEZZO" Battalion

Hq and Hq Company
Two Company's
One Company
One Company

"L'AQUILA" Battalion

Hq and One Company
One Company
One Company
One Company

III Fn, 5 C&L.

Units located outside the Territory of 5 Territorial Command

Hq, 5 C&L. (with I and II Bns.)

"PISTOIA" Battalion

HQ and Two Companies	PISTOIA
One Company	AGLIANO
One Company	MASTIANI

"GARIBALDI" Battalion

HQ and HQ Company	LAVARIA
Two Companies	MONTE GIBERTO
One Company	PALMANOVA
One Company	S. PIETRO MARIGNANO

"L'AQUILA" Battalion

HQ and One Company	BELLUNO
One Company	PORTOGRUARO
One Company	ARZIGNANO
One Company	VAL DI CEDRON

III Bn, 5 CAR. BASILE

Units located outside the Territory of 5 Territorial Command

HQ, 5 CAR. (with I and II Bns.) MODENA

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APPENDIX "T"

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Staff List

General Staff

G30 I.	LIEUTENANT-COLONEL	A.H.G. WARREN	D.W.R.
G30 II	MAJOR	A.A. BURRINGTON	R. YORKE

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	MAJOR	A.	R.A.

Services

	CAPT (QM)	L.A.S. CHATFIELD	R.A.
	CAPT	A.L. CARY	RASC
	CAPT	J. [illegible]RIDGE	REME

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ADDITIONS AND VARIATIONS FOR OCTOBER 1946 OF ITALY, APPENDIX 5 CORRECTED TO 1 SEPTEMBER - UDINE

5 CORPS/ZONE ARMY CORPS

Increase	Col. GAMBERA Salvatore	Commandant
Decrease	Gen. FRANCIA G. Cesare	Transferred

MILITARY DISTRICT - PADUA

Increase	Ten.Col. CASELLATO Tomaso	Appointment

MILITARY DISTRICT - UDINE

Increase	Ten.Col. STEFANINI Aloma	Appointment
Decrease	BRUNETTI Luigi	Transferred

DEPOT 20TH REGIMENT ARTILLERY PADUA

Increase	Ten.Col. DE RUZZACCHINI Brunoro	Admin

501 WILLETING CENTRE UDINE

~~Decrease~~	Ten.Col. SALEME Mario	Admitted to Hospital

MILITARY ALLOWANCES ABBREVIATIONS EXISTS

Decrease	Ten.Col. CARENO Vincenzo	Transferred

5 CAR COMMAND MODENA

Increase	Ten.Col. DE ROBERT Mario	Vice-Commandant

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DEPOT ZONA RETROVIE ARTILLERY PADUA

Increase — Ten.Col. DE BUSTAGGANI Brunoro — Admin

201 BUILDING CENTER MILAN

Decrease — Ten.Col. SALEMME Mario — Admitted to Hospital

MILITARY ALLIED MISSION TO TURKEY

Decrease — Ten.Col. [illegible] Vincenzo — Transferred

5 ZONE COMMAND MODENA

Increase — Ten.Col. DE [illegible] Mario — Vice-Commandant

MILITARY DISTRICT - BELLUNO

Decrease — Ten.Col. RICCI Luigi — Released

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OFFICERS FOR DISPOSAL

Decrease

Gen. Al Esq. CAPELLO Italo		Transferred
Col. PICCO Felice		Released
Col. LAMBERTINI Renato		Released
Col. DE CAROLI Francesco		Transferred
Col. GARUFFA Salvatore		Sanitated
		Commandant
		Engr Comd.

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b) I was very much impressed by the physical fitness of the men and animals. Owing to the nature of the Country, it is difficult to judge the number of miles covered, but in most cases Coys were on the go for at least 8-10 hours a day, climbing Rocks, and scaling Mountains -including the 10,500 ft PATTO- (this accounts for the difficulty in finding Coys !). As a rule, Coys went to a new camping site each night. A rest day was taken approximately every fourth day.

c) On one or two occasions we were able to see a Coy arriving at its Camp site after a days march. The following points were of interest :-

i) Men were singing, obviously happy and marching very well - one did not see any stragglers.
ii) Little attention was paid to turn out and not a great deal of encouragement was given to shaving.
iii) Mules were in very good condition, I looked carefully, but found no sign of galling or lameness. Animals were not overloaded, saddlery fitted well. Saddle soap and burnishers were obviously in short supply; however the main points is that the animals were fit and capable of doing a long day without breaking down.
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3. INTELLIGENCE

a) Various reports of Pro YUGOSLAV activities have been received during the month from 5 Territorial Command. A report on the political situation in MONFALCONE is attached at App "A".

b) The alleged purchasing of Allied Vehicles from ARAR by YUGOSLAV agents, has already been reported to your HQ (C 123/63 dated 19 Sept 46).

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PART TWO "A"

4. MORALE

Morale is good. The decision not to move GHQ to UDINE was a great relief to 5 Territorial Command (and to 5 HQU). The arrival of some of the long awaited British Weapons for the Alpini Bns has also been a factor in raising morale.

5. RELATIONS WITH OTHER FORMATIONS

a) Good relations continue between 5 Territorial Command, 13 Corps and 1 AGRA. Officers of this HQ Maintain a close liaison with the two latter Formations and AMG.

b) Brig HEW RAMSAY DSO MVO, has taken over Command of 1 AGRA. Owing to the frequent absences of Gen ARISTARINI from his HQ, it has not yet been possible to arrange a meeting between him and Brig RAMSAY.

6. WELFARE

Little improvement has been noticed regarding the Welfare facilities at the Hospital. The "Welfare lad" (Signorina ESCLAPON) attached to the Canal HQ is doing her best, but lacks support from above. I will speak to Canal HQ again on this matter.

PART THREE "G"

7. ACCOMMODATION

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On hearing of the acceptance of SANGUINETTI Barracks, 5 Territorial Command were indignant, as they are anxious to move Mil Dist to MESTRE (Gend Mil Dist is obviously anxious to stay in VENICE ~~i~~) Accomodation in MESTRE will be difficult . 86 Area are however prepared to hand over MATTEI Barracks in MESTRE (Although this means turning out a British Unit). Territorial Command state that this accomodation is not suitable. Gen ZANUSSI was sent by Territorial Command to discuss the matter with 86 Area (5 TCC not represented), the results are not yet known. The real trouble lies in the fact that neither the DAA & QMG this Unit nor the Territorial Command rep at the original conference were adequately briefed by Territorial Command.

ii) The question was also raised at the Conference regarding the accommodation for the PELIZZO Coy, guarding Italian installations in MESTRE. The Coy is at present in a School which is not entirely satisfactory (apart from the fact that the educational Authorities

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(M.M.L.A.) R O M E.

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PART ONE "G"

1. G.A.R.

a) "Call up" the following additional information on the August "Call up" may be of interest.

i) Throughout the Command, absenteeism amounted to only 5%, in most cases justified by sickness etc.
ii) Based on the experience gained in the April "Call up" minor matters of procedure were improved, resulting in a general speed up of the whole operation.
iii) Particular attention was paid to the welfare aspect at the various reception centres, in order to give the recruit, a good first impression of Army life.
iv) There appeared to be a good deal of uncertainty as to how many recruits would be posted to SADDLE. Owing to delays in despatch from BARI and NAPLES 300 recruits arrived some weeks after the Course had started.
v) The latest strength return from SADDLE shows 1747 (incl 950 Alpini), they would therefore appear to be nearly 500 over strength.

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d) Surveying Tools : a distribution has now been made, although it is not thought that the quantity is sufficient.

e) Basic Pamphlet : 5 Territorial Command have taken up the matter with the War Ministry, and it is expected that a satisfactory solution will be found.

2. 8 ALPINI REGT.

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a) Apart from the visit of the GOC., Bns were visited by the G1 and G2, this HQ during the summer exercises between 19th and 28th Sept. The exercises were on a Pl and Coy level. For a variety of reasons we were not always fortunate in actually catching a Coy in the middle of a tactical exercise. Bn Commanders expressed satisfaction and considered that the training had been very successful.

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7(b) are hoping to get it back). It was hoped that we might obtain a Barracks for this Coy, this unfortunately has not been possible, as there are many British Troops in the Area, and a good deal of accommodation is being de-requisitioned for industrial purposes.

c) "TOLMEZZO" Bn 13 Corps have interested themselves in the question of Winter accomodation for the security posts in mountainous regions. Territorial Command and the Bn Commander, have however expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied with the accommodation available.

8. CLOTHING

I am not very happy regarding the Winter Clothing situation. It appears that there is going to be a distinct shortage of the new material. This will result in a great variety of uniforms throughout the Command. 5 Territorial Command plan to clothe the CAR recruits in the new uniform, and 8 Alpini Regt as far as the material will go. It will be difficult to distinguish the remainder from the local "partigiani" - which will be bad for morale.

9. AMMUNITION

a) It has been found that the efficiency of the "TOLMEZZO" Bn has been hampered to some extent by the lack of equipment, notably MT and Signal equipment. This is in no way the fault of the Bn or Territ Comd - as is well known by HQMTA adequate supplies from Italian Sources do not exist. 13 Corps have interested themselves in the matter, and it seems probable that they may assist, pending the availability of the items from Italian Stocks.

b) As was noticed by the GOC on his visit, 8 ALPINI Regt were short of several items of web equipment. 5 Territ Comd have been asked for a comprehensive report of the deficiencies - not yet received.

10. ARMS & AMMUNITION

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d) Some difficulty is being experienced over the breaking down and selling of ammunition contained in the CAD dumps. It is obvious that this work should be speeded up as there are a large number of dumps in the area and the risk of explosion is always present - and many guards are required. It is thought that Territ Comd are being somewhat obstructive in this matter. AMG are anxious that the contract should be given to local firms, with a view to decreasing unemployment. Territ Comd apparently object to the local firms on the grounds that they collaborated with the Germans.

11. C.E.M.A. & RECOVERY

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a) Mostly scrap vehicle bodies.

b) Mine clearance 233 mines destroyed and an Area of 272811 sq metres of land cleared.

c) It looks as if a first class row was brewing up between AMG and Territ Comd over the question of the disposal of captured horses. It would appear that Territ Comd was in the wrong. Further information will be given when more facts are known. The continual bickering between AMG and Territ Comd is most unfortunate.

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12. [redacted].

a) The disposal of scrap material has resulted in obtaining some very useful tools and machines. Alterations are now being made in the Workshop arrangements for the installation.

b) 51st LAA Workshops are expected to move out by the end of the first week in October and the 5 Repair Section wish to move into the other bays as soon as they are vacated. It is to be hoped that no other British Units have "designs" on the accommodation.

c) Workshop intake is steadily increasing and although the output shows the same trend it is not yet keeping pace with the input. The new machinery will probably help considerably to handle the increased work and will be in operation within a few weeks.

13. S & T S.C. RAOC is on "privleave" - consequently no technical information is available. No problems have been brought to my notice.

PART FOR DEBATING

14. VISITS The following British Officers have visited the Command during the months-

Major Gen EH GOULBURN DSO MCIA
Major DUELER RAOC MCIA
Lt Col RA GREENE RA MCIA (due 30 Sept)

15. OFFICERS

a) Capt OAKEY S.C. RAOC is on "privleave" due back approx 10 Oct. He has been granted a short service Commission.

b) Major V JOHNSON (DAA & QMG) is due for release at the end of Oct. (*** Newark please note).

16. OR's

a) Sgt HEWITT (CD Sgt) proceeded on release on 22 Sept - a relief has been posted but not yet joined.

b) Pte WOODS was posted on 10 Sept to this Unit as a Clerk (~~shorthand~~). At first sight, this might appear a good thing; actually his arrival caused some embarrassment, as his place in the MT has been filled for the last 9 months by a reasonably good civilian. What we want is a

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17. M. T. The position is now satisfactory as regards quantity, but the quality hardly bears out the recent publicity given to " The Britain can make it Exhibition". In this connection I found the letter written by a Private Soldier to the "Union Jack" interesting and sensible :- the Army has always been looked upon as Abroadcam, why not as Commercial Attaches too !

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Lt - Colonel,
G.S.

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ATTACHMENT "A"

to 5 B. L. U.
Progress report
for Sept 1946.

POLITICAL SITUATION - MONFALCONE -

The political situation in MONFALCONE Area appears to be contrary to Italian national aims, for two reasons:

a) Overwhelming majority among the labourers and metayers (being Italian Citizens too) of pro-Slav Communist party supporters.

b) Hostile attitude of such a mass against all that comes from Italy and full support to the cession of Monfalcone territory to Tito's YUGO-SLAVIA.

This is the logical consequence of a local mentality, pre-existing to the liberation and wisely exploited by an intense propaganda of UAIS, without any counter-propaganda, specially in 1st period after the liberation, by Italian organisations.

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What happened and happens daily gives clear and sufficient evidence of it. Through a steady and deceitful propaganda, UAIS and Unique Syndi-cates have succeeded in exploiting the feeling arising from the conditions of the place and in supporting the territorial political and ideal aims of Tito's YUGOSLAVIA, by raising an atmosphere favourable to them and dangerous to pro-Italian feeling and Policy in the Area.

The pro-Tito followers practice same ways of political fight as those used by fascists. Treacherous aggression, ambushes, kidnappings and killings too, are committed by Slav-Communist Squads, organized by leaders of the Unique Syndicates in league with UAIS, mainly composed of young men, many of whom called into the place from elsewhere for these purposes.

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B.L.U.	LOCATION	SIGNAL & LETTER ADDRESS	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	TELEPHONE OFFICE	TELEPHONE No.	DESIGNATION	OFFICE HOURS & BILLETS
5	UDINE	5 B.L.U.	UDINE	GEC I. GEC II RAF RTE S & T Civil Line	1933 1547 1933 1657 259	001 & 08	5 TACTICAL H.Q. Via Savorgnana, 28 UDINE Officer's Mess PALMANOVA (Udine) OR's Billets: A.F.C. UDINE

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ANNEX "A"

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS OF ITALIAN

ITALY IN RELATION TO

A TERRITORIAL PACIFIC

(Period 01/43)

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ITALIAN LOCATION STATEMENT

Units located in the territory of 5 Territorial Command of Company Strength and upwards :-

Hq. 8 ALPINI Regt.	REDACTED
. Hq. Company	REDACTED
. 8 Mortar Company	REDACTED
. 8 Mule Pack Transport Company	REDACTED
"FELTRE" Battalion.	
Hq's. and two Companys	FELTRE
One Company	FELTRE
One Company	ARTEGNA
"TOLMEZZO" Battalion.	
Hq's and Hq Company	IOVARIA
Two Companys	BORGO UDINESE
One Company	PAGNACCA
One Company	S.PIETRO AL NATISONE
"L'AQUILA" Battalion.	
Hq's and one Company	BELLUNO
One Company	AURONZO
One Company	TAI DI CADORE
One Company	CORTINA
105 Engineers Liaison Company	UDINE
105 Engineer Company	UDINE

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ANNEX III

5 [illegible]

Staff List

General Staff

GSO I. [illegible] G3. [illegible]
GSO II. [illegible] A.A. [illegible] D.M.P.
E. [illegible]

Chief of Intelligence Command, Mediterranean Command

DMA & SO [illegible] V.K.H. [illegible] G.L.

Services

CAS. J.H. [illegible]
C-in-C. A.L. [illegible] R.A.F.
R.N.C.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

PROGRESS REPORT FOR AUGUST 1946.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1553

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Ist Sep '46.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.E.I.A.) R O M E.

Copies to:- Main 15 Corps.
Rear 15 Corps.
M.A., A AGRA.
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(e) Armourers tools, although these have not yet arrived, I have been assurred by 5 Italian Territorial Command that they will obtain them shortly.

(f) The G.A.R. is still in possession of Utility instead of Basic Pouches, this has been taken up with 5 Italian Territorial Command and it is hoped that an exchange will be effected in the near future.

(g) As has been reported in previous Reports, we were able to get the assistance of R.E.M.E. Armourers to inspect the British weapons of the G.A.R. Unfortunately they gave a very bad report on the general condition of the arms. The matter was taken up strongly with 5 Italian Territorial Command and the G.A.R. Comd. It is hoped that the necessary steps will be taken in future to keep the arms in a serviceable condition.

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(h) The C.A.R. appears to be quite happy over its instructor problem.

2. 6 ALPINI REGT.

(a) The Regt was visited by GI (Training) H.Q. E.M.F.A. and G2 this HQ on 20th and 21st August.

(b) L'AQUILA Bn.

(i) This Bn has posted its recruits equally throughout the four Coys. The Bn Comd stated that the recruits received from the CENTRO C.A.R. were not up to the standard of those from the MORMIA and MACILE CAMPS.

(ii) When the Bn was visited on 21st Aug. a "Pl in the attack" scheme was carried out by a recruit Pl. And later a Coy attack scheme supported by 3" Mortars (representative 3" Mortars). There was also a demonstration of Rock Climbing.

It is reported that the exercises were well carried out - although various mistakes were made, that the men showed great enthusiasm, and that the 3" Mortar fire was extremely accurate.

(c) PALERMO Bn.

(i) Three out of the four Coys of this Bn consist of recruits; the fourth Coy is composed mostly of "old soldiers" and is employed on Guard duties in the MESTRE area.

(ii) Bn HQ and the three Recruit Coys are now located in the neighbourhood of PALERMO, this is a great improvement on the MESTRE location.

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(ii) The remaining two Coys consisting of old soldiers are employed on the Security Line, and on Prison Guards at [redacted] and [redacted]. I am glad to say that I have been able to get the strength of these Guards reduced by half. Present strength at each prison is 1 NCO and 12 men.

(e) Commander of 6 Alpini Regt.

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This may not be the place to refer to it, but I feel certain that the terrific keenness and enthusiasm found throughout the 6 Alpini Regt., is very largely due to the

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personality and example of the Commander, Col. CLARKE, he has that excellent quality of really getting down to the men.

3. RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITISH and ITALIANS.

(a) The proposed move of Territorial Command H.Q., has undoubtedly caused a great deal of discontent, among the married personnel both Military and Civilian who work at the H.Q. Unfortunately no firm decision as to the future location has yet been given. Also unfortunately "the man in the street" cannot understand why at this stage of the Peace, it is necessary for more Allied Troops to come into the Area.

In spite of the above the behaviour of all Italian officers that we have met, has been as cordial and friendly as usual.

(b) It is believed that no Italian Troops were involved in the recent MESTRE disturbances.

4. RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. TROOPS and ITALIANS.

Early in the month, a slight friction arose between US and Italian Troops at VALBRUNA - women being the cause of the trouble. This was amicably sorted out by the Commanders on the spot and no recurrence has been reported.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) In view of the fact that the Italians are not permitted to operate an Intelligence Service in this Command, there is as usual little to note in this direction.

(b) There are fairly extensive underground movements of both political colours in FRIULI. Their activities are no doubt well known to the Allied Authorities.

(c) SCOCCIMARRO one of the Communist Deputies for UDINE and the Finance Minister in the present Government, visited UDINE on 17/18 Aug. Extracts from a report in the Communist paper "L'UNITA" dated 28th Aug are attached.

(d) Instances have been reported from time to time (usually a week or so after the event) of Guards on U.S.A. dumps or posts on the Security Line being forced to open fire on suspicious persons. No casualties have been reported and not a great

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6. ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL - UDINE.

(a) I visited this hospital in company with Major HARVEY (U.S.I.A.) on 28th Aug.

(b) The pre war Military Hospital is at present occupied by 8 (Br) C.C.S. The existing premises used by the Italian Military were at one time the old Civilian Hospital. A new and up to date building has since been taken over by the Civilian Authorities. The present building is very old and has also suffered to some extent from bomb damage.

(c) It is thought that the Medical Services are doing their best under the circumstances. A considerable amount of money has been expended on repairs and on the installation of modern equipment. The operating theatre, Dental Centre, X ray Room and Laboratory all appeared to be first class.

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(d) The cooking, feeding and latrine arrangements for the permanent Staff are not good. The latter are receiving attention, but the Command is naturally loath to expend much money on the former as they hope to be able to move into their Peace time accomodation before very long.

(e) Apart from a shortage of D.D.T., Medical and other supplies appear to be adequate.

(f) It is sincerely hoped that the Hospital is permitted to remain in situ, when the Command HQ moves. There will be great difficulty in moving the delicate X Ray, laboratory and Dental equipment. But what will be far more serious, will be the provision of specialist personnel in the new location. As is known by your HQ the majority of Medical Officers, Surgeons, Specialists etc. employed by the Hospital are local civilians. It may not be possible to find suitable substitutes in a new location.

(g) A most notable feature was the almost complete lack of any welfare facilities or occupational therapy. Apart from a very few newspapers the patients had little or nothing to help while away the time. The matter has been taken up with the Territorial Command and the suggestion made that Officers' wives and the wives of some of the prominent citizens of UDINE and district might be able to do something to help.

(h) A matter which is causing some concern to the hospital authorities, is the difficulty of obtaining adequate fuel supplies in the winter for the central heating system, which it is understood consumes some 2 to 3 tons a day. The matter is being taken up with Territorial Command.

7. SEARCHLIGHT OPERATORS.

At the request of 'G' 13 Corps 40 soldiers (not all from this Command) have been provided for duty as searchlight operators at the goods yard at UDINE Station and the CASARSA Veh Park. These men attended a short course at PALMANOVA and are now distributed as under:

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8. BRITISH ARMS.

An issue of British Arms has been made recently to the TOLMEZZO and FELTRE Bns. A statement showing the distribution of British Arms to Battalions ~~is attached~~. will follow

9. G.E.M.

No new ammunition dumps have been handed over. Releases have been obtained from 13 Corps of various items of Italian origin i.e. tractors, lorries, cars etc. all of which are scraps.

10. AMMUNITION.

Releases have been received from 13 Corps of British Ammunition to make up deficencies in Italian Army stocks. Most of the Ammunition concerned was of Arty natures. 6000 rds cartridges S.A. 22 R.F. have been dispatched to the Arty School at BRACCIANO. 175

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11. ARMS for V.G. POLICE FORCE.

On 14 Aug 200 Beretta pistols and 70,000 rds of ammunition were handed over to the V.G. Police (MMLA letter C 186 of 5 July refers). The remaining 400 pistols have not yet been received; although this has been the subject of numerous reports and signals.

12. MOVE of TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

There has been little activity in this direction recently. It now appears that we will not have to give up so much accomodation as was originally expected. Even so no suitable alternative accomodation has been found in the event of the Command HQ having to move.

13. S & T Points.

(a) Supplies : There have been no problems and all demands have been met through Italian channels.

(b) Transport : Release for 89 British Vehicles of various types from 15 Veh Park has been obtained. Veh Park is however not yet in a position to supply. Territorial Command is very short of drivers and will have difficulty in collecting. they have been advised to approach Ministry of War with a view to obtaining a loan of some drivers accustomed to British Vehs. The exchange of 4x2 ton vehs for 2x15 cwt and 2 M/Cs for the [illegible] Bn has at last been completed.

(c) P.O.L. : The usual monthly shortage of C.I.P. supplies has occurred. A release on loan of 750 gallons of petrol and oil in proportion, has been obtained from 13 Corps.

(d) S & T Office : This now functions at S.L.U. H.Q., the VENICE office has been closed.

14. VISITS.

Visits have been made to this H.Q. by Lt. Colonel [illegible] and Major HARVEY and also a "flying" one by Colonels FINNIS and FIDDLEY - All of M.M.I.A.

15. [illegible]

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(b) Transport : Release for 69 British Vehicles of various types from 16 Veh Park has been obtained. Veh Park is however not yet in a position to supply. Territorial Command is very short of drivers and will have difficulty in collecting. they have been advised to approach Ministry of War with a view to obtaining a loan of some drivers accustomed to British Vehs. The exchange of 4x2 ton vehs for 2x15 cwt and 2 M/Cs for the TOWNSEND Bn has at last been completed.

(c) R.A.S.C. : The usual monthly shortage of R.I.P. supplies has occurred. A release on loan of 750 gallons of petrol and oil in proportion, has been obtained from 13 Corps.

(d) S & T Office : This now functions at H.L.U. H.Q., the VEHICLE office has been closed.

14. VISITS.

Visits have been made to this Bn by Lt. Colonel ABRAHAM and Major HARVEY and also a "flying" one by Colonels FIELD and FIDDIAN - All of M.M.I.A.

15. [illegible].

This was most instructive and entertaining.

16. SWIMMING.

Major V.R. JOHNSTON obtained 2nd place in the 100 metres free style at the 1 AGRA Swimming Sports, and in representing AGRA at that distance in the 13 Corps Championships.

17. H.L.U. Domestic.

(a) Officers : Capt A.L. CANN R.A.S.C. joined the Unit on 3rd Aug as S and T Officer.
Major A.A. BINNINGTON West Yorks assumed the appointment of O.C. 2 vice Major I.H. JOHNSTONE on 13 Aug.
Capt. J.W. HUTTER R.A.M.C. is at present on "Privleave" and is due back on 5th September.

(b) Clerks : The situation is acute, as we have no British typist.

(c) O.R. Sergt. : Sergt BRADLEY is due for release at the end of next month. He will be difficult to replace, as apart from being a general handy N.C.O. he is an expert mechanic.

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(d) Can M.E.I.S. take up with G.H.Q. the provision of personnel for the small Unit such as a S.L.U. ? It may not be appreciated that certain functions cannot be carried out by Italian personnel, i.e. the drawing of rations, or ordnance stores, the collection of mail, taking British vehs to R&M workshops and other matters of a similar nature. Consequently when a Unit is reduced to only 3 British O.Rs, one is often hard pushed; in addition it allows very little margin for leave, sickness etc.

Done
Ltr
26 Feb

Lt. Colonel,
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EXTRACT From a report in the Communist paper "L'UNITA'"
dated 28 Aug 45.

FRIULI IS A FIRE PLACE OF SERIOUS FASCIST PROVOCATION

Permanent state of alarm among the population, springing up from those interested in preventing a pacific solution of the "VENEZIA GIULIA" problem.

ROME 27 Aug 45

" The announcement of the arrival of an English Division in FRIULI, that was preceded by orders issued to the Units of Italian Army to move from the zone, was sufficient, for instance, to raise up a wave of serious alarm, which was strongly felt by the Italian people owing to the fact that they think that are no Authorities, to whom they might apply for defence and protection, because the organs of A.M.G., who control the Province, are inaccessible to the popular class."

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APPENDIX "A"

AMENDMENT TO

COMPLETE STATEMENT OF ITI

BNB OR EQUIVALENT IN

5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

(Number seven)

ITALIAN LOCATION STATEMENT

Units located in the territory of 5 Territorial Command of Company Strength and upwards.

"TOLMEZZO" Alpini Bn. HQ.	LOVARIA
2 Companys of TOLMEZZO Bn.	MOGGIO UDINESE
1 Company " " "	FALLANOVA
1 Company " " "	S. PIETRO AL NATISONE
1 Company of "FELTRE" Bn.	MESTRE-MARGHERA
1 Company of "AQUILA" Bn.	PONTEBBA
105 Engineers Liaison Company	UDINE
105 Engineer Company	UDINE

Units under the jurisdiction of 5 Comiliter, but located outside the Territorial Command.

8 Alpini Regt. HQ	BELLUNO
HQ Company	BELLUNO
8 Mortar Company	BELLUNO
8 Mule Pack Transport Company	BELLUNO
"AQUILA" Alpini Battalion HQ	BELLUNO
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Less two Companys	
1 Coy of "FELTRE" Alpini Battalion	AGORDO

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ANNEX "A"

D.I.U.	LOCATION	DATE & LETTER ADDRESSED	DATE RECEIVED	CAT. NO.	NO.	REMARKS	CAPTAIN REQUIRES & REQUIRED
5	USCTF	5 D.I.U.	USCTF	GUO I. GUO II. DAQ CH-47 14 mo	1553 1547 1585 209	(REQUEST) 001 08	5 Tapes. U.Q. Tac. Convergence, 26 U.D.I.U. CAPTAIN'S NAME: PARACHA (Ullmo) CAP'S INITIALS:- A.M.O. Ullmo

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APPENDIX "B"

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Staff List

General Staff

G80 I.	LIEUT.COL.	A.H.G. WATSON	D.W.R.
G80 II.	MAJOR	A.A. BLEECKER	R. YORKS.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General.

DMA & QMG	MAJOR	V.R.W. JOHNSTON MC	G.L.

Services.

CAPT.	J.W.	KEITCHER	RTR.
CAPT.	A.L.	CAREY	RASC.

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APPENDIX "C"

STAFF LIST OF ITI OFFICERS

(Amendment No. 7.)

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE
Ufficio Personale

N° 1/129141/R.U. di prot. Udine, lì 28 agosto 1946

OGGETTO : Aggiunte e varianti all'elenco nominativo degli ufficiali (generali-colonnelli e ten.col.) in servizio presso gli enti della circoscrizione del V° Comiliter.-

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UFFICIO SUSSIDI MILITARI TRIESTE:

Aumenti: Ten.Col. CARUSO Vincenzo - Ufficiale Addetto
" " TRENTIN Tomaso - " "

Diminuzioni: ==

COMANDO 5° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE:

Aumenti: Col. CORDERO di MONTEZOLO Mario — Ha assunto il comando del CAR al posto del Col. RAVAJOLI

Diminuzioni: Col. RAVAJOLI Quinto — tempor.a disp. 5° Comiliter.

UFFICIALI A DISPOSIZIONE DEL V° COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

Aumenti: ==

Diminuzioni: Col. LULLO Carlo Alberto
" MORRA Eugenio
" FRANGIPANE Giovanni
" SIBILLE-SILIA Gerardo

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to (Col. A. Icardi)

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APPENDIX "D"

PRO-FORMA

5 BRIGADE LIAISON UNIT

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT HELD AS AT 1ST MAY.

Ser. No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	MD No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Effective: Local Repair. (f)	(g)
1.	CAR 4x4 H.U.P. (HUMBER)	M 4770759	V 3564	N/A	Yes	
2.	CAR 4x4 H.U.P. (HUMBER)	5905874	BX 6407	4344520391	Yes	
3.	TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2 GS	Z 9183048	N/A	N/A	Yes	
4.	CAR 3 cwt 4x4 FORD	5650061	4831934	N/A	Yes	
5.	CAR LR Utility 4x2 STANDARD	6176842	S 8555	UW 7312	No	No
6.	CAR LR Utility 4x2 STANDARD	6177340	S 8555	UW 7318	No	No
7.	M/C BSA 500cc	4851647	N/A	WA/20/7762	Yes	
8.	M/C BSA 500cc	4601329	N/A	W/60729	Yes	
9.	CAR 4 SER 4x2 LANCIA	CAP/SL 15915065	N/A	250/2563	No	No

Certified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and found correct. X

X Apart from serials 5 & 6.

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EAS-FORMA

DOMICILIARY RATE AS AT 1ST SEPT. '46

Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Resident Local Repair. (f)	Local Repair. (g)	Beyond Local Repair. (h)	Remarks (i)
V 3941	N/A	Yes			Fled from 659 I.E.W. Hdqs under Authy G(SD) Main HQ 13 Corps AD3/465 of 19 Aug 46.
BA 6407	43445203791	Yes			Held in lieu of PU (Vide MELA SD No.1014 of 231710 B)
N/A	N/A	Yes			Fled from 18 Veh Park CASERTA under Authy DOS GHQ CMF Belcoto Note DOS.VR 4269 of 16 Jul 46 & taken on charge 20 Aug 46.
18319344	N/A	Yes			Held in lieu of PU Authy MELA No.304 of 23 Apr 46.
S 8355	US 7312	No	No	Yes	Back-loaded to 18 Veh Park by 659 IEW under their Authy. ELR Certificate rendered through 13 Corps.
S 8355	US 7316	No	No	Yes	Back-loaded to 1 Veh Park by 659 IEW under their Authy IEW/ G/2513 of 20 Aug 46 & ELR Certificate rendered through 13 Corps
N/A	W/20/7664	Yes			Drawn from 18 Veh Park CASERTA under Authy DOS GHQ CMF DOS.VR 4269 of 16 Jul. Taken on charge 20 Aug 46. Authy as (7).TOO 2 Aug 46.
N/A	6/63729	Yes			Disposal instructions still awaiting from HQ 1 MELA. Veh in 5 Base Repair Section M/Signs BARICCIANO.
N/A	350/2563	No	No	Yes	

X

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Cmdr

for Major.

DA. & QMG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY.

5 British Liaison Unit.

Tel. 1553.

G/103.

1st. Aug. '46.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Copies to: Main 13 Corps.
Rear 13 Corps.
H.Q. I A.G.R.A.
F I L E.

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PA TO GOC X
DEP COMD X (7) X
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COL A/Q X W.P. X

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(e) The Civilian Armourer has arrived but he still has no tools or spare parts,e.g. foresights, safety-catches, odd screws etc.

(f) The attached (for M.M.I.A. only) are samples of literature which is to be handed out to the recruits of the next call-up. 164

(g) There are a great many good things at the C.A.R; one innovation is a series of photographs depicting right and wrong methods, these are interesting and amusing.

(h) The Welfare arrangements are very good.

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Major GIGLIO has recently taken over Command and is making a very good impression.

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The C.O. is efficient and I think that before long it should turn into a reasonably good battalion.

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(f) BRITISH ARMS.

It will be a great day when the British Arms do eventually arrive at Battalions. No doubt it has been appreciated that there will be a period of a month or more when the soldiers will be armed with rifles of which they have little knowledge. This applies particularly to the TOLMEZZO Bn. as it will be sometime before all the men will get an opportunity of firing their rifles on a range.

(g) GUARDS AND REGIMENTAL DUTIES.

In order to make more men available for training and essential duties, 5 Terr. Command has been asked to make a careful review of "Regimental Employ". It has also been suggested that the Ceremonial Quarter Guards are overdone.

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4. RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITISH AND ITALIANS.

(a) The publication of the Peace Treaty particulars: that part referring to TRIESTE caused disappointment to Italian Officers. However no hostility by Army personnel to the Allies in any shape or form has come to my notice. It appears that our stock is as high as ever. Two examples are quoted:- (I) On the occasion of the visit of the G.2 and myself to Hq 8 ALPINI REGT. The Regimental Commander made a speech welcoming us, and thanking the British for putting the Italian Army on its feet. He concluded by presenting us with the badge of the 8 ALPINI REGIMENT.

A similar type of ceremony took place when we visited the "L'AQUILA" Bn. Again on the occasion of the visit of two U.S. Officers and the Col. A/A/ of M.M.I.A. every courtesy and consideration was shown.

(b) An incident took place at PADUA (reported in the press) which was organised by students. Insults were directed at the Allies and "Alexander" certificates were burnt.

No disturbances have taken ~~part~~ place in UDINE or other parts of the Command.

(c) Officers of 5 Terr. Command were asked to the 13 Corps Horse Show and were also invited to a Cocktail Party given by the Officers R.A. 13 Corps. Gen. ZAULI, Col. PIACENTINI and Tenente SIMMONETTI attended.

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(d) The Liaison between 5 Terr. Command - 5 B.L.U. and Hq I A.G.R.A. - 13 Corps remains good.

5. VISITS TO 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

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(b) Col. BALANZINO of the Ministry of War visited 5 Repair Section at Basiliano. It is reported that his visit was not very inspiring - details have been forwarded to A.M.M., M.M.I.A.

6. ACCOMODATION.

A satisfactory solution has not yet been found for the accomodation of the Coy of L'AQUILA Bn. employed on guarding the dumps at VALBRUNA and RIO DI LAGO. It was hoped that the Coy H.Q. and recruits could be located at FUSINE, but the proposal was vetoed (not unexpectedly) by I3 Corps on the grounds of the proximity of FUSINE to the YUGO SLAV Boundary.

The Commander of the U.S. 351st INF REGT was particularly helpful and co-operative in this matter, personally conducting the Italian Officers round the proposed accomodation

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6. (b) BASILIANO WORKSHOPS.

We have had to surrender additional covered accomodation to 51 L.A.A. Regt.. This has necessitated the moving of the efficient Vehicle Park to TREVISO, thus complicating administration. It is hoped that this infiltration by 51 L.A.A. Regt. has now reached its limit, as apart from the undesirability of two Units sharing the same premises, the Italian Workshop staff are becoming somewhat discouraged at the repeated demands on their accomodation.

7. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) The guard on the RIO DI LAGO Ammunition Dump was attacked by an armed band believed to be composed of YUGO-SLAV Partisans on 4th. July. Several shots were fired-no casualities on either side. 5 Terr. Command believe that this might be a prelude to a further raid on a larger scale. I am unable to give any opinion on this matter, as our information is derived in the main from the Union Jack and the local Italian Papers.

(b) We do receive a very good Intelligence Summary from 3 District, but this refers almost entirely to N.W. ITALY and although of interest has little or no practical value to this HQ. We would like information referring to N.E. ITALY.

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10. C.M.H. Dumps.

(a) 11 more Ammunition Dumps have been taken over in the Venice Area.

(b) Scrap Ammunition is being broken up and sold through the following firms:-

Messrs. EDWARDS & Co.,
ARAR,
and DORIO.

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(c) 5 Terr. Command hope to clear the RIO DI LAGO dump by the end of August - this is thought to be an optimistic estimate.

(d) It has been pointed out to 5 Terr. Command that it is not considered necessary to employ strong military guards on the VAIBRUNA and RIO DI LAGO Dumps.

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II. MINES.

Mine clearing is continuing in the VENICE and UDINE Areas. 729 mines were destroyed during the month and 64062 sq. metres of land cleared.

I2. ARMS FOR V.G. POLICE.

Notification was received from M.M.I.A. on 5th. July that 700 Beretta Pistols and 70,000 rds., subsequently increased to 105,000 rds were to be received by 5 Terr. Command for issue to the VENEZIA GIULIA Police. Nothing further has been heard.

I3. M.T. REPAIRS.

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APPENDIX "D".

PRO-FORMA.

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Domestic Transport as at Ist Aug. 46.

Ser No.	Veh Type	WD. No.	Contract No.	Chassis No.	Efficient	Local Repair	Bey Loc Rep
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(
1.	CAR 4x4 HUP (CHEVROLET)	5905874	SM 6407	4844520091	YES		
2.	CAR 4x2 LT.UTY (STANDARD)	6176842	S/8555	UV/7312	YES		
3.	CAR 4x2 LT.UTY (STANDARD)	6177340	S/8555	UV/7818	YES		
4.	CAR 5cwt 4x4 (JEEP)	5660061	--	MB 319544	YES		
5.	CAR 5cwt 4x4 (Jeep)	5662690	--	-----	YES		
6.	CAR LANCIA	CAP/M 5915055		250/2563	NO		YES

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

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PRO-FORMA.

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Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
4844520091	YES			
UV/7312	YES			Taken on charge from 18 V.Pk. 9 July 46.
UV/7818	YES			
MB 319544	YES			
-----	YES			Held By S & T Officer, VENICE
250/2563	NO		YES	Despatched to 18 WK on 17 July but not accepted. Disposal instructions requested from 1 AGRA but not yet received.

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Signed _____ Lt.Colonel
G.S.

Date: Ist August 1946.

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5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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General Staff

GSO. I.	LIEUT. COL. A.H.G. WATHEN	D.W.R.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	MAJOR V.R.W. JOHNSTON MC	G.L.
Services	CAPT. J.W. HUTTER	RSME

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BLU	LOCATION	SIGNAL and LETTER ADDRESSES	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	TELEPHONE OFFICE	TELEPHONE No.	EXTENSION	OFFIC and
5	UDINE	5 B.L.U.	UDINE	GSO I. GSO II. DAQ	1553 1547 1555	001	5 Tert Via S UDINE
				Civil Line	269	08	
			VENICE	S & T	27244		C/O C Caser Offic FAGAG D.R'S A.M.G.

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L and R SSES	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	TELEPHONE OFFICE	TELEPHONE No.	EXTENSION	OFFICE, MESSES and BILLETS.
.U.	UDINE	GSO I. GSO II. DAQ Civil Line	1553 1547 1555 269	001 08	5 Terr. H.Q., Via Savorgnana, 28, UDINE
	VENICE	S & T	27244		C/O Comando Presidi Caserma "GORNOLDI". Officers Mess: PAGAGNA (Udine) O.R's Billet: A.M.G. Udine

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
S.M. - Ufficio Op.Add.Ord.Mob. Ia. Sezione

Udine, li 12 agosto 1946

TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA COMPAGNIA O SUPERIORE) DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO.-

- Comando btg Alpini "Tolmezzo" (ex 517 btg)	LOVARIA
. Una compagnia del btg "Tolmezzo"	PALMANOVA
. DUE " " " "	MOGGIO UDINESE
. Una " " " "	SS PIETRO AL NATISONE
- Una compagnia del btg "Feltre"	MESTRE - MARGHERA
- Una Compagnia del btg L'"Aquila"	PONTEBBA
- 105 Cp. collegamenti del Genio	UDINE
- 105 Cp. servizi del Genio	UDINE

REPARTI DEL V COMILITER DISLOCATI FUORI TERRITORIO

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. Compagnia Comando rgt	BELLUNO
. Compagnia mortai rgt	BELLUNO
. 8 Reparto salmerie	BELLUNO
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. Una compagnia del btg "Feltre"	GORDO
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  - Una compagnia btg "L'Aquila" — AURONZO
  - Una compagnia btg "L'Aquila" — TAI DI CADORE

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ELENCO DELLE AGGIUNTE E VARIANTI AVVENUTE NEI GENERALI - COLONNELLI E TEN. COLONNELLI IN SERVIZIO PRESSO ENTI DELLA CIRCOSCRIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE DURANTE IL MESE DI LUGLIO 1946.

5 COMANDO MILITARE DI UDINE :

Insert : Colonel IZARDI Alessandro
Lt. Colon. SAMPO' Pierino

Delete : ./.

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8 REGGIMENTO ALPINI :

Insert : ./.

Delete : Lt. Colon. SAMPO' Pierino

DISTRETTO MILITARE DI UDINE :

Insert : Lt.Colon. LONGO Domenico
Lt.Colon. SCIORTINO Salvatore
Lt.Colon. CARUSO Vincenzo

Delete : ./.

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9 COMMISSIONE DISCRIMINAZIONE UFFICIALI :

Insert : ./.

Delete : Colonel BIANCHINI Bernardo
Lt. Colon. DELLA SCHIAVA Enzo
Lt. Colon. BERTI Dante
Colonel FINI Gino

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718 RAGGRUPPAMENTO AMMINISTRATIVO :

Insert : ./.

Delete : Colonel PASSADORE Felice

UFFICIALI A DISPOSIZIONE DEL 5 COMILITER :

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Delete : General FABBRIS Gino
Colonel BRUNETTI Alvise
Colonel SILVESTRI Rocco
Colonel NULLO Carlo Alberto

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TRIBUNALE MILITARE DI UDINE :

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PROGRESS REPORT for MONTH of JUNE.

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HQ. I AGRA.

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(I) Apart from B.L.U. officers, the following amongst others have been to SAOLLE during the month; General Armellini, the Comd 8 Alpini Regt, the Dep C of S S T.C. and the Provincial Commissioner (Lt-Col Bright).

(II) The following notes in connection with the visit of the last named may be of interest. Gen Armellini, with it is thought, the intention of trying to improve the relationship between the A.M.G. and S T.C. invited Col Bright to visit the C.A.R. Normal recruit training by squads was in progress and the men were in working dress. Col Bright however suggested that he should inspect the men. The resulting shambles can be imagined; there was a great deal of marching and counter marching and general shuffling about before the parade was ready for inspection, (the same sort of thing would have happened in similar circumstances in my own regt.)

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The inspection itself was not a great success, there being the usual crop of minor military misdemeanors eg. some safety catches forward, others back, some webbing straps crossed right over left and others vice versa. After an unconfortable quarter of an hour or so, the parade to everybody's relief, was finally dismissed. This disastrous start was compensated by a visit to the Canteen the Institutes, the barrack rooms and Cook houses. Little fault could be found with the Admin set up, and the inspection terminated on a fairly cordial note. It is not certain however that the object of the exercise was really achieved.

(III) In connection with visits in general, I feel that the following point should be made. Owing to the geographical situation of the CAR, it is rarely possible for any visiting officer to get back to his own unit in time for a meal. In any case whatever time of day one is at SACILE, one is invariably invited to stay for a meal. It is believed that the cost of entertaining falls almost entirely on the purse of the Commanding officer, I am therefore a little bit chary of making too many visits, or of encouraging others to do so. The question of the pay and allowances of Italian officers will be referred to later in this report.

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BOOTS.

(e) The recruit is issued with one pair of boots; in addition a 20% reserve is held in the A.M. Stores. A new intake is issued with new boots, all these boots become in need of repair at approximately the same time. It is recommended that the reserve is increased to at least 50%. 753

ARMOURERS.

(f) The 1 AGRA Mobile Armourers Shop has done good work at SACILE.

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INTAKE.

(g) The proposal that the recruit Intake should be monthly instead of quarterly, is not received with much enthusiasm by 5 I.T.C. The following objections - to which this H.Q. agrees - have been raised.

(I) The Admin work of Districts (with their very small staffs) and Territorial H.Q. will be trebled. This is particularly applicable to this Command owing to the divided DAR.

(II) Throws conscription posters in the face of the Public once a month, instead of once a quarter, and incidentally troubles the work of the CC.RR. who are required to roster out the unwilling would-be recruits.

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The percentages are approximately the same in service Units. The above will be replaced in the main by recruits from the OAR, due to arrive at their Units on or about 21 July. It will thus be seen that the danger period regarding the efficiency of the Italian Army in this Command will be during the latter end of July and the months of August and September.

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(b) Unfortunately the Bn xxx to be hit the hardest is TOLMEZZO (op Comd XIII Corps). Gen ARMELLINI has however taken the following special measures to maintain the strength and efficiency of this Unit.

(I) A considerable number of "old soldiers" will be transferred from FELTRE Bn.

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(II) The recruits from the GAR will be kept together and formed into two Coys, for a fortnight or more intensive training; additional instructors being provided by FELTRE and L'AQUILA Bns.

One of the repercussions of these arrangements, is that the FELTRE Bn. will have an unduly high percentage of recruits, and for a certain period a lack of trained instructors. In the long run this may well be a bad thing, as at present FELTRE is not a good Bn. and a good flow of new blood may improve matters.

(c) The TOLMEZZO Bn. has taken over an additional post from 88 (US) Div. at PASS DI PREDIL.

(d) 8 Alpini Mule Pack Coy has arrived at BELLUNO.

4. MORALE.

(a) Pay.- This no doubt is a chestnut, but the following figures based on the new cost of living bonus which is now being paid to all civilian and Statal and para-Statal employees in the Province of UDINE are illuminating.

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(b) Accomodation:- No quarters are provided for officers, and besides the great difficulty in obtaining accomodation in Udine, the rent of one single room is 2 - 3,000 lire a month.

(c) Apart from the very degrading position which an officer finds himself, it is physically impossible for him to live without running into debt or having to sell personal property.

(d) It is known that M.M.I.A. have been pressing the War Ministry to take action on this matter and it is hoped that your efforts will meet with success. I do not want to be an alarmist, but I do know that Italian officers are uneasy:- I feel that unless the Italian Government take very early steps to alleviate conditions, a point may be reached when the Italian officers and soldiers feel that they can no longer give to their country the unquestioned support and loyal devotion to duty, which they have done in the past.

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5. RELATIONS:- ITALIAN ARMY - CIVILIANS - BRITISH.

(a) It is an unfortunate fact that the relations between 5 I.T.C. and A.M.G. are not very happy. Efforts have been made on all sides to achieve the get together spirit. 5 I.T.C. gave a dinner party and dance, to which senior officers of AGRA, AMG and 5 BLU were invited. AMG gave a cocktail party and invited Gen ARMELLINI and his senior Staff officers. (The invitation was not extended to 5 B.L.U.). I also gave a party to which the senior officers of 1 AGRA, AMG and 5 I.T.C. were asked.

(b) Brig WOODWARD has taken over Command of 1 AGRA. He took an early opportunity of meeting Gen ARMELLINI. There is no doubt that relations between the two Commanders are very cordial. As in the past the Comd & Staff of 1 AGRA have / and continued to give my R.C. every assistance.

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7. "A" POINTS.

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(I) On 6th June I visited various Commissariato installations in the UDINE area. I was certainly impressed with what I saw, although I did not go into many of the technical details. Capt WATSON (R.A.S.C.) visited the same Depots later on in the month and found that many things were wrong. I should add that I gave 24 hours warning of my approach, where as Capt WATSON's visit was unexpected ! I will pay a surprise visit some time in July.

(II) The stocks held at the Food Depots in 5 I.T.C. are as under:-

UDINE 15 days rations for 4000 men.

MESTRE 30 " " " 8000 ".

These stocks at the moment are adequate, but should it be necessary at any time to increase the Italian strength in the Command, additional supplies would be required.

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(III) So far this month C.I.P. have delivered supplies of POL according to schedule. In the event of an emergency there is a very small res of M.T. 80 (39 tons).

(IV) There is no tentage in the Command.

(b) E.M.E.

(I) The system of the demand and supply of stores from the Spares Depot at PIACENZA appears to be ineffective. This Command has received only a very small amount of the stores demanded during the last 4 months. Director of Repairs has been advised to follow up demands with hastenese.

(II) No arrangements have been made by this Command for the backloading of repairs which are beyond the capacity of their own workshops. NEAR. This H.Q. is pursuing the matter.

(III) 5 Repairs Section are definitely doing good work at BASILIANO, but they are severely handicapped by the lack of tools and equipment. It is rumoured that the Air Ministry wish to remove their heavy machinery, if this is true 5 Repair Section would practically cease to function.

(c) ACCOMODATION.

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(d) C.E.M. DUMPS.

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(I) 4 more dumps have been taken over by 5 I.T.C. making 13 in all. There are no further dumps to be handed backin UDINE Province.

(II) Released has been obtained of a considerable amount of cloth and leather at PADUA. This had previously been frozen by C.E.M., G.H.Q.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS ITALIAN POINTS.

(a) During the month of May, mine clearing has been carried out by 18 Squads in the VENICE area and 7 in UDINE. 3008 mines have been destroyed and 191,976 sq.metres of land made available for ploughing.

(b) Cases have occured of Italian officers who have been ordered to proceed to Germany and Austria on duty, being turned back at the Austrian frontier owing to not being in possession of an Allied Forces Permit. Could those concerned in ordering such moves ensure that the officers are in possession of Permits ? The Permits can only be obtained from GHQ, consequently this HQ can give little assistance to officers who find themselves in this predicament.

(c) I.L.O's. Considerable time is taken by the Ministry of War, in posting I.L.O's to XIII Corps eg. 169 Bde asked over 3 weeks ago for 3 I.L.O's, and although Ministry of War has been signalled no reply has yet been received.

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9. DOMESTIC.

(a) PERSONNEL.

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(I) Capt JONES R.A.S.C. - posted not yet joined.

(II) My G.II. Major I. JOHNSTONE is due for posting in the near future, no successor has so far been appointed.

(III) Sgt SHEARING Chief Clerk is due for release on about 10th July; it is understood from GHQ that no replacement for him is likely/forthcoming - this will / to be be a serious loss. O.R. deficiencies in the W.E. have not been made up, but with the exception of a Dvr/Mech the deficiencies are not ~~many~~ serious, as suitable civilians (Italians) are being employed in their stead.

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(b) M.T. The situation has deteriorated since the last report. The Lancia has been off the road for the last 3 weeks owing to lack of tyres, and one of the two Jeeps can only be classified as "fairly reliable". No P.U's have yet been received. I am still awaiting a suitable vehicle for my own use; it is felt that with the considerable reduction in strength of G.H.Q., the disbandment of No 2 Dist together with various Areas and Sub Areas, a vehicle of the Staff car variety could be found.

(c) ACCOMODATION.

An improvement has been effected; O.R's are now housed with A.M.C. and an officers Mess (somewhat cramped) has been found at FARAGNA.

(d) MEETING WITH DOL A/Q.

The conference held at VARIA between Dol A/Q of M.M.I.A. and the C.I's of 4 and 5 B.L.U's., was to my mind, useful, instructive and entertaining.

A.H. Nathan

Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

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APPX 'B'

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Staff List No.

General Staff		
GSO. I.	LIEUT. COL. A.H.G. [redacted]	D.W.R.
GSO. II.	MAJOR H.I.N. ROSE - JOHNSTONE MBE	R.FUS
Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General		
DAA & QMG	MAJOR V.R.W. JOHNSTON MC	G.L.
Services	CAPT. J.W. RUTTER	REME

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BLU	LOCATION	SIGNAL and LETTER ADDRESSES	TELEPHONE			EXTENSION	OFFICE, MESS and BILLETS
			EXCHANGE	OFFICE	No.		
5	UDINE	5 B.L.O.	UDINE	GSO I. GSO II. Civil Line	1767 1762 269	001 08	5 Terr. H!Q! Via Savorgnan UDINE
			VENICE	S & T	27214		C/O Comando Caserma "COR
							Officers Mes PAGAGNA (Ud

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nd	TELEPHONE			EXTENSION	OFFICE, MESSES and BILLETS.
CS	EXCHANGE	OFFICE	No.		
.	UDINE	GSO I. GSO II. Civil Line	1767 1762 269	001 08	5 Terr. H!Q!, Via Savorgnana,28, UDINE
	VENICE	S & T	27214		C/C Comando Presidio Caserma "CORNOLDI". Officers Mess: PAGAGNA (Udine).

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APPENDIX 'D'

PRO-FORMA.

5 British Liaison Units Domestic Transports as at 1st July 46.

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	WD. No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)
1.	8/15 cwt	5905874	B16407	4844520091	yes		
2.	5 cwt 4x4	5662690			yes		
3.	5 cwt 4x4	5660061		ME319544	yes		
4.	5 cwt 4x4	5385900		123448	yes		
5.	4x2 Lorrie	Can/M5915055		250/2563	No	yes	
6.	M/C Solo	5271339	82602	W88139			RLR

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

Signed_____

Date 1st July

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Domestic Transport as at 1st July 46.

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Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
SR16407	4844520091	yes			Held in lieu of 15 cwt truck. Authy MMIA letter Q 204 of 23 Apr 46.
		yes			Held in lieu of P.U's Authy MMIA letter Q204 of 23 Apr 46.
	ME319544	yes			Ditto.
	123448	yes			
35	250/2563	No	yes		For explanation of these 2 veh. see DO letter of 31 May from OSO I. to Lt-Col A/Q.
02502	W83139		BLR		BLR certificate sent to MMIA

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Signed _____

Date 1st July 46.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
S.M. - Ufficio Op.Add.Ord.Mob. 1a Sezione

TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA BATTAGLIONE O SUPERIORE) DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO

Udine, li 1 luglio 1946

- Comando Battaglione Alpini "Feltre" (ex 516 btg guardia) con due compagnie — E S T E
  - Una compagnia del btg "Feltre" — M E S T R E
  - Una compagnia del btg "Feltre" — U D I N E
- Comando Battaglione Alpini "Tolmezzo" (ex 517 btg guardia) con 4' compagnie — L O V A R I A
  - 1' compagnia btg "Tolmezzo" — S.MARTINO-CODROIPO
  - 2' compagnia btg "Tolmezzo" — S.PIETRO AL NATISONE
  - 3' compagnia btg "Tolmezzo" — P A L M A N O V A
- III Battaglione addestramento reclute (Frazione 5 C.A.R.) — S A C I L E

REPARTI DEL V COMILITER DISLOCATI FUORI TERRITORIO

- Comando 5 C.A.R. con 1' e 2' btg reclute — M O D E N A
- Comando 8 Rgt Alpini — B E L L U N O
  - Battaglione Alpini "L'AQUILA" — B E L L U N O
  - 8 Reparto Salmerie — B E L L U N O

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APPENDIX "C"

STAFF LIST OF ITI OFFICERS.

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ELENCO DELLE AGGIUNTE E VARIANTI AVVENUTE NEI GENERALI COLONNELLI E TENENTI COLONNELLI IN SERVIZIO PRESSO GLI ENTI DELLA CIRCOSCRIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE DURANTE IL MESE DI GIUGNO 1946.

DEPOSITO 20° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA DA CAMPAGNA:

Aumenti:	Ten.Col.	POLITELLI Roberto
	" "	BUZZACARINI Brunero
Diminuzioni:	" "	QUIRICO Gustavo

SEZIONE STACCATA ARTIGLIERIA DI UDINE:

Aumenti:	----------	
Diminuzioni:	Ten.Col.	POLITELLI Roberto

UFFICIALI A DISPOSIZIONE DEL V COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE:

Aumenti:	Colonnello	LAMBORGHINI Renato
	"	VALGIMIGLI Stefano
	"	DE CAROLI Francesco
Diminuzioni:	Gen di Brg.	BISSON Emilio
	Colonnello	TIRINDELLI Achille
	"	MORRA Eugenio
	"	FRANCIPANE Giovanni

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO
F.to: (Ten.Col. S. del Carretto)

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PROGRESS REPORT for MONTH of MAY.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel 1767.
G/103

1 June 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(MMLA) MMLA.

Copy to: Main HQ Corps.
HQ, I AGRA.

I. EMOTIONS.

(a) Serious troubles are not expected in 5 B.L.U. The following places are possible danger spots, MESTRE, MESTRE and in the small towns east of it and VITTORIO VENETO.

(b) It is thought that General Armellini has made the best use of the limited number of troops at his disposal. Briefly they will be located as follows:

AQUILA Bn. (less Dets at BELLUNO) at MESTRE. The available strength will only be some 400 men. The Bn however is being made mobile and will be used as a general reserve for use if required in any part of the Command.

PALMA Bn. HQ and two Coys MESTRE, one Coy being employed on guard duties, the other as a mobile reserve in the MESTRE Area. Two Coys at UDINE on guard duties and mobile reserve.

G.O.C. On instructions of the War Ministry,

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Copy to: Main I3 Corps.
M. I AGRA.

I. MISSIONS.

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(b) It is thought that General Armellini has made the best use of the limited number of troops at his disposal. Briefly they will be located as follows:

AQUILA Bn. (less Dets at BENIZZO) at BARI. The available strength will only be some 400 men. The Bn however is being made mobile and will be used as a general reserve for use if required in any part of the Command.

FELTRE Bn. H.Q. and two Coys MESTRE, one Coy being employed on guard duties, the other as a mobile reserve in the MESTRE Area. Two Coys at UDINE on guard duties and mobile reserve.

C.A.R. On instructions of the War Ministry, 1,000 recruits are being employed to assist the CC.RR at the Polling Booths outside A.M.G. Territory.

(c) Conferences. General Armellini has held conferences with his own Commands and with all the Prefects, the latter was attended by Maj. V. Johnston. Maj. I. Johstone attended a conference at 86 Area at which the Italian Garrison Commander General CESARE was represented. G.I. this SIB has visited I3 Corps, I AGRA and A.M.G. and discussed the security measures which are being taken.

(d) Keen interest is being displayed by all Italian officers, but none of them appear to be unduly perturbed. There appears to be little tension in the town of UDINE.

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(c) General Armellini has permitted the local leaders of the various major political parties to address all recruits at the D.A.R.

2. D.A.R.

(a) This continues to flourish. Range practices at PORDENONE are under way. Our hint to smarten up the barracks and surrounds by paint whitewash etc has been taken, with effective results.

(b) Arrangements have been made with I AGRA for a British Armourers team to visit the D.A.R. Ord I AGRA has also been helpful in issuing certain training stores on loan.

(c) It is hoped to arrange football matches etc with British units in the neighbourhood.

3. AQUILA Bn - FILTRE Bn.

I have not as yet had an opportunity of visiting those two Bns and so I have no first hand information, I know however that there are no outstanding difficulties.

4. POLMEZZO Bn.

This unit has been visited as you are aware, it is under operational command 13 Corps and is split up on road checking duties. The officers met appeared to be pleasant and the Command-er efficient. During this month the Bn received a consignment of Welfare goods from 13 Corps; this was much appreciated, the items have been distributed to Sub units.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Some 500 Italian P.O.W. have arrived in the Command ex Yugo-Slavia. They were well fed, well clothed and well shod. It is understood that they were unwilling to give much information. They stated however that there were still some

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This unit has been visited as you are aware, it is under operational command I5 Corps and is split up on road checking duties. The officers met appeared to be pleasant and the Command efficient. During this month the Bn received a consignment of Welfare goods from I5 Corps; this was much appreciated, the items have been distributed to Sub units.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

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(b) Reports have been received of a considerable smuggling and gun running trade between GRIGGIA (G 82) and the coast of ISTRIA. The local CARR and Guardia Finanza appear to be useless. The General was approached with a view to some action being taken, but it is doubtful whether much will be done, as he has no control over Italian Air Force and Naval Units in the Command. He is however organising an armed mobile recce into the area during the Election period.

(c) Apart from the above little information of "I" value has been received.

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6. ITALIAN SENIOR OFFICERS.

It is understood that the General is a little worried over the efficiency of his Arty and Engineer Commanders. The question has apparently been represented by him to the War Ministry, but so far no action has been taken. Although no Italian Engineer or Arty units exist at present in 5 T.D., it is thought that in the future this Command will assume an increased importance and it is therefore desirable that more efficient Commanders be earmarked.

7. BELLUNO PROVINCE.

The General has raised the question with the War Ministry as to the transferring of this Province to his Command. The request has been refused. I am in favour of the General's proposal for the following reasons:

(i) the province is now within IV Corps boundary.

(ii) Owing to the lack of accommodation in 5 T.D. it is necessary to locate a Regt HQ and one Bn in BELLUNO. These are under the operational Command of 5 T.D., but under 4 T.D. for local admin. This is not very satisfactory.

(8) "S" POINTS.

Arm Dumps.

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(ii) We are still not quite clear on the question of the disposal of arm of foreign origin in territory under A.M.G. jurisdiction. Our letter A[illegible]/60/119 of 26 May refers.

RECOMMENDATION.

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ACCOMMODATION.

(b) The situation is still acute and it is likely to get worse rather than better. I can see no prospect of accommodating the MODENA G.A.R. in this Area for some time to come.

KH/KI DRILL.

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(c) K.D. has now been issued to the C.A.R., but not yet taken into use owing to alterations etc not having been completed. Sufficient K.D. material is available to clothe all Italian Soldiers in the Command, it is at present being made up by tailors under contract. The full issue is not likely to be completed before the end of June.

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TRANSPORT.

(a) This HQ has supported a request of TOLMEZZO Bn to exchange 5 x 3 tonners for 5 x 15 cwts. The Bn is employed by 13 Corps on widely dispersed road blocks on the UDINE - GIULIA border. A 15 cwt is more economical and convenient than a 3 tonner for the task in hand. It is hoped to effect an exchange through 13 Corps.

P.O.L.

(a) Once again S.I.P. have fallen down over the supply of petrol to the TOLMEZZO Bn, and once again we have had to apply through I. AGRA to 13 Corps for assistance. This crisis appears to occur regularly at the end of each month.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Visits. (i) The officers of 8 T.C. were very disappointed (as were also the officers of this HQ) that the visit of General Browning and Colonel Clayton-Kerr fell through.

(ii) Satisfactory liaison visits have been made by the S.I. this HQ to the principal Staff officers at 13 Corps, to the Command and Staff of I. AGRA and to A.H.Q.

(b) Liaison. 13 Corps and I. AGRA are helpful and always give favourable consideration to any requests that we may make.
On 24 May , 4 Hussars allowed a det of Alpini to enter PAMPEGO Bks and lay a wreath on the Alpini Memorial. This concession was much appreciated by the Alpini officers at T. C. HQ.

10. B.L.O. Domestic.

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10. E.I.U. Domestic.

(a) M.T. Progress in implementing the new establishment is slow. The Capt RASC has been posted but not yet joined. No notification has been received regarding the RASC or RAOC officers. No additional OR's have been received, but authority has been obtained from G22 to fill two existing RCC vacancies from our own resources.

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(b) Accommodation.

This is acute. The existing offices ideally situated in T.C. H.Q. are barely sufficient to accommodate the present staff. The problem of accommodating the services element of the H. when it arrives has not yet been solved. The same applies to the question of the officers Mess and the OR's billets.

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C.. SD and OPS

I suggest we confirm with S BLO what is the exact procedure in this "AIG" letter. Victims lumps are under clothes and cord stick. But if lumps are over the mouth the cord will be covered and under suicide cord.

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The officers share a small flat with an Italian family, whilst the OR's are spread about in odd places including the ENSA Hostel.
Not a very satisfactory arrangement, but at the moment it seems difficult to find a better.

II. STOP PRESS - Disturbances in Civil Prison.

On the night of Thurs 30 May a fairly serious disturbance occurred in the Civil Prison at UDINE. Considerable damage was done and it was necessary for the GS.RR to open fire, there were no casualties on either side and no prisoners escaped.

As a result of this disturbance, Comsend 1. AGRA asked this HQ for an unarmed Italian guard for duty inside the prison. General Armellini, whilst willing to co-operate, was most reluctant to comply with this request on the grounds that (i) Ministry of War instrs state that Italian Soldiers will not be used for internal prison guards.

(ii) The responsibility for guarding civil prisons is that of the local Civilian Authority.

(iii) In view of the fact that the prisoners were brigands, murderers etc be considered that if ~~in a jail~~ guard was necessary it should be armed. inside the jail

I. AGRA's request was eventually withdrawn, and no guard was in fact mounted.

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(iii) In view of the fact that the prisoners were brigands, murderers etc be considered that if ~~in a jail~~ inside the jail a guard was necessary it should be armed.

I. AC/A's request was eventually withdrawn, and no guard was in fact mounted.

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APPENDIX "A

BLU	LOCATION	SIGNAL and LETTER ADDRESSES	TELEPHONE			EXTENSION	OFFICE, MESS and BILLETS
			EXCHANGE	OFFICE	No.		
5	UDINE	5 B.L.U.	UDINE	G80 I. G80 II.	1767 1762		5 Terr. HQ. Via Savorgn UDINE
				Civil Line	269	001 08	
			MESTRE	S & T	51260		S & T offic C/o 86 Area
							Officers Me Via Pordeno UDINE.

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		G80 II.	1762		
		Civil Line	269	091 08	
	MESTRE	S & T	51268		S & T Office, C/o 36 Area.
					Officers Mess, Via Pordenone 1, UDINE.

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APPENDIX "C"

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Staff List [illegible]

General Staff

GSO. I.	LIEUT. COL. A.H.G. WATHEN	D.W.R.
GSO.II.	MAJOR H.I.N. HOPE - JOHNSTONE	IRE R.FUS

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	MAJOR W.R.W. JOHNSTON MC	G.L.

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APPX 'D'

PRO-FORMA.

5 British Liaison Unit. BLU. Domestic Transport: as at 1st Jun 46.

Ser No.	Veh Type	WD. No	Contract No	Chassis No	Efficient	Local Repair	Beyond Repair
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	3 Tonner	5650499		91092279	yes		
2.	8/15 cwt	5905874	SM6407	4844520091	yes		
3.	5 cwt 4x4	5662690			yes		
4.	5 cwt 4x4	5660051		MB319544	yes		
5.	5 cwt 4x4	5385900		123448	yes		
6.	4x2 Lancia Cap/M	5915055		250/2563	No	yes	
7.	M/C Sclo	5271339	S2602	W88139	yes		

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

Signed

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PRO-FORMA.

Directive No3
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estic Transport: as at 1st Jun 46.

nct No	Chassis No	Efficient	Local Repair	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks
)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
	91092279	yes			This veh was taken on charge from 13 Corps Dec 45for issue on loan to 5 T.HQ, it is used as such and not under control this HQ.
7	4844520091	yes			Held in lieu of 15 cwt truck. Authy MMIA letter Q204 of 23 Apr 46.
		yes			Held in lieu of P.U's Authy MMIA letter Q204 of 23 Apr 46.
	MB319544	yes			
	123448	yes			For explanation of these 2 veh. see DO letter of 31 May from CSO I to Lt-Col A/Q.
	250/2563	No	yes		
2	W88139	yes			

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Signed [signature] Lt

Date 1 Jun 46.

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LOCATION STATEMENT ITI BNS OR EQUIVALENT

IN 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)

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TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA BATTAGLIONE O SUPERIORE) DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO.

Amendment No. 4. :

- Comando Battaglione Alpini "FELTRE"
  (ex 516 btg guardia) meno due compagnie — FORTE MANGHERA (MESTRE)
- Due Compagnie del Battaglione "FELTRE" — UDINE
- Battaglione Alpini "AQUILA" — ESTE
- Comando 8 Reggimento Alpini — BELLUNO

- V. LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DELLA R.GUARDIA DI FINANZA DEL FRIULI - UDINE.:
  After Brigata SACILE insert Brigata SPILIMBERGO.

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APPENDIX "C".

STAFF LIST OF ITI.OFFICERS.

(Amendment No4).

ELENCO DELLE AGGIUNTE E VARIANTI AVVENUTE NEI GENERALI - COLONNELLI E TENENTI COLONNELLI IN SERVIZIO PRESSO GLI ENTI DELLA CIRCOSCRIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE DURANTE IL MESE DI MAGGIO 1946.

V COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE :

- Insert : ./.
- Delete : Tenente Colonnello GAGLIARDI Gaetano.

COMANDO FANTERIA V SCHILTER :

- Insert : Generale di Brigata CESSARI Ruggero.
- Delete : ./.

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8 REGGIMENTO ALPINI :

- Insert : Tenente Colonnello SAMPO Pietro.
- Delete : ./.

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE DI UDINE :

- Insert : ./.
- Delete : Colonnello SANTONOCITO Giuseppe.

DEPOSITO 55 REGG.TO FANTERIA TREVISO :

- Insert : Colonnello BERTONELLE Attilio.
- Delete : ./.

DEPOSITO 2 REGG.TO FANTERIA UDINE :

- Insert : Colonnello PICCOLI Aldo.
- Delete : ./.

DEPOSITO 8 REGG.TO ALPINI :

- Insert : Tenente Colonnello LONGANA Vittorio.
- Delete : ./.

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- Insert : Tenente Colonnello SARTO Pietro.
- Delete : ./.

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- Insert : ./.
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- Delete : ./.

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- Insert : Colonnello PICCOLI Aldo.
- Delete : ./.

DEPOSITO 8 REGG.TO ALPINI :

- Insert : Tenente Colonnello LONGANI Vittorio.
- Delete : ./.

DISTRETTO MILITARE DI PADOVA :

- Insert : Tenente Colonnello CAPERNA Filippo.
- Delete : ./.

DISTRETTO MILITARE DI TREVISO :

- Insert : Tenente Colonnello MONTI Guido.
- Delete : Colonnello CATOLFI SALVONI Silvo.

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DISTRETTO MILITARE DI UDINE :

- Insert : Tenente Colonnello BRUNI Bruno.
- Delete : Colonnello CAVALLI Angelo.
  Tenente Colonnello FIONE Vito.

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DISTRETTO MILITARE DI ROVIGO :

- Insert : ./.
- Delete : Tenente Colonnello LONGO Domenico.

COMMISSIONE DI ELIMINAZIONE SOTTUFFICIALI ESUBERANTI AGLI ORGANICI :

- Insert : ./.
- Delete : Colonnello PICCOLI Aldo.

UFFICIALI A DISPOSIZIONE DEL V SOMILITER :

- Insert : Generale di Brigata GHE Carlo.
  Colonnello PERATA Alfredo.

- Delete : Generale di Brigata CESSARI Ruggero.
  Colonnello BERTORELLE Attilio.

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Q 5 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
8/103
1 May 46.

END OF MONTH REPORT FOR APRIL.

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FILE G/37/54
DATE 8/6/5

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.,
(MMIA) ROME.
Copy to: Main II Corps.
I AGRA.

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DEP Comd
B.G.S WWW
Col A/Q

6 MAY 1946

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Progress with the recruit training at Caserta is most satisfactory and the recruits continue to be keen. The Easter break, although not on the official programme was a good thing I think in view of the very long hours of work which might otherwise produce staleness over an unbroken period. Many of the instructors are first rate. There is only one weak subject, Drill. A pity because (a) of its importance and (b) the many long hours allotted to it in the programme. If only the instructors could acquire a great deal more "bark" shorter hours and better results would be achieved. The Training Team has still not arrived from Bari, but for the present initial 30 yd Range work the BLU has borrowed some for the S.A.A. from a British Unit. All the Webb Equipment is composed of UTILITY Pouches and not basic pouches. Gen Osborne from

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At Modena the recruits were addressed by Colsimmi a member of the Govt, a Communist himself. The gist of his speech was that; a Communist Govt would require just as good an army as any other govt.

Gen. Armellini apparently had a good crack at him over the civil communist's activities towards the Italian Army in that Area. As a result he visited the local Communist HQ afterwards in an effort to get them to cease their subversive anti-Army activities. The real answer to Modena troubles, i.e. the barracks at Pordenone for the next intake is definately off.

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I3 Corps have had to put some Armd Units in these barracks.

DEM #1

The DEM #1 provided by Cremona Group is a bad show, it wont be fit to demonstrate anything to anybody until after at least 6 weeks preparation and exp. It is composed of men from several different units, a poor show on the part of Cremona Group and not co-operative. This platoon to be replaced by another from Cremona Div

I wish all success to Col Medlam in his efforts to get another Trg Maj. for 7 BLU, Bologna to help Modena C.A.R. I have persuaded Col Scarpa to produce a DAK Section for Scelle from the l'Aquila Bn.

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The first batch of recruits from the C.A.I. are due to join their units on the 26 Jun. These recruits, who are trained solely on Br. weapons and unit organisation, will be joining 2 Bns in this Area which are armed solely with Italian arms and with completely Italian organisation. I know that all that can be done is being done to get Br. arms quickly in order to reduce this awfull mix up period to a minimum. But if there is any priority necessary due to only limited arms being available, then I must strongly submit that the units in UDINE Territorial Comd be given priority one

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If on the other hand, these arms will not yet be available for some considerable time, might it not be better to make an exception of this Area and train up these two Bns in their present organisation and arms?

In view of future possible developements I should appreciate your views on this.

TOLMEZZO ALPINI Bn. Brig Bastin, IX Corps, has asked some of the more wealthy civilians and the banks in Trieste Area to subscribe towards welfare amenities for this Bn. Some have already subscribed and in about 3 weeks time he hopes to have enough to buy a fair quantity of sports kit for Tolmezzo Bn. He has obtained GHQ authority to buy certain articles at the NAAFI with this money and at NAAFI prices. This will be a great fillip to Tolmezzo Bn, whose C.O. Col Egisi, is about to improve the welfare [redacted] in this Bn.

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DOMESTIC. Major Selby, DAA & QMG, leaves on release on May 6th. No replacement has yet arrived. It is most important that one be posted here forthwith in order to take over properly.

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Our A/30/76 of 29 March 46 and your reply A 700 of 3 Apr refer.

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The orders to covert this BLU to an "A" Type have also arrived. Unless at least a temporary replacement for DA/ & QMG can be provided this "A" Type BLU will consist again of one officer and four ORs.

Maj Selby, quite apart from his speaking fluent Italian, will be a great loss to the BLU and to Terr. HQ. He has done absolutely stirling work whilst with this BLU.

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The Italian officers and NCOs of the former Trieste Military District, who were also interned at Laterina Camp owing to their Fascists and collaboration activities have returned to Trieste, having been released, unpunished, by the Min of War. These men are now back in Trieste as civilians and continue to draw the full Army allowances due to officers and ORs awaiting re-employment. The news of this War Min decision has had strong repercussions amongst the staff of the 5 Comiliter, who are disgusted at the whole affair. When things like this happen one begins to realise why the stock of the Min of War is invariable so low at subordinate levels. The following are the main points:

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(a) These personnel collaborated with the Germans and some assisted the "Juga" in their reprisal activities against Italian civilians in V.G.

(b) After six months of discussions and correspondence between us to the V.G. Police, GS.I , I3 Corps and 5 Terr. Hq, we were in a strong position to have these men arrested by I3 Corps V.G. Police and handed over to 5 Comiliter.

(c) Some of the accused is surely undesirable in Trieste, especially during this citicle period.

(d) The return of these men has caused violent anti-Army feeling and criticism in the local press against the War Min, with some justification.

(e) Their financial positions, far from deteriorating has improved in that they receive Army allowances and are free at the same time to find employment as civilians. This causes righteous indignation amongst serving Italians, officers and NCOs who have no black mark against their name, but continue to serve loyally and exist MIRACULOUSLY on their meagre Army pay and rations. No comment has yet been made by I3 Corps, but it is considered that the War Ministry's decision has been most unfair. Parties

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BASILIANO WKSPS. The arrival of 51 Lt AA Regt into this area has necessitated the cession of part of the Accn at Basiliano to this Unit as covered wksps space. 51 Lt AA, are under canvas and have no covered accn for stripping, cleaning and re-assembling their AA guns. The O.C. pointed out the urgent necessity for such accn and asked for space at Basiliano. This has been granted for operational reasons, but means that 5 Comiliter Wksps

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have considerably less wkspz space for the many vehicles either awaiting repairs or disposal. There are some 40 official Army vehicles at Basiliano which 5 Comilitar cannot move or assign to units until the War Min. issues instructions for there disposal. It would greatly assist them if these official vehs now lying idle at Basiliano could be assigned by the Min. to units badly in need of tpt, thus making available urgently required covered space at Basiliano for the work of 5 Repair Unit.

It will be seen from the above that accn, especially wksps and covered space is becoming more and more the problem of the day, not only for the Italians, but increasingly more so for British Units too.

PORDENONE ACCN. On a visit to 4 IS Corps they pointed out that they, themselves, are finding it increasingly difficult to satisfy the demands of G.H.Q. for storage space, unit and wksps accn in this area.

AM DUMPS. More C.S. Amm Dumps will be handed over to the Italian Army next month. They are the Medeuzza,

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI U D I N E (V)
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TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA BATTAGLIONE O SUPERIORE) DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO

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- Comando 8 Reggimento Alpini (Solo Comando)	P A D O V A
. Comando Battaglione Alpini "Feltre" (ex 516 btg.Guardia) con la 1-2 e 4 compagnia	E S T E
. 3 Compagnia del btg.Alpini "Feltre"	U D I N E
. Compagnia di formazione del btg."L'AQUILA"	U D I N E
- Comando 713 Raggruppamento Amministr.(solo Com/do)	M I R A
. Comando Battaglione "Tolmezzo" (ex 517 btg. guardia) con la 4 compagnia	L O V A R I A
. 1 Compagnia del Btg."Tolmezzo"	S.MARTINO di CODROIPO
. 2 Compagnia del btg."Tolmezzo"	REMANZACCO-UDINE
. 3 Compagnia del btg."Tolmezzo"	P A L M A N O V A
- III Battaglione di Addestramento Reclute (Frazione C.A.R.)	S A C I L E

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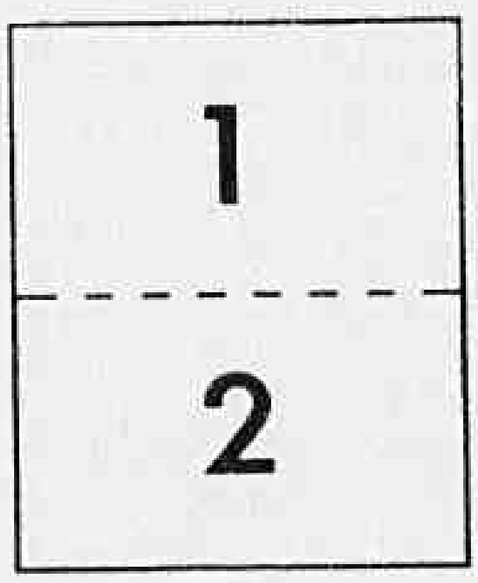
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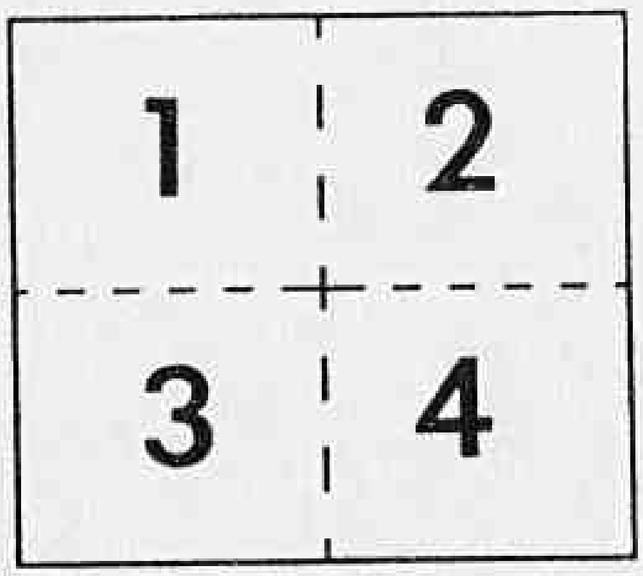
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- Comando Battaglione Alpini "l'Aquila" con due compagnie	B E L L U N O

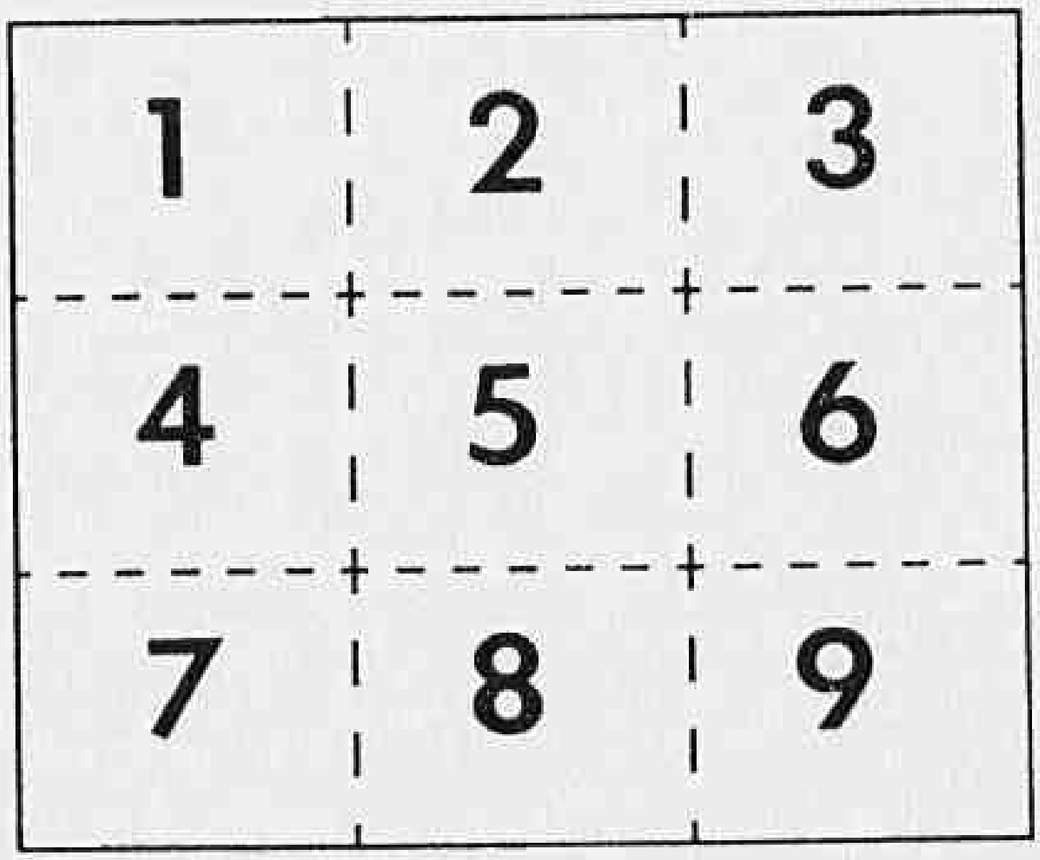
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- Ufficio Matricola -

S P E C C H I O riflettente la dislocazione dei Comuni e reparti della Legi

- V Legione del Friuli-UDINE-
  - Circolo di UDINE
    - Compagnia Comando di UDINE
      - Brigata Stanzial
      - Brigata Volante
    - Tenenza di UDINE
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
    - Compagnia di UDINE
      - Brigata
      - Brigate
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
    - Tenenza di PORDENONE
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
      - Brigata
    - Compagnia di CERVIGNANO
      - Tenenza di CERVIGNANO
        - Brigata
        - Brigata
        - Brigate
        - Brigate
      - Sezione di PORTO LIGNANO
        - Brigata
        - Brigate
  - Nucleo Polizia Tributaria Investigativa di U D I N E
    - Compagnia di GEMONA
      - Tenenze di GEMONA
        - Brigata
        - Brigata
        - Brigata
    - Tenenza TOLMEZZO
      - Brigate
      - Brigata
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Udine, 24 Aprile 1946

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5	UDINE	5 B.L.U.	UDINE		1762		5 Terr. Via Sav U D I N
				Civil Line	269	02	S & T O c/o 86 Officex Via Por U D I N
			MESTRE	S & T	51268		

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L and R SSES	TELEPHONE			EXTENSION	OFFICE, MESSES and BILLETS
	EXCHANGE	OFFICE	NO.		
L.U.	UDINE		1762		5 Terr., HQ., Via Savorgnana, 28 U D I N E
		Civil Line	269	02	S & T Office: c/o 86 Area Officer's Messes. Via Pordenone 1, U D I N E
	MESTRE	S & T	51268		

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APPENDIX "D"

STAFF LIST S.E.L.U.

G.S.O. II. Major H.J.M.T. JOHNSTONE, M.B.E. R.Fus.

DAA & QMG. Major T.R. SELBY R.T.R.

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APPENDIX " C "

STAFF LIST OF ITI OFFICERS.

(A M E N D M E N T S No.3)

TRIBUNALE MILITARE DI UDINE

Add:- Col. D'AGATA Salvatore

COMANDO 718 RAGGRUPPAMENTO AMM/ve

Delete:- Ten.Col. DE SIMONE Armando

UFFICIALI A DISPOSIZIONE DEL V COMILITER

Add:-	Col.	FRANGIPANE	Giovanni
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	"	CUSMANO	Alfonso
	"	PICCOLI	RIKKELI Aldo
	"	RICCI	Prospero

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DIREZIONE RIPARAZIONI AUTOMOBILISTICHE

Add:- Ten Col. PAIUZZA Nicola Direttore
Delete:- " " ORSINI Ugo

DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI VENEZIA

Add:- Ten.Col. MUCCIOLI Alberto

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Delete:- " " SALEMME Mario

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Add:- Ten.Col.CROGLIANO Tommaso

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ESUBERANTI AGLI ORGANICI

Add:- Col. PICCOLI Aldo
Ten.Col.LUCENTE Domenico

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" B " VEHICLE STATE.

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2.	5662590	5cwt. 4x4	WILLYS	YES	___	___	ON
3.	5660061	5cwt. 4x4	WILLYS	YES	___	___	SUR GRA
4.	5271339	M/C SOLO	NORTON	YES	___	___	ON

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Midmonthly Report - April.

5 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
G/103
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Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.,
(MMIA) ROME.

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C.A.Rs.

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At SACILE, the general tone is good. Col Galie, the Commandant, is full of ideas and welfare conscious.

At the Saturday dances for example, in the canteen, civilians are invited free but on condition that they bring 2 books each for the CAR library.

There is now a 5th Company composed of the 200 odd extra Alpini allowed.

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13 Corps have now sanctioned L'AQUILA Bn and 5 Alpini Regt being allowed in Caserma Fantuzzi and Caserma Salsa Barracks at BOLOGNA. Most satisfactory.

513 Cd Bn left CECK for Legnano Div on 12 April. L'AQUILA will start arriving by train on 21 April and will be installed at BOLOGNA by the end of the month.

Folgore Bn are very appreciative of the small [illegible] per month allowed by 13 Corps.

Col Agisi, although he has only commanded for approx 2½ months, has improved the general tone of this Bn very considerably. 13 Corps are now taking more interest in this Bn than formerly.

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"C" Police.

A slight flap was caused the other day when some RASC Officers from 13 Corps visited the Demilitar Store and I.V.P. at Basiliano and told the Officer i/c that the accomodation and plant was required by them and that the Unit might have to move at an early date.

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S Demilitar begged us to do all we could to stop any move, especially as valuable machinery and equipment for the repair of some 90 heavy vehicles has recently been brought from Milan and installed at Basiliano.

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13 Corps was asked for clarification and the matter has now died a natural death, much to the relief of the Comiliter.

Ammunition Dumps.

In approximately 7 days time the MEDEUZZA, REVOLTO and ARZEW Ammunition Dumps will be handed over to the Direzione Artiglieria - 5 Comiliter by 13 Corps. This handover will mean more sworn civil guards and more responsibility for 5 Comiliter. It is hoped that the authorised civilian firms will be able to clear these dumps in a few weeks time.

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718 have muddled matters on three occasions and we would be pleased to see this Unit disbanded.

J.H. Tolmie

2010

Major,
G.S.O. II.

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APPENDIX "A"

Copy of 6 Terr. HQ. letter to
Ministry of War for information.

SUBJECT:- Incidents at 5 C.A.R. Modena.

The call-up of class 24 has taken place in the dependent territory with sufficient regularity and satisfactory discipline and relative operations should have been finished at 24 hours of March 28, 1946; but, practically, it happens still at almost all Military Districts that recruits come in later, owing to them having exercised their political franchise. Presumably it will last till April 8-9/1946.

I'll send a more details with the final report on the call-up, as required by you. However if the coming of the recruits has not allowed any remarks, the situation, after their enlistment in the C.A.Rs., is not so good everywhere. As a matter of fact, at the C.A.R. of MODENA happened some incidents, whose gravity comes out from the Commander's report, copy of which I think opportune to have forwerded to you integrally. But as to the concern, it is rightful , in my opinion, to say that the incidents lamented at the C.A.R. of MODENA are to be most probably linked to a local stretched situation. I have been allowed to think so, after the report on other incidents which occured at MODENA recently, copy of which is herewith attached.

As far as it concerns the cause being taken as a pretext for the serious incidents that took place in the C.A.R., an immediate inquiry has been made by my order, and, as a result of it, it has been known that bread and rations in distribution there match with the regulations as well, either for quality or for make. I have already informed of above incidents 5 Comiliter of Udine, statingthat an urgent inspection by its Commander would be a very opportune one, so that he might axcertain too whether there has been any failure of good command or of timely intervention.

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So far, it has been provided for an intervention of patrolling troops of 155 "Mantua" Arty Regiment and of 87 "Feltre" Regt - "Granatieri" Bn., located at Reggio Emilia - Taking into consideration the place in which new incidents could happen and the reaction to severe precautions in civil and political circles too, I would be grateful to you if you disclose your mind on the matter, in order that any action of mine be in accordance with the Governments views.

2009

As a prevention advice, there is no possibility of intervention, in my opinion, but the transfer to other places, as proposed by the C.A.R. Commander, of the most undisciplined men, having already been detected; but such action is to be previously confirmed by investigations carried out, as above mention, by the Commander of 5 Comiliter of Udine. No remarkable inconveniences have been taken place inside of the C.A.R. of PESARO, except a

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large participation of recruits in uniform to meetings of electors outside the Barracks.

General Commander,
Angelo CERICA.

Report by RAVALICLI Q, Col Commander, 5 C.A.R..

Incidents which took place at 5 C.A.R. Modena.

Last Sunday 31 Mar there were adminastrative elections at Modena, in view of this troops were confined to barracks. This precaution was taken in view of the intense propaganda of the Comm at Modena and to prevent the new recruits from coming in contact with them. This preventative could be double edged, so to prevent this a special meal was laid on for Sunday evening, also a show by Orfei Circus from 17.30 hrs to 19.30 hrs. So the day passed quietly. The next day, 1 Apr. following the victory of the Comm in the elections, all the town was merry making, parades with red flags, loud speakers applauding the victory, songs etc. The men were not confined to barracks as it was thought that this was not an opportune moment to suspend leave for two days and for political reasons. The troops on entering the town found a burning atmosphere of enthusiasm, anti-military, anti communistic. One might have felt this as several recruits failed to report in to the barracks at the correct time, coming in late and entering the barracks by climbing the walls. Both, Gens, Armellini and Cessari , who had been all the afternoon paying a visit to the barracks, inspecting sleeping quarters, messes and cook-houses and also having a long talk with the men, were able to notice this.

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I waited for the return of the Coy at 11.00 hrs and spoke for a short time with the Bn Comd, Maj Saverino (who meanwhile had addressed the men at the parade ground). At about 11.30 hrs I went to the jail to question personally the four arrested men and I stopped there an hour, attempting to persuade them to be reasonable. Some of their complaints are as follows: black bread, always the same bad meals, family allowence of 2,000 lire not enough, only that the poor were being called up and that the rich were paying the Districts for excemtions, that they should be excempt from service for family reasons, too many working hours and not enough leave etc. I felt that I had persuaded them all except a Pte Rossi, the others all gave their word of honour that they would refrain from suborning the other service men and would make good soldiers.

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Pte Rossi promised that he too would be a good soldier if the causes of his disatisfaction were removed.

Pte Naccari frankly stated that everything was planned the night before: so the foregoing motives cannot be taken as reliable any longer. He added that his behaviour would be good if he was transferred to the Air Force in which he had previously served for 30 months.

So I understand that it was a question of collective in-discipline being planned outside the barracks the night before, in agreement with subversive individuals. Thinking that the news of what had happened would leak outside the barracks, I told the men I would have them transferred to another unit, but accepted their word to say nothing outside on this I released them. The names of these four are: Naccari Bruno, Rossi Paolo, Gullo Giovanni and Casotti Nino.

At 12.30 hrs I walked out of jail with these men, the Bn Comd, Major Severino and Adj Major Casu. As soon as I reached the court yard north side of the barracks, I saw a crowd of some 300 to 400 soldiers who were shouting, whistling and cursing and another little group were singing the Red Flag.

The inspecting Capt and the duty officer were making an attempt to quell the riot. The other officers were at the Mess outside the barracks. I faced the soldiers who immediately shut up, I removed them from the gateway to as far as the cook-house, but not all the men followed me; new small groups were surrounding the other four officers and I listened for <u>three hours</u> to their complaints endeavouring to persuade them to a resonable frame of mind.

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4. An issue of 113 grams of meat not 80 grams.
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9. They were told at the Mil District that Allied rations would be given and not the bad ones they were getting.
10. It is an injustice the soldiers only get 24 lire and a policeman gets 300 lire. 24 lire is not enough to send home letters.
11. The men called up are all poor, the rich have not been called up; they are paying the Mil Districts for this.
12. They are being cheated by those 2,000 lire.
13. 7 training hours are too long with the rations allowed.
14. The hrs of freedom are very few and lights out too early. (18.00 hrs to 21.30 hrs).
15. They have a mind to come back to barracks at their leisure, for a few sleeping hrs are enough for them.
16. The officers want to teach them how to be disciplined. But they don't agree with it, being a fascist stuff.

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17. They want to report personally to the Colonel at their own convenience, not through the usual channels any more, because it is not democracy but fascism.

18. There is still the Crown of Savoia on the official seals as well as on the badges, and they want to get rid with this.

19. They have presented themselves on account of a lot of good things promised them, otherwise they wouldn't have come . If things are going on this way, they will return home.

20. The duty officer usually brings his revolver on the (Sam Browne) belt, and this is a challenge.

21. If the Government has no money to feed them properly and to improve their living standard, it is useless to call-up soldiers.

22. The men belonging to the first four-month period of class 1924 have served for a quarter only, while they have to serve for a year.

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I think that the reasons of above incidents are as follows:

1.) Undoubtedly the actual rations don't match with the habit and requirements of our soldiers. Perhaps no f esh or dry fruits, no tinned meat with vegetables, but more macaroni and rice and normal rations of fresh meat would be welcome. One cannot say that bread rations are not enough or bad, but white bread turning suddenly into black has been a pretext and caused discontentment.
Newspapers have promised too much, as well as the Communes and Mil Districts. As a matter of fact, these soldiers have come in full of striking pretenses, that are very difficult to deal with.

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3.) They cannot be really called recruits, as many of them served either in republican or german or partisan formations and are already full of rebelling and antimilitarist spirit.

4.) In view of administrative and political elections, there has been an intense propaganda and the situation is somewhat uncertain. In my opinion, the left party has operated deeply in this zone, raising excitement, by organized and systematic work.

5.) Corporals, lance-corporals, N.C.Os. as well as the subaltern officers are not trained suitably and can't properly take care and morally master their men, neutralizing any subobning plot coming from outside.

6.) As each coy numbers 325 men, no efficient control can be carried on.

7.) Subversive propaganda cells are existing among the recruits themselves, perhaps in any Coy or smaller unit too.

Last night to-day (April3) everything was regular and very quiet. As soon as I came into the barracks, I was told that:

1. Soldiers of 1 Bn were very sorry for what happened yesterday and widhed to apologize to me.
2. Other soldiers had a mind to strike again, and I believe that what has happened or will happen is due to outside influence.

Besides eventual provisions to make better meals and family-allowances, I think that it is necessary to have the rebelling servicemen transferred to Central or southern Italy, and to stop sending bad individuals from other C.A.Rs. to that Modena ; for the zone of Modena is particularly turbulent specially at this time. This is the advise of local Authorities too.

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APPENDIX 2

5 C.A.R. - H.Q.

25 Mar '46

No. 905/M

SUBJECT:- Soldiers' suborning.

Copy of C.A.R. Sub-Lieutnant Joseph Orioles's report on an incident with some civilians (is) forwarded to you.

Please dispose a patrol service in the places mostly frequented by the recruits during duty free hours.

When guard platoon arrives at C.A.R., inlying pickets will be issued by this H.Q.

2/Lt Orioles has been mentioned in despatches by me.

In view of the Admin Elections which will take place on 31 apr 46, please let me know whether, and what duty free hours should be allowed.

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This is the statement of the a/m Drv.

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APPENDIX 4

MODENA GARRISON H.Q.

29 Mar 46.

No. 86/R

SUBJECT:- Incidents between soldiers and policemen.

TO: Police Commissioner - MODENA.

Copy to: Territorial H.Q. - BOLOGNA.

Terr. and Verious Affairs Office - BOLOGNA.

Prefect.- MODENA.

Complaints and reports on incidents between servicemen and partisan police constables are being delivered to these H.Q.

Besides the regrettable incident we already reported, these HQ. are investigating on another one, which took place in a brothel.

Partisan policemen, after arguing with some C.A.R. NCOs and threatening with weapons, compelled them to walk out hands-up.

Incidents were lamented inside "Fanti" Barracks. As a matter of fact, the policemen keep showing themselves from windows looking over the Barracks-court-yard, and criticizing on whatever happens there and now laughing at and then insulting the soldiers.

As a precautionary measures and in order to prevent from other serious incidents, that civilians are talking unfavourably on, please issue order to have the above windows permanently shut.

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Nicolo' Di Vita.

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APPENDIX 'B'

SUBJECT:- Accomodation - Italian Army.

5 British Liaison Unit
CMF

AQ/53/103

16 Apr 46.

Rear 13 Corps.

Reference our AQ/53/96 of 30 March on Barracks occupied by German hospital at Pordenone and your reply thereto.

There is now one additional and serious factor from the Italian Army point of view,which I know you will seriously consider when reviewing the question of whether or not these or other barracks in this area can be handed over.

It is that at the training centre of MODENA,which had to be sited there due to no further barracks being available in this area,training is not going at all well. This is because the MODENA - BOLOGNA Area is one of the worst communist strongholds in Italy. The new young Italian troops at MODENA are subjected to every form of Anti-Army,Anti-Authority propaganda by the civilians there. They are encouraged,and bribed to desertion or mutiny by organised propaganda from the town. It is difficult to imagine a worse place to put young soldiers for their initial training,discipline and morale. There has been some trouble in the training centre as a result of this already. The young Italian troops who get approx 30 Lira a day only,are susceptible to propaganda if it is continuous and organised. It is both at MODENA.

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As a result,the contrast between the general tone of the recruits at SACILE and those at MODENA,although they are all recruited from the same district,is very great. 2002

Accordingly,I hope you will consider this additional factor in favour of giving the barracks at Pordenone back to the Italian Army.

Major,
G II. 5 BLU-UDINE

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APPENDIX 'C'

5 British Liaison Unit
CMF

G/125/9

12 Apr 46.

Main 13 Corps.

Ref your signal 0309 of 11 April.

Present locations of major operational Units of Italian Army in 13 Corps Area are these:-

1. 516 Gd Bn (Feltre Bn) MESTRE. With one Coy detached at UDINE
2. 517 Gd Bn (Tolmezzo Bn) HQ.LOVARIA. 1 Coy at S.MARTINO DI CODROIPO
   2 Coy at REMANZACCO
   3 Coy at PALMANOVA
   4 Coy at LOVARIA

NOTE. 513 Gd Bn left ESTE to-day for Legnano Div Area Milan and has not yet been replaced in 13 Corps Area by l'AQUILA Bn - my G/110/15 of 1st April refers.

G/10

The above is position at present.

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5 Alpini Regt HQ at BELLUNO

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Major,
G.II 5 B.L.U.

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End of month report - March.

5 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
G/103
31 Mar 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C.,
(MMLA) ROME.

Copy to 13 Corps.

GENERAL.

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This has caused some real disappointment amongst Army recruits whose families are Alpini minded and I think that another 350 odd could be earmarked for Alpini with great advantage. I have spoken with Col Scarpa, the Regimental Commander at length on this and he was convinced that were this to be done, it would not make, 516, L'AQUILA, 517, Gd Bns (to be Alpini) overstrength by the time the recruits are posted to those units. Due to demobilisation all three Bns are well under strength now and will be much more so in three months time. General Armellini and the BLU are examining ways and means of increasing the Alpini allotment always keeping within the initial number allowed of course. BLU will keep you informed on this.

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INTELLIGENCE

There is great and mounting interest amongst the civilian population on the outcome of the Allied Commission's present tour of Venezia Giulia area. Recently the demonstrations in Trieste area have become markedly Pro-Italian. The Italian Army whilst very interested in the outcome indeed, remains immune and aloof from it all. Though naturally the rumoured No of Divisions that TITO has on the Morgan line is a constant topic of conversation in most officers messes.

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I think that this is a good thing in that it has imparted a certain keenness amongst many officers, which was not quite so apparent before these rumours started. In fact the coincidence of the call-ups commencing at the same period as the arrival of the Allied Commission was a most fortunate one, making the call-ups take place when patriotic feelings are running fairly high amongst the better type of civilians and consequently producing a better type of recruit.

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1998

It is planned that 513 Gd Bn leave ESTS for Milan Command on the 9 or 10 of April 46. L'Aquila Bn arrives approximately 16 April 46. General Armellini has proposed to the Min of War that the name of 5 Alpini Regt be changed to 8 Alpini Regt. Reason being that 8 Alpini Regt has a fine tradition in the region of UDINE, SACILE and TOLMEZZO and its name is

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well known to civilians in this area. A good move.

The BIII have taken up the delicate but serious matter of officers shaving with General Armellini. He has given orders that All officers in All units with this command will shave daily. (less of course certain Alpini types with genuine beards). This is surely a first essential for the New Italian Army.

WELFARE.

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The press was represented and were pleased with the club and during an inspection of the C.A.R. expressed amazement at the excellent work done in a short time and the good layout and efficient planning of the building. The write-up in the press next day was given a prominent place.

MORALS.

The morale of the recruits at Sacile is excellent. The general physical and mental standard is high. I talked to many recruits and they are all amazed at the good treatment they receive and the efficient and friendly attitude of the instructors. They were all well turned out and pleased with their uniforms and boots.

8 Points

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C.A.R. will be established at Pordenone. Corps have not yet had time to reply to our letter.

AMMUNITION DUMPS.

The Oseppo, Codroipo, S. Marghera and Valbruna O.E.M. Amn Dumps were handed over to the Italian Army by A.M.G. during the month. 5 Comiliter have to use sworn civilian guards on all except Valbruna which is within the 25 km Frontier Zone. It is hoped that the civilian firm in Udine authorised by the Govt to dispose of all categories of unserviceable amn will evacuate all amn from these dumps in a short time, thus alleviating the present heavy commitment of guards etc now borne by 5 Comiliter. A.M.G. are also keen to get rid of this material as soon as possible as they have neither the organisation nor the men to deal with this big problem.

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Appendices Follow Separately

J.H. Tolputt

Major,

GSO II.

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			MESTRE	ST	51268		Offrs Me

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	EXCHANGE	OFFICE	No.		
B.L.U.	UDINE		1762		5 Terr, H.Q., 28, Via Savorgnana U D I N E
		Civil Line	269	02	ST Office: c/o 86 Area
	MESTRE	ST	51268		Offrs Mess: Via Pordenone 1, U D I N E

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APPENDIX : " A " .

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LOCATION STATEMENT ETI BRS ON EQUIVALENT

IN 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

(A M E N D M E N T S No 2.)

1993

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
S.M. - Ufficio Op.Add.Ord.Mob.Ia Sezione

TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA BATTAGLIONE O SUPERIORE) DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO:

- Comando 5 Reggimento Alpini (Solo Comando)	P A D O V A
• Comando Battaglione Alpini "FELTRE" (ex 516 Btg Guardia) con la 1-2 e 4 compagnia.	M E S T R E
• 3 Compagnia del Btg Alpini "FELTRE"	U D I N E
• 513 Battaglione Guardie	E S T E
- Comando 718 Raggruppamento Amministrativo (Solo Comando)	M I R A
• Comando Battaglione "TOLMEZZO" (ex 517 Btg Gd) con la 4 compagnia	L O V A R I A
• 1 Compagnia del Btg "TOLMEZZO"	S.MARTINO - CODROIPO
• 2 " " " "	REMANZACCO - UDINE
• 3 " " " "	PALMANOVA
- III Battaglione di Addestramento Reclute (Frazione C.A.R.)	S A C I L E

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APPENDIX "B"

STAFF LIST 5 B.L.U.

GSO II.	Major H.I.M.H. JOHNSTONE M.B.E.	R.Rus.
DAA & QMG.	Major F.R. SELBY	R.T.R.

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APPENDIX : " C " .

STAFF LIST OF ITI OFFICERS.

(A M E N D M E N T S No 2 .)

ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI UFFICIALI (Generali-Colonnelli e Tenenti Colonnelli) IN SERVIZIO PRESSO GLI ENTI DELLA CIRCOSCRIZIONE DEL COMANDO TERRITORIALE MILITARE DI UDINE ALLA DATA DEL 1 APRILE '46

Comando Ente o Reparto	Grado	CASATO E NOME	Incarico
COMANDO MIL. TERRITORIALE DI U D I N E			
Add:-	Ten.Col.	BOTTAI Bruno	Addetto Uff.Generale Addet.
DIREZIONE DI SANITA' V COMILITER			
Delete:-	Ten.Col.	FROSINI Dino	Addetto alla Direz. Sanita'
Add:-	Ten.Col.	CASTANA Vincenzo	Addetto alla Direz. Sanita'
DIREZIONE E LAVORI SERVIZI DEL GENIO			
Add:-	Ten.Col.	VALLE Mario	Addetto Sez.Lavori
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI ROVIGO			
Add:-	Ten.Col.	LONGO Domenico	Capo Sezione Assegni familiari,morti,prigionieri.
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COMANDO 5 RGT.ALPINI			
Add:-	Ten.Col.	ZUCCHI Nestore	Ufficiale Addetto
OSPEDALE MILITARE DI TREVISO			1989
Delete:-	Ten.Col.	PAPAGNO Michele	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	CASTANA Vincenzo	Ufficiale Medico
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DISCRIMINAZIONE UFFICIALI			
Delete:-	Ten.Col.	SCIORTINO Salvatore	Add-Sott.Aggiunto Udine
Add:-	Ten.Col.	BERTI Dante	" " " "

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COMANDO 5 CENTRO
ADDESTRAMENTO
RECLUTE

Delete:-	Ten.Col.	VENTURA Michele	Vice Comandante
Add:-	Ten.Col.	LUCCARELLI Alfonso	Vice Comandante

TRIBUNALE
MILITARE DI
U D I N E

Add:-	Colonnello	SCLINAS Mario	Presidente

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ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI X UFFICIALI (Generali e Colonnelli) A DISPOSIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE alla data del 1 Aprile '46

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Grado	Arma o serv.	Categ.	CASATO E NOME
Delete:-			
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	DE LAURENTIS Augusto
Delete:-			
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	SAPORETTI Vincenzo
Delete:-			
Colonnello	Comm/rio	S.P.E.	FRANCIOSINI Luigi
Colonnello	Fanteria	"	GHIRARDI Giuseppe
Colonnello	Fanteria	"	VIVALDI Raoul
Add:-			
Colonnello	Fanteria	"	GROTTI Vincenzo
Colonnello	Fanteria	riass.	CUSMANO Alfonso
Colonnello	Fanteria	S.P.E.	BRUNETTI Alvise
Colonnello	Fanteria	"	PICCOLI Aldo
Colonnello	Fanteria	"	CAVALLI Emilio
Colonnello	Fanteria	"	RICCI Prospero
Colonnello	Artiglieria	"	SCIOMACHEN Mario
Colonnello	Cavalleria	"	LELLI Federico
Colonnello	Genio	"	SILVESTRO Rocco
Colonnello	Commissariato	"	PIRRO Felice
Colonnello	Amministrazione	"	RASTELLI Gino

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APPENDIX "

" B " VEHICLE STATE

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

SER No.	W.D. No.	TYPE	MAKE	EFFICIENT	LOCAL REPAIR	BEYO L.R
1.	5905874	8 cwt 4X4	CHEVROLET	YES	—	—
2.	5662690	5 cwt 4X4	WILLYS	YES	—	—
3.	5660061	5 cwt 4X4	WILLYS	YES	—	—
4.	5271339	M/C SOLO	NORTON	YES	—	—

1987

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APPENDIX "D"

" B " VEHICLE STATE

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

TYPE	MAKE	EFFICIENT	LOCAL REPAIR	BEYOND L.REPAIR	REMARKS
8 cwt 4X4	CHEVROLET	YES	—	—	Late M!M.I.A. vehicle
5 cwt 4X4	WILLYS	YES	—	—	On WE
5 cwt 4X4	WILLYS	YES	—	—	Surplus
M/C SOLO	NORTON	YES	—	—	On WE

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5 British Mission Unit
C.M.F.

19 Mar 46

DIST E 2
A 1
Q 1

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Copy to: 13 Corps.

P to Loc.
DEP Comd
B.G.S.
Con A/Q

G. LL-UK.

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CARS.

MODENA. Whilst excelent progress has been made with the major repairs at the Duca d'Aosta barracks, these barracks are not ready, and it is unfortunate that there will have to be a good deal of improvisation over the next 5 weeks. I am satisfied that this is due to the extremely short time which was available for these repairs and not lack of go or interest on the part of Bologna Command or this Command. It is simply that there has not been enough time. Fortunately the Commander there Col Ravieli is a 'live wire and an Alpini is quite equal to doing all that can be done

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on the spot. The most pressing and serious problems at Modena are these in order of importance.

1.) Accomodation for officers. Approval at last arrived from Min of War for the repairs to one barrack there for as permanent officers mess and living quarters. This will cost 5 million lire. (I found this difficult to believe but as the minimum wage of the civilian worker there is 650 lire a day it is not surprising. It is comical indeed that the Commander there, a full Colonel of some 28 years service with a tremendous responsibility for both CAMS gets under half this per day!.

This building will not be ready for about 6 weeks. It is of the first importance therefore that temp accomodation is found in the meantime. As the recruits will be pretty tight there it is quite impossible to improvise more accomodation in the barracks itself. I have seen this at present myself, there are about 80 officers living in double tier bunks in two small rooms in the barracks like sardines. The rest are sleeping out in the town for which they have to pay 150 to 190 lire a day. A temporary mess has been found in the town but it cannot possibly mess the whole

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My Signal
9/116 of 17 Mar
refers

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(2). Housing for Dem PL. and Servisi Coy.

Some stables to be converted. This requires the simple placing of wooden flooring in these rooms. Authority to start this has been asked for in Feb but as still none has arrived. Please ask Min of War to sanction Genio Bologna Comd to start this at once, if necessary using a little of the 5 million sanctioned for the officers mess, which will take 6 weeks to make. This flooring on other hand, can be done in a few days.

(3). Accomodation for the Guard.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME.

The surprisingly good one sent out by Min of War is however a little too ideal and academic in my opinion. It does not allow sufficient time for the most necessary and frequent clothing, checks and inspections of arms etc. Moreover the hrs of work

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are very long indeed this does not give instructors much time to "brush up" the properly instructions for the following day. I am discussing this with Gen. Armellini to get him to give a little more latitude to the Commandants on the spot than was given by Min of War.

DECENTRALISATION.

Brig Hope's letter on this has just arrived and I am very glad that Min of War will get out a directive. But meanwhile a start has been made here and Gen Armellini, himself I must admit a superb and solitary example in the art of decentralisation, has now decided that heads of depts sign their own letters. A committee is now sitting to decide what is important enough to come to Chief of Staff for information and what not. At least this is a real step in the right direction.

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ARMS FOR EIRE.

I sincerly hope these will soon be forthcoming.

INTELLIGENCE.

Anti Army feeling in press etc is recently much less. Probably with the Council sitting on the Morgan Line question, and the very anti Tito feelings current, an Army in the long run may be an asset after all when the British have gone. I think that this is more the attitude now, amongst the former Anti-Army section of the public.

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"A" POINTS.

WELFARE

The "MONACO" Hotel - Venice is now the War Ministry's "baby". 66 Area gave an extension on the Allied requisition till 23 March. After this date it will be derequisitioned and it is up to 5 Comiliter and the War Ministry between them to re requisition. It is most essential that the War Ministry act with speed as the civilian manager intends to run the place for the public.

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"G" POINTS.

CLOTHING

Now that the Dolo Clothing Depots are under the complete control of 5 Comiliter, issue to both BR and ITI-ITI units are made with more speed and regularity. Nr 2 Forestry Gp's It. Emer. have been reclothed complete (these men were badly in need of new clothing as their work entails much rough labour and wear and tear on clothing), and the "Tolmezzo" muddle has been cleared up. We did try to get Khaki B.D. for the offrs of this unit, but Khaki stocks had run out.

Clothing for the new recruits which has been made locally under the supervision of the Commissariato,

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is of good quality and in good supply.

ACCOMODATION STORES.

5 Comiliter have really got down to the problem of finding double tier bunks, beds and accn..stores generally for the CAR and for the Military Districts which during the call-up period, have to accomodate recruits in transit to the CARS. New double tier bunks have been made in good numbers sufficient to provide for recruits in transit through the Mil Districts and for the CAR's themselves . Improvisation has been adopted with success, especially in the Distretti Militari.

AMMUNITION DUMPS.

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C.M.M.

More releases have been made by 13 Corps to C Comiliter. Considerable trouble is caused through the Comiliter "not having the possibility" to collect the material from various dumps as promptly as they should. Prompt nation has been urged both verbally and by letter. A release of many different items of amn stores from BARDS dump - MESTRE - provided the Comiliter with much valuable material which was used for the SACILE C.A.R.

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ACCOMODATION.

5 Comiliter want to close the "4 Novembre" hospital in Udine. This hospital has been practically empty for the passed three weeks owing to the fact that 75 % of the beds are reserved for Displaced persons, A.M.G. who it appears, have no sick to send. Maintenance expenses are very high. We have proposed that this hospital, which is required by Udine for Elementay Schools, be handed back to the civil authorities and that the Udine Military Hospital reserve 60 beds for A.M.G. (patients to be on civilian rations). A reply from A.M.G. is awaited.

P.O.L.

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J.H. Johnstone

Major,
G.S.O. II.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject:- Mid - Monthly Report.- February 46.

5 British Liaison Unit
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Land Forces Sub Commission A.G. (G) (M.M.I. .)
R O M E

19 Feb 46.

Copy to:- G/Ops Main 13 Corps.

5 B.L.U. ROME - MID-MONTHLY REPORT. FEBRUARY 46.

GENERAL.

Progress in getting ready the 2AR Barracks at S GIOR is good. If the repairs continue at the present rate, the Barracks will be ready and in really good condition by approx March 6th. The Commander and a fair proportion of his staff are installed there. What is really needed now is the syllabus from the Ministry of War ino order that it may be worked out in detail good time. The Range Area, due to the fact very cultivated country in the immediate vicinity of the Barracks, is approx 6½ miles away. Good training country is hard to find. However, there is an excellent piece of ground for minor training North of [illegible]. It will be necessary to lay on tpt from 5 Territorial H.Q. towards the end of each course, however, in order to use this ground.

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In order to help, here are the facts of the case from both sides. If a way out can still be found, it will back this H.Q. more than anything we've done or rather, tried to do, so far. The Staff are much preoccupied in working out ways and means of fitting the very important Commissariato into many scattered offices. Even if they succeed, it cannot work so efficiently as it does at present.

Gen Armellinis arguments are these:-

(a) Loss of prestige to himself. The civilians, some of whom do not love Gen Armellini, will say that the Allies have turned the General out of his palace. Goody, Goody.

(b) The principle of the thing. Here he has a first rate argument. The Army are being turned out of a building in favour of a civilian political party - and the Communist Party at that.

(c)

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(c) Col Bright has offered to requisition a villa for him. Why then, cannot he requisition a house for the Communists instead ? or since he must have 17 Via Aquileia, requisition another house for the Commissariato ?

(d) A large civilian house in Piazza XX Settembre has been rented by the Army for the last 15 years. At the end of hostilities, the Partisans moved in on 2 floors of it and made it they "H.Q." Gen Armellini ordered them out. They wouldn't go. He then told them that they must pay the rent for their 2 floors. They do this. The remaining 3 floors are still occupied by Genio and Arty H.Q. 5 Territorial Comd.

Why cannot Col Bright turn out the Partisan H.Q. which is a dead organisation now in favour of the Army which is a new and growing organisation ?

Col Bright's arguments in answer to the above.

1.) It is true that many civilians are by no means in love with Gen Armellini. They regard him as one of the senior Generals of the Ist Army at the time of its major defeats. They also know him to be a political General. I am prepared to combat any of this talk and stress to the prefect and others that I. The A.M.G. Commissioner, regard General Armellini as a F.I.P. (I don't, but in order to help you I am prepared to pretend that I do).

2.) While ~~2~~ bombed out as it is, is one of the most over-populated towns in Italy. If I really thought that the 5 Territorial H.Q. was crowded to bursting for accomodation. I would not insist on having 17 Via Aquileia. But it is not. Gen Armellini, wife and child live in a vast palace that would house a rifle Coy - or the Commissariato. If he is really the great man that he says he is, surely in order to help his staff, he can move into a smaller villa which he can choose. I will requisition it for him.

3.) The Communist Party are important here. It is ~~my~~ job to keep the peace in this difficult Area. Their present abode is most unsatisfactory.

4.) The Partisans are not a dead organisation. They are an quite an important political party. I cannot turn them out in favour of the Army.

5.) I do realise the importance of 5 Territorial H.Q. and the new Army. It is because of that I am prepared to requisition a suitable house for the General. This inspite of the fact that it means turning civilians out, and is contrary to Allied policy which is to derequisition whenever and wherever possible. It is because of this policy that in this Area one gets British quite senior officers living like sardines in small houses. If they can do it, so can General

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The above is the gist of both sides.

OTHER POINTS.

15 Corps are not now going to recommend the conversion of 517 Gd Bn (Tolmezzo Bn) to BRIT-ITI. The projected relief of 515 Gd Bn by L'AQUILA Bn. (instead of, as formerly arranged the relief of 516 Gd Bn by L'AQUILA Bn.) This Win of War decision, whilst it will be a simpler hand over than the original one is not good from this Hq point of view.

513 Gd Bn is distinctly a better show than 515 Gd Bn. Accordingly Gen Armellini wishs to keep 513 Gd Bn and lose 516 in place of AQUILA.

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Gen UTILI, of Legnano div, a very fine but distinctly "Vecchio Soldato" in these matters must have worked this. However, in view of his losing L'AQUILA Bn. one can well appreciate his point of view too.

Where the Min of War are naughty is this. They send this order ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to Gen Arnolfini worded thus. " In agreement with MMLA ..... L'AQUILA Bn will now relieve 513 and 507 516 Cd Bn ". I don't suppose its in agreement with MMLA at all ? They've merely sent a copy I suspect - to MMLA for information. Vecchio Soldato again. It is naughty as they obviously think that by using this "In agreement" with MMLA" technique, they can silence Gen Arnolfinis natural objections, and counter proposals.

INTELLIGENCE.

The Prefect of UDINE has written an Army bursting article in the local press, as an answer to the ante-Army articles referred to in my last report. The SLU have thanked him privately.

"A" POINTS.

A.M.G. Trieste have promised to hand over the Fascist Officers working in the ex Distretto Militare in the near future. The presence of these undesirable persons in Trieste has been the cause of some anxiety at 5 Demilitar. A.M.G. Trieste will be glad to see them go.

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T.E.M.

Mora vehicles are being handed back to the Italians. They are chiefly heavy lorry carriers.

AMMUNITION.

5 Demilitar have been given a copy of the latest directive on dumps which "passed the baby" to A.M.G. We have asked A.M.G. to let us know their policy based on these new instructions. 5 Demilitar are rather sorry to lose the control to A.M.G.

1973

P.O.L.

For 517 Gd Bn (Palmanova) still awaiting final ruling. Reserves of P.O.L. are being built up by the Terr: Hq.

CLOTHING AND COMMISSARIAT.

The tailoring of B.D. for G&R recruits from cloth received is going well. No problems.

Major

6 II. 5 D.I.U.

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Beginning of

~~Draft~~

5 B.L.U. ~~Mtg~~ Monthly Report - February.

5 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E

Feb 46.

GEN.

CAR Accomodation.

The projected plan for putting 2 Bns of the CAR at PORDENONE is off.
13 Corps letter of 29 Jan reads as follows:-

H.Q. 13 Corps 5731/G of 29 Jan.

5 B.L.U.

Reference conversation JOHNSTONE-SOUTAR.

1. The possibility of making room in PORDENONE available to the Italian Army has been fully considered. It is regretted that the GERMAN hospital cannot be moved at present. The CONEGLIANO hospital is too small to accomodate the 400 GERMAN patients, and the VENCO BARRACKS would have to be completely equipped and repaired before being suitable as a hospital.

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Signed.

SOUTAR for B.G.S.

SACILE and MODENA must rather all be the solution.

DATE 1977

Call up. UDINE Provinces.

One of the worst troubles re the above, is now solved. 5 Terr: H.Q. has found accomodation for the 800 men expected daily in the early stages of the call up. Before they are sent on to the CAR. This building is now being prepared. It is in UDINE which is excellent.

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Intelligence.

Recently has been a fair amount of Anti-Army articles in the local Press.

Officers, are not particularly depressed by these articles but are, rather, indignant, about them. They resent the articles because (a) they consider themselves in the Army as an instrument of the Government and not a Royalist Army. This Government is composed of all parties including the left, from whom most of the venom comes. They cannot understand therefore why this Government allows such stuff to be published about the Army, which it is an important instrument of this Government. The Terr Hq. itself are a little worried by it, but for one reason only. This is that it may have an adverse effect on the call-up in this Area and cause trouble.

Other "G" points.

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If however Corps do decide to recommend this change, they will do it through this HQ to you and thence to GHQ. I've told G/SD Corps that I consider it most unlikely that GHQ will sanction such a change.

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Motor/Cyclist one.

Pte SHERRING, recommended for upgrading to Corporal Clerk, is on LIAP - due to return in 3 weeks time.

Discipline. On the whole poor. This is due chiefly to the poor standard of Junior Officers as a whole in 8 Terr Comd.

Leave problems. NIL

Pay problems. It appears that families of serving soldiers resident in the Provinces of TRIESTE and GORIZIA have not received allowances for several months. This is having an adverse effect on the morale of the soldiers concerned. A letter has been sent to A.M.G.'s concerned urging them to investigate and take necessary action. Apparently the local civilian organisations in these districts, being politically against the Army, have refused to adhere to the existing laws governing the payment of allowances to

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families of soldiers. Further details later.

Morale. [redacted] Moderate.

"A" points.

Domestic. Transport N.T.A.

Accomodation. B.A.U. officers mess in a small flat in Via Portuense 1. 6.A.'s accomodated in the MESA mess and very comfortable.

Italian Armaments.

Position satisfactory and standard of maintenance of vehicles in No. 5 Transport Company fairly high.
EAGLES I.V.P. (see my 44/47 of 2 Feb).

Clothing and Equipment.

Enquiry into the winter clothing muddle for 517 Gd Bn still going on. It appears that the last consignment received by 716 Regt from the War Ministry was not released to 517.
The generous issue of winter clothing for 517 made by War Ministry at Naples has been collected. Position is now satisfactory.

Radio.

13 Corps are now releasing a considerable quantity of S.E.M. The Navy Corps S.E.M. Officers are most co-operative and the release and handover of materials - equipment etc. is proceeding smoothly. Much of this equipment will be used for fitting out the J.A.A. and the Territorial Depots both at RIETI and UDINE, are now almost full to capacity. Storage space is the main problem in this Area.

Accomodation.

We are having considerable difficulty with A.M.G. and, to a small extent, with 351 Sub Area, in retaining what little accomodation is at present held by the Italian Army

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I.R.A.

13 Corps are now releasing a considerable quantity of I.R.A. The Army Corps I.R.A. officers are most co-operative and the release and handover of materials - equipment etc. is proceeding smoothly. Much of this equipment will be used for fitting out the I.A.A. and the Territorial Depots both at MESTRE and UDINE, are now almost full to capacity. Storage space is the main problem in this area.

Accommodation.

We are having considerable difficulty with A.M.G. and, to a small extent, with 201 Sub Area, in retaining what little accommodation is at present held by the Italian Army in UDINE. The premises now occupied by the Commissariats and Officers of the Territorials are required by A.M.G. for civilian and political organisations.

During a visit to A.M.G. it was pointed out that the Army must be given first priority in view of the fact that the present accommodation held by the Army is the very minimum required and that no further units are moving in to UDINE.

The Engineer Branch, whose depot, consisting of two sheds at S.[illegible], have been ordered by 201 Sub Area to move out. The sheds are required by the U.S. Army. This order came as a great blow to the Territorials as they have no alternative accommodation in which to store this very bulky but valuable material. 201 Sub Area have promised to help and a solution is forthcoming. (See my /3/3 of 29 Jan).

P.O.L. Problems.

On 26 Jan 201 Sub Area signalled this Bn. to the effect that 517 Gp Bn would draw P.O.L. from D.I.P. w.e.f. 2 Feb. It was pointed out, both to the Sub Area and 13 Corps, that considerable difficulties would arise from this Corps

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order as 517 have British vehicles.

After much signalling and phoning 13 Corps wrote to G.H.Q. for a ruling. (See Rear HQ. 13 Corps letter 1001/6/Q of 2 Feb).

J.H. Johnston
Major,
G II. 5 B.L.U.

Udine
HLJ/rv

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LOCATION STATEMENT 6 B.L.U.

OFFICES : 26 Via Sevegnano UDINE, tel UDINE MIL 1763

OFFICES MESS : 1 Via Pordenone UDINE

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APPENDIX A "A"

No.

LOCATION STATEMENT ITEMS OR PLOT PLAN

IN 8 TERRITORIAL COMPLEX

1972

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (7)
S.M.- Ufficio Op.Add. Ord.Mob.-I Sezione

TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA BATTAGLIONE O SUPERIORE)
DISLOCATA NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO:

-Comando 5 Reggimento Alpini (solo Comando)	P A D O V A
Comando 516 btg del 5 Rgt Alpini con le 1-2 e 4 compagnia	M E S T R E
3 compagnia del 516/5 alpini	U D I N E
Battaglione " Feltre"	E S T E
-Comando 718 Raggruppamento Amm/vo (solo C/do)	M I R A
Comando 517 btg Guardie (solo Comando)	MOLINO DI PONTE (Cervignano)

con i seguenti distaccamenti:

1 compagnia	S.Martino di Codroipo
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Reparti del 718 Raggruppamento Amm/vo di forza inferiore al battaglione, sono dislocati in varie località del territorio del Comiliter.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.P.Paquini)

1971

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7 LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DELLA R.GUARDIA DI FINANZA VENEZIA
-Ufficio Servizio-

S P E C C H I O dimostrativo dei reparti della R.G. di Finanza con forze pari ad un battaglione, dislocati nelle provincie di Venezia, Treviso, Padova e Rovigo.-

Denominazione	Sede	Forze presente			
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IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
F/to Giovanni Assanpora

1970

SP.C.C.
IL CAPO SEZIONE
(Magg.Giuseppe Plandomo)

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DELLA R.GUARDIA DI FINANZA DEL FRIULI =UDINE
= Ufficio Matricola=

S P E C C H I O riflettente la dislocazione dei Comandi e reparti della Legione.

- 5 Legione del Friuli Udine
  - Compagnia Comando di Udine
  - Circolo di Udine
    - Tenenza di Udine
    - Compagnia di Udine
      - Tenenza di Pordenone
      - Tenenza di Cervignano
      - Compagnia di Cervignano
        - Sezione di Porto Lignano
        - Nucleo Polizia Tributaria Investigativa di Udine
  - Circolo di Gemona
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      - Tenenza di Ugovizza

Udine, li 25 Gennaio 1946

1969

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
F/to Pereirio Marini

P. C. C.

IL CAPO SEZIONE
(Magg. Giuseppe Blandano)

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APPENDIX "B".

STAFF LIST S.E.A.C.

G II. Major L.H. JOHNSTONE M.B.E. R.Fus.

DAA & QMG Major F.R. SELBY R.E.R.

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1967

ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI UFFICIALI (Generali -Colonnelli e Tenente Colonnelli) IN SERVIZIO PRESSO GLI ENTI DELLA CIRCOSCRIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE.-

COMANDO ENTE O REPARTO	GRADO	COGNOME E NOME	INCARICO
COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI U D I N E	Generale	ARMELLINI Quirino	Comandante V Comiliter
	Colonnello	PASQUINI Piramo	Capo S.M.
	Ten.Col.	PIACENTINI Giovanni	Sottocapo S.M.
	Generale	ZAULI Adolfo	Ufficio del Generale Add.
	Colonnello	OLIVIERI Luigi	Capo Ufficio Servizi
	Ten.Col.	MONTEMAGNO Francesco	Addetto Ufficio Servizi
	Ten.Col.	CASSIO Abelardo	" " "
	Ten.Col.	DEL CARRETTO Stefano	Capo Ufficio Personale
	Ten.Col.	MORAGLINO Orazio	Add.sez.matr.e Libr.uff.
	Ten.Col.	GRAVINA Iginio	Capo Uff.Terr.e Affari veri
	Ten.Col.	CAGLIARDI Gaetano	Addetto Ufficio Benessere
	Ten.Col.	GAROFOLI Augusto	Add.sez.pratiche terr.li
COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA DEL V COMILITER	Generale	PASCALE Arturo	Comandante
	Colonnello	RICCIARDI Germano	Addetto al Com.Artigl.
	Ten.Col.	DE VITO Guido	" " "
COMANDO GENIO V COMILITER	Generale	TAMASSIA Giulio Cesare	Comandante
	Colonnello	CAPELLINO Andrea	Addetto al Com.Genio
	Ten.Col.	BISONATO Francesco	" " "
	Ten.Col.	URSILLO Paolo	" " "
DIREZIONE DI SANITA' V COMILITER	Colonnello	DE CASTRO Ignazio	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	GIGANTE Donato	Addetto alla Dir.Sanita'
DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO V COMILITER	Colonnello	SANTONOCITO Giuseppe	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	GALLONE Adalberto	Vice Direttore

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	Ten.Col.	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Ten.Col.	GAGLIARDI Gaetano	Addetto Ufficio Benessere
	Ten.Col.	GALOPOLI Augusto	Addetto sez.pratiche terr.li
COMANDO ARTIGLIE= RIA DEL V COMI= LITER	Generale	PASCALE Arturo	Comandante
	Colonnello	RICCIARDI Germano	Addetto al Com.Artigl.
	Ten.Col.	DE VITO Guido	" " "
COMANDO GENIO V COMILITER	Generale	TANASSIA Giulio Cesare	Comandante
	Colonnello	CAPO LEGNO Andrea	Addetto al Com.Genio
	Ten.Col.	DEODATO Francesco	" " "
	Ten.Col.	URGILLO Paolo	" " "
DIREZIONE DI SANITA' V COMI= LITER	Colonnello	DE CASTRO Ignazio	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	GIGANTE Donato	Addetto alla Dir.Sanita'
DIREZIONE COMMIS= SARIATO V COMI= LITER	Colonnello	SANTONOCITO Giuseppe	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	GALLONE Adelberto	Vice Direttore
DIREZIONE RIFA= RAUTO	Ten.Col.	ORSINI Ugo	Direttore
DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE	Ten.Col.	FIATA Umberto	Direttore
DIREZIONE ARTI= GLIERIA DI VENEZIA	Colonnello	FALCONE Bruno	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	EMER Guido	Vice Direttore
	Ten.Col.	MANCINELLI Luigi	Ufficiale Addetto
	Ten.Col.	TENTANI Cesare	" "

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COMANDO O ENTE O REPARTO	GRADO	COGNOME E NOME	INCARICO
DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI UDINE	Colonnello	FENIZIA Gaetano	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	MARZIANO Luigi	Vice Direttore
	Ten.Col.	SIRACUSA Antonio	Ufficiale addetto
	Ten.Col.	RUBINI Eberardo	Uff.add.5 Sez.rastr.
	Ten.Col.	POLITELLI Roberto	" " 502 sez.rastr.
SEZ.STACCATA ART.CODROIPO	Ten.Col.	SANTUCCI Pietro	Comandante Sezione
UFFICIO STRALCIO EX DIREZIONE ARTIGL.DI TRIESTE	Ten.Col.	BENEDETTI Luigi	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	CALDANA Giuseppe	Vice Direttore
DIREZIONE LAVORI E SERVIZI GENIO	Colonnello	PANNEGGIANI Gaetano	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	RAIA Vincenzo	Addetto Sezione Lavori
	Ten.Col.	TINARELLI Francesco	" " staccata Treviso
	Ten.Col.	PIRAZZOLI Pirro	" " " Padova
	Ten.Col.	ZANOTTI CONTINO Mario	" sezione lavori
	Colonnello	ROGGERO Giovanni	" Stab. di Villa Vicent.
	Ten.Col.	TACCHIO Bernardo	" staccata di Trieste
SEZIONE COMMISSARIATO VENEZIA	Ten.Col.	APICIOTTOLI Domenico	Comandante
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI PADOVA	Colonnello	VIVALDI Raoul	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	CORAZZA Orlando	Capo Uff.recl.matricola
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI TREVISO	Colonnello	CATOLFI SALVONI Selvo	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	BURGIOx Lorenzo	Capo Uff.recl.matricola
	Ten.Col.	LI VOLSI Giuseppe	Uff.addetto A.M.
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI UDINE	Colonnello	VALTULINA Angelo	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	MAGNINO Sebastiano	Capo Uff.Mobilitazione
	Ten.Col.	STRISINO Cesare	Consegnatario
	Ten.Col.	KINARLA Carlo	add.sez.distr.mil.di Pola
	Colonnello	CAVALLI Angelo	Sottocomm.interr.progion.
	Ten.Col.	SALERNE Mario	ital.cooper.al seguito di
	Ten.Col.	MANTOVANI Oscar	truppe alleate

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	Ten.Col.	TIBERIO Francesco	"	" staccata Treviso
	Ten.Col.	PIRAZZOLI Pirro	"	" " Padova
	Ten.Col.	ZANOTTI CONTINO Mario	"	sezione lavori
	Colonnello	ROGGERO Giovanni	"	Steb. di Villa Vicent.
	Ten.Col.	TACCHIO Bernardo	"	staccata di Trieste
SEZIONE COMMISSARIATO VENEZIA	Ten.Col.	APICIUTTOLI Domenico	Comandante	
DISTRETTO MILI= TARE DI PADOVA	Colonnello	VIVALDI Raoul	Comandante	
	Ten.Col.	CORAZZA Orlando	Capo Uff.recl.matricola	
DISTRETTO MILI= TARE DI TREVISO	Colonnello	CATOLFI SALVONI Salvo	Comandante	
	Ten.Col.	BURGIO Lorenzo	Capo Uff.recl.matricola	
	Ten.Col.	LI VOLSI Giuseppe	Uff.addetto A.M.	
DISTRETTO MILI= TARE DI UDINE	Colonnello	VALTOLINA Angelo	Comandante	
	Ten.Col.	MACRINO Sebastiano	Capo Uff. mobilitazione	
	Ten.Col.	STRISINO Cesare	Consegnatario	
	Ten.Col.	KINDELA Carlo	add.sez.distr.mil.di Pola	
	Colonnello	CAVALLI Angelo	Settocomm.interr.progion.	
	Ten.Col.	SALVADE Mario	ital.cooper.al seguito di	
	Ten.Col.	MANTOVANI Cesar	truppe alleate	
			Addetto Comm.discriminazione in rappresentanze del C.V.L. di Udine	
DISTRETTO MILI= TARE DI VENEZIA	Colonnello	PINCATO Guido	Comandante	
	Ten.Col.	MAZZOCCHI Tommaso	Capo uff.recl.e matricola	
	Ten.Col.	DE BENEDICTIS Tomaso	" " mobilitazione	
	Ten.Col.	AGOZZINO Francesco	Consegnatario	

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DISTRETTO MILI= TARE DI ROVIGO	Colonnello Ten.Col.	TOSI Davide ANGELINI DI RIVIO	Comandante Franco -Uff.add. A.M.
DISTRETTO MILITA RE DI SACILE	Ten.Col.	FALCONE Giuseppe	Comandante
DEPOSITO 20 RGT.ART. di PADOVA	Colonnello Ten.Col. Ten.Col. Ten.Col.	ROSSOLINI Pietro QUIRICO Gustevo BRUNO Giuseppe ERCOLI Francesco	Comandante Uff.addetto A.M. Capo uff.matricola " " mobilitazione
DEPOSITO 55 RGT.FTR. di TREVISO	Ten.Col. Ten.Col.	VETRINO Salvatore DI MARTINO Alfredo	Comandante Relatore
DEPOSITO 2 RGT.FTR.di UDINE	Ten.Col. Ten.Col.	TREVISAN Noe' DI LORETO Romolo	Comandante Capo uff.matr.-relat.
DEPOSITO 11 RGT.GENIO DI UDINE	Ten.Col. Ten.Col. Ten.Col.	GUARNELLI Vincenzo PORTA Eugenio GILLES TI Ettore	Comandante Capo uff.matr.-relat. ufficiale addetto
COMANDO 5 RGT.ALPINI	Colonnello Ten.Col. Ten.Col.	BERTORELLE Attilio GARBONE Umberto EGIZI Alfredo	Comandante ufficiale addetto " "
5 NUCLEO RIF. QUADRUPEDI	Ten.Col.	MARETTI Z MINI Giorgio	Comandante
5 OFFICINA RIP.AUTOMOB.	Ten.Col.	PAVESE Dante	Comandante
22 COMMIS= SIONE RECUPERI	Ten.Col. Ten.Col.	FIGALLO Agostino DECLATO Giuseppe	Comandante Ufficiale addetto
OSPEDALE MIL.	Ten.Col.	SCHIRRU Giuseppe	Direttore

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DEPOSITO 2	Ten.Col.	TREVISAN Noe'	Comandante
RGT.FTR.di	Ten.Col.	DI LORETO Romolo	Capo uff.matr.-relat.
UDINE			
DEPOSITO 11	Ten.Col.	GUIDANELLI Vincenzo	Comandante
RGT.GENIO DI	Ten.Col.	PORTA Eugenio	Capo uff.matr.-relat.
UDINE	Ten.Col.	GILLETTI Ettore	ufficiale addetto
COMANDO 5	Colonnello	BERTONELLE Attilio	Comandante
RGT.ALPINI	Ten.Col.	GARRONE Umberto	ufficiale addetto
	Ten.Col.	EGIZI Alfredo	" "
5 NUCLEO RIF. QUADRUPEDI	Ten.Col.	MASETTI ZANINI Giorgio	Comandante
5 OFFICINA RIF.AUTOMOB.	Ten.Col.	PAVESE Dante	Comandante
22 COMMISSIONE RECUPERI	Ten.Col.	FIGALLO Agostino	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	DECLATO Giuseppe	Ufficiale addetto
OSPEDALE MIL.	Ten.Col.	SCHIRRU Giuseppe	Direttore
TERR.LE PADOVA	Ten.Col.	PANZUTTO Filippo	Ufficiale medico
	Ten.Col.	MIRABELLA Claudio	" "
OSPEDALE MIL.	Ten.Col.	PAPAGNO Michele	Direttore
TERR.LE TREVISO	Ten.Col.	CASTANA Vincenzo	Ufficiale medico

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COMANDO ENTE O REPARTO	GRADO	COGNOME E NOME	INCARICO
OSPEDALE MILIT. TERR.LE UDINE	Ten.Col.	MEZZENGA Giacomo	Direttore
	Ten.Col.	CASSONE Giuseppe	ufficiale medico
	Ten.Col.	BELLA Vincenzo	" "
	Ten.Col.	TOSCANO Vincenzo	addetto com.ne med.osp.
	Ten.Col.	DE BIASE Cesare	" Aff.amm/ne
CENTRO ALLOGGIO DI UDINE	Ten.Col.	NAPOLI Antonio	Commandante
605 DELEGAZIONE TRASP.FERR. VENEZIA	Ten.Col.	ASTRAFALLACES Ugo	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	TETTI Eriberto	ufficiale addetto
	Ten.Col.	RICCI Adolfo	R d.com.mil.staz.MESTRE
	Ten.Col.	VALENTINI Giuseppe	" " " " Verona
UFFICIO SUSSIDI MILITARI TRIESTE	Ten.Col.	CIARLI Giuseppe	Capo Ufficio
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DISCRIMINAZIONE UFFICIALI	Genrale	SANTI Alessandro	Presidente
	Colonnello	BIANCHI Clemente	Add.alla Commissione
	Colonnello	DE ALESSIS Carlo	" " "
	Colonnello	EINI Gino	" " "
	Colonnello	BIANCHINI Bernardo	" " "
	Ten.Col.	DELLA SCHIAVA Enzo	" Sott.aggiunta Udine
	Ten.Col.	VERZEGNASSI Carlo	" " " "
	Ten.Col.	ANDREUCCI Alfredo	" " " Padova
COMANDO 718 RAGGRUPPAMENTO (BR-III)	Colonnello	SALVATORE Felice	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	DE SIMONE Armando	Comand.71 Nucleo Genio italiano Udine
	Ten.Col.	ESCLAPON Riccardo	Comand.872 Rep.°t. coll.eg.Venezia
	Ten.Col.	ROSSOTTO Camillo	Addetto uff.Stralcio 405 Pionieri Ital. Mogliano-veneto

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	Colonnello	BIANCHI Clemente	Add.ello Commissione
	Colonnello	DE ALBERTIS Carlo	" " "
	Colonnello	EINI Gino	" " "
	Colonnello	BIANCHINI Bernardo	" "v "
	Ten.Col.	DELLA SCHIAVA Enzo	" Sott.aggiunta Udine
	Ten.Col.	VERZEGNASSI Carlo	" " " "
	Ten.Col.	ANDREUCCI Alfredo	" " " Padova
COMANDO 718 RAGGRUPPAMENTO (EX-ITI)	Colonnello	PASSADORE Felice	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	DE SIMONE Armando	Comand.71 Nucleo Genio italiano Udine
	Ten.Col.	ESCLAPON Riccardo	Comand.372 Rep.to. col eg.Venezia
	Ten.Col.	ROSSOTTO Camillo	Addetto uff.Stralcio 405 Pionieri Ital. Mogliano-veneto
COMANDO 718 BTG.AUTORIMO GUARDIE	Ten.Col.	CHIAPPARELLI Alfredo	Comandante
COMANDO 5 CENTRO ADDE= STRAMENTO RECLUTE	Colonnello	RAVAIOLI Quinto	Comandante

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ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI UFFICIALI (Generali e Colonnelli) A DISPOSIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE .-

GRADO	Arma o servizio	Categ.	CASATO E NOME	NOTE
Generale	div.	S.P.E.	Zatti Vittorio	a disposizione del
Generale	div.	"	TORRIANI Arturo	V Corpo d'Armata
Generale	brig.	"	KELNER Arturo	
Generale	brig.	"	DE LAURENTIS Augusto	
Generale	brig.	"	CESSARI Ruggero	
Generale	brig.	"	PEZZANA Armando	
Generale	brig.	"	ROLLA Michele	
Generale	brig.	"	FABRIS Gino	
Generale	brig.	"	ULRICH BANSA Oscar	
Generale	brig.	"	BISSON Emilio	
Colonnello	artig.	"	WIEL Giovanni	
Colonnello	fanteria	"	MUSU Sebastiano	
Colonnello	Genio	"	SILVESTRO Rocco	
Colonnello	fanteria	"	PEDERZANI Adelmo	
Colonnello	artiglieria	"	CERENZANI Mario	
Colonnello	" "	"	TINTINELLI Achille	
Colonnello	fanteria	"	ANTONIACOMI Ferdinando	
Colonnello	genio	"	BATTAGLINI Michele	
Colonnello	fanteria	"	ZULIO Carlo Alberto	
Colonnello	fanteria	"	MORRA Eugenio	
Colonnello	comm.rio	"	FRANCIOSINI Luigi	
Colonnello	artiglieria	"	LANDI Enrico	
Colonnello	artiglieria	"	DE MARTINO Giuseppino	

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Colonnello Artig.	"	WIEL Giovanni
Colonnello fanteria	"	MUSU Sebastiano
Colonnello Genio	"	SILVESTRO Rocco
Colonnello fanteria	"	PEDERZANI Adelmo
Colonnello artiglieria	"	CERENZANI Mario
Colonnello " "	"	TIRINDELLI Achille
Colonnello fanteria	"	ANTONIACOMI Ferdinando
Colonnello genio	"	BATTAGLINI Michele
Colonnello fanteria	"1	ZULIO Carlo Alberto
Colonnello fanteria	"	MORRA Eugenio
Colonnello comm.rio	"	FRASCIOSINI Luigi
Colonnello artiglieria	"	LANDI Enrico
Colonnello artiglieria	"	DE MARTINO Gioacchino

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APPENDIX 1 "D".

Serial No.	W.D. No.	Type	Make	S	LR	SLR	Remarks
1	4443421	15 cwt 4x2	Chev	No	Yes	No	201 Sub Area applied to for disposal instrs.
2	5662690	Car 5 cwt 4x4	Willys	No	Yes		
3	5905874	Car 5 cwt 4x4	Chev	Yes			Late M.M.I.A. Vehicle.

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O A R S

1). Since the last report, the search for further OAR accomodation has been the main preoccupation of this BLU. I will not stress any further the immense difficulties in this Area in this respect as they are now appreciated by MMIA.

During the last 10 days I've resorted to the "Pidesley technique" of searching for accomodation not on the lists in a Jeep. The best so far:-

A A school at TREVISO.

B A small Bks, 2 temply villas and a large elem school at SPILIMBERGO.

C A factory at ARTEGNA.

Ref A. The work to complete this otherwise new building, is all decors, fittings windows, cookhouses, latrines etc. cannot be done in time. Nor is it really large enough (It is also on Route 13).

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D I have one last card. A factory in ESTE. Yet to be reced (on Monday). If this fails. There is only one solution. It is that already ordered by Ministry of War. i.e. 1 Bn at SACILE and 2 Bns in AOSTA Bks at MODENA. Must unsatisfactory.

2). ACCOMODATION ALREADY HELD IN DANGER OF LOSING.

AMG UDINE are being tiresome. Some time ago Col. Pirie Comd 201 Sub Area dereguisized a large house in UDINE. (17 Via Aquileia) for the express purpose of giving to the 5 Terr Comd HQ. HQ carried out extensive repairs and occupied it. The whole of the Communists housed there. Col. Pirie is now on LIAP. Col. Bright Prov Commissioner is demanding it. He must have it, he says, to house the HQ of the Communist Party in UDINE, at present housed in the CLN Building.

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is apparently does not work at all. I have seen him at le
n[illegible]h on this. He intends to get it. There is no other
use for the Commissario to go to. (Except possibly Gen
Mellinis private residence which I admit "would hold a
ifle Company"). However the battle is still on.

). A crisis over Coal in particular for the Military
Hospital here has temporarily been averted. AMG have now
given a permit to 5 Terr Hq to buy coal from OVARA mine.

4). DOMESTIC

Col. Douglas looks like being in 83 Gen Hospital for another 10 days. He will therefore be unable to attend the Conference.

Due to the reduction of this BLU to a B type of 2 officers only, we are again living in the Albergo Italia to make room in our late mess for 12 officers of an Artillery Hq. We hope to get another mess by the 25 at the latest, however.

5). AMMUNITION DUMPS

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TRANSPORT

Derelict vehicles and engines continue to arrive by rail from Austria. These vehicles are, for the most part, only good for scrap and the amount of energy and precious petrol expended in moving them from the railcars to the IVP at SACILE is considered most expensive and of no profit.

ITALIAN OFFICERS VISITING BARRACKS.

The previous difficulties met with by Italian officers

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on official visits to Italian Army barracks occupied by the Allies have been overcome. The BLU has issued a pass which admits an Italian Officer to any Italian Army barracks for the purpose of inspection or assessing damage.

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SUBJECT :- C.A.R. - UDIKS

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) RC/S:
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27 Jan 46

5 BLU
6 BLU

Ref Fortnightly Report - 5 BLU of 6 Jan 46 (in which recommendation was made that no "call-up" should take place in UDIKS Province).

1. This matter has been forwarded to AHQ for decision.

2. In anticipation, however, of a decision to include UDIKS in the "call-up" War Ministry are going ahead with arrangements for UDIKS intakes being trained at :-

(a) BACILK (1 Bn)

(b) MODENA (HQ and 2 Bns)

3. It is requested therefore that the supervision of preparation of these training centres be carried out as follows :-

(a) BACILK - 5 BLU

(b) MODENA - 6 BLU

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

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI [illegible]
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TRUPPE ITALIANE (FORZA BATTAGLIONE O SUPERIORE) DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO DI GIURISDIZIONE DI QUESTO COMANDO

- Comando 5° Reggimento Alpini (Solo Comando) — PADOVA

  Comando 1° Battaglione del 5° Reggimento Alpini con la 1^ , 2^ e 4^ compagnie — MESTRE

  3^ Compagnie del 1/5 Alpini — UDINE

- Comando 718° Raggruppamento Amministrativo (Solo Comando) — PADOVA

  Comando 517° Battaglione Guardie (solo comando) — VOLTINO DI PONT (Cervignano)

  con i seguenti distaccamenti:

1^ Compagnia	S.Martino di Codroipo
2^Compagnia	Remanzacco
3^ Compagnia	Palmanova
4^ Compagnia	Lavaria

Reparti del 718° Raggruppamento Amministrativo, di forza inferiore al battaglione, sono dislocati in varie località del territorio del Comiliter.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col.F.Pesquini -

P.C.C.
IL SETTE CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
-Ten.Col.G.Criscentini-

MILITARE TERRITORIALE
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APPENDIX "C"

ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI UFFICIALI (Generali - Colonnelli e Ten.Col.) IN SERVIZIO PRESSO GLI ENTI DELLA CIRCOSCRIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE

COMANDO ENTE O REPARTO	GRADO	COGNOME E NOME	INCARICO
COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE U D I N E	Generale	ARISI Guirino	Comandante V° Comiliter
	Colonnello	[redacted] Piramo	Capo S.M. ICARO
	Ten.col.	PIACENTINI Giovanni	Sottocapo S.M.
	Generale	ZAULI Adolfo	Ufficio del generale Ass.
	Colonnello	OLIVIERI Luigi	Capo Ufficio Servizi
	Ten.col.	MONTEMAGNO Francesco	Addetto Ufficio Servizi
	Ten.col.	CASTIO Abelardo	" " "
	Ten.col.	DEL CARRETTO Stefano	Capo Ufficio Personale
	Ten.col.	BARAGLINO Orazio	Add.sez.matr.e Libr.uff.
	Ten.col.	GRAVINA Igino	Capo Uff.Terr.e Aff.vari
	Ten.col.	GAGLIARDI Gaetano	Addetto Ufficio benessere
	Ten.col.	CAROPOLI Augusto	Add.sez.pratiche terr.li
COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA DEL V° COMILITER	Generale	PASCALI Arturo	Comandante
	Colonnello	RICCIARDI Germano	Addetto al Com.Artigl.
	Ten.col.	DI NETO Arturo	" " "
	Ten.col.	DE VITO Guido	" " "
COMANDO GENIO V° COMILITER	Generale	TARASCIA Giulio Cesare	Comandante
	Colonnello	CASAIECNO Andrea	Addetto al Comando Genio
	Ten.col.	DEODATO Francesco	" " "
	Ten.col.	URSILLO Paolo	" " "
DIREZIONE DI SANITA' V° COMILITER	Colonnello	DE CASTRO Ignazio	Direttore
	Ten.col.	GIGANTE Donato	Addetto alla Dir.Sanità

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	Ten.col.	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Ten.col.	DEL GAIZETTO Stefano	Capo Ufficio Personale
	Ten.col.	MARAGLINO Orazio	Add.sez.matr.e Libr.uff.
	Ten.col.	GRAVINA Igino	Capo Uff.Terr.e Aff.vari
	Ten.col.	GAGLIARDI Gaetano	Addetto Ufficio benessere
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COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA DEL V° CORPO D'ARMATA	Generale	PASCALE Arturo	Comandante
	Colonnello	RICCIARDI Germano	Addetto al Com.Artigl.
	Ten.col.	DI RETO Arturo	" " "
	Ten.col.	DE VITO Guido	" " "
COMANDO GENIO V° CORPO D'ARMATA	Generale	TARASCIA Giulio Cesare	Comandante
	Colonnello	CASALESCHO Andrea	Addetto al Comando Genio
	Ten.col.	CECCATO Francesco	" " "
	Ten.col.	URSILLO Paolo	" " "
DIREZIONE DI SANITA' V° CORPO D'ARMATA	Colonnello	DE CASTRO Ignazio	Direttore
	Ten.col.	GIGANTE Donato	Addetto alla Dir.Sanità
DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO V° CORPO D'ARMATA	Colonnello	SANTONOCITO Giuseppe	Direttore
	Ten.col.	GALLONI Adalberto	Vice Direttore
DIREZIONE MATERIALE	Ten.col.	ORSINI Ugo	Direttore
DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE	Ten.col.	PIATA Ugberto	Direttore

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[illegible] D'UFFICIO	GRADO	COGNOME E NOME	INCARICO
[illegible]	Ten.Col.	PATANO Michele	Direttore
[illegible] TREVISO	Ten.col.	CARRARA Vincenzo	Ufficiale medico
[illegible]	Ten.Col.	MILANESE Giacomo	Direttore
[illegible] UDINE	Ten.col.	CASTORO Giuseppe	ufficiale medico
	Ten.col.	MILLI Vincenzo	" "
	Ten.col.	TOMMASO Vincenzo	Addetto Com/na sed.cap.
	Ten.col.	DE BIASE Cesare	" uff.sa.na
[illegible]	TenCol.	NAPOLI Antonio	Comandante
605ª [illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Ugo	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	TETTI Roberto	Ufficiale addetto
	Ten.col.	RICCI Adolfo	add.com.il.staz. Rovigo
	Ten.col.	VARISCO Goinuè	" " " " Verona
[illegible]	Ten.col.	CIOLLI Giuseppe	Capo Ufficio
[illegible]	Generale	[illegible] Alessandro	Presidente
	Colonnello	BIANCHI Clemente	Addetto alla Commissione
	Colonnello	[illegible] Carlo	" " "
	Colonnello	FINI Gino	" " "
	Colonnello	MORRA Eugenio	" " "
	Ten.Col.	DELLA CORTE Enzo	Add.Sott.aggiunto Udine
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Carlo	" " " "
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Stefano	" " " Padova
	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Alfredo	" " " Padova
[illegible] 7[illegible] [illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Felice	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Arnaldo	Comand.Distaccato Genio Italiano Udine
(SR - ITI)	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Riccardo	Com.te [illegible] Rep.Stnl. collab. Venezia
			Addetto Uff.Stralcio [illegible]

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[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Ten.col.	RICCI Adolfo	Add.Coll.Ufficio Centro
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Goisuè	" " " " Verona

[illegible]	Ten.col.	GIGLI Giuseppe	Capo Ufficio

[illegible]	Generale	[illegible] Alessandro	Presidente
	Colonnello	[illegible] Clemente	Addetto alla Commissione
	Colonnello	[illegible]	" " "
	Colonnello	[illegible]	" " "
	Colonnello	[illegible]	" " "
	Colonnello	[illegible]	" " "
	Ten.Col.	DELLA [illegible] Enzo	Add.Sott.aggiunto Udine
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Carlo	" " " "
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Stevimno	" " " Padova
	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Alfredo	" " " Padova

[illegible] (BR - ITI)	Colonnello	[illegible] Felice	Comandante
	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Armando	Comand.1°Nucleo Genio italiano Udine
	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Riccardo	Com.te 2°Rep.Ital. collegamento
	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Camillo	Addetto Uff.Stralcio Corpi Pionieri Ital.Veneto - Veneto

[illegible]	Ten.Col.	[illegible] Alfredo	Comandante

[illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Quinto	Comandante 1954

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APPENDIX C.

COMANDO ATTO O A PARTO	GRADO	NOMINATIVO	INCARICO
DISTRETTO MILI TARE DI VENEZIA	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col.	PICCIO Guido [illegible] Tommaso De [illegible] Tommaso [illegible] Vincenzo	Comandante Capo uff.revel.matr. Capo uff.mobilitazione Consegnatario
DISTRETTO MILI- TARE DI ROVIGO	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col.	TOSI Davide [illegible] Cesare [illegible] di Silvio Franco-	Comandante Capo uff.Revel.matr. Uff.add. . .
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI PADOVA	Ten.col.	[illegible] Giuseppe	Comandante
DISTRETTO 70° REGT.FTR. I PADOVA	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col.	[illegible] Pietro Cairico Gustavo BRUNO Giuseppe [illegible] Francesco	Comandante Uff.addetto [illegible] Capo uff.matricola " " mobilitazione
DISTRETTO 5° REGT.FTR. DI TREVISO	Ten.col. Ten.col.	[illegible] Salvatore DI [illegible] Alfredo	Comandante Relatore
DISTRETTO 8° REGT.FTR. DI UDINE	Ten.col. Ten.col.	TREVISAN Noè DI [illegible] Romolo	Comandante Capo uff.matr.-relat.
DISTRETTO 8° REGT.FTR. DI UDINE	Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col.	[illegible] Vincenzo [illegible] Eugenio [illegible] Ettore	Comandante Capo Uff.matr.-relat. ufficiale addetto
COMANDO 5° REGT. ALPINI	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col.	[illegible] Attilio [illegible] Umberto [illegible] Alfredo	Comandante Ufficiale addetto " "
5° GRUPPO FTR.		[illegible] Giorgio	Comandante

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[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Giuseppe	Capo uff.matricola
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Francesco	" " mobilitazione
[illegible] 55°	Ten.col.	[illegible] Salvatore	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Alfredo	Relatore
[illegible] 58	Ten.col.	[illegible] Noè	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Romolo	Capo uff.matr.-relat.
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Vincenzo	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Lorenio	Capo uff. matr.-relat.
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Ettore	ufficiale addetto
[illegible] 5° [illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Attilio	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Umberto	Ufficiale addetto
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Alfredo	" "
5° [illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Giorgio	Comandante
5° OFFICINA [illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible]	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Agostino	Commandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Giuseppe	Direttore
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Filippo	Ufficiale medico
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Claudio	" "

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APPENDIX "C"

COMANDO DELLE C. R. PARTO	GRADO	COGNOME E NOME	INCARICO
DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI VENEZIA	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col.	FALCONE Bruno [illegible] MANCINELLI Luigi TESTARI Cesare	Direttore Vice Direttore Ufficiale addetto " "
DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI UDINE	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col.	FUNICIA Gaetano PARCIANO Luigi SIRACUSA Antonio RUSSO Oberardo VISTOLI Roberto	Direttore Vice Direttore Ufficiale addetto Uff.aiut.5^sez.mastr. " " 300^sez.mastr.
COL. STACC. ART. CONEGLIANO	Ten.col.	SANTUCCI Pietro	Comandante Sezione
UFFICIO TRAINO DI VERONA DI VERONA TRENTO	Ten.col. Ten.col.	BONETTI Luigi GALDINA Giuseppe	Direttore Vice Direttore
DIREZIONE LAVORI E SERVIZI DEL GENIO	Colonnello Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col. Ten.col. Colonnello Ten.col.	PARENTINI Gaetano RIA Vincenzo TIBERTELLI Francesco PIRAZZOLI Pirro SANCETTI MARTINO MARIO ROCCHI Giovanni TACCHINO Bernardo	Direttore Addetto sezione Lavori " sez.staac.Treviso " " " Padova " sezione lavori " stab.di Vi a V. " sez.staac.Trieste
SEZIONE FOTO-CINEMATOGRAFICA VENEZIA	Ten.col.	PIZZICHICOLI Domenico	Comandante
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI PADOVA	Colonnello Ten.col.	VIVIANI Raoul CORARIO Orlando	Comandante Capo uff.reclu.mastr.
	Colonnello	CATOLI RAINONI Salvo	Comandante

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[illegible] SOVERATO	Ten.col.	[illegible] Pietro	Comandante Sezione
UFFICIO [illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Luigi	Direttore
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Giuseppe	Vice Direttore
[illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Gaetano	Direttore
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Vincenzo	Addetto sezione lavori
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Francesco	" sez.staccata Treviso
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Pirro	" " " Padova
	Ten.col.	[illegible]	" sezione lavori
	Colonnello	[illegible] Giovanni	" stab.di Vi[illegible] n. 7.
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Bernardo	" sez.staccata Trieste
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible]	Comandante
[illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Raoul	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Orlando	Capo uff.reclu.matr.
[illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Salvo	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Lorenzo	Capo uff.reclu.matr.
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Giuseppe	Uff.addetto [illegible]
[illegible]	Colonnello	[illegible] Angelo	Comandante
[illegible]	Ten.col.	[illegible] Bernardo	Capo uff.reclu.matr.
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Sebastiano	" " mobilitaz.
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Cesare	Commissario
	Colonnello	[illegible] Angelo	Sottocom.interr.prig.
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Mario	ital.occupat.al seguito di truppe alleate
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Carlo	Addi.uff.distr.mil.Pesaro
	Ten.col.	[illegible] Oscar	Add.Comm.discriminaz. in rappresentanza del C.V.L. di Udine

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APPENDA "C"

ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI UFFICIALI (GENERALI - COLONNELLI)
A DISPOSIZIONE DEL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE

GRADO	Arma o servizi	Categ.	COGNOME E NOME	NOTE
Generale div.		S.P.E.	BATTI Vittorio	a disposizione del V° Comiliter
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	[illegible] Arturo	" "
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	DE [illegible] Augusto	" "
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	[illegible] Ruggero	" "
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	PIAZZA Armando	" "
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	ROL[illegible] Michele	" "
Generale brig.		S.P.E.	RAINERI Gino	" "
Colonnello	Artig.	S.P.E.	[illegible]INI Giovanni	" "
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	[illegible] Sebastiano	" "
Colonnello	Genio	S.P.E.	[illegible] Rocco	" "
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	PEDRIANI Adelmo	" "
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	FLORIO di S.[illegible] Aless.	" "
Colonnello	Artig.	S.P.E.	[illegible]ANI Mario	" "
Colonnello	Artig.	S.P.E.	TIVOLILLI Achille	" "
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	[illegible] Carlo	" "
Colonnello	Fant.	Riman.	ANTONICONI Ferdinando	" "
Colonnello	Genio	S.P.E.	BAT[illegible]LINI Michele	" "

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Generale brig.		S.M.	ROL[illegible] Michele	"	"
Generale brig.		S.M.	FAB[illegible] Gino	"	"
Colonnello	Artig.	S.P.E.	[illegible]ISI Giovanni	"	"
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	RUCCO Sebastiano	"	"
Colonnello	Genio	S.P.E.	DI [illegible]ETRO Rocco	"	"
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	PEDRIANI Adelmo	"	"
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	FLORIO di S.[illegible]ARO Alesso.	"	"
Colonnello	Artig.	S.P.E.	[illegible]RELLANI Mario	"	"
Colonnello	Artig.	S.P.E.	TI[illegible]ELLI Achille	"	"
Colonnello	Fant.	S.P.E.	GIR[illegible]I Carlo	"	"
Colonnello	Fant.	Riaus.	ANT[illegible]ACCHI Ferdinando	"	"
Colonnello	Genio	S.P.E.	BAT[illegible]LINI Michele	"	"

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SUBJECT:- Formality Report No.2

5 British Liaison Unit
HQ
8 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Comd AC
(Main)

G/103/13

Ref our attached letter G/103/10 of 6 Jan 46.

Italian staff lists and location statements are omitted from this report, but will be forwarded as soon as received from HQ 5 Army Comd.

Filed: G/37/5/A
DATE: 8/12/1.

Major.
G.S.O.II.

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SUBJECT:- Fortnightly Progress Report No.2.

5 British Liaison Unit
CMF
6 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(FMIA)

S/103/10

Reference your SD/113 of 27 Dec 45, herewith progress report in respect of this BLU.

1. GENERAL

(a) Domestic (BLU)

Officers: (i) CI (Lt Col JSH Douglas) returned to UDINE from LIAP on 2 Jan 1946.

(ii) Capt WPJ Smith (RAOC) Ord Officer - A posting order from GHQ has been received, posting this officer to No.1. Armd Group Kitting & Stores Coy. (CI has already written to you on this). In view of fact that we are almost certain to lose Capt PH Nelson (REME), this depletes our team considerably.

The following personnel will move to BOLZANO:-

G.S.O.I. - Lieut Col J.S.H. Douglas
Capt REME - Capt P.H.Nelson. (?)

Other Ranks:

Clerks RASC - Sgt Neden
Pte Jenkins (on return from LIAP)

Clerks (Services)-
W.O.I.(RAOC) - S/Cdr Lyon.
L/Cpl (RAOC) - Cpl Cairns.
L/Cpl (REME) - L/Cpl Love (?)

Admin Staff

Ration NCO - Cpl Butcher
Dvr/mech - Cpl Hawkins

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L/Cpl (REME) - L/Cpl Love (?)

Admin Staff

Ration NCO - Cpl Butcher
Dvr/mech - Cpl Hewkins
Batman/Dvr - L/Cpl Vickers
Cook (ACC) - Bellini (civilian in lieu)

Attached

Interpreter - Sgt Morrissey

From the above it will be seen the following deficiencies arise:-

Cpl (Clerk)(RASC)	1
L/Cpl(")(")	1
Duty NCO (Sgt)	1

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These deficiencies will be made all the more serious by the fact that out of the personnel available to go to BOLZANO now the following are in A/S Gp 26:-

Sgt Naden. Cpl Cairns
Cpl Butcher. Cpl Hewkins.
Whilst L/Cpl Love is in A/S Gp 27.

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Therefore within 2 or 3 weeks of setting up in [illegible] the new 4 RAU will be seriously short of personnel (due to present deficiencies and releases)

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Replacements must therefore be posted as soon as possible please, in order to "take over" and thus avoid a sticky period.

General.

Since the last report, the situation here has improved a little. Although [illegible] is on Route 13, 13 Corps have sanctioned the barracks at [illegible] for W.A.C. These barracks however have certain snags, pointed out in my last report and Signal [illegible]/53 of 3 Jun.

Now, due to the delay in (a) finding them and (b) getting them sanctioned, the time left for the extensive repairs to be done is extremely short. Moreover, [illegible] is in [illegible] territory and the bombed out civilians living there have got to be moved. 750 is the absolute maximum that can be housed, leaving but little room for stores, lecture rooms etc., which are essential to a TSC. I will keep you informed of progress in the preparation of these barracks, and of any particularly great difficulties encountered.

The next most important point is this. Whether or not the call up will be implemented in [illegible] province itself. This province is still under [illegible]. It is also an operational area.

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UDINE Province Call Up?

I strongly recommend that there be no call up in UDINE Province itself.

REASONS.

(1) Since the province is still an AMG one, the Italians have no powers here. For example, in the event of there being many "absentees" from the call up in UDINE province, a probability, resort cannot be made to the Carabinieri to go and collect them, as in other provinces of Italy, without Allied help.

(11) Although there is a Military District HQ of 5 Terr. Comd. in UDINE, there is no accommodation in UDINE itself to house the men whilst sorting, documentation, inoculations etc., are taking place. Nor is there the slightest chance of getting any in UDINE itself. - See previous reports.

Even if there was accommodation in UDINE, 13 Corps are emphatic that there must be no further Italian troops on Route 13. See GHQ Signal FX 57746 of 3 Jan.

(In this connection G1 and myself have recce'd a large house in PRADAMANO, approx 6 miles SE of UDINE and off Route 13, as a possible alternative, if 13 Corps consented to it. This is not a feasible proposition however, and accordingly has not been proceeded with.)

(111) In view of the extremely limited capacity of CASILE barracks, the only empty barracks found and sanctioned, any reduction in the intake, by not including UDINE Province, in the call up, will considerably ease the TTC accommodation problem.

(1V) Unless there is a change of policy, this area is unsuitable for a call up, in that it is very much an operational area.

(V) Part of UDINE Province is in ZONE A, with all its political and military complications. Any Italian action in ZONE A has to be sanctioned by about 5 different Allied departments. It is doubtful if they would always sanction it, anyway.

(V1) Prior to G1's departure on recce to BOLZANO, he

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(V1) Prior to G1's departure on recce to BOLZANO, he expressed himself strongly in agreement with this reccomendation i.e. That there be no call up in the province of UDINE itself.

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POINTS A/Q.

WOOD. The most urgent problem in 5 Terr HQ is wood fuel. A battle has been going on between the B.L.U. and the A.M.G. and the local forestry people over the question of the release of wood. A.M.G. have to provide for all the needs of 13 Corps and the civilian population. They did refuse to help the Italian Armysaying it was none of their business. The Terr HQ are not allowed to get wood themselves. Permits are issued by A.M.G. Following a strong letter to A.M.G. on this subject an area of forest will be allotted to the Italian Army. This will solve the immediate problem. Detailed arrangements for cutting and transport are being made the Terr HQ and A.M.G.

BARRACKS It is quite clear that there is no further accommodation for Italian troops in 13 Corps area. The usual ding dong "battle for barracks" goes on , requests are made to 201 Sub Area, 13 Corps or 86 Area, but the reply is either "NO" or "earmarked for British troops". Our request for 2 small barracks in Udine to accommodate call-up personnel in transit was refused (see our AQ/53/22 of 27 Dec45). Accommodation for 5 Pack Transport Coy could not be found outside 13 Corps area. An empty barracks although in bad condition was found at MESTRE (see our signal AQ/53/ of 2 Jan 46) 86 Area replied that barracks are earmarked "for other purposes".

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CLOTHING The question of the release of winter clothing to 517 Gd Bn has been finally solved following MMIA authority to 718 Admin Regt for necessary release.

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This question had been shelved by previous MMIA representatives in Udine for over a month during which time men shivered in the mountain cold.

VEHICLES Derelict vehicles continue to arrive by rail from B.T.A. Many of these vehicles are only good for scrap and the problem of parking space is becoming acute

OTHER POINTS On 29 Dec, Col Pirie Commander, 201 Sub Area gave a large cocktail party at his HQ, to which he invited Gen Armellini, the Chief of Staff and several Senior Officers of 5 Territorial Command.

There, Gen Armellini met the Corps Commander, the Corps Commander also very kindly talked in turn to all the other Italian Officers present. This party, which was a very good one, was immensely appreciated by Territorial HQ as can be imagened. Moreover they were able to meet and mix with many other allied officers which is very much to the good.

Due to the split of the B.L.U., present Officers Mess and ORs billets have to be vacated this week in order to house a larger incoming unit. Our new locations are not yet known. This B.L.U. will keep and use the same offices in 5 Terr. HQ Main building, Via Savorgnana, UDINE. Telephone No is now UDINE MILITARY 1762.

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J.H. Johnstone

Major,
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Intelligence.

ZONE A is roughly that area between the Morgan Line and the general line west of it, that was reached by Tito, before he was told to get out by the Allies. Mostly Italians live in this area.

ZONE B is the area bounded on the west by the Morgan Line and in the east by the pre-war Italy - Yugo Slav border. It is inhabited by Italians and Yugo Slavs.

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APPENDIX "A"

LOCATION STATEMENT 5 B.L.U. UDINE.

OFFICES
At HQ 5 Territorial Command,
Caserma Savorgnana, UDINE

OFFICERS MESS
8, Via Sacile, UDINE.

ORs ACCOM
3, Viale Principe Umberto, UDINE

1942
1943

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APPENDIX "B"

5 B.L.U. - UDINE

STAFF LIST.

GSO II	-	T/Major H.I.N.H. JOHNSTONE	R. Fus.
DAA & QMG	-	T/Major F.R. SELBY	RTR(RAC)

1941

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APPENDIX "D"

"B" VEHICLE STATE

5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT!

Ser No	W.D. No	Type	Make	Efficient	Local repair	Beyond local repair
1.	4443421	15 cwt 4 x 2	Chevrolet	Yes		
2.	5662690	Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	Willys	Yes		
3.	5271339	M/C Solo	Norton	Yes		

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Type	Make	Efficient	Local repair	Beyond local repair	Remarks
4 x 2	Chevrolet	Yes			On W.E.
wt 4 x 4	Willys	Yes			On W.E.
o	Norton	Yes			On W.E.

